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Based on 2022 Census data — a concentration that defines the AI economy

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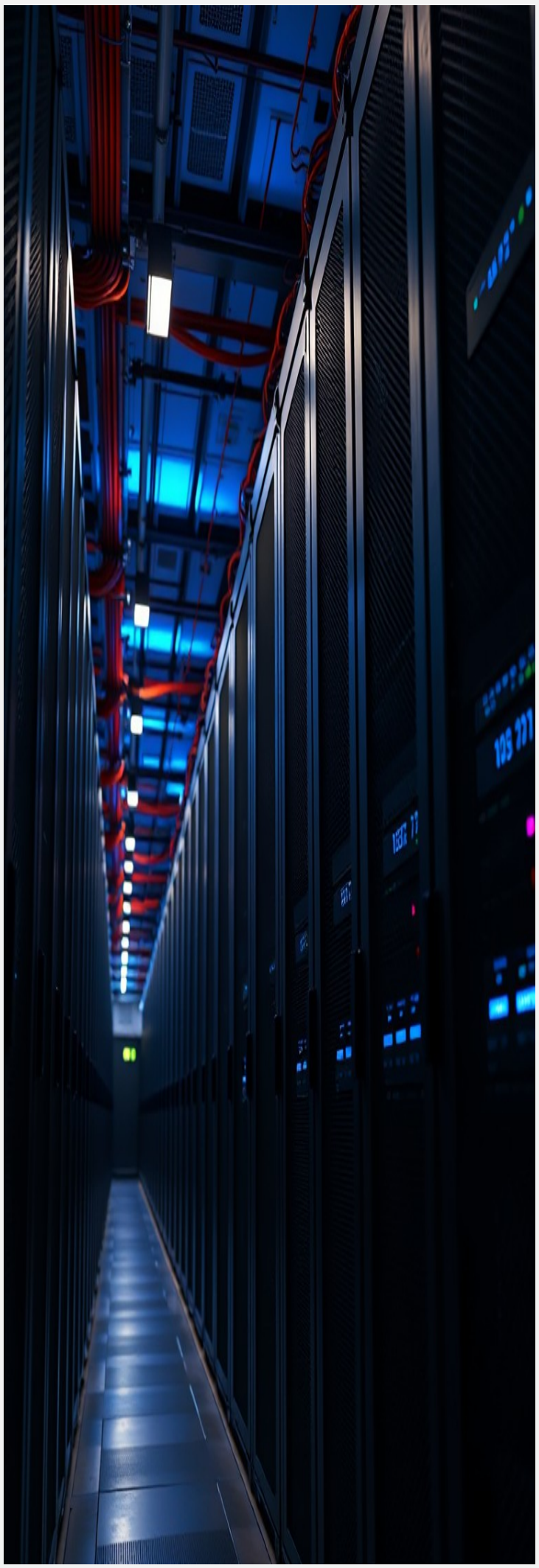
THE DATA

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This concentration is not a national trend—it reflects a deeply localized AI economy.

The data shows that over six in ten software publishers in Texas are clustered in Travis, Harris, and Dallas Counties. This is not a random distribution but a structural feature of how innovation and infrastructure are layered in the state. It means that access to capital, talent, and high-speed connectivity is not evenly distributed but heavily concentrated.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 5112 (Software publishers) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-27-ai-tech-conc-5112-county

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The AI frontier is not everywhere

For individuals and small teams building sovereign AI stacks, this data reveals a hard truth: the physical and digital infrastructure enabling local inference, open-weight model deployment, and self-hosted RAG is overwhelmingly located in just three Texas counties. This is not a barrier—it’s a signal. The real opportunity lies in understanding where the ecosystem is already mature, not where it might be someday.



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Sovereignty requires proximity

AI sovereignty isn’t just about open-source code—it’s about physical access to the ecosystem that sustains it. The fact that 61.2% of Texas’s software publishers are in three counties means that for startups and independent developers, the most viable path to building a sovereign stack is not through geographic arbitrage, but through strategic presence in these high-density nodes. The future of self-hosted AI is not decentralized—it’s hyper-localized.

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