

# **Making the Case: Utilizing LODES Data to Support Community Colleges**

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# Presentation Outline

- Situating Dallas College within DFW Economy
- Case Studies
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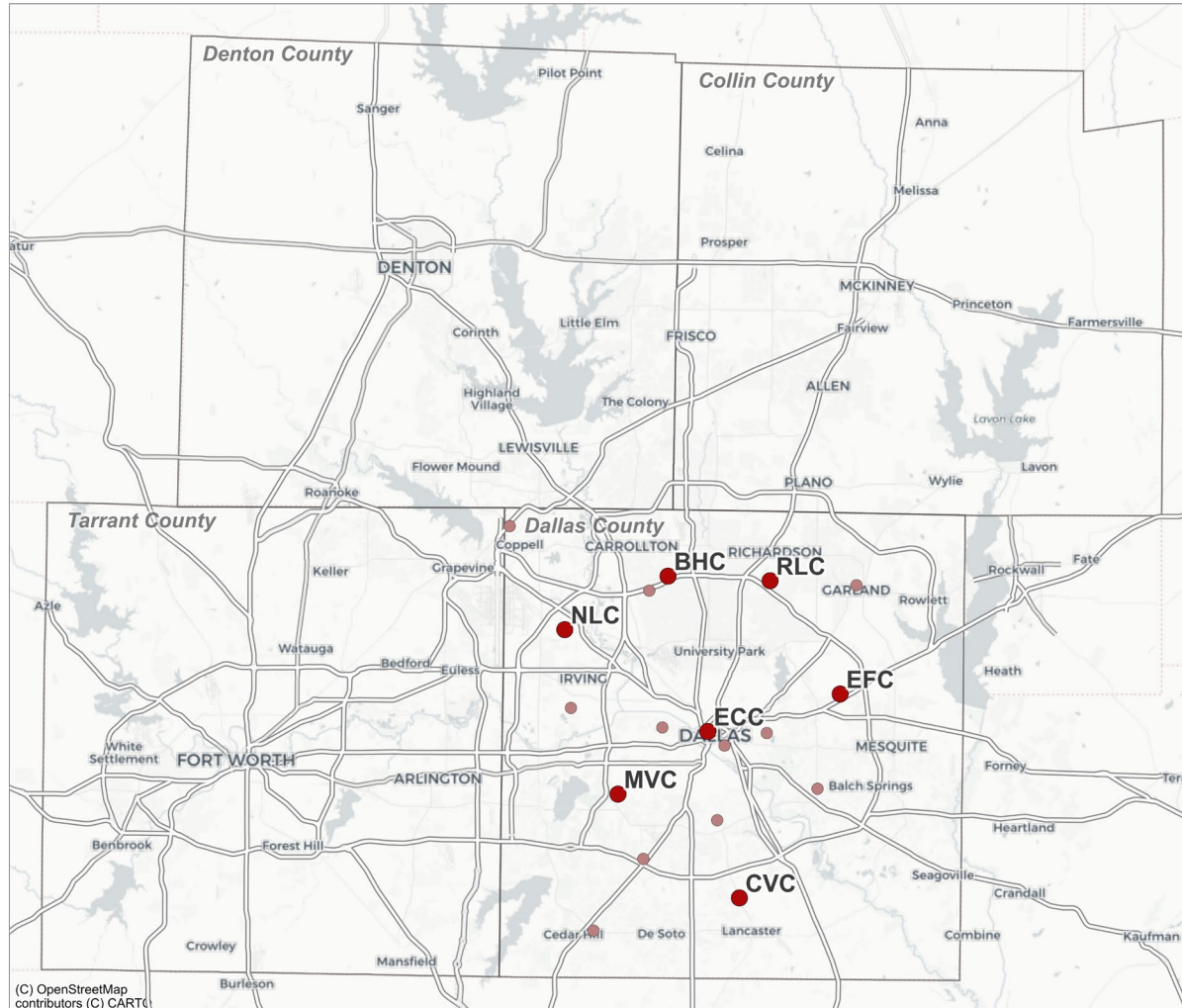


# **Situating Dallas College: Relatable Challenges**





# Dallas College and Dallas-Ft. Worth MSA



19 locations across Dallas County  
(7 main campuses and 12  
community campuses)

84.5% of DFW MSA jobs are in  
these 4 counties – Denton, Collin,  
Tarrant, and Dallas

\$688.9 billion GDP in DFW  
MSA in 2022

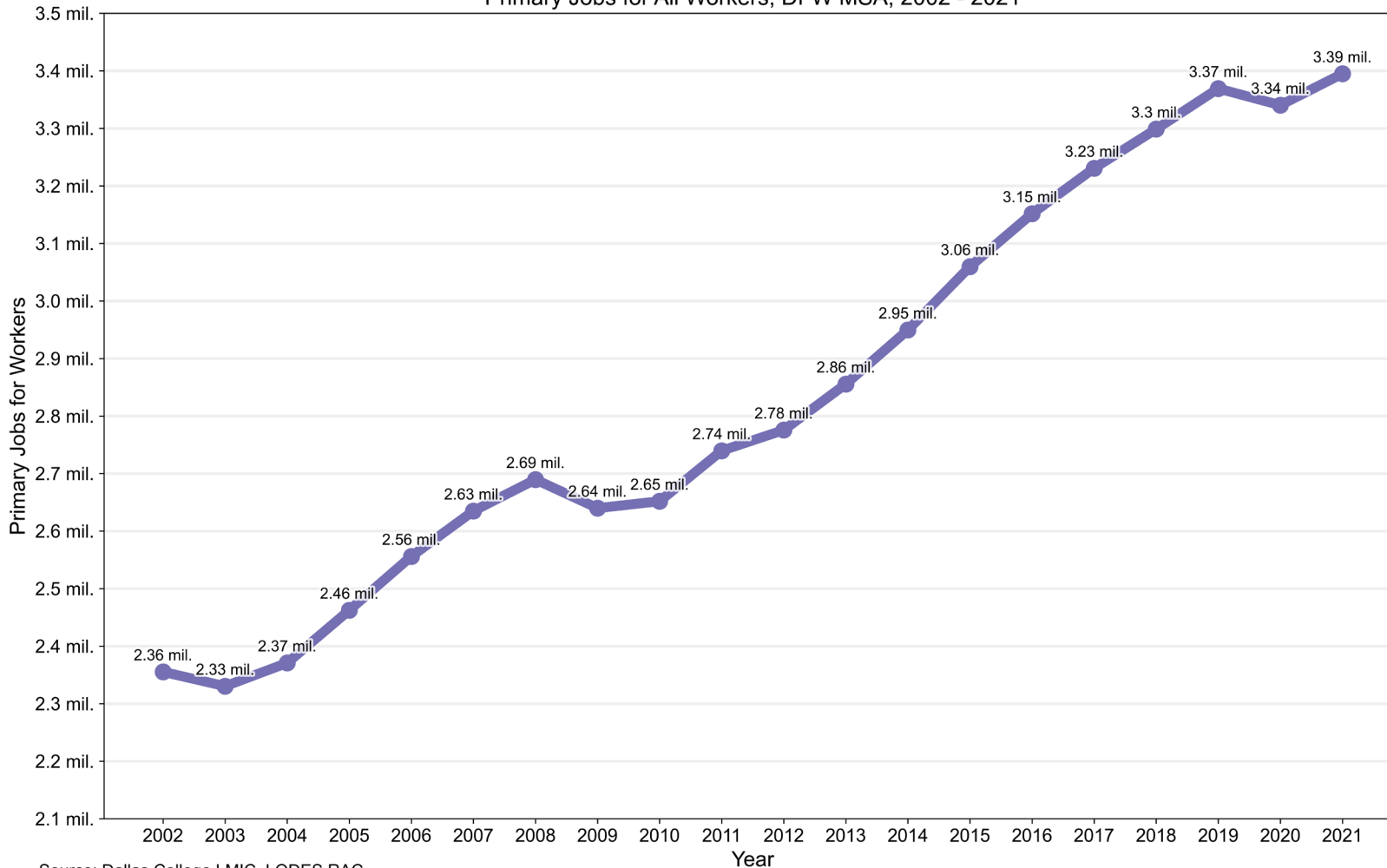
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# Rapid Regional Growth

Primary Jobs for All Workers, DFW MSA, 2002 - 2021



**+143%** total workforce growth  
2002-2021

**+1.9%** average annual growth

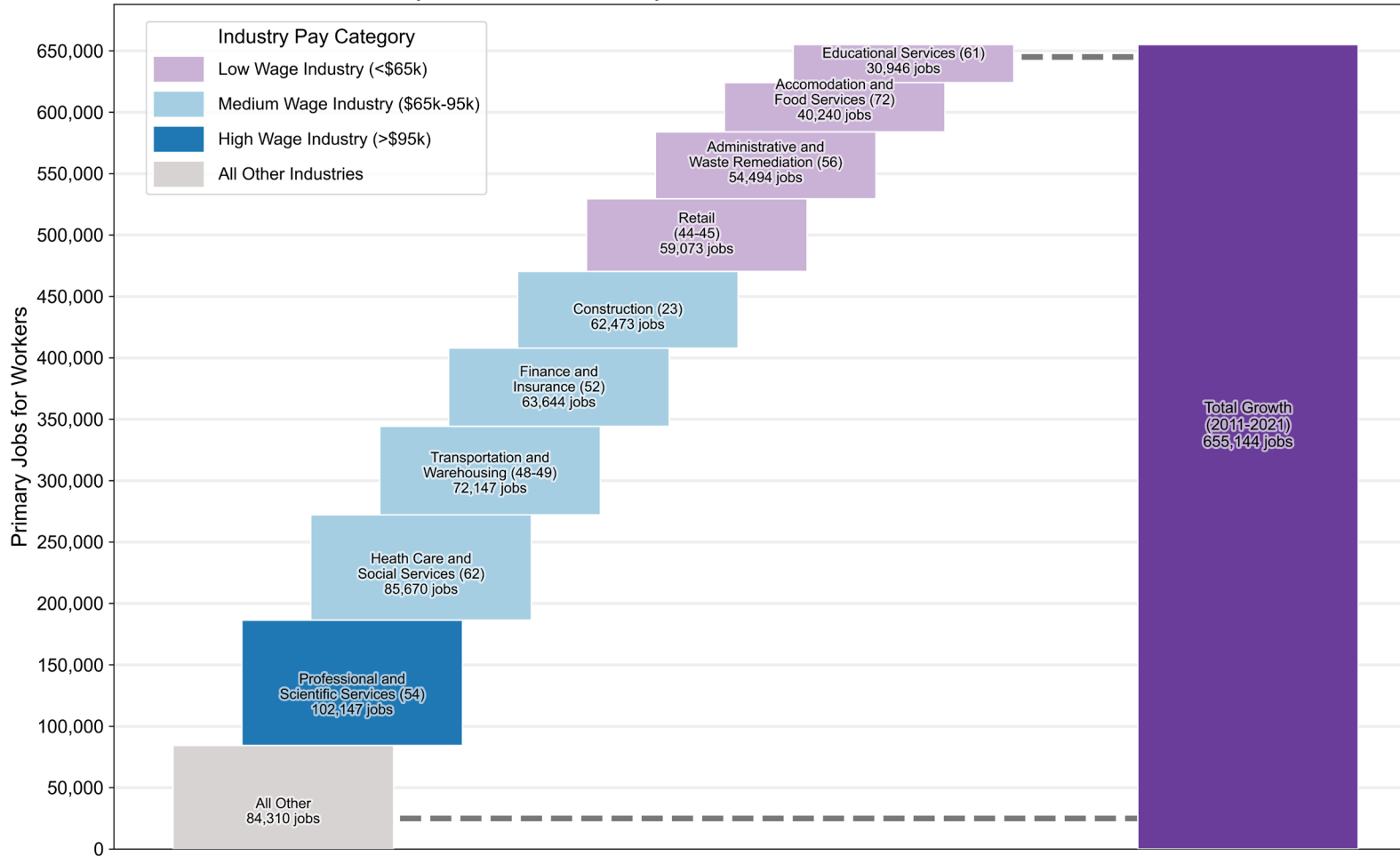
**12,421** primary jobs for  
workers added per year, or  
**34** per day every day for 19 years!

Source: Dallas College LMIC, LODS RAC



# Industry-Level Growth Patterns

Industry Breakdown for Primary Jobs Added for All Workers, DFW MSA, 2011-2021



Source: Dallas College LMIC, LODES RAC, Lightcast

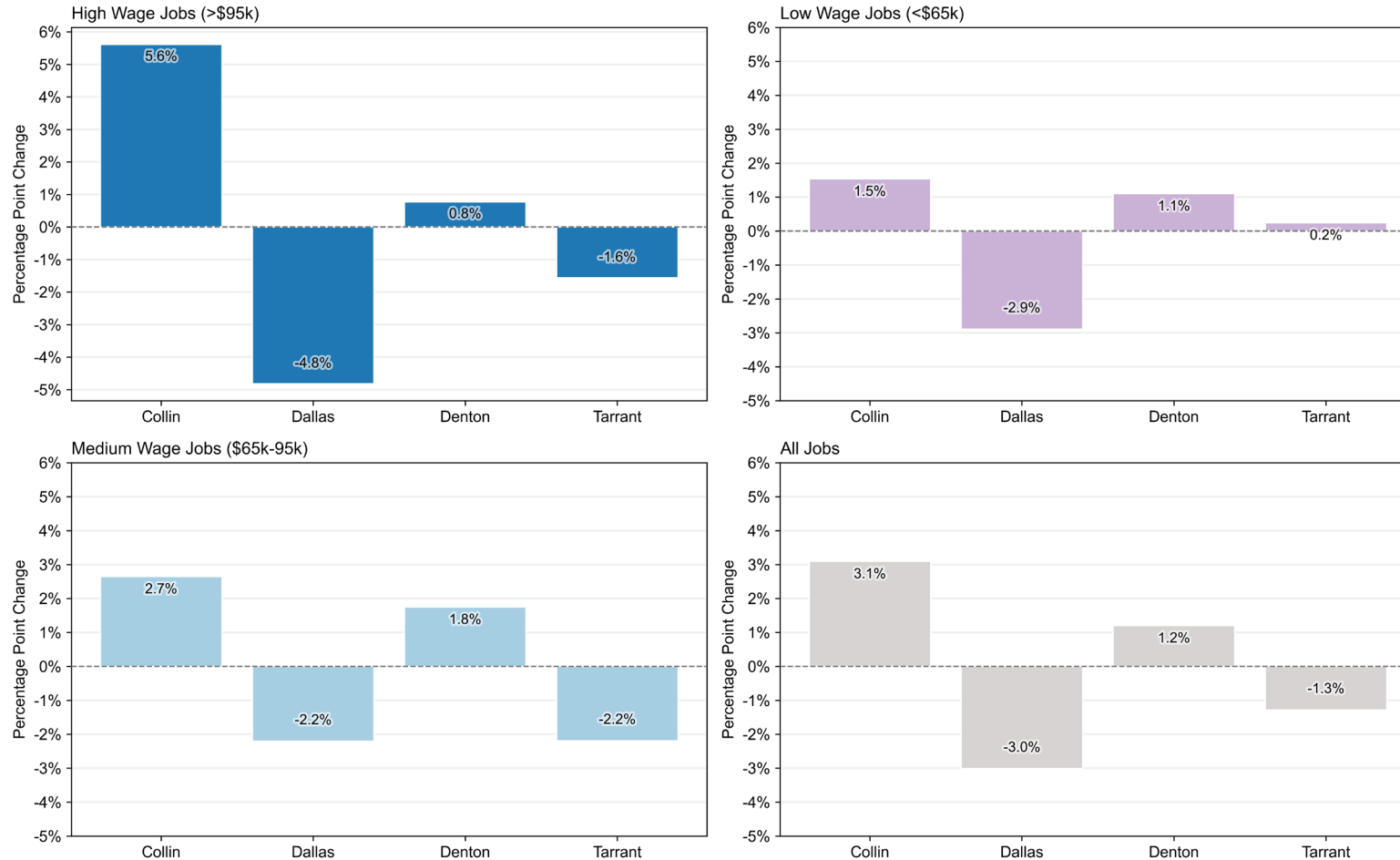
87% of total growth from 2011-2021 accounted for by top 9 industries

58% of growth in professional and scientific services, health care, transportation and warehousing, finance and insurance, and construction



# Geographic Dispersion of Employment

Change in Regional Share of Primary Jobs by County, 2011-2021

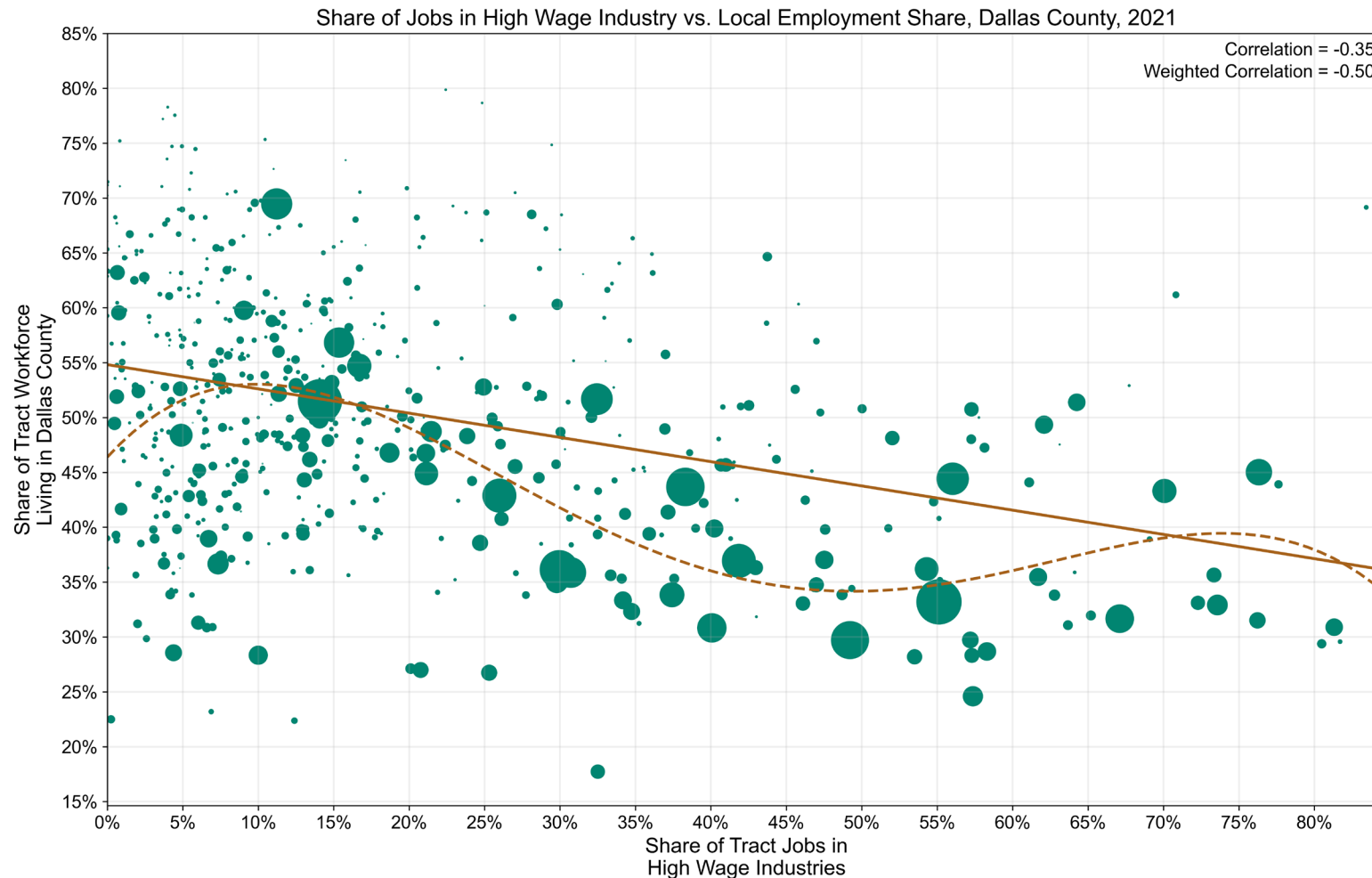


-98,000 high wage jobs in Dallas County  
+81,000 high wage jobs in Collin County

49.5% of all jobs in the region are in Dallas County in 2021, down from a high of 57.6% in 2002.



# Regional Competition for Declining Share of Jobs



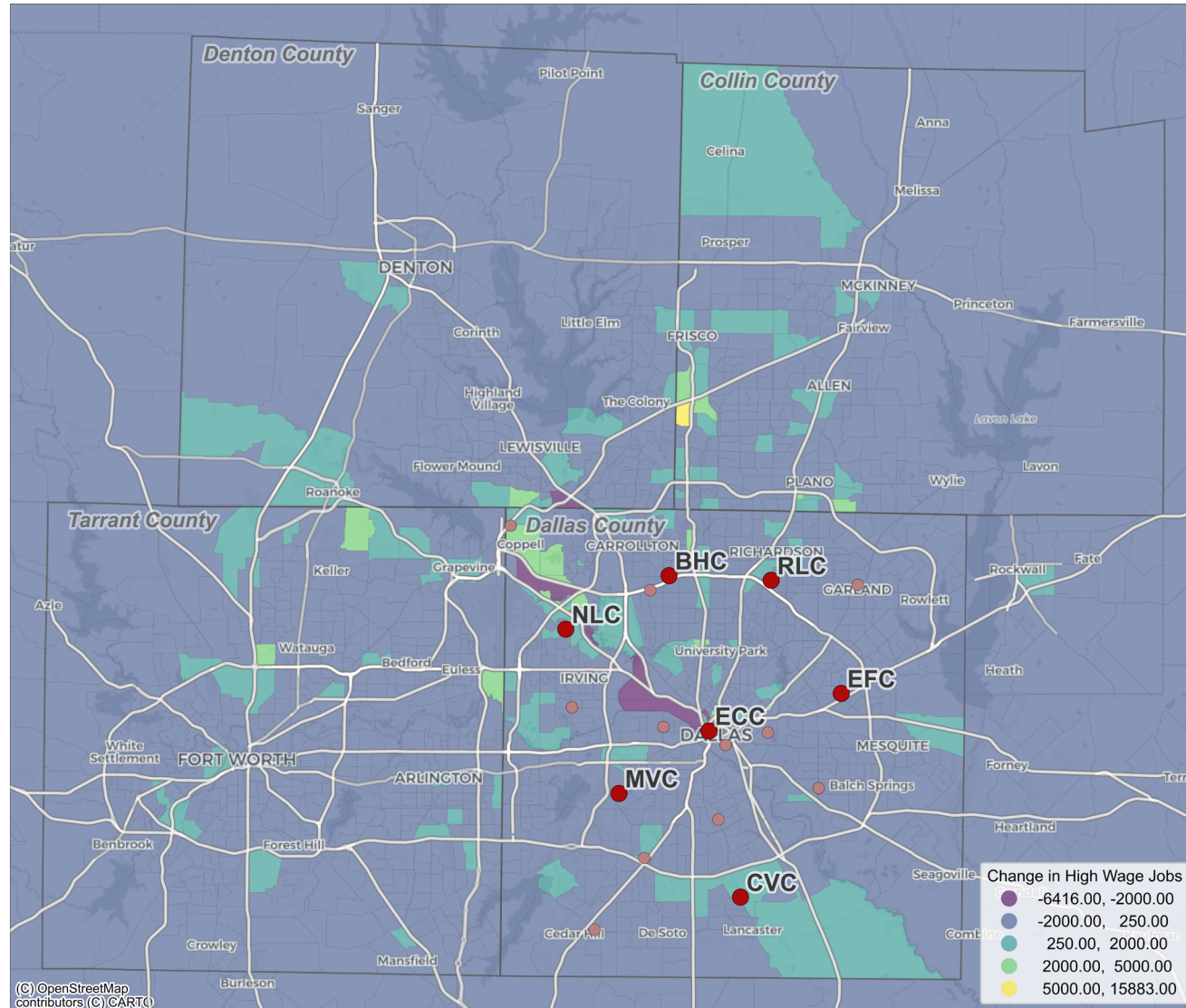
**-12.7%** Dallas County residents working in tracts with >70% of jobs in high-wage industries than expected

**+6.3%** stronger relationship between high-income jobs and non-local workforce since 2011





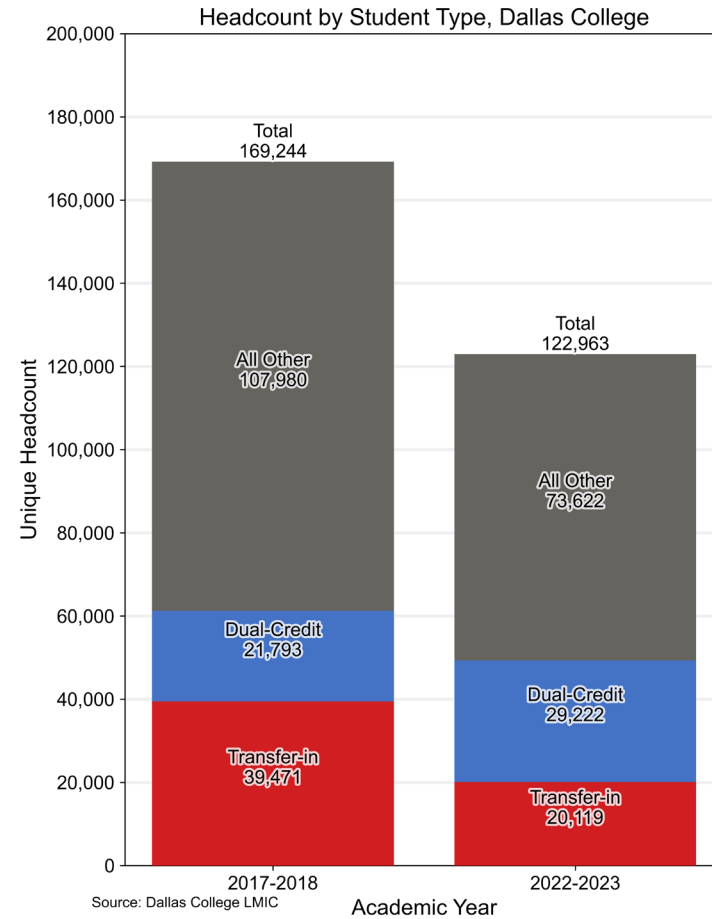
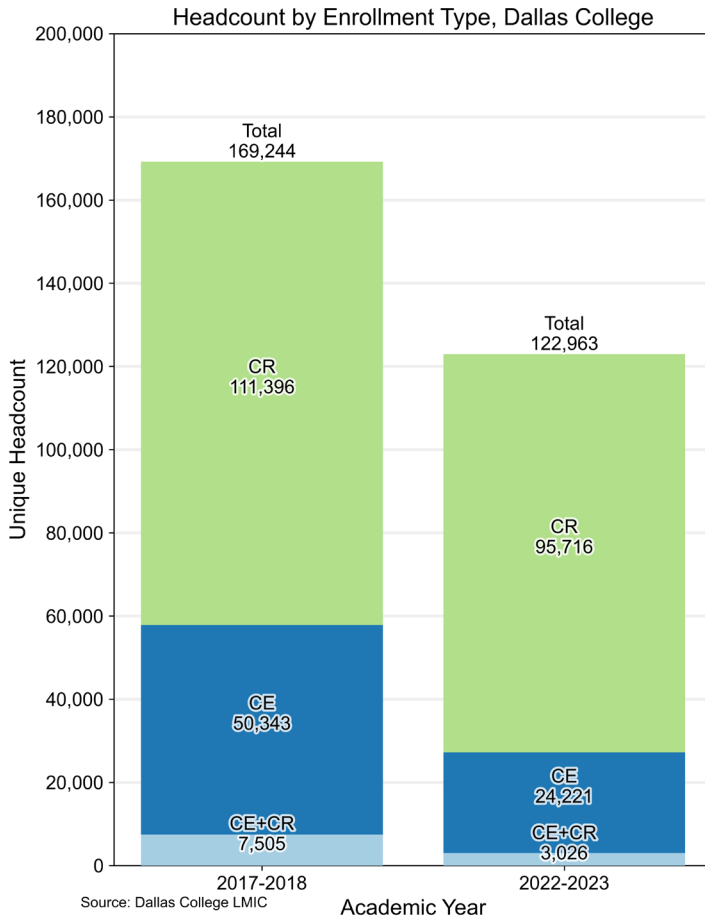
# High Wage Job Growth, 2016 - 2021



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# Changes in Dallas College Enrollment Patterns



**-15,000** credit (CR) headcount change from 2017-2018 to 2022-2023

**-51%** decline in transfer-in enrollments

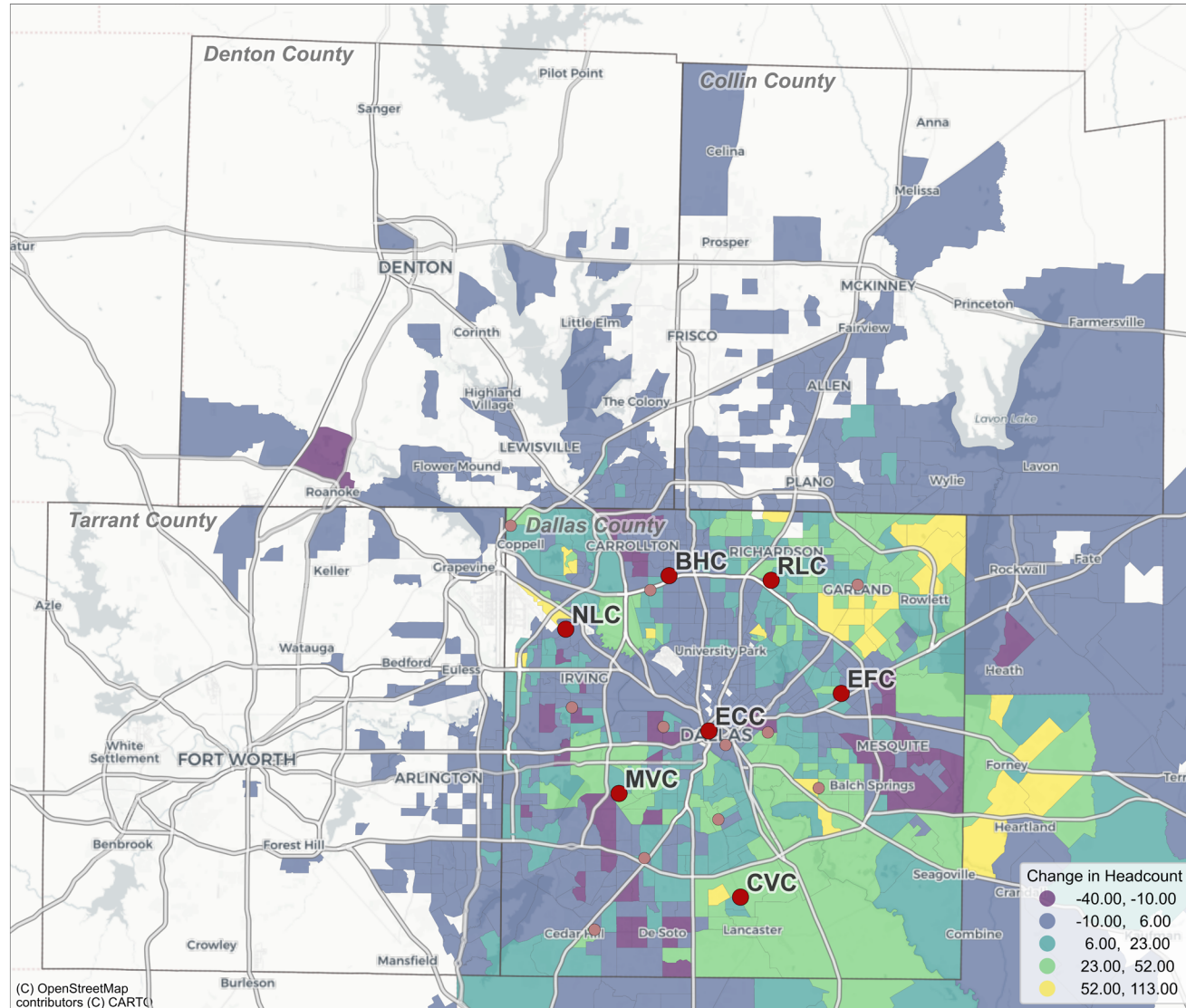
**-48%** decline in continuing education (CE) enrollments

**24%** of enrollment from dual-credit high school age students, up from 13% in 2017-2018



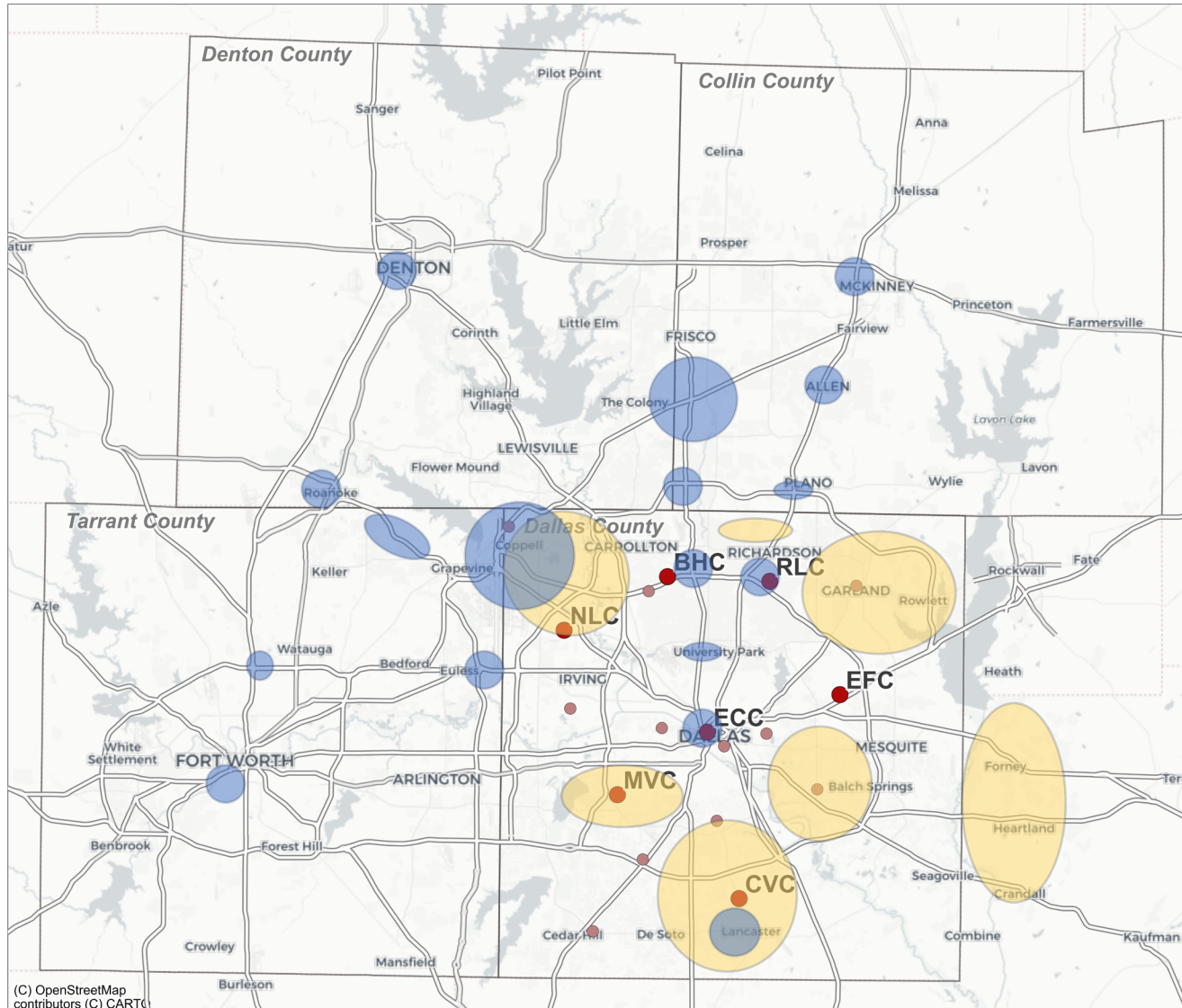


# Dual Credit Enrollment Growth, AY2018 – AY2023





# The Geographic Disconnect: Population and Jobs



The areas contributing the most enrollment growth to Dallas College (in yellow) are geographically distinct from those areas adding the highest wage jobs (in blue)

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# HB8: New Funding Environment in Texas

- Reconfiguration of funding formulas for community colleges
- Away from enrollments, towards completions
- Incentives for graduates in particular programs linked to in-demand fields





# How the Dallas College LMIC Responds

- Developing programming that is
  - Responsive to labor market
  - Serving students at a range of college levels
- Understanding our partners and campus areas
- Support for three areas using LODES Data
  - Campus planning
  - Economic development
  - Grant-led development



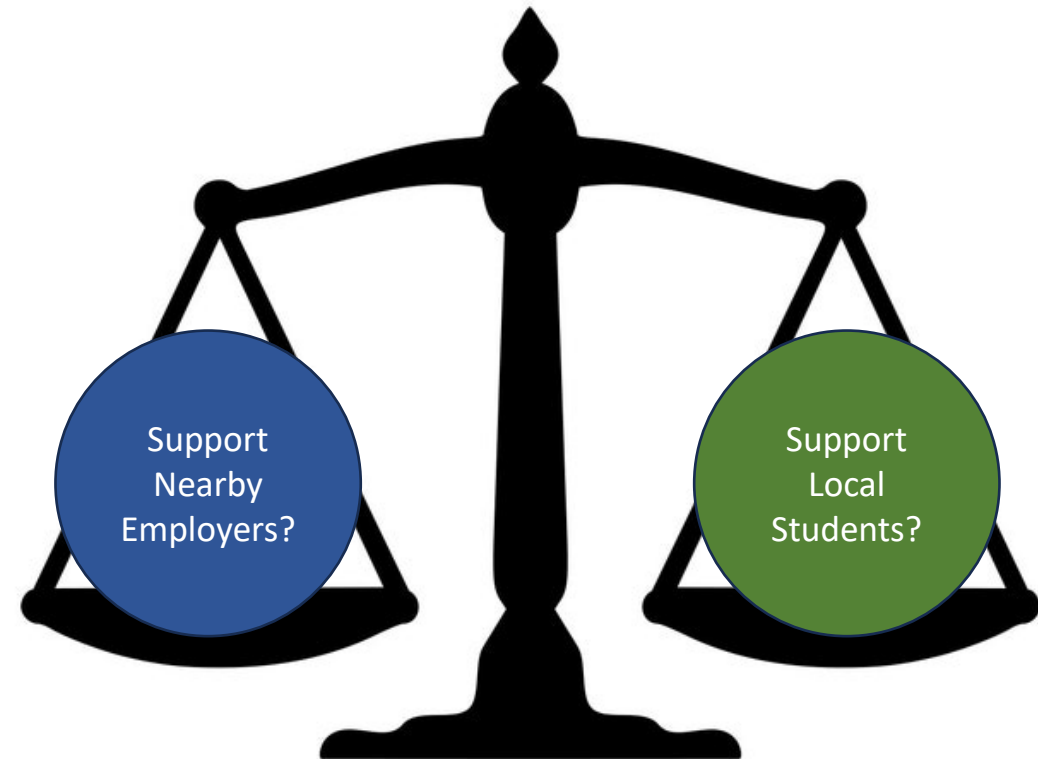


# **Enhancing Campus Planning Processes with RAC, WAC, and OD Data**



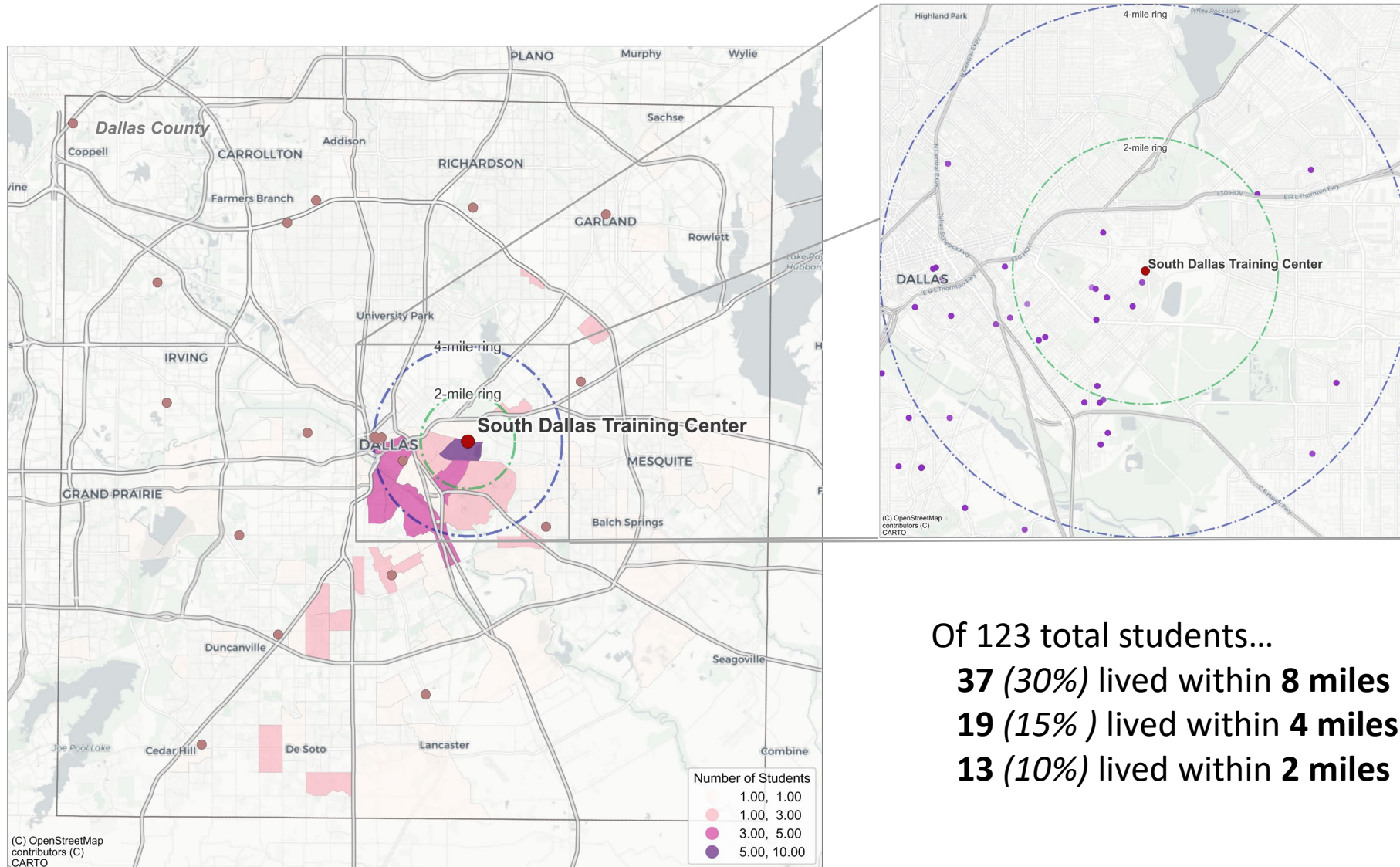
# Conflicting Priorities

- After COVID, Dallas College needs new plan for CE workforce centers
- Support employers vs. support residents, or can we do both at the same time?
- Will targeting outreach to the nearby labor force target the employment base for nearby employers?





# Where Are Students Coming From?



Of 123 total students...

**37 (30%)** lived within **8 miles**

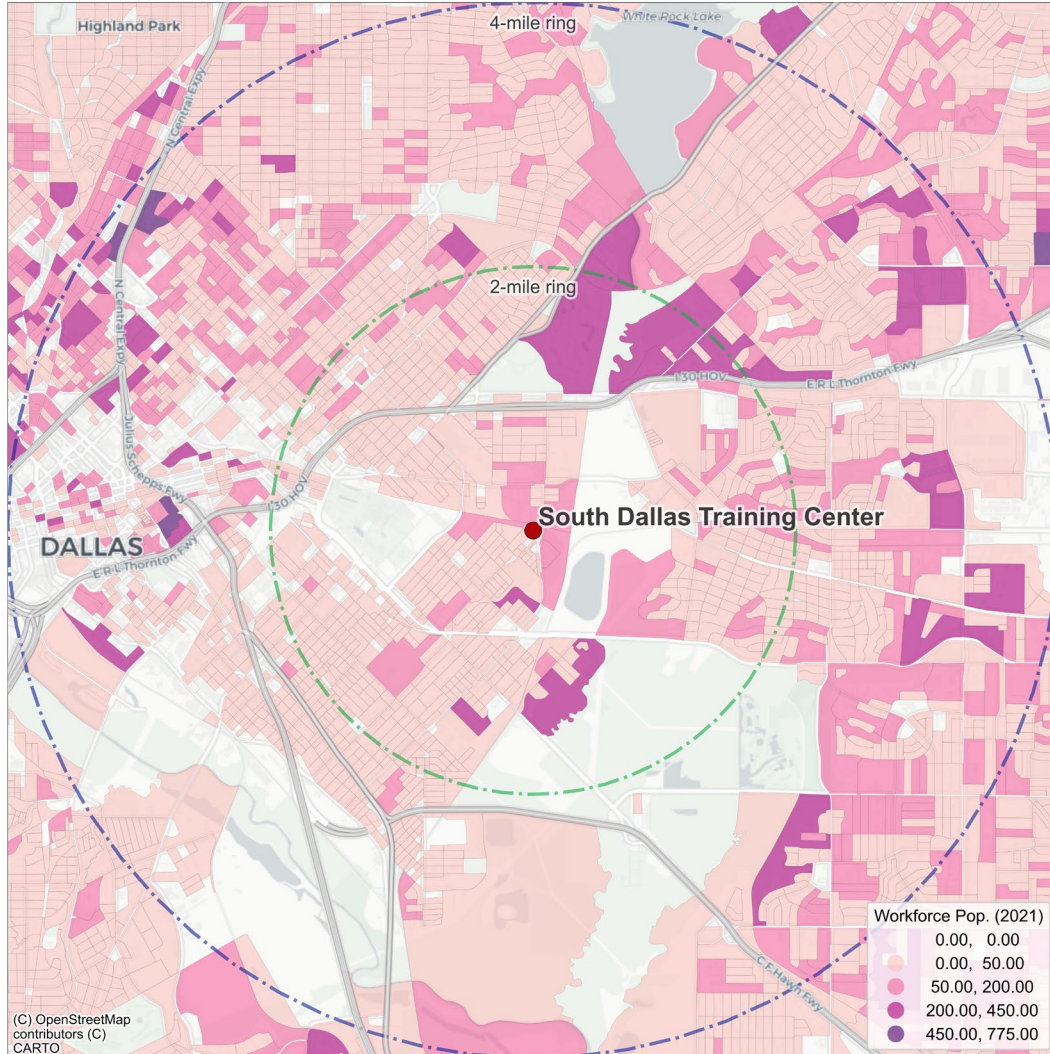
**19 (15%)** lived within **4 miles**

**13 (10%)** lived within **2 miles**

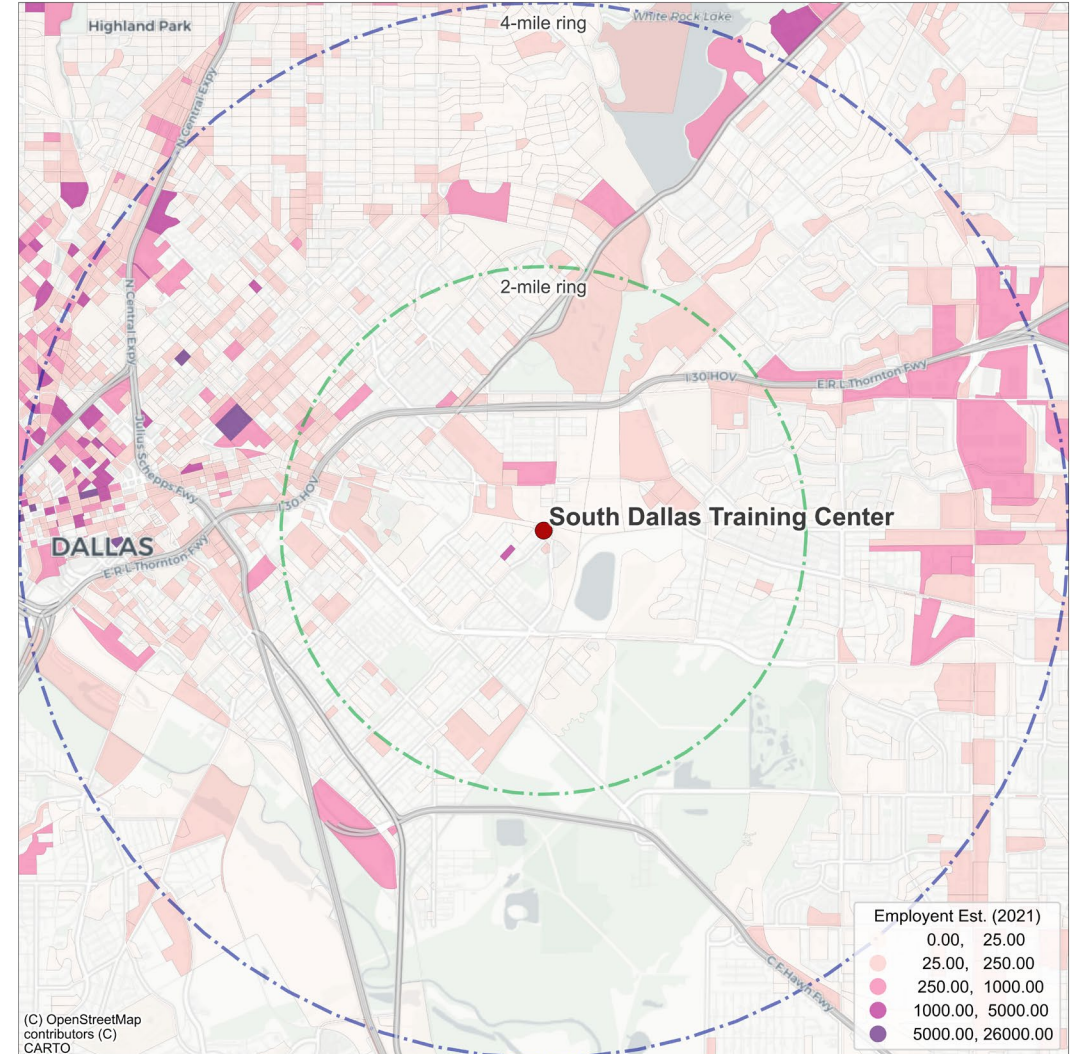
# Mapping Local Employment and Workforce



Resident Workers (RAC)



Nearby Employment (WAC)





# Balancing Competing Interests

Resident Employment vs Employment Base: 2 Miles from South Dallas Training Center						
Industry	Resident Employment	Employment Base	Residents (% of Total)	Employment (% of Total)	Scale of Gap	
Health Care and Social Assistance (62)	2,268	707	13.1%	7.6%	58%	
Retail (44-45)	1,923	801	11.1%	8.6%	78%	
Administrative and Support Services (56)	1,757	945	10.2%	10.2%	100%	
Accommodation and Food Services (72)	1,510	616	8.7%	6.6%	76%	
Educational Services (61)	1,308	414	7.6%	4.5%	59%	
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (54)	1,265	645	7.3%	7.0%	95%	
Construction (23)	1,138	777	6.6%	8.4%	127%	
Transportation and Warehousing (48-49)	1,110	77	6.4%	0.8%	13%	
Manufacturing (31-33)	1,107	413	6.4%	4.5%	69%	
Finance and Insurance (52)	947	757	5.5%	8.2%	149%	
Wholesale (42)	844	571	4.9%	6.2%	126%	
Other Services (81)	454	412	2.6%	4.4%	169%	
Real Estate(53)	392	251	2.3%	2.7%	119%	
Public Administration (92)	353	1,277	2.0%	13.8%	673%	
Information (51)	340	225	2.0%	2.4%	123%	
Management of Companies (55)	213	170	1.2%	1.8%	149%	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71)	206	204	1.2%	2.2%	184%	
Utilities (22)	53	1	0.3%	0.0%	4%	
Mining and Extraction (21)	50	6	0.3%	0.1%	22%	
Agricultural (11)	21	2	0.1%	0.0%	18%	
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>17,259</b>	<b>9,271</b>				

... a focus on **nearby residents** would emphasize pathways in Health Care, Transportation and Warehousing, and Educational Services

.... a focus on **nearby employers** would emphasize pathways in Public Administration, Arts and Entertainment, and Construction

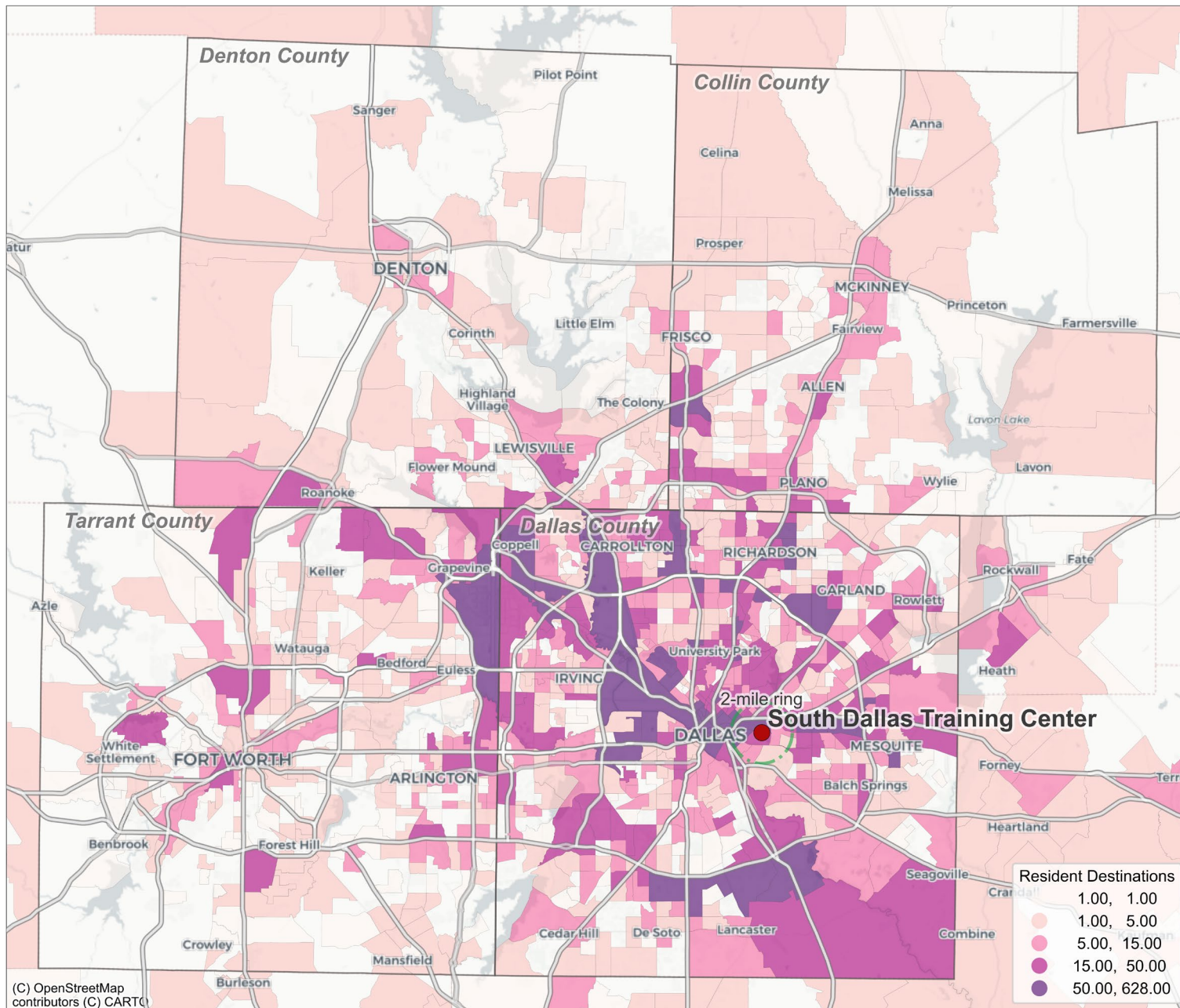




# Comparing Commutes: Local Residents

There are **17,069** workers who live within 2 miles of the South Dallas Training Center

- **357** (2.1%) work within 2 miles
- **3,180** (18.6%) work within 4 miles
- **6,362** (37.3%) work within 8 miles
- **4,298** (48.5%) do not work in Dallas County!



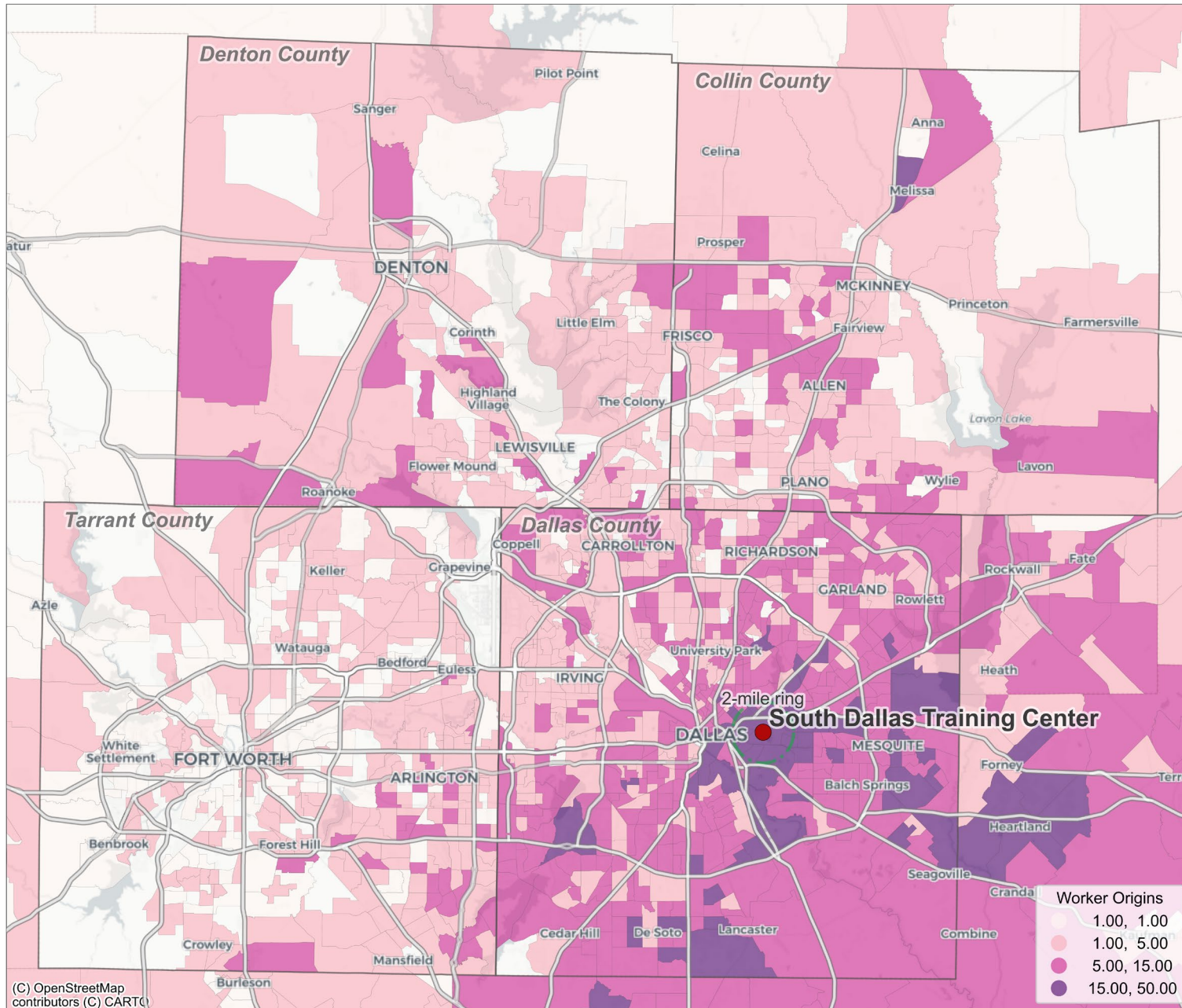
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# Comparing Commutes: Worker Origins

Of the **9,445** workers employed within 2 miles of the South Dallas Training Center...

- **357** (3.8%) live within 2 miles of the Center,
- **959** (10.1%) live within 4 miles of the Center,
- **2,397** (25.4%) live within 8 miles of the Center
- **5,128** (54.3%) live outside Dallas County



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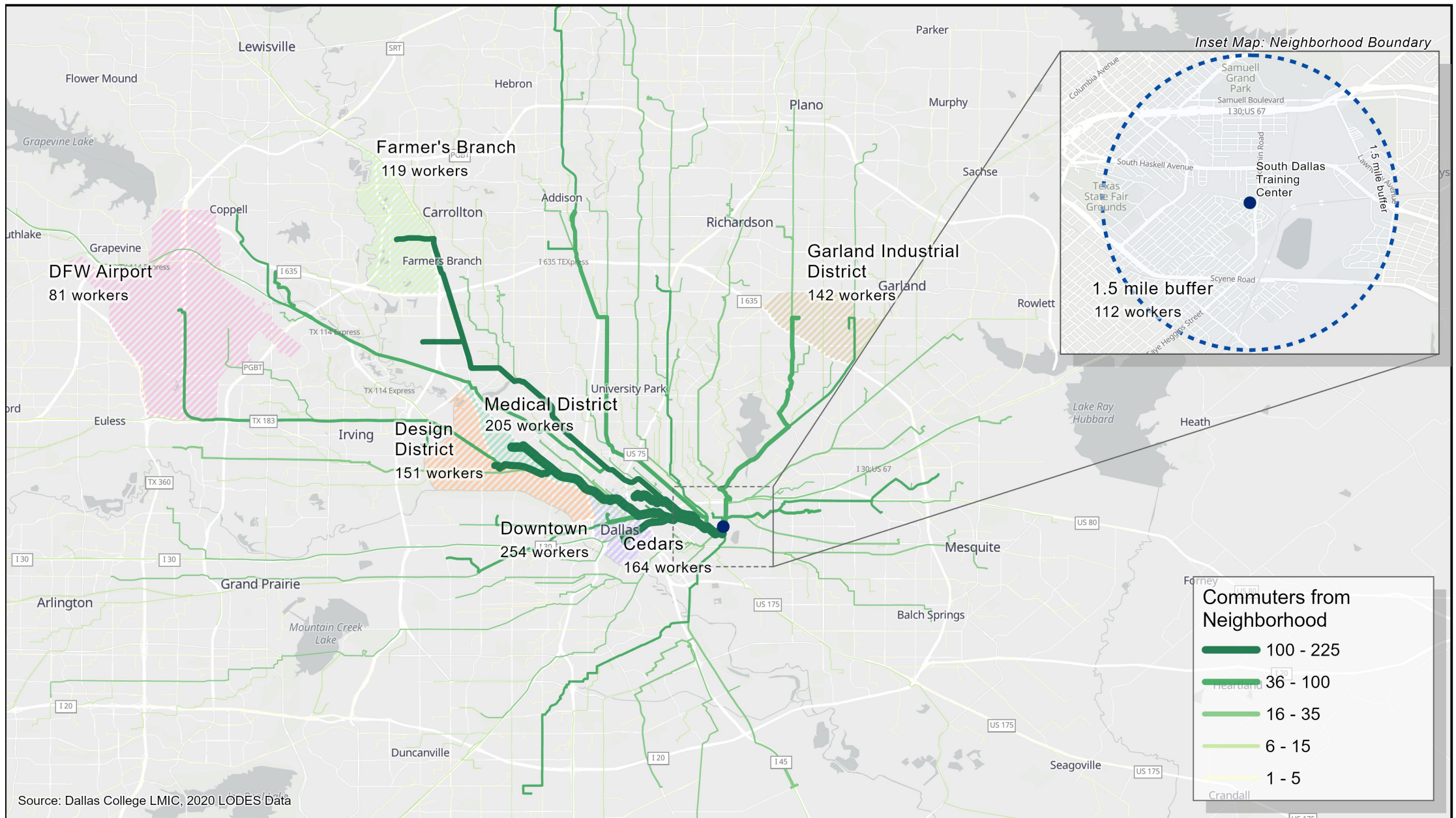


# Comparing Different Campuses

Local Employment Base - Workforce Origins (2 Mile Radius)			
Campus	Total Employment within 2 Miles	Workforce Living within 2 Miles	Percent of Workforce
Dental Hygiene Center	121,385	1,233	1.0%
Coppell Center (Construction Sciences Center)	39,386	516	1.3%
Brookhaven Campus	92,227	1,738	1.9%
West Dallas Center	35,894	716	2.0%
Bill J Priest Center	157,486	3,294	2.1%
North Lake Campus	101,601	2,734	2.7%
Culinary, Pastry and Hospitality Center	40,636	1,125	2.8%
Cedar Valley Campus	8,024	278	3.5%
Lancaster Workforce Development Center	9,486	336	3.5%
<b>South Dallas Training Center</b>	<b>10,604</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
El Centro Campus	234,245	8,938	3.8%
Downtown Design Center	236,514	9,040	3.8%
Downtown Health Sciences Center	238,293	9,291	3.9%
Redbird Center	22,010	921	4.2%
Mountain View Campus	13,191	585	4.4%
Richland Campus	58,660	2,611	4.5%
Eastfield Campus	21,631	1,127	5.2%
Cedar Hill Center	9,729	666	6.8%
Garland Center	18,528	1,514	8.2%
Irving Center	15,347	1,611	10.5%
Pleasant Grove Center	4,789	534	11.2%

Share of jobs near each campus held by local workforce varies from **1.0%** to **11.2%**







# **Analysis of LODES Data to Build Economic Development Partnerships**

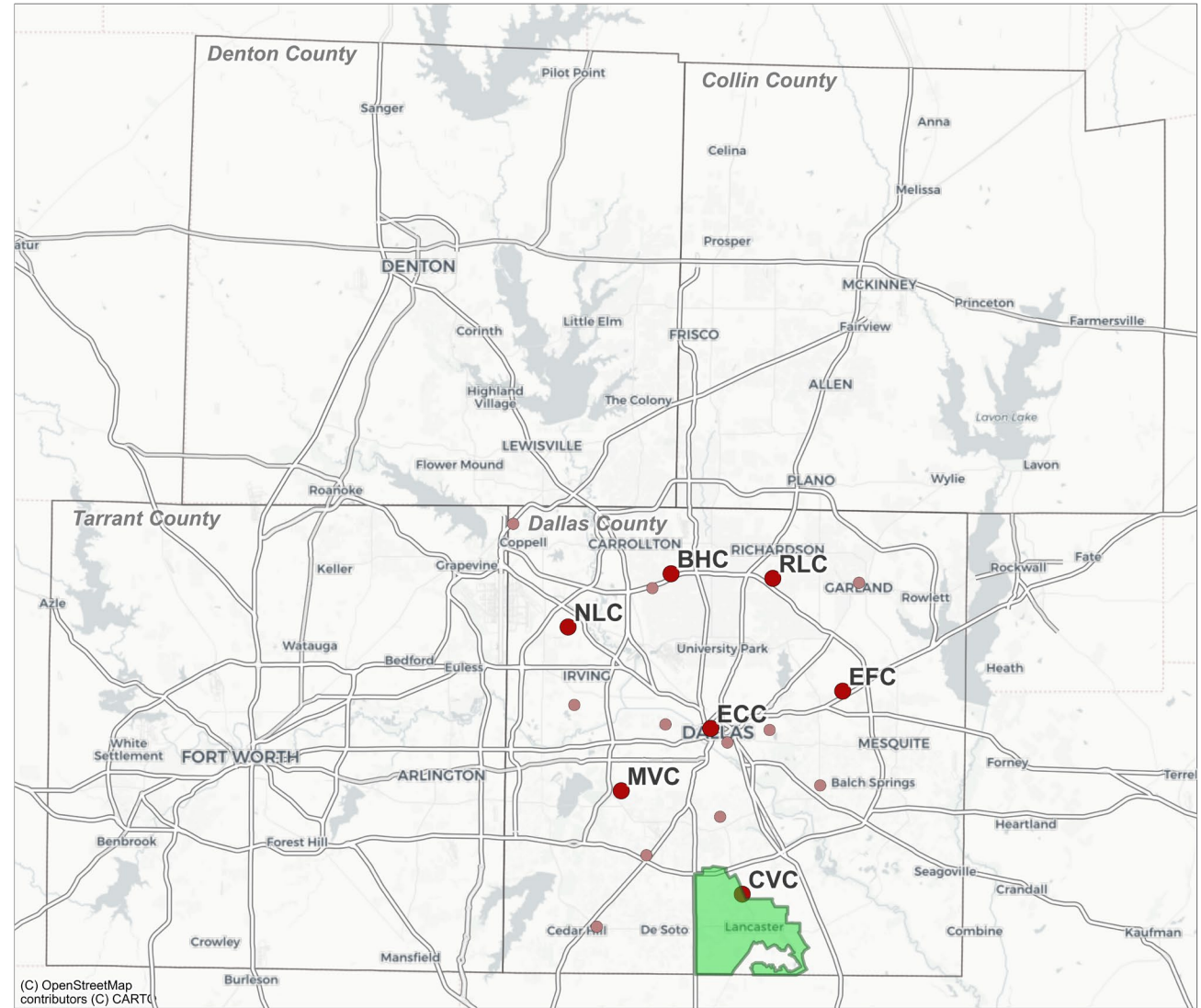






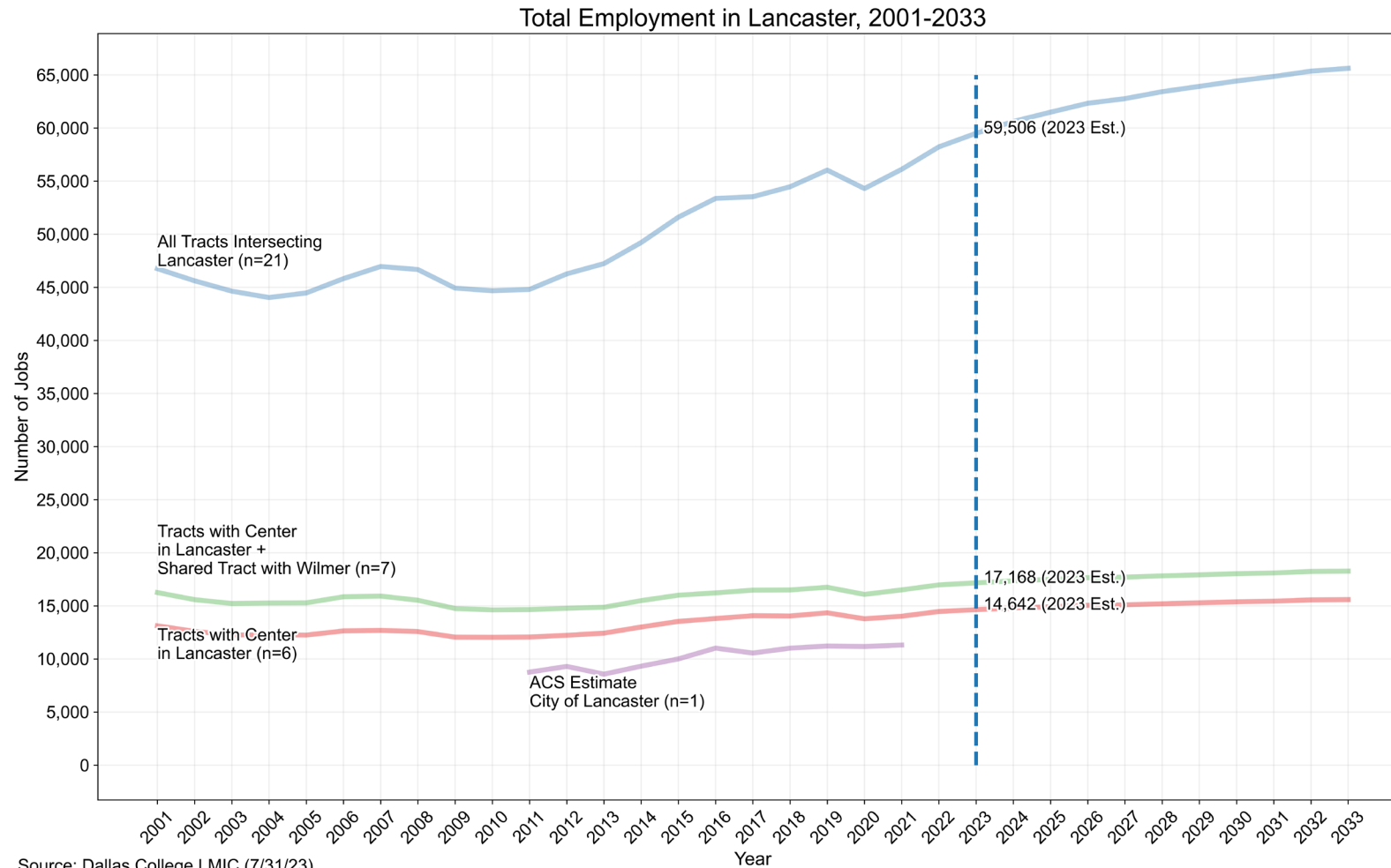
# Providing LMI Analysis to Small Cities: Lancaster

- Smaller cities sometimes lack access to regional data or clout to marshal regional research focus
- High potential return for Dallas College partnership, because our impact can be huge
- Quick analyses using our pre-built infrastructure, we can support cities seeking to understand their own labor force





# Growing Suburb on Dallas County's Edge



Source: Dallas College LMIC (7/31/23)

- Employment base of 15,000-20,000
- But who are those workers? Are they Lancaster residents?
- Have tax-abated industrial developments drawn local workers from Lancaster?

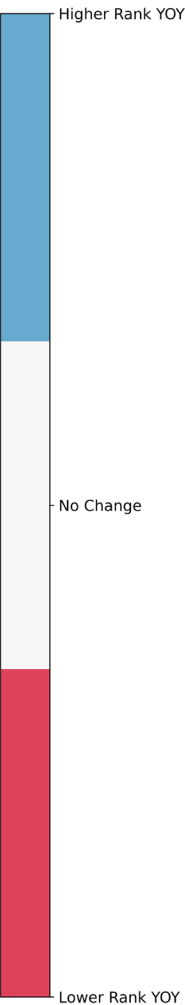


Where Residents of Lancaster Work, 2002-2021

# Resident Workforce Destination: Rank Change Visualization

- Dallas has remained the top work location for Lancaster residents.
- Though Lancaster has captured an additional 200-300 local workers since a low in 2009, it pales in comparison to Dallas, which has employed 1,900 local workers

1st	Dallas (5,294)	Dallas (5,489)	Dallas (5,282)	Dallas (5,675)	Dallas (5,676)	Dallas (6,410)	Dallas (6,865)	Dallas (5,019)	Dallas (6,155)	Dallas (6,171)	Dallas (6,763)	Dallas (6,995)	Dallas (7,062)	Dallas (7,080)	Dallas (7,564)	Dallas (7,701)	Dallas (7,574)	Dallas (7,583)	Dallas (7,283)	Dallas (7,156)
2nd	Lancaster (818)	Lancaster (796)	Lancaster (689)	Irving (766)	Irving (753)	Irving (989)	Irving (1,146)	Irving (721)	Irving (1,034)	Irving (1,012)	Irving (923)	Lancaster (932)	Lancaster (1,000)	Irving (991)	Irving (1,091)	Irving (1,169)	Irving (1,110)	Irving (1,058)	Irving (1,011)	Irving (1,013)
3rd	Irving (727)	Irving (679)	Irving (667)	Lancaster (712)	Lancaster (657)	Lancaster (640)	Lancaster (637)	Lancaster (560)	Austin (565)	Austin (1,006)	Lancaster (839)	Irving (923)	Irving (949)	Lancaster (966)	Lancaster (952)	Lancaster (980)	Lancaster (1,024)	Lancaster (1,004)	Lancaster (992)	Lancaster (908)
4th	Arlington (374)	Arlington (383)	Arlington (392)	Arlington (433)	Fort Worth (461)	Arlington (501)	Arlington (537)	Fort Worth (520)	Fort Worth (558)	Lancaster (530)	Fort Worth (550)	Arlington (643)	Arlington (638)	Arlington (646)	Fort Worth (737)	Arlington (699)	Fort Worth (791)	Fort Worth (875)	Fort Worth (772)	Fort Worth (781)
5th	DeSoto (357)	Fort Worth (370)	Fort Worth (366)	Fort Worth (433)	Arlington (440)	Fort Worth (468)	Fort Worth (482)	Austin (471)	Lancaster (531)	Fort Worth (520)	Arlington (501)	Fort Worth (554)	Fort Worth (608)	Fort Worth (616)	Arlington (605)	Fort Worth (695)	Arlington (712)	Arlington (718)	Arlington (755)	Arlington (756)
6th	Plano (318)	Plano (343)	DeSoto (326)	Plano (354)	DeSoto (359)	Plano (403)	Plano (471)	Arlington (385)	Arlington (431)	Arlington (456)	DeSoto (487)	DeSoto (496)	DeSoto (556)	DeSoto (547)	DeSoto (506)	Plano (547)	Plano (519)	DeSoto (514)	Plano (552)	Plano (515)
7th	Austin (313)	DeSoto (336)	Austin (310)	DeSoto (336)	Plano (339)	Austin (382)	Grand Prairie (373)	Plano (374)	Plano (394)	Plano (421)	Plano (407)	Plano (428)	Plano (428)	Plano (537)	Plano (470)	Grand Prairie (460)	DeSoto (480)	Plano (513)	DeSoto (520)	DeSoto (458)
8th	Fort Worth (312)	Austin (323)	Plano (309)	Austin (293)	Austin (309)	Mesquite (348)	Austin (365)	DeSoto (291)	DeSoto (312)	Richardson (321)	Carrollton (300)	Carrollton (322)	Grand Prairie (346)	Richardson (370)	Grand Prairie (390)	DeSoto (459)	Grand Prairie (441)	Grand Prairie (440)	Richardson (470)	Grand Prairie (453)
9th	Farmers Branch (227)	Farmers Branch (237)	Garland (230)	Mesquite (246)	Farmers Branch (237)	DeSoto (336)	DeSoto (364)	Carrollton (227)	Mesquite (303)	DeSoto (315)	Mesquite (296)	Grand Prairie (302)	Richardson (343)	Grand Prairie (354)	Richardson (377)	Richardson (348)	Richardson (416)	Richardson (431)	Grand Prairie (401)	Richardson (445)
10th	Grand Prairie (199)	Richardson (229)	Mesquite (229)	Farmers Branch (221)	Grand Prairie (220)	Garland (313)	Garland (358)	Grand Prairie (227)	Richardson (295)	Mesquite (308)	Richardson (284)	Richardson (284)	Carrollton (287)	Carrollton (331)	Mesquite (350)	Carrollton (345)	Carrollton (400)	Carrollton (362)	Carrollton (354)	Carrollton (377)
11th	Garland (195)	Garland (205)	Grand Prairie (222)	Garland (212)	Mesquite (219)	Richardson (310)	Richardson (336)	Richardson (225)	Carrollton (286)	Carrollton (248)	Grand Prairie (278)	Mesquite (276)	Garland (284)	Mesquite (308)	Carrollton (335)	Mesquite (323)	Mesquite (359)	Garland (318)	Mesquite (338)	Garland (346)
12th	Carrollton (187)	Grand Prairie (205)	Farmers Branch (220)	Carrollton (203)	Richardson (208)	Carrollton (279)	Mesquite (329)	Houston (220)	Garland (262)	Grand Prairie (248)	Garland (255)	Houston (262)	Mesquite (279)	Garland (292)	Garland (331)	Garland (303)	Garland (302)	Mesquite (318)	Garland (308)	Farmers Branch (326)
13th	Mesquite (181)	Mesquite (204)	Carrollton (170)	Grand Prairie (202)	Carrollton (206)	Grand Prairie (259)	Carrollton (281)	Garland (218)	Farmers Branch (229)	Houston (245)	Farmers Branch (237)	Farmers Branch (233)	Farmers Branch (262)	Waxahachie (276)	Farmers Branch (313)	Farmers Branch (292)	Houston (291)	Farmers Branch (288)	Farmers Branch (263)	Mesquite (304)
14th	Richardson (170)	Carrollton (179)	Duncanville (164)	Richardson (197)	Garland (198)	Farmers Branch (226)	Farmers Branch (264)	Mesquite (205)	Grand Prairie (224)	Farmers Branch (238)	Houston (224)	Garland (230)	Houston (244)	Duncanville (259)	Duncanville (253)	Waxahachie (282)	Farmers Branch (278)	Houston (278)	Houston (240)	Houston (261)
15th	Duncanville (155)	Duncanville (169)	Richardson (158)	Duncanville (195)	Duncanville (186)	Addison (209)	Waxahachie (205)	Farmers Branch (195)	Houston (215)	Garland (237)	Duncanville (218)	Duncanville (204)	Addison (222)	Farmers Branch (228)	Houston (250)	Houston (262)	Waxahachie (268)	Addison (260)	Duncanville (239)	Addison (233)



Source: Dallas College Labor Market Intelligence Center





1st	Dallas (1,664)	Dallas (1,483)	Dallas (1,567)	Dallas (1,439)	Dallas (1,541)	Dallas (1,594)	Dallas (1,619)	Dallas (1,394)	Dallas (1,403)	Dallas (1,468)	Dallas (1,791)	Dallas (1,845)	Dallas (1,868)	Dallas (2,078)	Dallas (2,099)	Dallas (2,192)	Dallas (2,228)	Dallas (2,279)	Dallas (2,877)	Dallas (3,519)
2nd	Lancaster (833)	Lancaster (804)	Lancaster (694)	Lancaster (732)	Lancaster (663)	Lancaster (646)	Lancaster (650)	Lancaster (563)	Lancaster (543)	Lancaster (546)	Lancaster (835)	Lancaster (927)	Lancaster (993)	Lancaster (958)	Lancaster (933)	Lancaster (969)	Lancaster (1,008)	Lancaster (980)	Lancaster (1,046)	Lancaster (980)
3rd	Fort Worth (278)	Arlington (223)	DeSoto (244)	DeSoto (353)	DeSoto (309)	DeSoto (320)	DeSoto (313)	DeSoto (281)	DeSoto (250)	DeSoto (280)	DeSoto (410)	DeSoto (388)	DeSoto (445)	DeSoto (444)	DeSoto (467)	DeSoto (464)	DeSoto (497)	DeSoto (501)	Fort Worth (613)	Fort Worth (741)
4th	Arlington (254)	DeSoto (219)	Arlington (220)	Arlington (191)	Arlington (262)	Grand Prairie (202)	Grand Prairie (247)	Arlington (260)	Arlington (239)	Arlington (265)	Arlington (268)	Arlington (262)	Mesquite (281)	Fort Worth (310)	Fort Worth (378)	Fort Worth (388)	Fort Worth (448)	Fort Worth (414)	DeSoto (583)	DeSoto (567)
5th	DeSoto (254)	Duncanville (198)	Fort Worth (189)	Cedar Hill (166)	Fort Worth (192)	Mesquite (187)	Arlington (235)	Mesquite (231)	Fort Worth (195)	Fort Worth (243)	Fort Worth (246)	Grand Prairie (241)	Arlington (280)	Arlington (286)	Arlington (357)	Arlington (317)	Arlington (345)	Arlington (386)	Grand Prairie (409)	Arlington (504)
6th	Grand Prairie (212)	Wilmer (170)	Wilmer (179)	Fort Worth (158)	Mesquite (181)	Arlington (178)	Mesquite (214)	Fort Worth (195)	Grand Prairie (182)	Grand Prairie (222)	Cedar Hill (235)	Fort Worth (240)	Fort Worth (266)	Grand Prairie (280)	Grand Prairie (296)	Grand Prairie (313)	Grand Prairie (323)	Grand Prairie (345)	Arlington (398)	Grand Prairie (466)
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13th	Ennis (111)	Glenn Heights (93)	Irving (77)	Garland (101)	Red Oak (127)	Red Oak (107)	Glenn Heights (96)	San Antonio (108)	Red Oak (102)	Irving (112)	Irving (132)	Irving (150)	Glenn Heights (126)	Irving (156)	Garland (138)	Irving (145)	Garland (141)	Glenn Heights (137)	Red Oak (162)	Glenn Heights (181)
14th	Glenn Heights (110)	Irving (92)	Garland (72)	Glenn Heights (80)	Irving (98)	Irving (102)	Irving (96)	Red Oak (97)	Plano (84)	Midlothian (104)	Glenn Heights (125)	Midlothian (144)	Midlothian (110)	Glenn Heights (138)	Glenn Heights (127)	Glenn Heights (124)	Midlothian (133)	Irving (133)	Glenn Heights (149)	Red Oak (175)
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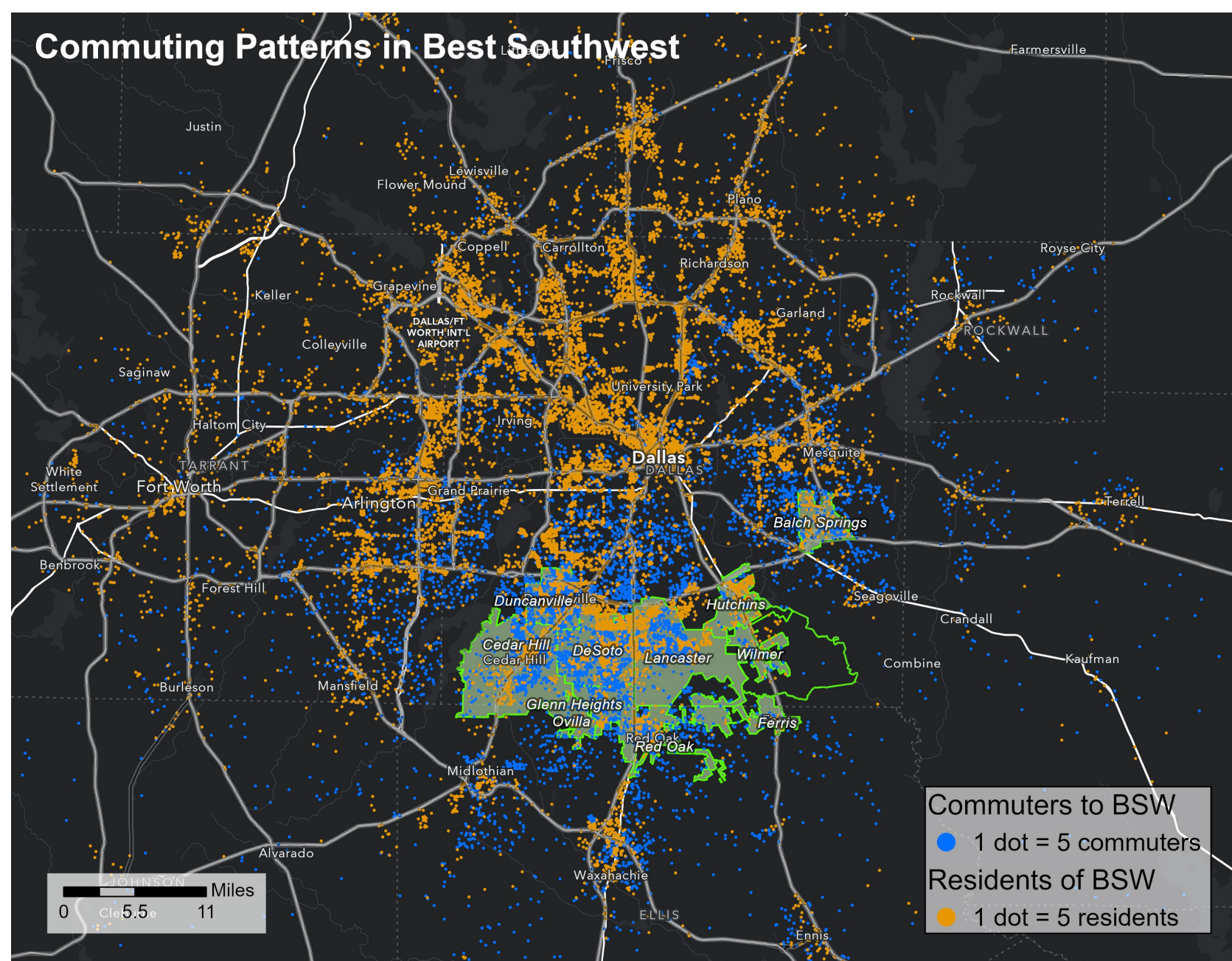
Source: Dallas College Labor Market Intelligence Center

# Local Employment Base Home: Heat Map

- Dallas sends approximately 3 workers for every 1 that Lancaster sends
- Since 2011, more than 1,851 (+126%) Dallas residents took jobs in Lancaster, compared to only an additional 434 (+79%) for Lancaster residents



# Commuting Patterns in Best Southwest



- Building a narrative for economic development
- Lancaster serves as an employment base for City of Dallas, particularly in warehousing and industrial development
- At the same time, the resident base of Lancaster is employed in the City of Dallas and other suburbs,
- Local residents are not necessarily filling newly created jobs in Lancaster
- This could create conflict down the road for the region, but also opportunity for corporate recruitment





# **Integrating LODES Data to Strengthen Grant Development**





# Grant Development: Attaining Regional Success

- Dallas College funded to lead a regional biotech workforce development model and take a regional role
- In this case, intra-regional competition emerging between cities for plant locations
- How can LMI data help grant implementation stakeholders find a path towards regional collaboration?

BUSINESS > TECHNOLOGY

## Dallas College wins nearly \$9 million to train North Texas' future biotech workers

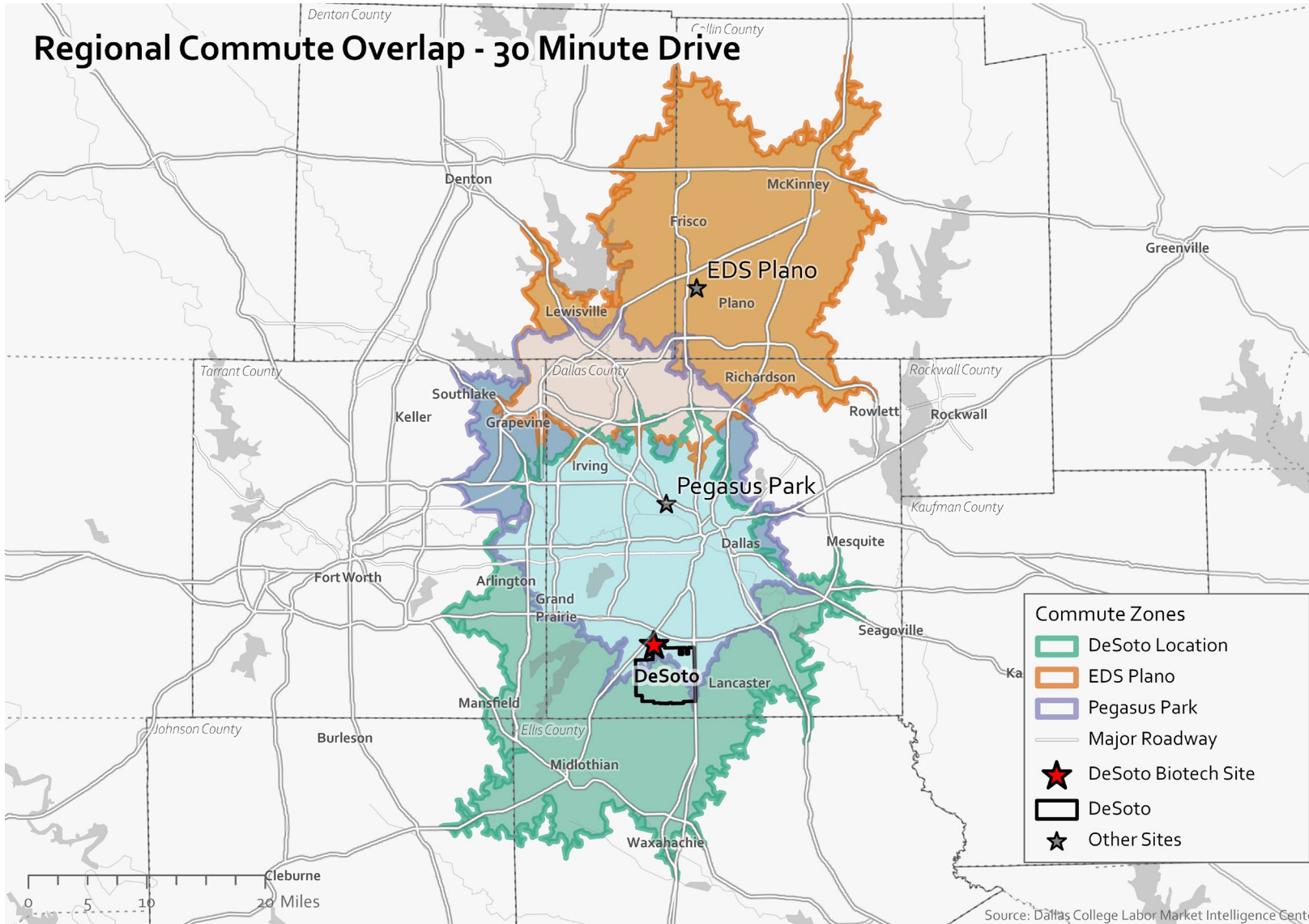
Already, seven major health employers have agreed to create 1,100 combined entry-level positions that pay at least \$15 an hour and include benefits.

“The [Economic Development Administration] was looking for something regional,” Magill said. “They wanted to bring regions together. **People don’t pay attention to city lines anymore and neither do companies.**”





## Regional Commute Overlap - 30 Minute Drive



# Understanding Intra-Regional Competition

- Corporate site selectors don't necessarily work as closely with us as they do with individual cities
- This has the potential to force competition to emerge between cities, undercutting aims of collaboration
- Dallas College is interested in helping cities articulate comparative advantage without undercutting regional approach

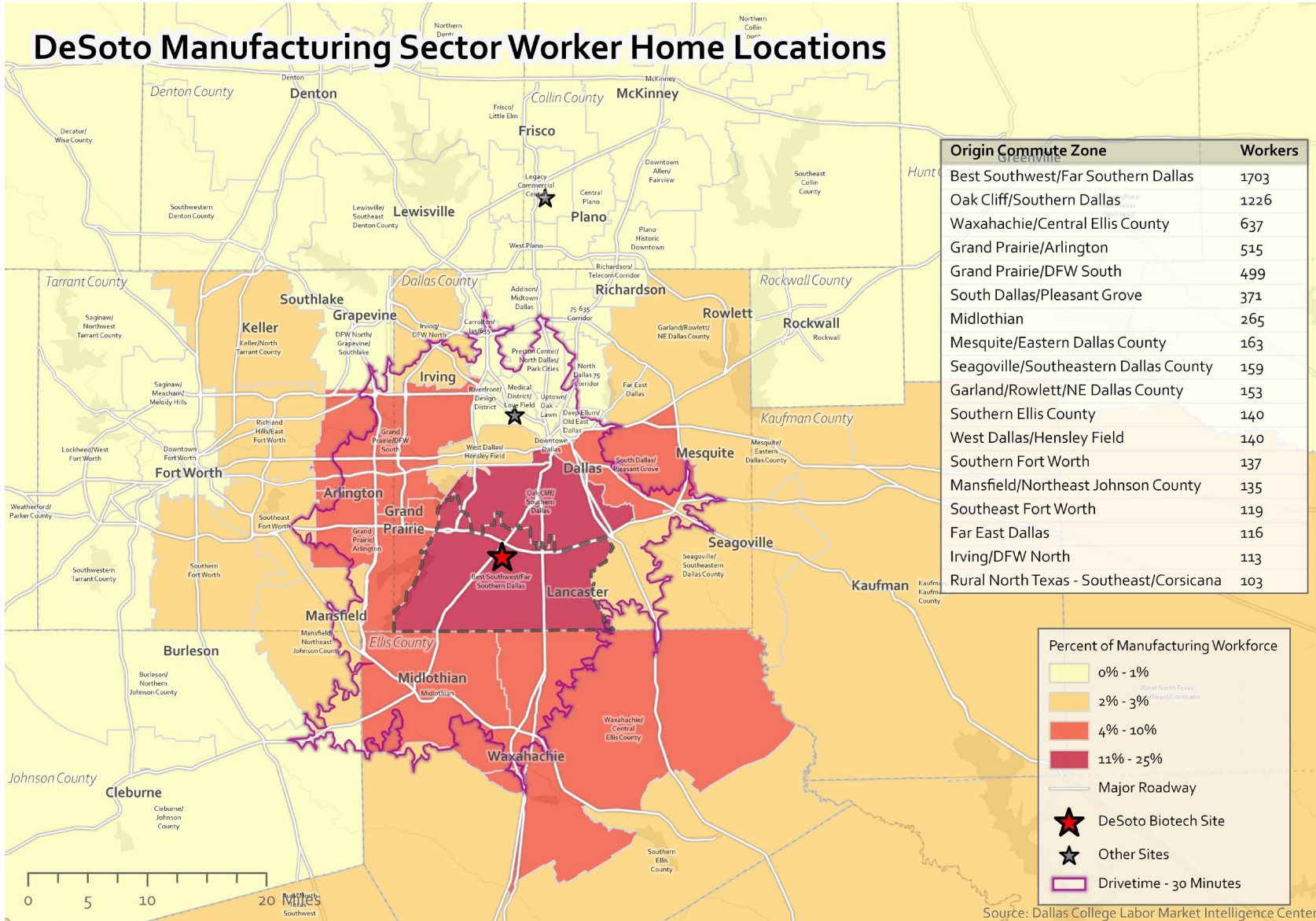






# DeSoto Biotech Recruitment Efforts

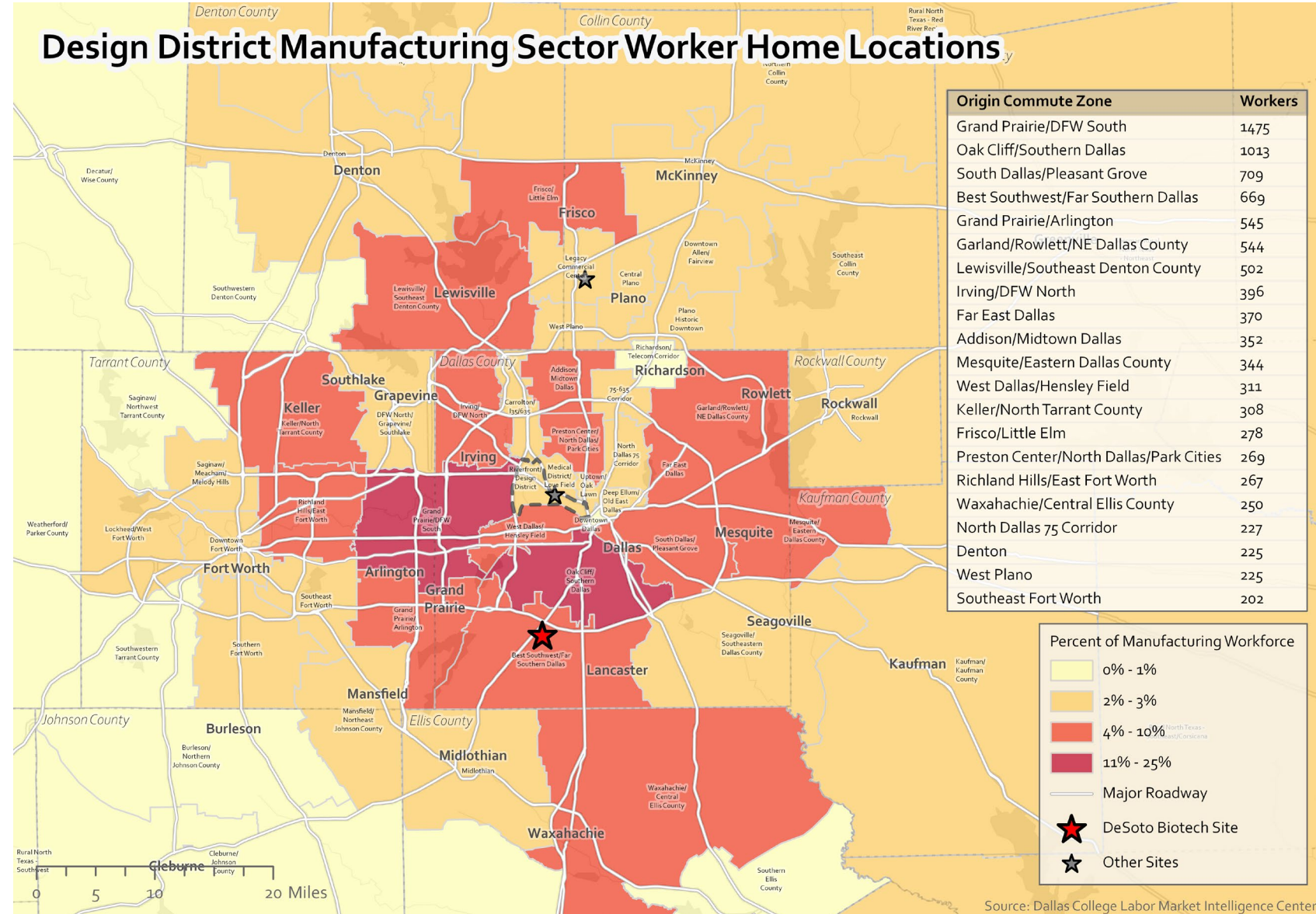
- City of DeSoto seeks to diversify employment base by building on strengths in community retail and logistics
- Their case: existing regional manufacturing workforce is already proximate to DeSoto and as proximate as other regional locations





# Overlapping Access to Manufacturing Employment Base

- Design District/Medical District already draws a significant portion of its manufacturing workforce from the DeSoto commute shed
- An employer in DeSoto could compete for manufacturing workers who Dallas College would upskill into biologics manufacturing positions





# Technical Overview





# Custom Python functions

- Facilitates blending data from different sources
- Developed a library of standard requests, which feed into custom visual templates
- Simplify while allowing flexibility for geometry, year, data specifications, etc.

```
## Task: Get totals by home blocks for a polygon representing downtown Houston
```

```
#Point to the database
```

```
spath = r"C:/User/TexasData.db"
```

```
#Convert GeoDataFrame geometry to a Well-Known Text object
```

```
#We'll pretend we already defined the GeoDataFrame htown in another line
```

```
wkts = transform_to_wkt(gdf=htown)
```

```
#Get the blocks that intersect with your geometry as a list
```

```
isect_blocks = id_intersections(  
    wkt=wkts.iloc[0],  
    spath=spath)['geocode'].tolist()
```

```
#Generate a query to pass to your database
```

```
sql_query = generate_query(  
    data_type='od',  
    perspective='work',  
    job_type='primary',  
    year='2021',  
    geocodes = isect_blocks)
```

```
#Query your database
```

```
out_df = pull_data(  
    query = sql_query,  
    spath=spath,  
    rename=True)
```



# Data Workflow

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*LODES data pathway*

*Context data pathway*

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**LODES Analysis (Python)**  
Workflow to quickly analyze LODES SQLite data

**Visualization (Python)**

**Other Analysis (Python)**

## 3. Final Analysis

**Complete Analysis**  
Charts, tables, etc.



# Build On or Copy It via Github

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<https://github.com/Dallas-College-LMIC/lodes-dataset-construction>





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