

How the Suburbs Rank

Rank	Rank in 2006	Suburb	Median Age	Square Miles	Population 2007 estimate	Population Growth 1990-2007	Population Density People per sq. mile	Violent Crimes Per 1,000 Residents	Non-Violent Crime Per 1,000 Residents	Students Passing TAKS	Mean SAT Score	Students Taking SAT/ACT	Instruction Spending Per Student	Average Home Sale Price 2007	Sales Price Change 2005-2007	Owner Occupied Homes	Air Pollution Index Lower is better
1	4	University Park	31.2	3.7	23,150	4%	6,257	0.48	18.79	96%	1188	147%	\$4,453	\$1,245,435	34.5%	59%	105
2	1	Southlake	36.7	22.4	25,700	263%	1,147	0.47	20.97	99% ¹	1119	148%	\$3,944	\$610,684	18.9%	87%	102
3	6	Colleyville	40.0	13.0	22,150	74%	1,704	0.36	12.28	86%	1094	93%	\$4,198	\$522,768	25.9%	90%	103
4	7	Trophy Club	37.0	4.0	7,450	90%	1,863	0.67	7.65	78%	1030	59%	\$4,390	\$295,533	26.4%	78%	103
5	2	Parker	40.8	5.1	3,300	172%	647	0.30	10.61	86%	1149	87%	\$4,541	\$451,834	-0.3%	77%	108
6	5	Highland Park	42.0	2.2	8,600	-2%	3,909	0.93	31.05	96%	1188	147%	\$4,453	\$1,515,541	12.5%	70%	105
7	10	Murphy	33.9	5.2	12,450	705%	2,394	0.56	13.09	86%	1149	87%	\$4,541	\$305,360	12.7%	83%	98
8	3	Highland Village	37.7	6.4	14,650	109%	2,289	1.09	5.12	82%	1087	88%	\$4,478	\$289,028	2.3%	90%	108
9	21	Keller	35.0	18.4	37,700	176%	2,049	0.50	13.66	80%	1037	78%	\$3,535	\$301,539	18.9%	96%	103
10	8	Flower Mound	33.3	43.1	62,350	302%	1,447	0.77	9.83	82%	1087	88%	\$4,478	\$294,269	8.9%	85%	107
11	11	Prosper	32.0	4.3	6,050	494%	1,407	0.00	22.31	83%	1040	82%	\$4,116	\$302,049	5.9%	73%	107
12	26	Oak Point	36.0	5.9	2,450	280%	415	3.27	8.98	70%	987	64%	\$4,194	\$188,773	30.3%	78%	101
13	16	The Colony	30.8	15.7	39,300	78%	2,503	1.50	17.79	82%	1087	88%	\$4,478	\$151,870	8.0%	76%	107
14	12	Coppell	33.5	14.8	39,350	133%	2,659	1.02	18.81	92%	1113	93%	\$4,260	\$291,699	11.3%	71%	109
15	13	Allen	31.4	26.0	76,600	297%	2,946	0.72	22.95	86%	1071	81%	\$3,924	\$223,570	8.4%	77%	99
16	14	Corinth	32.0	7.8	19,450	393%	2,494	0.77	14.76	72% ²	992	66%	\$4,170	\$185,327	5.7%	86%	108
17	9	Hickory Creek	40.0	4.5	2,400	27%	533	4.17	38.75	73% ³	972	64%	\$3,800	\$258,326	23.7%	79%	109
18	38	Roanoke	30.6	6.0	5,700	253%	950	0.88	15.96	78%	1030	59%	\$4,390	\$161,252	17.7%	41%	103
19	30	Sunnyvale	40.7	16.7	3,950	77%	237	2.53	51.14	91% ⁴	986	58%	\$4,214	\$310,575	12.8%	85%	98
20	28	Rockwall	36.6	22.6	30,750	193%	1,361	3.67	26.57	84%	1045	76%	\$3,886	\$211,235	11.3%	68%	99
21	15	Frisco	30.9	70.0	92,100	1,400%	1,316	0.99	29.03	87%	1054	70%	\$4,185	\$292,767	8.8%	68%	104
22	18	Plano	34.1	71.5	255,700	100%	3,576	2.66	31.22	86%	1149	87%	\$4,541	\$262,980	3.5%	62%	102
23	17	Ovilla	38.7	5.7	3,800	88%	667	1.84	9.74	77% ⁵	1029	72%	\$3,961	\$238,447	-0.9%	88%	107
24	25	Grapevine	34.3	35.8	45,550	56%	1,272	1.93	33.26	86%	1094	93%	\$4,198	\$240,467	11.6%	58%	103
25	35	Lewisville	29.8	42.3	91,550	97%	2,164	2.02	30.01	82%	1087	88%	\$4,478	\$192,566	15.3%	44%	108
26	22	McKinney	30.6	58.3	112,000	426%	1,921	2.24	23.17	83%	1056	69%	\$4,014	\$213,169	9.0%	63%	100
27	34	Hurst	36.6	9.8	38,500	15%	3,929	5.30	54.94	80%	1023	63%	\$4,149	\$159,649	4.3%	96%	105
28	19	Heath	39.0	6.9	6,350	201%	920	1.42	13.86	84%	1045	76%	\$3,886	\$440,780	17.6%	83%	103
29	33	Richardson	35.8	28.5	97,700	31%	3,428	2.99	31.85	79%	1066	84%	\$4,462	\$195,892	7.4%	59%	102
30	24	Little Elm	28.1	4.8	21,800	1,637%	4,542	1.28	10.87	69%	963	62%	\$3,848	\$164,696	10.5%	51%	103
31	23	Red Oak	32.6	7.8	9,000	188%	1,154	1.89	30.11	71%	1038	70%	\$4,055	\$143,936	12.9%	57%	111
32	20	Forney	31.9	7.8	11,450	181%	1,468	1.92	25.07	75%	1001	74%	\$3,624	\$157,369	-2.9%	69%	94
33	42	Cedar Hill	31.5	35.2	43,950	120%	1,249	2.34	30.40	58%	903	78%	\$3,809	\$156,553	16.1%	75%	107
34	31	Sachse	31.5	9.8	17,650	230%	1,801	1.19	14.96	69%	1009	60%	\$3,813	\$178,362	10.3%	78%	98
35	37	Carrollton	33.0	36.6	120,150	46%	3,283	1.97	32.38	74%	1059	68%	\$4,419	\$184,564	5.4%	59%	106
36	46	North Richland Hills	35.0	18.2	64,050	40%	3,519	4.23	35.07	68%	1023	58%	\$4,098	\$181,040	13.8%	61%	104
37	29	Rowlett	32.8	20.2	53,750	131%	2,661	1.36	21.71	69%	1009	60%	\$3,813	\$152,940	-4.6%	87%	98
38	40	Farmers Branch	34.7	12.0	28,500	18%	2,375	2.70	50.21	74%	1059	68%	\$4,419	\$159,569	10.5%	61%	106
39	43	Mansfield	32.3	36.4	51,300	229%	1,409	1.60	20.55	72%	997	67%	\$3,697	\$190,132	5.4%	76%	113
40	32	Ennis	31.4	18.3	18,700	35%	1,022	5.56	56.36	67%	1010	52%	\$4,289	\$127,469	-0.2%	55%	99
41	41	Lake Dallas	32.1	2.6	6,850	87%	2,635	2.63	28.18	73%	972	64%	\$3,800	\$139,055	6.0%	57%	108
42	27	Wylie	30.7	33.2	35,400	306%	1,066	1.24	18.08	76%	1008	61%	\$3,685	\$160,054	4.6%	60%	97
43	39	Midlothian	31.2	37.8	13,750	173%	364	1.24	19.56	82%	1019	75%	\$3,867	\$185,814	7.4%	59%	126
44	53	Richland Hills	40.0	3.1	8,300	4%	2,677	2.53	44.22	68%	1023	58%	\$4,098	\$101,678	0.1%	66%	105
45	45	Euless	32.2	16.2	53,400	40%	3,296	2.15	32.38	80%	1023	63%	\$4,149	\$152,497	4.3%	40%	105
46	47	Bedford	36.2	10.0	49,050	12%	4,905	5.26	35.21	80%	1023	63%	\$4,149	\$165,275	3.5%	51%	104
47	57	Glenn Heights	28.5	7.0	11,450	151%	1,636	2.88	25.94	60% ⁶	983	77%	\$4,161	\$119,289	3.3%	52%	104
48	50	DeSoto	36.1	21.5	47,600	56%	2,214	3.47	32.56	49%	927	85%	\$4,267	\$151,715	-1.2%	64%	104
49	48	Dallas	30.5	384.7	1,280,500	27%	3,329	10.35	65.57	54%	855	62%	\$4,556	\$250,895	7.0%	36%	103
50	54	Garland	31.7	57.0	224,750	24%	3,943	3.39	36.68	69%	1009	60%	\$3,813	\$125,458	0.8%	61%	100
51	51	Duncanville	35.8	11.2	38,000	9%	3,393	3.50	38.89	63%	992	62%	\$4,103	\$119,321	0.3%	67%	107
52	52	Mesquite	31.9	43.4	136,750	35%	3,151	4.22	40.53	66%	986	58%	\$4,050	\$107,362	-6.1%	60%	99
53	52	Grand Prairie	30.5	81.4	161,550	62%	1,985	3.76	45.37	58%	961	51%	\$4,055	\$140,616	7.6%	52%	110
54	36	Waxahachie	31.7	41.1	28,000	56%	681	4.21	36.71	73%	989	53%	\$4,057	\$147,254	-9.6%	52%	120
55	55	Lancaster	32.3	29.2	35,050	59%	1,200	5.82	52.61	39%	808	44%	\$4,434	\$111,894	1.9%	59%	101
56	60	Addison	31.6	4.4	15,250	74%	3,466	8.33	71.61	54%	855	62%	\$4,556	\$313,001	16.5%	17%	106
57	56	Arlington	30.7	98.9	364,300	39%	3,684	7.10	57.86	65%	1020	66%	\$4,207	\$137,865	0.3%	48%	109
58	59	Irving	30.3	67.6	205,600	33%	3,041	3.55	43.92	59%	982	51%	\$4,105	\$192,123	5.6%	32%	109
59	58	Seagoville	32.9	16.2	13,250	48%	818	3.40	44.98	54%	855	62%	\$4,556	\$102,318	8.1%	52%	94
60	44	Wilmer	29.0	6.2	9,150	21%	1,476	1.53	12.68	54%	855	62%	\$4,556	\$88,237	-6.2%	39%	96
61	61	Balch Springs	28.4	8.0	19,600	13%	2,450	10.77	64.08	66%	986	58%	\$4,050	\$80,199	-5.7%	50%	96
62	62	Cockrell Hill	24.9	0.5	4,400	18%	8,800	4.09	38.18	54%	855	62%	\$4,556	\$75,300	-0.1%	48%	105
63	49	Hutchins	31.0	8.6	3,000	10%	349	5.67	54.67	54%	855	62%	\$4,556	\$60,800	-47.1%	41%	96

6} HIGHLAND PARK residents will look at this list and see at least five things wrong with it. To them we can only say: get a grip on your crime problem, and stop putting up numbers almost twice as high as University Park's.

21} FRISCO can pat itself on the back for being big and beautiful. Of the 11 cities on our list with populations that exceed 90,000, Frisco ranks highest. This distinction was achieved with no regard to Ikea, whose awesomeness our statisticians could not find a way to quantify.

33} CEDAR HILL climbed nine spots on our ranking, largely because we bumped up its ambiance score. Why? Just ask anyone who has been priced out of North Oak Cliff and instead bought a home near what has become a shopping destination south of Dallas.

NEW} DALLAS has improved. In years past, we couldn't include it, because its statistics were so bad that they would have skewed our weighted scale to the point of uselessness. In comparison, every suburb would have seemed equally perfect.

55} ADDISON has it tough. The town has a small residential population of 15,250 that balloons to about 100,000 during the day, owing to its many office buildings and hotels. But we figure crime rates based on residents, not visitors, so Addison winds up with more crime per 1,000 residents than almost every city on the list (outdone by only Dallas and Balch Springs in violent crime).

1. Statistics from Carroll ISD, where most Southlake kids attend; some, however, go to Grapevine/Colleyville, Keller, or Northwest ISDs. 2. Averaged for Lake Dallas and Denton ISDs. 3. Averaged for Denton and Little Elm ISDs. 4. SAT statistics for Mesquite. Sunnyvale High School will open in 2009; for the upcoming school year, the district goes through 10th grade. 5. Statistics averaged from Red Oak and Midlothian ISDs; some, however, go to Cedar Hill or DeSoto. 6. Statistics averaged from Red Oak and DeSoto ISDs, both districts where Glenn Heights students attend.