

## History of Richardson

In 1925, the city elected their first mayor to be Thomas F, McKamy. Notable improvements were experienced in the community through the operation of joint businesses. In 1926, after the completion of waterworks, people could now furnish their homes using the available indoor water. In that year, there was also the construction of sewage treatment. In addition to this, volunteer fire department construction was completed and began its operation.

In 1940, the population increased to 740. After the 2nd World War, the area continued to grow and expand, with the population rising to 1,300 by the year 1950. The city experienced new municipal services, with residents receiving the benefits of the same. A Richardson office was opened by Collins Radio that saw to the city getting into an electric era in 1951.

In 1954, the central expressway was opened to pave the way for the past agricultural city to become the home and shopping center for the residents. The first Richardson's police department was opened in 1955. In 1960, offices were opened on Richardson's southern border, which led to an increase in population and a rise in the economic status of the city.

Between 1940 and 1960, there was a notable increase in population and economic growth. In 1964, the community decided to focus much on education, and hence a center for advanced studies was opened. This center was later changed to the University of Texas at Dallas in 1969. There was an enrollment of approximately 32,000 students.

The population stood at 56,000 in 1972. Most houses were built between 1970 and 1979, and this decreased in the 1980s. Additionally, there was commercial development during the same period. The population according to the census in 1990 was at 74,840. It was believed to have increased due to the advancement of the northeast part of the city. Population increase continued throughout the 1990s.

The city continued to grow with the high employment rates that came from the telecom corridor companies, and in 2010 the population had risen to 99,223. The city has since then been known for its economic stability and employability.

## Places to Go in Richardson, TX

The North Texas Automotive Museum  
Breckinridge Park  
Heights Park  
Spring Creek Nature Area  
K1 Speed



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