



THE TEXAS STATE DATA CENTER



NON-FORMULA ITEM SUPPORT REQUEST SUPPORTING UTSA'S URBAN SERVING MISSION

ANNUAL FUNDING REQUEST

\$352,439 per year | \$704,878 over biennium

OVERVIEW

The Texas State Data Center (recently re-named the Texas Demographic Center) provides demographic, economic and related data to Texas legislators, legislative committees, state agencies, counties and municipalities, and the private sector. Special item funding is vital to the Center's ability to produce population estimates, biennial projections and trend analysis impacting the state of Texas.

THE CHALLENGE

Cuts to special item funding last biennium necessitated a reduction in staff at the Texas State Data Center. At the same time, the demand for more timely and accessible demographic data and analysis has increased steadily. The functions and data produced by the Center are needed on a permanent basis as many state agencies—including the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Workforce Investment Commission, TEA and THECB—rely heavily on data it provides. The Center also provides a wide array of data to local health organizations, researchers and public safety officials, helping these entities to estimate risk, identify populations in need of services, and pinpoint characteristics and distribution of populations during times of natural disaster.

THE IMPACT

The Center serves more than 15,000 Texans each year, and provides information to 4 M more users through its website. Special items funding will allow the Center to thoroughly assess, analyze and interpret relevant Texas data from the U.S. Census Bureau and provide this in-demand information to Texas state agencies. Continued funding will also allow the Center to expand website access to data and reports, and enable Center personnel to provide information sessions on the implications of demographic changes for Texas.

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