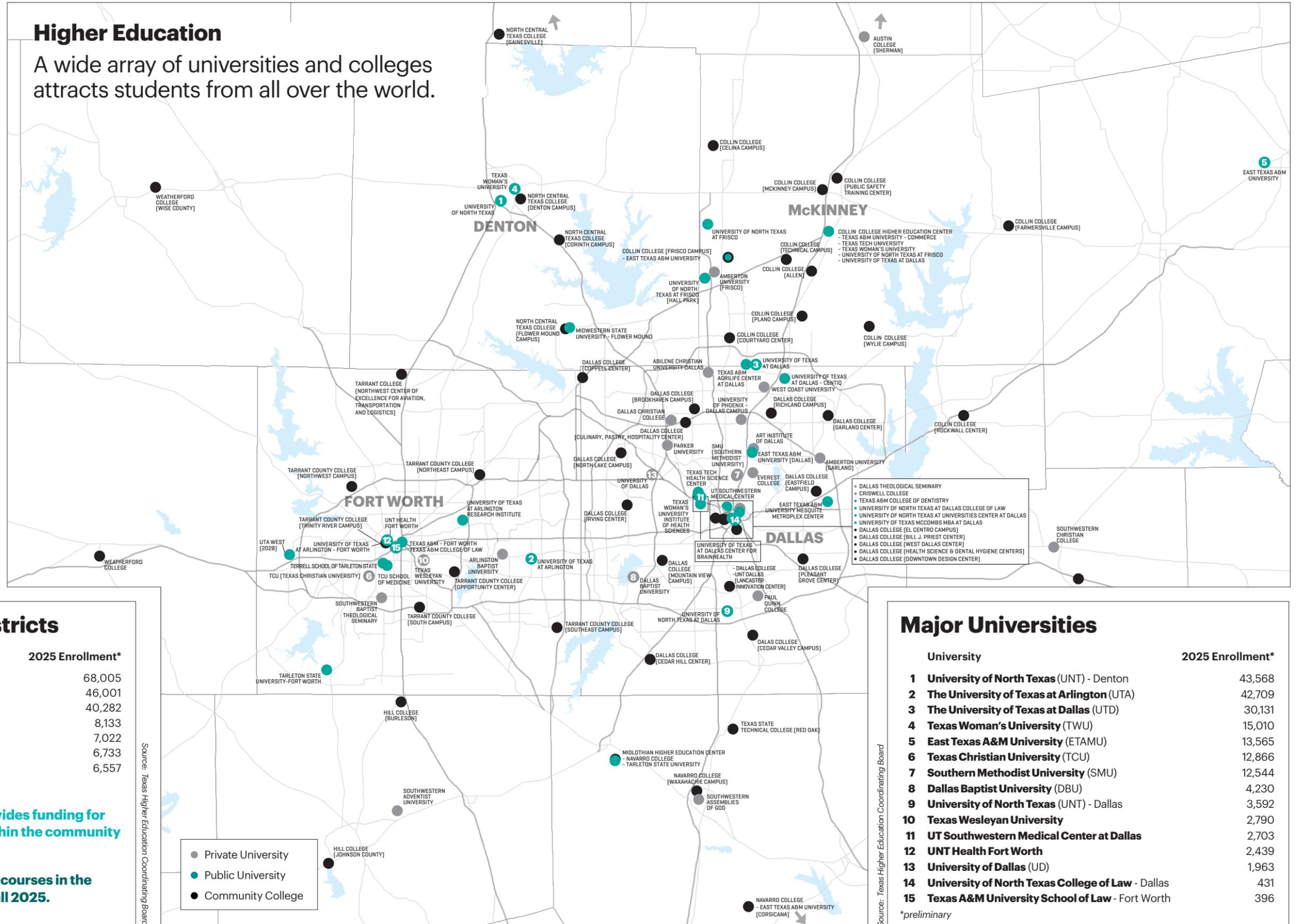# Training, Colleges, and Universities

The Dallas-Fort Worth region offers a variety of public and private educational opportunities with robust programming in life sciences, engineering, and the arts. The University of North Texas at Denton, the University of Texas at Dallas, the University of Texas at Arlington, UT Southwestern, and Southern Methodist University are among Texas' prolific emerging research universities. These schools are expanding program capabilities and funding in pursuit of remaining at the top end of research institutions as defined by the Carnegie Classification methodology. For instance, UT Southwestern Medical Center is among the nation's top in biology and biochemistry research, boasting countless clinical breakthroughs and innovations.

Higher Education
A wide array of universities and colleges attracts students from all over the world.

Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Legend:
- Private University
- Public University
- Community College

Community College Districts

Institution	2025 Enrollment*
Dallas College	68,005
Tarrant County College	46,001
Collin College	40,282
North Central Texas Community College	8,133
Weatherford College	7,022
Navarro College	6,733
Trinity Valley Community College	6,557

*preliminary

The Texas Workforce Commission provides funding for Continuing Education (CE) courses within the community college system.

A total of 6,313 students enrolled in CE courses in the districts and colleges listed above in Fall 2025.

Major Universities

	University	2025 Enrollment*
1	**University of North Texas** (UNT) - Denton	43,568
2	**The University of Texas at Arlington** (UTA)	42,709
3	**The University of Texas at Dallas** (UTD)	30,131
4	**Texas Woman's University** (TWU)	15,010
5	**East Texas A&M University** (ETAMU)	13,565
6	**Texas Christian University** (TCU)	12,866
7	**Southern Methodist University** (SMU)	12,544
8	**Dallas Baptist University** (DBU)	4,230
9	**University of North Texas** (UNT) - Dallas	3,592
10	**Texas Wesleyan University**	2,790
11	**UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas**	2,703
12	**UNT Health Fort Worth**	2,439
13	**University of Dallas** (UD)	1,963
14	**University of North Texas College of Law** - Dallas	431
15	**Texas A&M University School of Law** - Fort Worth	396

*preliminary

Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

DFW Higher Education Institutions

Total Enrollment (2025) **and Degrees Awarded** (2024) **for Select Institutions**

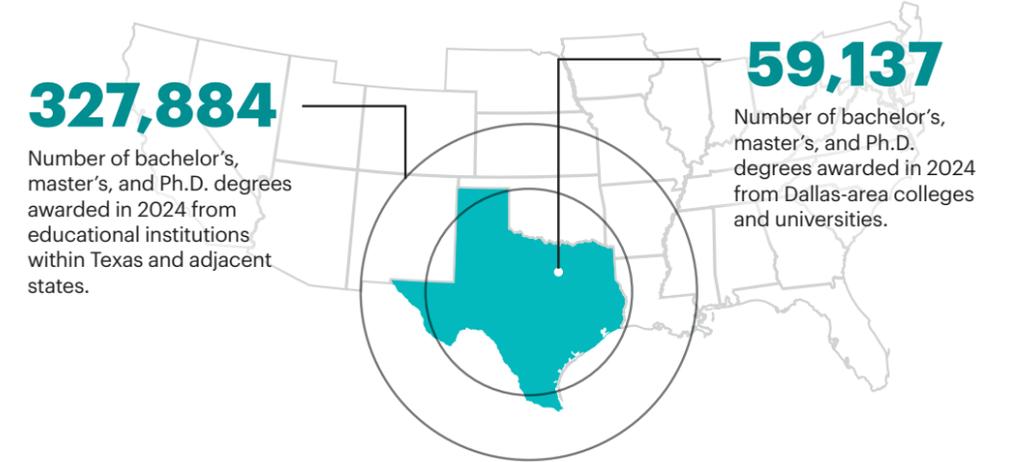| Institution	2025 Enrollment	Associate's	Bachelor's	Master's	Certificates Post-Bachelor's or Master's	Doctorate
Amberton University	830		44	277		
Austin College	1,255		314	8		
Collin College	40,282	4,340	190			
Criswell College	156	1	14	14		
Dallas Baptist University	4,230	22	608	388	21	28
Dallas College	68,005	7,822	151		-	
Dallas Theological Seminary	2,643			449	4	60
East Texas A&M University	13,565		1,814	1,510	15	62
Navarro College	6,733	835	14			
Nelson University	1,902	23	248	98		3
North Central Texas College	8,133	871				
Parker University	2,257	74	93	112		351
Paul Quinn College	702		72	1		
Southern Methodist University	12,544		2,135	1,480	51	382
Southwestern Adventist University	827	1	177	4		
Southwestern Christian College	134	21	1			
Tarrant County College	46,001	5,725				
Texas A&M University School of Law - Fort Worth	396					124
Texas Christian University	12,866		2,718	487	41	196
Texas State Technical College, North Texas Campus*	646					
Texas Wesleyan University	2,790		288	138		132
Texas Woman's University	15,010		2,157	1,815	125	335
The University of Texas at Arlington	42,709		7,148	4,862	326	263
The University of Texas at Dallas	30,131		5,097	4,246	672	250
UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas	2,703			105	177	353
Trinity Valley Community College	6,557	927	36			
University of Dallas	1,963		306	282	5	18
University of North Texas	43,568		7,638	4,966	169	294
University of North Texas at Dallas	3,592		728	109		97
University of North Texas College of Law - Dallas	431					121
UNT Health Fort Worth	2,439		8	460		374
Weatherford College	7,022	874	58			
West Coast University	1,887		299	250	44	4
Western Governor's University*	25,036					

Completions are reported system-wide. Campus completions are not available.

Other Higher Learning Institutions in the Region

- Abilene Christian University Online
- Arlington Baptist University
- Arizona College of Nursing-Dallas
- Aviation Institute of Maintenance
- CCI Training Center
- Concorde Career College
- Dallas Institute of Funeral Service
- Dallas Theological Seminary
- DeVry University
- KD Conservatory College of Film and Dramatic Arts
- Lincoln College of Technology
- MediaTech Institute
- Paul Mitchell the School
- PCI Health Training Center
- Peloton College
- Remington College
- Strayer University
- The Chicago School-College of Nursing
- The College of Health Care Professionals
- The Culinary School of Fort Worth
- Universal Technical Institute
- Wade College

Talent Pipeline

Dallas-area employers are able to recruit easily from hundreds of schools within Texas and adjacent states, offering a highly educated pipeline of talent.

327,884
Number of bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees awarded in 2024 from educational institutions within Texas and adjacent states.

59,137
Number of bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees awarded in 2024 from Dallas-area colleges and universities.

Degrees Awarded (2024) in Dallas-Fort Worth by Area of Study

Area of Study	Associate	Bachelor's	Master's	Certificates Post-Bachelor's or Master's	Doctorate
Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science And Related Fields	151	109	27		
Architecture and Related Services	4	115	70	8	4
Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies	3	55	360	1	103
Biological and Biomedical Sciences	68	1,867	652	182	140
Business, Management, Marketing, and Related Support Services	1,394	6,331	3,718	200	74
Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs	3	1,340	91	10	
Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services	173		37	38	
Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services	815	2,568	4,654	183	61
Construction Trades	18				
Culinary, Entertainment, and Personal Services	234	10			
Education	592	1,133	1,489	40	216
Engineering	54	1,600	1,298	91	214
Engineering/Engineering-related Technologies/Technicians	325	83	189	4	
English Language and Literature/Letters	6	368	61	13	34
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	73	227	113		10
Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	32	259	57	14	15
Health Professions and Related Programs	2,399	5,137	2,777	230	1,635
History		356	42	6	15
Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services	332	863	66	8	
Legal Professions and Studies	110	30	33		348
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities	14,748	1,145	123	2	25
Library Science	6		496	120	
Mathematics and Statistics	1	246	816	58	32
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians	894				
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	4	1,708	2,594	280	4
Natural Resources and Conservation	1	56	16		5
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, Fitness, and Kinesiology	32	854	158	1	8
Philosophy and Religious Studies	4	106	23		8
Physical Sciences	1	211	101	1	97
Precision Production	93				
Psychology	78	2,217	488	22	77
Public Administration and Social Service Professions	32	537	977	92	13
Social Sciences	33	1,312	151	22	26
Theology and Religious Vocations	12	232	691	20	109
Transportation and Materials Moving	18	20			
Visual and Performing Arts	284	1,861	232	39	63
Grand Total	**23,027**	**32,956**	**22,600**	**1,685**	**3,336**

STEM Certificates/Degrees Awarded (2024) in DFW by Classification

Aerospace, Aeronautical, and Astronautical/Space Engineering	80		Ecology, Evolution, Systematics, and Population Biology	62
Applied Mathematics	322		Electrical and Computer Engineering	1
Architectural Engineering	25		Electrical, Electronics, and Communications Engineering	566
Astronomy and Astrophysics	5		Engineering, General	128
Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology	387		Engineering, Other	11
Biology, General	1,787		Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering	9
Biomathematics, Bioinformatics, and Computational Biology	34		Genetics	16
Biomedical/Medical Engineering	280		Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences	52
Biotechnology	39		Industrial Engineering	206
Cell/Cellular Biology and Anatomical Sciences	106		Information Science/Studies	1,785
Chemical Engineering	2		Manufacturing Engineering	24
Chemistry	196		Materials Engineering	53
Civil Engineering	312		Mathematics	288
Computer and Information Sciences, General	5,104		Mechanical Engineering	553
Computer Engineering	540		Microbiological Sciences and Immunology	33
Computer Programming	48		Neurobiology and Neurosciences	367
Computer Science	380		Operations Research	26
Computer Software and Media Applications	44		Physics	158
Computer Systems Analysis	53		Physiology, Pathology and Related Sciences	78
Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications	93		Statistics	543
Computer/Information Technology Admin and Management	739		Systems Engineering	89
Construction Engineering	352		**TOTAL**	**16,011**
Data Processing	35			

Source: Lightcast and National Center for Education Statistics

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