

# President's Report: Activity Update

## Our April Data and Reports:

April saw the arrival of multiple groundbreaking reports addressing vital topics, such as the state of math achievement in Texas or the long-term trends that together are making Texas a hotter, drier state.

### Texas 2036's Data Partnership with Texas Lyceum Reviews State's Future in Space

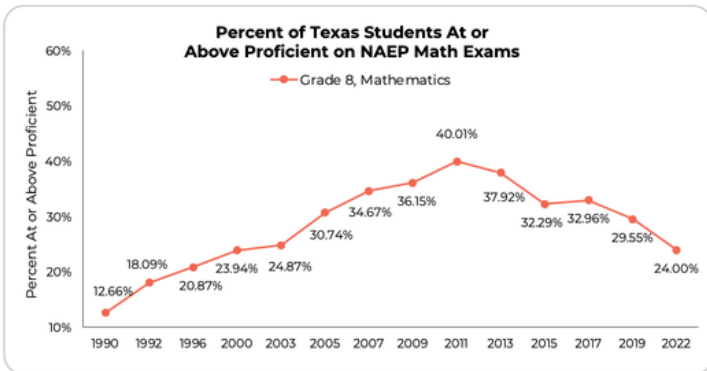
In coordination with the Texas Lyceum's public conference in Houston, we rolled out a comprehensive landing page, newsletter and handout on the economic impact and opportunities of space exploration for our state.

Learn more at: <https://texas2036.org/space/>.

### New Texas 2036 Report Dives in on Texas' Growing Math Problem

"Solving for X in Texas" details how the Lone Star State is falling behind other states in preparing students for success with mathematics, a critical skill for the future workforce.

Learn more at: <https://texas2036.org/math/>.



### Texas 2036 Reviews State's Budget for 2025

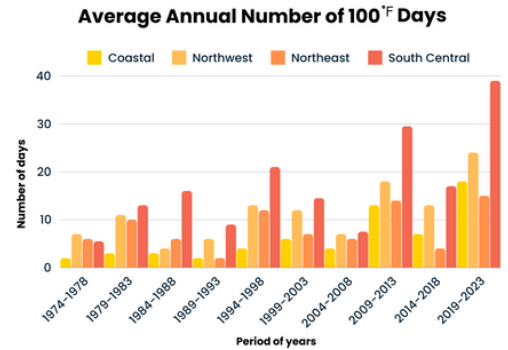
We analyzed Texas' fiscal outlook and the **state's budget**, producing a newsletter that explored whether Texas legislators will be heading into the next legislative session with a budget surplus and the potential opportunities this would create.

Learn more at: <https://texas2036.org/posts/will-texas-have-a-budget-surplus-next-year/>.

### Texas 2036, Texas State Climatologist Update Extreme Weather Report

Produced by the Texas State Climatologist at Texas A&M University, **Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon**, in collaboration with Texas 2036, this updated study details significant increases in 100-degree days, intensifying droughts and heightened urban flooding events.

Learn more at: <https://texas2036.org/weather/>.



## Texas 2036 Launches Research Advisory Council

Late last year, we launched the Research Advisory Council, led by Vice President of Data and Analytics **Dr. Holly Heard**, which includes academic, business, and nonprofit leaders who understand the value of data strategy.

The goal of the Council is to provide strategic direction and guidance on Texas 2036's data project priorities, serve as connectors to the broader research and data community, and build key partnerships with higher education institutions.

### Texas 2036 Welcomes Anne Krause as SVP of Development

This month, Texas 2036 welcomed Anne Krause as its new senior vice president of development. Anne brings a wealth of experience from her distinguished career, most notably as the cofounder of the Hemisfair Conservancy in San Antonio.



## Texas 2036 in the Community

*Our team made several stops across the state this month to speak about our work. Here's where we've been:*

**April 1:** Infrastructure and Natural Resources Senior Policy Advisor **Jeremy Mazur** spoke at the Austin Chamber Infrastructure Summit about drought and the state's long-term water infrastructure needs.

**April 2:** Texas 2036 Founder **Tom Luce**, Incoming President **David Leebron** and Executive Vice President **A.J. Rodriguez** spoke to a Dallas-based investment group at the Dallas Country Club.

**April 4:**

- **A.J. Rodriguez** and Director of Government Affairs **Hope Osborn** presented to the McKinney Chamber's Leadership McKinney membership during their Legislative Day at the Texas Capitol, providing an overview of Texas 2036's priorities for 2025.
- Vice President of Communications **Merrill Davis** moderated the opening panel, "Texas' Leadership in Investment, Education and Policy," at the Texas Lyceum's Public Conference on Texas' Leadership in Space, Technology and Innovation.

**April 9:** Health Senior Policy Advisor **Charles Miller** spoke on a panel for the Peterson-Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs.

**April 11:** Vice President of Data and Analytics **Dr. Holly Heard** presented alongside **David McClendon** from January Advisors for a States For the Future virtual community discussion on the States for the Future data platform.

**April 16:** Education Policy Advisor **Gabe Grantham** participated in a Texas Tribune panel to discuss how new laws are affecting public education in Texas.

**April 18-19:** **A.J. Rodriguez** was selected to participate in the 2024 Cohort of the American Enterprise Institute Leadership Network Summit, which took place at the AEI Headquarters in Washington D.C.

**April 18:**

- **David Leebron** addressed the Fort Worth Breakfast Club, a group of engaged community members familiar with Texas 2036, who were interested in learning more about our work and the impact we've had so far.
- **Dr. Holly Heard** spoke about the Changing Demographics of Fort Worth and Texas to the Fort Worth Forum.

**April 19:** Senior Vice President of Policy and Advocacy **John Hryhorchuk** spoke at the Longview Chamber's East Texas Coalition Joint Public Policy Shaping Meeting.

## Texas 2036 in the News

In **April**, stories or mentions were found in: AP News, Dallas Morning News, El Paso Times, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Fox 26 Houston, Houston Chronicle, KVUE (Austin), San Antonio Business Journal, San Antonio Report, Texas Standard Radio, Texas Tribune and more!

**Top news stories include:**

- Dallas Morning News - "**Texas weather set to go more extreme, report predicts**"
- Houston Chronicle - "**Here's how hot and extreme Texas weather will be in 2036, according to a top state climate expert**"
- Fort Worth Star-Telegram - "**A \$9.4B loss: Texas restaurants, businesses pursue child care reform with economic lens**"
- KVUE (Austin) - "**Report: Texas has a growing math problem as students continue to struggle**"
- San Antonio Report - "**Summer outlook: Is San Antonio in for another brutal season?**"
- Texas Tribune - "**Years ago, Texas hustled to get kids on state health care. Now it's kicking them off.**"

## Our Policy Experts Share Additional Insights on the Texas 2036 Blog:

Justice and Safety Policy Advisor **Luis Soberon** discusses expanding educational opportunities for incarcerated Texans and its measurable impacts on crime, employment and the state's budget:

<https://texas2036.org/posts/the-win-win-win-of-educating-incarcerated-texans/>

Infrastructure and Natural Resources Senior Policy Advisor **Jeremy Mazur** explains how Texas' energy leadership is rapidly expanding to include both greater oil and gas production and increasing amounts of wind and solar power generation:

<https://texas2036.org/posts/texas-is-americas-energy-expansion-leader/>