FUN FACTS

- 13th-largest city in the United States
- 6th fastest growing large city in the nation
- The Kimbell Art Museum is home to the only Michelangelo in the Americas, his first painting, The Torment of Saint Anthony.
- Fort Worth hosts the world’s only twice-daily cattle drive and year-round rodeo in the Stockyards National Historic District.
- The Fort Worth Zoo opened as the first zoo in Texas in 1909 and is ranked the No. 4 zoo in the nation by USA Today.
- The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth was recognized as the best-designed building in Texas by Architectural Digest.
- American Airlines, the world’s largest airline, is headquartered in Fort Worth and services the 4th busiest airport in the nation.
- Fort Worth named a Top 20 city for Hispanic entrepreneurs by Fortune in 2018.
- The first music-friendly city in Texas as designated by the Texas Music Office in the Office of the Governor.

KEY PROJECTS

- TEXRail $1 billion commuter rail system connecting DFW International Airport and Downtown Fort Worth.
- $540 million for new, 14,000-seat Dickies Arena
- $300 million expansion of Fort Worth Convention Center (2025)
- $225 million+ on restoration and expansion of Stockyards National Historic District
- Continued growth of Alliance Airport, the world’s first industrial airport, developed by Ross Perot Jr.

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

- Estimated number of out-of-town visitors to Fort Worth: 9.4 million annually
- Economic impact of visitors to Fort Worth: $2.6 billion annually
- Tourism employs over 24,100 hospitality and tourism industry workers
- Total Hotel rooms: 14,000
- Total rooms downtown: 1,800 committable
- Hotel tax: 15%; breaks down to 6% state, 9% city
- Sales tax: 8.25%
- Top international visitor markets to Fort Worth include: Mexico, Canada, UK, Australia and Germany.

HISTORY

Originally settled in 1849 as an army outpost at the Trinity River, Fort Worth was one of eight forts assigned to protect settlers from Indian attacks on the advancing frontier. Progress helped the growing settlement survive long after other such towns had blown away with the dust of departing pioneers.

POPULATION

City of Fort Worth: 874,168 (2017 estimate)
FORT WORTH BUSINESS

Fort Worth has six major industry clusters: Aviation/Aerospace, Life Sciences/Health Care, Logistics, Manufacturing, Corporate/Professional and Energy (oil and gas).

Headquartered in Fort Worth

- Acme Brick
- AMR/ American Airlines
- BNSF Railway
- Pier 1 Imports
- TTI
- GM Financial
- Galderma US
- GDC Technics
- Williamson Dickie
- Ben E. Keith
- Allied Electronics
- Justin Brands
- RadioShack
- TPG Capital
- Smith & Nephew

Major Corporations in Fort Worth (not HQ)

- Facebook
- GE Manufacturing Solutions
- Lockheed Martin Aeronautics
- XTO Energy (ExxonMobil)

MEETING SPACE

DICKIES ARENA

- Scheduled to open November 2019
- New home to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo
- Capacity to accommodate conventions, exhibit events, business meetings and private receptions with flexible meeting and event spaces ranging in size from 685 square feet to 91,315 square feet

FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER (FWCC)

- The FWCC offers 253,226 square feet of exhibit space; 41 breakout rooms for maximum flexibility (with a total of 58,849 square feet of meeting room space); a 28,160 square-foot ballroom; 13,500-seat arena and expanded dock facilities.
- A Public events plaza for outdoor gatherings links the Fort Worth Water Gardens to the Convention Center’s new grand entrance.

WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL CENTER

- 100,000 square feet of exhibit space
- 6,000-seat coliseum
- 3,000-seat theater
- Equestrian center with 2,000-seat arena; 1,000 all-metal stalls
- 170,000-square-foot livestock facility with 1,000-seat show arena
- $32 million Equestrian Multi-Purpose building featuring 1,100 premium stalls

COWTOWN COLISEUM

- 2,300-seat arena located in Stockyards National Historic District

FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION

- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), located 17.5 miles from Fort Worth, is one of the busiest airports in the world with an average of 1,900 daily departures and arrivals and service to more than 201 destinations worldwide.
- 4 hours or less from 149 U.S. destinations through DFW International Airport
- Fort Worth is home to 40+ B-Cycle bike share stations and access to 70+ miles of bicycle trails
- TEXRail (DFW International Airport to downtown Fort Worth): $2.50
- Cab from DFW International Airport to downtown Fort Worth: $52 (approx.)
- Yellow Checker Shuttle (Airporter) from DFW Airport to downtown Fort Worth: $17*
- Super Shuttle from DFW International Airport to downtown Fort Worth: $25*

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