

Community Profile

History of Melissa, Texas



(Source: City of Melissa)

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: 12
 Paid Firefighters: 10
 Volunteer Firefighters: 30
 City Zoning: Yes
 Master Plan: Yes Completed in 2006

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 Dallas during WWII. From 500 people in the mid-1920s, Melissa declined to less than 300 by 1949. It

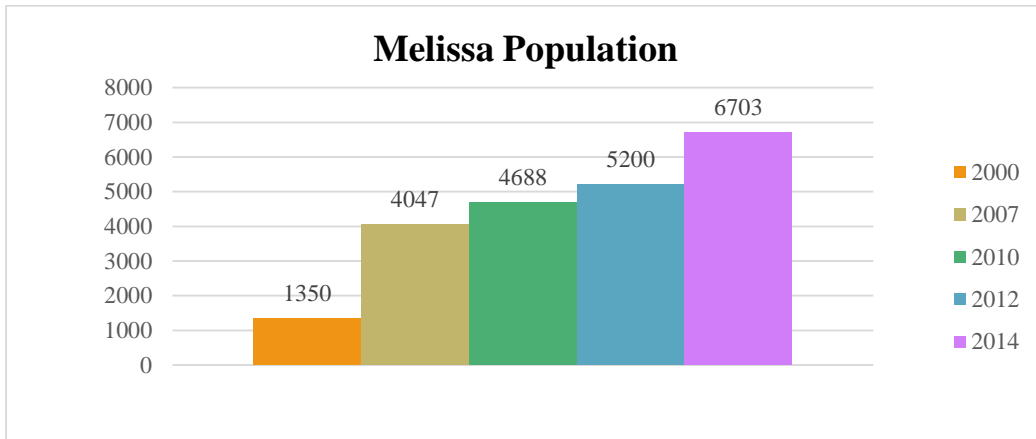
increased to 375 by the mid-1960s and to just over 600 in 1980. The 2000 Census shows a substantial increase to over 1,300. The estimated population for 2017 is 10,000.

(Source: Melissa, Texas Forum)

DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION					
	2000	2007	2008	2010	2014
Melissa	1,350	4,047	4,688	5,200	6,703
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
Total Number of Households:		
2000	501	194,892
2007	1,025	295,237
2009	1,617	302,938
2014		327,567
Median Household Income:		
2000	\$60,761	\$70,331
2009	\$64,376	\$97,234
2012	\$84,410	\$81,364
2013	\$82,762	90,556
Average Household Income:		
2000	\$77,560	\$ 89,506
2009	\$87,843	\$124,474
2012	\$92,452	\$130,712
2013		
Per Capita Income:		
2000	\$26,193	\$33,345
2009	\$31,179	\$45,601
2012	\$32,968	\$47,949
2013	\$30,428	\$37,839

*Updating 2015 census data.

Miscellaneous Demographics

Household Size: 3.3

Average Single Family Home Value: \$244,670

Median Age: 30.1

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: 2399
- Elementary (815 Students) - Harry McKillop Elementary
- Intermediate School (386 Students) - Melissa Ridge Intermediate
- Middle School (542 Students) - Melissa Ridge Middle School
- High School (656 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	280
2.	Kirk Concrete Construction, Inc.	135
3.	SteelFab Texas Fabricated Structural Steel	84
4.	Calhar Construction Inc.	80
5.	NTMWD Regional Disposal Facility/Fleet	48
6.	City of Melissa City Government	38.5
7.	Sonic Drive-In	36
8.	CMC Rebar	28
9.	Mudpies & Lullabies	21
10.	CVS	14

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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

TAXATION

PROPERTY TAX:	
Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$2.58696
Breakdown by Entity:	
Collin County	\$0.225
Special District (Community College)	\$0.08196
Melissa City	\$0.61
Melissa ISD	\$1.67
SALES TAX:	
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%
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$700 Million

2015 TOP 5 PROPERTY VALUATIONS



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