



# Fort Worth, TX



**F**ort Worth, Texas, was originally settled on the Trinity River in 1849 as an army outpost to protect settlers from Indian attacks. The city was named for General William Jenkins Worth, who was commander of the Department of Texas. Fort Worth was a stop on the historic Chisholm Trail.

The Cultural District of Fort Worth is home to many museums, including the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Kimbell Art Museum, and Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame is the only museum honoring trailblazing women of the American West. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and cattle industry history are the focus of the Cattle Raisers Museum.

In addition to the aforementioned, Fort Worth has three aviation museums (the American Airlines C.R. Smith Museum, Fort Worth Aviation Museum, and Vintage Flying Museum), Sid Richardson's collection of the art of the American West, Christian Arts Museum, Oscar E. Monning Meteorite Gallery at Texas Christian University, and the Texas Civil War Museum. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Western Currency facility offers a view of the production of money and related displays, demonstrations, and artifacts. The Ball-Eddleman-McFarland House and Thistle Hill are historic home museums.

Fort Worth offers many opportunities for performing arts. Bass Performance Hall is home to the Fort Worth Opera, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, the Texas Ballet Theater, the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and Cliburn Concerts, Broadway touring shows, and touring performers. Located in the Stockyards National Historic District, Billy Bob's Texas hosts country music performers. Casa Manana presents musical theater and original plays. Jubilee Theatre presents musical, drama and comedy works that reflect the African-American Experience. Teatro de la Rosa is a Hispanic theater company. Other performing arts companies include Circle Theatre, Amphibian Stage Productions, Fort Worth Theatre, Hip Pocket Theatre, Stage West, Ballet Concerto, Ballet Folklorico Azteca, Arts Fifth Avenue, Four Day Weekend, and Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth.

Other venues include Panther Island Pavilion's waterfront stage, Texas Christian University's F. Howard and Mary D. Walsh Center for Performing Arts, and Will Rogers Memorial Center.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Fort Worth has many residential options, including new apartment and condominium complexes.

Housing in Near Southside ranges from new construction with modern styles and amenities to restored historic properties and open lofts in former industrial spaces. Mixed-use buildings offer second-floor units above ground floor businesses. Restoration of historic bungalows and new home construction are ongoing in the Historic Fairmount neighborhood. Two-story brick homes in Prairie, Tudor, or Streamline Moderne styles are available in the Mistletoe Heights neighborhood. Most of the houses in Berkeley Place are one- and two-story brick and stucco houses in antebellum, bungalow, and Streamline Moderne designs, often with guest cottages in the rear. Homes in the Ryan Place neighborhood range from Mediterranean stucco and stone to Georgian brick. The Westcliff neighborhood includes many homes on large lots built after World War II.

Arlington Heights' Tremont neighborhood is located near the Cultural District and has many homes built in the English Cottage style. Monticello homes were constructed from brick, stone, or stucco in Spanish, Colonial, Tudor, and Mediterranean styles.

Many newer neighborhoods are located in Fort Worth's Southwest. Mira Vista is a gated country club development built around a golf course with two-story homes on large lots. Ranch and traditional style homes are available in Trinity Heights, Meadows West, and Bellaire Park North neighborhoods.

Walsh Ranch, Circle T, and Heritage are master-planned communities still under construction.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Fort Worth has 263 parks and 20 community and neighborhood centers. Park amenities include 2 outdoor pools; a spray ground; golf courses; cricket, football, rugby, baseball, and softball fields; hockey rinks; and basketball and tennis courts.

General Worth Square is used for downtown events and is the site of the John F. Kennedy Tribute and the Aviation Wall of Honor. The Fort Worth Water Gardens is another downtown park.

Covering 15 square blocks, The Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District features the Texas Trail of Fame, Stockyards Museum, The Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, and the "Spirit of the West" movie. Cowtown Opry promotes and performs Texas heritage music. Cowhands dressed in authentic 19th century clothing drive the Fort Worth Herd of 15 Texas Longhorns down Exchange Avenue twice daily. The Stockyards Championship Rodeo at

Cowtown Coliseum and the Grapevine Vintage Railroad are other attractions.

Forest Park is home to the Fort Worth Zoo, which features more than 500 species of animals; and Log Cabin Village, which consists of nine historic structures that date to the mid-1800s. Other amenities include the Forest Park Miniature Railroad and Forest Park Pool.

Fort Worth's Botanic Gardens contains more than 2,500 species of plants in its 23 specialty gardens, including the world-renowned Japanese Garden.

The Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge features forests, prairies, and wetland and offers over 20 miles of hiking trails and the Hardwicke Interpretive Center.

The Trinity River and its tributaries offer 40 miles of running or biking trails, 17 trailheads, 5 boat launches, equestrian trails, a water-ski slalom course, and fishing areas.

NASCAR and INDYCAR action occur at the Texas Motor Speedway.

## EDUCATION

Fort Worth Independent School District educates more than 86,000 students in 83 elementary schools, 29 middle schools and 6th grade centers, 18 high schools, and 15 alternative schools. Each high school offers the Gold Seal Programs of Choice. Fort Worth is also served by Keller and Aledo Independent School Districts.

Higher education is available at Texas Christian University, which is a private university with a dedicated College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Texas Wesleyan University offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

The UNT Health Science Center's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Public Health, School of Health Professions, and UNT System College of Pharmacy are located in the Cultural District.

Fort Worth is also home to three campuses of Tarrant County College District, Texas A&M University School of Law, The Art Institute of Fort Worth, Westwood College, Remington College, Everest College-Fort Worth South, and Kaplan College.

## HEALTH CARE

The following hospitals are located in Fort Worth:

Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center-Fort Worth: 461 licensed acute care beds

Baylor Surgical Hospital at Fort Worth: 34 licensed acute care beds

Cook Children's Medical Center: 275 licensed acute care beds

Forest Park Medical Center at Fort Worth: 54 licensed acute care beds

John Peter Smith Hospital: 380 licensed acute care beds

Medical Center Alliance: 57 licensed acute care beds

Parkway Surgical and Cardiovascular Hospital: 12 licensed acute care beds

Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth: 320 licensed acute care beds

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Alliance: 66 licensed acute care beds

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital-Fort Worth: 659 licensed acute care beds

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital-Southwest Fort Worth: 201 licensed acute care beds

USMD Hospital at Fort Worth 8 licensed acute care beds

Fort Worth is also served by 5 long-term acute care hospitals and 4 comprehensive medical rehabilitation facilities.

## CITY STATS

**2013**

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| City Population  | 794,055   |
| Metropolitan Statistical Area Population                         | 6,810,913 |
| Per capita personal income, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX MSA: | \$46,989  |