DALLAS REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

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, offers 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 for goods processed at plants engaged in international trade. The DFW area currently has five FTZs, including No. 39 granted to DFW Airport which spans a seven-county area. With the agreement of local officials, pre-approval has been secured from the federal government to provide any eligible business with an FTZ designation on an expedited and simplified basis. On-airport and company-specific FTZs sponsored by DFW Airport include: BMW, Mouer Electronics, Dallas Cowboys Merchandising, Samsung, Sardien, Fossil Partners, Safran, Dal-Tile, Kateon Natie DIT, FedEx, DHL, Crane Logistics, The Apparel Group, Brighton Best International, Lasko, and Allied Electronics.

- **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 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.

Dallas-Fort Worth: A Global Inland Port

**AllianceTexas 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 and corporate airport
- **BNSF Alliance Intermodal Hub, Amazon Regional Air Hub, FedEx Southwest Regional Sort Hub, and UPS Ground Hub**
- **Two Class I rail lines (BNSF and Union Pacific)**
- **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**
- **Located within the 27,000-acre AllianceTexas development that includes office, retail, and residential development.**

**Southern Dallas County Inland Port**

The southern Dallas County inland port encompasses 7,500 acres and five cities. The inland port is located at the hub of the nation’s best logistics and transportation infrastructure.

- **Direct access to Interstate Highways 20, 35E, and 45**
- **Large acreage sites for manufacturing and distribution**
- **Heavy redundant electricity**
- **Lancaster Airport (306 acres, general aviation)**
- **360-acre Union Pacific Dallas Intermodal Terminal providing access to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach**
- **BNSF Intermodal facility**
- **Foreign Trade Zone (No. 39) and Triple Freeport availability**
- **More than 25M sq. ft. of occupied or build-to-suit warehouse, industrial, distribution, and manufacturing space; announced or built space totals 36M sq. ft. and over 8,000 acres.**

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**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.
- **Railway/Intermodal Facility**
- **Distribution Centers**
- **Custom Port of Entry**
  - **Rail Line**

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**Source:** Lightcast, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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**Legend:**

- **Occupation**
  - **Jobs | Median hourly earnings**
  - **Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers** 4,990 | $48.03
  - **Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks** 27,782 | $17.52
  - **Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators** 33,913 | $16.27
  - **Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers** 19,549 | $18.02
  - **Heavy and Tractor- Trailer Truck Drivers** 74,486 | $23.03
  - **Light Truck Drivers** 28,574 | $16.71
  - **Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators** 38,313 | $18.07
  - **Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand** 83,100 | $14.68
  - **Packers and Packers, Hand** 13,793 | $13.37
  - **Stockers and Order Fillers** 87,088 | $16.51

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