

Flow Map Interpretation

This map visualizes home-work locations throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metro Area. Though it is restricted to origin-destination pairs that have at least 10 commuters, there are still considerable numbers of commuters traveling long distances to get to one of the major centers of employment. Central Dallas appears to have two tracts that draw significant numbers of commuters, while Fort Worth draws a somewhat smaller number. The graph is very crowded throughout the inner ring suburbs, making it hard to tell whether they are points of origin or destination. Interestingly, the overall flow pattern clearly delineates distinct business districts. There is a clear radius around Fort Worth in which commuters seem drawn to that district, before the 'gravity' of Dallas pulls more eastern commuters to its own center. Relatively few individuals in outlying cities seem to travel to other outlying cities, with most flows pointing towards one of the clear central business districts.