



Dallas singled out for unmarried guy supply

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In *Sex and the City*, Carrie and her girlfriends complain about how hard it is to find a man in New York. They should move to Dallas.

North Texas has 46,300 more single men than single women – the fourth-largest male surplus in the country, according to Richard Florida, a business professor who delves into singles stats in his book *Who's Your City?*

Would these men make good boyfriends? Dr. Florida didn't study that.

If you can't find what you're looking for among the 46,300 extra single men in Dallas, head to Los Angeles, where the surplus is even greater. And if you're looking for a woman, head to New York City or northern New Jersey.

Here's what Dr. Florida had to say:

Any theories on the gender gaps?

"Men, I speculate, are more likely to be opportunity-driven. And women are more likely to want to stay closer to friends and families in those older areas [of the country]."

Does that mean the women will eventually come to cities like Dallas?

"I think so. ... Forty million Americans move every year. We have to be aware of the job market, the career prospects and the lifestyle. The single stage is important. Young singles are the most likely to move. When you're young and single, you might want to pay attention to this."

What advice do you have for single people?

"The place you choose to live is important – much more important than most people think. And it's not only about a job. ... finding that right life partner is for many people even more important to their life happiness."

Do you fear you're going to become a dating expert?

"Never, ever. We already have one in the family. My wife, Rana, writes a syndicated dating and relationship advice column, the Lowdown, with her three sisters."