

President's Report: Activity Update

8th Texas Voter Poll: Voters eager for legislative solutions



This month, Texas 2036 released the results of the **8th Texas Voter Poll**, revealing a strong appetite for legislative solutions to pressing challenges like water security, education, electric grid reliability, health care costs and housing affordability.

"This poll clearly demonstrates that we remain hopeful and united in our commitment to finding solutions by and for Texans. Ahead of the next legislative session, Texans are sending a powerful message that they will support pragmatic approaches to create greater opportunity for all."

- David Leebron, President and CEO

New coalition asks Texans to get dedicated to water funding

This month, a statewide coalition of Texas business leaders and organizations launched a crucial initiative, urging the Texas Legislature to establish a dedicated revenue source to fund future water projects. The full list of coalition members can be found at www.texas2036.org/txwater-funding.

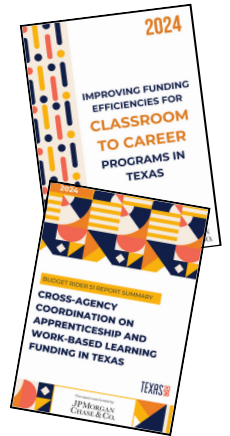


Coalition members include: Dallas Regional Chamber, the Greater Houston Partnership, Texas 2036, Texas Association of Business, Texas Chemistry Council, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Association of Manufacturers, Texas REALTORS, Texas Water Association, and dozens more chamber and business groups.

New Texas 2036 report looks into braided funding

A new report, **"Improving Funding Efficiencies for Classroom-to-Career Programs in Texas,"** by Texas 2036, outlines how a braided funding model—which combines multiple funding sources to support a single program—can support proven career programs in high schools across the state.

Texas 2036 also produced a **summary** of the Texas Workforce Commission's recent report on Rider 51.



Hospital Price Transparency dashboard gets update, new data reveals price of child birth

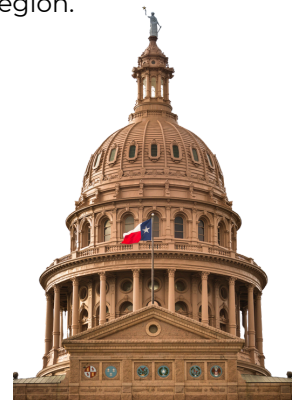
Following an increase in hospital compliance with price transparency laws earlier this year, Texas 2036 updated its **Texas hospital pricing data**, highlighting a significant opportunity for employers and other payers to reduce health care expenses.

What's changed? The updated data, now available through Texas 2036's interactive dashboard reveals that the price of childbirth — one of the most common procedures in Texas — varies by thousands of dollars, even within the same region.

Our year in review: top 2024 blogs

This year, our team has delivered numerous reports, policy insights and data-rooted research on top policy issues that will shape Texas' future. As we look toward 2025 and another legislative session, let's take a look back at the policy work we put into practice this year.

- **[Your Texas 2036 Wrap-up](#)**
- **[2024 Year in Review: The top stories in space and broadband](#)**
- **[2024 Year in Review: The top stories in higher education](#)**
- **[Securing Texas' future: Water is the key to power our economy](#)**



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:

Dec. 5: Director of Government Performance and Fiscal Policy **Rahul Sreenivasan** discussed state workforce trends and legislative process at the Leadership McKinney – Education & Workforce event in Allen, sponsored by the McKinney Chamber of Commerce.

Dec. 10: Senior Vice President of Development **Anne Krause** was a panelist at an event sponsored by Jim Eskin Fundraising Training, where she shared insights on securing transformative gifts and discussed development best practices for an audience of 5,000 non-profit leaders.

Dec. 11: Director of Health and Economic Mobility Policy **Charles Miller** spoke at a Texas Association of Health Plans “Food for Thought” event to legislative staffers about current health policy affordability topics related to transparency, health plan benefit design, and facility fees.

Dec. 13: Director of Infrastructure and Natural Resources Policy **Jeremy Mazur** spoke about the need for a dedicated water funding source at the Pearland Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee.

Dec. 17: **Jeremy Mazur** spoke at the Demographics and Water Legislative Briefing sponsored by the Texas Water Foundation.

Dec. 17: Executive Vice President **A.J. Rodriguez** was featured on the US Lege’s Bills and Business Podcast hosted by Laura Carr discussing the Texas 2036 origin story and our priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session.

Texas 2036 team gathers for 2024 holiday season

This month, Texas 2036’s Senior Leadership Team met to discuss our long-term strategy given the successes of this year and opportunities for impact well into the future.



◀ Our growing statewide team gathered in Austin in December to welcome new staff members and celebrate the holidays.

Texas 2036 in the News

In December, Texas 2036 continued to add to our growing list of **535 media stories published in 231 news outlets this year**. This month alone, our work was featured in more than a dozen outlets!

Here’s a sampling of the news stories:

- Axios San Antonio - **“Open enrollment could reduce Texas uninsured rate, nonprofit says”**
- BenefitsPRO- **“Texas hospital price transparency compliance rises to 81%, but data standards needed, says nonprofit”**
- Community Impact- **“Texas will have a \$20B surplus next legislative session, comptroller projects”**
- El País - **“Texas water and the economic miracle are at risk of evaporating”**
- Houston Public Media - **“New healthcare poll shows most Texas voters want government regulation for healthcare mergers”**
- RBN Energy - **“Just Can’t Get Enough - Texas Preps to Meet Surging Power Demand from Data Centers, Crypto Miners”**

