

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

## OVERVIEW

Stephenville has a strong, diversified economic basis. Agriculture is the leading industry, contributing approximately \$200 million to the economy. The dairy industry accounts for approximately \$140 million. The manufacturing industry has increased steadily in importance over the past few years. Six major manufacturing firms (three Fortune 500 companies) now employ more than 1,400 people. Stephenville is the retail trade and medical center for the area population within a 30 mile radius, serving approximately 80,000. Gross sales have increased steadily over the past ten years. Tarleton State University also has a strong influence on the economy of the area. The University has a student enrollment of approximately 6,400 and employs a full time faculty and staff of 715. In March 1992, the Texas State Comptroller released a state report which ranked Erath County as the fifth best county among 205 rural counties in the state for economic development for the previous five years. In 1993, Stephenville was listed as one of the 100 best small towns in America in a book compiled by Norman Crampton and published by Prentice Hall.

For Development in Stephenville Contact:

Betty Chew (254)918-1216  
bchew@ci.stephenville.tx.us

## POPULATION

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
City	7,359	9,227	11,881	13,502	14,921
County	18,236	18,141	22,560	28,300	30,843

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highways

East-West: U.S. Hwy. 377 and 67 - FM 8 and 2157  
North-South: U.S. Hwy. 281, State Hwy. 108, FM 914  
Nearest Interstate: I-20 21 miles to the north

### Freight Carriers

Central Freight Lines  
Federal Express  
Huey Van Lines  
Merchants  
Morgan Express  
Purolator Courier  
United Parcel Service

### Bus Service

Greyhound and Kerrville Bus Lines

### **Rail Service Provider**

Fort Worth & Western RR

### **Airports**

Clark Field, located in Stephenville, has one main 4,200 foot asphalt surface runway with precision approach path indicator (PAPI) lighting. Fuel and service are available. Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is located 85 miles from Stephenville.

## **UTILITIES**

### **Electric Power**

Providers: TXU Electric and United Cooperative Services  
Reliability: .999765  
Total Capacity: 22,808,000 KW  
Reserve at System Peak: 15.1%  
Transmission Voltage: 69 KV, 138 KV, 345 KV  
Service Voltage: 120/208, 120/240, 240/480, 277/480

### **Natural Gas**

Provider: TXU Gas  
BTU Contents Per Cubic Foot: 1,050

### **Telephone**

Provider: Sprint/United Telephone  
Digital: Yes  
Analog: Yes  
Electromechanical: No  
Make and Model: ATT 5ESS  
Software Level: 5E14  
Fiber Optics: Yes  
Switched 56 KBPS: Yes  
High Capacity Digital (T-1): Yes  
Digital Data Service: Yes  
911: Yes  
Other Network Services: ISDN capabilities, fiber optics, SS7

### **Water Supplier**

Source: City of Stephenville; 26 water wells  
Max. System Capacity (Daily): 5,000,000 gallons  
Max. Daily Use to Date: 4,900,000 gallons  
Pressure on Mains: 40-90 PSI  
Storage Capacity: 4,750,000 gallons  
Size of Mains: 4" - 24"  
System Looped: Yes  
Projects Under Construction: Addition of 3 water wells and ground storage.

**Sewer System:**

Type Treatment Plant: Activated Sludge  
Maximum Capacity: 9,000,000 gallons  
Max. Daily Use To Date: 3,000,000 gallons  
Projects Under Construction: Addition of belt press for sludge removal and phosphorus removal equipment.

**Solid Waste Disposal:**

Provider: Waste Corporation of America  
Residential Service: Twice a week pickup  
Commercial Service: Available daily upon request  
Recycling: Drop Center at 1291 N. Bates St.

**WORKFORCE**

Radius of Labor Drawing Area: 40 mile  
Estimated Unemployment Rate: 2.8%

**MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS**

**Employer**

Bruner Motors  
City of Stephenville  
Dairy Farmers of America  
Emerson Electric (Appleton)  
Erath County  
Fibergrate  
FMC  
HEB Grocery  
Harris Methodist Hospital  
Raskas Foods  
Rayloc (Genaut)  
Saint Gobain (Norton Co.)  
Stephenville ISD  
Stephenville Medical Clinic  
Tarleton State University  
TXU  
United Cooperative Services  
Wal-Mart

**Product**

Automobiles  
Government  
Milk Transport  
Metal Processing-Electrical  
Government  
Fibergrate  
Fluid Control Valves/Pipe Unions  
Groceries  
Medical  
Cream Cheese  
Refurbishing Auto Parts  
Coated Abrasives  
Education  
Medical  
Education  
Utilities  
Utilities  
Retail

## EDUCATION

### Stephenville ISD

Public School Budget: \$19,701,915

	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Elementary(K-4):	3	1,351
Intermediate(5-6):	1	549
Middle/Jr. High:	1	531
High Schools:	1	1,035
Private(K-12):	2	76
Special/Head Start:	1	92

Annual High School Graduates: 200

Student Per Teacher Ratio:

Elementary: 15 to 1      Secondary: 14 to 1

ACT 2000: 20.3

SAT 2000 (Verbal & Math Combined): 1,000

### Area Universities/Colleges:

Tarleton State University, Stephenville 6,549  
(member of Texas A&M University System)

State Industrial Job Training: Yes

Vocational Program: Yes

## FINANCIAL

City Current Moody Bond Rating: A3

City Current Standard & Poors Bond Rating: A

Estimated Total Bank Deposits: \$340 million

### Financial Institutions

Bank of America

First American Bank

First Convenience-Branch

Members Trust Credit Union

Stephenville Bank & Trust

Texas Bank

Town & County Bank

## TAXATION & LOCAL INCENTIVES

### Taxation

Property Tax Rate (Per \$100 Assessed Value)

Erath County: \$ .4785

Stephenville, City: .4800

Stephenville ISD: 1.6900

Special Districts: (Hospital, College, etc.) 0

**TOTAL:** **\$2.6485**

City Sales Tax: 1.50%

State Sales Tax: 6.25%

County Sales Tax: 0.50%

Other Sales Taxes: Econ. Dev. 0.0%

**TOTAL:** **8.25%**

City Motel Occupancy Tax: 7%

State Motel Occupancy Tax: 6%

**TOTAL:** **13%**

### Incentives

Tax Abatement: Yes, City and County

Enterprise Zone: No

Industrial Foundation: Yes

Foreign Trade Zone: No

Reinvestment Zone: No

Freeport Exemption: Yes, City and School

Other: Tarleton State University Small Business Development Center; Community Reinvestment Program.

### Support Services Available

R&D Facility: No

Sterilization Laboratory: No

Customized Worker Training: No

Manufacturing Assistance:

(ISO9000, Technology Applications): No

Alternative Fuels Service: No

Business Incubator: No

Recycling Center: No

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Real Estate

Single Family Residential -Avg. Appraised Value:	\$ 54,664
New Residential Construction Permits in 1998: - 250	1,525,500
New Residential Construction Permits in 1999: - 107	2,258,760
New Residential Construction Permits in 2000: - 95	2,243,510
New Commercial Construction Permits in 1998: - 75	11,733,595
New Commercial Construction Permits in 1999: -131	8,034,851
New Commercial Construction Permits in 2000: -147	12,473,479
Occupancy Rate for Multi-Family Housing Units:	95%
Avg. Rental Rate for 2-Bedroom 2-Bath Apartment:	\$490/month

### Hotels & Motels

Total Number of Rooms Available in Community:	363
Total Number of Facilities Available in Community with Meeting Space:	3

### Climatic Information

Elevation:	1,238'
Annual Average Temperature:	64°
Mo. Average High Temperature:	83°
Mo. Average Low Temperature:	44°
Annual Average Precipitation:	30.9"
Average Number of Days over 90°:	94
Average Days between killing frosts:	236
Average Number of Days of Sunshine:	
Average High/Low Temperature for July:	
Average High/Low Temperature for January:	

### Health Care

Total Hospital Beds in City:	98
Total Doctors (medical) in City:	32

### Media

Papers: Stephenville Empire Tribune	1-daily
Cross-Timbers Trading Post	1-weekly
Radio Stations: KSTV (FM 93.1), (AM 1510)	3
KCUB (FM 98.3)	
KCLE (FM 92.1)	
TV Stations/TV Cable:	Local/Yes
TV Stations w/out Cable:	15
Cable Television:	48 Channels
Satellite Service:	210 Channels

## **Churches**

Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Church of God, Church of Latter Day Saints, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Seventh Day Adventist.

## **Recreation**

Parks:	2
Area Lakes:	3
Country Clubs:	1
Health Centers:	1
Public Golf Courses:	2
Theaters:	6
Tennis Courts:	8
Bed & Breakfast Facilities:	1
Hotel/Motel Rooms:	363
Libraries:	2
Other: Indoor rodeo arena, variety of sports and recreational facilities located at Tarleton State University	

### Area Attractions:

Cowboy Capital Walk of Fame-Downtown Plaza  
Planetarium-Tarleton State University  
Oldest Dr.Pepper Bottling Plant-Dublin

## **GOVERNMENT, CITY**

### **Stephenville**

City Budget:	\$12,750,248
Type:	Home Rule
Number on Council:	9
Municipal Police:	40
Paid Firemen:	26
Volunteer Firemen:	28
City Zoning Body:	Yes
Master Plan:	Yes
Insurance Key Rate:	0.30 with 10% credit