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Lakehills leads in commute spread

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The gap between the longest and shortest average commutes in the Texas Hill Country is 35.8 minutes.

This spread—measured as the difference between Lakehills (49.9 minutes) and Fredericksburg (14.1 minutes)—reflects a stark geographic divide in daily mobility. It suggests that while some communities are tightly integrated with regional employment centers, others face significant isolation, despite being within the same general region.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-12-hill-country-tx-commute-spread

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Commute spread reveals urbanization gradients

The 35.8-minute spread is not just a number—it’s a marker of uneven development. Lakehills, with the highest mean commute, sits at the outer edge of the Hill Country’s economic orbit, while Fredericksburg functions as a regional hub. This divergence suggests that economic integration is not uniform; instead, it clusters around certain nodes, creating a core-periphery dynamic in mobility and access to opportunity.

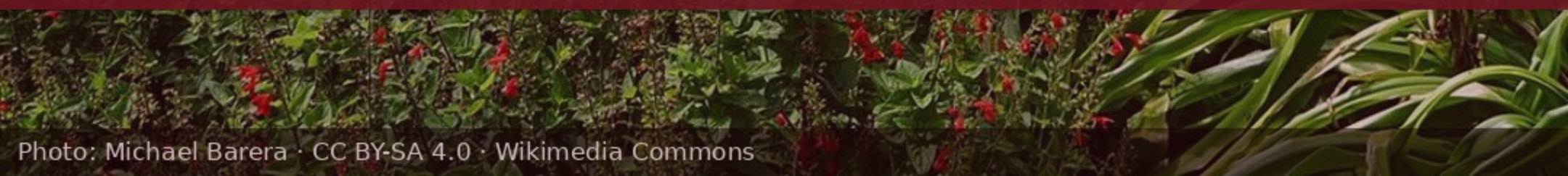


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Mobility inequality shapes housing demand

Commute time is a proxy for quality of life. As the gap widens, communities like Lakehills may see growing demand for remote work infrastructure and telecommuting-friendly homes, while Fredericksburg and Kerrville attract those seeking proximity to employment centers. This is not just about travel time—it's about who can afford to live where and how long they can sustain that choice.

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