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Fort Worth now 10th largest city in U.S.

Fort Worth's population grew to 1,028,117, propelling Cowtown among the 10 largest cities in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's latest data.

Fort Worth surpassed the population of previously 10th-ranked Jacksonville, Florida, by more than 10,000 people. Following Houston, San Antonio and Dallas, Fort Worth remains the fourth-largest city in Texas. The population of Fort Worth

trails No. 9 Dallas by 300,000 people.

"Fort Worth is booming for the right reasons," said Mayor Mattie Parker. "As we celebrate our top 10 ranking, it's more important than ever that we continue to lead with smart policies, smart investments and smart planning to ensure the city we love thrives long into the future."

The population estimates date to July 2025.



The City of Fort Worth and its partners launched a comprehensive citywide educational campaign about the dangers of illegal gunfire and the importance of responsible gun ownership.

In the summer months and beyond, the objective is to reduce stray bullet incidents by increasing community understanding of the risks and consequences of reckless gun use.



Here are some alarming statistics:

- Between 2024 and 2025, there was a 28% increase in arrests related to illegal gunfire.
- When looking at January and February only for the past three years, arrests related to illegal gunfire were up 115% between 2024 and 2026.
- As many as one-third of celebratory gunfire injuries result in death.

"Too many lives are in danger because people are firing guns illegally in our neighborhoods," Police Chief Eddie Garcia said. "And too many firearms are falling into the wrong hands because they are not properly stored or are left unsecured inside vehicles overnight. This is preventable, and it has to stop."

You deserve to take some pressure off, Fort Worth

High water pressure at home? Fort Worth's completely no-cost SmartPressure program helps qualified homeowners protect their plumbing and save water with one free pressure-reducing valve and one free expansion tank.



The program is for owner-occupied homes with documented residential water pressure over 80 psi and an active Fort Worth residential water account. Approved customers receive a voucher after application review. Installation costs are the homeowner's responsibility and are best handled by a licensed plumber.

SmartPressure works great for outdoor upgrades, too. Misting sprinkler heads that create a rainbow effect send water blowing away from the spray area or evaporating fast. Multi-stream irrigation heads and Watersense-approved pressure-reducing irrigation bodies work with SmartPressure conservation fixtures to create comfortable water flow through your home and irrigation system.

Read more at SaveFortWorthWater.org or email WaterConservation@FortWorthTexas.gov to request a SmartPressure program application.

Apply today to reduce your household water pressure and help save Fort Worth water.

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WORTH KNOWING

► Fort Worth's Water Utility received an upgraded revenue bond rating of AAA from S&P Global Ratings, the highest rating available, reflecting the utility's strong financial management, stable performance and long-term infrastructure planning. The upgrade from AA+ recognizes several years of disciplined budgeting, commitment to maintaining healthy reserves, formalized asset management planning, diverse revenue streams and sustained investment in critical water and sewer infrastructure.



► The Fort Worth Fire Department received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver achievement award for its commitment to offering rapid and research-based care to people experiencing the most severe form of heart attacks and strokes, ultimately saving lives.

WORTH GOING



► The Fort Worth Botanic Garden's newest must-see exhibit is part art, part engineering and totally amazing. Join FWBG for Sean Kenney's Nature POP! Made with LEGO Bricks exhibit through Sept. 7, featuring more than 40 wildly creative animal sculptures made from over 800,000 LEGO bricks. The exhibit is open daily during regular Garden hours; entrance is included with general admission.



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