Collin County continues to be one of the fastest growing large counties across North Texas, the state and the nation. Sitting halfway between Dallas and the Red River, much of Collin County’s 886 square miles have been transformed into a bustling urban area that welcomes almost 90 new residents every day of the week.

What follows are a few facts about those who live and work in Collin County:

- With a 2008 population estimate of 750,000, we are the 8th most populous county in Texas and have undergone a stunning 52-percent growth spurt since the last census;
- Collin County had the fastest rate of total income growth in 2007 among the largest counties in the U.S. — 12.4% — more than double the national average;
- Median family income tops $74,000 annually, 34% higher than the U.S. median;
- The education level of the county’s workforce almost doubled state and national averages for degree workers from 2000-2006; and,
- We are also home to three Fortune 500 companies, plus within 30 miles of another 21 Fortune 500 corporations.

Sheer Numbers...

- County Seat: McKinney
- Cities/Towns: 27
- Area: 886 sq. mi.
- Density: 580/sq. mi
- Paved County Roads: 726 mi.
- Total Roadway Miles: 3,773
- Toll Road Miles: 81.8
- County Tax Rate ('09): $0.2425
- Ind. School Districts: 21
- Special Districts: 2
- Net Taxable Prop. Values in 2008: $71.8 Billion
- Avg Wage/Job ('07): $51,726
- 25 yrs + Degreed Workers: 47%
- H.S. Grad Rate: 93%
- Mean SAT score: 1103
- Living in Poverty: 6%
- Avg. Home Value: $222,612
**HISTORY**

The County and the County Seat owe their names to an area pioneer who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence — Collin McKinney. Before white settlers like McKinney began to arrive in the area in the early 1840s, branches of the Caddo Indians inhabited what is now Collin County. In 1848, the area split off from Fannin County and was named in honor of McKinney. The first railroad arrived in 1872; the first highway in 1920. As farming dropped off in the 1950s, so did the county's population, until DFW expansion and light manufacturing more than tripled the population from 1960-1980. The growth has rarely slowed since.

**COMPANIES LOCATED IN COLLIN COUNTY**

**HISTORICAL GROWTH**

**WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT US...**

**OUR FIVE LARGEST CITIES** are consistently lauded in national publications for being some of the best spots in the nation to live & work:

- **Collin County**: Ranked 2nd in *Forbes Magazine*’s "Best and Worst School Districts for the Buck" (2007); 14th in "Best Places To Raise A Family" (2008)
- **McKinney**: Ranked 14th in *Money Magazine*’s "Best Places to Live" (2008)
- **Richmond**: Ranked 18th in *Money Magazine*’s "Best Places to Live" (2008)
- **Allen**: Ranked 20th in *Money Magazine*’s "Best Places to Live" (2008)
- **Frisco**: Ranked 38th in *Money Magazine*’s "Best Places to Live" (2008)
- **Plano**: The wealthiest large city in the U.S. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2008).