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People stand together in prayer during commencement of former Texas State Attorney General Ken Paxton's impeachment trial at the Texas State Capitol in 2023 in Austin. BRANDON BELL/GETTY IMAGES

San Angelo population grows slightly

Texas had five fastest growing cities in nation

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San Angelo has seen a slight uptick in population, according to new figures from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Numbers released on Thursday showed San Angelo's population as of July 2025 was 100,640. The figure for 2024 was 100,308.

The estimate also shows an increase over the official 2020 census count of 99,893, according to the Census Bureau.

Texas had the five fastest growing cities in the nation with four of them clustered in the suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, according to the media release.

Celina, near Dallas was the fastest growing city in the nation, surging by 24.6% over the past year to 64,427 compared to 18,000 residents in the 2020 official census.

Austin reached a milestone. The bureau said the state capitol joined the ranks of a dozen U.S. cities with at least 1 million residents. The 2025 population estimate for Austin was 1,002,632.

Fort Worth also moved into the top 10 most populous U.S. cities, registering a total of 1,028,117 residents.

The bureau said in a news release Wednesday that despite a national slowdown in population growth, mid-sized cities held their own over the past year while growth declined among many large cities, especially in the Northeast.

Abbott wants Texas statewide prosecutor

Also seeks impeachable district attorneys

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Texas Gov. Greg Abbott unveiled four public safety initiatives he plans to push in the 2027 Texas legislative session, including the establishment of a new statewide prosecutor's office.

Speaking at a news conference on Thursday, May 14, at the Austin Police Association headquarters, Abbott said the agenda is a direct response to crime

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"I am here today to provide them with solutions that we are going to pass this next session to ensure that victims' rights are fought for and we have their back and we are going to make our communities safer," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

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San Angelo teen dies after hit-and-run

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San Angelo police said Wednesday a 16-year-old struck by a vehicle in a hit-and-run crash has died as a result of his injuries.

The boy was walking home from work when he suffered serious injuries May 6 in the 3700 block of Green Meadow Drive, police said in an earlier media release.

Aaron Tyler Metcalf, 24, of San Angelo has been charged with accident involving serious injury and was booked into the Tom Green County Jail on May 7, online jail records show. Metcalf was

being held Wednesday in jail on a \$200,000 bond.

Police responded just after 10 p.m. to the accident and found the teen, police said.

The driver of the vehicle that hit him had fled the scene without stopping to provide aid, police allege. Surveillance video from private residents and local businesses showed a pickup truck hit the victim before leaving the area.

The teenager was transported to a local teenager room for treatment, police said. Detectives used Automatic License Plate Reader technology to identify the possible vehicle driven by the suspect.

Detectives investigated further and identified Metcalf as the suspect, police said. With assistance from the Sterling County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Rangers, Metcalf and the pickup were found in Sterling County.

He was detained and interviewed by detectives before being booked into the Tom Green County Jail for the felony charge, police said.

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