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**Dallas** ([Template:IPAc-en](/wiki/Template:IPAc-en)) is a major city in the [state of Texas](/wiki/Texas) and is the largest urban center of the [fourth most populous metropolitan area](/wiki/Dallas–Fort_Worth_metroplex) in the [United States](/wiki/United_States). The city proper ranks [ninth in the U.S.](/wiki/List_of_United_States_cities_by_population) and [third in Texas](/wiki/List_of_cities_in_Texas_by_population) after [Houston](/wiki/Houston) and [San Antonio](/wiki/San_Antonio).[[1]](#cite_note-1)[[2]](#cite_note-2) The city's prominence arose from its historical importance as a center for the oil and cotton industries, and its position along numerous railroad lines. The bulk of the city is in [Dallas County](/wiki/Dallas_County,_Texas), of which it is the county seat; however, sections of the city are located in [Collin](/wiki/Collin_County,_Texas), [Denton](/wiki/Denton_County,_Texas), [Kaufman](/wiki/Kaufman_County,_Texas), and [Rockwall](/wiki/Rockwall_County,_Texas) counties. According to the [2010 United States Census](/wiki/2010_United_States_Census), the city had a population of 1,197,816. The [United States Census Bureau's](/wiki/United_States_Census_Bureau) estimate for the city's population increased to 1,300,092 as of July 1, 2015. [[3]](#cite_note-3) The city is the largest economic center of the 12-county [Dallas–Fort Worth–Arlington](/wiki/Dallas–Fort_Worth_metroplex) metropolitan area (commonly referred to as DFW), which had a population of 7,102,796 as of July 1, 2015, representing growth in excess of 676,000 people since the 2010 census.[[4]](#cite_note-4) In 2014, the metropolitan economy surpassed Washington, DC to become the fifth largest in the United States, with a 2014 real GDP over $504 billion.[[5]](#cite_note-5) In 2013, the metropolitan area led the nation with the largest year-over-year increase in employment and advanced to become the fourth-largest employment center in the nation (behind [New York City](/wiki/New_York_City), [Los Angeles](/wiki/Los_Angeles) and [Chicago](/wiki/Chicago)) with more than three million non-farm jobs.[[6]](#cite_note-6) As of April 2016, the metropolitan job count has increased to 3,498,200 jobs.[[7]](#cite_note-7)[[8]](#cite_note-8) The city's economy is primarily based on banking, commerce, telecommunications, technology, energy, healthcare and medical research, and transportation and logistics. The city is home to the third-largest concentration of [Fortune 500](/wiki/Fortune_500) companies in the nation (behind [New York City](/wiki/New_York_City) and [Houston](/wiki/Houston)).[[9]](#cite_note-9) In the latest rankings released in 2013, Dallas was rated as a "beta plus" [world city](/wiki/Global_city) by the [Globalization and World Cities Study Group & Network](/wiki/Globalization_and_World_Cities_Research_Network),[[10]](#cite_note-10) and was 14th in world rankings of GDP by the [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development](/wiki/Organisation_for_Economic_Co-operation_and_Development).

Located in [North Texas](/wiki/North_Texas), Dallas is the main core of the largest metropolitan area in [the South](/wiki/Southern_United_States) and the largest inland metropolitan area in the United States that lacks any navigable link to the sea.[[11]](#cite_note-11) Dallas and nearby [Fort Worth](/wiki/Fort_Worth,_Texas) were developed due to the construction of major railroad lines through the area allowing access to cotton, cattle, and later oil in North and [East Texas](/wiki/East_Texas). The construction of the [Interstate Highway System](/wiki/Interstate_Highway_System) reinforced Dallas' prominence as a transportation hub with four major interstate highways converging in the city, and a fifth interstate loop around it. Dallas developed as a strong industrial and financial center, and a major [inland port](/wiki/Inland_port), due to the convergence of major railroad lines, interstate highways, and the construction of [Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport](/wiki/Dallas/Fort_Worth_International_Airport), one of the largest and [busiest airports](/wiki/World's_busiest_airports_by_passenger_traffic) in the world.[[12]](#cite_note-12)

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## History[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

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Preceded by thousands of years of varying [indigenous cultures](/wiki/Indigenous_cultures), the [Caddo](/wiki/Caddo) [people](/wiki/Native_Americans_of_the_United_States) inhabited the Dallas area before Spanish colonists claimed the territory of Texas in the 18th century as a part of the [Viceroyalty of New Spain](/wiki/Viceroyalty_of_New_Spain). Later, France also [claimed the area](/wiki/French_colonial_empires) but never established much settlement.

In 1819, the [Adams-Onís Treaty](/wiki/Adams-Onís_Treaty) between the United States and Spain defined the [Red River](/wiki/Red_River_of_the_South) as the northern boundary of [New Spain](/wiki/New_Spain), officially placing the future location of Dallas well within Spanish territory.[[13]](#cite_note-13) The area remained under Spanish rule until 1821, when Mexico declared independence from Spain, and the area was considered part of the Mexican state of [Coahuila y Tejas](/wiki/Coahuila_y_Tejas). In 1836, the [Republic of Texas](/wiki/Republic_of_Texas), with majority Anglo-American settlers, gained independence from Mexico to become a distinct nation.[[14]](#cite_note-14) In 1839, [Warren Angus Ferris](/wiki/Warren_Angus_Ferris) surveyed the area around present-day Dallas. [John Neely Bryan](/wiki/John_Neely_Bryan) established a permanent settlement near the Trinity River named Dallas in 1841. The [origin of the name](/wiki/History_of_Dallas_(1839–1855)#Establishment) is uncertain. The Republic of Texas was annexed by the United States in 1845 and [Dallas County](/wiki/Dallas_County,_Texas) was established the following year. Dallas was formally incorporated as a city on February 2, 1856. [thumb|257x257px|President and Mrs.](/wiki/File:Kennedys_arrive_at_Dallas_11-22-63_(cropped).JPG) [Kennedy](/wiki/Jacqueline_Kennedy_Onassis) arrive at Dallas, November 22, 1963

With construction of railroads, Dallas became a business and trading center, and was booming by the end of the 19th century. It became an industrial city, attracting workers from Texas, the South and the Midwest. The [Praetorian Building](/wiki/Praetorian_Building) of 15 stories, built in 1909, was the first [skyscraper](/wiki/Skyscraper) west of the Mississippi and the tallest building in Texas for some time. It marked the prominence of Dallas as a city. A racetrack for Thoroughbreds was built and their owners established the Dallas Jockey Club. Trotters raced at a track in [Fort Worth](/wiki/Fort_Worth), where a similar Drivers Club was based. The rapid expansion of population increased competition for jobs and housing. [left|thumb|397x397px|Santa Fe Terminal Complex on Commerce St, built in 1924](/wiki/File:Santafeold.jpg) In 1921, the Mexican president Álvaro Obregón along with the former revolutionary general visited downtown Dallas' Mexican Park in [Little Mexico](/wiki/Little_Mexico), the small park was located on the corner of Akard and Caruth Street, site of the current Fairmount Hotel.[[15]](#cite_note-15) The small neighborhood of [Little Mexico](/wiki/Little_Mexico) was home to the Hispanic population that had come to Dallas due to factors like the American Dream, better living conditions or the [Mexican Revolution](/wiki/Mexican_Revolution).

On November 22, 1963, President [John F. Kennedy](/wiki/John_F._Kennedy) was [assassinated](/wiki/Assassination_of_John_F._Kennedy) on Elm Street while his motorcade passed through [Dealey Plaza](/wiki/Dealey_Plaza) in downtown Dallas. The upper two floors of the building from which alleged [assassin](/wiki/Assassin) [Lee Harvey Oswald](/wiki/Lee_Harvey_Oswald) shot Kennedy, the [Texas School Book Depository](/wiki/Texas_School_Book_Depository), have been converted into a historical museum covering the former president's life and accomplishments.

## Geography[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

Dallas is the [county seat](/wiki/County_seat) of [Dallas County](/wiki/Dallas_County,_Texas). Portions of the city extend into neighboring [Collin](/wiki/Collin_County,_Texas), [Denton](/wiki/Denton_County,_Texas), [Kaufman](/wiki/Kaufman_County,_Texas), and [Rockwall](/wiki/Rockwall_County,_Texas) counties. According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert), [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) of it being land and [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) of it (11.75%) water.[[16]](#cite_note-16) Dallas makes up one-fifth of the much larger urbanized area known as the [Dallas–Fort Worth Metroplex](/wiki/Dallas–Fort_Worth_Metroplex), in which one quarter of all Texans live.

### Architecture[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

[Template:See also](/wiki/Template:See_also) [thumb|The Dallas skyline from the Trinity River Greenbelt Park|234x234px](/wiki/File:Xvixionx_29_April_2006_Dallas_Skyline.jpg)

Dallas' skyline contains [several buildings](/wiki/List_of_tallest_buildings_in_Texas) over [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) in height. Although some of Dallas' architecture dates from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, most of the notable architecture in the city is from the [modernist](/wiki/Modern_architecture) and [postmodernist](/wiki/Postmodern_architecture) eras. Iconic examples of modernist architecture include [Reunion Tower](/wiki/Reunion_Tower), the [JFK Memorial](/wiki/JFK_Memorial), [I. M. Pei's](/wiki/I._M._Pei) [Dallas City Hall](/wiki/Dallas_City_Hall) and [Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center](/wiki/Morton_H._Meyerson_Symphony_Center). Good examples of postmodernist skyscrapers are [Fountain Place](/wiki/Fountain_Place), [Bank of America Plaza](/wiki/Bank_of_America_Plaza_(Dallas)), [Renaissance Tower](/wiki/Renaissance_Tower_(Dallas)), [JPMorgan Chase Tower](/wiki/JPMorgan_Chase_Tower_(Dallas)), and [Comerica Bank Tower](/wiki/Comerica_Bank_Tower).

Several smaller structures are fashioned in the [Gothic Revival](/wiki/Gothic_Revival_architecture) style, such as the [Kirby Building](/wiki/Kirby_Building), and the [neoclassical](/wiki/Neoclassical_architecture) style, as seen in the [Davis](/wiki/Davis_Building) and [Wilson](/wiki/Wilson_Building_(Dallas,_Texas)) Buildings. One architectural "hotbed" in the city is a stretch of historic houses along [Swiss Avenue](/wiki/Swiss_Avenue), which contains all shades and variants of architecture from [Victorian](/wiki/Victorian_architecture) to neoclassical.[[17]](#cite_note-17) The [Dallas Downtown Historic District](/wiki/Dallas_Downtown_Historic_District) protects a cross-section of Dallas commercial architecture from the 1880s to the 1940s.

### Neighborhoods[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

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#### Central Dallas[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

Central Dallas is anchored by [Downtown](/wiki/Downtown_Dallas), the center of the city, along with [Oak Lawn](/wiki/Oak_Lawn,_Dallas) and [Uptown](/wiki/Uptown_Dallas), areas characterized by dense retail, restaurants, and nightlife. Downtown Dallas has a variety of named districts, including the [West End Historic District](/wiki/West_End,_Dallas), the [Arts District](/wiki/Arts_District,_Dallas), the [Main Street District](/wiki/Main_Street,_Dallas), [Farmers Market District](/wiki/Farmers_Market,_Dallas), the [City Center business district](/wiki/City_Center_District,_Dallas), the [Convention Center District](/wiki/Convention_Center_District,_Dallas), and the [Reunion District](/wiki/Reunion,_Dallas). "Hot spots" in this area include [Uptown](/wiki/Uptown_Dallas), [Victory Park](/wiki/Victory_Park,_Dallas,_Texas), [Oak Lawn](/wiki/Oak_Lawn,_Dallas), [Dallas Design District](/wiki/The_Design_District_Dallas,_Texas), [Trinity Groves](/wiki/Trinity_Groves,_Dallas), [Turtle Creek](/wiki/Turtle_Creek,_Dallas), [Cityplace](/wiki/Cityplace,_Dallas), [Knox/Henderson](/wiki/Knox_Park,_Dallas), [Greenville](/wiki/Lower_Greenville,_Dallas) and [West Village](/wiki/West_Village,_Dallas). [thumb|Homes in Munger Place Historic District in the winter|235x235px](/wiki/File:Munger_Place.jpg)

#### East Dallas[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

[East Dallas](/wiki/East_Dallas) is home to [Deep Ellum](/wiki/Deep_Ellum), a trendy arts area close to Downtown, the homey [Lakewood](/wiki/Lakewood,_Dallas) neighborhood (and adjacent areas, including [Lakewood Heights](/wiki/Lakewood_Heights,_Dallas), [Wilshire Heights](/wiki/Wilshire_Heights,_Dallas), [Lower Greenville](/wiki/Lower_Greenville,_Dallas), [Junius Heights](/wiki/Junius_Heights,_Dallas), and [Hollywood Heights/Santa Monica](/wiki/Hollywood_Heights,_Dallas)), historic [Vickery Place](/wiki/Vickery_Place) and [Bryan Place](/wiki/Bryan_Place), and the architecturally significant neighborhoods of [Swiss Avenue](/wiki/Swiss_Avenue) and [Munger Place](/wiki/Munger_Place). Its historic district has one of the largest collections of [Frank Lloyd Wright](/wiki/Frank_Lloyd_Wright)-inspired [Prairie-style](/wiki/Frank_Lloyd_Wright#Prairie_houses) homes in the United States. In the northeast quadrant of the city is [Lake Highlands](/wiki/Lake_Highlands), one of Dallas' most unified middle-class neighborhoods.[[18]](#cite_note-18) [thumb|Kidd Springs Park in Oak Cliff|233x233px](/wiki/File:Kidd_Springs_Park.jpg)

#### South Dallas[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

[South Dallas](/wiki/South_Dallas), a distinct neighborhood southeast of Downtown, lays claim to the [Cedars](/wiki/Cedars,_Dallas), an eclectic artist hotbed, and [Fair Park](/wiki/Fair_Park), home of the annual State Fair of Texas, held in late September and through mid-October.[[19]](#cite_note-19)Southwest of Downtown lies [Oak Cliff](/wiki/Oak_Cliff), a hilly area that has undergone gentrification in recent years, in neighborhoods such as the [Bishop Arts District](/wiki/Bishop_Arts_District). Oak Cliff was a township founded in the mid-1800s and annexed in 1903 by the city of Dallas.[[20]](#cite_note-20) Today, most of the area's northern residents are [Hispanic](/wiki/Hispanic_and_Latino_Americans). The [ghost town](/wiki/Ghost_town) of [La Reunion](/wiki/La_Reunion_(Dallas)) once occupied the northern tip of Oak Cliff. South Oak Cliff has a population that is a mixture of African American, Hispanic, and Native American.

South Side Dallas is currently a popular location for nightly entertainment at the [NYLO rooftop patio and lounge](/wiki/Nylo_Hotels),[[21]](#cite_note-21) The Cedars Social,[[22]](#cite_note-22) and the famous country bar Gilley's.[[23]](#cite_note-23) The neighbourhood has undergone extensive development and community integration. What was once an area characterized by high rates of poverty and crime is now one of the most attractive social and living destinations in the city.[[24]](#cite_note-24) Further east, in the southeast quadrant of the city, is the large neighborhood of [Pleasant Grove](/wiki/Pleasant_Grove,_Dallas). Once an independent city, it is a collection of mostly lower-income residential areas stretching to [Seagoville](/wiki/Seagoville,_Texas) in the southeast. Though a city neighborhood, Pleasant Grove is surrounded by undeveloped land on all sides. Swampland and wetlands separating it from South Dallas will in the future be part of the [Great Trinity Forest](/wiki/Great_Trinity_Forest),[[25]](#cite_note-25) a subsection of the city's [Trinity River Project](/wiki/Trinity_River_Project) which is planned to restore and preserve wetlands, newly appreciated for habitat and flood control.

Dallas is surrounded by many suburbs; three [enclaves](/wiki/Enclave) are within the city boundaries—[Cockrell Hill](/wiki/Cockrell_Hill,_Texas), [Highland Park](/wiki/Highland_Park,_Texas), and [University Park](/wiki/University_Park,_Texas).

### Topography[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

[Template:Main](/wiki/Template:Main) Dallas and its surrounding area are mostly flat; the city itself lies at elevations ranging from [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert). The western edge of the Austin Chalk Formation, a [limestone](/wiki/Limestone) [escarpment](/wiki/Escarpment) (also known as the "White Rock Escarpment"), rises [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) and runs roughly north-south through Dallas County. South of the [Trinity River](/wiki/Trinity_River_(Texas)), the uplift is particularly noticeable in the neighborhoods of [Oak Cliff](/wiki/Oak_Cliff) and the adjacent cities of [Cockrell Hill](/wiki/Cockrell_Hill,_Texas), [Cedar Hill](/wiki/Cedar_Hill,_Texas), Mesquite, [Grand Prairie](/wiki/Grand_Prairie,_Texas), and [Irving](/wiki/Irving,_Texas). Marked variations in terrain are also found in cities immediately to the west in [Tarrant County](/wiki/Tarrant_County,_Texas) surrounding [Fort Worth](/wiki/Fort_Worth,_Texas), as well as along [Turtle Creek](/wiki/Turtle_Creek_(Dallas_County,_Texas)) north of Downtown.

[thumb|400px|right|](/wiki/File:Dallas_Arboretum_Seasons.jpg)[Dallas Arboretum](/wiki/Dallas_Arboretum) Dallas, like many other cities, was founded along a river. The city was founded at the location of a "white rock crossing" of the Trinity River, where it was easier for wagons to cross the river in the days before ferries or bridges. The [Trinity River](/wiki/Trinity_River_(Texas)), though not usefully navigable, is the major waterway through the city. Its path through Dallas is paralleled by [Interstate 35E](/wiki/Interstate_35E_(Texas)) along the [Stemmons Corridor](/wiki/Stemmons_Corridor), then south alongside the western portion of [Downtown](/wiki/Downtown_Dallas) and past [south Dallas](/wiki/South_Dallas) and [Pleasant Grove](/wiki/Pleasant_Grove,_Dallas), where the river is paralleled by [Interstate 45](/wiki/Interstate_45_(Texas)) until it exits the city and heads southeast towards [Houston](/wiki/Houston). The river is flanked on both sides by [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) tall earthen [levees](/wiki/Levee) to protect the city from frequent floods.[[26]](#cite_note-26)[left|thumb|266x266px|Two](/wiki/File:Double-crested_Cormorant_Pair.jpg) [Double-crested Cormorants](/wiki/Double-crested_cormorant) at [White Rock Lake](/wiki/White_Rock_Lake)

Since it was rerouted in the late 1920s, the river has been little more than a drainage ditch within a floodplain for several miles above and below downtown Dallas, with a more normal course further upstream and downstream, but as Dallas began shifting towards postindustrial society, public outcry about the lack of aesthetic and recreational use of the river ultimately gave way to the [Trinity River Project](/wiki/Trinity_River_Project),[[27]](#cite_note-27) which was begun in the early 2000s and is scheduled to be completed in the 2010s. If the project materializes fully, it promises improvements to the riverfront in the form of man-made lakes, new park facilities and trails, and transportation upgrades.

The project area will reach for over [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) in length within the city, while the overall geographical land area addressed by the Land Use Plan is approximately [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) in size—about 20% of the land area in Dallas. Green space along the river will encompass approximately [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert), making it one of the largest and diverse urban parks in the world.[[28]](#cite_note-28) [White Rock Lake](/wiki/White_Rock_Lake), a reservoir constructed at the beginning of the 20th century, is Dallas' other significant water feature. The lake and surrounding park is a popular destination for boaters, rowers, joggers, and bikers, as well as visitors seeking peaceful respite from the city at the [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) [Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden](/wiki/Dallas_Arboretum_and_Botanical_Garden), located on the lake's eastern shore. [White Rock Creek](/wiki/White_Rock_Creek) feeds into White Rock Lake, and then exits on to the Trinity River southeast of downtown Dallas. Trails along White Rock Creek are part of the extensive Dallas County Trails System.

[Bachman Lake](/wiki/Bachman_Lake), just northwest of [Love Field Airport](/wiki/Dallas_Love_Field), is a smaller lake also popularly used for recreation. Northeast of the city is [Lake Ray Hubbard](/wiki/Lake_Ray_Hubbard), a vast [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) reservoir located in an extension of Dallas surrounded by the suburbs of [Garland](/wiki/Garland,_Texas), [Rowlett](/wiki/Rowlett,_Texas), [Rockwall](/wiki/Rockwall,_Texas), and [Sunnyvale](/wiki/Sunnyvale,_Texas).[[29]](#cite_note-29) To the west of the city is [Mountain Creek Lake](/wiki/Mountain_Creek_Lake), once home to the [Naval Air Station Dallas](/wiki/Naval_Air_Station_Dallas) ([Hensley Field](/wiki/Hensley_Field)) and a number of defense aircraft manufacturers.[[30]](#cite_note-30) [North Lake](/wiki/North_Lake_(Dallas_County,_Texas)), a small body of water in an extension of the city limits surrounded by [Irving](/wiki/Irving,_Texas) and [Coppell](/wiki/Coppell,_Texas), initially served as a water source for a nearby power plant but is now being targeted for redevelopment as a recreational lake due to its proximity to [Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport](/wiki/Dallas-Fort_Worth_International_Airport), a plan that the lake's neighboring cities oppose.[[31]](#cite_note-31) [Template:Wide image](/wiki/Template:Wide_image)

### Climate[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

[Template:Main](/wiki/Template:Main) [thumb|Spring in an](/wiki/File:Kidd_Springs_Park_2.jpg) [Oak Cliff](/wiki/Oak_Cliff) park|269x269px Dallas has a [humid subtropical climate](/wiki/Humid_subtropical_climate) ([Köppen](/wiki/Köppen_climate_classification): *Cfa*), though it is located in a region that also tends to receive warm, dry winds from the north and west in the summer, bringing temperatures to the [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) mark about 20 days annually, the majority in August, and [heat indices](/wiki/Heat_indices) easily breaking [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert). When only temperature itself is accounted for, the north central Texas region where Dallas is located is one of the hottest in the United States during the summer months, usually trailing only the [Sonoran Desert](/wiki/Sonoran_Desert) of [Arizona](/wiki/Arizona) as well as the [Mojave Desert](/wiki/Mojave_Desert) of southern [Nevada](/wiki/Nevada) and [southeastern](/wiki/Southern_California) California. Dewpoints in the summer range from [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert).[[32]](#cite_note-32) Winters in Dallas are generally mild to warm, with a normal daily average temperature in January of [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) with sharp swings in temperature as strong cold fronts known as "[Blue Northers](/wiki/Texas_Norther)" pass through the Dallas region, forcing daytime highs below the [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) mark for several days at a time and often between days with high temperatures above [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert). Snow accumulation is seen in the city in about 70% of winter seasons, and snowfall generally occurs 1–2 days out of the year for a seasonal average of [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert). Some areas in the region, however, receive more than that, while other areas receive negligible snowfall or none at all.[[33]](#cite_note-33)[left|thumb|265x265px|Craddock Park in](/wiki/File:Craddock_Park.jpg) [Oak Lawn](/wiki/Oak_Lawn,_Dallas) A few times each winter in Dallas, warm and humid air from the south will override cold, dry air, resulting in [freezing rain](/wiki/Freezing_rain) or ice and causing disruptions in the city if the roads and highways become slick. Temperatures reaching [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) on average occur on at least 4 days each winter month. Dallas averages 26 annual nights at or below freezing,[[32]](#cite_note-32) with the winter of 1999–2000 holding the all-time record as having the fewest freezing nights, with 14. During this same span of 15 years,[Template:Specify](/wiki/Template:Specify) the temperature in the region has only twice dropped below [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert), though it will generally fall below [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) in most (67%) years.[[32]](#cite_note-32) In sum, extremes and variations in winter weather are more readily seen in Dallas and Texas as a whole than along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, due to the state's location in the interior of the North American continent. The lack of any mountainous terrain to the north leaves it open to the sweep of Arctic weather systems.

[thumb|](/wiki/File:SMU_-_Blanton_Snow.jpg)[Laura Lee Blanton Building](/wiki/Jack_S._Blanton) at [Southern Methodist University](/wiki/Southern_Methodist_University) covered in snow|266x266px Spring and autumn bring pleasant weather to the area. Vibrant [wildflowers](/wiki/Wildflower) (such as the [bluebonnet](/wiki/Bluebonnet_(plant)), [Indian paintbrush](/wiki/Castilleja) and other [flora](/wiki/Flora_(plants))) bloom in spring and are planted around the highways throughout Texas.[[34]](#cite_note-34) Springtime weather can be [quite volatile](/wiki/Severe_weather), but temperatures themselves are mild. The weather in Dallas is also generally pleasant from late September to early December and on many winter days. Autumn often brings more storms and tornado threat, but usually fewer and less severe than in spring.

Each spring, cold fronts moving south from the North will collide with warm, humid air streaming in from the [Gulf Coast](/wiki/Gulf_Coast), leading to severe [thunderstorms](/wiki/Thunderstorm) with [lightning](/wiki/Lightning), torrents of rain, [hail](/wiki/Hail), and occasionally, [tornadoes](/wiki/Tornado). Over time, tornadoes have probably been the biggest natural threat to the city, as it is located near the heart of [Tornado Alley](/wiki/Tornado_Alley).

The [U.S. Department of Agriculture](/wiki/USDA) places Dallas in [Plant Hardiness Zone 8a](/wiki/USDA_plant_hardiness_zone).[[35]](#cite_note-35)[[36]](#cite_note-36) However, mild winter temperatures in the past 15 to 20 years have encouraged the horticulture of some cold-sensitive plants such as [*Washingtonia filifera*](/wiki/Washingtonia_filifera) and [*Washingtonia robusta*](/wiki/Washingtonia_robusta) [palms](/wiki/Palm_tree). According to the [American Lung Association](/wiki/American_Lung_Association), Dallas has the 12th highest air pollution among U.S. cities, ranking it behind Los Angeles and [Houston](/wiki/Houston).[[37]](#cite_note-37) Much of the air pollution in Dallas and the surrounding area comes from a hazardous materials incineration plant in the small town of [Midlothian](/wiki/Midlothian,_Texas) and from concrete installations in neighbouring [Ellis County](/wiki/Ellis_County,_Texas).[[38]](#cite_note-38) The all-time record low temperature within the city itself is [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert), set on January 18, 1930, while the all-time record high is [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert), set on June 26 and 27, 1980 during the [Heat Wave of 1980](/wiki/Heat_Wave_of_1980) at nearby Dallas–Fort Worth Airport.[[32]](#cite_note-32)[[39]](#cite_note-39) The average daily low in Dallas is [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) and the average daily high is [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert). Dallas receives approximately [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) of rain per year. [Template:Dallas weatherbox](/wiki/Template:Dallas_weatherbox)

## Demographics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

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| **Demographic profile** | **2010**[**[41]**](#cite_note-41) | **1990**[**[42]**](#cite_note-42) | **1970**[**[42]**](#cite_note-42) | **1950**[**[42]**](#cite_note-42) |
| [White](/wiki/White_American) | 50.7% | 55.3% | 74.2% | 86.8% |
| —Non-Hispanic | 28.8% | 47.7% | 66.9%[[43]](#cite_note-43) | n/a |
| [Black or African American](/wiki/African_American) | 25.0% | 29.5% | 24.9% | 13.1% |
| [Hispanic or Latino](/wiki/Hispanic_and_Latino_Americans) (of any race) | 42.4% | 20.9% | 7.5%[[43]](#cite_note-43) | n/a |
| [Asian](/wiki/Asian_American) | 2.9% | 2.2% | 0.2% | – |

As of the 2010 Census Dallas had a population of 1,197,816. The median age was 31.8.

According to the 2010 Census, 50.7% of the population was White (28.8% [non-Hispanic white](/wiki/Non-Hispanic_white)), 25.0% was Black or [African American](/wiki/African_American), 0.7% American Indian and Alaska Native, 2.9% Asian, 2.6% from two or more races. 42.4% of the total population was of Hispanic or Latino origin (they may be of any race).[[44]](#cite_note-44) At the 2006–2010 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, among the Hispanic population, 36.8% of Dallas was [Mexican](/wiki/Mexican_American), 0.3% [Puerto Rican](/wiki/Puerto_Rican_people), 0.2% Cuban and 4.3% other Hispanic or Latino.[[45]](#cite_note-45)[[46]](#cite_note-46)[[47]](#cite_note-47) There were 458,057 households at the 2010 census, out of which 29.1% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 36.1% were headed by married couples living together, 16.0% had a female householder with no husband present, and 42.0% were classified as non-family households. 33.7% of all households had one or more people under 18 years of age, and 17.6% had one or more people who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.57 and the average family size was 3.42.[[48]](#cite_note-48) At the 2010 census the city's age distribution of the population showed 26.5% under the age of 18 and 8.8% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 31.8 years. 50.0% of the population was male and 50.0% was female.[[48]](#cite_note-48) According to the 2005–2007 American Community Survey, the median income for a household in the city was $40,147, and the median income for a family was $42,670. Male full-time workers had a median income of $32,265 versus $32,402 for female full-time workers. The per capita income for the city was $25,904. About 18.7% of families and 21.7% of the population were below the poverty line, including 33.6% of those under age 18 and 13.4% of those aged 65 or over. The median price for a house was $129,600.[[49]](#cite_note-49) Dallas' population was historically predominantly white (non-Hispanic [whites](/wiki/Non-Hispanic_Whites) made up 82.8% of the population in 1930),[[42]](#cite_note-42) but its population has diversified due to immigration policies and "white flight" over the 20th century. Today the non-Hispanic white population has been eroded to less than one-third of the city's population.[[50]](#cite_note-50) In addition, recent data showed that 26.5% of Dallas' population and 17% of residents in the Metroplex as a whole were foreign-born.[[51]](#cite_note-51) Dallas is a major destination for Mexican immigrants. The southwestern portion of the city, particularly [Oak Cliff](/wiki/Oak_Cliff) is chiefly inhabited by Hispanic residents. The southeastern portion of the city [Pleasant Grove](/wiki/Pleasant_Grove,_Dallas,_Texas) is chiefly inhabited by black and Hispanic residents, while the [southern portion](/wiki/South_Dallas) of the city is predominantly black. The West and East sides of the city are predominantly Hispanic; [Garland](/wiki/Garland) also has a large Spanish speaking population. [North Dallas](/wiki/North_Dallas) is many enclaves of predominantly white, black and especially Hispanic residents.

In addition, Dallas and its suburbs are home to a large number of Asian residents—[Koreans](/wiki/Korean_American),[[52]](#cite_note-52) [Taiwanese](/wiki/Taiwanese_American), [Chinese](/wiki/Chinese_American), [Filipinos](/wiki/Filipino_American), [Vietnamese](/wiki/Vietnamese_American), [Thai](/wiki/Thai_American), [Indians](/wiki/Indian_American), [Bangladeshis](/wiki/Bangladeshi_American), [Pakistanis](/wiki/Pakistani_American), [Sri Lankans](/wiki/Sri_Lankan_American), [Nepalese](/wiki/Nepalese_American), and [Arabs](/wiki/Arab_American) all have large presences in the area, particularly in the suburbs of [Arlington](/wiki/Arlington,_Texas), [Garland](/wiki/Garland,_Texas), [Richardson](/wiki/Richardson,_Texas), [Plano](/wiki/Plano,_Texas), [Carrollton](/wiki/Carrollton,_Texas), [Irving](/wiki/Irving,_Texas), [Frisco](/wiki/Frisco,_Texas), [Flower Mound](/wiki/Flower_Mound,_Texas), and [Allen](/wiki/Allen,_Texas).[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed) There is also a significant number of people from the [Horn of Africa](/wiki/Horn_of_Africa), immigrants from Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Somalia. With so many immigrant groups, there are often multilingual signs in the [linguistic landscape](/wiki/Linguistic_landscape).[left|thumb|Trilingual sign on shop in multilingual neighborhood: English, Spanish,](/wiki/File:English-Amharic-Spanish_sign.jpg) [Amharic](/wiki/Amharic).

The Dallas-Fort-Worth Metroplex has an estimated 70,000 Russian-speakers, mostly immigrants from the former [Soviet Bloc](/wiki/Soviet_Bloc). Included in this population are Russians, Russian Jews, Ukrainians, Belorussians, Moldavians, Uzbek, Kirghiz, and others. The Russian-speaking population of Dallas has continued to grow in the sector of “American husbands-Russian wives”. Russian DFW has its own newspaper [The Dallas Telegraph](http://DallasTelegraph.com).

About half of Dallas's population was born outside of Texas. Many residents have migrated to the city from other parts of the country, particularly the [Midwest](/wiki/Midwest), [Northeast](/wiki/Northeastern_United_States), and California.[[53]](#cite_note-53) Recognized for having the sixth largest [lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT)](/wiki/LGBT) population in the nation, the Dallas metropolitan is widely noted for being home to a thriving and diverse [LGBT community](/wiki/LGBT_community).[[54]](#cite_note-54) Throughout the year there are many well-established LGBT events held in the area, most notably the annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom (Pride) Parade and Festival held every September since 1983 which draws tens of thousands from around the world.[[55]](#cite_note-55) For decades, the [Oak Lawn](/wiki/Oak_Lawn,_Dallas) and [Bishop Arts](/wiki/Bishop_Arts_District) districts have been known as the epicenters of the LGBT community in Dallas.[[56]](#cite_note-56) In 2006, one of the district's [magnet schools](/wiki/Magnet_school), The [School for the Talented and Gifted](/wiki/School_for_the_Talented_and_Gifted) in Oak Cliff, was named the best school in the United States (among public schools) by [*Newsweek*](/wiki/Newsweek), retaining the title in 2007 and regaining the top spot in 2009. Another one of DISD's schools, the [Science and Engineering Magnet](/wiki/Science_and_Engineering_Magnet), placed 8th in the same 2006 survey and moved up to the No. 2 spot the following year.[[161]](#cite_note-161) Other Dallas high schools named to the list were [Hillcrest](/wiki/Hillcrest_High_School_(Dallas)), [W. T. White](/wiki/W._T._White_High_School), Williams Preparatory, and [Woodrow Wilson](/wiki/Woodrow_Wilson_High_School_(Dallas)) high schools. Woodrow Wilson was also named the top comprehensive high school in Dallas by local publication [*D Magazine*](/wiki/D_Magazine).[Template:When](/wiki/Template:When) [left|thumb|](/wiki/File:Woodrow_Wilson_High_School.jpg)[Woodrow Wilson High School](/wiki/Woodrow_Wilson_High_School_(Dallas)) in [Lakewood](/wiki/Lakewood,_Dallas), built in 1928.

A few areas of Dallas also extend into other school districts, including [Carrollton-Farmers Branch](/wiki/Carrollton-Farmers_Branch_Independent_School_District), [Duncanville](/wiki/Duncanville_Independent_School_District), [Garland](/wiki/Garland_Independent_School_District),[[162]](#cite_note-162) [Highland Park](/wiki/Highland_Park_Independent_School_District), [Mesquite](/wiki/Mesquite_Independent_School_District), [Plano](/wiki/Plano_Independent_School_District), and [Richardson](/wiki/Richardson_Independent_School_District). The Plano and Richardson school districts have the largest numbers of public school students in Dallas who are not in Dallas ISD.<ref name=Hansonp82/> The [Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District](/wiki/Wilmer-Hutchins_Independent_School_District) once served portions of southern Dallas, but it was shut down for the 2005–2006 year. WHISD students started attending other Dallas ISD schools during that time. Following the close, the [Texas Education Agency](/wiki/Texas_Education_Agency) consolidated WHISD into Dallas ISD.

Many school districts in [Dallas County](/wiki/Dallas_County,_Texas), including Dallas ISD, are served by a governmental agency called Dallas County Schools. The system provides busing and other transportation services, access to a massive media library, technology services, strong ties to local organizations for education/community integration, and staff development programs.[[163]](#cite_note-163)

#### Private schools[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=48)]

There are many private schools in Dallas, such as [Bishop Dunne Catholic School](/wiki/Bishop_Dunne_Catholic_School), [Bishop Lynch High School](/wiki/Bishop_Lynch_High_School), [Burton Adventist Academy](/wiki/Burton_Adventist_Academy), [Dallas Christian Adventist Academy](/wiki/Dallas_Christian_Adventist_Academy), [Dallas Lutheran School](/wiki/Dallas_Lutheran_School), [The da Vinci School](/wiki/The_da_Vinci_School), [Greenhill School](/wiki/Greenhill_School,_Addison), [Episcopal School of Dallas](/wiki/Episcopal_School_of_Dallas), [First Baptist Academy of Dallas](/wiki/First_Baptist_Academy_of_Dallas), [The Hockaday School](/wiki/The_Hockaday_School), [Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas](/wiki/Jesuit_College_Preparatory_School_of_Dallas), [The June Shelton School](/wiki/The_June_Shelton_School), [Lakehill Preparatory School](/wiki/Lakehill_Preparatory_School), [The Lamplighter School](/wiki/The_Lamplighter_School), [Parish Episcopal School](/wiki/Parish_Episcopal_School), [St. Mark's School of Texas](/wiki/St._Mark's_School_of_Texas), [Ursuline Academy of Dallas](/wiki/Ursuline_Academy_of_Dallas), [The Winston School](/wiki/The_Winston_School), and Yavneh Academy of Dallas and [Dallas Christian School](/wiki/Dallas_Christian_School) is on the borders of [Mesquite](/wiki/Mesquite) and [Garland](/wiki/Garland), and Tyler Street Christian Academy in Oak Cliff. Some Dallas residents attend [Cistercian Preparatory School](/wiki/Cistercian_Preparatory_School) in adjacent [Irving](/wiki/Irving,_Texas), [The Highlands School](/wiki/The_Highlands_School) in Irving, [Trinity Christian Academy](/wiki/Trinity_Christian_Academy_(Addison,_Texas)) in [Addison](/wiki/Addison,_Texas), and [John Paul II High School](/wiki/John_Paul_II_High_School_(Plano,_Texas)) in [Plano].

### Libraries[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=49)]

[thumb|273x273px|Carnegie Library, built with a grant from](/wiki/File:Dallas,_Texas._Canegie_Library.jpg) [Andrew Carnegie](/wiki/Andrew_Carnegie) in 1901. The city is served by the [Dallas Public Library](/wiki/Dallas_Public_Library) system. The system was originally created by the Dallas Federation of Women's Clubs with efforts spearheaded by then-president Mrs. Henry (May Dickson) Exall. Her work in raising money led to a grant from philanthropist and steel baron [Andrew Carnegie](/wiki/Andrew_Carnegie), which enabled the construction of the first branch of the library system in 1901.[[164]](#cite_note-164) Today, the library operates 27 branch locations throughout the city, including the 8-story [J. Erik Jonsson Central Library](/wiki/J._Erik_Jonsson_Central_Library) in the [Government District](/wiki/Government_District,_Dallas) of [Downtown](/wiki/Downtown_Dallas).[[165]](#cite_note-165)

### Museums[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=50)]

* The former [Texas School Book Depository](/wiki/Texas_School_Book_Depository), from which, according to the [Warren Commission](/wiki/Warren_Commission) Report, [Lee Harvey Oswald](/wiki/Lee_Harvey_Oswald) [shot and killed](/wiki/JFK_assassination) president [John F. Kennedy](/wiki/John_F._Kennedy) in 1963, has served since the 1980s as a [county government](/wiki/Local_government) office building, except for its sixth and seventh floors, which house [The Sixth Floor Museum](/wiki/Sixth_Floor_Museum_at_Dealey_Plaza).
* [The American Museum of the Miniature Arts](/wiki/The_American_Museum_of_the_Miniature_Arts) is located at the [Hall of State](/wiki/Hall_of_State) at [Fair Park](/wiki/Fair_Park).
* In the near future, the [Los Angeles-class submarine](/wiki/Los_Angeles-class_submarine) [*USS Dallas (SSN-700)*](/wiki/USS_Dallas_(SSN-700)) will become a museum ship located near the Trinity River after her decommissioning in September 2014. She will be taken apart into massive sections in Houston and be transported by trucks to the museum site and will be put back together.

## Media[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=51)]

[Template:See also](/wiki/Template:See_also) Dallas has numerous local newspapers, magazines, television stations and radio stations that serve the [Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex](/wiki/Dallas–Fort_Worth_metroplex) as a whole, which is the 5th-largest [media market](/wiki/Media_market) in the United States.[[166]](#cite_note-166)Dallas has one major daily newspaper, [*The Dallas Morning News*](/wiki/The_Dallas_Morning_News), which was founded in 1885 by [A. H. Belo](/wiki/A._H._Belo) and is A. H. Belo's flagship newspaper. The [*Dallas Times Herald*](/wiki/Dallas_Times_Herald), started in 1888, was the *Morning News* ***major competitor until Belo purchased the paper on December 8, 1991 and closed the paper down the next day. Other daily newspapers are*** [***Al Día***](/wiki/Al_Día_(Dallas))***, a Spanish-language paper published by Belo,*** [***Quick***](/wiki/Quick_(newspaper))***, a free, summary-style version of the Morning News, and a number of ethnic newspapers printed in languages such as Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.***

Other publications include the Dallas Weekly, the Oak Cliff Tribune and the Elite News, all weekly news publications. The Dallas Morning News also puts out a weekly publication, [*neighborsgo*](/wiki/Neighborsgo), which comes out every Friday and focuses on community news. Readers can post stories and contribute content at the Web site, <http://neighborsgo.com/>. The [*Dallas Observer*](/wiki/Dallas_Observer) and the [*North Texas Journal*](/wiki/North_Texas_Journal) are also alternative weekly newspapers, [*D Magazine*](/wiki/D_Magazine), is a notable monthly magazine about business, life, and entertainment in the Metroplex. Local visitor magazines include "WHERE Magazine" and "Travelhost" – available at hotel desks or in guest rooms. In addition, the Park Cities and suburbs such as Plano also have their own community newspapers. Also, THE magazine covers the contemporary arts scene.

In terms of the larger metro area, the [*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*](/wiki/Fort_Worth_Star-Telegram) is another significant daily newspaper, covering [Fort Worth](/wiki/Fort_Worth,_Texas)/[Tarrant County](/wiki/Tarrant_County,_Texas) and its suburbs. It also publishes a major Spanish-language newspaper for the entire Metroplex known as La Estrella. To the north of Dallas and Fort Worth, the [Denton Record-Chronicle](/wiki/Denton_Record-Chronicle) primarily covers news for the [city of Denton](/wiki/Denton,_Texas) and [Denton County](/wiki/Denton_County).

Area television stations affiliated with the major broadcasting networks (network [O&O's](/wiki/Owned-and-operated_station) highlighted in **bold**) include [**KDFW 4**](/wiki/KDFW) ([Fox](/wiki/Fox_Broadcasting_Company)), [**KXAS 5**](/wiki/KXAS-TV) ([NBC](/wiki/NBC)), [WFAA 8](/wiki/WFAA-TV) ([ABC](/wiki/American_Broadcasting_Company)) (which for many years was owned by [Belo](/wiki/Belo) alongside the *Morning News*), [**KTVT 11**](/wiki/KTVT) ([CBS](/wiki/CBS)), [KERA 13](/wiki/KERA-TV) ([PBS](/wiki/Public_Broadcasting_Service)), [**KUVN 23**](/wiki/KUVN-TV) ([UNI](/wiki/Univisión)), [**KDFI 27**](/wiki/KDFI) ([MNTV](/wiki/My_Network_TV)), [KDAF 33](/wiki/KDAF) ([The CW](/wiki/The_CW)) and [**KXTX 39**](/wiki/KXTX-TV) ([TMD](/wiki/Telemundo)). [KTXA-21](/wiki/KTXA) is an [independent station](/wiki/Independent_station) formerly affiliated with the now-defunct [UPN](/wiki/UPN) network.

63 radio stations operate within range of Dallas.[[167]](#cite_note-167) The city of Dallas operates [WRR](/wiki/WRR_(FM)) 101.1 FM, the area's main classical music station, from city offices in [Fair Park](/wiki/Fair_Park).[[168]](#cite_note-168) Its original sister station, licensed as [WRR-AM](/wiki/WRR_(AM)) in 1921, is the oldest commercially operated radio station in Texas and the second-oldest in the United States, after [KDKA (AM)](/wiki/KDKA_(AM)) in Pittsburgh.[[169]](#cite_note-169) Because of the city's centrally located geographical position and lack of nearby mountainous terrain, high-power [class A](/wiki/List_of_broadcast_station_classes#AM) [medium-wave](/wiki/Medium-wave) stations [KRLD](/wiki/KRLD_(AM)) and [WBAP](/wiki/WBAP_(AM)) can broadcast as far as southern Canada at night and can be used for emergency messages when broadcasting is down in other major metropolitan areas in the United States.

Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation (HBC), the largest company in the Spanish-language radio station business, is based in Dallas.[[170]](#cite_note-170) In 2003, HBC was acquired by Univision and became Univision Radio Inc., but the radio company remains headquartered in the city.[[171]](#cite_note-171) [Slavic Voice of America](/wiki/Slavic_Voice_of_America) media group serves Russian-speaking Americans out of Dallas, TX.

## Infrastructure[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=52)]

### Health systems[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=53)]

[Template:Wide image](/wiki/Template:Wide_image) Dallas has many hospitals and a number of medical research facilities within its city limits. One major research center is the Dallas Medical District with the [UT Southwestern Medical Center](/wiki/University_of_Texas_Southwestern_Medical_Center_at_Dallas) in the [Stemmons Corridor](/wiki/Stemmons_Corridor), along with the affiliated [UT Southwestern Medical School](/wiki/University_of_Texas_Southwestern_Medical_School). The health care complex includes within its bounds [Parkland Memorial Hospital](/wiki/Parkland_Memorial_Hospital), [Children's Medical Center](/wiki/Children's_Medical_Center_(Dallas)), William P. Clements University Hospital (formerly St. Paul University Hospital), and the Zale Lipshy University Hospital.

Dallas also has a [VA](/wiki/United_States_Department_of_Veterans_Affairs) hospital in the southern portion of the city, the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The center is home to a [Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy](/wiki/Consolidated_Mail_Outpatient_Pharmacy) (CMOP), part of an initiative by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mail-order prescriptions to veterans using computerization at strategic locations throughout the United States.

*U.S. News & World Report*, in its 2004 edition on "America's Best Hospitals" gave Parkland Memorial Hospital one of the best overall ratings. The specialties at Parkland Memorial Hospital were also rated among the best in the nation, in seven different categories. Those categorie and the ratings were: Rheumatology- 23rd nationally; Orthopedics- 20th nationally; Kidney Disease- 17th nationally; Hormonal Disorders- 14th nationally; Heart and Heart Surgery- 18th nationally; Gynecology- 11th nationally; Ear, Nose, and Throat- 47th nationally.

[Parkland Memorial Hospital](/wiki/Parkland_Memorial_Hospital) is named one of Modern Healthcare's "25 busiest community hospital emergency departments". Parkland is a 2006 Professional Research Consultants Excellence in Healthcare award winner for Patient Perception and Overall Quality of Care.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

Other hospitals in the city include [Baylor University Medical Center](/wiki/Baylor_University_Medical_Center) in [East Dallas](/wiki/East_Dallas), Methodist Dallas Medical Center in [Oak Cliff](/wiki/Oak_Cliff), Methodist Charlton Medical Center near [Duncanville](/wiki/Duncanville,_Texas), [Medical City Dallas Hospital](/wiki/Medical_City_Dallas_Hospital) and [Presbyterian Hospital](/wiki/Presbyterian_Hospital_(Dallas)) in [North Dallas](/wiki/North_Dallas), and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in [Oak Lawn](/wiki/Oak_Lawn,_Dallas).

### Transportation[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=54)]

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Like many other major cities in the United States, the primary mode of local transportation in Dallas is the automobile, though efforts have been made to increase the availability of alternative modes of transportation, including the construction of light rail lines, biking and walking paths, wide sidewalks, a trolley system, and buses.[Walk Score](/wiki/Walk_Score) ranked Dallas the twenty third most walkable of fifty largest cities in the United States.[[172]](#cite_note-172)

#### Highways[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=55)]

[thumb|alt=High Five Interchange in Dallas.|The](/wiki/File:High_Five.jpg) [Central Expressway](/wiki/Central_Expressway_(Dallas)) and I-635 interchange, commonly known as the [High Five Interchange](/wiki/High_Five_Interchange).|333x333px

Dallas is at the confluence of four major [interstate highways](/wiki/Interstate_highway_system)—Interstates [20](/wiki/Interstate_20_(Texas)), [30](/wiki/Interstate_30_(Texas)), [35E](/wiki/Interstate_35E_(Texas)), and [45](/wiki/Interstate_45_(Texas)). The Dallas area freeway system is set up in the popular [hub-and-spoke](/wiki/Spoke-hub_distribution_paradigm) system, shaped much like a wagon wheel. Starting from the center of the city, a small freeway loop surrounds Downtown, followed by the [Interstate 635](/wiki/Interstate_635_(Texas)) loop about [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) outside Downtown, and ultimately the tolled [President George Bush Turnpike](/wiki/President_George_Bush_Turnpike). Inside these freeway loops are other [boulevard](/wiki/Boulevard)- and [parkway](/wiki/Parkway)-style loops, including [Loop 12](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_Loop_12) and [Belt Line Road](/wiki/Belt_Line_Road_(Texas)). Another beltway around the city upwards of [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) from Downtown is under plan in Collin County.

Radiating out of Downtown Dallas' freeway loop are the spokes of the area's highway system—Interstates 30, 35E, and 45, [U.S. Highway 75](/wiki/U.S._Highway_75_(Texas)), [U.S. Highway 175](/wiki/U.S._Highway_175_(Texas)), [State Spur 366](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_Spur_366), the [Dallas North Tollway](/wiki/Dallas_North_Tollway), [State Highway 114](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_114), [U.S. Highway 80](/wiki/U.S._Route_80_in_Texas), and [U.S. Highway 67](/wiki/U.S._Highway_67_(Texas)). Other major highways around the city include [State Highway 183](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_183) and [State Spur 408](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_Spur_408).

The recently completed interchange at the intersection of Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway ([Interstate 635](/wiki/Interstate_635_(Texas))) and [Central Expressway](/wiki/Central_Expressway_(Dallas)) (U.S. Highway 75) contains 5 stacks and is aptly called the [High Five Interchange](/wiki/High_Five_Interchange). It is currently one of the few 5-level interchange in Dallas and is one of the largest freeway interchanges in the United States.

The following is a list of the freeways and tollways in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area: [Template:Div col](/wiki/Template:Div_col)

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* [20px](/wiki/File:I-30_(TX).svg) [**Interstate 30**](/wiki/Interstate_30_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:I-35E_(TX).svg) [**Interstate 35E**](/wiki/Interstate_35E_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:I-35W_(TX).svg) [**Interstate 35W**](/wiki/Interstate_35W_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:I-45_(TX).svg) [**Interstate 45**](/wiki/Interstate_45_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:I-635_(TX).svg) [**Interstate 635**](/wiki/Interstate_635_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:I-820_(TX).svg) [**Interstate 820**](/wiki/Interstate_820_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:US_67.svg) [**U.S. Highway 67**](/wiki/U.S._Highway_67_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:US_75.svg) [**U.S. Highway 75**](/wiki/U.S._Highway_75_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:US_80.svg) [**U.S. Highway 80**](/wiki/U.S._Route_80_in_Texas)
* [20px](/wiki/File:US_175.svg) [**U.S. Highway 175**](/wiki/U.S._Highway_175_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:US_287.svg) [**U.S. Highway 287**](/wiki/U.S._Highway_287_(Texas))
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* [20px](/wiki/File:Texas_183.svg) [**State Highway 183**](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_183)
* [20px](/wiki/File:Texas_190.svg) [**State Highway 190**](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_190)
* [20px](/wiki/File:Texas_360.svg) [**State Highway 360**](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_360)
* [20px](/wiki/File:Texas_Loop_12.svg) [**Loop 12**](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_Loop_12)
* [20px](/wiki/File:Texas_Spur_366.svg) [**Spur 366**](/wiki/State_Highway_Spur_366_(Texas))
* [20px](/wiki/File:Texas_Spur_408.svg) [**Spur 408**](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_Spur_408)
* [20px](/wiki/File:Texas_Spur_482.svg) [**Spur 482**](/wiki/Texas_State_Highway_Spur_482)
* [20px](/wiki/File:Toll_Texas_DNT_new.svg) [**Dallas North Tollway**](/wiki/Dallas_North_Tollway)
* [20px](/wiki/File:Toll_Texas_PGBT_new.svg) [**President George Bush Turnpike**](/wiki/President_George_Bush_Turnpike)
* [20px](/wiki/File:Toll_Texas_SRT_new.svg) [**Sam Rayburn Tollway**](/wiki/Sam_Rayburn_Tollway)

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#### Transit systems[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=56)]

[thumb|left|297x297px|alt=An escalator descends from the street to an island platform station with a white and yellow train present along a landscaped track.|A northbound train at the](/wiki/File:Mockingbird_Station_3.jpg) [Mockingbird Station](/wiki/Mockingbird_(DART_station)) [Dallas Area Rapid Transit](/wiki/Dallas_Area_Rapid_Transit) (DART) is the Dallas-area public transportation authority, providing rail, buses and [HOV](/wiki/HOV) lanes to commuters. DART began operating the first [light rail](/wiki/Light_rail) system in Texas in 1996 and is now the largest operator of light rail in the US.[[173]](#cite_note-173) Today, the system is the [seventh-busiest](/wiki/List_of_United_States_light_rail_systems_by_ridership) light rail system in the country with approximately 55 stations on 72 miles of light rail, and 10 stations on 35 miles of commuter rail.[[174]](#cite_note-174) Four light rail lines and a commuter line are currently in service: the [Template:DART R](/wiki/Template:DART_R), the [Template:DART B](/wiki/Template:DART_B), the [Template:DART G](/wiki/Template:DART_G), the [Template:DART O](/wiki/Template:DART_O) (peak-service only), and the [Template:DART TRE](/wiki/Template:DART_TRE).

The [Template:DART R](/wiki/Template:DART_R) travels through [Oak Cliff](/wiki/Oak_Cliff), [South Dallas](/wiki/South_Dallas), [Downtown](/wiki/Downtown_Dallas), [Uptown](/wiki/Uptown_Dallas), [North Dallas](/wiki/North_Dallas), [Richardson](/wiki/Richardson,_Texas) and [Plano](/wiki/Plano,_Texas), while the [Template:DART B](/wiki/Template:DART_B) goes through Oak Cliff, Downtown, Uptown, [East Dallas](/wiki/East_Dallas), [Lake Highlands](/wiki/Lake_Highlands), and [Garland](/wiki/Garland,_Texas). The [Template:DART R](/wiki/Template:DART_R) and [Template:DART B](/wiki/Template:DART_B) lines are conjoined between [8th & Corinth Station](/wiki/8th_&_Corinth_Station) in Oak Cliff through [Mockingbird Station](/wiki/Mockingbird_Station) in [North Dallas](/wiki/North_Dallas). The two lines service [Cityplace Station](/wiki/Cityplace_Station), the only subway station in the Southwest. The Green Line serves [Carrollton](/wiki/Carrollton,_Texas), [Farmers Branch](/wiki/Farmers_Branch,_Texas), [Love Field Airport](/wiki/Dallas_Love_Field), [Stemmons Corridor](/wiki/Stemmons_Corridor,_Dallas,_Texas), [Victory Park](/wiki/Victory_Park,_Dallas,_Texas), Downtown, [Deep Ellum](/wiki/Deep_Ellum,_Dallas,_Texas), [Fair Park](/wiki/Fair_Park), South Dallas, and [Pleasant Grove](/wiki/Pleasant_Grove,_Dallas).

The Orange Line initially operated as a peak-service line providing extra capacity on portions of the Green and Red Lines ([Bachman Station](/wiki/Bachman_Station) on the Green Line, through the Downtown transit mall, to [Parker Road Station](/wiki/Parker_Road_Station) on the Red Line making a "U"-shape). However, the first stage of the Orange Line is complete, extending its west end from Bachman to [Belt Line Station](/wiki/Belt_Line_Station) in Irving.[left|thumb|310x310px|DART train in](/wiki/File:St._Paul_Station_September_2015_6.jpg) [Downtown](/wiki/Downtown_Dallas).The second and final phase was scheduled to open in August 2014 and will provide [DFW Airport](/wiki/Dallas-Fort_Worth_International_Airport) with rail service. [DFW Airport Station](/wiki/DFW_Airport_Station) will be the terminus for the Orange Line and will connect to [Skylink](/wiki/DFW_Skylink).[[175]](#cite_note-175) This will provide passengers the convenience of disembarking the DART rail, proceeding to security check-in and immediately boarding [Skylink](/wiki/DFW_Skylink) to be quickly transported to their desired terminal. The Blue Line has also been extended by 4.5 miles to serve [Rowlett](/wiki/Rowlett,_Texas) at the [Rowlett Park & Ride](/wiki/Rowlett_Park_&_Ride) facility.[[176]](#cite_note-176) In August 2009, the Regional Transportation Council agreed to seek $96 million in federal stimulus dollars for a trolley project in Dallas and Fort Worth. The Oak Cliff Transit Authority took the lead with leaders envisioning a streetcar line that would link [Union Station](/wiki/Dallas_Union_Station) and the [Dallas Convention Center](/wiki/Dallas_Convention_Center) in downtown to Oak Cliff, Methodist Medical Center, and the [Bishop Arts District](/wiki/Bishop_Arts_District) via the Houston Street Viaduct.[[177]](#cite_note-177) Dallas was awarded a $23 million TIGER grant towards the $58 million Dallas Streetcar Project in February 2010.[[178]](#cite_note-178) The Dallas Streetcar Project will link up with the current [McKinney Avenue Transit Authority](/wiki/McKinney_Avenue_Transit_Authority) (MATA) trolley line (also known as the M-Line) in Uptown with a new alignment on Olive Street.

In addition to light rail, [Amtrak's](/wiki/Amtrak) [*Texas Eagle*](/wiki/Texas_Eagle) also serves Union Station, providing long-distance train service to Chicago, [San Antonio](/wiki/San_Antonio) and Los Angeles once daily. The Trinity Rail Express terminates at Union Station and [T&P Station](/wiki/T&P_Station).

#### Air[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=57)]

[thumb|273x273px|](/wiki/File:DFWAirportOverview.jpg)[Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport](/wiki/Dallas/Fort_Worth_International_Airport) serves most passengers flying in and out of the [Metroplex](/wiki/Dallas/Fort_Worth_Metroplex). Dallas is served by two commercial airports: [Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport](/wiki/Dallas/Fort_Worth_International_Airport) (DFW) and [Dallas Love Field](/wiki/Dallas_Love_Field) (DAL). In addition, [Dallas Executive Airport](/wiki/Dallas_Executive_Airport) (formerly Redbird Airport), serves as a [general aviation](/wiki/General_aviation) airport for the city, and [Addison Airport](/wiki/Addison_Airport) functions similarly just outside the city limits in the suburb of Addison. Two more general aviation airports are located about [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) north of Dallas in [McKinney](/wiki/McKinney,_Texas), and another two are located in [Fort Worth](/wiki/Fort_Worth,_Texas), on the west side of the Metroplex.

[DFW International Airport](/wiki/Dallas/Fort_Worth_International_Airport) is located in the suburbs slightly north of and equidistant to Downtown Fort Worth and Downtown Dallas. In terms of size, DFW is the largest airport in the state, the 2nd largest in the United States, and 9th largest in the world; DFW International Airport is larger than the island of [Manhattan](/wiki/Manhattan).

In terms of traffic, DFW is the busiest airport in the state, 5th busiest in the United States, and 6th busiest in the world. The headquarters of [American Airlines](/wiki/American_Airlines), the largest air carrier in the world ahead of [United Airlines](/wiki/United_Airlines) and [Delta Air Lines](/wiki/Delta_Air_Lines), is located less than a mile from DFW within the city limits of Fort Worth. Similarly, [Love Field](/wiki/Dallas_Love_Field) is located within the city limits of Dallas about [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) northwest of Downtown, and is headquarters to [Southwest Airlines](/wiki/Southwest_Airlines), the largest domestic airline in the United States.

### Utilities[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=58)]

Dallas is served by [Dallas Water Utilities](/wiki/Dallas_Water_Utilities), which operates several waste treatment plants and pulls water from several area reservoirs.[[179]](#cite_note-179) The city's electric system is maintained by several companies, including [Stream Energy](/wiki/Stream_Energy), [Cirro Energy](/wiki/Cirro_Energy) and [TXU](/wiki/Energy_Future_Holdings),[[180]](#cite_note-180) whose parent company, [Energy Future Holdings Corporation](/wiki/Energy_Future_Holdings_Corporation), has headquarters in the city.[[181]](#cite_note-181) The city offers garbage pickup and recycling service weekly through its Sanitation Services department.[[182]](#cite_note-182) Telephone networks, broadband internet, and cable television service are available from several companies, including [AT&T](/wiki/AT&T_Inc.), [Time Warner Cable](/wiki/Time_Warner_Cable), and [Verizon FiOS](/wiki/Verizon_FiOS).

## Notable people[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=59)]

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## Sister cities[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=60)]

Dallas has six [Sister cities](/wiki/Twin_towns_and_sister_cities) and five Friendship cities.[[183]](#cite_note-183)

''Sister cities

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*''Friendship cities*

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* [*Dallas (disambiguation)*](/wiki/Dallas_(disambiguation))
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* [*List of museums in North Texas*](/wiki/List_of_museums_in_North_Texas)
* [*National Register of Historic Places listings in Dallas County, Texas*](/wiki/National_Register_of_Historic_Places_listings_in_Dallas_County,_Texas)
* [*Texas Triangle*](/wiki/Texas_Triangle)

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* [*Official website*](http://www.dallascityhall.com/)
* [*Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau*](http://www.visitdallas.com/)
* [*Template:Handbook of Texas*](/wiki/Template:Handbook_of_Texas)

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