

## What is the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)?

Created by Texans, CPRIT's goal is to expedite innovation in cancer research and product development, and to enhance access to evidence-based prevention programs throughout the state. CPRIT carries out its three-part mission established by the Legislature:

- Invest in the research prowess of Texas universities and research organizations.
- Create and expand life science infrastructure across the state.
- Expedite innovation in research and enhance the potential of breakthroughs in prevention and cures.

## Texas Legislature and Voters Have Made Our State a Leader in the Fight Against Cancer

The Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas was created in 2007 when Texans voted to invest \$3 billion in a historic fight against cancer. Texas voters reaffirmed their support in 2019, when they overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment to provide an additional \$3 billion, making CPRIT a \$6 billion, 20-year initiative. Texas is the largest state funder of cancer research in the nation, and the second largest in the world.

- 46,480 cancer and cancer precursors detected
- 59,218 patients in 306 clinical trials or studies
- Funded 252 childhood cancer projects
- 10.1 million preventive services provided to Texans in all 254 counties

## CPRIT Brings a Large Return on Investment to Texas

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas plays a crucial role in the war on cancer. Through its

- \$3.35 billion in state investment → \$10.66 billion outside investment (follow-on funding)
- 324 researchers recruited to Texas
- Over 7,640 permanent jobs created in Texas in 2023
- Over 9,000 publications reporting research findings
- 637 new patents and patent applications

operations, screening/prevention efforts, and research programs, CPRIT is helping reduce the extremely high human and economic costs of cancer. **CPRIT is also generating a sizable economic stimulus from all of its efforts including almost \$27.1 billion in output and 224,575 jobs in 2024** when all secondary and downstream benefits are considered.<sup>i</sup>

Moreover, the Institute's efforts to improve outcomes related to cancer prevention and treatment can lead to a significant reduction in cancer incidence and severity over time and be a catalyst to biomedical development in Texas. It is far less expensive to screen for cancer and treat it in its early stages. Not only are treatment expenses likely to be lower for early-stage diagnoses, but also morbidity and mortality losses are reduced.

**Every \$1 spent through CPRIT for screening and prevention leads to \$29.08 in treatment cost savings and resulting economic benefits through earlier detection. Texas can and must continue this historic cost and life-saving legacy.**<sup>ii</sup>

- 
- <sup>i</sup> The Perryman Group. An Economic Assessment of the Cost of Cancer in Texas and the Benefits of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) and its Programs. 2024 Update. Available at: <https://www.cprit.texas.gov/media/3597/perryman-cprit-impact-11-25-2024-updated.pdf>
- <sup>ii</sup> Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Prevention. Available at: <https://cprit.texas.gov/our-programs/prevention>
- <sup>iii</sup> Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Real Momentum Measurable Results. Updated November 2024.
- <sup>iv</sup> Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. 2024 Annual Report. About CPRIT. Available at: <https://2024annualreport.cprit.texas.gov/about-cprit/>
- <sup>v</sup> Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Our Impact. Available at: <https://cprit.texas.gov/our-programs/our-impact>