



**City of Euless**

Since 1995, small businesses have generated 64% of new jobs, and paid 44% of the total United States private payroll, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA defines a small business as a business with 500 employees or less. According to the SBA, small businesses represent 99.7% of all employer firms.

Taking a look back at 2012, there were 73 certificates of occupancy issued to brand new businesses. A closer look revealed that these businesses could be classified as small. There are a variety of business/industry types in this group including:

- Computer software design and training
- Night vision imaging system manufacturing
- Structural steel and fabrication
- Limo services
- Industrial vehicle and machinery consulting
- Medical screening laboratories
- Membership sports center
- Disaster restoration
- Fire protections services
- Retail furniture
- Ethnic food restaurants

Small businesses bring growth and innovation to our communities. They provide a variety and a diversity of goods and services that complement the products found at the “big boxes and large businesses.” Many of these small businesses serve as a vital supply chain to large corporations in our area and throughout the country. Some of these businesses are smaller, specialized companies hired by big businesses or outsourced to provide cost effective administrative, information technology, contract manufacturing, and other functions vital to the performance of that business.

There is no doubt that our local small businesses mean a whole lot to our community. Because of their size, these small businesses are succeeding because they are adapting quickly to changing economic climates and responding by delivering customized products and high levels of personal service. For more information about the City of Euless, contact Mike Collins at (817) 685-1684 or at [mcollins@eulesstx.gov](mailto:mcollins@eulesstx.gov).



Rosa's Café in Euless

**City of Hurst**

In 2012, the economic resurgence continued that built upon the moderate recovery in 2010-2011, both nationally and locally. In the housing sector, 526 new families moved to Hurst in 2012 with their purchase of a single family residence with an average sales price of \$152,000 and average days on market of a mere 59 days. All three existing home sales statistics represented a double-digit enhancement over the year before and helped drive retail sales to another strong year as it eclipsed the previous year performance as well. Occupancy levels increased in the multi-family sector as well as the 31 apartment communities in Hurst reported 88% average occupancy for the year.

Considerable new construction occurred in 2012 totaling \$39M, highlighted by the 4th quarter startup of construction on the new Heritage Village Residences. This Senior Independent Living Community will include a four level, 121 unit building with indoor swimming pool and immediate access to the neighboring Hurst Senior Activities Center. It is projected to open in the Spring of 2014.

The 4th quarter experienced considerable new development as 45 new businesses opened totaling over 100,000 sq. ft. The largest was Hurst Mitsubishi Autoplex that opened its new car lot and showroom on N.E. Loop 820. Lumber Liquidators, the largest retailer of hardwood flooring in the state, opened their new showroom at Hwy 183 and Precinct Line Rd. Two new home decorating stores opened on West Pipeline, Deb's Home Decor and Connies. Connies is sharing the space with Doug's Sports House, a sports memorabilia store. Three new stores opened at North East Mall recently including Fannz, a pro and college sports apparel store, Tilley's, a family activewear store and Michael Kors an upscale womens accessories store that was considered one of the Top 5 retailers of 2012.

Hurst continues to be a "City of Choice" with the retail community, as it achieved a Top 50 Cities ranking in the state in retail sales per capita. For more information about Economic Development in the City of Hurst visit [www.hursted.com](http://www.hursted.com) or contact Steve Bowden at (817) 788-7025 or [sbowden@ci.hurst.tx.us](mailto:sbowden@ci.hurst.tx.us).

Michael Kors in North East Mall



**City of Bedford**

The North Tarrant Express project is just over 45% complete. Construction along Bedford's corridor may not be pretty, and may be a bit of a challenge to navigate, but it is this construction that is encouraging new and existing businesses to select Bedford as their home. These existing, potential and new businesses share a vision that when the NTE East Segment is finally complete, our corridor will offer an abundance of opportunity for businesses of all types.

While all businesses along the highway corridor have been inconvenienced to some extent by the NTE construction, there are some that were physically impacted - forced to remodel or even relocate in order to transition along with the highway project. We are pleased to have successfully retained many of these businesses here in Bedford.

**AIRPORT FREEWAY @ CENTRAL DR**  
The former Bennigan's building has been demolished...



...and BEDFORD'S new CHILI'S Grill & Bar Restaurant is under construction at this site!

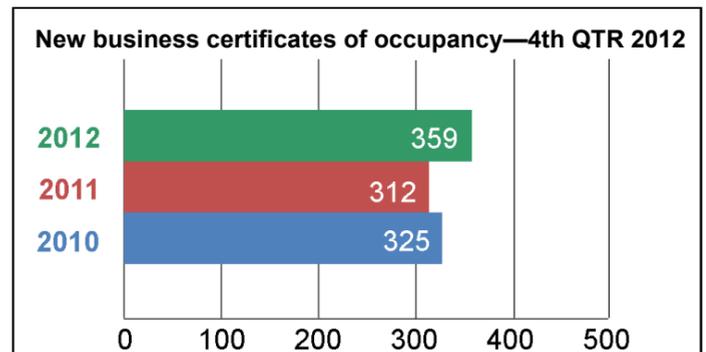
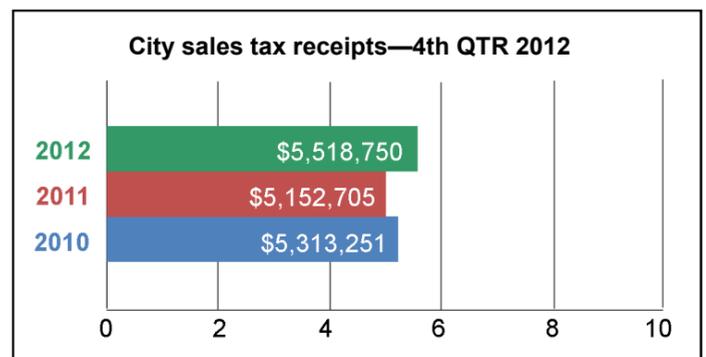
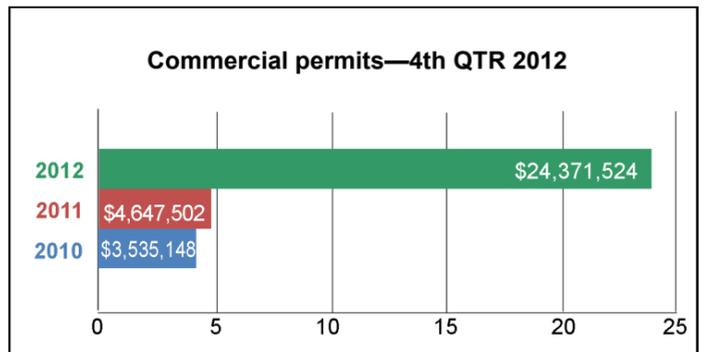


**AIRPORT FREEWAY @ BEDFORD RD**  
Bedford's fresh, new BURGER KING restaurant is OPENING SOON.



Bedford values our existing businesses, but we're also excited to have many new businesses prospecting along, and opening in, the highway corridor and elsewhere in Bedford. Soon to open is the new Burger King restaurant located at Airport Freeway and Bedford Road, and there are many more exciting projects on the horizon in Bedford.

For more information about the City of Bedford, contact Bill Syblon at (817) 952-2175 or at [wsyblon@bedfordtx.gov](mailto:wsyblon@bedfordtx.gov)



For information on the Hurst Euless Bedford Economic Development Foundation and the Hurst Euless Bedford area, contact us at 817-540-1053 or [www.heb.org/economicdevelopment](http://www.heb.org/economicdevelopment)

The Hurst Euless Bedford Economic Development Foundation is a partnership of the cities of Hurst, Euless, Bedford, the HEB Chamber of Commerce, and the HEB Independent School District. The Foundation markets the three cities primarily through trade shows, professional associations, and meetings with commercial real estate developers. Retaining businesses in the area is also a focus of the Foundation.

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