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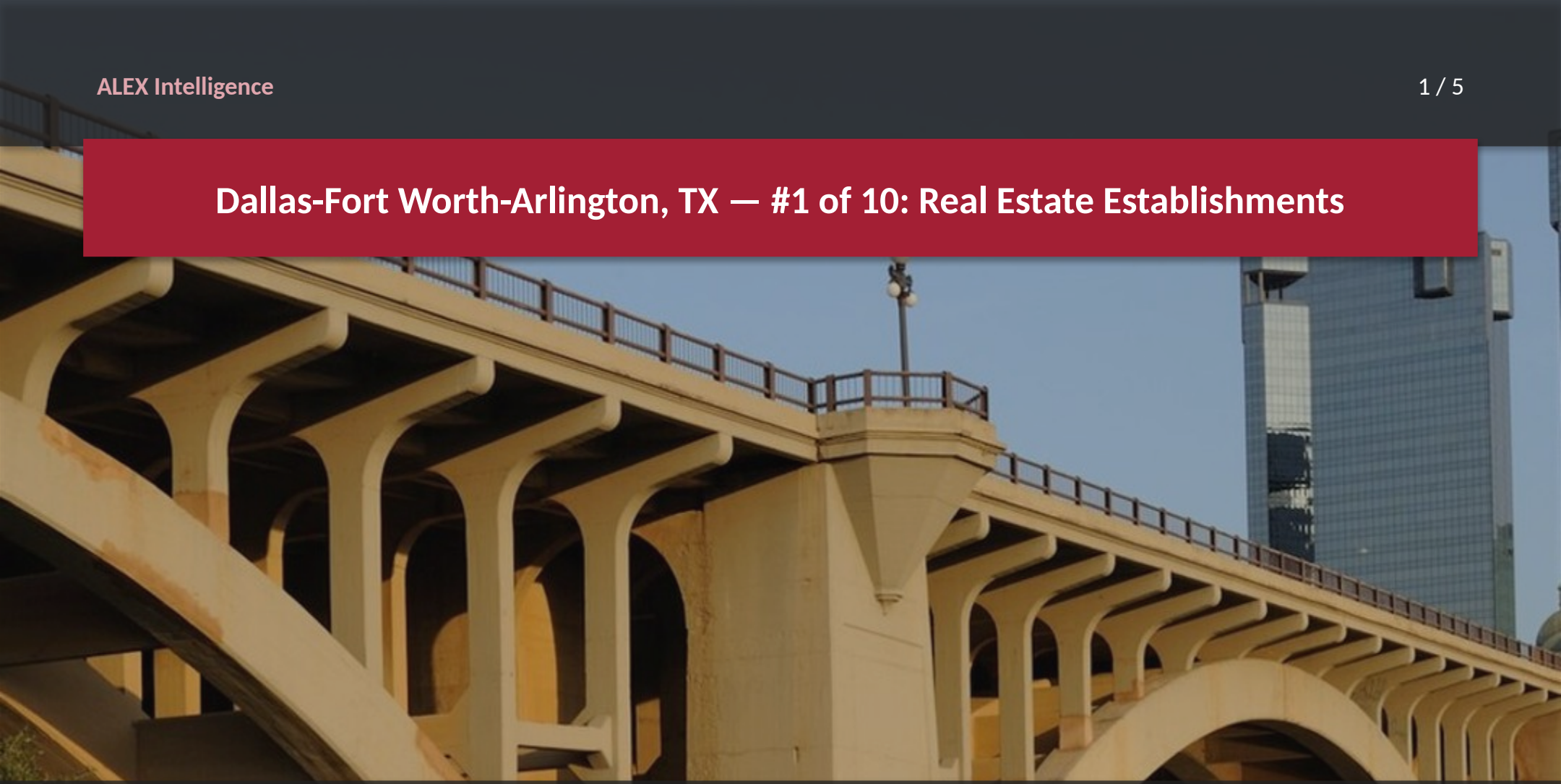

DFW Leads Texas in Real Estate Establishments

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Real Estate Establishments (2022)

DFW has the highest concentration of real estate firms among all Texas metros.

This figure reflects not just volume, but depth — a mature ecosystem where brokerage, property management, development, and advisory services are densely distributed across the region. The density of firms suggests a self-sustaining market with strong institutional infrastructure and resilience to economic volatility.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 531 (Real estate) · ALEX Intelligence computation
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Market Maturity Over Growth

DFW’s leadership in real estate establishments is not driven by new entrants alone, but by decades of institutional consolidation. The region has evolved from a growth-phase hub into a mature, operationally complex market where scale and specialization dominate. This is not a sign of explosive expansion — it’s a sign of institutional depth.

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Density as a Competitive Moat

The sheer number of firms creates a network effect: clients access more specialized services, investors benefit from deeper due diligence, and developers find partners with proven track records. This ecosystem is harder to replicate than raw population growth, making DFW a long-term magnet for capital, talent, and innovation in real estate.

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