

Evaluation of the Proposed 2020 Urban Area Criteria

- Summary of the Proposed 2020 Urban Area Criteria

As described in the [Federal Register Notice Docket Number 210212-0021](#), the U.S. Census Bureau proposed to shift from a population-based density measure (1,000 persons per square mile) to a housing-units-based density measure (385 housing units per square mile) in determining qualified census blocks for inclusion in an urban area. The conglomeration of qualified census blocks needs to have at least 4,000 housing units or 10,000 persons in order to be qualified as an urban area, replacing the urban area threshold of 2,500 persons implemented since 1910. The 50,000-person threshold for distinguishing urban clusters and urbanized areas will no longer be used, leaving a single category of urban area with at least 10,000 persons. In light of concerns about the overextension of urban area territory, Census Bureau proposed to shorten the jump distance from 2.5 miles to 1.5 miles. Since modern mapping and visualization methods make it less necessary to smooth urban area boundaries, the Census Bureau proposed to exclude low-density hop/jump corridors in urban areas. These proposed changes are expected to delineate noncontiguous urban areas. In addition, worker flow (commuting) data from the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Program would be used to split agglomerations of densely settle areas into different urban areas, or to merge urban areas that present a single functionally integrated region with similar commuting patterns.

- Evaluation on the Impacts of the Proposed 2020 Urban Area Criteria

This section of the evaluation was based on a simplified scenario, meaning the analysis only focuses on a single criterion change without considering other criteria changes at the same time. The U.S. Census Bureau proposed to use a threshold of 385 housing units per square mile to determine if a census block qualifies for inclusion in an urban area. This proposed threshold is roughly equivalent to current 1,000 persons per square mile (ppsm) threshold based on 2.6 persons per household using the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year data for the nation. However, according to the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year data, the average household size is 2.82 for the State of Texas, meaning a threshold of 355 housing units per square mile would qualify a census block for inclusion in an urban area within Texas. Based on the 2019 ACS 5-Year data, the average household size for Texas counties ranges between 1.95 (Coke County) and 3.92 (Starr County), indicating the qualifying threshold equivalent to 1,000 ppsm should range from 255 to 513 housing units per square mile (see Table 1 for more details). For Texas counties with more than 2.6 persons per household, adopting a proposed fixed threshold of 385 housing units per square mile would qualify fewer blocks for inclusion in an urban area than if based on the current 1,000 ppsm threshold. In contrast, Texas counties with fewer than 2.6 persons per

household would see more blocks qualified for inclusion in an urban area than if based on the current 1,000 ppsm threshold.

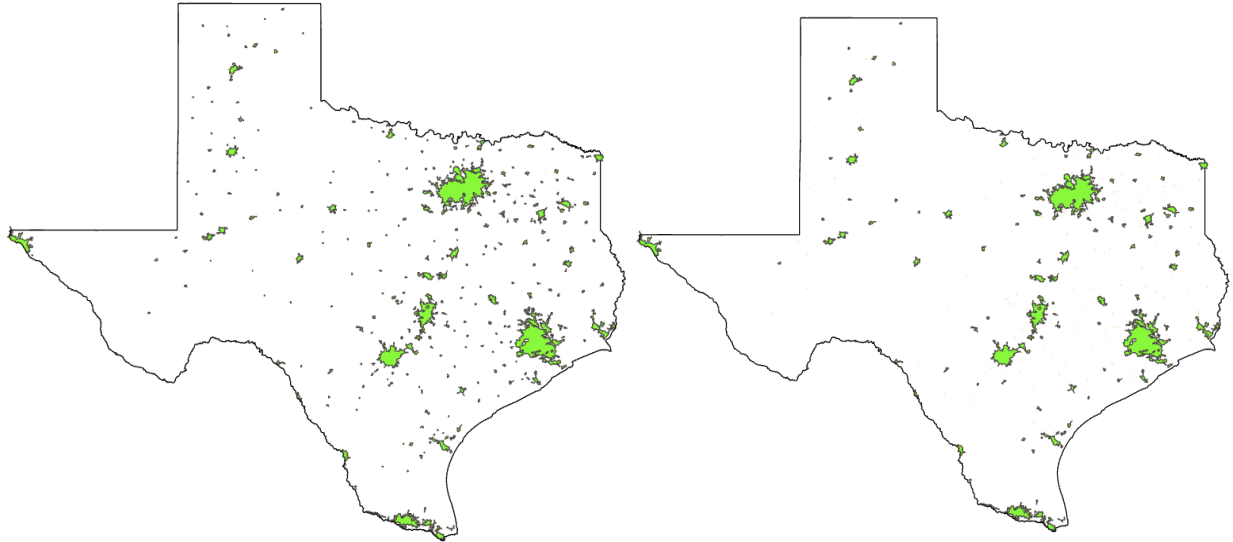
The Census Bureau proposed to eliminate the distinction between urban cluster (2,500 - 49,999 persons) and urbanized areas (50,000 or above persons), leaving only one type of urban area. Also, the new threshold of urban areas would be 4,000 housing units or 10,000 persons (changed from the threshold of 2,500 persons since 1910). According to Texas Demographic Center (TDC), Texas is expected to have 302 urban areas (37 urbanized areas and 265 urban clusters) in 2020. This proposed urban area population threshold would disqualify 192 urban clusters, making the number of Texas urban areas decrease from 302 to 110 (a 64% reduction) than if based on the current 2010 urban area population threshold of 2,500 (see Figure 1).

Table 2 shows possible impacts of implementing the proposed 2020 urban area population threshold of 10,000 persons, assuming the delineated 2010 urban areas (urban clusters and urbanized areas) remain unchanged. According to TDC, Texas is expected to see a population increase of 4.5 million people between 2010 and 2020, with 4 million of those people residing in urban areas. The proposed urban area population threshold of 10,000 persons, would result in a decrease of urban population in Texas from 4 to 3 million (a 3.36% drop based on the 2020 population) between 2010 and 2020. By contrast, the increase of population in rural Texas would increase from half a million to 1.5 million in the same time period. In general, if the proposed threshold of 10,000 persons is implemented, 142 Texas counties (56%) would see declines in urban population changes, whereas 112 Texas counties (44%) would see no differences in urban population changes between 2010 and 2020. Some Texas counties, such as Crane, Jim Hogg, and Sutton, would change from 100% urban population to 0% urban population (meaning 100% rural population) in 2020 if the newly proposed urban area population threshold is implemented.

Figure 1. Projected 2020 Texas Urban Areas Based on Current Criteria and Proposed 2020 Criteria

2020 Texas Urban Areas (302)
Current Delineations

2020 Texas Urban Areas (110)
Current Delineations without Areas with
Less Than 10,000 People



Source: Texas Demographic Center Population Projections & 2010 Census

Table 1. Top 10 Texas County with Largest and Smallest 2019 Average Household Size

County	Rank	ACS (5-Year) 2019 Average Household Size	Housing Unit Density Equivalent to 1,000 ppsm
Starr County	1	3.92	255
Reeves County	2	3.87	258
Culberson County	3	3.76	266
Glasscock County	4	3.75	267
Hudspeth County	5	3.71	270
Webb County	6	3.61	277
Maverick County	7	3.56	281
Hidalgo County	8	3.55	282
Gaines County	9	3.54	282
Willacy County	10	3.52	284
Donley County	245	2.27	441
Jones County	246	2.24	446
Brewster County	247	2.23	448
Kent County	248	2.20	455
Terrell County	249	2.14	467
Throckmorton County	250	2.14	467
Marion County	251	2.10	476
Jeff Davis County	252	2.07	483
Menard County	253	2.05	488
Coke County	254	1.95	513
State of Texas	N/A	2.82*	355
United of States	N/A	2.61*	385

Note: * Used values from the 2019 1-Year ACS Data.

Source: 2019 1-Year ACS Data & 2019 5-Year ACS Data

Table 2. Impacts of the Proposed 2020 Urban Area Population Threshold on the Change of 2020 Urban Areas Population in Texas Counties

Name	Total Population 2010	Total Population 2020	Change in Total Population 2010-2020	Urban Population 2010	Based on 2010 Urban Area Population Threshold of 2,500 Persons		Based on 2020 Urban Area Population Threshold of 10,000 Persons		Impacts of Implementing the Proposed 2020 Urban Area Population Threshold of 10,000 Persons		
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State of Texas	25,145,561	29,677,668	4,532,107	21,298,039	25,273,474	3,975,435	24,275,550	2,977,511	Decrease	-997,924	-3.36%
Anderson County	58,458	58,199	-259	19,254	18,606	-648	18,606	-648	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Andrews County	14,786	22,269	7,483	12,346	19,405	7,059	19,405	7,059	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Angelina County	86,771	90,437	3,666	49,388	54,136	4,748	47,817	-1,571	Decrease	-6,319	-6.99%
Aransas County	23,158	27,699	4,541	16,845	22,010	5,165	22,010	5,165	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Archer County	9,054	8,344	-710	997	919	-78	919	-78	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Armstrong County	1,901	1,948	47	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Atascosa County	44,911	51,831	6,920	17,645	18,141	496	12,913	-4,732	Decrease	-5,228	-10.09%
Austin County	28,417	30,402	1,985	9,564	10,408	844	0	-9,564	Decrease	-10,408	-34.23%
Bailey County	7,165	7,692	527	5,105	7,326	2,221	0	-5,105	Decrease	-7,326	-95.24%
Bandera County	20,485	21,246	761	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Bastrop County	74,171	86,105	11,934	26,811	29,300	2,489	23,478	-3,333	Decrease	-5,822	-6.76%
Baylor County	3,726	3,624	-102	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Bee County	31,861	34,445	2,584	18,168	17,126	-1,042	17,126	-1,042	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Bell County	310,235	353,629	43,394	263,122	299,127	36,005	299,127	36,005	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Bexar County	1,714,773	2,093,502	378,729	1,636,938	2,001,699	364,761	1,994,899	357,961	Decrease	-6,800	-0.32%
Blanco County	10,497	11,504	1,007	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Borden County	641	685	44	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Bosque County	18,212	17,765	-447	3,421	3,016	-405	0	-3,421	Decrease	-3,016	-16.98%
Bowie County	92,565	92,570	5	59,774	58,949	-825	52,093	-7,681	Decrease	-6,856	-7.41%
Brazoria County	313,166	375,869	62,703	242,614	289,277	46,663	272,408	29,794	Decrease	-16,869	-4.49%
Brazos County	194,851	229,410	34,559	171,345	201,735	30,390	201,735	30,390	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Brewster County	9,232	9,133	-99	6,013	6,436	423	0	-6,013	Decrease	-6,436	-70.47%
Briscoe County	1,637	1,568	-69	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Brooks County	7,223	7,175	-48	4,929	3,783	-1,146	0	-4,929	Decrease	-3,783	-52.72%
Brown County	38,106	38,923	817	22,711	22,990	279	22,990	279	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Burleson County	17,187	17,718	531	4,012	3,867	-145	0	-4,012	Decrease	-3,867	-21.83%
Burnet County	42,750	48,196	5,446	18,950	20,502	1,552	0	-18,950	Decrease	-20,502	-42.54%
Caldwell County	38,066	44,284	6,218	21,967	21,090	-877	16,260	-5,707	Decrease	-4,830	-10.91%
Calhoun County	21,381	22,840	1,459	11,817	12,611	794	12,611	794	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Callahan County	13,544	13,456	-88	3,768	3,480	-288	0	-3,768	Decrease	-3,480	-25.86%
Cameron County	406,220	427,881	21,661	372,013	388,206	16,193	383,374	11,361	Decrease	-4,832	-1.13%
Camp County	12,401	13,322	921	4,777	4,906	129	0	-4,777	Decrease	-4,906	-36.83%
Carson County	6,182	5,799	-383	297	355	58	0	-297	Decrease	-355	-6.12%
Cass County	30,464	30,327	-137	7,917	9,217	1,300	0	-7,917	Decrease	-9,217	-30.39%
Castro County	8,062	7,103	-959	4,373	3,967	-406	0	-4,373	Decrease	-3,967	-55.85%

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Chambers County	35,096	42,320	7,224	19,050	23,002	3,952	15,361	-3,689	Decrease	-7,641	-18.06%
Cherokee County	50,845	52,178	1,333	18,788	16,038	-2,750	13,544	-5,244	Decrease	-2,494	-4.78%
Childress County	7,041	7,062	21	4,707	4,999	292	0	-4,707	Decrease	-4,999	-70.79%
Clay County	10,752	9,787	-965	2,731	2,533	-198	0	-2,731	Decrease	-2,533	-25.88%
Cochran County	3,127	3,348	221	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Coke County	3,320	3,215	-105	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Coleman County	8,895	8,478	-417	4,310	3,918	-392	0	-4,310	Decrease	-3,918	-46.21%
Collin County	782,341	1,039,369	257,028	741,325	986,763	245,438	982,886	241,561	Decrease	-3,877	-0.37%
Collingsworth County	3,057	3,210	153	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Colorado County	20,874	21,273	399	7,804	7,851	47	0	-7,804	Decrease	-7,851	-36.91%
Comal County	108,472	147,330	38,858	58,417	77,720	19,303	72,176	13,759	Decrease	-5,544	-3.76%
Comanche County	13,974	13,075	-899	3,988	3,890	-98	0	-3,988	Decrease	-3,890	-29.75%
Concho County	4,087	4,147	60	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Cooke County	38,437	39,727	1,290	15,746	16,160	414	16,160	414	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Coryell County	75,388	78,317	2,929	60,745	60,470	-275	60,470	-275	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Cottle County	1,505	1,510	5	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Crane County	4,375	6,209	1,834	3,907	6,209	2,302	0	-3,907	Decrease	-6,209	-100.00%
Crockett County	3,719	4,040	321	2,873	0	-2,873	0	-2,873	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Crosby County	6,059	6,464	405	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Culberson County	2,398	2,245	-153	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Dallam County	6,703	7,237	534	5,125	5,733	608	0	-5,125	Decrease	-5,733	-79.22%
Dallas County	2,368,139	2,734,111	365,972	2,351,839	2,715,292	363,453	2,715,292	363,453	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Dawson County	13,833	13,592	-241	11,579	11,400	-179	11,400	-179	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Deaf Smith County	19,372	18,143	-1,229	15,941	14,557	-1,384	14,557	-1,384	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Delta County	5,231	5,367	136	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Denton County	662,614	897,953	235,339	616,855	842,165	225,310	809,833	192,978	Decrease	-32,332	-3.60%
DeWitt County	20,097	21,737	1,640	10,124	9,550	-574	0	-10,124	Decrease	-9,550	-43.93%
Dickens County	2,444	2,174	-270	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Dimmit County	9,996	11,743	1,747	6,050	7,858	1,808	0	-6,050	Decrease	-7,858	-66.92%
Donley County	3,677	3,410	-267	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Duval County	11,782	11,796	14	3,883	4,490	607	0	-3,883	Decrease	-4,490	-38.06%
Eastland County	18,583	18,205	-378	7,369	7,015	-354	0	-7,369	Decrease	-7,015	-38.53%
Ector County	137,130	184,841	47,711	124,164	167,364	43,200	167,364	43,200	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Edwards County	2,002	1,991	-11	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Ellis County	149,610	177,721	28,111	101,772	117,284	15,512	117,284	15,512	Unchanged	0	0.00%
El Paso County	800,647	876,120	75,473	783,238	850,233	66,995	845,181	61,943	Decrease	-5,052	-0.58%
Erath County	37,890	41,526	3,636	20,339	23,543	3,204	19,938	-401	Decrease	-3,605	-8.68%
Falls County	17,866	16,603	-1,263	5,832	4,957	-875	0	-5,832	Decrease	-4,957	-29.86%

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Fannin County	33,915	34,597	682	9,995	8,186	-1,809	0	-9,995	Decrease	-8,186	-23.66%
Fayette County	24,554	26,086	1,532	8,069	8,501	432	0	-8,069	Decrease	-8,501	-32.59%
Fisher County	3,974	3,985	11	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Floyd County	6,446	5,786	-660	3,009	0	-3,009	0	-3,009	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Foard County	1,336	1,240	-96	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Fort Bend County	585,375	840,383	255,008	552,970	794,809	241,839	785,575	232,605	Decrease	-9,234	-1.10%
Franklin County	10,605	10,924	319	3,274	583	-2,691	0	-3,274	Decrease	-583	-5.34%
Freestone County	19,816	19,860	44	6,643	7,467	824	0	-6,643	Decrease	-7,467	-37.60%
Frio County	17,217	20,023	2,806	13,398	16,046	2,648	11,663	-1,735	Decrease	-4,383	-21.89%
Gaines County	17,526	22,121	4,595	6,477	8,539	2,062	0	-6,477	Decrease	-8,539	-38.60%
Galveston County	291,309	355,196	63,887	273,394	279,676	6,282	279,676	6,282	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Garza County	6,461	6,784	323	5,018	5,641	623	0	-5,018	Decrease	-5,641	-83.15%
Gillespie County	24,837	26,191	1,354	11,511	14,755	3,244	14,755	3,244	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Glasscock County	1,226	1,365	139	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Goliad County	7,210	7,717	507	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Gonzales County	19,807	21,347	1,540	6,877	7,506	629	0	-6,877	Decrease	-7,506	-35.16%
Gray County	22,535	24,252	1,717	18,166	19,385	1,219	19,385	1,219	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Grayson County	120,877	131,710	10,833	68,718	76,961	8,243	71,978	3,260	Decrease	-4,983	-3.78%
Gregg County	121,730	125,730	4,000	105,464	109,067	3,603	109,067	3,603	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Grimes County	26,604	28,930	2,326	8,273	6,006	-2,267	0	-8,273	Decrease	-6,006	-20.76%
Guadalupe County	131,533	170,266	38,733	97,121	122,062	24,941	122,062	24,941	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Hale County	36,273	33,202	-3,071	27,894	24,235	-3,659	21,148	-6,746	Decrease	-3,087	-9.30%
Hall County	3,353	3,305	-48	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Hamilton County	8,517	8,220	-297	3,034	3,470	436	0	-3,034	Decrease	-3,470	-42.21%
Hansford County	5,613	5,820	207	3,349	3,825	476	0	-3,349	Decrease	-3,825	-65.72%
Hardeman County	4,139	3,870	-269	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Hardin County	54,635	56,486	1,851	26,472	27,605	1,133	17,515	-8,957	Decrease	-10,090	-17.86%
Harris County	4,092,459	4,978,845	886,386	4,042,806	4,918,437	875,631	4,918,437	875,631	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Harrison County	65,631	68,247	2,616	28,842	30,146	1,304	25,731	-3,111	Decrease	-4,415	-6.47%
Hartley County	6,062	6,067	5	2,591	3,293	702	0	-2,591	Decrease	-3,293	-54.28%
Haskell County	5,899	6,197	298	3,090	2,867	-223	0	-3,090	Decrease	-2,867	-46.26%
Hays County	157,107	234,896	77,789	107,285	160,581	53,296	147,304	40,019	Decrease	-13,277	-5.65%
Hemphill County	3,807	4,644	837	2,781	4,183	1,402	0	-2,781	Decrease	-4,183	-90.07%
Henderson County	78,532	81,179	2,647	31,326	37,038	5,712	29,105	-2,221	Decrease	-7,933	-9.77%
Hidalgo County	774,769	870,366	95,597	734,956	824,176	89,220	819,436	84,480	Decrease	-4,740	-0.54%
Hill County	35,089	35,673	584	8,328	8,170	-158	0	-8,328	Decrease	-8,170	-22.90%
Hockley County	22,935	24,636	1,701	13,796	14,243	447	14,243	447	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Hood County	51,182	58,643	7,461	34,371	42,359	7,988	34,524	153	Decrease	-7,835	-13.36%

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Hopkins County	35,161	37,040	1,879	14,196	15,796	1,600	15,796	1,600	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Houston County	23,732	22,620	-1,112	6,292	6,401	109	0	-6,292	Decrease	-6,401	-28.30%
Howard County	35,012	41,236	6,224	27,987	32,179	4,192	32,179	4,192	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Hudspeth County	3,476	3,400	-76	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Hunt County	86,129	95,324	9,195	37,353	41,316	3,963	27,138	-10,215	Decrease	-14,178	-14.87%
Hutchinson County	22,150	21,461	-689	17,152	17,654	502	13,198	-3,954	Decrease	-4,456	-20.76%
Irion County	1,599	1,508	-91	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Jack County	9,044	8,841	-203	4,231	3,850	-381	0	-4,231	Decrease	-3,850	-43.55%
Jackson County	14,075	15,899	1,824	5,374	5,983	609	0	-5,374	Decrease	-5,983	-37.63%
Jasper County	35,710	35,525	-185	7,790	8,255	465	0	-7,790	Decrease	-8,255	-23.24%
Jeff Davis County	2,342	2,113	-229	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Jefferson County	252,273	258,678	6,405	231,077	236,944	5,867	236,944	5,867	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Jim Hogg County	5,300	5,077	-223	4,378	5,077	699	0	-4,378	Decrease	-5,077	-100.00%
Jim Wells County	40,838	42,890	2,052	24,468	22,437	-2,031	21,466	-3,002	Decrease	-971	-2.26%
Johnson County	150,934	171,701	20,767	93,769	101,834	8,065	84,883	-8,886	Decrease	-16,951	-9.87%
Jones County	20,202	19,735	-467	3,000	2,756	-244	0	-3,000	Decrease	-2,756	-13.97%
Karnes County	14,824	15,393	569	9,133	7,952	-1,181	0	-9,133	Decrease	-7,952	-51.66%
Kaufman County	103,350	125,134	21,784	52,897	63,832	10,935	58,236	5,339	Decrease	-5,596	-4.47%
Kendall County	33,410	46,278	12,868	13,979	24,053	10,074	20,269	6,290	Decrease	-3,784	-8.18%
Kenedy County	416	476	60	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Kent County	808	795	-13	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Kerr County	49,625	52,267	2,642	29,228	36,247	7,019	35,615	6,387	Decrease	-632	-1.21%
Kimble County	4,607	4,344	-263	2,566	3,519	953	0	-2,566	Decrease	-3,519	-81.01%
King County	286	309	23	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Kinney County	3,598	3,462	-136	2,862	3,022	160	0	-2,862	Decrease	-3,022	-87.29%
Kleberg County	32,061	30,987	-1,074	26,011	24,268	-1,743	24,268	-1,743	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Knox County	3,719	3,937	218	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Lamar County	49,793	50,014	221	26,349	25,562	-787	25,562	-787	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Lamb County	13,977	12,776	-1,201	5,914	4,404	-1,510	0	-5,914	Decrease	-4,404	-34.47%
Lampasas County	19,677	21,037	1,360	6,244	7,276	1,032	175	-6,069	Decrease	-7,101	-33.75%
La Salle County	6,886	8,309	1,423	3,694	6,156	2,462	0	-3,694	Decrease	-6,156	-74.09%
Lavaca County	19,263	20,735	1,472	3,599	3,613	14	0	-3,599	Decrease	-3,613	-17.42%
Lee County	16,612	17,595	983	5,030	5,203	173	0	-5,030	Decrease	-5,203	-29.57%
Leon County	16,801	17,707	906	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Liberty County	75,643	85,284	9,641	27,816	35,041	7,225	25,295	-2,521	Decrease	-9,746	-11.43%
Limestone County	23,384	23,544	160	10,846	10,339	-507	0	-10,846	Decrease	-10,339	-43.91%
Lipscomb County	3,302	3,651	349	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Live Oak County	11,531	12,030	499	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%

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Llano County	19,301	19,452	151	10,581	12,291	1,710	0	-10,581	Decrease	-12,291	-63.19%
Loving County	82	92	10	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Lubbock County	278,831	317,210	38,379	247,224	279,975	32,751	270,026	22,802	Decrease	-9,949	-3.14%
Lynn County	5,915	5,588	-327	2,560	0	-2,560	0	-2,560	Unchanged	0	0.00%
McCulloch County	8,283	8,660	377	5,357	5,804	447	0	-5,357	Decrease	-5,804	-67.02%
McLennan County	234,906	253,066	18,160	180,051	193,630	13,579	185,704	5,653	Decrease	-7,926	-3.13%
McMullen County	707	783	76	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Madison County	13,664	14,527	863	4,454	4,659	205	0	-4,454	Decrease	-4,659	-32.07%
Marion County	10,546	10,294	-252	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Martin County	4,799	6,044	1,245	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Mason County	4,012	3,899	-113	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Matagorda County	36,702	37,064	362	23,336	22,746	-590	18,166	-5,170	Decrease	-4,580	-12.36%
Maverick County	54,258	59,938	5,680	49,236	55,427	6,191	55,427	6,191	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Medina County	46,006	50,594	4,588	17,687	19,911	2,224	0	-17,687	Decrease	-19,911	-39.35%
Menard County	2,242	2,188	-54	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Midland County	136,872	187,364	50,492	120,048	164,334	44,286	164,334	44,286	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Milam County	24,757	24,635	-122	10,848	10,515	-333	0	-10,848	Decrease	-10,515	-42.68%
Mills County	4,936	4,870	-66	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Mitchell County	9,403	9,865	462	5,948	6,585	637	0	-5,948	Decrease	-6,585	-66.75%
Montague County	19,719	19,199	-520	8,096	7,329	-767	0	-8,096	Decrease	-7,329	-38.17%
Montgomery County	455,746	613,951	158,205	352,175	456,242	104,067	434,246	82,071	Decrease	-21,996	-3.58%
Moore County	21,904	21,575	-329	18,221	18,487	266	15,166	-3,055	Decrease	-3,321	-15.39%
Morris County	12,934	12,448	-486	2,791	2,999	208	0	-2,791	Decrease	-2,999	-24.09%
Motley County	1,210	1,172	-38	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Nacogdoches County	64,524	64,106	-418	34,546	32,248	-2,298	32,248	-2,298	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Navarro County	47,735	47,985	250	22,599	21,688	-911	21,688	-911	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Newton County	14,445	13,724	-721	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Nolan County	15,216	15,642	426	10,247	10,307	60	0	-10,247	Decrease	-10,307	-65.89%
Nueces County	340,223	383,718	43,495	318,288	357,368	39,080	354,134	35,846	Decrease	-3,234	-0.84%
Ochiltree County	10,223	11,309	1,086	8,801	10,599	1,798	10,599	1,798	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Oldham County	2,052	2,200	148	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Orange County	81,837	86,155	4,318	53,054	55,853	2,799	55,853	2,799	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Palo Pinto County	28,111	27,859	-252	13,995	11,626	-2,369	11,626	-2,369	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Panola County	23,796	24,576	780	6,492	5,859	-633	0	-6,492	Decrease	-5,859	-23.84%
Parker County	116,927	135,621	18,694	51,349	60,342	8,993	53,781	2,432	Decrease	-6,561	-4.84%
Parmer County	10,269	9,200	-1,069	4,106	3,468	-638	0	-4,106	Decrease	-3,468	-37.70%
Pecos County	15,507	16,533	1,026	9,339	9,708	369	0	-9,339	Decrease	-9,708	-58.72%
Polk County	45,413	49,080	3,667	10,155	8,656	-1,499	0	-10,155	Decrease	-8,656	-17.64%

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Potter County	121,073	122,706	1,633	110,181	111,724	1,543	111,724	1,543	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Presidio County	7,818	5,906	-1,912	4,654	3,631	-1,023	0	-4,654	Decrease	-3,631	-61.48%
Rains County	10,914	11,378	464	739	563	-176	0	-739	Decrease	-563	-4.95%
Randall County	120,725	138,104	17,379	103,370	120,433	17,063	115,642	12,272	Decrease	-4,791	-3.47%
Reagan County	3,367	4,226	859	2,919	3,802	883	0	-2,919	Decrease	-3,802	-89.97%
Real County	3,309	3,407	98	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Red River County	12,860	12,610	-250	3,121	3,164	43	0	-3,121	Decrease	-3,164	-25.09%
Reeves County	13,783	15,707	1,924	11,785	9,345	-2,440	0	-11,785	Decrease	-9,345	-59.50%
Refugio County	7,383	7,573	190	2,903	2,960	57	0	-2,903	Decrease	-2,960	-39.09%
Roberts County	929	983	54	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Robertson County	16,622	16,888	266	4,346	3,652	-694	0	-4,346	Decrease	-3,652	-21.62%
Rockwall County	78,337	102,243	23,906	65,775	85,847	20,072	85,847	20,072	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Runnels County	10,501	11,009	508	6,221	6,477	256	0	-6,221	Decrease	-6,477	-58.83%
Rusk County	53,330	52,767	-563	18,200	15,597	-2,603	15,597	-2,603	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Sabine County	10,834	9,936	-898	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
San Augustine County	8,865	8,405	-460	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
San Jacinto County	26,384	28,844	2,460	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
San Patricio County	64,804	71,325	6,521	52,070	53,661	1,591	35,231	-16,839	Decrease	-18,430	-25.84%
San Saba County	6,131	5,873	-258	3,105	2,888	-217	0	-3,105	Decrease	-2,888	-49.17%
Schleicher County	3,461	3,312	-149	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Scurry County	16,921	18,368	1,447	11,557	11,957	400	11,957	400	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Shackelford County	3,378	3,405	27	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Shelby County	25,448	25,545	97	5,234	5,625	391	0	-5,234	Decrease	-5,625	-22.02%
Sherman County	3,034	3,276	242	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Smith County	209,714	235,143	25,429	143,428	159,750	16,322	146,031	2,603	Decrease	-13,719	-5.83%
Somervell County	8,490	9,294	804	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Starr County	60,968	64,731	3,763	46,515	49,352	2,837	49,205	2,690	Decrease	-147	-0.23%
Stephens County	9,630	9,570	-60	5,839	5,722	-117	0	-5,839	Decrease	-5,722	-59.79%
Sterling County	1,143	1,252	109	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Stonewall County	1,490	1,523	33	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Sutton County	4,128	4,381	253	3,352	4,381	1,029	0	-3,352	Decrease	-4,381	-100.00%
Swisher County	7,854	7,414	-440	4,903	4,514	-389	0	-4,903	Decrease	-4,514	-60.88%
Tarrant County	1,809,034	2,143,755	334,721	1,785,730	2,116,289	330,559	2,115,744	330,014	Decrease	-545	-0.03%
Taylor County	131,506	139,457	7,951	110,421	117,097	6,676	117,097	6,676	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Terrell County	984	1,054	70	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Terry County	12,651	13,040	389	9,530	9,804	274	0	-9,530	Decrease	-9,804	-75.18%
Throckmorton County	1,641	1,519	-122	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Titus County	32,334	32,953	619	15,987	15,975	-12	15,975	-12	Unchanged	0	0.00%

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Tom Green County	110,224	123,276	13,052	92,984	103,995	11,011	103,995	11,011	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Travis County	1,024,266	1,291,502	267,236	968,305	1,219,367	251,062	1,204,694	236,389	Decrease	-14,673	-1.14%
Trinity County	14,585	14,233	-352	3,320	3,813	493	0	-3,320	Decrease	-3,813	-26.79%
Tyler County	21,766	21,343	-423	4,760	0	-4,760	0	-4,760	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Upshur County	39,309	41,655	2,346	8,137	8,620	483	3,348	-4,789	Decrease	-5,272	-12.66%
Upton County	3,355	3,983	628	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Uvalde County	26,405	27,937	1,532	18,118	19,157	1,039	19,157	1,039	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Val Verde County	48,879	48,253	-626	43,914	43,343	-571	43,343	-571	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Van Zandt County	52,579	55,469	2,890	13,135	14,470	1,335	0	-13,135	Decrease	-14,470	-26.09%
Victoria County	86,793	97,744	10,951	63,683	71,718	8,035	71,718	8,035	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Walker County	67,861	73,997	6,136	36,928	42,246	5,318	42,246	5,318	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Waller County	43,205	50,731	7,526	16,573	21,158	4,585	1,078	-15,495	Decrease	-20,080	-39.58%
Ward County	10,658	13,592	2,934	7,686	9,779	2,093	0	-7,686	Decrease	-9,779	-71.95%
Washington County	33,718	35,155	1,437	15,682	16,051	369	16,051	369	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Webb County	250,304	276,183	25,879	243,797	267,902	24,105	260,103	16,306	Decrease	-7,799	-2.82%
Wharton County	41,280	41,941	661	20,683	20,016	-667	11,264	-9,419	Decrease	-8,752	-20.87%
Wheeler County	5,410	5,783	373	0	0	0	0	0	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Wichita County	131,500	133,138	1,638	117,473	120,711	3,238	110,915	-6,558	Decrease	-9,796	-7.36%
Wilbarger County	13,535	13,038	-497	10,572	8,840	-1,732	0	-10,572	Decrease	-8,840	-67.80%
Willacy County	22,134	22,134	0	14,481	15,528	1,047	15,528	1,047	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Williamson County	422,679	589,914	167,235	372,000	514,063	142,063	514,063	142,063	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Wilson County	42,918	51,802	8,884	6,068	7,027	959	0	-6,068	Decrease	-7,027	-13.57%
Winkler County	7,110	9,295	2,185	5,821	7,562	1,741	0	-5,821	Decrease	-7,562	-81.36%
Wise County	59,127	65,807	6,680	16,492	20,247	3,755	0	-16,492	Decrease	-20,247	-30.77%
Wood County	41,964	45,292	3,328	10,827	11,303	476	0	-10,827	Decrease	-11,303	-24.96%
Yoakum County	7,879	9,225	1,346	4,938	6,287	1,349	0	-4,938	Decrease	-6,287	-68.15%
Young County	18,550	18,712	162	12,323	12,133	-190	0	-12,323	Decrease	-12,133	-64.84%
Zapata County	14,018	14,409	391	10,719	13,154	2,435	13,154	2,435	Unchanged	0	0.00%
Zavala County	11,677	12,682	1,005	7,236	7,747	511	0	-7,236	Decrease	-7,747	-61.09%

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