

Texas State Profile

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State profiles for the data visualization and 50-State Comparison on postsecondary governance structures summarize information about coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards, administrative/service agencies, advisory groups and membership organizations. The most in-depth information is provided for statewide and major postsecondary systemwide coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards.

Note: This resource does not include information related to setting tuition rates, administering funding formulas or allocating funds. The state profile information is based primarily on statutes, codes and state and postsecondary system board/agency policies. To the extent possible, Education Commission of the States reached out to state and system officials to verify our information.

State Overview

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board serves as a single statewide coordinating board for public postsecondary education and authorizes and monitors accredited degree-granting private postsecondary institutions. The board appoints the commissioner of higher education. The affiliated agency administers federal and states academic programs, provides data analysis and reports on higher education-related issues, administers student financial aid programs, conducts research and analysis, and determines programs of study, among other responsibilities. Governing boards oversee several four-year postsecondary systems and multi-campus institutions and the Texas State University System, which includes four- and two-year institutions. The community colleges in Texas are not part of a system and are governed by local district boards, and several have multiple campuses. A board of regents oversees the Texas State Technical College System, which operates as a single statewide institution with multiple campuses.

Data Point	Description
Single Statewide Coordinating or Governing Board/Agency	
Single Statewide Coordinating Board (or Agency) or Governing Board for All Public Higher Education	Yes



Data Point	Description
Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Entity Function	Coordinating
Scope of Authority	Statewide
Legal Authority	Statutory
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advise and/or provide recommendations to state policy and education leaders- Approve or administer bonds- Approve or oversee interstate compacts and reciprocity agreements (e.g., SARA, tuition agreements)- Develop master/strategic plans for state or system- Develop and/or oversee accountability or performance measures- Engage in statewide or systemwide policy planning- License or approve/authorize specified institutions- Promote or advocate for institutions- Recommend or approve establishing, merging or closing institutions- Review existing academic programs- Review or approve facility/capital construction plans
Budget Role for Institutions	Limited budget role
Budget Role Notes	Postsecondary system and institutional governing boards submit appropriations requests to the coordinating board. The board does not review institutional appropriation requests, although it recommends an overall higher education budget to the legislature.
New Academic Program Role	Review and approve



Data Point	Description
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Coordinating board
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	10
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	10
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0
Board Member Composition and Selection	10 members, including 1 non-voting student, appointed by governor with advice and consent of Senate.
Do Institutions Governed (or Coordinated) by a Postsecondary System Board have Individual Governing Boards?	Not applicable
Type of Institutions with Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Type of Institutions without Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Website	Link
Citations	Tex. Educ. Code § 61
Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Agency)
Entity Function	Administrative/service



Data Point	Description
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)
Website	http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/
Administrative and Advisory Entities	
Entity Name	Not applicable
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	University of Texas System Board of Regents
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	https://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Texas A&M University System Board of Regents
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	https://www.tamus.edu/regents/
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	University of Northern Texas System Board of Regents



Data Point	Description
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	https://www.untsystem.edu/leadership/board-regents
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Texas Tech University System Board of Regents
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	https://www.texastech.edu/board-of-regents/
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	University of Houston System Board of Regents
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	http://www.uhsystem.edu/board-of-regents/
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Texas State Technical College System Board of Regents
Entity Function	Governing



Data Point	Description
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Website	http://www.tstc.edu/bor
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Board of Regents for the Texas State University System
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Website	http://www.tsus.edu/regents.html
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Texas Community College Governing Boards
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Type of Institutions Notes	Texas has 50 community college districts that are governed by local boards and several have multiple campuses. The Texas Association of Community College's webpage includes a list of all the community college districts by region.
Website	https://tacc.org/tacc/texas-community-colleges
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors



Data Point	Description
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	http://www.cpupc.org/
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc.
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Independent/non-profit
Website	http://www.icut.org/
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Texas Association of Community Colleges
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Website	http://www.tacc.org/
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	Community College Association of Texas Trustees
Entity Function	Membership



Data Point	Description
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Website	https://tacc.org/ccatt