

City Report
FIFA World Cup 2026

Dallas

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Dallas (Arlington)

Overview

Country	United States of America
Host stadium	AT&T Stadium (FIFA tournament-time name: Dallas Stadium), Arlington, TX
Distance to Downtown	~15 miles (25 km) west of Downtown Dallas; equidistant from Downtown Fort Worth
Stadium capacity	70,122
Roof / cover type	Retractable roof; fully air-conditioned
Altitude	~180 m (590 ft)
Timezone (June-July 2026)	Central Daylight Time (UTC-5)
Official language(s)	English (Spanish is widely spoken across the DFW metro)
Match count & dates	9 matches: 5 Group Stage (14th - 27th June), 2 R32 (30th June, 3rd July), 1 R16 (6th July), 1 Semifinal (14th July)
Primary airport(s)	DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth International) is the primary gateway; DAL (Love Field) serves as a domestic secondary
Population (metro)	~8.1 million (Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington metro)

Risk ratings

Security	LOW
Travel Disruption	MODERATE
Medical Infrastructure	LOW
Natural Disasters	MODERATE
Storms/ Hurricanes	MODERATE
Heat	HIGH

Dallas hosts more US matches than any other host city, with nine fixtures including a semifinal on 14th July. AT&T Stadium is in Arlington, between Dallas and Fort Worth, in the DFW airport corridor. Heat is the primary risk facing attendees, though the retractable roof and full air conditioning

materially reduce heat exposure in the stadium. DFW is one of the world's largest airports, which is a strength in arrival capacity but a vulnerability to delay propagation. Texas tornado and severe hail activity are documented through the tournament window, even though the seasonal peak has passed.

Arrival, departure and transportation

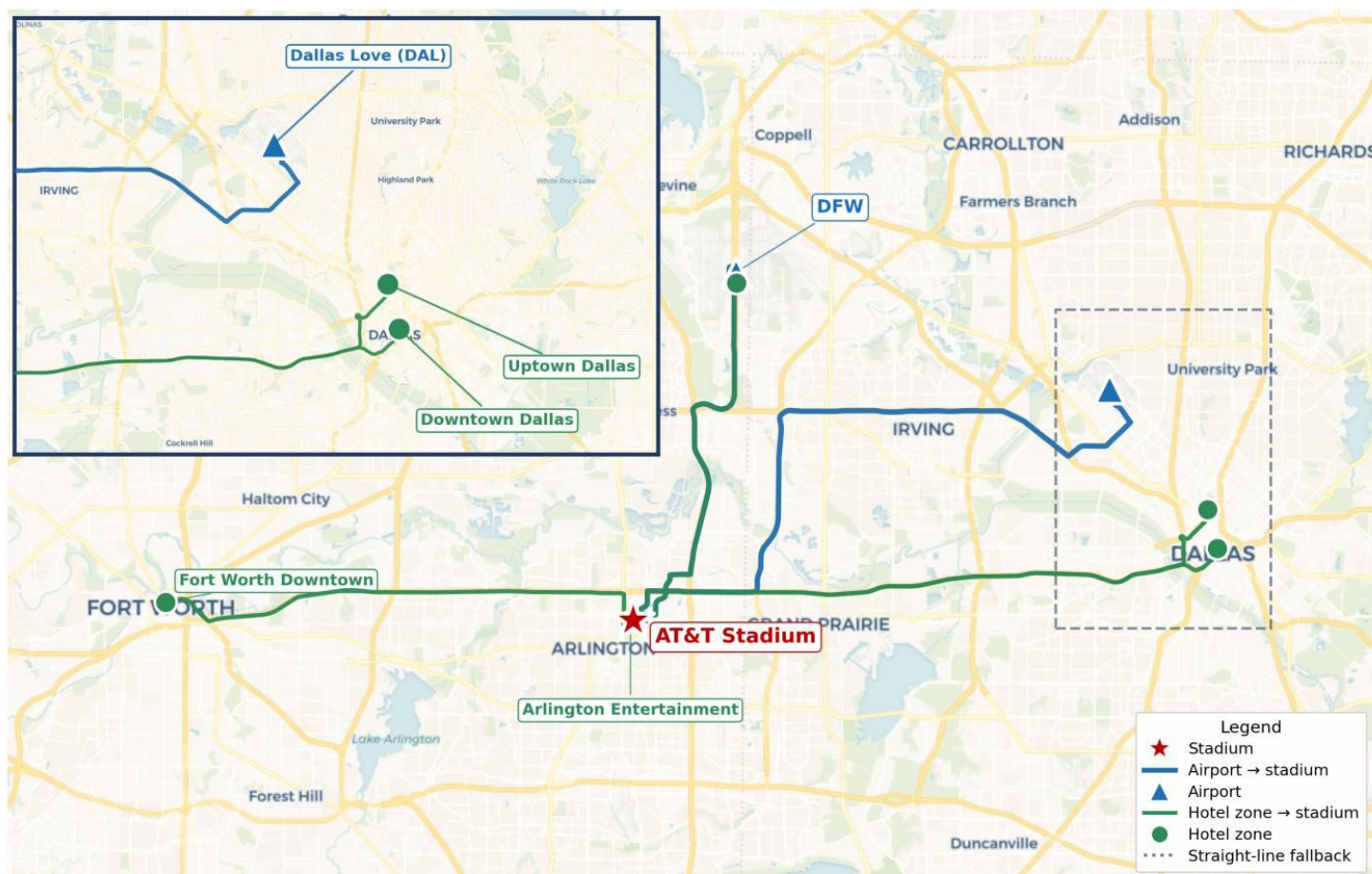
Airports and public transport

DFW (Dallas/Fort Worth International) is the city's primary airport, located about 15 miles (25 km) from Arlington and 19 miles (30 km) from downtown Dallas. While DFW does have DART service on the Orange and Silver Lines, along with the Trinity Rail Service and TexRail, these lines do not connect the airport to the

stadium; instead, they primarily serve downtown Dallas or downtown Fort Worth. DAL (Love Field) is in downtown Dallas and is smaller and domestic-focused. Travellers are advised to allow three hours for international departures from DFW during the tournament window; DFW's terminal complex is sprawling, with domestic-to-international transfers requiring Skylink airside transit.

Recommended accommodation zones

Downtown Dallas offers the best in-city experience and is located about 30 to 45 minutes from AT&T Stadium. Fort Worth is a lower-cost alternative at a similar distance from the venue. Arlington and Grand Prairie are closest to the stadium, at 10–20 minutes away and are the lowest-friction option for fans attending multiple matches. Las Colinas and Irving are the business-traveller standard near DFW, about 25 to 40 minutes from the venue.



Security and medical risks

Crime

Dallas's violent-crime rate is moderately elevated and concentrated in specific neighbourhoods. Tourist zones. Including Downtown, Uptown, Bishop Arts, Deep Ellum, Plano and Frisco, are well-policed and present a low risk. Specific corridors, including parts of South Dallas, West Dallas, and Oak Cliff, have higher reported crime rates and are not on standard tourist routes. Vehicle break-ins are the dominant property crime exposure for visitors. Arlington itself is suburban with low crime around the stadium complex.

Terrorism

Dallas maintains an elevated baseline counterterrorism posture as a major financial, energy and transportation hub. FBI Dallas, Dallas PD, Arlington PD, Fort Worth PD, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) coordinate regional security. Visitors should expect visible security at DFW, DAL, the FIFA Fan Festive and the AT&T Stadium perimeter, particularly for the semifinal on 14th July.

Unrest

Unrest risks are average for Dallas compared with other American host cities, with the main flashpoints centred around Dealey Plaza, the federal courthouse, and the State Fair grounds. The risk of large-scale unrest during the tournament is minimal. Past major sports events have produced sporadic fan unrest downtown, but Arlington itself rarely sees civil unrest.

Natural disaster

Dallas is prone to severe heat, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hail. Tornado season peaks in spring, but summer tornadoes are documented, and the venue and metro have well-established sheltering protocols. Hail can produce localised property damage at short notice. Hurricane and tropicalstorm exposure is only from remnants of Gulf storms and generally does not result in significant damage or disruption.

Heat

Dallas in June and July averages high temperatures of 92–96°F (33–36°C), with frequent 100°F+ (38°C+) days. Humidity is moderate, lower than in Houston or Miami, but the absolute temperatures are among the highest of any host city. AT&T Stadium's retractable roof and air conditioning materially reduce fan heat exposure once inside; pre-match queuing remains the dominant heat-illness risk.



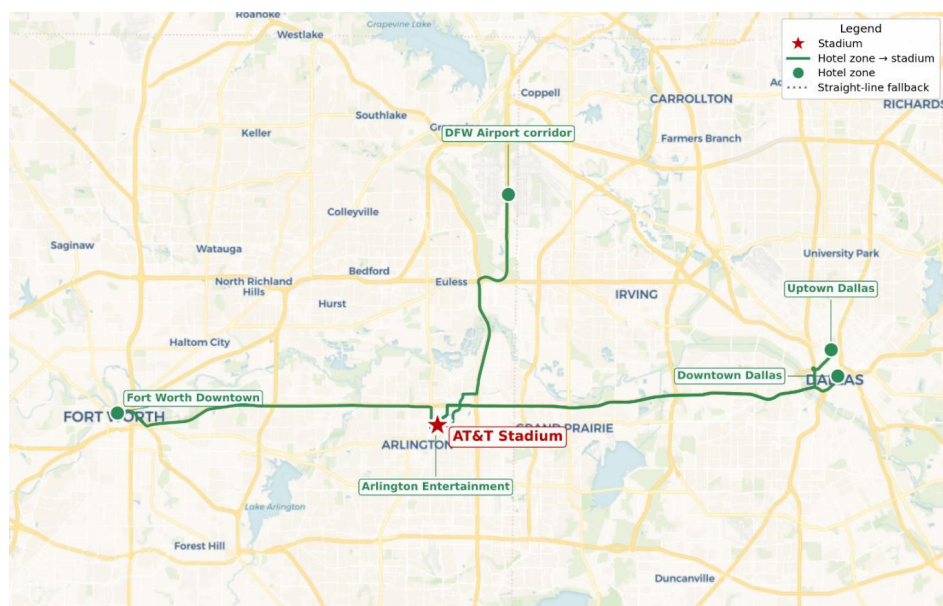
Stadium and matchday

Match schedule

Date	Match	Stage	Kickoff (local)
14 th June	Netherlands - Japan	Group F	15h00
17 th June	England - Croatia	Group L	15h00
22 nd June	Argentina - Austria	Group J	12h00
25 th June	Japan - Sweden	Group F	18h00
27 th June	Jordan - Argentina	Group J	21h00
30 th June	Runner-up E - Runner-up I	Round of 32	12h00
3 rd July	Runner-up D - Runner-up G	Round of 32	13h00
6 th July	Winner of Match 83 - Winner of Match 84	Round of 16	14h00
14 th July	Winner of Match 97 - Winner of Match 98	Semifinal	14h00

Public transport and transportation to the stadium

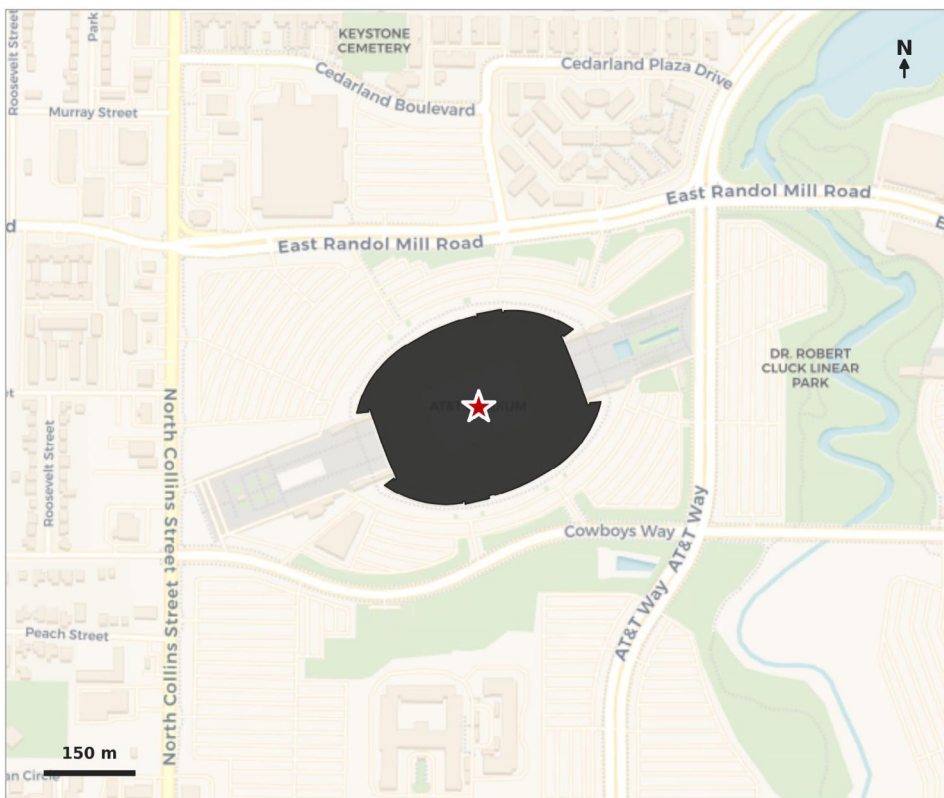
AT&T Stadium sits in Arlington, about 15 miles (25 km) from both downtown Dallas and downtown Fort Worth. There is no direct rail link to Arlington; for the tournament, the official transit option is TRE from downtown Dallas or Fort Worth to CentrePort station, followed by a charter bus shuttle to the designated Bus Hub near the stadium, which takes about 20 minutes under normal traffic conditions. The streets most affected by congestion near the stadium are I-30, US-360 and surface streets such as E Randol Mill Road, N Collins Street and E Division Street. Arlington PD and Texas DPS close the inner perimeter to non-credentialed traffic four hours before kickoff, resulting in increased congestion.



Pre-purchased parking is mandatory, and Arlington runs a match-day shuttle service from designated park-and-ride lots. Rideshare drop-off and pickup operate from designated lots. The Semifinal on 14th July will run the largest perimeter footprint of any Dallas match.

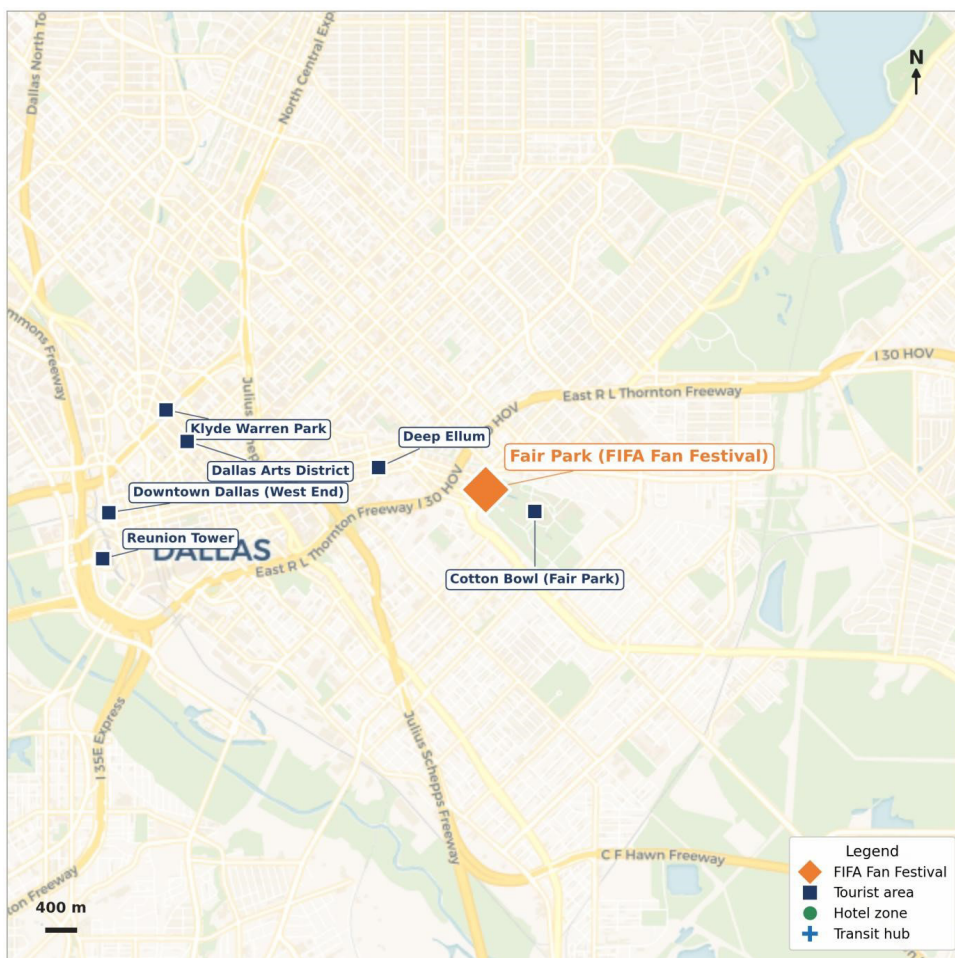
Entry/gates into the stadium

Per FIFA standard policy for the 2026 World Cup, AT&T Stadium gates are expected to open two hours before kickoff. A clear-bag policy is enforced (maximum 12" x 6" x 12" / 30.5cm x 16cm x 30.5cm), with screening by metal detector and visual inspection. Prohibited items include professional cameras with detachable or telephoto lenses, drones, oversized signs and banners (FIFA's typical size limit is ~2 m x 1.5 m), umbrellas and any flagpoles. The retractable roof typically closes for matches in the summer, with the operations team making the call roughly three hours before kickoff.



Fanzones

The official FIFA Fan Festival is at Fair Park (Pavilion at Fair Park and Lots 9 & 10), running 11th June – 19th July 2026, with free public admission on all 34 match days and closed on the remaining five days. Satellite watch-party activations are planned in Fort Worth's Sundance Square and the Arlington Entertainment District. Each official fan zone operates its own screening perimeter. Fair Park has extensive experience as an event venue and as the host of the Texas State Fair, and operations should run smoothly, but attendees should anticipate compounded heat exposure from queuing fans during midday and afternoon kickoffs.



Match risk rating

Match	Date and Kickoff (All Times Local)	Match Risk Rating
Netherlands – Japan	14th June 15h00	LOW
<p>This match is rated as LOW risk due to the likelihood of disruption in Kansas City. Precedent from past World Cups indicates that the Netherlands and Japan are likely to have large travelling fanbases. Both sets of fans are likely to gather in parks, public squares and main roads on matchday and MD-1, which is liable to result in disruption in the Dallas and Fort Worth city centres, and in Arlington near AT&T Stadium. Clashes between fans are highly unlikely to occur, and local and stadium authorities are assessed to have elevated capability to handle the large numbers of fans due to experience from major American Football games frequently held in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The elevated fan turnout is likely to result in demand surges for taxis and rideshare services due to AT&T Stadium's poor transit connectivity, as well as delays on the Trinity Railway Express and on major roads such as I-20, I-30, Route 180 and Route 330.</p>		
England – Croatia	17th June 15h00	HIGH
<p>This match is assessed as HIGH risk due to the forecasted fanbase sizes of both countries and the precedent of fan violence. England and Croatia are likely to have a large number of fans travel to Dallas for the match, with large fan gatherings likely in parks, public squares and main roads on matchday and MD-1, which is liable to result in disruption in the Dallas and Fort Worth city centres, and in Arlington near AT&T Stadium. Precedent from incidents at past World Cups and European Championships indicate that this match poses an elevated risk of fan unrest; while large-scale clashes between the two fanbases are unlikely to be recorded, isolated instances of violence, as well as fan disorder near the stadium and in public venues in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, should be accounted for by travelling fans. The risk of clashes is somewhat mitigated by the match's afternoon kickoff; however, the risk of unrest is elevated after the match as fans return to Dallas and Fort Worth, particularly in nightlife areas or if the match's result is contentious. Local and stadium authorities are assessed to have the capability to handle large numbers of fans, based on previous major American Football games frequently held in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The elevated fan turnout is likely to result in demand surges for taxis and rideshare services due to AT&T Stadium's poor transit connectivity, as well as delays on the Trinity Railway Express and on major roads such as I20, I-30, Route 180 and Route 330.</p>		
Argentina – Austria	22nd June 12h00	LOW
<p>This match is assessed as LOW risk due to the likelihood of high fan turnout and associated disruption in Dallas-Fort Worth. Argentina are likely to have one of the largest fanbases at the tournament, with fan turnout at past World Cups underscoring the elevated risks of disruption in high-footfall areas and transit hubs. Austria is also likely to have a moderately-sized contingent of fans, as this is the country's first World Cup appearance since 1998. Large gatherings of fans in public spaces are almost certain to be recorded on matchday and MD-1. While precedent from past tournaments like the 2024 Copa America final means that fan unrest at AT&T Stadium and broader fan disorder in the Dallas-Fort Worth area cannot be ruled out, clashes between the two fan bases are highly unlikely. Local and stadium authorities are assessed to have elevated capability to handle large numbers of fans from the major American Football games frequently held in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Disruption risks remain credible due to large gatherings of fans in public spaces on matchday and MD-1 in Dallas-Fort Worth and in Arlington near AT&T Stadium. The elevated fan turnout is likely to result in demand surges for taxis and rideshare services due to AT&T Stadium's poor transit connectivity, as well as delays on the Trinity Railway Express and on major roads such as I-20, I-30, Route 180 and Route 330.</p>		

Match risk rating

Match	Date and Kickoff (All Times Local)	Match Risk Rating
Japan – Sweden	25th June 18h00	MINIMAL
Jordan – Argentina	27th June 21h00	LOW
<p>This match is assessed as LOW risk due to the likelihood of high fan turnout and associated disruption in Dallas-Fort Worth. Argentina is likely to have one of the largest fanbases at the tournament, with precedent from past tournaments indicating that large gatherings of fans in public spaces are almost certain to be recorded on matchday and MD-1. While precedent from past tournaments like the 2024 Copa America final means fan unrest at AT&T Stadium cannot be ruled out, clashes between the two fanbases have a remote chance of being recorded due to the small size of Jordan's fanbase. Additionally, local and stadium authorities have elevated capabilities in handling large numbers of fans from the major American Football games frequently held in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Disruption risks remain credible due to large gatherings of fans in public spaces on matchday and MD-1 in high-footfall areas of Dallas and Fort Worth. The high fan turnout is likely to result in demand surges for taxis and rideshare services due to AT&T Stadium's poor transit connectivity, as well as delays on the Trinity Railway Express and on major roads such as I-20, I-30, Route 180 and Route 330.</p>		
Round of 32 Match 1	30th June 12h00	MODERATE
<p>This match is assessed as MODERATE risk due to elevated security and operational risks commensurate with the knockout stage. While the teams are not confirmed for this match, knockout stage matches are more likely to involve two teams with large fanbases, with a higher likelihood of disruption and fan unrest if it is a rivalry match or involves a fanbase with ultras presence. Disruption risks remain credible due to large gatherings of fans in public spaces on matchday and MD-1 in Dallas-Fort Worth and in Arlington near AT&T Stadium. The elevated fan turnout is likely to result in demand surges for taxis and rideshare services due to AT&T Stadium's poor transit connectivity, as well as delays on the Trinity Railway Express and on major roads such as I-20, I-30, Route 180 and Route 330.</p>		
Round of 32 Match 2	3rd July 13h00	MODERATE
<p>This match is assessed as MODERATE risk due to elevated security and operational risks commensurate with the knockout stage. While the teams are not confirmed for this match, knockout stage matches are more likely to involve two teams with large fanbases, with a higher likelihood of disruption and fan unrest if it is a rivalry match or involves a fanbase with ultras presence. Disruption risks remain credible due to large gatherings of fans in public spaces on matchday and MD-1 in Dallas-Fort Worth and in Arlington near AT&T Stadium. The elevated fan turnout is likely to result in demand surges for taxis and rideshare services due to AT&T Stadium's poor transit connectivity, as well as delays on the Trinity Railway Express and on major roads such as I-20, I-30, Route 180 and Route 330.</p>		
Round of 16	6th July 14h00	MODERATE
<p>This match is assessed as MODERATE risk due to elevated security and operational risks commensurate with the knockout stage. While the teams are not confirmed for this match, knockout stage matches are more likely to involve two teams with large fanbases, with a higher likelihood of disruption and fan unrest if it is a rivalry match or involves a fanbase with ultras presence. Disruption risks remain credible due to large gatherings of fans in public spaces on matchday and MD-1 in Dallas-Fort Worth and in Arlington near AT&T Stadium. The elevated fan turnout is likely to result in demand surges for taxis and rideshare services due to AT&T Stadium's poor transit connectivity, as well as delays on the Trinity Railway Express and on major roads such as I-20, I-30, Route 180 and Route 330.</p>		

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Match	Date and Kickoff (All Times Local)	Match Risk Rating
Semifinal	14 th July 14h00	HIGH
<p>This match is assessed as HIGH risk due to elevated security and operational risks associated with its high profile. The event's high profile indicates that unrest and terrorism risks are elevated, though these are mitigated by the heightened security posture due to the large contingent of VIP fans expected to attend the match. Local and stadium authorities have relatively strong capabilities to handle large numbers of fans and high-profile sporting events, such as a World Cup semifinal, as a result of previous major American football games being held in Atlanta. Disruption risks remain credible due to large gatherings of fans in public spaces on matchday and MD-1 in DallasFort Worth and in Arlington near AT&T Stadium. The elevated fan turnout is likely to result in demand surges for taxis and rideshare services due to AT&T Stadium's poor transit connectivity, as well as delays on the Trinity Railway Express and on major roads such as I20, I-30, Route 180 and Route 330.</p>		



Business as usual operations

Demand surges around match days, especially the Semifinal on 14th July. I-30 and US-360 are highly likely to saturate around afternoon kickoffs. DFW will almost certainly operate at peak capacity throughout the tournament, and travellers should allow a buffer of around three hours for flights or connections. The most affected sectors include telecommunications, energy, financial services and asset management, defence, and aviation logistics.

Recommendations for businesses and organisations

- Ensure operations account for heightened levels of event-related disruption during the semifinal period from 13th -15th July, as

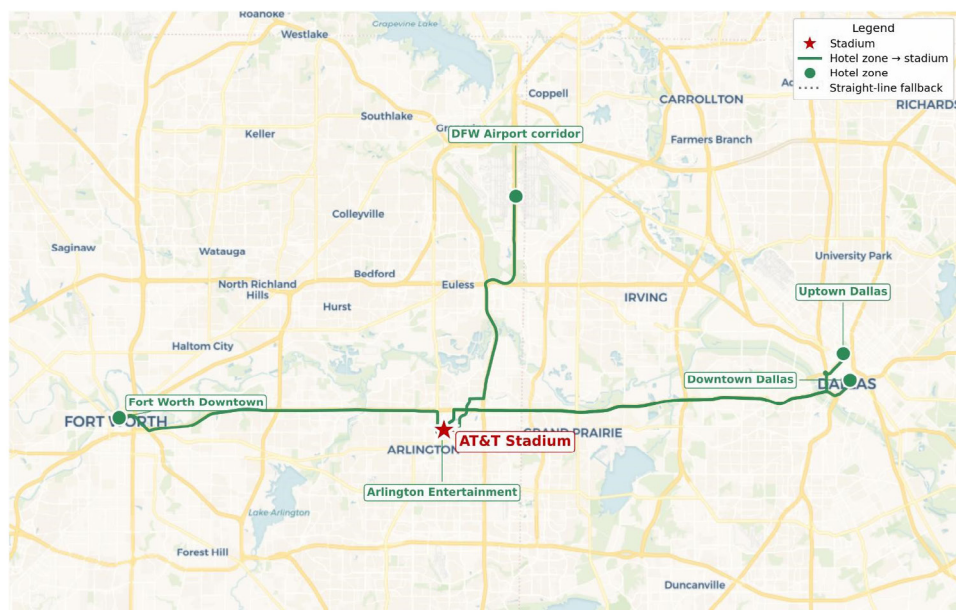
Semifinal-week DFW-metro hotel inventory will be particularly constrained, and the Mid-Cities and Arlington Entertainment District is almost certain to face demand surges for transportation.

- Consider implementing remote-work options for staff commuting via I-30, the President George Bush Turnpike or US-360. Match-day AT&T Stadium operations close adjacent surface streets in Arlington and pull traffic onto I-30 in both directions.
- Pre-book DFW-corridor hotels well ahead. Consider Plano, Frisco or Las Colinas as overflow options when the Arlington and downtown clusters are full.

- For AT&T marketing and sponsorship operations: AT&T Stadium will be branded 'Dallas Stadium' during the tournament. Naming rights are stripped per FIFA policy, so corporate signage at the venue will be removed.
- Brief marketing and legal teams on FIFA-marks restrictions: aggressive enforcement is highly likely around Fair Park (Fan Festival venue) and the Arlington Entertainment District.

Recommendations for residents

- Plan errands and medical appointments away from match-day afternoons, especially around the Semifinal on 14th July.
- Sign up for DallasAlert (Smart911-powered, dallasalert.com) and the City of Arlington CodeRED notification system.
- Refresh tornado-shelter plans (interior room, lowest level, away from windows), and keep extra prescription-medication supplies in case of severe-weather closures.



Multi city travel

Dallas sits in FIFA's Central cluster. Flights to Houston are about an hour, Kansas City about two hours, Atlanta about two and a half hours, Mexico City about two hours, and Monterrey about an hour and a half. Dallas's nine matches make it the highest-volume host city outside New York/ New Jersey and a likely base for fans following multiple matches. Travellers

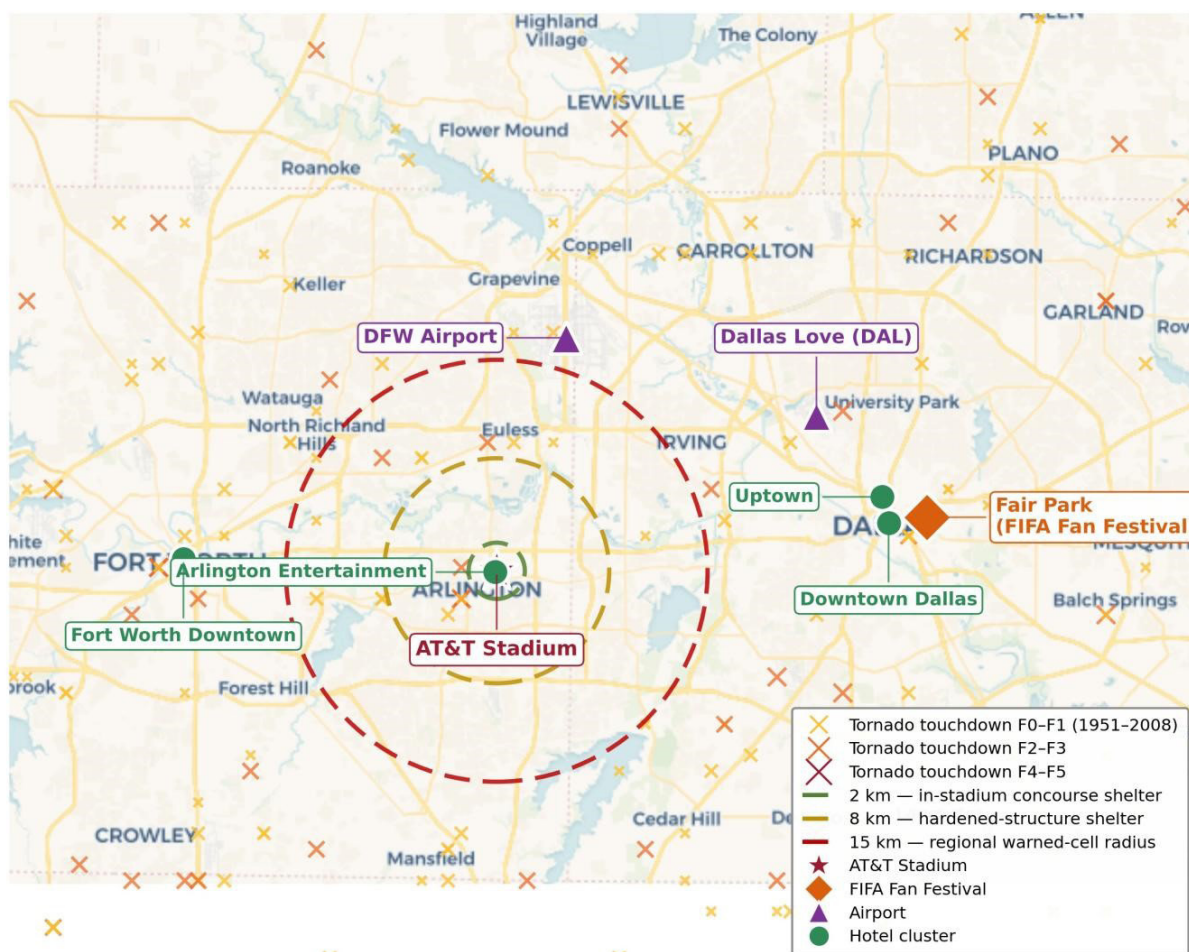
to Mexico require a visa unless they are from Canada, the USA, the EU, the UK, Japan, or select other countries. Travellers entering Canada need a passport; visa-exempt nationals flying in need a Canadian eTA before boarding. See the Special Advisory for routing guidance.



City-specific risks

Dallas's defining tournament-window hazard is severe-weather convection. While tornado season peaks in spring, summer thunderstorms with damaging hail and occasional tornadoes are documented and operationally significant. AT&T Stadium and the Fan Festival sites all operate under sheltering protocols, but visitors at hotels or on the road should know the standard tornado

protocol (an interior room, the lowest level, away from windows). Hail damage to rental cars is a latent and often unquantified operational risk for travellers; comprehensive auto-rental insurance is recommended. The Semifinal on 14th July falls at the peak of summer heat-stress and convection season; the closed-roof venue mitigates this, but the Fair Park Fan Festival is held outdoors.



General advice

- **During major events, plan journeys avoiding common protest flashpoints.** Dealey Plaza, the federal courthouse and the State Fair grounds are likely locations for organised demonstrations.
- **Pedestrian travel is advisable across Downtown, Uptown, Bishop Arts and Deep Ellum before nightfall as long as basic security precautions are followed.** Exercise increased caution in parts of South Dallas, West Dallas, and Oak Cliff, and minimise non-essential movement during hours of darkness.
- **Travel to Dallas is most convenient by car due to relatively poor transit connectivity; travellers using rental vehicles are likely to have a smoother experience for non-stadium itineraries, but vehicle break-ins remain the most common petty crime.** Refrain from leaving non-essential valuables in vehicles and ensure passports are stored in a separate compartment. Allow for extra travel time for moves during peak commuting hours, particularly if travelling between Dallas and Fort Worth city centres.
- **Monitor the National Weather Service platforms and abide by authorities' directives during and after tornadoes and large storms.**



Appendix: methodology

Risk ratings

MINIMAL	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	EXTREME
Locations in this category are likely to be affected by small-scale, peaceful, protests that occur sporadically and represent no security risk but may cause temporary localised travel disruption.	Locations in this category are likely to be affected by small-scale protests and low-level clashes, resulting in a heightened police presence in the affected areas. Multiple arrests are reported, resulting in travel and operational disruption.	Locations in this category are likely to be affected by medium to large-scale protests and multiple low-level clashes. Local businesses are at a heightened risk of being damaged and looted, resulting in operational disruption.	Locations in this category are likely to be affected by large-scale protests and clashes taking place resulting in the deployment of National Guard units to contain the unrest. Movement restrictions are implemented to contain unrest, resulting in significant operational disruption	Locations in this category are likely to be affected by significant civil unrest resulting in the temporary absence of law and order. Strict movement restrictions are imposed and a significant deployment of National Guard units leads to severe operational disruption.

Incident impact ratings

MINIMAL	LOW	MODERATE	SIGNIFICANT	CRITICAL
Incidents in this category are routine within the risk environment and do not pose a threat to life. Incidents rarely impact beyond the immediate vicinity and / or there is negligible implication associated with the risk factor	Incidents in this category are routine within the risk environment but rarely pose a threat to life and / or the casualty impact is incidental and highly localised. Incidents rarely impact beyond the immediate vicinity or the implications are incidental	Incidents in this category are fairly common for the risk environment and may pose a threat to life, occasionally resulting in mass casualties. The impact is typically restricted to the immediate vicinity and / or is incidental	Incidents in this category occasionally occur in the risk environment and typically pose a credible and imminent threat to life, occasionally resulting in mass casualties. The impact may spread beyond the immediate vicinity	Incidents in this category are highly out of the ordinary for the risk environment, pose a significant and imminent threat to life and will likely result in significant mass casualties. The impact is likely to have wider-reaching implications

Risk trends

RAPIDLY IMPROVING	IMPROVING	STABLE	DETERIORATING	RAPIDLY DETERIORATING
The situation is improving in the short term, with the potential for an event to cause a sudden and unexpected improvement	The situation is improving in the medium term, at a steady and predictable rate	The situation is unlikely to see a significant improvement or deterioration over the medium term	The situation is worsening in the medium term, at a steady and predictable rate	The situation is worsening in the short term, with the potential for a sudden and unexpected deterioration

Source evaluation criteria

CANNOT BE JUDGED	UNRELIABLE	RARELY RELIABLE	FAIRLY RELIABLE	USUALLY RELIABLE	RELIABLE
No basis exists for evaluating the reliability of the source	Lacking in authenticity, trustworthiness, or competency. Frequent history of misinformation or inaccuracy	Significant doubt about authenticity, trustworthiness or competency. Some history of misinformation or inaccuracy	Doubt about authenticity, trustworthiness, or competency. History of some valid information	Some doubt about authenticity, trustworthiness, or competency. History of valid information most of the time	No doubt of authenticity, trustworthiness, or competency. History of being reliable almost all of the time

Information validity

CANNOT BE JUDGED	CONFIRMED FALSE	LIKELY FALSE	POSSIBLY TRUE	PROBABLY TRUE	CONFIRMED TRUE
No basis exists for evaluating the validity of the information	Confirmed as false by reputable independent sources	Not confirmed. Possible but not logical. No other information on the subject or information is contradictory.	Not confirmed but reasonably logical. Limited other information on subject.	Not confirmed but logical in itself and consistent with most other information on subject.	Confirmed by reputable independent sources and logical in itself.

Forecasting

REMOTE CHANCE	HIGHLY UNLIKELY	UNLIKELY	EVEN CHANCE	LIKELY	HIGHLY LIKELY	ALMOST CERTAIN
<5%	10% - 20%	25% - 35%	40%-50%	55%-75%	80%-90%	>95%

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