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**McKinney Reclaims Title of Fastest-Growing City in United States By  
Nearly Doubling in Size**

*From 2000 to 2006, U.S. Census Bureau ranks McKinney Number One*

McKINNEY, Texas (Oct. 22, 2007) – Once again, the City of McKinney has earned the title of the fastest growing city in the country by nearly doubling in population over the last six years.

McKinney ranks at the top of the growth chart from 2000 to 2006 for cities in the United States with populations over 100,000, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates. During these six years, McKinney grew by 97.6 percent. Second place city Gilbert, Ariz., by comparison grew 73.9 percent during the same period. The Census Bureau estimates the population of McKinney on April 1, 2000, to be 54,409, compared to 107,530 by July 1, 2006.

“McKinney is growing at a phenomenal rate. This isn’t the first time we’ve been called the fastest growing city in the country, and we are proud of the title, because it means people understand the unique advantages McKinney offers,” said Mayor Pro Tem Thad Helsley. “We are twice as big as we were less than ten years ago, but we are still committed to the right type of growth.

Since the last time McKinney was known as the fastest growing city in the country, that time for cities with a population of less than 100,000, many developments have aided and encouraged growth.

“From healthcare to housing to transportation needs to jobs to education, we’ve worked hard to keep up with the increasing demands of McKinney residents,” said City Manager Larry Robinson. “We will continue to plan the City’s development as we continue to grow. We are fortunate to have a visionary City Council and staff guiding McKinney in a responsible manner. Our ultimate goal is to be first in quality of life.”

“As impressive as it was to top the nation in percentage growth in 2004, that was a smaller category. We’re now competing against larger communities, and to still be number one in the country is evidence that there is something unique about McKinney attracting people in those numbers,” said Helsley. “The important thing is that we continue to grow according to plan and continue to provide the infrastructure and services that help make McKinney the attractive destination it is.”

**About McKinney**

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As the fastest-growing city in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 119,000. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments. Visit the city’s Web site at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).