

Growth of Dayton

Over a period of 132 years (1885-2017) Dayton has grown significantly. The following statistics illustrate that growth:

- 1885 - population of 60 residents.
- 1890 - population of 239 residents with a post office, a school, and two churches; lumbering and cattle raising were the chief industries until James E. Berry helped establish a drainage system to make rice a major crop.
- 1910 - population of 2,500 residents with a bank, two cotton gins and a weekly newspaper.
- 1920 - oil development brought new industries.
- 1940 - population of 1,207 residents and 70 businesses; listed as a railroad center.
- 1965 - population of 3,367 residents.
- 1988 - population of 6,201 residents.
- 1989 - major employer is Dayton Independent School District.
- 1990 - population of 5,151.
- 2000 - population of 5,709.
- 2010 - population of 7,242.
- 2014 - population of 7,465.
- 2016 - population of 7,734.
- 2017 - population of 7,651; avg age 35, 52% women, 48% men; 24% college education; 60% white collar/39% blue collar workers; avg income \$52,649; 87% urban/13% rural; 82% English/13% Spanish

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