

## Community Profile

### History of Melissa, Texas



County: Collin

Location: 38 miles north of Dallas on US Hwy 75

Area: 21 square Miles

Form of Government: Council/Manager

Number on Council: 7

Municipal Police: 13

(Source: City of Melissa)

Melissa settlement began in the 1840s although the town did not take off until the Houston and Texas Central Railway arrived in the early 1870s. The town's namesake is not certain since there were two railroad executives with daughters named Melissa. The town's railroad connection attracted population from Highland, Texas, a small community about 2.5 miles north of Melissa.



A post office was granted in the first half of 1873 and by 1884 the town had a population estimated at 100.

Melissa was on the line of the first Texas Interurban line (the Texas Electric Railway) which ran from Denison to Dallas beginning in 1908. The population increased to 400 by 1914. Melissa's connection to the electric railway insured that the town

was "wired" and the townspeople also benefited from paved roads and a telephone exchange. All of this infrastructure was installed prior to 1920.

Melissa had all essential businesses plus a fully-enrolled school. As a shipping point, Melissa sent out 3,000 bales of cotton each year from two cotton gins. Disaster appeared in 1921 in the form of a tornado. In April of that year thirteen people were killed and both businesses and residences were destroyed. To make matters worse, a fire raged through town eight years later consuming many of the replacement buildings. Growth was curtailed by the Great Depression, mechanized farming and Defense industry jobs available in

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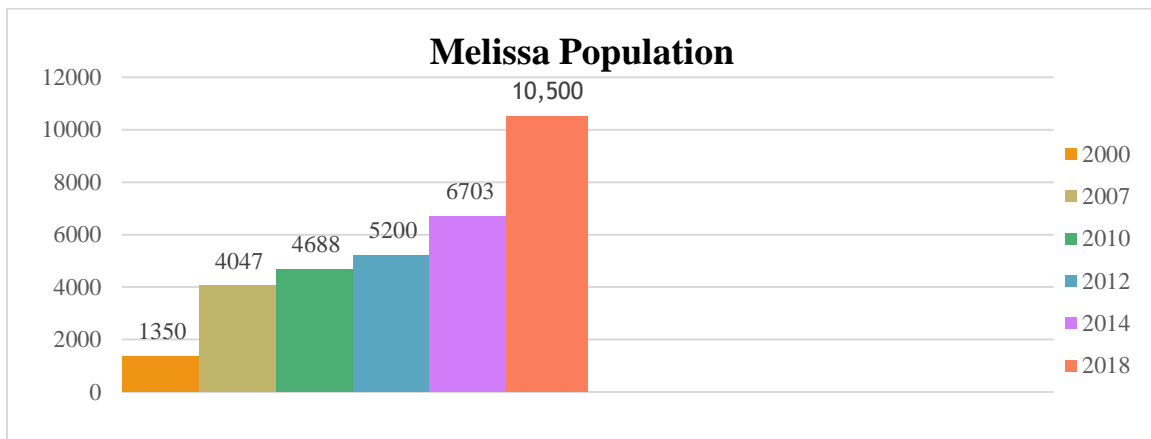
Dallas during WWII. From 500 people in the mid-1920s, Melissa declined to less than 300 by 1949. It increased to 375 by the mid-1960s and to just over 600 in 1980. The 2000 Census shows a substantial increase to over 1,300. The estimated population for 2018 is 10,500.

(Source: Melissa, Texas Forum)

### Demographics

POPULATION						
	2000	2007	2008	2010	2014	2018
Melissa	1,350	4,047	4,688	5,200	6,703	10,500
Collin County	491,675	731,350	749,590	791,633	885,241	

(Source: Texas State Data Center—UT-SA; Texas-Demographics.com)



	City of Melissa	Collin County
<b>Total Number of Households:</b>	501	194,892
2000	1,025	295,237
2007	1,617	302,938
2009		327,567
2014		
<b>Median Household Income:</b>		
2000	\$60,761	\$70,331
2009	\$64,376	\$97,234

<b>Miscellaneous Demographics</b>
<b>Household Size: 3.3</b>
<b>Average Single Family Home Value: \$264,593</b>

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	2012	\$84,410	\$81,364
	2013	\$82,762	90,556
<b>Average Household Income:</b>			
	2000	\$77,560	\$ 89,506
	2009	\$87,843	\$124,474
	2012	\$92,452	\$130,712
	2013		
<b>Per Capita Income:</b>			
	2000	\$26,193	\$33,345
	2009	\$31,179	\$45,601
	2012	\$32,968	\$47,949
	2013	\$30,428	\$37,839

### Employment – Census 2010 Data

Population (16 years and older)	2,750
In Labor Force	1,977
Civilian Labor Force	1,954
Employed	1,879
Unemployed	75
Armed Forces	23
Not in Labor Force	773
Employed Civilian Population	1,954
Management, Professional, and related	762
Service	202
Sales and Office	593
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	40
Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	91
Production, Transportation & Material Moving	174

(Source: Census 2010)

**Education**

Melissa ISD (Texas Exemplary Campuses)

- Number of Enrolled Students: 2633
- Elementary (837 Students) - Harry McKillop Elementary
- Intermediate School (446 Students) - Melissa Ridge Intermediate
- Middle School (598 Students) - Melissa Ridge Middle School
- High School (752 Students) - Melissa High School



Area Universities and Colleges:

- Collin County College
- Texas A&M University (Commerce)
- Texas Woman’s University (Denton)
- University of North Texas (Denton)
- University of Texas at Dallas (Richardson)
- Southern Methodist University (Dallas)

**Top 10 Major Employers**

1.	Melissa ISD	325
2.	Kirk Concrete Construction, Inc.	145
3.	SteelFab Texas Fabricated Structural Steel	100
4.	Calhar Construction Inc.	75
5.	NTMWD Regional Disposal Facility/Fleet	46
6.	City of Melissa City Government	45
7.	Sonic Drive-In	36
8.	CMC Rebar	28
9.	Mudpies & Lullabies	23
10.	Corner Store	15

(Source: City of Melissa)

**Transportation**



**Road Service:**

US Route	US 75
State Highway	Hwy 121 (Sam Rayburn Highway) Hwy 5 (McKinney Street)

**Distance in miles to:**

Dallas	38	Chicago	895
Fort Worth	65	Los Angeles	1,430
Houston	277	New York	1,541

**Air Service:**

McKinney - Municipal  
DFW - International  
Love Field - Regional  
Alliance - Industrial

**Rail Service:**

Provider - Southern Pacific

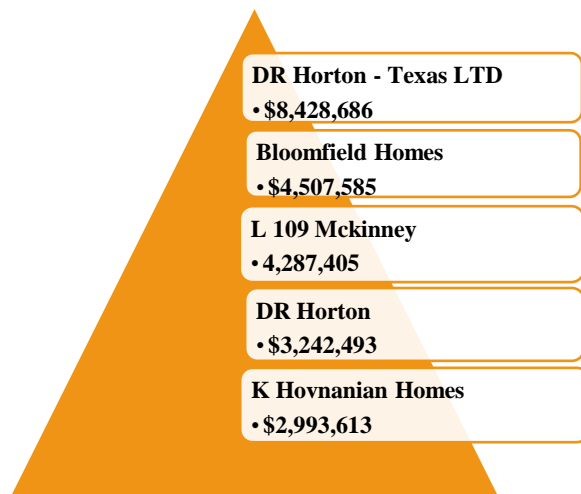
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## Taxation

<b>PROPERTY TAX:</b>	
Rate per \$1,000	
Valuation	\$2.552056
Breakdown by Entity:	
Collin County	\$0.192246
Special District (Community College)	\$0.079810
Melissa City	\$0.61
Melissa ISD	\$1.67
<b>SALES TAX:</b>	
Total Sales Tax Rate	8.25%
Breakdown by Entity:	
Municipal Sales Tax	1%
State Sales Tax	6.25%
Economic Development Sales Tax (4A)	0.5%
Other Sales Tax (4B)	0.5%
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE</b>	<b>\$854 Million</b>

## 2017 Top 5 Property Valuations

For More Information



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