Logistics

Dallas–Fort Worth's central U.S. location provides an advantageous distribution hub with quick access to rail, air, and short and long-haul truck transportation. The entire region functions as a global inland port, with Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and Fort Worth Alliance Airport capable of large-scale cargo operations.

The region also offers phenomenal rail transportation. Fort Worth-headquartered BNSF Railway has an extensive hub system throughout North Texas. Union Pacific operates the Dallas Intermodal Terminal in southern Dallas County, moving goods and services throughout North Texas and beyond.

The confluence of three major interstates (30, 35, and 45), as well as I-20 and many state highways, offer distributors efficient routing options for moving products throughout the central part of the U.S. by truck. Carriers can reach up to 93 percent of the U.S. population within 48 hours, while I-35—the USMCA Corridor—provides a direct connection to Canada and Mexico.

Incentives

- **Foreign-Trade Zones** (FTZs) provide duty-free or deferred payment of goods processed at plants engaged in international trade. The DFW area currently has four FTZs. A six-county area (Dallas, Tarrant, Collin, Denton, Grayson, and Rockwall) has been preapproved by the federal government as eligible foreign-trade zone property. With the agreement of local officials, the federal government will provide any eligible business with a FTZ designation on an expedited and simplified basis. Company-specific FTZ's sponsored by DFW Airport include: GM, Sanden, Fossil Partners, Zale, Turbomeca U.S.A., Dal-Tile, The Apparel Group, Matrix Network, Brighton Best International, Lasko, and BMW.

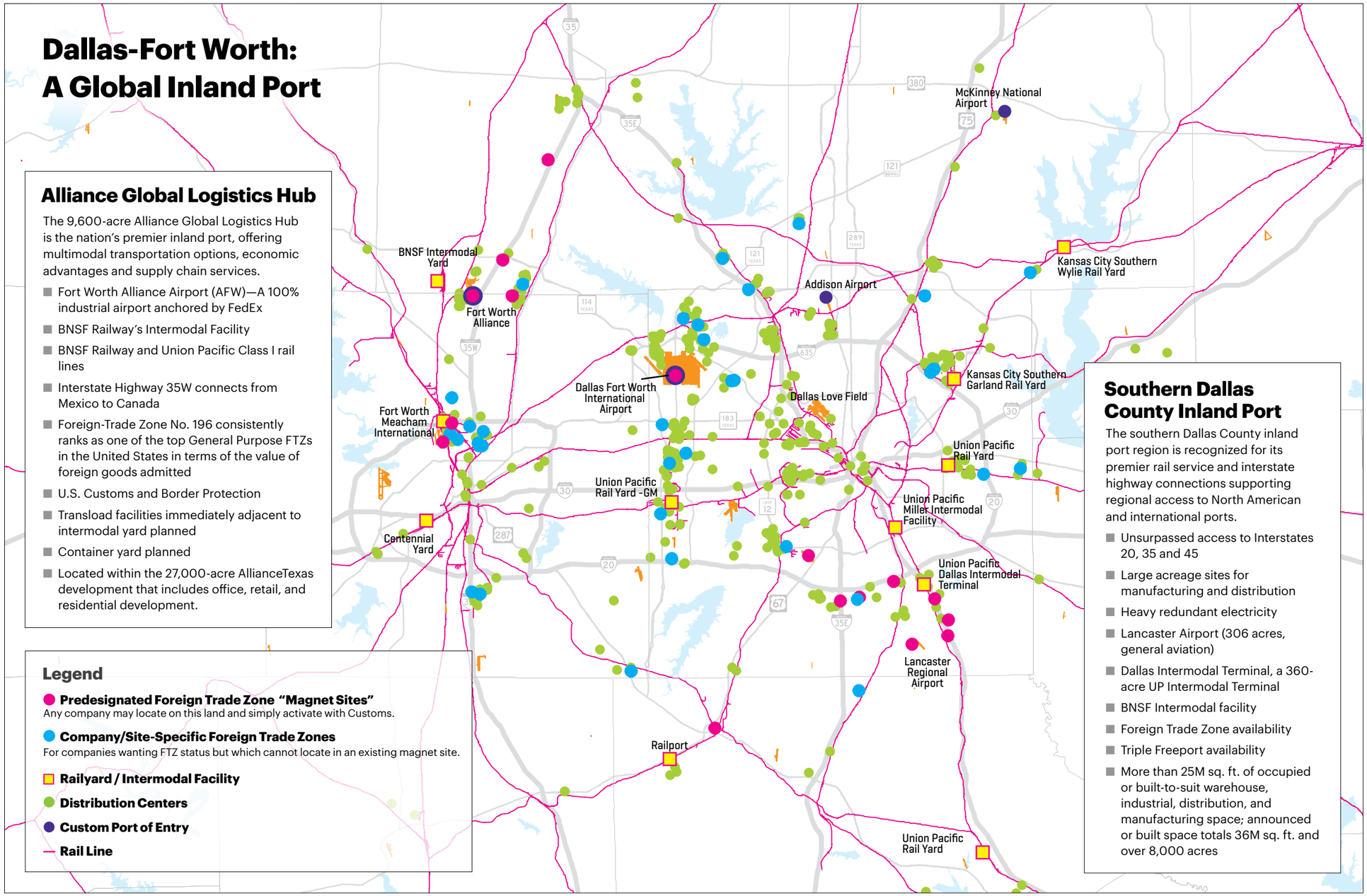
- **Freeport Tax Exemptions** allow local governing bodies the option to exempt personal property consisting of goods, wares, merchandise, or ores other than oil, natural gas, and petroleum. Eligible property must be transported out of the state within 175 days of acquisition but may be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, or fabricated locally. Triple Freeport zones are exempt from city, county, and school district property taxes on inventory.

Dallas-Fort Worth: A Global Inland Port

Alliance Global Logistics Hub

The 9,600-acre Alliance Global Logistics Hub is the nation's premier inland port, offering multimodal transportation options, economic advantages and supply chain services.

- Fort Worth Alliance Airport (AFW)—A 100% industrial airport anchored by FedEx
- BNSF Railway's Intermodal Facility
- BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Class I rail lines
- Interstate Highway 35W connects from Mexico to Canada
- Foreign-Trade Zone No. 196 consistently ranks as one of the top General Purpose FTZs in the United States in terms of the value of foreign goods admitted
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Transload facilities immediately adjacent to intermodal yard planned
- Container yard planned
- Located within the 27,000-acre AllianceTexas development that includes office, retail, and residential development.



Legend

- **Predesignated Foreign Trade Zone "Magnet Sites"**
  Any company may locate on this land and simply activate with Customs.
- **Company/Site-Specific Foreign Trade Zones**
  For companies wanting FTZ status but which cannot locate in an existing magnet site.
- **Railyard / Intermodal Facility**
- **Distribution Centers**
- **Custom Port of Entry**
- **Rail Line**

Southern Dallas County Inland Port

The southern Dallas County inland port region is recognized for its premier rail service and interstate highway connections supporting regional access to North American and international ports.

- Unsurpassed access to Interstates 20, 35 and 45
- Large acreage sites for manufacturing and distribution
- Heavy redundant electricity
- Lancaster Airport (306 acres, general aviation)
- Dallas Intermodal Terminal, a 360-acre UP Intermodal Terminal
- BNSF Intermodal facility
- Foreign Trade Zone availability
- Triple Freeport availability
- More than 25M sq. ft. of occupied or built-to-suit warehouse, industrial, distribution, and manufacturing space; announced or built space totals 36M sq. ft. and over 8,000 acres

Source: EMSI, QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

Legend:

Occupation
Jobs | Median hourly earnings

Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers
4,547 | $46.10

Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks
23,924 | $16.14

Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators
29,658 | $14.12

Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
14,839 | $18.21

Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
67,343 | $22.11

Light Truck Drivers
22,554 | $18.49

Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators
25,100 | $16.85

Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
82,981 | $14.34

Packers and Packagers, Hand
12,773 | $12.12

Stockers and Order Fillers
58,030 | $13.48