

Census: D-FW was fastest-growing metro area in 2009

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The Dallas-Fort Worth metro area grew faster than any region in the country last year, according to **a new estimate** from the **U.S. Census Bureau**.

The 2009 metro area population estimate shows that some 6.45 million people lived in the Dallas-Fort Worth area as of July 1, 2009, up 146,530, or 2.3% over 2008.

That raw influx of 146,530 is more than any other region in the nation. The Houston metro area had the second-largest influx of residents at 140,784 or 2.5%.

Dallas-Fort Worth remains the nation's fourth-largest metro area, behind New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Philadelphia is No. 5 and Houston is No. 6.

This is the last estimate that the Census will make from 2000 Census data. Next year's population figures will come from an actual count of the U.S. population that's currently under way.

Using next year's count as a basis, the Census will resume population growth estimates in 2011.