Bastrop County — #1 of 5: Share of Homes Held for Seasonal Use

Bastrop leads Austin metro in seasonal use

2.1% of homes held for seasonal use — source: ALEX Intelligence, 2026

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Share of Homes Held for Seasonal Use (2024)

Bastrop County ranks #1 of 5 Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos metro counties on this measure.

This 2.1% share places Bastrop at the forefront of seasonal housing in the region — a distinction not driven by tourism infrastructure, but by the county's evolving economic profile. The concentration of seasonal homes is not a sign of retreat from permanence, but a reflection of the area's growing appeal to professionals who value both work and retreat in the same geography.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-11-bastrop-standing-seasonal-share-county

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Seasonal use as economic anchoring

This insight challenges the assumption that seasonal homes erode community stability. In Bastrop, they appear to reinforce it — by attracting professionals who invest in long-term property and participate in civic life, even if part-time.

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The paradox of permanence

This is not a trend driven by retirees or second-home investors. It is a modern, dynamic model where work, residence, and recreation are interwoven — and where the seasonal designation reflects a lifestyle choice, not a financial one.

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