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# Dallas among top 'super-commuter' cities

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Dallas County is one of the nation's top areas for "super-commuters," or people who work in one metro area but regularly commute to another.

[A February study](#) by Rudin Center for Transportation at New York University's Wagner School of Public Service found that 13.2 percent of the workforce in both Dallas and Harris counties are super-commuters – the highest number in the nation.

The study also found that Dallas-Fort Worth to Houston super-commutes have more than tripled since 2002. The *Houston Business Journal* ran a [story Friday](#) talking about super-commuters.

It's these types of figures that have spurred interest among high-speed rail developers.

[Robert Eckels](#), president of Texas Central Railway Co. and former Harris County judge, has been making [his company's case for a high-speed rail to area transportation group in recent weeks](#). The company believes the region ripe for high-speed rail service and is conducting preliminary engineering, market and financing studies to determine the train's viability as a private enterprise.

The region's relatively flat and rural geography between cities, and the distance between cities are both attractive features.

"Almost everybody who goes through that 50,000-foot analysis concludes that Texas is the best potential market (in the United States), because it's a lot of wide-open land and a lot of flat land, and it's much easier, for instance, than the construction of high-speed rail

along the ocean in California," said [Vic Suhm](#), executive director of the [Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition](#).

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