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DFW big stimulus gainer in state

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Texas has brought in more than \$6.5 billion of the \$787 billion stimulus package so far, with Tarrant and Dallas counties ranking second and third in the state, respectively, in total spending. Harris County came in at No. 1, with \$569.5 million.

The North Texas stimulus spending amounts to about \$218 per person in Tarrant County, and \$117 per person in Dallas County.

But it's not all good news. Texas ranked No. 48 among U.S. states on a per-capita basis in the rankings, amounting to an average of \$269.30 per person, according to a report compiled by the nonprofit organization ProPublica.

Most of the states with large per-capita spending were those with small populations, including No. 1 Alaska (\$1,024 per person).

The federal government has allocated more than \$121 billion of the \$787 billion stimulus bill so far, according to ProPublica. That amounts to about \$216 per person.

Texas has apportioned nearly \$3 billion to projects in the state, according to the site. Spending in the state has been dominated by a few key agencies: the **Health and Human Services Commission**, **Texas Education Agency** and the [Texas Workforce Commission](#).

On a county-by-county basis, sparsely-populated counties have brought in more money per person than larger metro counties. But the metros have brought in more in total funds.

The top five counties by total spending are:

Harris: \$569,468,032 (\$143 per person).
Tarrant: \$380,661,248 (\$218 per person).
Dallas: \$282,984,704 (\$117 per person).
Bexar: \$201,252,224 (\$124 per person).
Travis: \$177,592,624 (\$178 per person).

Here's how some other North Texas counties fared:

Collin: \$21,646,540 (\$28 per person).
Denton: \$28,868,096 (\$45 per person).
Rockwall, \$3,731,171 (\$48 per person).