

Harris County, Texas — #1 of 10: Residential Builders

Harris County leads Texas in residential builders

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1,676

Residential Builders (2022)

Harris County, Texas, leads all Houston MSA counties in residential construction activity.

With 1,676 residential building construction firms in 2022, Harris County accounts for nearly half of all such operations across the Houston metro. This concentration reflects not just population density, but also deep infrastructure maturity, permitting efficiency, and access to labor and supply chains.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2361 (Residential building construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-31-houston-msa-ind-2361-county>



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A large, ornate, multi-story brick building with multiple conical roofs and arched windows, identified as the Moody Mansion. A tall palm tree stands in front of the central part of the building. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark red banner containing text.

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Builder dominance signals long-term growth

The sheer volume of residential builders in Harris County is not a short-term spike but a structural advantage. This ecosystem supports sustained housing supply, attracts construction-related employment, and reinforces the county's role as the central engine of Houston's housing market. The clustering effect reduces costs and accelerates project timelines across the region.

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Suburban expansion is not replacing, but complementing

Montgomery County ranks second in builder activity, yet with only 368 firms — less than a quarter of Harris's total. This indicates that suburban growth is not displacing Houston's core but rather extending its reach. The builder density in Harris County acts as a regional anchor, enabling suburban counties to scale without duplicating infrastructure or labor markets.



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