Highland Park — #1 of 10: Median Monthly Owner Cost

Highland Park leads DFW in owner cost

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Median Monthly Owner Cost (2024)

Highland Park tops the Dallas-Fort Worth MSA in monthly ownership expenses.

This figure reflects the full cost of housing—mortgage, taxes, insurance, utilities, and homeowners association fees—across a 5-year average. Highland Park's leadership in owner cost is not driven by luxury alone, but by a combination of high-value properties, strict zoning, and long-term resident retention. The data suggests that affordability is no longer a regional issue but a hyperlocal one, with pockets of extreme cost concentration even within DFW's affluent core.



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https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-07-dfw-msa-owner-cost-place-mkt

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Affordability is a myth in the core

The data underscores a structural shift: ownership is no longer a pathway to wealth for the average resident. Instead, it’s a privilege of sustained income and intergenerational stability. This dynamic is accelerating in the DFW core, where zoning and community governance reinforce exclusivity.

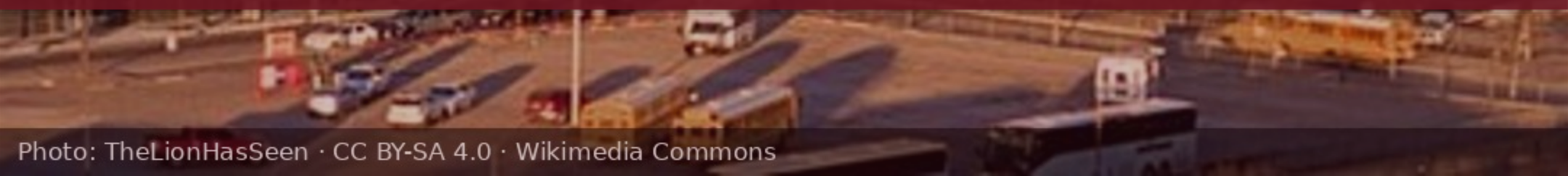


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The cost is not just price, but permanence

This has profound implications for urban planning: as new housing is built in lower-cost areas, the DFW core is becoming a sanctuary for those who can afford both the cost and the cultural capital of permanence. The market is no longer just about supply and demand—it's about exclusion by design.

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