



# **Department of State Health Services Agency Overview**

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Human Services Committee**

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# Overview

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# Agency Overview

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## **Vision**

A Healthy Texas

## **Mission**

To improve the health, safety, and well-being of Texans through good stewardship of public resources, and a focus on core public health functions.



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## Goals

- Improve health through prevention and population health strategies.
- Enhance public health response to disasters and disease outbreaks.
- Reduce adverse health outcomes through public health consumer protection.
- Expand the effective use of health information.



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## Responsibilities

- Monitoring and controlling infectious disease.
- Maintaining essential public health activities.
- Preventing and reducing the costs of chronic disease.
- Preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.
- Protecting consumer health through regulation of certain businesses, equipment and occupations.
- Assembling reliable health data to guide programmatic improvements and decision-making



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# DSHS Scope: Fiscal Years 2020 - 2021 Budget

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## Senate Bill 1 Summary

- \$1.6 Billion Biennial Budget
  - \$481 Million in General Revenue
  - \$319 Million in General Revenue-Dedicated
  - \$586 Million in Federal Funding
  - \$211 Million in Other Funds
- Approximately 3,200 full time equivalent employees



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# DSHS Services: Fiscal Years 2020 - 2021

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- Regional and Local Health Operations
- Disease Control and Prevention
- Community Health Improvement
- Consumer Protection
- Public Health Information



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# Regional and Local Health Operations

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DSHS delivers public health functions in about 75 percent of Texas counties.

- Coordination and support for local jurisdictions
- Office of Border Health
- Public health and medical response to natural disasters, epidemics, bioterrorism, and other emergencies
- Texas Center for Infectious Disease beginning

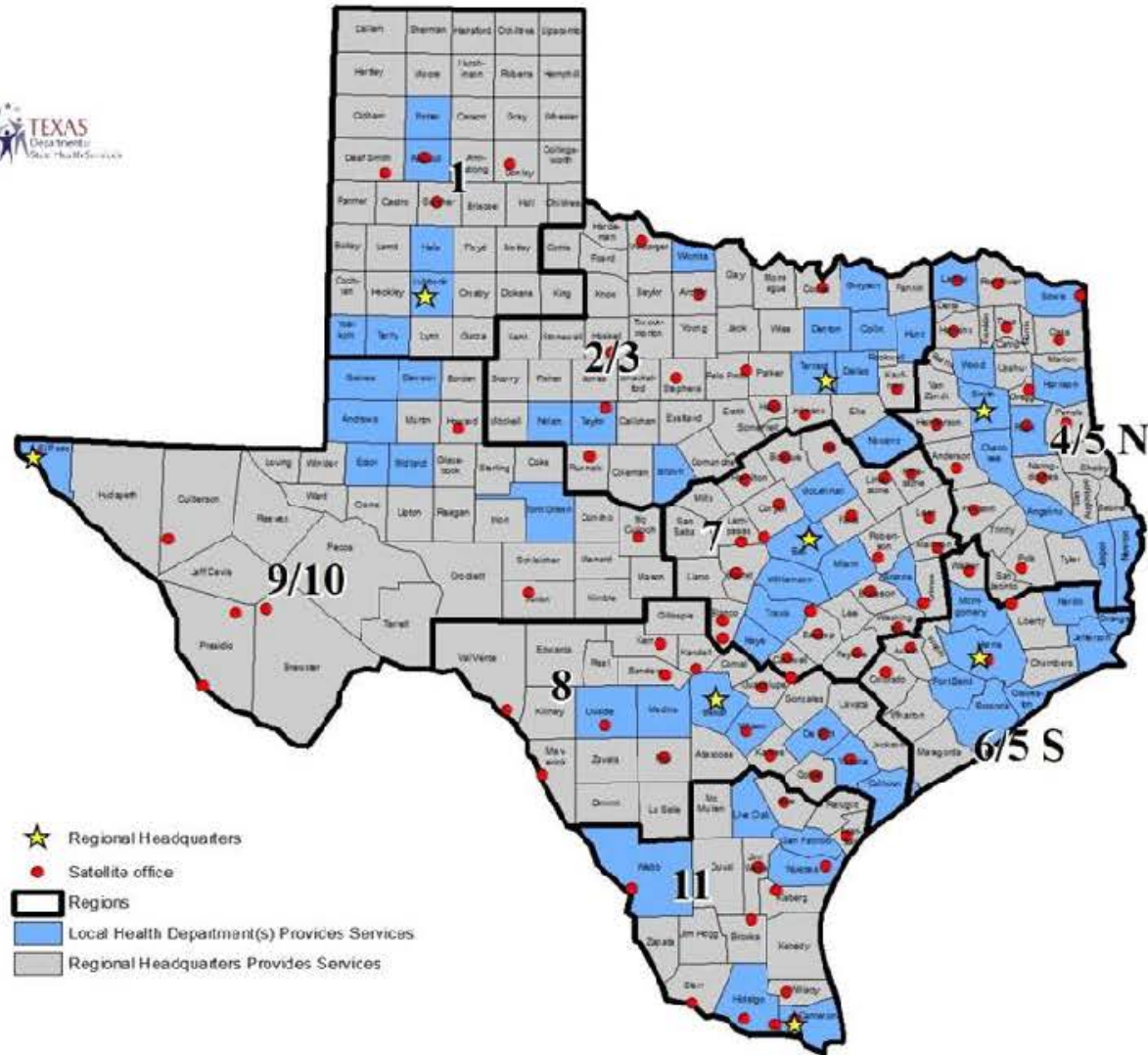


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- ★ Regional Headquarters
- Satellite office
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- Local Health Department(s) Provides Services
- Regional Headquarters Provides Services

Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, Regional & Local Health Services, July 2014. thaywood



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# Disease Control and Prevention

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DSHS implement programs to protect, promote, and improve the public's health by decreasing health threats and sources of disease.

- Laboratory Services
- Infectious Disease
- Immunizations
- Foodborne Illness



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# Community Health Improvement

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DSHS plays a primary role in providing population-based services, including improving the health of women and children.

- Maternal and Child Health
- Newborn and Child Screenings
- Health Promotion and Chronic Disease
- Disease Registries
- Environmental Epidemiology
- Vital Statistics



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# Consumer Protection

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DSHS provides public health oversight of individuals and entities that provide consumer and health goods and services to the public.

- Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care System
- Environmental Health
- Radiation Control
- Food and Drug Safety



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# Public Health Information

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DSHS collects and analyzes public health data sets to help inform public health decision-making.

- Hospital discharge data
- Health professions data
- Texas health trends and indicators
- Health care shortage area designations



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