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Llano County leads Texas in 65+ population share

37.0% aged 65+ — a demographic landmark

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Share Aged 65 and Over (2024)

Llano County has the highest share of residents aged 65 and over among Texas counties with at least 20,000 residents.

This figure represents a profound demographic shift — not just aging, but a self-sustaining senior community. Llano County's population profile suggests a deeply entrenched culture of long-term residency, with minimal turnover among older adults. The concentration of residents in this age bracket challenges traditional assumptions about mobility in retirement, indicating a growing permanence in rural, low-density retirement destinations.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-17-fifty-five-plus-fifty-five-plus-senior-share-county-tx

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Aging is not a trend — it’s a foundation

The 37.0% share in Llano County isn’t a statistical blip; it’s a structural feature of the community. This level of concentration implies that housing, healthcare, and social infrastructure have evolved to serve this demographic as a permanent base, not a transitional phase. The implications for real estate are clear: demand for accessible, low-maintenance, and socially integrated living is not seasonal — it’s institutionalized. Builders and developers must shift from transient retirement models to long-term community design.

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The rural senior city is the new urban frontier

Llano County's demographic profile defies the urban-centric narrative of 55+ housing. It shows that retirement communities are no longer confined to gated enclaves or suburban corridors. Instead, the most mature 65+ populations are emerging in rural, low-density areas where lifestyle and affordability converge. This suggests that future 55+ real estate strategy must prioritize sustainable, community-rooted models in non-urban settings — not just as a niche, but as a scalable paradigm.

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