

Tarrant County closed 149 polling places

The reported figure of 92 is a net number. 149 places where people could vote in 2022 are gone. 56 new ones opened somewhere else. This is a reconstruction from the county's own published rosters, matched address by address.

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149 CLOSED	56 OPENED	167 KEPT	-93 NET	5 CAMPUSES CUT
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01 · WHAT THE NUMBER LEAVES OUT

92 is the difference between two totals, not a count of what closed

1 SEPTEMBER 2026

The vote, and the figure that came out of it

Commissioners voted 3 to 2 to adopt an Election Day polling list with 92 fewer sites than 2022. That figure is accurate. It is also a net, and a net cancels closures against openings before anyone sees either one.

MATCHED ADDRESS BY ADDRESS

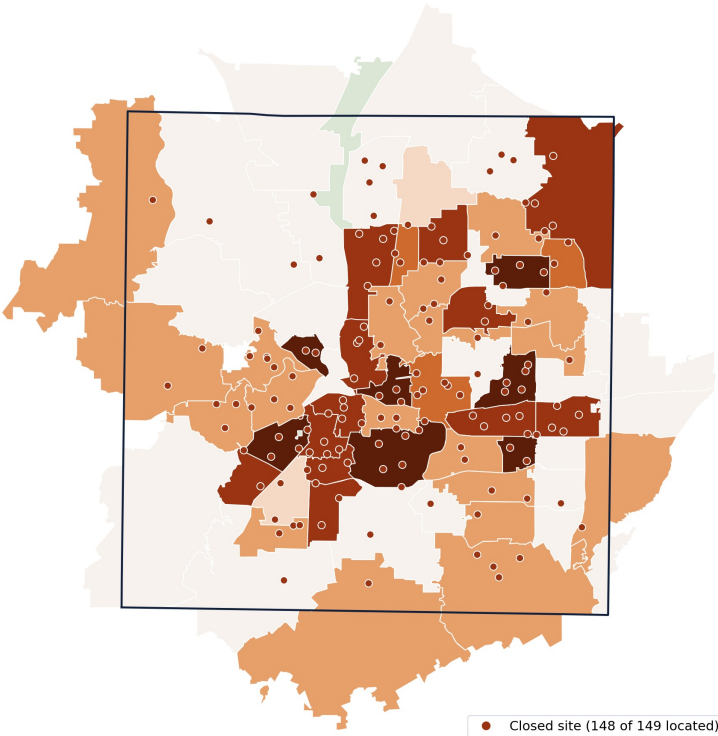
149 buildings are gone. 56 different ones opened.

Set the county's 2022 and 2026 rosters side by side and match on address rather than name, and 149 buildings where a Tarrant County resident could vote in 2022 are not on the 2026 list. That is 47% of the roster, not 29%. The 56 additions bring the count back up. They do not bring the sites back to where they were.

UNRESOLVED · CHECKED 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

The county approved 224 sites and published 223

The list posted the morning after the vote has 223 rows. The elections administrator mentioned a venue that agreed and then withdrew in writing, which would account for it. Nothing published confirms that.



Every closed Election Day site. Each dot is a building that was a polling place in 2022 and is not one in 2026. Shading is the share of that ZIP code's sites lost. 148 of the 149 are located; one address is absent from every national address database.

The closures and the openings are in different places

ZIP 76103 · EAST FORT WORTH

Three sites in 2022. None in 2026.

Christ Cathedral Church, Sagamore Hill Elementary and Victory Temple Worship Center all closed. Nothing replaced them. It is the only ZIP code in the county with no Election Day polling place at all. Fifteen more lost half or more of what they had.

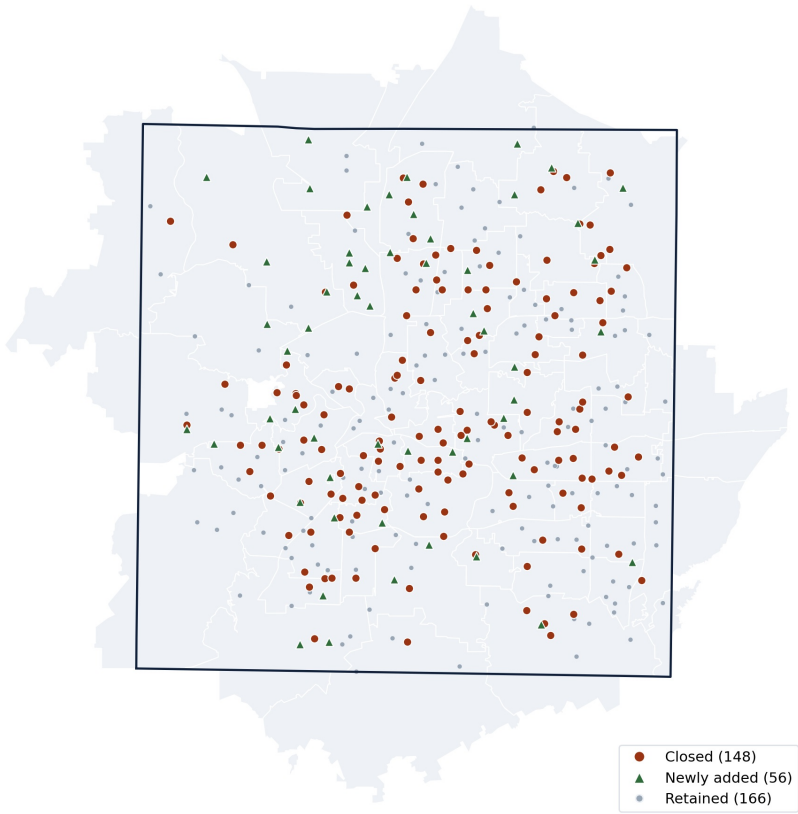
BY CITY

City	2022	2026	Net	Change
Fort Worth	129	89	-40	-31%
Arlington	59	37	-22	-37%
North Richland Hills	12	7	-5	-42%
Bedford	8	4	-4	-50%
Grapevine	8	4	-4	-50%

THE PATTERN

Heaviest in the south and east, and not only there

Losses fall hardest on south and east Fort Worth and on central and eastern Arlington. They also fall on Bedford and Grapevine, which each lost half their sites and do not fit that pattern. Both are in the data. Neither is being left out here.



What closed, and where the replacements went. Closures in rust, new sites as green triangles, retained sites in grey. Additions cluster on the northern and outer edges. Losses concentrate in the middle and south.

SAID PLAINLY

Tarrant runs countywide vote centers. Any registered voter may use any site, so the ZIP code of a closed building is not the ZIP code of the people who voted there. This shows where capacity was withdrawn, not where the affected voters live.

That rules out the obvious next step. Joining Census race data to polling place ZIP codes is an ecological fallacy, and it is the first thing the county would use to discredit the rest.

Five of the fourteen removals are college campuses

REPORTED AS A NET LOSS OF THREE

50 sites down to 47, and the same arithmetic problem

14 early voting sites were removed and 11 added. The early voting rosters are numbered by the county, so both counts are certain rather than inferred.

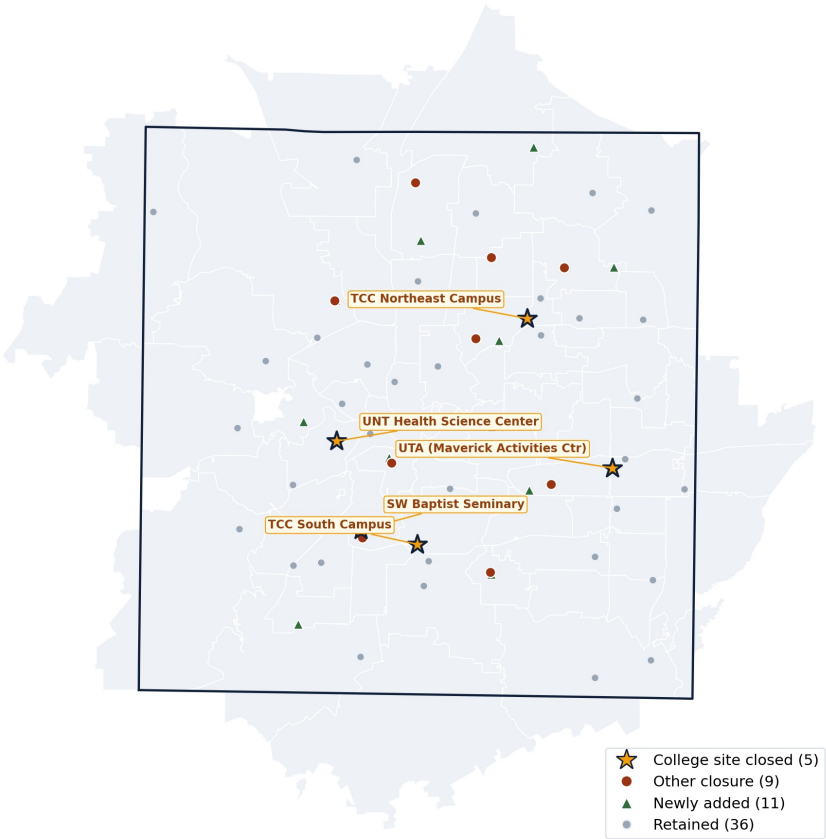
REMOVED

Campus early voting site	Location
UT Arlington, Maverick Activities Center	500 W Nedderman Dr, Arlington
Tarrant County College, South Campus	5301 Campus Dr, Fort Worth
Tarrant County College, Northeast Campus	828 W Harwood Rd, Hurst
UNT Health Science Center	3430 Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	1701 W Boyce Ave, Fort Worth

WHAT REPLACED THEM

None of the eleven additions is a campus

Two campus early voting sites survive in the whole county, both Tarrant County College. An amendment to restore UTA, TCC Northeast and TCC South failed 2 to 3. The elections administrator said the campuses were dropped because they sat within a mile of locations with higher historical turnout.



Early voting, with the five campus closures starred and named. Grey dots are sites that survive. Green triangles are the eleven additions.

One procedural vote is worth about 184 polling places

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The floor moves when the precinct count moves

A county running countywide vote centers must operate at least half the precinct polling places it would otherwise have. That floor is a function of how many precincts exist. On 4 August the Commissioners Court combined precincts, which lowers the denominator and lowers the floor with it.

TWO FIGURES, BOTH ASSERTED, NEITHER VERIFIED

Position	Asserted floor	224 adopted sites are
NAACP LDF and coalition, 28 August 2026	about 354	130 below the minimum
County Judge Tim O'Hare, statement to ABC News	170	54 above the minimum

The coalition's figure comes from 707 precincts. The county's comes from O'Hare's own statement that the plan leaves "54 polling places that exceed the statutory minimum," which puts the floor at 170 and implies roughly 340 precincts after combination. The county has not published its arithmetic. The coalition's letter states a floor of 356 while citing 707 precincts, and 707 divided by 2 is 353.5, so its own figures do not reconcile either.

ALREADY ON THE RECORD

Commissioners said the goal was cutting sites used by fewer than 20 people. County data obtained by the coalition through a records request shows no site in November 2024 saw fewer than 20 voters, and only eight saw fewer than 100. Golden Triangle Branch Library drew nearly 300 reports of waits over thirty minutes that year. It is on the closed list.

What this does not establish, and what is not settled

NO DEMOGRAPHIC FINDING

Because any voter may use any site, ZIP-level shading cannot support a claim about who was affected. That requires change in distance to the nearest open site, computed per census block group and joined to survey data at that level. The coordinates published alongside make it possible. It has not been done here.

TWO SITES NOT LOCATED

Sendera Ranch Rancho Canyon Clubhouse in Haslet and Light of the World Church in Keller are absent from both the Census and OpenStreetMap address databases. 431 of 433 records are geocoded and every point was checked against a Tarrant County bounding box.

TURNOUT COMPARISON DISCARDED

The county's own 2022 per-location turnout report extracts with its name and count columns misaligned. The join failed a check against a known published value, so it was thrown out rather than published. Whether closed sites actually had lower turnout than retained ones is therefore still open.

ONE REPORTED CLOSURE NOT CORROBORATED

Bethlehem Baptist Church has been reported as cut. It appears on none of the four county lists examined. It may have been on the tabled 4 August proposal or an earlier cycle's list.

NO CLAIM OF INTENT

Disproportionate burden and discriminatory intent are different claims requiring different evidence. Nothing here establishes intent, and nothing here is offered as establishing it.