

## Texas Market News

### **METROPLEX JOB BOOM**

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Metroplex employers created more jobs than businesses in any other U.S. metro area, according to the Greater Dallas Chamber. The Dallas-Fort Worth area added 81,900 jobs in 2007, besting the New York region and Houston to top the chamber's ranking. That brought the local job count to more than 2.9 million and reflected a growth rate of 2.9 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Fort Worth-Arlington area lagged the east side of the Metroplex, with 2.2 percent job growth and 18,600 new jobs. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area grew at 3.1 percent. The statistics differ slightly from the most recent estimates created by the Texas Workforce Commission. That agency reported that the Fort Worth-Arlington area added 16,400 jobs between December 2006 and December 2007.

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