

as defined by the U. S. Census Bureau.) Dallas County is predicted to grow by over 26 percent during this timeframe, from just over 2.2 million residents to over 2.8 million. The corridor cities, Dallas and Irving, are also projecting double digit increases – 16.8 percent and 14.8 percent respectively. Dallas’ 2030 population is estimated to be 1,404,847; Irving’s is projected to be 225,714. **Table 3-6** below outlines the Census Bureau’s 2000 population and NCTCOG’s 2030 population projections for these areas.

TABLE 3-6 DEMOGRAPHIC FORECAST REGION, COUNTY AND CORRIDOR CITIES				
Area	2000 Population	2030 Population	Projected Growth	% Growth
Region ¹	5,067,400	9,107,900	4,040,500	79.7%
Dallas County	2,232,476	2,817,191	584,715	26.2%
City of Dallas	1,202,592	1,404,847	202,255	16.8%
City of Irving	196,632	225,714	29,082	14.8%

¹ Ten County Region forecast by NCTCOG - a slightly smaller geographic area than the U.S. Census Bureau's Dallas-Fort Worth CMSA.

Source: 2000 U.S. Census; NCTCOG, 2005

Irving/DFW Corridor Population Dynamics

Table 3-7 below provides NCTCOG population projections for the Las Colinas community and the Project Corridor. In 2000, 25,066 persons resided in Las Colinas and 66 percent of those residents lived in the Project Corridor (16,473 persons). The Las Colinas area is projected to grow by 52.4 percent between 2000 and 2030 to total of 38,203. The Project Corridor is also projected to grow, although the rate increase is projected to be less than Las Colinas as a whole. The population of the corridor in 2030 is predicated to be 21,850.

TABLE 3-7 DEMOGRAPHIC FORECAST LAS COLINAS AND IRVING/DFW CORRIDOR				
Area	2000 Population	2030 Population	Projected Growth	% Growth
Las Colinas	25,066	38,203	13,137	52.4%
Irving/DFW Corridor	16,473	21,850	5,377	32.6%

Source: 2000 U.S. Census, NCTCOG, Lopez Garcia Group

For transportation planning purposes, it is important to identify where population growth is occurring within the Project Corridor. To analyze demographic trends and patterns in the Irving/DFW Corridor, a Geographic Information Systems analysis was conducted to determine the census tracts located in the corridor and the percentage of their land area located in the corridor. **Table 3-8** below lists the census tracts located in the Irving/DFW Corridor and the land area percentages.

It should be noted that Census Tract boundaries and numbers have changed for some areas of the corridor between 1990 and 2000. **Figures 3-7** and **3-8** show Census Tract boundaries for 1990 and 2000. Specific changes are noted in the footnotes in the tables. There are eleven tracts in the corridor using 2000 census tract boundaries. **Table 3-9** below examines the population change from 1990 to 2000 by census tract providing an overview of demographic trends and patterns within the Irving/DFW Corridor.

There is a wide range of population changes among Census Tracts within the corridor - three tracts lost residents from 1990 to 2000 while three tracts experienced growth rates in the triple digits.