

President's Report: Activity Update

Our June Data and Reports:

While June begins the summer months, we focused on several serious topics facing Texas, including the state of Texas prisons, the electric grid and STAAR results.

Texas 2036 reviews the latest STAAR results

Texas 2036 policy advisor **Gabe Grantham** said the latest STAAR results show that Texas has a long way to go to improve science and mathematics instruction in our state. "Without improvement in these scores, we should expect to see more and more corporations decide to take their jobs elsewhere," he said.

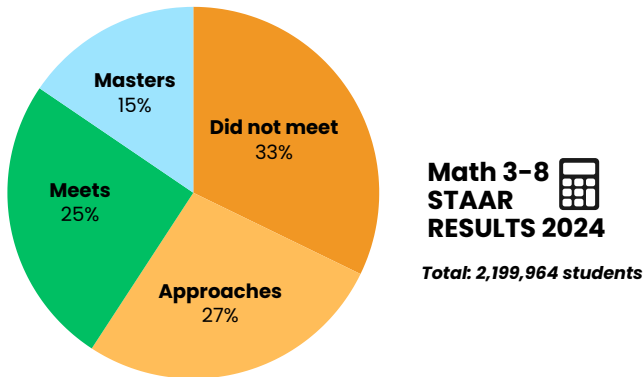
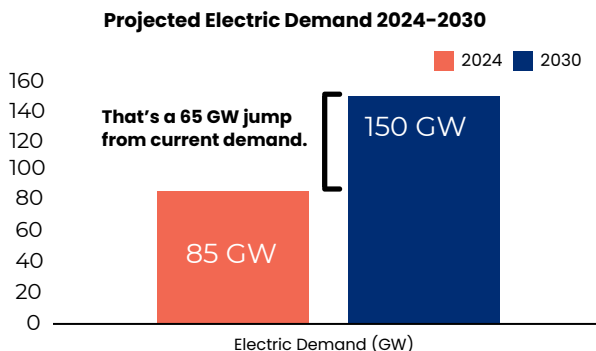


Chart Source: Texas Education Agency

Texas 2036 highlights top things to know on the state's electric grid

Texas 2036 reviews how much electric power we're using, how much we'll need in the future and what Texas is doing to meet that growing energy demand this summer and beyond.

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



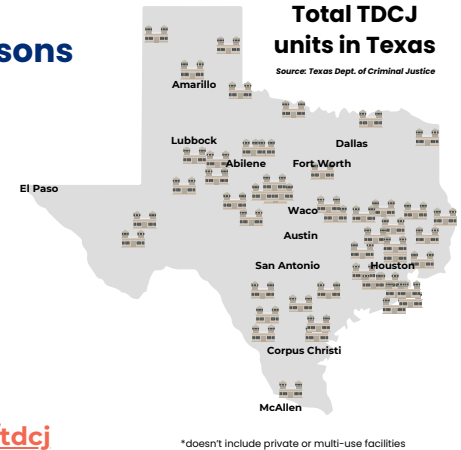
Source: ERCOT (June 12, 2024)

Texas 2036 takes a closer look at the state of Texas prisons

Texas 2036 dove into the latest data on the Texas prison system to better understand who make up the state's frontline workers and the inmates and parolees they supervise.

Learn more at:

<https://texas2036.org/tdcj>



Texas Legislative Interim Hearings



Senior Policy Advisor **Jeremy Mazur** testified before the Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Committee on the interim charge to study the impact of federal actions on the energy sector on the Texas economy. ([June 13, Senate NREDC hearing](#)) ([testimony](#)).



Around the state with David Leebron

Ahead of his July start date, interim President and CEO **David Leebron** has made a stop in 8 Texas cities – Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Laredo, Plano and San Antonio – to connect with board members and local leaders about Texas 2036 and our goals for the future of the Lone Star State.



(Left to right) David Leebron, Omar Garcia of Port of Corpus Christi and A.J. Rodriguez pose in front of the port in downtown Corpus Christi on June 11.

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:

June 6: **Jeremy Mazur** spoke at the Citizens Climate League Pre Lobby Day Session about Texas 2036's recent studies on extreme weather and the state's energy future.

June 7: Policy Advisor **Luis Soberon** participated in the Higher Education in Texas Prisons conference in Austin sponsored by the Trellis Foundation. His afternoon breakout session discussed the current data landscape of higher education in carceral settings.

June 11: **David Leebron** and Executive Vice President **A.J. Rodriguez** were invited to speak at a leadership luncheon by board member Sam Susser in Corpus Christi.

June 13-14: **A.J. Rodriguez** participated in the Common Ground USA Texas Advisory Board Planning Session as the organization considered strategies to create awareness and prevention of the risk of political violence.

June 17-18: **Gabe Grantham** and Vice President of Data and Analytics **Dr. Holly Heard** co-facilitated a development session at the Texas Education RP3 Network convening in Austin. Gabe also moderated a panel at the event.

June 20: Texas 2036 Board member **Memo Trevino** and Texas A&M International University President **Dr. Pablo Arenaz** hosted **David Leebron** and **A.J. Rodriguez** this week at TAMIU with Laredo Chamber of Commerce and civic leaders.

June 23-26: Senior Policy Advisor **Charles Miller** will participate in the Society of Actuaries Health Section Annual Meeting in Baltimore.

June 24: **Jeremy Mazur** will present findings from Texas 2036's recent extreme weather report in the Texas Environmental Grantmakers Group Meeting on Wildfires.

June 26: **Charles Miller** participates in the Houston Business Coalition on Health's Annual Meeting.

June 27: **Jeremy Mazur** will moderate a panel on water infrastructure at the Dallas Regional Chamber Infrastructure Summit.



Texas 2036's Luis Soberon (left) at the Texas' current data landscape of higher education for incarcerated students in Austin on June 7.



(Left to right) Lenora Keas of Del Mar College, David Leebron, and Texas 2036 board member Sam Susser at the leadership luncheon on June 11 in Corpus Christi.



Texas 2036 in the News

In June, Texas 2036 was mentioned over 100 times in a wide variety of news stories, including The 75, Austin American-Statesman, Axios Dallas, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Report, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, KVUE Austin, KUT Austin, The Texas Tribune and more!

Here's a sampling of the news stories:

- Austin American-Statesman - **"High Schoolers in Austin and Texas continue to struggle in math, STAAR test scores show"**
- Dallas Morning News - **"5 ways to help students who are struggling with math"**
- Dallas Morning News - **"McKenzie: Meet the water supply first responders"**
- Fort Worth Star-Telegram - **"Fort Worth ISD gets mostly good news from STAAR end-of-course test results"**
- KUT-FM - **"STAAR test results show Austin ISD students still struggle with math post-pandemic"**
- KVUE - **"Why are there so many water main breaks in Central Texas right now?"**
- NBC DFW - **"How climate change can impact severe weather events"**
- Texas Tribune - **"Texas students' STAAR scores decline in math and science"**



"We are setting up a generation of students to struggle to attain the certifications, the degrees and diplomas that [those] before them [were] able to achieve."

– **Mary Lynn Pruneda** in Texas Tribune

Texas 2036 Social Media:

In June, Texas 2036's presence and initiatives were extensively shared through social media posts on LinkedIn, X, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. With a following of **63,850**, our posts garnered more than **365,000 impressions** and **engaged over 15,000**, amplifying our research and impact.