### **Overview**

Farmers Branch, Texas is the picture-perfect place to live, work and play. Farmers Branch is home to more than 4,000 companies and more than 250 corporate headquarters, including JDA Software, Occidental Chemical, iidon Security, Taco Bueno, SoftLayer Technologies and Maxim Integrated Products.

Farmers Branch is an extraordinary community with a small-town feel and big-city convenience. The City's safe neighborhoods, 28 parks, state-of-the-art recreational facilities and world-class businesses make Farmers Branch a great place to work or play.

With a sales tax exemption, property tax rebate and other types of incentives, Farmers Branch is making it easier than ever to relocate and call Farmers Branch home. The City prides itself on providing the opportunity for a high-quality life for employees and residents.

### Location

Farmers Branch is a dynamic powerhouse business center in North Dallas, centrally located in the Metroplex. The City is bordered by two interstate highways and two toll roads, and is less than 15 minutes from both Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field. Added to that is the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's Light Rail Green Line that further solidifies Farmers Branch's reputation as a premier transportation hub for North Texas.

### Climate

"The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex is located in North Central Texas, approximately 250 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico. It is near the headwaters of the Trinity River, which lie in the upper margins of the Coastal Plain. The rolling hills in the area range from 500 to 800 feet in elevation. Winters are mild and periods of extreme cold that occasionally occur are short-lived, so that even in January mild weather occurs frequently. The highest temperatures of summer are associated with fair skies, westerly winds and low humidities. Precipitation varies considerably, ranging from less than 20 to more than 50 inches. Throughout the year, rainfall occurs more frequently during the night. Usually, periods of rainy weather last for only a day or two, and are followed by several days with fair skies. Snowfall is rare. The average length of the warm season (freeze-free period) in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex is about 249 days. The average last occurrence of 32°F or below is mid March and the average first occurrence of 32°F or below is in late November." ~ *National Weather Service* 

For the most up to date weather please click here.

# **Transportation**

Farmers Branch offers access to highways, airports, light rail, bus and beautiful streets and thoroughfares. Our city is bounded by the Dallas North Tollway on the east, Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway (I-635) on the south, North Stemmons Freeway (I35) bisects Farmers Branch and the

Bush Turnpike (Hwy 161) is accessible to the west. Dallas Fort Worth International Airport is only 20 minutes from the city center and Dallas Love Field Airport is 15 minutes away. Farmers Branch Station provides light rail service from the <u>Dallas Area Rapid Transit</u> system. The DART light rail Green Line provides alternative commuter options, as well as a convenient way to explore area attractions and amenities. DART also provides bus service linking the entire city to the light rail and other transportation hubs across the area. Known as the City in a Park, businesses find the clean, well maintained streets and beautifully landscaped medians and sidewalks, provide a great impression to clients, partners, vendors and staff.

# **Quality of Life**

The City in a Park provides special events, sports facilities, parks, recreation programs and other amenities that create a vibrant community. With 28 parks including the Farmers Branch Historical Park, the John Burke Nature Preserve and the Earthkind Trial Rose Gardens, residents and visitors enjoy a respite from the hustle and bustle of the urban Metroplex. Events such as Libertyfest, Bloomin' Bluegrass, Christmas Tour of Lights and Halloween in the Park allow citizens the opportunity to experience entertainment and holiday celebrations throughout the year while businesses can support the community through sponsorships, being a vendor or simply encouraging their employees to take advantage of the fun. Below is a list of other amenities available in Farmers Branch:

#### 2012/2013 Farmers Branch Tax Structure

Two independent school districts serve the City of Farmers Branch. The majority of Farmers Branch school-age residents attend schools within the Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD. The Dallas ISD serves portions of Farmers Branch.

#### **Dallas ISD C-FB ISD**

City 0.5295 0.5295 County 0.62333 0.62333 School 1.237811 1.3469 Other 0.000000 0.0000000 **Total 2.390641 2.49973** 

Note: Valwood Improvement District is located on property west of I-35 and has a tax rate of 0.3075.

### **Area City Tax Rate Comparison (10/10 to 09/11)**

The City of Farmers Branch municipal tax rate is 34 percent lower than the City of Dallas.

City Per \$100.00 Value

Fort Worth 0.855 Dallas 0.797

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Garland 0.7046 Coppell 0.69046 Mesquite 0.64 Addison 0.53 Farmers Branch 0.5295 Plano 0.47 Frisco 0.45 Lewisville 0.44021 Highland Park 0.22

# **Largest Employers**

Company	Industry	<b>Employees</b>
Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.	Semiconductor and Related Device Manufacturing	1,500
Essilor of America, Inc.	Ophthalmic Goods Manufacturing	1,000
Haggar Corp.	Men's and Boys' Cut and Sew Trouser, Slack, and Jean Manufacturing	1,000
Tdindustries, Inc.	Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors	900
Monitronics International, Inc.	Security Systems Services	750
Telvista, Inc.	Wired Telecommunications Carriers	720
Government Employees Insurance Company Inc	Insurance Agencies and Brokerages	686
Occidental Tower Corp	Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers	600
Glazer's Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.	Agents and Managers for Artists, Athletes, Entertainers, and Other Public Fi	500
Iidon Inc	Security Guards and Patrol Services	500
City of Farmers Branch	Local Government	400
Occidental Chemical International Inc	All Other Basic Organic Chemical Manufacturing	400
Members Building Maintenance Ltd.	Janitorial Services	380
Sport Supply Group Inc	Sporting and Recreational Goods and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers	350