ARLINGTON SOCIOECONOMIC PROFILE

2021 US Census American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2021 ACS 5-Year Data was published on 12/8/2022 by the US Census Bureau. All sources are 2021 ACS 5-Year Data unless otherwise marked.

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Summary

Based on the 2021 ACS 5-year estimates, Arlington has experienced a slight decline in population. In 2021, the estimated population was 392,304. This is a reduction of 1,962 from the 2020 Decennial Census estimate of 394,266 and a reduction of 4,965 from the 2020 ACS 5-year estimates.

The city is also becoming more diverse. There has been an increase in the percent of population within the Black and Hispanic or Latino race and ethnicity groups (up 30.8% and 17.1% respectively since 2010). Age groups over 65 are experiencing the largest increases since 2010. On the other end of the age spectrum, there has been a decrease in the number of children under the age of 5 since 2010.

Unemployment rates rose in 2020 but dropped back to pre-pandemic levels in 2021. Residents are mainly dependent on individual vehicular travel (79.8%) and the average travel times to places of work have slightly increased since 2010.
**Quick Facts**

**Average Arlington Resident:**
- A woman
- 33.1 years old
- Born in Texas
- Non-Hispanic, White
- At least a high school graduate
- In a household making $65,481
- Driving 27 minutes to work outside of Arlington

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**General Population**

2021 City of Arlington Population: **392,304**

Percent Changes:
- 2000-2010*: 8.9% Increase
- 2010-2015: 3.8% Increase
- 2015-2021: 3.2% Increase

Population has increased by 26,866 people since 2010 and has decreased by 1,962 people compared to the 2020 Census count. The average household size is 2.8 while the median age is 33.1. Both household size and median age have risen since 2010.

*Source: 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census

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**City Rank by Population**

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Demographics

Race & Ethnicity

Since 2010, the largest increases in population were individuals identifying as non-Hispanic and Black (an increase of 30.8%) and those identifying as Hispanic or Latino (an increase of 17.1%).

**Hispanic or Latino (of any race):** 117,458
- Non-Hispanic: 274,846
  - White: 147,367
  - Black or African American: 87,759
  - Asian: 25,800
  - Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander: 1,262
  - Some Other Race: 1,440
  - Two or More Races: 10,602

**Foreign-Born Nativity**

20.9% of Arlington’s population, or approximately 81,904 people, are foreign-born. More than half are native to Latin American countries.

2021 Nativity: 81,904
- Latin America: 41,352
- Asia: 23,620
- Africa: 14,401
- Other: 2,531

Since 2010:
- Foreign Born: +16.4%
  - Latin America: +4.8%
  - Asia: +14.1%
  - Africa: +112.4%
  - Other: -25.7%

Age & Gender

Arlington has seen increase in population in different age cohorts across generations since 2010, with increases in all age groups over 50 years, and age groups between 10-39 years.

Age cohorts with lower populations compared to 2010 are the 40-49 years cohort and the under 10 years cohort. The population under age 5 is 8% lower in 2021 than in 2010.
Demographics

Residential Units: Owner Occupancy Rates
Since 2015, total occupied units have increased 1.8%. The percentage of owner-occupied units have increased by .1% while the percentage of renter-occupied units have increased by 4.0%.

2021
Owner-Occupied: 55.0%
Renter-Occupied: 45.0%
Total Occupied Units: 136,263

2015
Owner-Occupied: 55.9%
Renter-Occupied: 44.1%
Total Occupied Units: 133,808

Educational Attainment
Arlington’s population is achieving higher levels of educational attainment. More residents are acquiring associate, bachelor’s, and graduate degrees.

The total number of individuals who have received a high school diploma (or equivalent) or advanced degrees has increased by 14.8% since 2010.

Highest Level of Education Completed:

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Source: Texas A&M: Real Estate Center

Average Home Sale Price
Average home sale price continued to rise at an increased rate from 2020 to 2021.

2019 - 2020: 8.2% increase
2020 - 2021: 17% increase

Source: Texas A&M: Real Estate Center

Poverty Rates
The poverty rate shows the percentage of individuals whose income in the past twelve months is below poverty level based on household size.

Arlington’s poverty rate has declined by 3.5% since 2015 and is at its lowest level since 2010, at 14.0%.

2021 Poverty Per Age Group:
- Under 18 Years: 21.0%
- 18 to 64 Years: 11.9%
- 65+ Years: 9.3%
Employment

Occupations & Median Income
Between 2010 and 2021, the total number of jobs rose at a faster rate than the increase in population of Arlington (increases of 10.1% and 7.5% respectively). The number of residents working in Arlington is decreasing, but the median household income for Arlington households is increasing.

Production, transportation, and material moving and Service occupations grew the most by percent change since 2010 (increases of 33.5% and 21.2% respectively). Adjusting for inflation, median household income increased 1.2% between 2010 and 2021.

Unemployment
Unemployment in Arlington fell 5.4% in 2021, which is a 2.4% decline from the 2020 rate.

Top Employers
Arlington ISD............... 8,500
Univ. of Texas at Arlington...5,300
General Motors Co.......... 4,484
Texas Health Resources.... 4,063
Six Flags Over Texas......... 3,800
The Parks Mall............... 3,500
GM Financial.................. 3,300
City of Arlington........... 2,660
J.P. Morgan Chase......... 1,965
Texas Rangers............. 1,881

Source: City of Arlington

Median Income Per Household
2021 $65,481
2015 $60,943
2010 $64,711
(2021 constant dollars)

Place of Work
2021 38.1%
2010 39.4%
60.6%

Mean Travel Time to Work
2010: 25.7 Minutes
2015: 26.6 Minutes
2021: 27.0 Minutes

Means of Transportation
Worked at home 3.4% 7.41%
Other means 1.2% 1.30%
Walked 1.9% 1.29%
Public transit 0.2% 0.23%
Car, truck, or van (drove alone) 12.2% 9.94%
Car, truck, or van (carpooled) 9.4%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics for the City of Arlington
Unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.