

## Topic of the Month: More People are Plugging in as EV Growth Continues

For years, electric vehicles were somewhat of a rarity on North Texas roads. Today, they are becoming an increasingly familiar part of the region's transportation landscape.

The latest data from the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition (DFWCC) shows just how quickly that transformation is occurring.

Dallas-Fort Worth's 16-county region ended 2025 with 166,349 registered electric vehicles, according to data compiled by DFWCC. That's up from 120,798 at the end of 2024 - an increase of 45,551 EVs, or 38%, in just one year.

The growth is part of a broader statewide trend. Texas had 451,175 registered EVs at the end of 2025, compared with 331,292 in 2024, a 36% increase. Today, there are more than 500,000 on Texas roads.

For this month's Topic of the Month, we're taking a closer look at the growing role electric vehicles are playing in the region's transportation future. The timing also coincides with [National Drive Electric Month](#), a nationwide celebration designed to raise awareness about electric vehicles and give people an opportunity to learn more about the technology.

As EV ownership continues to grow across North Texas, NCTCOG is helping support the transition through initiatives ranging from public outreach and special events to investments in the charging infrastructure drivers need to travel with confidence.

### **Putting Range Anxiety in the Rearview Mirror**

One of the biggest questions potential EV owners have is a simple one: Where will I charge? For many EV owners, charging starts at home, where a vehicle can be plugged in overnight and ready for the next day's travel. But a robust network of public chargers is also essential, particularly for longer trips and for drivers who do not have convenient access to charging where they live.

NCTCOG is helping plan for that growing need. In April, the Regional Transportation Council approved NCTCOG's recommendation of 40 preferred study areas for future EV charging infrastructure in the region as part of the Texas Department of Transportation's statewide EV infrastructure planning effort. TxDOT recently announced awards for 97 charging locations in the NCTCOG 12-county region, representing more than \$62 million in investment. The projects will help expand the region's charging network and give EV drivers more options when they need to recharge.

Finding those options is becoming easier, too. The U.S. Department of Energy recently updated its Alternative Fueling Station Locator, an online tool that allows users to find EV

charging stations and other alternative fueling locations. Drivers can search for stations near a specific location or map charging options along a travel route, while filters allow users to narrow results based on factors such as charging equipment and connector type. The tool is also available as a mobile app and can provide station counts for specific states and other geographic areas.

North Texans can access the tool through NCTCOG's DFW Clean Cities electric vehicle page, which includes a link tailored to help users explore charging options in the region. Together, expanded infrastructure and better information can help address one of the biggest concerns for prospective EV owners: knowing they will have a place to charge when and where they need it. For more information, visit [www.dfwcleancities.org](http://www.dfwcleancities.org).

### **How EV Usage Benefits Air Quality**

The growth of EVs also has implications for North Texas air quality.

Transportation is a major source of air pollution, and replacing gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles with electric options can help reduce vehicle emissions. EVs offer potential benefits that include reduced emissions, improved fuel economy, lower maintenance needs and public health benefits. As the region continues working to meet air quality goals, cleaner transportation technologies can be one piece of a broader strategy to improve the air North Texans breathe.

NCTCOG is supporting that transition beyond passenger vehicles as well. Through the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Project, the agency is working to help public and private fleets replace certain medium- and heavy-duty vehicles with hydrogen-fuel-cell and battery-electric alternatives. For more information, visit the [NTxZEV webpage](#).

### **See What the Future Looks Like**

For North Texans curious about whether an EV might fit their lifestyle, there will soon be an opportunity to get answers directly from the people who drive them.

The [Dallas-Fort Worth National Drive Electric Month event](#) will return to Arts & Autos: Electric Avenue in downtown Denton from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. Visitors can see a variety of EV makes and models, speak with EV owners about their experiences, and hop in a seat!

Previous DFW Drive Electric events have drawn hundreds of attendees and showcased dozens of vehicles, helping give people an up-close look at a technology that is becoming increasingly common on North Texas roads. For more information, visit [www.dfwcleancities.org/national-drive-electric-month](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/national-drive-electric-month).