

Legislative Update



Texas Association of
Community Colleges

Texas Higher Education Enrollments

Sector	Certified Fall 2023 Enrollment	* Preliminary Fall 2024 Enrollment	Fall 2023 to Fall 2024 Percent Change
Public Universities	676,467	691,224	2.2%
Public Community Colleges	665,565	701,766	5.4%
Texas State Technical Colleges	17,781	16,477	-7.3%
Lamar State Colleges	12,327	12,528	1.6%
Health-related Institutions	31,540	32,829	4.1%
Independent Colleges Universities	127,544	129,855	1.8%

FAST FACTS



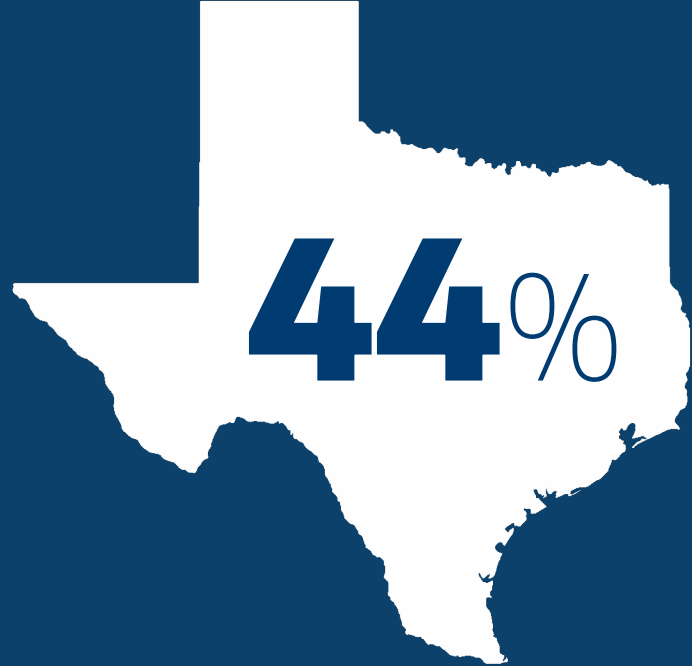
Texas community colleges are the **largest sector** of higher education in Texas.



Texas community colleges saw a 5.4 percent increase from last year, the **largest jump since the pandemic**.

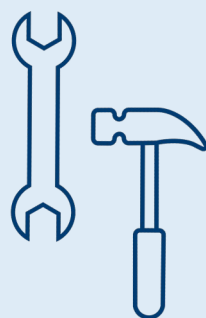


Overall, the State of Texas saw a 3.4 percent **increase in higher education enrollment** from Fall 2023 to Fall 2024.



Texas community colleges enroll 44% of all postsecondary students in the state.

Our colleges:



Award

96%

of all career and technical education degrees & certificates

Source: THECB, 2024



Are the

5th

most affordable in the nation in terms of tuition and fees for public two years.

Source: NCES, 2024

Provide a pathway for transfer



66%

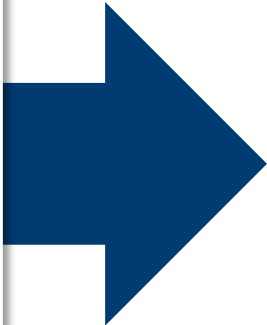
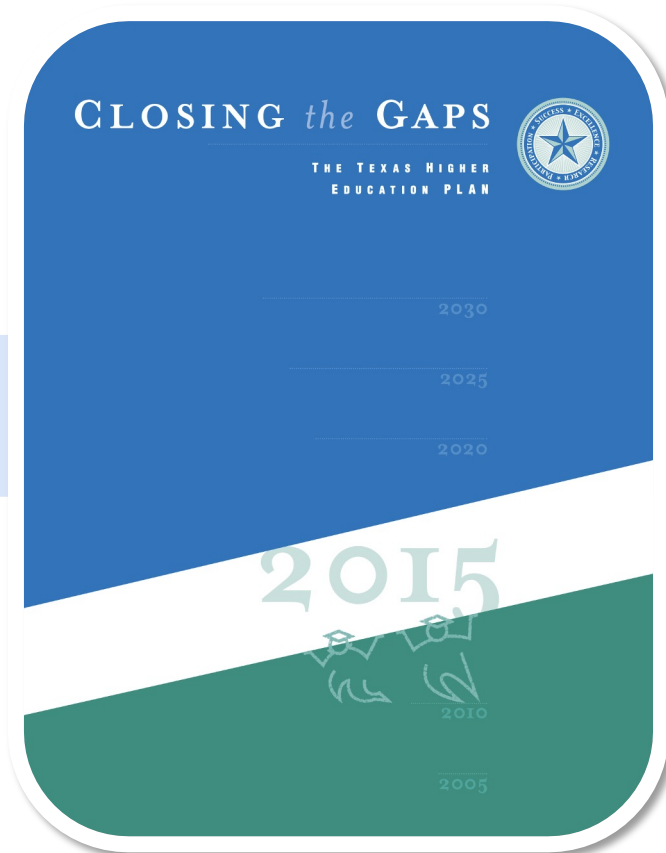
of all Fall 2023 bachelor's degree graduates had **some transfer** credits from a two-year college

34%

of all Fall 2023 bachelor's degree graduates had **more than 30 transfer credit hours** from a two-year college

Source: THECB, 2024

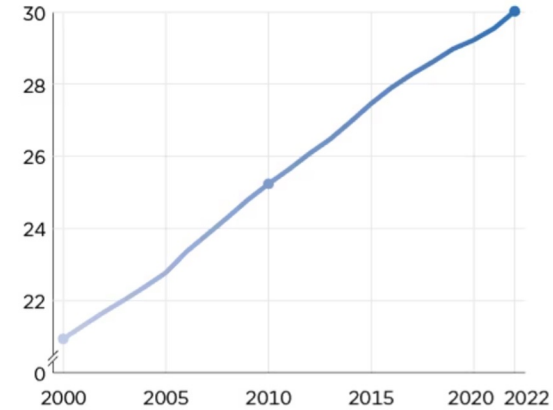
Higher Education Evolution: Retention to Post-Graduate Success



In 2022, Texas gained more residents than any other state, breaking the **30 million** threshold.

A Closer Look at the Population of Texas: 2000–2022

Texas Population
(In millions)



The population of Texas increased by **43.4%**, making it the **fourth fastest-growing state** between 2000 and 2022.

Top 5 Fastest-Growing Counties in Texas

	July 1, 2000	July 1, 2022	Percent change
Rockwall County	43,755	123,208	182.6
Hays County	99,267	269,225	171.2
Williamson County	255,379	671,418	162.9
Fort Bend County	358,738	889,146	147.9
Kaufman County	72,270	172,366	138.5

Texas gained more residents (**9,085,073**) than any other state between 2000 and 2022.

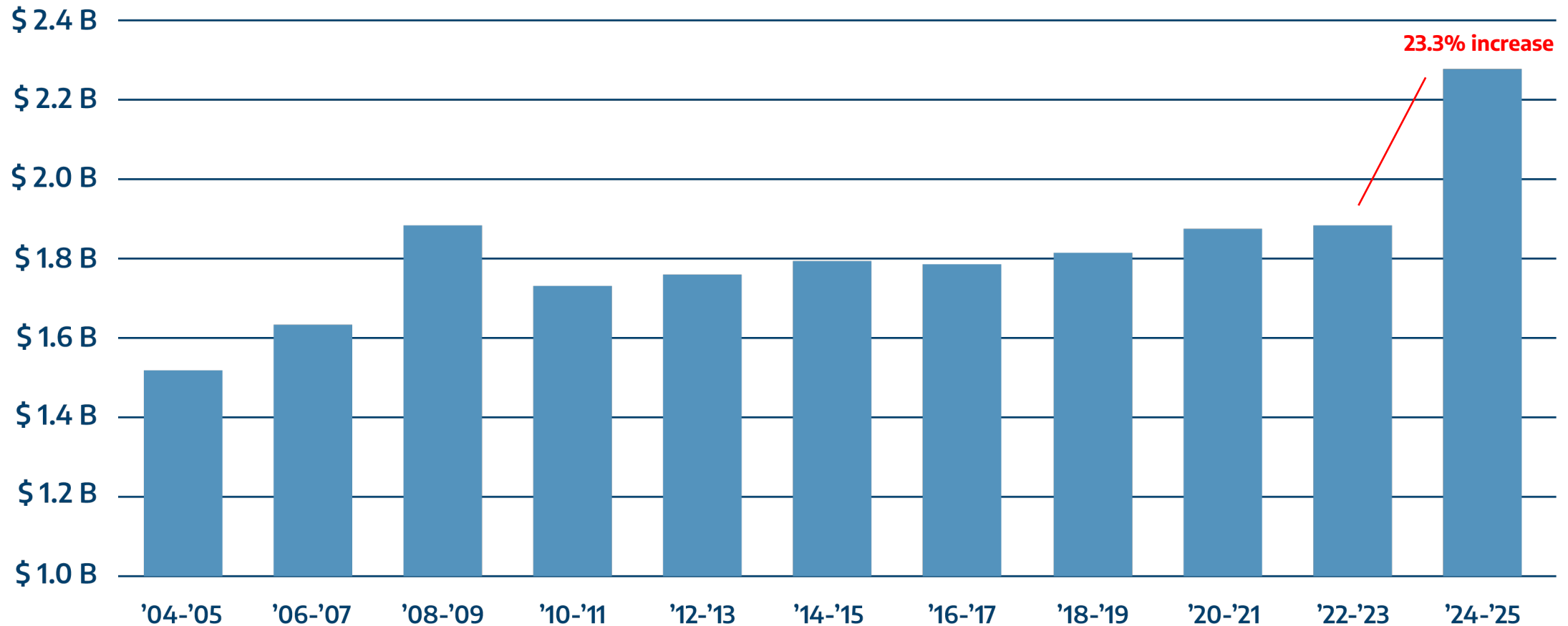
Top 5 Largest-Gaining Counties in Texas

	July 1, 2000	July 1, 2022	Numeric change
Harris County	3,414,239	4,780,913	1,366,674
Tarrant County	1,456,919	2,154,595	697,676
Bexar County	1,398,834	2,059,530	660,696
Collin County	499,118	1,158,696	659,578
Denton County	438,791	977,281	538,490

412,958
Average number of residents added annually since 2000.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000–2010 Intercensal Estimates (2000–2009), Vintage 2020 Estimates (2010–2019), and Vintage 2022 Estimates (2020–2022).

State Investment in Community Colleges



Data Source: Fiscal Size Up, Legislative Budget Board

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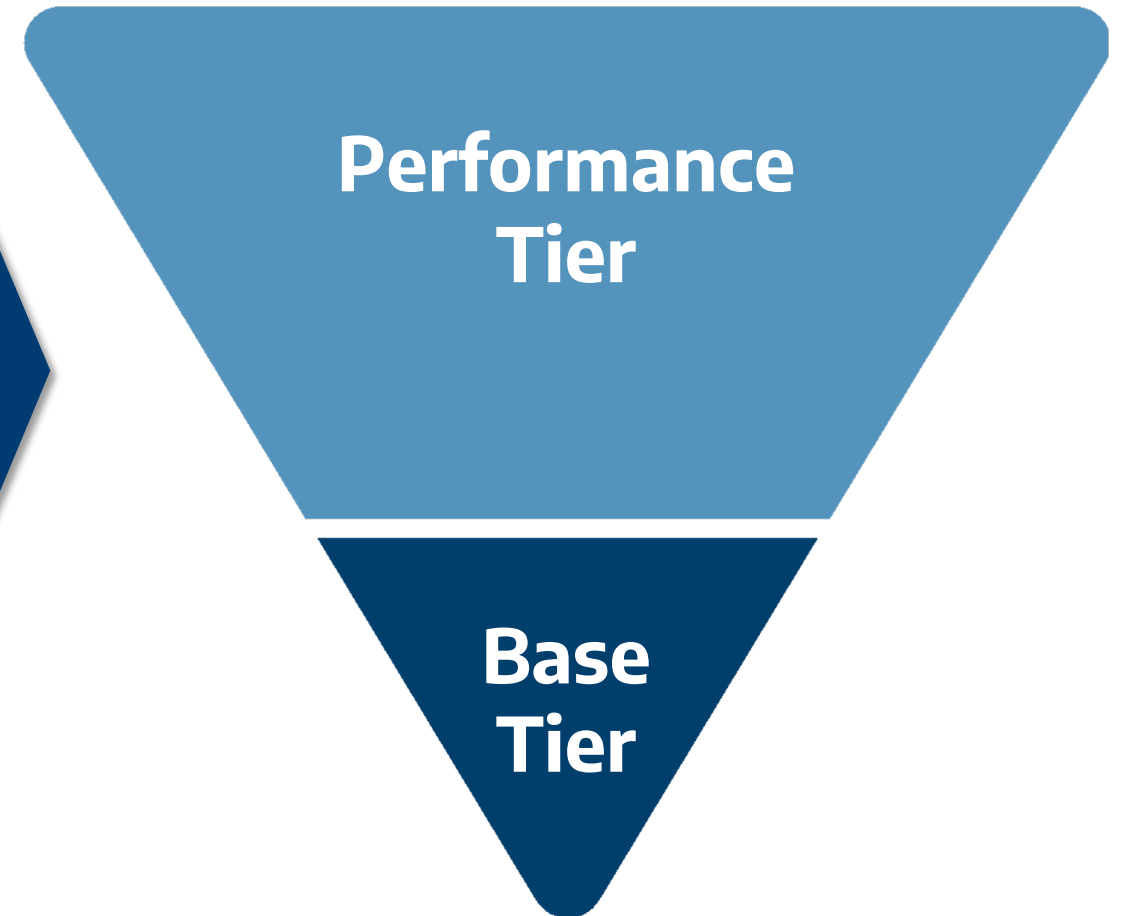


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Legacy Funding Model



HB 8 Funding Model



FAST: Dual Credit Program



1.46M

semester credit hours of dual credit have been provided **at no cost to students.**



260K

students with financial need have been served by this program.



\$79.6M

in funding has been **disbursed to institutions** participating in FAST.

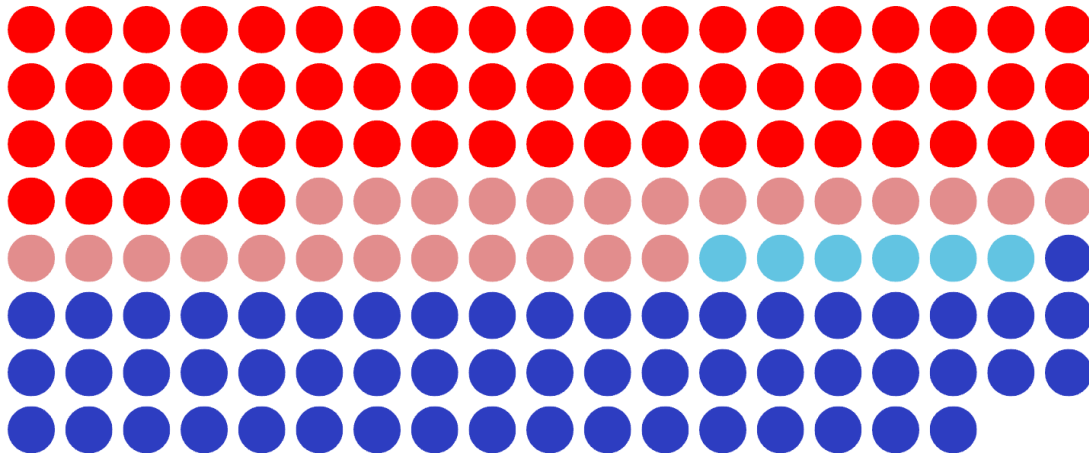


89th Legislative Session

89th Texas Legislature: Composition

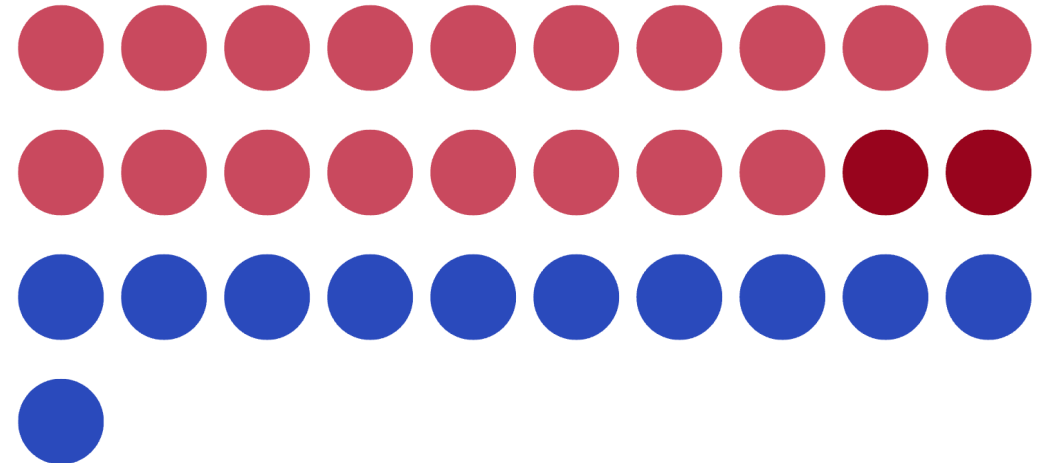
Texas House of Representatives (150 members)

● Republican ● Newly elected Republican ● Newly elected Democrat
● Democrat



Texas Senate (31 members)

● Republicans ● New Republicans ● Democrats



89th Texas Legislature: TACC Policy Priorities



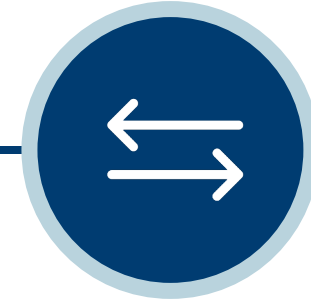
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Advocate for a supplemental appropriations request for the current biennium, fully supporting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's final recommendation.



FORMULA FUNDING

Support the formula funding recommendation made by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for public junior colleges for the next biennium.



PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS IN PERFORMANCE TIER

Amend the State Funding Performance Tier of House Bill 8 to include students who transfer to one of Texas' private or independent institutions of higher education after completing 15 semester credit hours at a public junior college.



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