DOES LOCATION MATTER?

Performance Analysis of the Affordable Housing Programs in Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area

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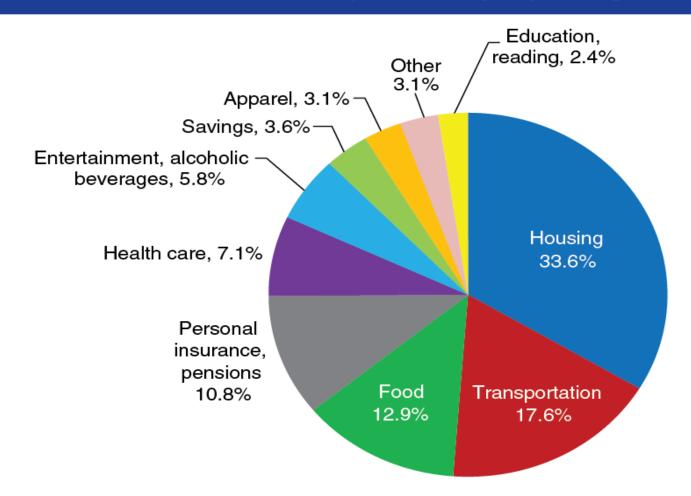
HUD's Measure of Housing Affordability

Total housing costs at or below 30% of gross annual income

- It is considered the definition of housing affordability nationally and internationally
- It is also the legislative standard used to qualify applicants for housing assistance (no less than 30%, no more than 40%)

But how about **Transportation Costs**?

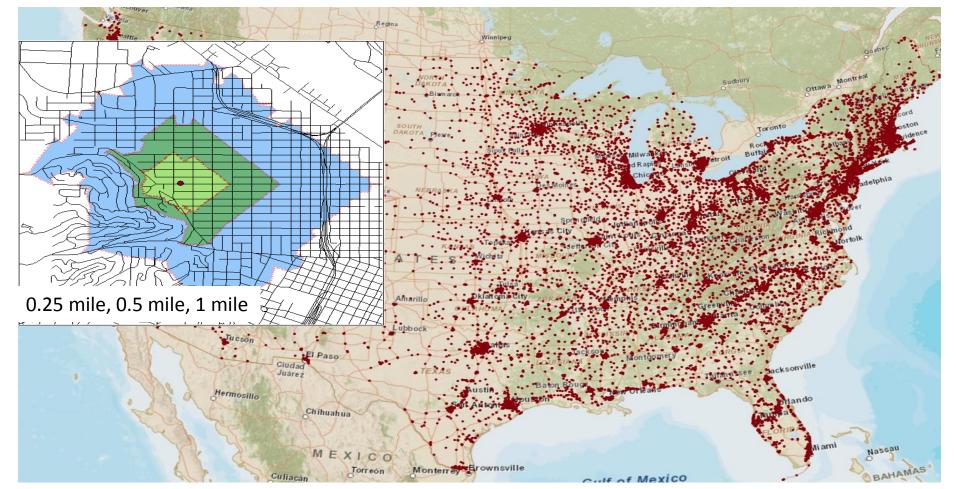
Share of U.S. household consumer expenditures by major categories, 2013

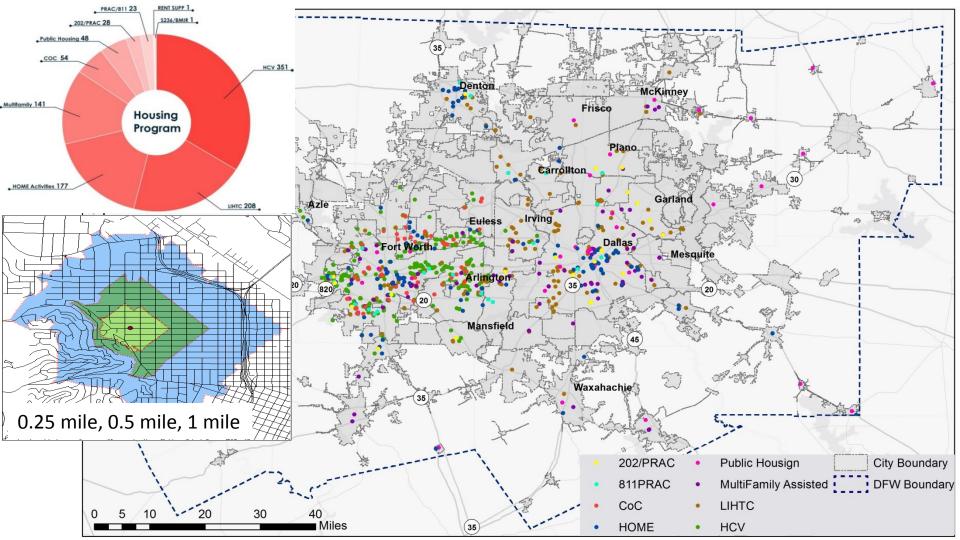


affordable housing programs provide "affordable housing" when transportation costs are factored in.

This study seeks to determine whether the major

LIHTC and Sec 8 Multifamily Portfolio Dataset





Variables Used in the Household Transportation Cost Calculations

Category	Symbol	Definition	Level				
	vmt	Household VMT	Household				
Outcome variables	transit	Household number of transit trips	Household				
	veh	Number of household vehicles	Household				
Household	hsize	Number of household members	Household				
sociodemographic	emp	Number of household workers	Household				
variables	inc	Household income (in 1982 dollars)	Household				
	actden	Activity density within a half mile (sum of population and employment divided by gross land area in square miles)	Household				
	entropy	Land use mix within a half mile of a household (entropy index based on net acreage in different land use categories that ranges from 0, where all developed land is in one use, to 1, where developed land is evenly divided among uses)					
Built environmental	intden	Intersection density within a half mile (number of intersections divided by gross land area in square miles)	Household				
variables	int4way	Proportion of 4-way intersections with a half mile (4-or-more-way intersections divided by total intersections)	Household				
	emp10	Proportion of regional employment accessible within a 10-minute travel time via automobile	Household				
	sf	Single-family housing unit (dummy variable; yes=1, no=0)					
	tfreq	Aggregate frequency of transit service within a quarter mile of block group boundary per hour during evening peak period	Block group				

Neighborhood Characteristics

Gross Density

Regional Household Intensity

Fraction of Single-Family Detached Housing

Block Density

Employment Access Index

Employment Mix Index

Transit Connectivity Index

Transit Access Shed

Transit Access Shed Jobs

Average Available Transit Trips per Week

Household Characteristics

Median Household Income

Average Commuters per Household

Average Household Size



Auto Ownership +

Auto Usage

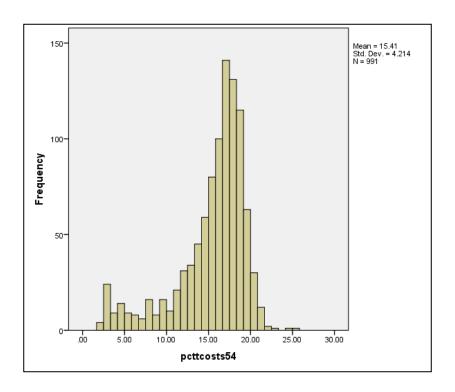
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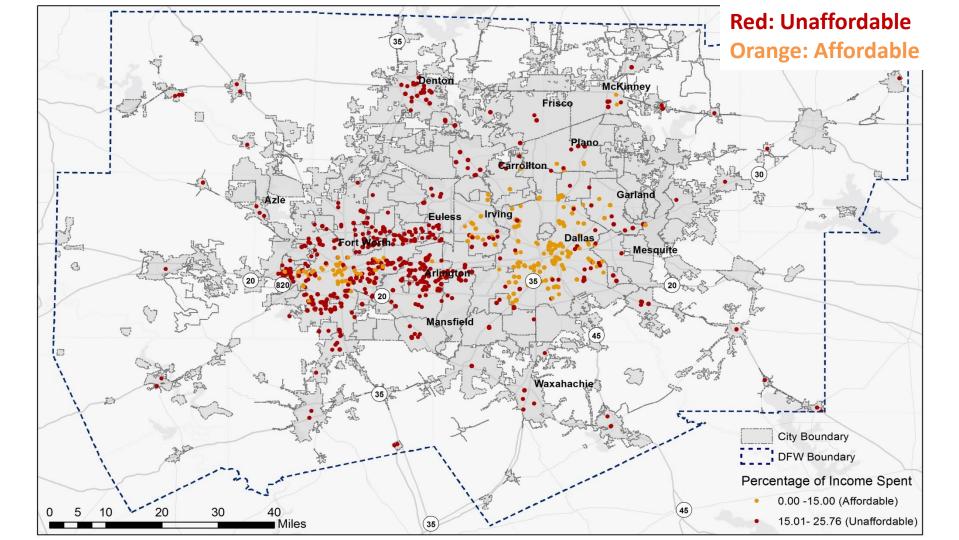
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS



A location is affordable if total transportation costs at or below 15% of gross annual income



Frequency distribution of predicted transportation affordability (percentage of income spent for transportation costs) in DFW

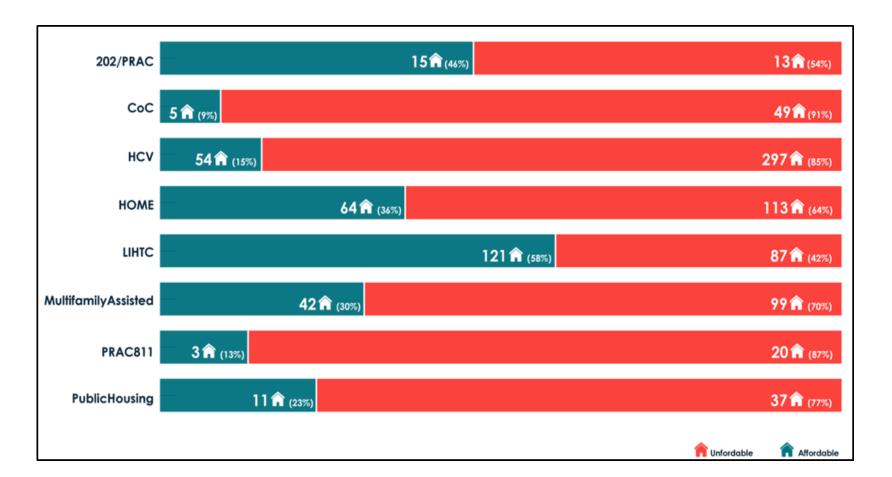


Percentage of Affordable Units With Regard To Transportation Costs in DFW Metro Area

City	Total Number of Housing Properties	Number of Affordable Properties	% of Affordable Project
Dallas	199	172	86.4%
Plano	17	12	70.6%
Irving	26	16	61.5%
Garland	16	8	50%
McKinney	6	2	33.3%
Fort Worth	361	99	27.4%
Carrollton	4	1	25%
Arlington	105	3	2.9%
Grand Prairie	15	0	0%
Mesquite	2	0	0%
Frisco	2	0	0%
Denton	42	0	0%
Richardson	3	0	0%
Lewisville	9	0	0%
North Richland Hills	17	0	0%

Note: We analyzed the Voucher Choice Program only for cities in Tarrant County due to data availability

Number Of Affordable And Unaffordable Properties In 15 Large DFW Cities



Descriptive Statistics of Transportation Costs by Program in DFW

Housing Program	Mean	Minimum	Maximum
LIHTC	11.74	2.42	25.76
Public Housing	15.2	4.7	20.09
202/PRAC	15.49	7.71	20.31
HOME	15.69	2.14	22.55
Multifamily Assisted	16.17	4.14	21.61
HCV	16.82	3.88	24.41
PRAC811	17	12.14	20.02
CoC	17.03	9.35	20.88

Our findings suggest that location matters, housing developments in

auto-dependent and inaccessible areas, are not holistically affordable

guides/transit-oriented-development-are-youhttps://www.itdp.org/library/standards-andon-the-map/what-is-tod/



Directing developments to better (more compact, walkable, and transit-served) locations

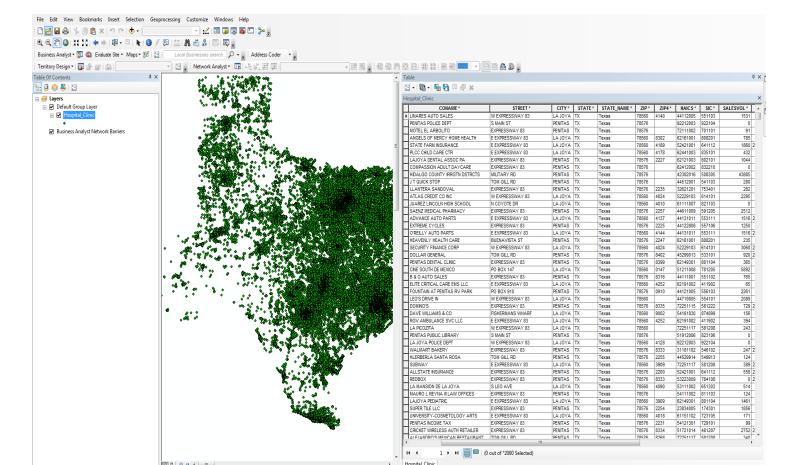
Smarter Decisions

Map of Opportunity Areas

- Measuring Access to Major destinations for all census blocks in DFW
 - Access to jobs
 - Access to high quality schools
 - Access to health care facilities
 - Access to Health food
 - Access to amenities

Opportunity Score

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Households' Major Destinations	-

	Bank	Fitness
Bank, Credit Unions and	Credit Unions	
Insurance	Mortgage and Nonmortgage Loan Brokers	
	Direct Health and Medical Insurance Carriers	Entertainment and Recreation
K1-K12	Elementary and Secondary Schools	and Recreation
	Junior Colleges	
Higher Education	Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	
Health Care Non-Mental Specialists	Offices of Physicians (except Mental Health Specialists)	
Health Care Mental Specialists	Offices of Physicians, Mental Health Specialists	
Health Care Laboratories	Medical Laboratories	
	General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	Healthy Food Store
	Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical and Emergency Centers	
Hospital and Clinic	Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities)	
	Child Day Care Services	
	Elementary and Secondary Schools	
		Unhealthy Food
Child and Youth Facilities	Child and Youth Services	Store
	Services for the Elderly and	

Persons with Disabilities

Nursing Facilities)

Elderly

Elderly and Disability

Facilities

Pharmacies

Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled

Assisted Living Facilities for the

Pharmacies and Drug Stores

Detailed Categories

Monetary Authorities-Central

Categories

Amusement and Theme Parks Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores **Full-Service Restaurants** Limited-Service Restaurants Cafeterias, Grill Buffets, and Buffets Healthy Food Snack and Nonalcoholic Store Beverage Bars Convenience Stores Snack and Nonalcoholic

Social and

Religious Services

Categories

Detailed Categories

Sports Centers Museums

Historical Sites Zoos and Botanical

Beverage Bars **Drinking Places** (Alcoholic Beverages) Full-Service Restaurants

Limited-Service

Civic and Social Organizations

Community Food

Services

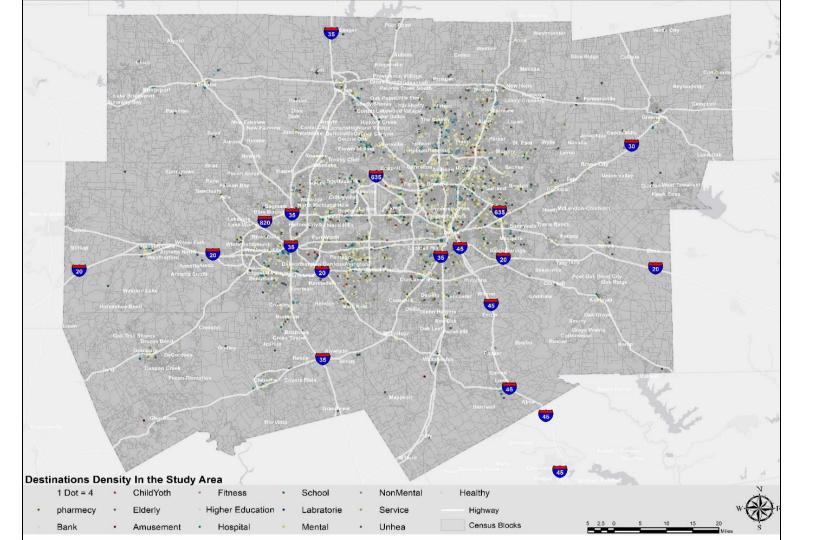
Religious Organizations

Restaurants

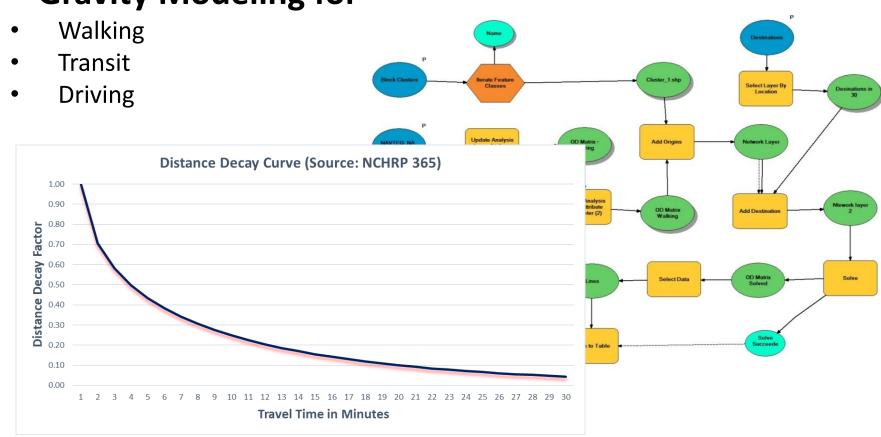
Gardens

Fitness and Recreational

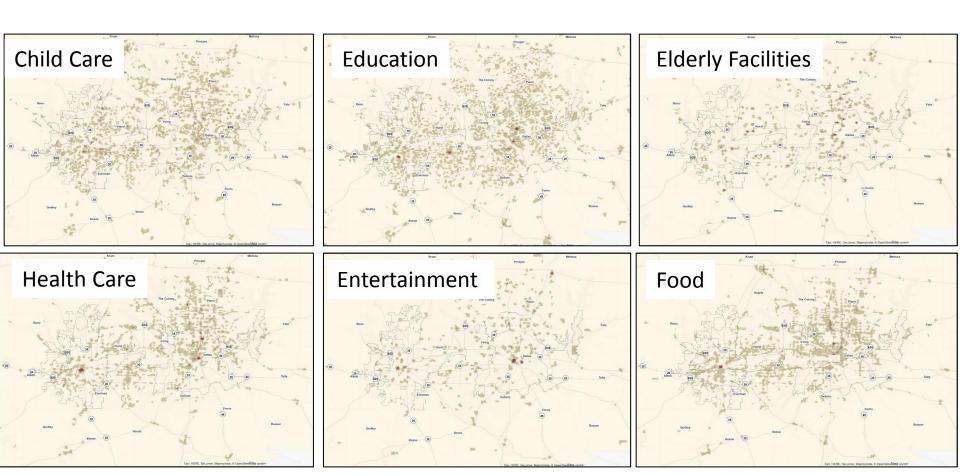
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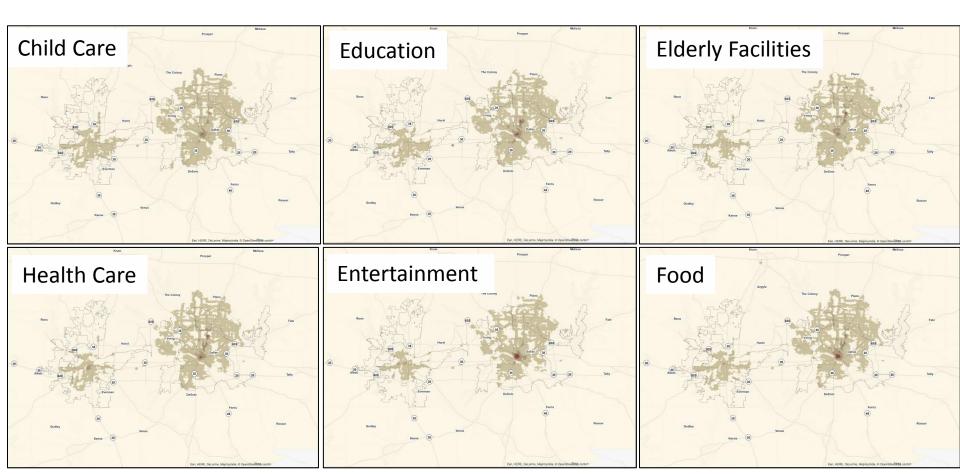
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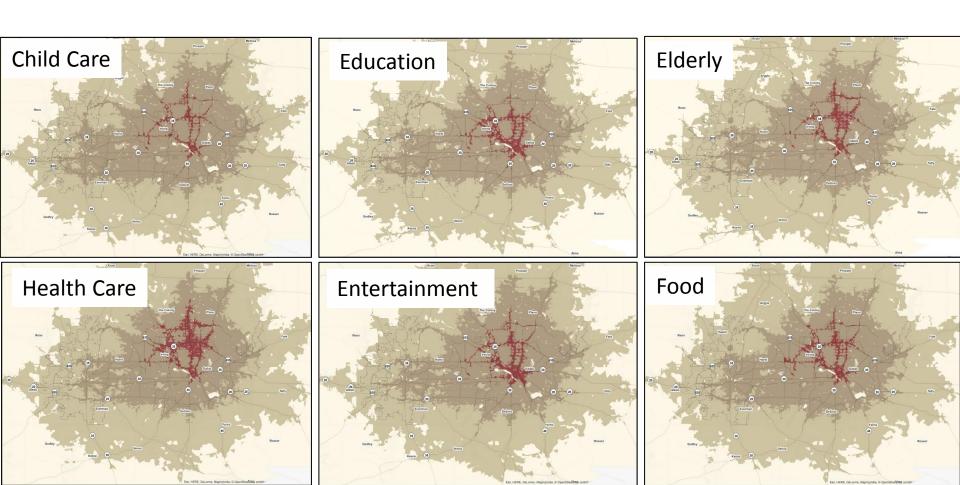
Access to Opportunity Score/ Walking



Access to Opportunity Score/ Transit



Access to Opportunity Score/ Driving

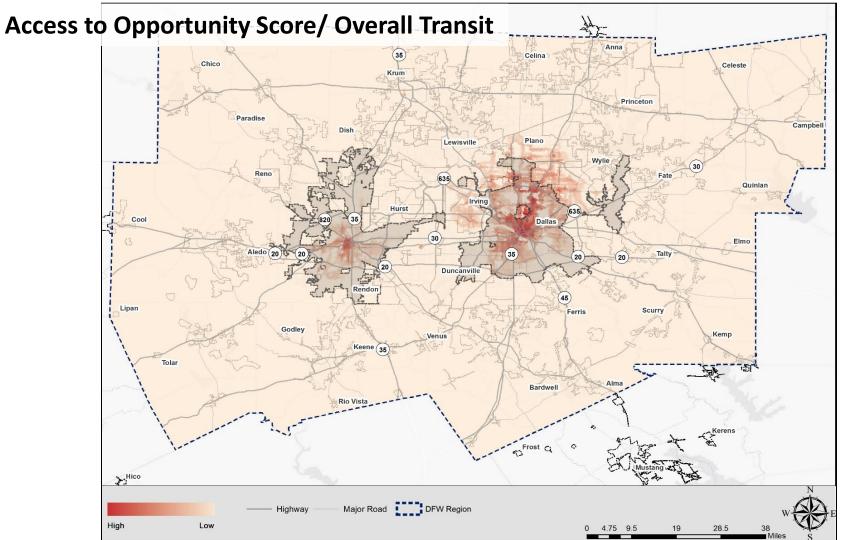


Access to Opportunity Score/ Overall Walking Celeste Kemp Bardwell Low

Percentage of population living in high access to opportunity areas

Walking

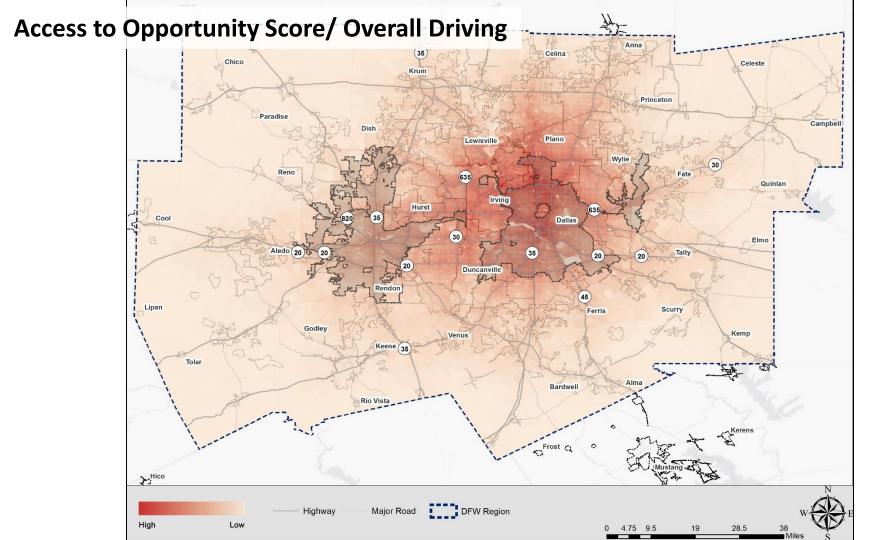
Rank	City Names		sqor	Health Care	Food Outlets	Education	Entertainment	Service	Child Care	Elderly Care
1	Dallas	47.3%	38.8%	35.6%	43.8%	43.6%	9.7%	42.3%	43.7%	18.2%
2	Irving	44.3%	40.1%	35.6%	41.2%	46.2%	6.8%	33.1%	34.5%	11.8%
3	Richardson	42.4%	35.4%	39.0%	35.1%	49.2%	15.7%	33.0%	36.8%	22.2%
4	Denton	37.1%	28.6%	29.1%	29.5%	34.4%	15.3%	29.6%	31.2%	21.2%
5	Garland	34.1%	29.2%	21.9%	34.5%	43.2%	7.9%	34.9%	33.0%	16.1%
6	Arlington	34.1%	28.0%	32.2%	33.9%	37.0%	7.8%	26.2%	37.6%	14.0%
7	Fort Worth	33.5%	26.7%	22.5%	31.4%	38.6%	7.7%	35.2%	39.9%	10.2%
8	Plano	33.5%	31.0%	32.7%	28.3%	38.6%	13.6%	20.3%	39.8%	12.8%
9	Mesquite	31.9%	20.8%	30.3%	31.4%	38.4%	8.2%	32.1%	37.2%	15.6%
10	Carrollton	29.7%	28.2%	24.4%	28.2%	35.0%	8.2%	23.9%	44.9%	9.8%
11	Grand Prairie	26.8%	23.1%	18.1%	27.8%	38.5%	11.0%	27.0%	25.6%	19.2%
12	Lewisville	23.6%	28.9%	20.3%	33.1%	31.9%	10.7%	17.7%	31.1%	17.3%
13	McKinney	22.3%	18.2%	14.3%	19.7%	32.1%	11.8%	21.4%	24.3%	15.9%
14	Allen	17.4%	11.5%	18.3%	17.1%	39.9%	5.7%	4.5%	37.2%	5.1%
15	Frisco	15.7%	12.3%	22.7%	11.9%	35.1%	20.0%	8.2%	29.0%	8.3%



Percentage of population living in high access to opportunity areas

Transit

Rank	City Names	Overall Opportunity	Jobs	Health Care	Food Outlets	Education	Entertainment	Service	Child Care	Elderly Care
1	Dallas	79.6%	72.9%	75.7%	80.2%	80.8%	66.6%	82.5%	82.3%	78.5%
2	Irving	75.7%	70.7%	75.2%	76.6%	72.9%	36.4%	76.0%	78.8%	63.4%
3	Richardson	72.4%	70.7%	75.0%	70.1%	73.3%	71.3%	70.0%	72.8%	79.5%
4	Garland	69.0%	63%	63.4%	71.9%	71.6%	48.4%	70.1%	68.5%	70.4%
5	Carrollton	45.9%	48%	43.9%	49.0%	39.2%	30.1%	38.1%	53.0%	29.4%
6	Fort Worth	41.1%	34.8%	33.6%	42.1%	38.8%	23.3%	42.4%	48.1%	29.5%
7	Plano	38.9%	38%	38.9%	37.5%	33.7%	26.3%	23.1%	38.9%	29.7%
8	Denton	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
9	Mesquite	2.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.7%	2.9%	1.3%	2.8%	2.6%	1.9%
10	Grand Prairie	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
11	Arlington	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	1%	0.9%	0%	0.9%	1%	0.3%
12	McKinney	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
12	Frisco	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
12	Lewisville	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
12	Allen	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Percentage of population living in high access to opportunity areas

Driving

Rank	Overall Opportunity City Names				Food Outlets			Service	Child Care	Elderly Care
1	Carrollton	100%	100%	100%	100%	99.9%	99.9%	100%	100%	99.9%
2	Garland	99.5%	78.5%	99.5%	99.8%	95.9%	98.5%	96.1%	98.6%	99.8%
3	Irving	99.5%	88%	99.1%	99.5%	99.5%	99.4%	100%	99.3%	98.8%
4	Dallas	98.4%	82.8%	96.9%	98.6%	98.7%	98.5%	98.7%	98.3%	98.9%
5	Richardson	97.3%	92.5%	98.2%	98.2%	95.6%	97.2%	95.4%	96.7%	97.5%
6	Plano	97.1%	92.5%	98.2%	96.9%	92.7%	97.2%	83.5%	97%	97%
7	Lewisville	97.1%	91.0%	99.4%	95.6%	89.2%	92%	80.9%	94.2%	86.7%
8	Grand Prairie	93.9%	79.8%	90.6%	95.3%	95.7%	91.6%	96.2%	95.3%	94.1%
9	Arlington	85.9%	59.5%	74.1%	89%	91.2%	76.3%	95.1%	93.1%	86.8%
10	Mesquite	76.1%	28.4%	73.8%	79.6%	76.3%	74.8%	79.6%	76.9%	79.1%
11	Frisco	70%	42%	86.9%	68.2%	52.5%	83.7%	42.8%	74.1%	71%
12	Allen	57.5%	58.2%	68.8%	56.3%	38.5%	65.9%	20%	64.4%	59.6%
13	Fort Worth	39.5%	40.3%	28.9%	41.9%	45.3%	33.4%	53.3%	48.9%	37.2%
14	McKinney	18.1%	23%	32.2%	15%	3%	30.9%	2.6%	22.8%	23%
15	Denton	0%	0%	0%	0%	12.7%	0.1%	0%	0%	0%

Average Opportunity Scores by Driving for the Top 15 Cities in DFW

Mode	Destinations	Dallas	Fort Worth	Arlington	Plano	Garland	Irving	Grand Prairie	Mesquite	McKinney	Carrollton	Frisco	Denton	Richardson	Lewisville	Allen
	Service Opportunity	131.1	108.2	118.3	112.3	113.0	136.8	122.2	117.5	92.1	124.1	101.8	83.1	118.6	109.2	97.9
	Health Opportunity	129.4	98.4	108.4	128.1	117.0	132.3	113.7	113.4	99.1	136.6	114.1	87.8	131.9	123.2	108.2
	Education Opportunity	132.1	104.5	116.6	116.9	113.2	133.0	119.7	115.2	92.0	126.2	104.5	91.7	123.8	113.1	100.3
B	Job Opportunity	124.5	102.8	113.2	124.6	111.7	116.6	117.3	97.5	93.0	124.1	101.8	85.8	129.2	119.8	104.3
Driving	Child & youth Opportunity	128.4	106.1	115.8	124.2	114.4	130.3	118.9	115.0	96.5	131.4	110.8	83.4	125.5	117.7	106.7
	Elderly & disability Opportunity	131.0	101.1	112.1	125.0	119.1	129.1	117.4	116.4	97.4	129.8	109.4	85.4	130.9	113.0	105.5
	Entertainment Opportunity	132.9	100.2	109.6	123.0	114.5	131.0	116.8	115.1	99.7	129.0	112.6	88.4	126.1	116.0	107.4
	Food Opportunity	130.3	103.1	113.5	122.3	116.9	133.2	119.2	116.7	95.9	131.1	108.7	84.2	127.1	115.9	104.9
	Overall Opportunity	130.7	102.1	112.7	123.4	115.8	132.4	117.6	114.4	96.3	131.6	109.6	86.4	128.1	117.8	105.1
	Service Opportunity	111.5	108.1	101.5	97.6	103.2	101.5	99.5	103.5	102.2	98.0	95.4	106.1	101.6	95.3	95.5
	Health Opportunity	107.6	104.8	103.3	107.7	98.7	102.0	98.2	101.6	101.1	101.5	101.8	105.7	107.3	101.3	105.5
	Education Opportunity	106.3	103.8	104.5	101.6	103.7	101.8	97.9	100.3	100.8	99.2	97.8	116.3	105.5	98.4	100.5
ng	Job Opportunity	107.3	106.6	104.0	108.6	101.5	104.6	100.1	100.0	105.6	103.9	99.3	106.5	109.1	103.0	102.1
walking	Child & youth Opportunity	108.3	107.9	105.2	108.1	101.3	103.0	97.8	103.8	101.5	105.0	101.7	106.3	104.2	103.4	108.2
3	Elderly & disability Opportunity	104.7	100.0	99.9	103.4	103.6	100.5	102.0	99.4	106.3	97.9	100.5	105.1	106.6	100.8	95.2
	Entertainment Opportunity	105.4	101.7	98.9	100.7	97.8	98.4	98.7	99.0	111.4	97.1	104.4	107.4	102.3	98.1	101.3
	Food Opportunity	112.3	105.3	104.5	105.8	101.4	102.1	99.6	101.7	101.8	100.9	98.6	106.5	104.9	100.7	102.2
	Overall Opportunity	112.3	106.9	104.3	106.9	101.2	102.6	98.6	101.9	104.0	101.3	100.1	109.1	107.7	100.4	103.6
	Service Opportunity	133.9	109.3	90.1	96.8	110.9	108.5	89.6	90.5	89.4	100.2	89.5	89.8	110.3	89.4	89.4
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Transit	Child & youth Opportunity	133.9	111.3	89.0	105.3	112.4	110.0	88.3	89.3	88.1	105.0	88.3	88.5	122.0	88.1	88.1
F	Elderly & disability Opportunity	133.8	103.2	89.6	104.9	119.3	104.4	89.5	90.2	89.3	98.0	89.4	90.2	131.3	89.3	89.3
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Importance of Informed, Evidence-Based Decision Making

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