

INDUSTRY SECTORS

The Dallas–Fort Worth regional economy is among the most diverse in the nation, which means that companies can draw from a deep base of skilled workers. Logistics and trade, technology, and advanced services represent the lifeblood of the Dallas–Fort Worth regional economy, offering competitive advantages for this area on both the national and the international levels. Businesses in DFW can move goods quickly and cost-effectively using a robust intermodal network that connects to regional centers by truck and rail and to world centers by air. The region's technology sector, led by international powerhouses such as Texas Instruments Inc., has helped develop a strong base of engineers and information science professionals to lead product innovation for the world. The DFW area has a strong base of headquarters and other professional services, making the region a magnet for business leadership.

DFW'S DIVERSE ECONOMY



OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINTS

It is no surprise that DFW enjoys international standing in three sectors that are the lifeblood of the global economy. Each of these sectors serves DFW well at the regional, national and continental levels of economic engagement. Transportation, communication and information technologies provide the means to move information, people and goods around the globe. Logistics and trade direct and manage the movement of materials and products, while advanced services provide the management and control functions for all operations, no matter how remote. Without these three competencies, today's global economy simply would not exist.

LOGISTICS AND TRADE

Historically, this region has leveraged its central geography with various transportation assets. Significant trade and distribution activity now comes to and through the DFW metro area by land, air, and rail with local intermodal facilities linking the three modes of transport. Looking ahead, as high value materials and products move from shipping vessels to airplanes, the region's place in international trade routes will become increasingly vital.

TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

Dallas led the nation into the new era of information and communication technologies beginning in 1958 with the invention of the microchip at Texas Instruments. Today, the local technology sector is broad and deep, and DFW technology companies enable many of the core activities and processes of the global economy.

ADVANCED SERVICES

Advanced services traditionally have meant headquarters, but also include financial, professional and technical services ranging from management consulting firms to business insurers, accountants, and legal services. Complex technologies and transnational operations have pushed most of the growth in advanced services activities into highly specialized firms and enterprises. This region has an exceptionally large number of these operations and is likely to continue to attract additional companies.



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