

**Regional Rail Corridor Study**  
**Study Report**

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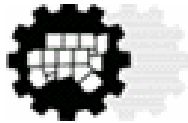
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The North Central Texas Council of Governments is a voluntary association of cities, counties, school districts, and special districts which was established in January 1966 to assist local governments in **planning** for common needs, **cooperating** for mutual benefits, and **coordinating** for sound regional development.

It serves a 16-county metropolitan region centered around the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently the Council has **232 members**, including 16 counties, 163 cities, 26 independent school districts and 27 special districts. The area of the region is approximately **12,800 square miles**, which is larger than nine states, and the population of the region is over **4.8 million**, which is larger than 30 states.

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