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Burleson is a city on the rise.

NerdWallet, the consumer advocacy site that recently named Burleson 17 out of 20 in the top cities for home ownership, just ranked Burleson 23 out of 126 for Cities on the Rise in Texas. The analysis focuses on:

- Population growth (growth in the working-age population, 16 and older, from 2009 to 2012)
- Employment growth (growth in the percentage of employed residents from 2009 to 2012)
- And income growth (growth in the median income for workers from 2009 to 2012).

The data comes from the 2012 U.S. Census American Community Survey 3-year estimate. The ranked cities include border towns, oil-producing regions and booming suburbs.

The top 25 includes Mansfield (2), University Park (6), Frisco (11), Cleburne (13), McKinney (19) and Burleson (23) from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex region. Number one is The Woodlands (new home to ExxonMobil) with an overall growth score of 69.8 percent – 61.1 percent for working age population, 3.6 percent for employment growth and 9.0 percent for median income growth.

Burleson surpassed the Woodlands in two out of the three categories with scores of 3.9 percent for employment growth and 9.1 percent for median income growth. Burleson's score for working-age population growth is 10.3 percent, and the overall score is 41.1 percent.

"It isn't any secret that Burleson is seeing unprecedented growth, but this data really highlights the fact that this growth is providing for a stronger local economy," Justin Bond, economic development manager for the City, said. "Projects like HighPoint Business Park have made a clear statement to the businesses relocating to our region. Providing for quality jobs in the city limits of Burleson is one of our top priorities. Businesses like Chicken E Food Service are placing their headquarters and associated jobs in Burleson. Others like the biotech startup AxoGen are placing roots here that will lead to an even brighter future for this community."

According to research from the Dallas Federal Reserve, Texas experienced more high-paying job growth than the rest of the country over the last 13 years. Businesses are coming to Texas, hiring new employees and raising salaries for existing workers.