

TAXPAYER INVESTMENT VALUE

PARKS AND RECREATION

- 4,100 acres of parkland
- 94 parks/recreation facilities
- 56 miles of hike and bike trails
- 3 time NRPA Gold Medal Finalist for Parks And Recreation Excellence
- Recipient of the Texas Recreation and Park Society's (TRAPS) Promotional Marketing and Excellence Award
- Winner of National Excellence in Operations Management Award

\$7

Monthly amount
(per household)

COMPARE
Monthly cost of a
Gym Membership

\$30

LIBRARIES

- 7 Library locations
- Over 600,000 items (books, audiobooks, eBooks, DVDs, and special collections)
- Mobile services
- Children, teen, adult and senior programs and events
- Adult learning, computer training, business resources

\$3

Monthly amount
(per household)

COMPARE
Monthly cost of
Amazon Prime

\$9+

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

- 3,031 lane miles of streets
- 161 public buildings
- 21,564 streetlights
- 348 traffic signals
- 44,878 traffic signs
- 380 lane miles of pavement markings
- 6,488 potholes filled
- 750 acre landfill
- 1,300 vehicle fleet program
- An American Public Works Association Accredited Agency

\$14

Monthly amount
(per household)

COMPARE
Cost of a full tank
of gas

\$40

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 17 fire stations
- 325 sworn fire suppression (chief through firefighter), 14 sworn fire prevention, 20 civilians, 111 dispatch employees.
- 17 fire engines, 5 fire trucks, and 7 light response vehicles
- Life safety and community support services
- Fire response time target is 05:20 minutes
- Ambulance response time target is 08:59 minutes
- 56,731 fire unit responses annually
- 16,870 fire inspections annually
- Fire Training Center is fully certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection
- Bomb Squad - FBI Accreditation
- 911/Dispatch CALEA Accreditation
- The Office of Emergency Management is EMAP Accredited
- 649 police officers
- 349 police volunteers
- APD response time target is 09:20 minutes
- 132,156 calls for police service annually
- 911 calls answered in 10 seconds 90% of the time
- 231 neighborhood watch groups
- Crime down 31% over 8 years
- Youth mentoring programs, victim services, K9, SWAT, special units, crime prevention and community services.

\$19

Fire Dept. monthly amount
(per household)

COMPARE
Cost of a single-use home
fire extinguisher

\$20

\$41

Police Dept. monthly
amount (per household)

COMPARE
Monthly monitoring fee for
home security system

\$35



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DEMOGRAPHICS

- Arlington is ranked as the 50th Largest City in the U.S.A.
- Population: 383,899 in 2016
- Population increased 5% from 2010 to 2016, and 15.3% since 2000.
- Average Age: 32.8
- Land Area: 99.3 Sq. Miles
- Job Growth by Occupation: Management, Business, Science, and Arts 34.0%; Sales and Office 26.0%; Service Industry 17.3%; Production, Transportation and Material Moving 13.7%; Natural Resources, Construction and Maintenance 8.9%

TAX RATES

- Arlington Sales Tax is 8% - 1/4 of a penny below the State authorized rate of 8.25%.
- Property Tax Rate is 0.6398
- Property Tax Rate has not increased for 14 years
- Property Tax Rate has reduced the last 2 years
- Property Tax Exemptions include:
 - General Homestead: 20%
 - Over 65: \$60,000 (With Tax Ceiling)
 - Disabled: \$60,000
 - Veterans: \$5,000-\$12,000
 - Senior Tax Freeze

ARLINGTON ACCOLADES

- Best-Run City in Texas - WalletHub
- Best Big City in the South - Money Magazine
- Among the Best-Run Cities in America - WalletHub
- Cities with the Lowest Cost of Living in U.S. - Niche.com
- The Best Places to Live in America - U.S. News Ranking
- One Of The Best Places To Buy A Home - Forbes
- Best Places for First-Time Home Buyers - WalletHub
- Best Places to Live If You're Under 35 - MindBodyGreen
- Best Cities to Raise a Family - SmartAssets.com
- 10th Most Diverse City in America - WalletHub
- Arlington has earned a AAA Bond Rating for 4 years



ARLINGTON ACCREDITATIONS

- Parks and Recreation Department received CAPRA accreditation on Oct. 13, 2014.
- The Fire Department's Emergency Operations Center is the second in Texas, and sixth in the nation to be accredited by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program.
- Arlington Police Department, Police Training Center and the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center are all fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Arlington has received an ISO Class 1 Rating for Exemplary Fire Protection Designation.
- Police Training Center is fully licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
- Crime Scene Investigation Unit is fully accredited by the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board.
- Water Department has earned the Superior System Honors and Superior Rating for Water Quality from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- Water Department has earned the Gold Award for Exceptional Utility Performance from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies.
- Finance Department has received all five transparency stars through the Texas Comptroller's transparency program.
- Purchasing Division has earned Achievement of Excellence in Procurement from the National Procurement Institute, Inc.
- Adult Literacy Program is accredited by ProLiteracy.
- Library Department is accredited by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
- Tierra Verde Golf Club is the first golf course in Texas and the first municipal course in the world to be certified as an Audubon Signature Sanctuary.
- MLK Sports Complex is an Audubon Signature Sports Center.
- Housing Authority has been named a High Performing Agency by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Public Works Department is Nationally Accredited by the American Public Works Association.
- Audit Department is accredited by the Government Accountability Office.
- Arlington is a certified Storm Ready Community by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- Arlington has been designated a Heart Safe Community by the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council.