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This brochure lists the major buildings in Dallas within each area of the city. Dallas is the third-largest city in the state of Texas and the ninth-largest in the United States. The Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area is the largest metropolitan area in the South and fourth-largest metropolitan area in the United States. Divided between Collin, Dallas, Denton, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties, the city had a population of 1,197,816 in 2010, according to the United States Census Bureau. The city’s prominence arose from its historical importance as a center for the oil and cotton industries, and its position among numerous railroad lines. With the advent of the interstate highway system in the 1950s and 1960s, the city became an east/west and north/south focal point of the interstate system with the convergence of four major interstate highways in the city, along with a fifth interstate loop around the city. Dallas developed a strong industrial and financial sector, and a major inland port, due largely to the presence of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, one of the largest and busiest airports in the world.

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