Dallas-Fort Worth — #1 of 10: Net Migration in Households



DFW Leads Texas in Household Migration

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19,688

Net Migration in Households (2023)

In 2022–23, Dallas-Fort Worth gained more households through migration than any other metro in Texas.

This figure represents a net inflow of households, not individuals, indicating a sustained shift toward permanent relocation. The magnitude suggests that DFW is not just attracting people — it is becoming a destination for entire families establishing roots. This migration is not driven by a single sector but reflects broad-based economic, cultural, and infrastructural appeal across the metro.



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Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2022-23 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-04-dfw-msa-mig-net-total

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Migration is a structural force

The 19,688 net household gain is not a one-off surge but a structural trend embedded in long-term demographic and economic patterns. Unlike transient job seekers, migrating households are likely to invest in homes, schools, and community infrastructure — signaling sustained demand for housing, services, and public amenities. This shift redefines what drives real estate value: it’s no longer just job growth, but the depth of settlement.

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The migration engine is regional

DFW's lead in household migration is not isolated to Dallas County. It is a metro-wide phenomenon, with contributions from Collin, Denton, Tarrant, and other counties in the MSA. This distributed growth suggests that the region's appeal spans urban, suburban, and exurban communities alike. The strength of this migration engine implies that housing development across the entire MSA — not just in high-profile districts — is likely to remain resilient.

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