Belton — #1 of 7: Share of Homes in 50-Unit Buildings or Larger



# Belton Has Texas's Highest Large-Apartment Share

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# 7.1%

**Share of Homes in 50-Unit Buildings or Larger (2024)**

Belton leads the Killeen-Temple MSA and Texas in concentrated large-apartment development.

The data reveals a strategic divergence in housing supply: while Killeen and Temple focus on single-family and mid-rise development, Belton is becoming a hub for high-density multifamily assets. This shift reflects targeted investment in workforce housing and infrastructure to serve military and healthcare workers at Fort Cavazos and Baylor Scott & White.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-15-killeen-temple-apartment-share-place-mkt

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# Density as a Strategic Advantage

Belton’s leadership in large-apartment stock is not accidental—it’s a deliberate response to the region’s employment engine. The city’s zoning and infrastructure planning have evolved to accommodate this shift, enabling faster deployment of high-density units than in more traditionally suburban areas. This makes Belton a more efficient housing solution for young professionals and service-sector workers, enhancing its economic resilience.

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## The Unseen Cost of Scale

While Belton leads in apartment concentration, this growth raises long-term questions about infrastructure strain and community character. High-density development can outpace road, utility, and public safety capacity, especially in rapidly growing suburbs like Belton. Yet, the absence of such scale in Killeen and Temple suggests a deliberate trade-off: preserving lower-density neighborhoods in exchange for higher rental yields and faster capital turnover in Belton. This creates a bifurcated housing ecosystem within the MSA—one that favors investors and short-term tenants, but may challenge long-term affordability and civic cohesion.

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