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## **Census: Austin eighth fastest growing city in U.S. between 2006 and 2007**

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Austin added 18,000 new residents from July 2006 to July 2007, making it the **eighth fastest growing city in the nation during that period**, new data from the **U.S. Census Bureau** shows.

Austin's population in July 2007 was 743,074, up 2.4 percent from the prior year. Austin was the fourth fastest growing city in Texas during that same period, falling behind Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth. With an influx of 39,000 new residents, Houston was the fastest growing city in the country.

Four Austin suburbs were among the 25 fastest growing cities in Texas during the study period, according to an analysis of the Census data by the **Capital Area Council of Governments**. Cedar Park was the 11th fastest growing city in the Lone Star State. Round Rock ranked 16th, Georgetown 19th and Pflugerville 22nd.

Betty Voights, executive director of CAPCOG, says while the region is likely to see a slowdown in population growth due large largely to the housing market's decline, it's important to keep that in perspective.

"Fewer people may be moving here now compared to the last few years," she says. But "we've seen five cities in the region double in population size over the last five years, so growth management will remain a challenge, regardless of the housing downturn."

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