

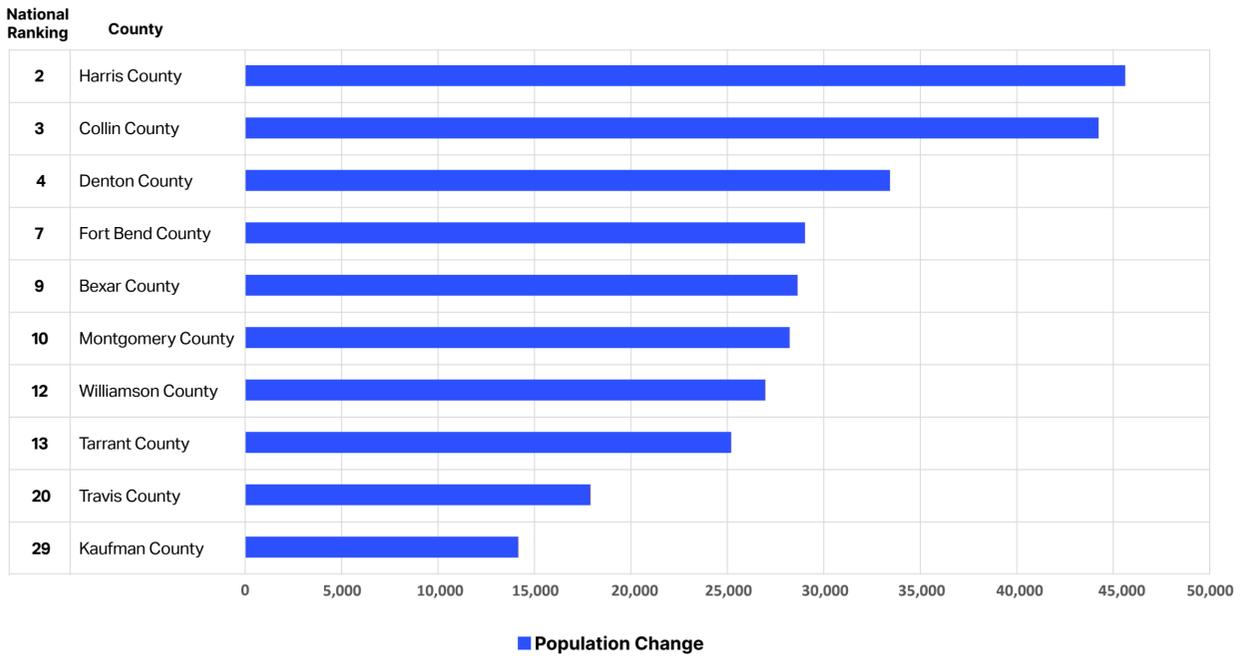


In the Wake of the Pandemic, Texas Population Growth Ranks High in the U.S.

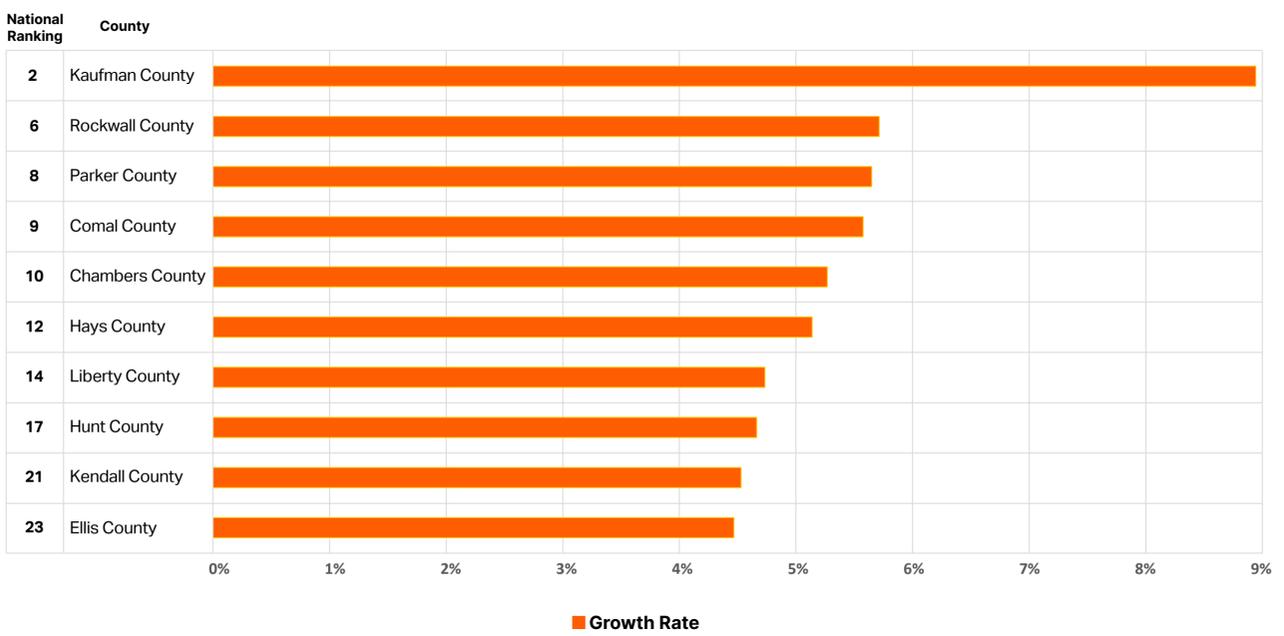
Texas and many of its counties continued with its strong population growth in the wake of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, Texas's population surpassed 30 million (30,029,572) and ranks second in the country behind California. The main driver of Texas population growth in 2022 is domestic migration, accounting for 49% of the state's overall growth.

Six of the top 10 U.S. counties with the largest numerical growth and five of the 10 fastest growing counties are in Texas. Counties that experienced the largest numerical population increase are generally core metropolitan counties while counties with the highest growth rate are suburban ring counties surrounding them. Harris county ranked second in numerical growth and Kaufman county ranked second in growth rate among all counties in the U.S.

Texas Counties with the most numerical growth from 2021 to 2022 and their ranks in the U.S.

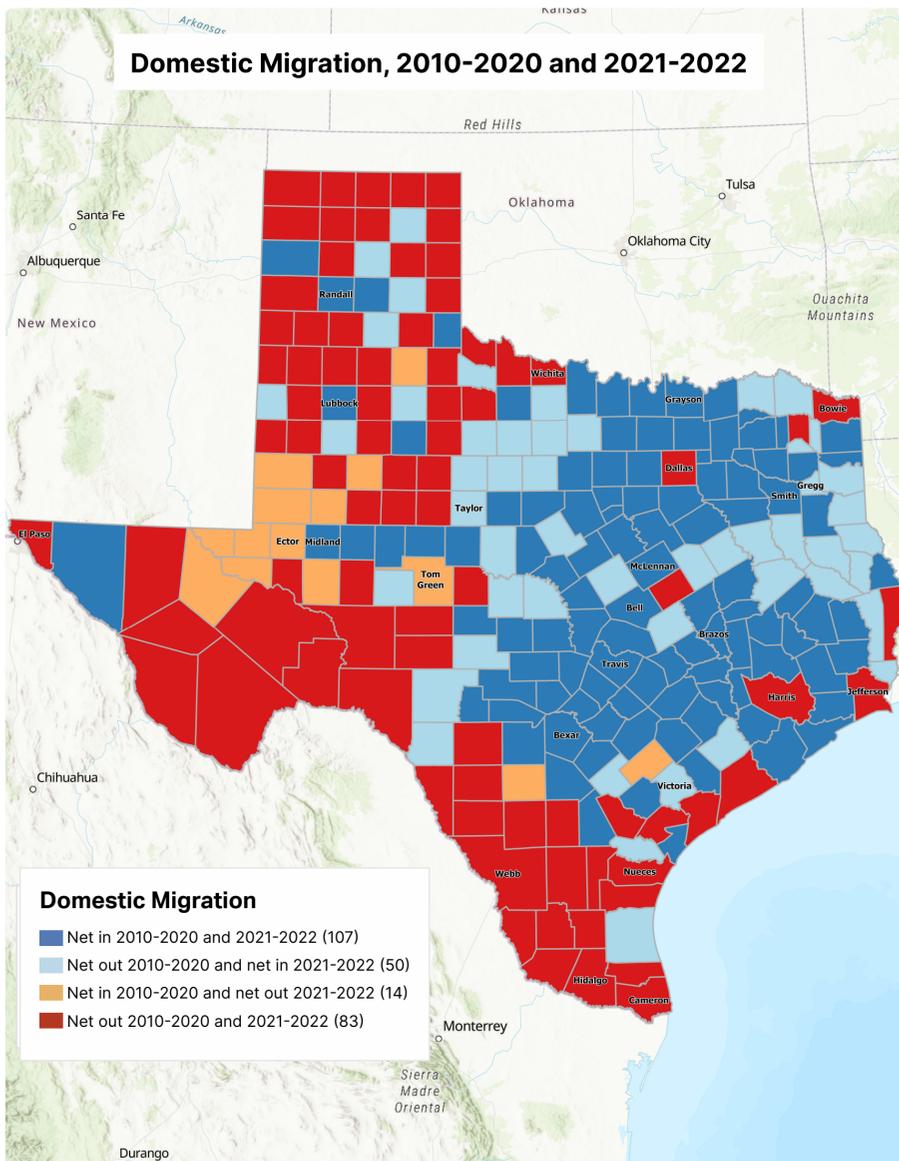


Texas Counties with the fastest growth rate from 2021 to 2022 and their ranks in the U.S.



A number of smaller counties on the edge of the high growth areas that lost population during the decade of 2010-2020, experienced an increase in their population during the height of the pandemic, due to increased domestic migration. However, about a third of them returned to pre-pandemic migration patterns and experienced population loss in 2022.

Some core metropolitan counties experienced stagnant population growth or population decline in the height of the pandemic, largely due to the decrease in international migration. However, in 2022, these counties saw large gains in their population due to increased international migration and a decrease in domestic out-migration. For example, Dallas and Harris counties experienced significant population growth despite a loss in domestic migration in 2022.



To learn more about the drivers for Texas county population growth, use our [interactive map](#).

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2022 Population Estimates