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## North Texas cities rank on Forbes list

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North Texas has six spots on **Forbes'** recently released list of the Top 25 Best Places to Move in the country.

The North Texas hot spots were No. 6 Flower Mound; No. 7 Frisco; No. 9 McKinney; No. 12 Carrollton; No. 19 Allen; and No. 25 Plano.

To make the list of top "Relovilles," *Forbes* considered cities with populations of 25,000 and more, based on the most recent U.S. Census data available. *Forbes* considered the number of people in the town born out of state or abroad who had moved within one to five years from a considerable distance for a specific job.

Other data considered included population growth, family incomes, people holding professional and executive jobs, and the price, size and age of homes, according to Forbes.com.

"The city's explosive growth is evidence thousands of people agree that McKinney is one of the best places to live in the country," said McKinney City Manager Frank Ragan, in a statement released Monday. McKinney's population has more than doubled since 2000 to about 122,000. "Our community provides a wonderful quality of life with the first-class amenities of a large city in the safe and charming environment of a smaller town."

According to Forbes.com, the top 25 Relovilles generally have "twice the incomes, twice the home values and home sizes, twice the college degrees, twice as many youth and half as many elderly, twice the divorce rates and twice the numbers of residents who vote Republican."

They also have new town centers and developments built to look like historical architecture.