Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX — #1 of 10: Residential Builders

DFW Leads Texas in Residential Builders

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3,195

Residential Builders (2022)

Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX has the highest number of residential building construction firms among all Texas metros.

This figure — 3,195 — reflects not just volume but the depth of an active, sustained construction ecosystem. It suggests a market where land availability, zoning flexibility, and capital access have coalesced to support a dense network of builders. This is not a short-term spike, but a structural advantage rooted in decades of infrastructure investment and demographic momentum.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2361 (Residential building construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-14-dfw-msa-istand-2361-msa

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Builders are the new infrastructure

The real signal isn’t just the number of builders — it’s what they represent. A builder is not just a contractor; they are a capital allocator, a job creator, a land-use strategist, and a demand predictor. The 3,195 firms in DFW aren’t just building homes; they are building the future of the region’s economic fabric. Each one represents a micro-economy: jobs, supply chains, and local tax contributions that scale beyond construction itself.



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Supply is not just growing — it’s reshaping

The dominance of DFW in builder count suggests a market where supply is no longer reactive but anticipatory. This isn’t a boom driven by scarcity; it’s a system where developers are pre-empting population shifts, infrastructure gaps, and lifestyle trends before they become widespread. The market is not just responding to growth — it’s leading it.

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