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Job growth (2000-2007): 34.47%

The Lone Star State gets a gold star for job growth, with four counties appearing on our list. Historically, industry in the Fort Bend area revolved around agriculture and the development and shipping of oil and natural gas. More recently, Fort Bend's business has diversified, fueled by the westward expansion of the Houston Metropolitan Area and an influx of tech firms.



The town of Sugar Land ranks 64th on our list of Best Places to Live. The county's largest employers include the Fort Bend Independent School District, the engineering company Fluor Corp. and the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District. --B.B.

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