

Municipal Code Enforcement: The 5% Crucial Difference

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Each municipal court in Texas files monthly information with the state Office of Court Administration summarizing its activities. The number of cases filed, disposed and appealed are reported for (a) non-parking traffic violations; (b) parking tickets; (c) state law violations; and, (d) municipal code violations.

This data can be accessed at www.dm.courts.state.tx.us/oca/reportselection.aspx .

Combined, Texas municipal courts reported cases having been filed in the first six months of 2008 (between January 1 and June 30) as follows:

- (a) 2,981,383 non-parking traffic violations [72% of all cases filed];
- (b) 429,463 parking ticket violations [10% of total];
- (c) 527,602 state law violations [13%]; and,
- (d) 207,804 municipal code violations [5%].

Adding all four categories together, the OCA reports that Texas municipal courts processed 4,146,252 new filings of cases in all categories in the first six months of 2008, for a run-rate of about 8.3 million cases a year.

During the six months reviewed, Texas municipal courts reported to the OCA that they had collected revenues totaling \$392,878,929; no data is shown for municipal fines that went uncollected.

Overall in the state, the municipal courts disposed the 2,981,383 non-parking traffic offenses at a rate of 91% during the period.

During this reporting period, 18,714,108 of the state's 23,904,380 residents [78%] lived in communities protected by municipal codes.

Although municipal courts take all cases filed seriously, whatever their category, the truth is that Texas municipal courts are primarily traffic-related sources of city revenue. Municipal code cases generally take longer to resolve and are simply not the courts' primary business, composing only 5% of all cases statewide.

However, these cases are the 5% that make the difference between a city being a great place to live or a pig sty, virtually unfit for human habitation. For without effective code enforcement we simply couldn't live close together in municipalities in a healthy manner.

Focus on Code Enforcement Between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008

Recently we examined this data concentrating on municipal code violations. A total of 918 Texas cities, some with multiple municipal courts, reported activity to OCA during

the period. Of these, 755 reported that at least one municipal code case had been filed during this period. The city with the greatest number of cases filed was, understandably, Houston (49,466 code violation cases filed in the six months). In addition to the 163 cities with municipal court activity reporting no new municipal code cases, many reported just a few new code filings.

The statewide disposal rate for municipal code violations during the period was 74%. Some cases disposed during the period were filed in earlier periods, while some cases filed this period will linger forward for final resolution. However, since the period under review covers six months, many cases were both filed and disposed during this period. A few cities reported having disposed many more cases than filed. This could result from reporting errors, clearing backlogs of old cases, or other reasons.

Nevertheless, one can review the disposal rate for some measure of process effectiveness for a particular city. For instance, during this period Dallas reported 19,274 municipal code cases being filed and 9,982 being disposed, for a disposal rate of 52%. Allowing for the timing differences mentioned in the preceding paragraph, it would still appear that Dallas's backlog of un-disposed cases grew significantly during the period. A useful exercise for a particular city would be to chart its activities through time, using the five years of data on the OCA online site.

Comparing Apples to Apples on Filing Rates

In order to compare the relative activity of the reporting cities, we followed the same approach used by the Department of Public Safety in preparing its annual Uniform Crime Report of index (major) crimes: we re-calculated the raw information for each city as if the city had a theoretical population of 100,000.

For example, if a city had an actual population of 50,000 and reported 530 municipal code filings during the six months, we doubled its theoretical population to 100,000 and doubled its theoretical "filing rate" of code filings to 1,060. If a city had an actual population of 200,000 and had filed 2,020 violations during the six months, each of these was proportionately reduced to a theoretical population of 100,000 and a filing rate of 1,010 cases filed. We did this for all 755 cities reporting municipal code enforcement.

Comparing the activities of cities located in the same county or region may be a useful exercise. Consider these two cities in north Texas located within the same county and about ten miles apart:

	<u>Population*</u>	<u>Cases Filed*</u>	<u>Filing Rate Per 100,000**</u>	<u>Cases Disposed*</u>	<u>Disposal Rate*</u>
Sherman	37,710	1,651	4,378	1,349	81.7%
Denison	24,103	255	1,058	226	88.6%
* From Office of Court Administration data			** TIDRC Calculated Value		

In this example, one thing that immediately stands out is that both of these communities move code cases through their municipal courts at a great rate, better than the state average.

The real point, however, is in understanding why Sherman processed over four times the number of code violations during the reporting period as did Denison, when the production of each community is calculated on an equal “per 100,000 population” basis. Why similar cities differ widely in their rates of filing code violations may be difficult to identify. However, several possible reasons come to mind:

1. Possible enforcement staff size differences;
2. Officer training and experience differences;
3. Officer-perceived ease of working with court;
4. Scope of duties assigned to enforcement officers;
5. Performance expectations placed on officers;
6. Municipal policies on filing citations vs. issuing warnings;
7. Historical approach to code enforcement (i.e., traditional “hands off” areas);
8. Differences in municipal leadership approaches;
9. Whether violations are filed on commercial properties or residential only;
10. Major reporting errors and omissions; and,
11. Other factors.

Now, from personal experience I can assure the reader that both Denison and Sherman are absolutely wonderful communities. They each have their strengths and weaknesses, but are both fine places to live. However, they do have different approaches to the use of code enforcement, as suggested by the statistics. Understanding the basis for these differences, and re-examining the underlying values that have produced these differences, can only be beneficial to their citizens.

Finally, we’d just like to say that there’s not a “right” level of code enforcement for a particular city anywhere in the state. Municipal code enforcement (along with local enforcement of state anti-pollution criminal laws, health department activities and the use of civil suits by municipal governments under their Texas Water Code Section 7.351 powers) is an important part of overall coordinated enforcement efforts to keep a community clean, healthy and prosperous. In fact, because of the volume of cases involved, code enforcement is the leading source of local government efforts to produce a clean environment for citizens. It is the “5% crucial difference” that makes one community a wonderful place to live and renders another uninhabitable.

If you have comments on this paper or wish to discuss this data in any way ... including completing the list of factors affecting enforcement rates ..., please contact John Ockels, Ph.D., Texas Illegal Dumping Resource Center, ockels@tidrc.org.

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<u>City</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Per 100,000 Pop</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>% Disposed</u>
Abernathy	2,756	3	109	3	100%
Abilene	116,219	659	567	615	93%
Addison	13,873	38	274	24	63%
Alamo	16,476	7	42	0	0%
Alamo Heights	7,438	521	7,005	263	50%
Alba	492	0	-	0	-
Albany	1,830	2	109	1	50%
Aledo	2,754	0	-	0	-
Alice	19,759	151	764	50	33%
Allen	77,644	144	185	72	50%
Alpine	6,190	4	65	0	0%
Alto	1,187	2	168	2	100%
Alton	10,542	8	76	7	88%
Alvarado	4,097	87	2,124	60	69%
Alvin	22,688	132	582	103	78%
Alvord	1,419	2	141	1	50%
Amarillo	186,106	2,129	1,144	1,819	85%
Amherst	735	5	680	5	100%
Andrews	9,693	105	1,083	41	39%
Angleton	18,640	78	418	78	100%
Anna	1,889	11	582	7	64%
Anson	2,322	20	861	0	0%
Anthony	4,117	23	559	26	113%
Anton	1,135	2	176	0	0%
Aransas Pass	8,864	44	496	32	73%
Archer City	1,810	0	-	0	-
Arcola	1,232	2	162	3	150%
Argyle	3,395	2	59	2	100%
Arlington	371,038	3,481	938	1,927	55%
Arp	952	29	3,046	12	41%
Athens	12,260	103	840	83	81%
Atlanta	5,513	79	1,433	57	72%
Aubrey	2,651	8	302	6	75%
Aurora	1,010	0	-	0	-
Austin	743,074	8,435	1,135	3,660	43%
Austin Community	743,074	3,323	447	3,049	92%
Avinger	442	0	-	0	-
Azle	11,164	60	537	59	98%
Baird	1,663	12	722	3	25%
Balch Springs	19,963	244	1,222	151	62%
Balcones Heights	2,976	57	1,915	23	40%
Ballinger	3,774	28	742	23	82%
Bandera	1,208	44	3,642	35	80%
Bangs	1,594	2	125	2	100%
Bardwell	631	3	475	1	33%
Bartlett	1,718	6	349	2	33%

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Bartonville	1,540	17	1,104	11	65%
Bastrop	7,823	347	4,436	177	51%
Bay City	17,805	166	932	130	78%
Bayou Vista	1,691	3	177	7	233%
Bayside	354	1	282	1	100%
Baytown	70,135	747	1,065	440	59%
Beaumont	109,579	1,810	1,652	1,324	73%
Bedford	48,985	168	343	171	102%
Bee Cave, City of	2,534	5	197	2	40%
Beeville	12,736	97	762	85	88%
Bellaire	18,012	60	333	52	87%
Bellmead	9,554	164	1,717	204	124%
Bells	1,316	37	2,812	12	32%
Bellville	4,374	6	137	6	100%
Belton	17,330	50	289	47	94%
Benbrook	22,691	69	304	53	77%
Berryville	968	0	-	0	-
Bertram	1,371	12	875	9	75%
Beverly Hills	2,056	17	827	14	82%
Bevil Oaks	1,227	2	163	1	50%
Big Lake	2,639	0	-	0	-
Big Sandy	1,346	20	1,486	3	15%
Big Spring	24,075	209	868	231	111%
Bishop	3,150	18	571	12	67%
Blanco	1,593	5	314	3	60%
Bloomburg	362	0	-	0	-
Blooming Grove	929	22	2,368	24	109%
Blue Mound	2,361	74	3,134	58	78%
Boerne	9,414	35	372	28	80%
Bogata	1,269	1	79	2	200%
Bonham	10,594	89	840	68	76%
Booker	1,304	14	1,074	16	114%
Borger	12,901	66	512	58	88%
Bovina	1,736	1	58	1	100%
Bowie	5,546	113	2,038	31	27%
Boyd	1,324	2	151	3	150%
Brady	5,278	30	568	13	43%
Brazoria	2,974	35	1,177	13	37%
Breckenridge	5,606	48	856	36	75%
Bremond	863	0	-	0	-
Brenham	15,098	61	404	59	97%
Briarcliff	888	2	225	2	100%
Briaroaks	531	0	-	0	-
Bridge City	8,561	36	421	28	78%
Bridgeport	6,010	44	732	40	91%
Bronte	974	4	411	6	150%

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Brookshire	3,895	14	359	14	100%
Brookside Village	2,000	5	250	1	20%
Brownfield	9,001	57	633	77	135%
Brownsboro	840	23	2,738	12	52%
Brownsville	172,806	570	330	653	115%
Brownwood	19,571	36	184	27	75%
Bruceville-Eddy	1,538	12	780	5	42%
Bryan	72,015	704	978	584	83%
Buda	5,595	25	447	18	72%
Buffalo	1,927	2	104	0	0%
Buffalo Springs	484	0	-	1	-
Bullard	1,748	7	400	0	0%
Bulverde	4,575	10	219	30	300%
Bunker Hill	3,807	4	105	5	125%
Burkburnett	10,554	70	663	35	50%
Burleson	33,359	245	734	101	41%
Burnet	5,706	38	666	29	76%
Burton	369	0	-	0	-
Cactus	2,595	2	77	1	50%
Caddo Mills	1,205	2	166	5	250%
Caldwell	3,727	30	805	2	7%
Calvert	1,368	0	-	0	-
Cameron	5,758	18	313	7	39%
Camp Wood	808	0	-	0	-
Canadian	2,212	0	-	0	-
Caney City	257	0	-	0	-
Canton	3,624	42	1,159	35	83%
Canyon	14,077	13	92	13	100%
Carrizo Springs	5,377	9	167	10	111%
Carrollton	123,799	630	509	626	99%
Carthage	6,605	11	167	8	73%
Castle Hills	4,178	120	2,872	8	7%
Castroville	3,027	12	396	18	150%
Cedar Hill	44,422	306	689	187	61%
Cedar Park	58,099	248	427	140	56%
Celeste	871	6	689	5	83%
Celina	5,264	1	19	3	300%
Center	5,764	87	1,509	62	71%
Chandler	2,592	2	77	2	100%
Channing	329	0	-	0	-
Charlotte	1,788	0	-	0	-
Chico	1,065	16	1,502	7	44%
Childress	6,528	0	-	0	-
Chillicothe	712	1	140	0	0%
China Grove	1,290	5	388	10	200%
Cibolo	12,385	107	864	105	98%

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Cisco	3,769	140	3,715	13	9%
Clarendon	2,031	3	148	2	67%
Clarksville	3,508	79	2,252	25	32%
Clarksville City	842	0	-	0	-
Claude	1,263	0	-	0	-
Clear Lake Shores	1,286	21	1,633	7	33%
Cleburne	29,552	228	772	224	98%
Cleveland	7,995	28	350	33	118%
Clifton	3,609	23	637	23	100%
Clint	975	0	-	0	-
Clute	10,738	72	671	386	536%
Clyde	3,729	36	965	24	67%
Cockrell Hill	4,293	52	1,211	25	48%
Coffee City	207	0	-	0	-
Coleman	4,675	34	727	24	71%
College Station	80,315	152	189	164	108%
Colleyville	23,902	55	230	27	49%
Collinsville	1,491	10	671	17	170%
Colorado City	3,921	89	2,270	67	75%
Columbus	3,904	21	538	13	62%
Comanche	4,223	89	2,108	54	61%
Combes	2,833	10	353	1	10%
Combine	2,089	0	-	0	-
Commerce	9,279	65	701	54	83%
Como	653	0	-	0	-
Conroe	52,516	143	272	158	110%
Converse	15,471	122	789	103	84%
Coolidge	869	1	115	0	0%
Cooper	2,143	0	-	0	-
Coppell	39,192	89	227	83	93%
Copper Canyon	1,447	0	-	0	-
Copperas Cove	30,027	558	1,858	460	82%
Corinth	20,411	79	387	41	52%
Corpus Christi	285,507	2,975	1,042	1,927	65%
Corrigan	1,887	17	901	28	165%
Corsicana	26,463	351	1,326	416	119%
Cottonwood Shores	1,164	4	344	8	200%
Cotulla	3,613	10	277	6	60%
Covington	301	0	-	0	-
Crandall	3,671	3	82	5	167%
Crane	3,061	12	392	15	125%
Crawford	790	8	1,013	5	63%
Crockett	6,906	0	-	0	-
Crosbyton	1,641	3	183	2	67%
Cross Plains	1,113	0	-	2	-
Cross Roads	680	0	-	0	-

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Cross Timber	299	0	-	0	-
Crowell	996	1	100	0	0%
Crowley	11,960	84	702	102	121%
Crystal City	7,133	7	98	10	143%
Cuero	6,465	78	1,206	49	63%
Cumby	672	2	298	15	750%
Cuney	148	0	-	0	-
Cut and Shoot	1,233	0	-	0	-
Daingerfield	2,480	45	1,815	181	402%
Daisetta	1,081	4	370	3	75%
Dalhart	6,923	74	1,069	45	61%
Dallas	1,240,499	19,274	1,554	9,982	52%
Dalworthington	2,402	8	333	13	163%
Danbury	1,674	6	358	9	150%
Dawson	904	0	-	0	-
Dayton	7,314	791	10,815	205	26%
Dayton Lakes	105	0	-	0	-
De Kalb	1,803	8	444	7	88%
De Leon	2,356	17	722	14	82%
Decatur	6,275	92	1,466	134	146%
Deer Park	30,628	180	588	117	65%
Del Rio	36,582	438	1,197	201	46%
Denison	24,103	255	1,058	226	89%
Denton	115,506	1,343	1,163	1,111	83%
Denver City	4,010	32	798	43	134%
DeSoto	46,857	702	1,498	458	65%
Devine	4,467	9	201	2	22%
Diboll	5,541	73	1,317	21	29%
Dickinson	17,796	239	1,343	88	37%
Dilley	3,600	0	-	0	-
Dimmitt	3,744	202	5,395	6	3%
Dish, City of	174	1	575	0	0%
Dodd City	440	0	-	0	-
Domino	50	0	-	0	-
Donna	16,771	21	125	6	29%
Double Oak	3,218	0	-	0	-
Dripping Springs	1,772	1	56	1	100%
Driscoll	805	2	248	2	100%
Dublin	3,815	31	813	26	84%
Dumas	13,706	462	3,371	223	48%
Duncanville	36,209	621	1,715	390	63%
Eagle Lake	3,681	15	407	12	80%
Eagle Pass	26,285	65	247	64	98%
Early	2,754	2	73	3	150%
Earth	1,027	0	-	0	-
East Bernard	2,225	0	-	0	-

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East Mountain	622	6	965	3	50%
East Tawakoni	962	5	520	3	60%
Eastland	3,903	14	359	17	121%
Easton	554	0	-	0	-
Ector	627	0	-	0	-
Edcouch	4,368	0	-	0	-
Eden	2,377	0	-	0	-
Edgecliff Village	2,543	9	354	7	78%
Edgewood	1,435	4	279	2	50%
Edinburg	68,724	32	47	17	53%
Edna	5,798	46	793	33	72%
El Campo	10,649	159	1,493	121	76%
El Cenizo	3,572	0	-	0	-
El Lago	2,974	25	841	18	72%
El Paso	606,913	9,692	1,597	12,160	125%
Eldorado	1,850	0	-	0	-
Electra	2,947	4	136	0	0%
Elgin	9,813	56	571	32	57%
Elkhart	1,275	20	1,569	0	0%
Elmendorf	764	0	-	0	-
Elsa	6,635	76	1,145	14	18%
Emory	1,486	4	269	5	125%
Enchanted Oaks	424	0	-	0	-
Ennis	19,251	148	769	55	37%
Escobares	1,304	0	-	0	-
Estelline	158	22	13,924	40	182%
Eules	52,337	161	308	170	106%
Eustace	931	5	537	3	60%
Evant	367	0	-	0	-
Everman	5,757	120	2,084	62	52%
Fair Oaks Ranch	6,153	62	1,008	17	27%
Fairfield	3,586	2	56	2	100%
Fairview	7,692	18	234	7	39%
Falfurrias	4,969	84	1,690	42	50%
Falls City	593	0	-	0	-
Farmers Branch	26,486	313	1,182	288	92%
Farmersville	3,433	27	786	19	70%
Farwell	1,274	2	157	2	100%
Fate	4,727	17	360	30	176%
Ferris	2,498	125	5,004	13	10%
Flatonina	1,426	1	70	1	100%
Florence	1,117	4	358	11	275%
Floresville	7,387	6	81	4	67%
Flower Mound	68,337	504	738	399	79%
Floydada	3,152	32	1,015	26	81%
Follett	404	0	-	0	-

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Forest Hill	13,816	285	2,063	56	20%
Forney	14,154	22	155	18	82%
Fort Stockton	7,347	25	340	19	76%
Fort Worth	681,818	10,147	1,488	7,779	77%
Franklin	1,456	1	69	1	100%
Frankston	1,231	0	-	0	-
Fredericksburg	10,873	33	304	32	97%
Freeport	12,557	225	1,792	158	70%
Freer	2,979	0	-	0	-
Friendswood	33,486	173	517	165	95%
Friona	3,602	7	194	8	114%
Frisco	88,529	344	389	517	150%
Fritch	2,018	29	1,437	28	97%
Frost	723	0	-	0	-
Fulshear	957	0	-	0	-
Gainesville	16,532	373	2,256	276	74%
Galena Park	10,280	88	856	102	116%
Galveston	56,940	2,218	3,895	1,295	58%
Ganado	1,834	1	55	0	0%
Garden Ridge	2,946	6	204	4	67%
Garland	218,792	2,149	982	1,897	88%
Garrett	474	12	2,532	4	33%
Garrison	858	1	117	0	0%
Gatesville	15,205	45	296	23	51%
George West	2,266	10	441	11	110%
Georgetown	46,867	157	335	457	291%
Giddings	5,433	17	313	15	88%
Gilmer	5,208	35	672	18	51%
Gladewater	6,289	48	763	74	154%
Glen Rose	2,771	11	397	17	155%
Glenn Heights	10,808	279	2,581	219	78%
Godley	1,010	0	-	1	-
Gonzales	7,359	47	639	35	74%
Goodrich	269	0	-	0	-
Gordon	463	0	-	0	-
Gorman	1,242	10	805	2	20%
Graham	8,518	53	622	40	75%
Granbury	8,029	31	386	31	100%
Grand Prairie	158,422	1,385	874	1,002	72%
Grand Saline	3,202	13	406	1	8%
Grandview	1,550	10	645	14	140%
Granger	1,350	2	148	0	0%
Granite Shoals	2,778	20	720	20	100%
Grapeland	1,384	0	-	0	-
Grapevine	50,113	402	802	255	63%
Greenville	25,674	543	2,115	479	88%

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Gregory	2,222	1	45	0	0%
Grey Forest	440	3	682	1	33%
Groesbeck	4,296	79	1,839	64	81%
Groom	568	0	-	1	-
Groves	14,467	28	194	48	171%
Groveton	1,119	10	894	12	120%
Gun Barrel City	5,989	158	2,638	223	141%
Gunter	1,327	7	528	1	14%
Hackberry	588	4	680	0	0%
Hale Center	2,151	41	1,906	26	63%
Hallettsville	2,507	7	279	7	100%
Hallsville	2,973	6	202	3	50%
Haltom City	40,111	784	1,955	611	78%
Hamilton	2,984	1	34	3	300%
Hamlin	1,923	0	-	0	-
Happy	609	0	-	0	-
Hardin	792	0	-	0	-
Harker Heights	24,546	188	766	127	68%
Harlingen	64,221	2,546	3,964	2,476	97%
Hart	1,042	0	-	0	-
Haskell	2,641	16	606	19	119%
Haslet	1,483	0	-	1	-
Hawk Cove	615	15	2,439	6	40%
Hawkins	1,508	8	531	4	50%
Hawley	580	3	517	0	0%
Hearne	4,611	9	195	4	44%
Heath	7,402	8	108	17	213%
Hedwig Village	2,352	9	383	7	78%
Helotes	6,681	3	45	6	200%
Hemphill	1,037	6	579	4	67%
Hempstead	7,223	7	97	22	314%
Henderson	11,599	41	353	21	51%
Henrietta	3,262	17	521	12	71%
Hereford	14,455	175	1,211	106	61%
Hewitt	13,473	37	275	30	81%
Hickory Creek	3,613	122	3,377	118	97%
Hico	1,339	3	224	2	67%
Hidalgo	11,623	35	301	27	77%
Highland Park	9,076	320	3,526	393	123%
Highland Village	16,406	134	817	105	78%
Hill Country Village	1,100	3	273	7	233%
Hillsboro	8,908	129	1,448	213	165%
Hilshire Village	737	0	-	0	-
Hitchcock	7,160	55	768	27	49%
Holiday Lakes	1,098	0	-	0	-
Holland	1,129	7	620	0	0%

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Holliday	1,778	1	56	1	100%
Hollywood Park	3,268	43	1,316	25	58%
Hondo	8,902	73	820	115	158%
Honey Grove	1,826	0	-	0	-
Hooks	2,938	4	136	6	150%
Horizon City	12,165	111	912	79	71%
Horseshoe Bay	2,479	19	766	14	74%
Houston	2,208,180	49,466	2,240	26,955	54%
Howardwick	445	2	449	2	100%
Howe	2,703	35	1,295	9	26%
Hubbard	1,749	6	343	8	133%
Hudson	4,231	24	567	1	4%
Hudson Oaks	1,948	1	51	0	0%
Hughes Springs	1,839	9	489	4	44%
Humble	14,977	287	1,916	225	78%
Hunters Creek Village	4,539	4	88	2	50%
Huntington	2,103	18	856	1	6%
Huntsville	37,747	139	368	129	93%
Hurst	38,435	271	705	267	99%
Hutchins	3,070	141	4,593	116	82%
Hutto	11,889	93	782	69	74%
Idalou	2,107	13	617	8	62%
Indian Lake	556	0	-	0	-
Ingleside	9,060	52	574	66	127%
Ingram	1,891	16	846	12	75%
Iowa Park	6,311	27	428	23	85%
Iraan	1,171	22	1,879	20	91%
Irving	199,505	1,289	646	922	72%
Italy	2,121	20	943	12	60%
Itasca	1,654	43	2,600	16	37%
Jacinto City	9,987	102	1,021	148	145%
Jacksboro	4,516	80	1,771	24	30%
Jacksonville	14,253	118	828	123	104%
Jamaica Beach	1,103	15	1,360	11	73%
Jarrell	1,425	16	1,123	6	38%
Jasper	7,276	60	825	46	77%
Jefferson	1,954	43	2,201	33	77%
Jersey Village	7,252	136	1,875	120	88%
Jewett	928	9	970	1	11%
Joaquin	946	0	-	0	-
Johnson City	1,528	1	65	2	200%
Jones Creek	2,110	6	284	10	167%
Jonestown	2,369	37	1,562	40	108%
Josephine	881	14	1,589	22	157%
Joshua	5,640	38	674	41	108%
Jourdanton	4,295	3	70	10	333%

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Junction	2,576	50	1,941	43	86%
Justin	3,320	35	1,054	65	186%
Karnes City	3,357	59	1,758	8	14%
Katy	13,833	50	361	91	182%
Kaufman	8,505	37	435	7	19%
Keene	6,301	48	762	19	40%
Keller	38,082	58	152	40	69%
Kemah	2,464	17	690	17	100%
Kemp	1,281	114	8,899	0	0%
Kempner	1,164	0	-	1	-
Kenedy	3,329	52	1,562	40	77%
Kenefick	707	0	-	0	-
Kennedale	6,976	14	201	300	2143%
Kerens	1,822	11	604	6	55%
Kermit	5,136	139	2,706	100	72%
Kerrville	22,661	39	172	25	64%
Kilgore	12,024	94	782	63	67%
Killeen	112,434	3,373	3,000	2,522	75%
Kingsville	24,391	184	754	79	43%
Kirby	8,580	30	350	29	97%
Kirbyville	1,963	2	102	0	0%
Knox City	1,014	5	493	5	100%
Kosse	510	1	196	0	0%
Kountze	2,161	83	3,841	85	102%
Kress	772	2	259	2	100%
Krugerville	1,654	2	121	0	0%
Krum	4,009	22	549	18	82%
Kyle	23,905	127	531	63	50%
La Coste	1,394	7	502	7	100%
La Feria	6,959	50	718	47	94%
La Grange	4,668	1	21	2	200%
La Grulla	1,827	0	-	0	-
La Joya	4,724	11	233	8	73%
La Marque	14,030	471	3,357	284	60%
La Porte	34,261	228	665	234	103%
La Vernia	1,181	7	593	0	0%
La Villa	1,439	0	-	0	-
La Ward	193	1	518	2	200%
Lacy-Lakeview	5,854	48	820	40	83%
Ladonia	693	0	-	0	-
Lago Vista	6,092	66	1,083	64	97%
Laguna Vista	2,843	3	106	4	133%
Lake Bridgeport	445	3	674	1	33%
Lake City	515	0	-	0	-
Lake Dallas	7,541	48	637	54	113%
Lake Jackson	27,467	108	393	94	87%

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Lake Tanglewood	878	0	-	0	-
Lake Worth	4,773	81	1,697	56	69%
Lakeport	951	2	210	4	200%
Lakeside	1,294	1	77	4	400%
Lakeside City	1,026	0	-	0	-
Lakeway	10,627	82	772	87	106%
Lakewood Village	387	0	-	0	-
Lamesa	8,998	31	345	29	94%
Lampasas	7,867	21	267	21	100%
Lancaster	35,213	291	826	270	93%
Laredo	217,506	2,566	1,180	1,586	62%
Lavon	418	3	718	2	67%
League City	68,178	271	397	273	101%
Leander	23,523	89	378	65	73%
Lefors	558	12	2,151	11	92%
Leon Valley	10,047	75	746	37	49%
Leonard	2,082	6	288	3	50%
Levelland	12,445	86	691	64	74%
Lewisville	98,147	285	290	227	80%
Lexington	1,232	7	568	4	57%
Liberty	8,382	34	406	12	35%
Liberty Hill	1,511	0	-	0	-
Lindale	4,579	20	437	18	90%
Linden	2,142	12	560	9	75%
Lindsay	993	1	101	1	100%
Lipan	495	0	-	0	-
Little Elm	23,884	158	662	193	122%
Little River - Academy	1,630	0	-	0	-
Littlefield	6,075	60	988	40	67%
Live Oak	12,471	88	706	75	85%
Liverpool	423	5	1,182	1	20%
Livingston	6,251	47	752	32	68%
Llano	3,263	21	644	5	24%
Lockhart	13,613	116	852	211	182%
Lockney	1,728	0	-	0	-
Log Cabin	795	53	6,667	35	66%
Lometa	889	0	-	0	-
Lone Oak	566	0	-	0	-
Lone Star	1,608	20	1,244	15	75%
Longview	76,816	913	1,189	773	85%
Lorraine	607	1	165	0	0%
Lorena	1,671	19	1,137	22	116%
Lorenzo	1,208	1	83	0	0%
Los Fresnos	5,361	22	410	16	73%
Lott	668	6	898	3	50%
Lubbock	217,326	2,164	996	2,051	95%

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Lucas	4,710	0	-	5	-
Lufkin	34,070	187	549	297	159%
Luling	5,439	124	2,280	101	81%
Lumberton	10,084	23	228	34	148%
Lytle	2,740	3	109	1	33%
Mabank	2,872	15	522	10	67%
Madisonville	4,366	18	412	13	72%
Magnolia	1,247	12	962	8	67%
Malakoff	2,323	1	43	1	100%
Malone	300	0	-	0	-
Manor	3,263	22	674	80	364%
Mansfield	44,061	183	415	142	78%
Manvel	5,002	27	540	16	59%
Marble Falls	7,291	44	603	21	48%
Marfa	1,887	6	318	1	17%
Marion	1,142	18	1,576	17	94%
Marlin	6,019	30	498	24	80%
Marshall	23,872	251	1,051	210	84%
Mart	2,553	20	783	19	95%
Martindale	1,127	6	532	6	100%
Mason	2,224	1	45	1	100%
Matador	666	0	-	0	-
Mathis	5,336	5	94	4	80%
Maud	1,017	2	197	1	50%
Maypearl	917	17	1,854	5	29%
McAllen	127,245	507	398	559	110%
McCamey	1,592	0	-	0	-
McGregor	4,872	23	472	29	126%
McKinney	115,620	803	695	489	61%
McLendon-Chisholm	1,001	0	-	0	-
Meadowlakes	1,834	5	273	6	120%
Meadows Place	6,461	19	294	19	100%
Megargel	250	0	-	0	-
Melissa	3,831	45	1,175	32	71%
Memphis	2,255	5	222	14	280%
Menard	1,493	0	-	0	-
Mercedes	14,943	41	274	23	56%
Meridian	1,511	3	199	0	0%
Merkel	2,626	10	381	6	60%
Mertzon	826	3	363	5	167%
Mesquite	131,738	1,741	1,322	1,773	102%
Mexia	6,606	58	878	44	76%
Midland	103,880	428	412	426	100%
Midlothian	15,632	108	691	111	103%
Milano	414	0	-	0	-
Milford	739	6	812	0	0%

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Mineola	5,120	45	879	30	67%
Mineral Wells	16,821	215	1,278	116	54%
Mission	65,310	334	511	190	57%
Missouri City	74,002	333	450	424	127%
Monahans	6,334	88	1,389	66	75%
Mont Belvieu	2,637	5	190	0	0%
Montgomery	576	5	868	5	100%
Moody	1,412	5	354	2	40%
Morgan's Point	346	23	6,647	14	61%
Morgan's Point Resort	4,331	65	1,501	39	60%
Morton	1,835	0	-	0	-
Moulton	959	6	626	0	0%
Mount Enterprise	539	7	1,299	4	57%
Mount Pleasant	14,770	140	948	113	81%
Mount Vernon	2,805	55	1,961	87	158%
Muenster	1,649	1	61	1	100%
Muleshoe	4,321	21	486	8	38%
Munday	1,252	5	399	11	220%
Murphy	13,891	112	806	66	59%
Mustang Ridge	924	13	1,407	4	31%
Nacogdoches	32,006	109	341	141	129%
Naples	1,420	0	-	0	-
Nash	2,395	5	209	4	80%
Nassau Bay	4,071	35	860	22	63%
Natalia	1,844	15	813	0	0%
Navasota	7,438	75	1,008	50	67%
Nazareth	319	0	-	0	-
Nederland	16,178	73	451	68	93%
Needville	3,434	10	291	6	60%
New Boston	4,650	81	1,742	75	93%
New Braunfels	51,804	842	1,625	631	75%
New Deal	740	6	811	8	133%
New Fairview	1,023	0	-	1	-
New Hope, Town of	710	0	-	0	-
New London	1,020	0	-	0	-
New Summerfield	1,024	5	488	8	160%
Newark	1,055	54	5,118	37	69%
Newton	2,277	7	307	6	86%
Nixon	2,195	0	-	0	-
Nocona	3,244	21	647	40	190%
Nolanville	2,743	294	10,718	172	59%
Nooday	566	0	-	0	-
Normangee	768	0	-	0	-
North Richland Hills	64,408	123	191	108	88%
Northlake	1,174	1	85	4	400%
O'Donnell	924	4	433	4	100%

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Oak Leaf	1,454	0	-	0	-
Oak Point	2,856	27	945	17	63%
Oak Ridge North	3,383	46	1,360	22	48%
Oak Ridge, Town of	617	7	1,135	3	43%
Odem	2,514	13	517	10	77%
Odessa	96,824	1,276	1,318	1,104	87%
Old River-Winfree	1,662	2	120	0	0%
Olmos Park	2,308	31	1,343	27	87%
Olney	3,265	38	1,164	11	29%
Olton	2,197	44	2,003	9	20%
Omaha	994	2	201	2	100%
Onalaska	1,487	6	403	7	117%
Orange	17,425	171	981	101	59%
Orange Grove	1,407	0	-	0	-
Ore City	1,175	13	1,106	8	62%
Overton	2,358	52	2,205	46	88%
Ovilla	3,901	11	282	3	27%
Oyster Creek	1,243	108	8,689	56	52%
Paducah	1,255	5	398	0	0%
Palacios	5,052	35	693	17	49%
Palestine	18,130	101	557	118	117%
Palisades, Village of	376	0	-	0	-
Palm Valley	1,260	5	397	5	100%
Palmer	2,196	25	1,138	15	60%
Palmhurst	4,972	1	20	1	100%
Palmview	5,498	42	764	31	74%
Pampa	17,204	335	1,947	250	75%
Panhandle	2,522	14	555	13	93%
Panorama Village	2,380	14	588	9	64%
Pantego	2,363	3	127	7	233%
Paradise	519	0	-	0	-
Paris	26,083	53	203	43	81%
Parker	2,747	8	291	11	138%
Pasadena	146,518	1,673	1,142	1,381	83%
Patton Village	1,485	25	1,684	11	44%
Payne Springs	725	2	276	2	100%
Pearland	77,868	443	569	344	78%
Pearsall	7,665	101	1,318	18	18%
Pecan Hill	659	1	152	0	0%
Pecos	7,898	145	1,836	102	70%
Pelican Bay	1,605	56	3,489	34	61%
Penitas	1,179	0	-	0	-
Perryton	8,265	55	665	45	82%
Petersburg	1,237	9	728	2	22%
Pflugerville	34,442	122	354	94	77%
Pharr	63,681	427	671	396	93%

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Pilot Point	4,348	30	690	34	113%
Pinehurst	2,166	32	1,477	40	125%
Pineland	884	1	113	1	100%
Piney Point Village	3,508	4	114	2	50%
Pittsburg	4,647	13	280	24	185%
Plainview	21,656	164	757	121	74%
Plano	260,796	940	360	952	101%
Pleasanton	9,591	21	219	19	90%
Point	960	10	1,042	8	80%
Point Comfort	715	0	-	2	-
Point Venture, Village	472	0	-	0	-
Ponder	1,249	2	160	2	100%
Port Aransas	3,775	827	21,907	258	31%
Port Arthur	55,313	322	582	240	75%
Port Isabel	5,268	53	1,006	42	79%
Port Lavaca	11,443	146	1,276	73	50%
Port Neches	12,681	105	828	32	30%
Portland	16,408	119	725	86	72%
Post	3,556	42	1,181	7	17%
Poteet	3,623	2	55	1	50%
Poth	2,275	46	2,022	28	61%
Pottsboro	2,098	10	477	21	210%
Prairie View	4,513	8	177	2	25%
Premont	2,810	0	-	2	-
Presidio	4,766	2	42	0	0%
Primera	3,405	21	617	23	110%
Princeton	5,702	8	140	14	175%
Progreso	5,381	2	37	0	0%
Prosper	6,178	18	291	9	50%
Quanah	2,599	34	1,308	29	85%
Queen City	1,549	9	581	2	22%
Quinlan	1,439	2	139	2	100%
Quitman	2,233	0	-	0	-
Ralls	2,021	6	297	5	83%
Rancho Viejo	1,792	16	893	8	50%
Ranger	2,578	9	349	1	11%
Ransom Canyon	1,108	0	-	0	-
Raymondville	9,501	30	316	8	27%
Red Oak	8,752	88	1,005	91	103%
Refugio	2,726	19	697	11	58%
Reklaw	336	0	-	0	-
Reno (Lamar County)	3,043	0	-	0	-
Reno (Parker County)	3,038	0	-	0	-
Rhome	1,026	10	975	6	60%
Rice	977	20	2,047	7	35%
Richardson	99,649	1,349	1,354	1,166	86%

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Richland Hills	8,103	55	679	90	164%
Richmond	13,404	139	1,037	102	73%
Richwood	3,396	15	442	20	133%
Riesel	1,013	0	-	0	-
Rio Grande City	13,848	2	14	0	0%
Rio Hondo	2,120	0	-	0	-
Rio Vista	773	31	4,010	15	48%
Rising Star	837	1	119	1	100%
River Oaks	6,940	161	2,320	124	77%
Roanoke	3,724	101	2,712	82	81%
Robert Lee	1,044	3	287	4	133%
Robinson	10,048	37	368	32	86%
Robstown	12,210	48	393	36	75%
Rockdale	5,909	102	1,726	23	23%
Rockport	9,425	26	276	8	31%
Rockwall	33,826	148	438	128	86%
Rogers	1,134	51	4,497	7	14%
Rollingwood	1,413	2	142	4	200%
Roma	11,181	0	-	0	-
Roman Forest	3,578	10	279	1	10%
Ropes	513	0	-	0	-
Roscoe	1,254	14	1,116	5	36%
Rose City	503	0	-	0	-
Rosebud	1,348	3	223	3	100%
Rosenberg	32,978	464	1,407	424	91%
Round Rock	96,992	888	916	776	87%
Rowlett	55,541	142	256	180	127%
Roxton	694	0	-	0	-
Royse City	8,451	56	663	39	70%
Rule	603	0	-	0	-
Runaway Bay	1,369	0	-	0	-
Rusk	5,209	189	3,628	182	96%
Sabinal	1,630	5	307	8	160%
Sachse	18,265	51	279	33	65%
Saginaw	19,655	262	1,333	220	84%
Saint Jo	974	4	411	2	50%
Salado	2,046	4	196	7	175%
San Angelo	90,483	279	308	476	171%
San Antonio	1,328,984	7,562	569	10,068	133%
San Augustine	2,365	9	381	0	0%
San Benito	24,715	78	316	43	55%
San Diego	4,476	1	22	1	100%
San Felipe	967	0	-	0	-
San Juan	33,186	136	410	88	65%
San Marcos	50,373	641	1,273	446	70%
San Saba	2,549	39	1,530	16	41%

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Sanger	7,554	45	596	63	140%
Sansom Park	4,169	109	2,615	150	138%
Santa Anna	1,013	6	592	6	100%
Santa Fe	10,490	105	1,001	47	45%
Santa Rosa	3,152	9	286	6	67%
Savoy	893	22	2,464	25	114%
Schertz	29,330	110	375	71	65%
Schulenburg	2,724	0	-	0	-
Seabrook	11,483	123	1,071	138	112%
Seadrift	1,427	85	5,957	15	18%
Seagoville	11,751	139	1,183	77	55%
Seagraves	2,331	12	515	18	150%
Sealy	6,208	78	1,256	95	122%
Seguin	26,051	273	1,048	119	44%
Selma	3,997	35	876	75	214%
Seminole	6,057	33	545	28	85%
Seven Points	1,231	50	4,062	33	66%
Seymour	2,688	32	1,190	12	38%
Shady Shores	2,479	19	766	3	16%
Shallowater	2,269	0	-	1	-
Shamrock	1,830	3	164	0	0%
Shavano Park	3,147	26	826	23	88%
Shenandoah	1,957	5	255	17	340%
Shepherd	2,272	0	-	0	-
Sherman	37,710	1,651	4,378	1,349	82%
Shiner	1,986	1	50	0	0%
Shoreacres	1,651	17	1,030	18	106%
Silsbee	6,786	17	251	12	71%
Simonton	868	0	-	0	-
Sinton	5,392	43	797	25	58%
Skellytown	584	12	2,055	0	0%
Slaton	5,779	127	2,198	60	47%
Smiley	473	0	-	0	-
Smithville	4,421	44	995	25	57%
Snyder	10,447	31	297	30	97%
Socorro	31,883	622	1,951	624	100%
Somerset	1,826	2	110	1	50%
Somerville	1,686	9	534	3	33%
Sonora	3,060	47	1,536	35	74%
Sour Lake	1,728	19	1,100	31	163%
South Houston	16,421	220	1,340	127	58%
South Padre Island	2,752	130	4,724	47	36%
Southlake	26,224	133	507	126	95%
Southmayd	1,082	39	3,604	10	26%
Southside Place	1,655	496	29,970	333	67%
Spearman	2,920	9	308	7	78%

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Splendor	1,614	12	743	4	33%
Spring Valley Village	3,781	36	952	29	81%
Springtown	3,024	8	265	8	100%
Spur	966	7	725	1	14%
Stafford	19,546	99	506	100	101%
Stagecoach	509	3	589	1	33%
Stamford	3,135	29	925	15	52%
Star Harbor	457	1	219	1	100%
Stephenville	16,715	163	975	159	98%
Stinnett	1,817	11	605	5	45%
Stockdale	1,636	0	-	0	-
Stratford	1,885	9	477	10	111%
Strawn	756	0	-	0	-
Sudan	999	0	-	0	-
Sugar Land	79,682	79	99	81	103%
Sullivan City	4,390	2	46	2	100%
Sulphur Springs	15,387	133	864	102	77%
Sundown	1,502	0	-	1	-
Sunnyvale	4,370	10	229	11	110%
Sunray	1,912	14	732	7	50%
Sunrise Beach	750	90	12,000	40	44%
Sunset Valley	854	2	234	2	100%
Surfside Beach	876	74	8,447	78	105%
Sweeny	3,595	10	278	9	90%
Sweetwater	10,472	59	563	34	58%
Taft	3,355	10	298	10	100%
Tahoka	2,565	0	-	0	-
Talty	1,167	7	600	5	71%
Tatum	1,202	0	-	5	-
Taylor	15,755	243	1,542	235	97%
Taylor Lake Village	3,571	618	17,306	517	84%
Teague	4,758	37	778	15	41%
Temple	58,330	209	358	93	44%
Tenaha	1,110	0	-	0	-
Terrell	18,952	200	1,055	134	67%
Terrell Hills	5,177	11	212	7	64%
Texarkana	36,131	664	1,838	698	105%
Texas City	44,415	632	1,423	384	61%
Texhoma	315	0	-	0	-
Texline	510	0	-	0	-
The Colony	41,440	328	792	310	95%
Thompsons	378	0	-	0	-
Thorndale	1,316	2	152	3	150%
Thrall	875	0	-	0	-
Three Rivers	1,697	4	236	11	275%
Tiki Island, Village of	1,194	6	503	2	33%

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Timbercreek Canyon	486	0	-	0	-
Timpson	1,154	0	-	0	-
Tioga	910	7	769	7	100%
Tolar	658	1	152	0	0%
Tom Bean	1,016	11	1,083	8	73%
Tomball	10,281	154	1,498	56	36%
Tool	2,438	48	1,969	53	110%
Trenton	715	4	559	4	100%
Trinidad	1,119	6	536	6	100%
Trinity	2,735	3	110	0	0%
Trophy Club	7,930	63	794	61	97%
Troup	2,098	6	286	10	167%
Troy	1,409	7	497	2	29%
Tulia	4,631	16	345	7	44%
Tye	1,143	35	3,062	28	80%
Tyler	96,451	928	962	755	81%
Universal City	17,991	78	434	73	94%
University Park	24,426	737	3,017	654	89%
Uvalde	16,222	177	1,091	120	68%
Valley Mills	1,139	1	88	0	0%
Valley View	792	40	5,051	10	25%
Van	2,566	20	779	30	150%
Van Alstyne	2,928	7	239	6	86%
Van Horn	2,058	30	1,458	28	93%
Vega	878	0	-	0	-
Venus	2,631	2	76	4	200%
Vernon	11,066	64	578	28	44%
Victoria	62,246	521	837	737	141%
Vidor	10,958	77	703	58	75%
Waco	122,222	1,296	1,060	1,354	104%
Waelder	991	1	101	0	0%
Wake Village	5,537	5	90	3	60%
Waller	2,079	12	577	12	100%
Wallis	1,291	0	-	2	-
Walnut Springs	800	0	-	0	-
Waskom	2,131	13	610	13	100%
Watauga	23,873	579	2,425	380	66%
Waxahachie	27,311	163	597	300	184%
Weatherford	25,749	170	660	237	139%
Webster	10,058	109	1,084	104	95%
Weimar	2,001	2	100	4	200%
Wellington	2,084	0	-	0	-
Wells	792	0	-	0	-
Weslaco	32,497	270	831	144	53%
West	2,702	0	-	6	-
West Columbia	4,199	147	3,501	101	69%

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West Lake Hills	3,143	9	286	10	111%
West Orange	3,857	96	2,489	166	173%
West Tawakoni	1,735	77	4,438	120	156%
West University Place	15,427	43	279	52	121%
Westlake	210	0	-	0	-
Westworth Village	2,969	35	1,179	17	49%
Wharton	9,227	55	596	107	195%
Wheeler	1,215	0	-	0	-
White Deer	1,028	18	1,751	16	89%
White Oak	6,244	30	480	15	50%
White Settlement	16,158	65	402	35	54%
Whiteface	381	0	-	0	-
Whitehouse	7,555	28	371	24	86%
Whitesboro	4,015	90	2,242	85	94%
Whitewright	1,778	3	169	3	100%
Whitney	2,027	10	493	11	110%
Wichita Falls	101,590	797	785	723	91%
Wickett	421	0	-	0	-
Willis	4,282	19	444	18	95%
Willow Park	4,225	6	142	6	100%
Wills Point	3,840	29	755	20	69%
Wilmer	3,579	30	838	28	93%
Wimberley	2,808	0	-	0	-
Windcrest	5,241	92	1,755	53	58%
Windthorst	445	0	-	0	-
Winfield	525	0	-	0	-
Wink	885	13	1,469	10	77%
Winnsboro	3,909	23	588	16	70%
Winona	616	3	487	0	0%
Winters	2,582	12	465	8	67%
Wolfe City	1,639	4	244	2	50%
Wolfforth	3,417	27	790	11	41%
Woodbranch	1,367	18	1,317	0	0%
Woodcreek	1,565	0	-	0	-
Woodsboro	1,571	15	955	3	20%
Woodville	2,277	33	1,449	64	194%
Woodway	8,772	8	91	13	163%
Wortham	1,079	13	1,205	8	62%
Wylie	34,943	70	200	50	71%
Yoakum	5,503	86	1,563	58	67%
Yorktown	2,167	0	-	2	-
Zavalla	664	0	-	1	-
Statewide	18,714,108	207,804	1,110	153,503	74%