

Population Distribution in Dallas County and DCCCD College Service Areas

Dallas County

Over 2.2 million residents occupy Dallas County, a rectangular region approximately 902 square miles in size. Numerous areas *throughout* the county are densely populated, but in general, the highest concentration is currently located in the northern region. Population projections indicate increases from 1998 to 2010 to follow the county perimeter with growth concentrated in the four corners.

DCCCD College Service Areas

College service areas differ with regard to shape, size in square miles, population density, and rural vs. urban setting. Although Dallas County is the “defined” service area for the District, out-of-county students range from 31% (BHC) to 6% (MVC) among the colleges.

Credit students represent more than 300 unique zip codes, of which less than 25% are located in Dallas County. However, for all of the colleges except ECC, 37% (BHC) to 52% (CVC) of credit students reside in one of five zip codes. ECC students are dispersed throughout the county with fewer than 5% in any one zip code.

| | Top 5 Zip Codes | % of Students |
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| BHC | 75006, 75007, 75234, 75287, 75229 | 37% |
| CVC | 75104, 75115, 75146, 75134, 75154 | 52% |
| EFC | 75150, 75149, 75043, 75228, 75217 | 44% |
| ECC | 75206, 75217, 75216, 75214, 75228 | 19% |
| MVC | 75211, 75052, 75224, 75104, 75116 | 42% |
| NLC | 75062, 75038, 75061, 75060, 75063 | 50% |
| RLC | 75243, 75081, 75040, 75044, 75042 | 39% |

For most, the above zip codes are located in the immediate area of the listed college since students are likely to attend a college closest to home. However some colleges, BHC for example, also attract a significant number of students who commute to that area for work. Unique programs offered only by a single college (i.e. health care related occupations at ECC) attract students from throughout the county.