

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

CPRIT 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.

- 56,719 cancer and cancer precursors detected.ⁱ
- 71,233 patients in 432 clinical trials or studies.ⁱ
- Funded 275 childhood cancer projects.ⁱ
- 11.5 million preventive services provided to Texans in all 254 counties.ⁱ

CPRIT Brings a Large Return on Investment to Texas

CPRIT plays a crucial role in the war on cancer. Through its operations, screening/prevention efforts, and research programs, CPRIT is helping reduce the extremely high human and economic costs of cancer.

- \$3.63 billion in state investment → \$12.05 billion outside investment (follow-on funding).ⁱⁱ
- 348 researchers recruited to Texas.ⁱⁱ
- Over 8,140 permanent jobs created in Texas in 2025.ⁱⁱ

CPRIT is also generating a sizable economic stimulus from all of its efforts including almost \$32.74 billion in output and 261,584 jobs in FY 2025 when all secondary and downstream benefits are considered.ⁱⁱⁱ

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. ^{iv}

ⁱ Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. What is CPRIT? Updated February 2026. Available at: https://cprit.texas.gov/media/evhfjy4m/whatiscprit_february_2026-final.pdf

ⁱⁱ Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Real Momentum Measurable Results. Updated February 2026.

ⁱⁱⁱ Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. 2025 Annual Report. Cost of Cancer. Available at: <https://2025annualreport.cprit.texas.gov/cost-of-cancer/>

^{iv} Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Prevention. Available at: <https://cprit.texas.gov/our-programs/prevention>