



# Denton County

## Area Information

County Seat	Denton	County Population Ranking	9
Land Area	888.5 sq. miles	Average Rainfall	37.3 inches
Total Population (2000)	432,976	Population Change (1990-2000)	58.29%
Avg. Household Income (2003)	\$76,968	Median Age	31

## Labor Force & Industry

For May 2004, the Texas Workforce Commission reported a labor force of 279,217 and an unemployment rate of 4.1 for Denton County. During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2003, there were 7,357 firms operating in the county with an average weekly wage of \$577 as compared to a statewide weekly wage of \$926. The average number of people employed during this reporting period totaled 131,165.

Industry	Employees	Establishments
Retail Trade	22,200	807
Accommodation & Food Services	13,051	440
Health Care & Social Assistance	11,625	669
Manufacturing	11,242	373
Construction	8,107	743
Administrative & Waste Services	7,367	445
Wholesale Trade	5,896	695
Professional & Technical Services	4,706	948
Finance & Insurance	3,923	376
Other Services	3,370	595
Transportation & Warehousing	2,491	177
Information	2,072	132

Source: Texas Workforce Commission, 4Q 2003

## Education

According to the Census, 130,034 people in Denton County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 89.4 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 36.6 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher.

Percent of population three years and over enrolled in school in 2000 by level of education:

Nursery School/Kindergarten	12.8%	Elementary School	41%
High School	17.2%	College/Graduate School	29%

## Fiscal Information

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$725,986,017 for Denton County in 2003. The State spent \$211,251,688 on public assistance and \$71,519,904 on highway construction and maintenance in Denton County. During the second quarter of 2003, gross sales for all industries totaled \$2,767,696,032. Comparing the second quarter of 2002 to the second quarter of 2003, gross sales increased 4.3 percent (from \$2,654,861,433). The county had 103 bank offices as of June 2003, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$2,909,071,000.

## Top Employers

<b>Company</b>	City of Denton	<b>Company</b>	Texas Department of MHMR
	Denton ISD		Texas Woman's University
	Lewisville ISD		University of North Texas
	North Hills Hospital		Wal-Mart
	Paccar, Inc.		

Source: Texas Workforce Commission, 2Q 2003

