

The World. DFW International Airport puts Dallas less than three and a half hours from major North American business centers: New York, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Toronto, Chicago and Atlanta. Five interstate highways and three class I railroads put over 35% and 98% of the US population within 48 hours of Dallas by truck and rail, respectively.

The Talent. Access to a three million strong workforce, where 30% of regional workers have at least a college degree. Over 500,000 professionals in management, finance, computing, architecture, engineering and the sciences; over 200,000 professionals in education and the arts. The diverse economy offers many opportunities for dual profession families, and assures a strong pool of talent for area businesses.

The Companies. The Dallas area is home to 20 Fortune 500 companies. Dallas itself is home to 269 locally headquartered companies that each employ more than 1,000 globally. Of Forbes largest privately held companies, 9 are located in the Dallas area.

The Places. The City is home to 424 million sq. ft. of commercial buildings, along with thousands of acres of vacant developable land for distribution, office and retail use.

The Lifestyle. With the cost of living at 96.4% of the national average and no personal income tax, Dallas offers a wonderful quality of life. A growing transit system includes 55 rail stations, plus 9 planned or under construction. Area colleges and universities enroll 284,000 students and Dallas has the largest arts district in the U.S. Thousands of restaurants, 24 libraries, 70 million square feet of shopping, 21,000 park acres, over 100 miles of trails, plus franchises for all the major professional sports leagues provide endless entertainment.

The Future. Dallas is a growing city with a local market of 6.37 million residents. The Brookings Institute rates Dallas in the top tier of best performing metro areas over the recession.

The Support. Dallas government is pro-development, maintaining a comprehensive plan and economic development strategy to encourage growth. Investing over \$1.35 billion through its most recent bond program, Dallas's upgraded infrastructure keeps businesses competitive.



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