

President's Report: Activity Update

Our July Data and Reports:

This July, we focused on several topics highlighting our state's impact to the nation, including oil and gas, the Texas Century and our own impact to Texas using data.

Texas 2036 highlights Lone Star State as national leader in Texas Century series

In celebrating the nation's 200th birthday, Texas 2036 spotlighted Texas' mighty contributions to our nation in demographics, economy, workforce, technology and energy.

"The Texas Miracle isn't a miracle. It is the result of intentional efforts by the business community and state leadership," said Texas 2036 founder **Tom Luce**. "Texas 2036 is working right there alongside them, bringing the actionable data and policy solutions that make Texas a leader not only of our nation, but the world."

Learn more at: <https://texas2036.org/texas-century>

Texas 2036 spotlights the state's oil and gas industry and its economy impact

Texas has more oil and gas than any other state, comprising five major oil and gas formations: Permian Basin, Eagle Ford, Barnett Shale, Haynesville Shale, and the Granite Wash.

With that in mind, Texas 2036 reviews the latest data to see how much of an impact the industry affects Texans.

Learn more at: <https://texas2036.org/oil-gas>

Texas 2036 policy team welcomes two new members

Texas 2036 is excited to announce two new members to its policy team: **Grace Atkins** and **Tara Tough**.

Grace, who is the new postsecondary and workforce advisor, will advise on policy development for higher education and workforce and Tara, who is the policy coordinator, will provide logistical support to the policy team.

Texas 2036 uses data to prepare for an uncertain future

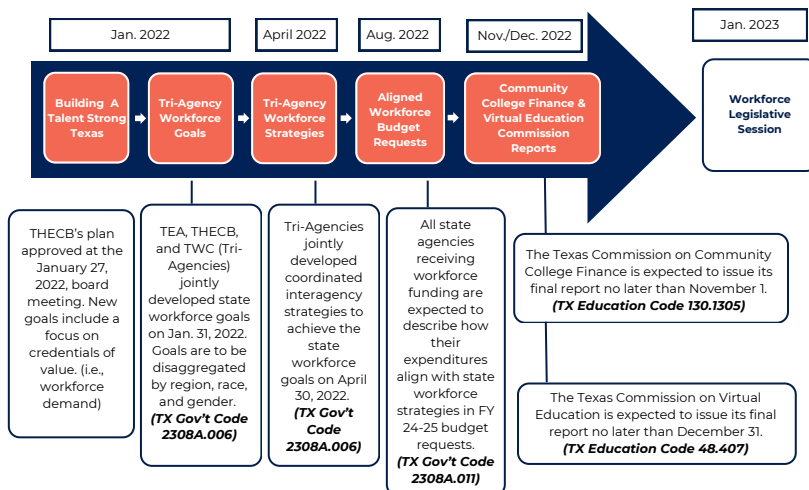
The past doesn't predict the future, and knowing what's coming is difficult, if not impossible. But we can't afford to just sit by and hope for the best.

That's why we're using data to track major developments that impact our lives and economy and putting that data to work to identify policy solutions that will make Texas safer and more secure while protecting our prosperity.

Learn more at: <https://texas2036.org/posts/were-using-data-to-prepare-for-an-uncertain-future/>

Example of Texas 2036's long-term thinking:

Pathway to Aligned Workforce Reforms in 2023



Texas 2036 reviews the data on the state's lakes and rivers

Texas has 196 major lakes, located among 15 river basins. It also has eight coastal basins and about 191,000 miles of streams, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

With watering holes becoming the top destination to Texans this summer, Texas 2036 took a look at the data to better understand the state's beloved lakes and rivers.

Did you know? Texas made water investments last legislative session. Learn more at: <https://texas2036.org/posts/how-the-proposed-new-texas-water-fund-works/>

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:

July 11: Policy Advisor **Emily Dove** spoke at the Texas Health Improvement Network Advisory Council meeting on our "Who Are The Uninsured" project.

July 11: Senior Policy Advisor **Jeremy Mazur**, in cooperation with the Texas Water Foundation and the Water Finance Exchange, hosted a stakeholder meeting centered on the water infrastructure needs of small and rural communities.

July 15: **Emily Dove** presented the "Who Are The Uninsured" project and details on our housing policy work to the UT Health Health Equity Collective Social Determinants of Health Policy Workgroup.

July 15: Policy Advisor **Rahul Sreenivasan** spoke at the Texas Community College Teachers Association, presenting on the Texas state budget and the future of funding and implementation of House Bill 8.

July 16: Policy Advisor **Gabe Grantham** spoke at the Teach Plus Fellowship Kick Off Event about how to effectively advocate for education issues and update the fellows on the state of accountability policy and efforts in the state

July 23: Executive Vice President **A.J. Rodriguez** and **Jeremy Mazur** visited with the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, and met with the leadership at the San Antonio River Authority and the San Antonio Water System in regards to the state's water challenges.

July 29: President and CEO **David Leebron** and **A.J. Rodriguez** made a stop in Amarillo to discuss the state of Texas and Texas 2036's work with leaders of the Amarillo Area Foundation. Texas 2036 board members Andrew Hall and Josh Winegarner also attended the event.

July 30: **Rahul Sreenivasan** participated on a Cybersecurity and AI panel at the West Texas Legislative Summit with legislators and tech executives in the public and private sector.

July 30: **David Leebron** and **A.J. Rodriguez** met with Texas Tech University leaders in Lubbock as part of their Texas Tour to discuss how Texas 2036 is making an impact in the Lone Star State.



(Left to right) Texas Tech University System's Chief of Staff Daily Fuller, Texas Tech University System's Chancellor Tedd Mitchell, David Leebron, A.J. Rodriguez, Texas Tech President Lawrence Shovanec and Texas Tech Assoc. Vice President Alicia Knight pose for a photo in Lubbock on July 30.



(Left to right) Texas State Rep. Four Price, Texas 2036 board member Andrew Hall, David Leebron, Texas 2036 board member Josh Winegarner and A.J. Rodriguez pose after Texas 2036's presentation at Amarillo Area Foundation's luncheon in Amarillo on July 29.

Texas 2036 in the News

In July, Texas 2036 was mentioned in a wide variety of news stories, including: Amarillo Globe-News, Austin American Statesman, Boerne Star, Chron.com, D Magazine, Dallas Morning News, Eater Dallas, Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post, Gilmer Mirror, KXXV, LMTonline, San Antonio Express-News, San Antonio Report, San Marcos Daily Record, San Saba News & Star, Taylor Press, Texas Tribune, The Canadian Record, The Facts of Brazoria County, Underground Infrastructure and Victoria Advocate.

Here's a sampling of the news stories:

- Amarillo Globe-News - **"Another view: It's time to turn the temperature down in Texas' prisons"**
- Houston Chronicle - **"Just how hot can Houston get?"**
- Dallas Morning News - **"Texas has more uninsured residents than any state. But we shouldn't"**
- Eater Dallas - **"Restaurant Workers Have Never Had Great Child Care Options. A New Task Force Hopes to Change That."**
- Gilmer Mirror - **"To close the gap in math achievement, let's give teachers better tools"**
- Texas Tribune - **"After three citywide water outages, Odessa will invest \$25 million to fix infrastructure"**

Texas Uninsured Spotlight

At the [Dallas Morning News](#) request, **Charles Miller** drafted an op ed explaining what our research showed about who is uninsured in Texas and why.

