Harris County, Texas — #1 of 10: Commercial Builders



Harris County leads Houston in commercial builders

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Commercial Builders (2022)

Harris County, Texas, accounted for 699 nonresidential building construction firms in 2022, the highest in the Houston metro.

This figure underscores Harris County's central role as the primary engine of commercial construction in the region. The concentration of firms reflects deep infrastructure investment, rising demand for office and industrial space, and a mature, resilient development ecosystem. The data suggests that the county is not only absorbing growth but actively shaping it through sustained private-sector activity.

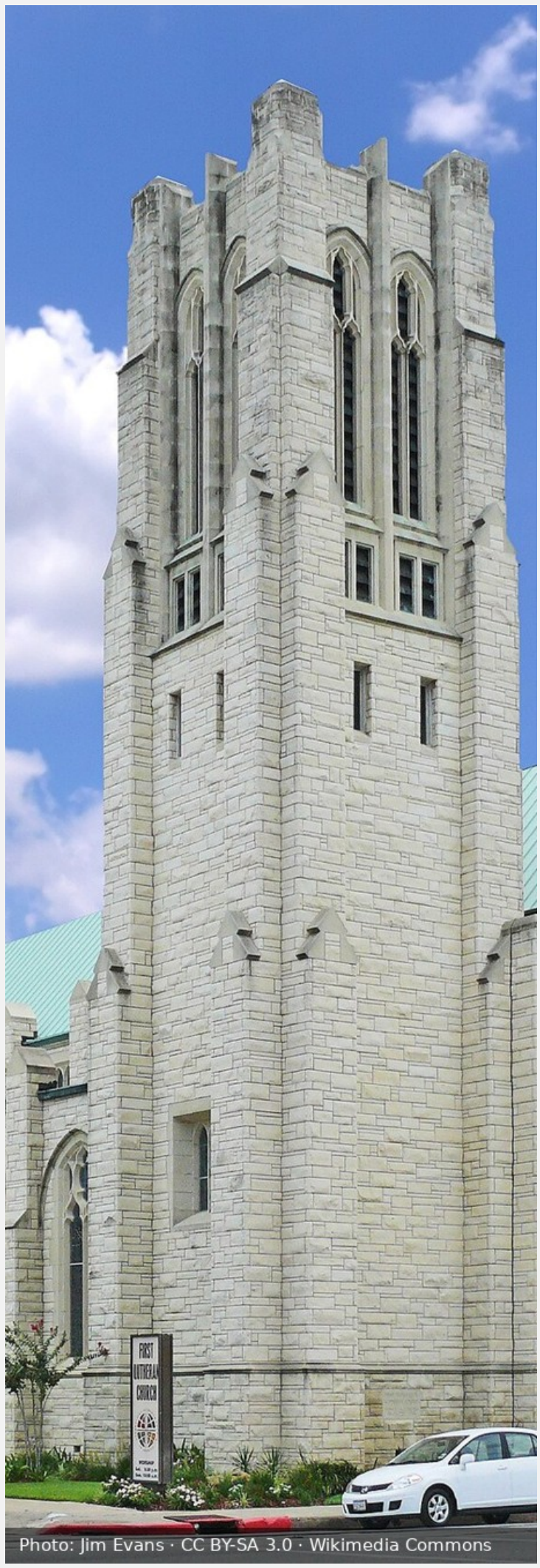


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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2362 (Nonresidential building construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-14-houston-msa-ind-2362-county

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The construction engine is local, not regional

This is not a ripple effect from nearby growth but a core structural dominance. The data reveals that the region's commercial expansion is not diffusing outward—it is being driven from the center. This centralization implies that policy, zoning, and infrastructure decisions in Harris County have outsized influence on the entire MSA's development trajectory.

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Commercial activity is outpacing residential

With 699 commercial builders in Harris County—far ahead of Montgomery (103) and Fort Bend (81)—the construction sector is clearly prioritizing nonresidential projects. This shift suggests that investor confidence in commercial real estate remains stronger than in residential, even as housing supply increases. The imbalance may signal a long-term reallocation of capital toward industrial, office, and mixed-use development, potentially shaping future zoning and urban planning across the metro.

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