



# TEXAS' TOP CONTRIBUTORS

## Top 196 Contributors Spent \$259 Million on 2020 State Elections

Texas's top 196 individual and institutional political contributors collectively sunk \$259 million into the state's two-year 2020 election cycle, equivalent to 90 percent of the \$289 million that candidates for Texas public offices raised in that period, according to Texas Ethics Commission data. These top contributors gave anywhere from \$350,000 to \$17 million apiece. Please scroll to bottom for methodological details.

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Rank	Amount	Contributor (Affiliation)	City	Industry/Interest
1	\$17,315,130	Texans for Lawsuit Reform	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
2	\$10,683,359	Charles C Butt (HE Butt Grocery Co)	San Antonio	Miscellaneous Business
3	\$9,589,764	House Democratic Campaign Committee	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
4	\$8,615,178	Karla Jurvetson	Los Altos CA	Health
5	\$8,159,840	Republican State Leadership Committee	Washington DC	Ideological/Single Interest
6	\$7,435,023	Forward Majority Action	Washington DC	Ideological/Single Interest
7	\$7,006,057	TX Assn of Realtors	Austin	Real Estate
8	\$5,849,573	Phillip W & Holly Huffines (Huffines & Partners)	Richardson	Real Estate
9	\$5,499,839	Janet Ellis Duncan (Enterprise Products Partners)	Houston	Energy
10	\$5,358,708	Associated Republicans of TX	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
11	\$5,025,000	Sheldon & Miriam Adelson (Venetian Hotel/Casino)	Las Vegas NV	Miscellaneous Business
12	\$4,262,500	Michael L & Mary Porter (Cross Creek Ranch)	Doss	Agriculture
13	\$3,521,296	Republican Party of TX	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
14	\$3,446,158	Tim & Terri Dunn (CrownQuest/EnerQuest Oil)	Midland	Energy
15	\$3,306,680	Dennis Bonnen Campaign	Angleton	Other
16	\$3,271,799	Texans for Insurance Reform	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
17	\$3,028,674	Lone Star Project	Washington DC	Ideological/Single Interest
18	\$2,950,388	Texans for Joe Straus	San Antonio	Other
19	\$2,910,825	Michael Bloomberg (Bloomberg Finance)	New York	Communications
20	\$2,866,818	Richard 'Dick' & Meg Weekley (Weekley Properties)	Houston	Real Estate
21	\$2,814,938	TX Trial Lawyers Assn	Austin	Lawyers/Lobbyists
22	\$2,780,000	Sixteen Thirty Fund	Washington DC	Ideological/Single Interest
23	\$2,312,780	Democratic Legislative Campaign Com.	Washington DC	Ideological/Single Interest
24	\$2,256,639	Syed Javaid & Vicky Anwar (Midland Energy Inc)	Midland	Energy
25	\$2,239,636	John L & Barbara Nau (Silver Eagle Distributors)	Houston	Miscellaneous Business
26	\$2,142,795	National Assn of Realtors	Chicago IL	Real Estate
27	\$2,117,050	'Doug' Pitcock (Williams Bros Construct.)	Houston	Construction
28	\$2,075,913	Gary W & Melissa Gates (Gatesco)	Richmond	Real Estate
29	\$2,055,382	Engage TX	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest

30	\$1,974,257	David Mayes & Macy Middleton (Middleton Oil Co)	Houston	Energy
31	\$1,876,703	Ryan LLC (Ryan & Co)	Dallas	Accounting
32	\$1,805,803	TX Values in Action Coalition	Centerville	Ideological/Single Interest
33	\$1,790,226	Future Now Fund	Washington DC	Ideological/Single Interest
34	\$1,695,531	Am. Fed'n State Co & Municipal Employees	Washington DC	Labor
35	\$1,646,950	Henry Ross & Sarah Perot (Hillwood Development)	Dallas	Real Estate
36	\$1,614,425	TX Medical Assn	Austin	Health
37	\$1,600,000	Joseph C 'Rusty' Walter (Walter Oil & Gas)	Houston	Energy
38	\$1,596,270	Ray L & Nancy Hunt (Hunt Consolidated)	Dallas	Energy
39	\$1,570,680	Border Health PAC	McAllen	Health
40	\$1,525,701	Farris C & Jo Ann Wilks (Wilks Brothers)	Cisco	Energy
41	\$1,417,000	Kelcy L & Amy Warren (Energy Transfer Partners)	Dallas	Energy
42	\$1,382,894	TX Farm Bureau	Waco	Agriculture
43	\$1,374,166	National Democratic Redistricting Com.	Chicago IL	Ideological/Single Interest
44	\$1,370,165	Oncor Electric Delivery Co	Dallas	Energy
45	\$1,340,500	Kenny A & Lisa Troutt (Excel Communications)	Dallas	Communications
46	\$1,329,389	Woody L & Gayle Hunt (Hunt Companies)	El Paso	Real Estate
47	\$1,285,000	Alice L Walton (Wal-Mart)	Bentonville AR	Miscellaneous Business
48	\$1,270,500	Robert & Pamela Lanham (Williams Bros Construct.)	Katy	Construction
49	\$1,269,900	Flippable TX Victory Fund	Washington	Ideological/Single Interest
50	\$1,250,681	Harlan R & Katherine Crow (Crow Holdings)	Dallas	Real Estate
51	\$1,250,000	Daniel 'Andy' Beal (Beal Bank)	Plano	Finance
52	\$1,218,636	TX Charter Schools Assn	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
53	\$1,209,099	Jeffery D & Mindy Hildebrand (Hilcorp Energy Co)	Houston	Energy
54	\$1,200,500	Chevron USA	San Ramon CA	Energy
55	\$1,173,710	Gulf States Toyota/Friedkin Co's	Houston	Transportation
56	\$1,169,481	TX American Fed'n of Teachers	Austin	Labor
57	\$1,162,437	Leading TX Forward PAC	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
58	\$1,155,301	AT&T	Austin	Communications
59	\$1,145,187	United Services Auto. Assn Group (USAA)	San Antonio	Finance
60	\$1,093,100	T Dan & Debra Friedkin (Gulf States Toyota)	Houston	Transportation
61	\$1,024,141	K Alan & Cherie Hassenflu (Fidelis Realty Partners)	Houston	Real Estate
62	\$979,631	TX House Republican Caucus	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
63	\$951,300	Douglas & Karen Scharbauer	Midland	Energy
64	\$941,685	Hillco Partners	Austin	Lawyers/Lobbyists
65	\$931,386	Holly & Kathaleen Wall Frost (TX Memory Systems)	Houston	Computers/Electronics
66	\$922,064	Paul L Foster (Western Refining Co)	El Paso	Energy
67	\$915,650	Associated General Contractors of TX	Austin	Construction
68	\$912,100	Robert B & Terry Rowling (TRT Holdings)	Dallas	Miscellaneous Business
69	\$889,464	Powered by People	El Paso	Ideological/Single Interest
70	\$875,876	Vistra Energy	Irving	Energy
71	\$874,500	William E Oberndorf (Oberndorf Enterprises)	San Fran CA	Finance
72	\$861,500	Robert Drayton & Eliz. McLane (McLane Group)	Temple	Miscellaneous Business
73	\$835,000	Valero Energy Corp	San Antonio	Energy
74	\$813,500	Mary Quinn Delaney (Jordan Real Estate)	Oakland CA	Real Estate
75	\$802,600	Brett Busby Campaign	Austin	Other
76	\$785,790	Charter Communications	Saint Louis MO	Communications
77	\$769,863	George Soros (Soros Fund Management)	New York	Finance
78	\$764,089	TX Land Title Assn	Austin	Real Estate
79	\$762,317	TX Leads PAC	Angleton	Ideological/Single Interest
80	\$758,500	Arch 'Beaver' Aplin (Buc-ee's)	Lake Jackson	Miscellaneous Business
81	\$756,988	Barry G & Lana Andrews (Andrews Distributing Co)	Dallas	Miscellaneous Business
82	\$752,810	Nathan L Hecht Campaign	Austin	Other
83	\$752,167	Fair Democracy	Washington DC	Ideological/Single Interest
84	\$732,004	Catherine B 'Trinka' Taylor (Taylor Enterprises)	Dallas	Energy
85	\$727,458	Russell T 'Rusty' & Janet Kelley (Blackridge)	Austin	Lawyers/Lobbyists

86	\$720,700	John R & L Anne Weisman (Hunter Industries)	New Braunfels	Construction
87	\$714,710	TX Dental Assn	Austin	Health
88	\$700,000	John Levy (Waban, Inc)	Naples FL	Construction
89	\$696,500	Pioneer Natural Resources USA	Irving	Energy
90	\$693,500	Bracewell LLP	Houston	Lawyers/Lobbyists
91	\$681,500	Energy Transfer Partners TX PAC	Austin	Energy
92	\$673,739	Sierra Club PAC	Oakland CA	Ideological/Single Interest
93	\$672,338	TX Assn of Builders	Austin	Construction
94	\$642,316	Allen Boone Humphries Robinson	Houston	Lawyers/Lobbyists
95	\$642,250	Lee & Amy Leftwich Fikes (Bonanza Oil Co)	Dallas	Energy
96	\$642,000	Trey Martinez Fischer Campaign	San Antonio	Other
97	\$637,000	TX Apartment Assn	Austin	Real Estate
98	\$625,000	Edward P Roski (Majestic Realty Co)	City Industry CA	Real Estate
99	\$618,500	Independent Insurance Agents of TX	Austin	Insurance
100	\$618,250	Stephen I & Patricia Chazen (Magnolia Oil & Gas)	Bellaire	Energy
101	\$614,162	Lee M & Ramona Seeligson Bass (Lee M Bass Inc)	Fort Worth	Energy
102	\$614,000	Nancy G Kinder (Kinder Morgan Energy)	Houston	Energy
103	\$611,700	Andrews Kurth	Houston	Lawyers/Lobbyists
104	\$610,916	David M & Bonnie Weekley (David Weekley Homes)	Houston	Construction
105	\$605,471	CenterPoint Energy Inc	Houston	Energy
106	\$605,000	Jay C & April L Graham (Spur Energy Partners)	Houston	Energy
107	\$600,000	Vincent Ryan (Schooner Capital)	Boston MA	Finance
108	\$594,947	Norton Rose Fulbright	Houston	Lawyers/Lobbyists
109	\$589,431	TX House Majority	Irving	Ideological/Single Interest
110	\$579,500	First Tuesday	Houston	Ideological/Single Interest
111	\$579,440	Tilman & Paige Fertitta (Landry's/Golden Nugget)	Houston	Miscellaneous Business
112	\$578,524	William E & Louree Bruce Greehey (NuStar Energy)	San Antonio	Energy
113	\$571,500	Charles Butt Public Education PAC	San Antonio	Ideological/Single Interest
114	\$566,000	S Reed Morian (DX Holding Co)	Houston	Chemicals
115	\$560,655	Assn of TX Professional Educators	Austin	Labor
116	\$550,000	TRT Holdings, Inc	Irving	Miscellaneous Business
117	\$544,705	United Assn of Plumbers Locals	Houston	Labor
118	\$541,100	Educational Equity PAC	Falls Church VA	Ideological/Single Interest
119	\$533,295	Intern'l Brotherhood of Teamsters	Washington DC	Labor
120	\$531,281	Winstead PC	Dallas	Lawyers/Lobbyists
121	\$531,222	TX Automobile Dealers Assn	Austin	Transportation
122	\$523,710	Alan Metni (Ifly Holdings)	Greenwood CO	Miscellaneous Business
123	\$521,500	Apache Corp	Houston	Energy
124	\$513,533	Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson	Austin	Lawyers/Lobbyists
125	\$506,748	American Electric Power Co.	Columbus OH	Energy
126	\$505,000	Barry Munger	New York	Communications
127	\$502,000	Darwin & Katerina Deason (Deason Capital Service)	Dallas	Finance
128	\$500,000	Bernard Marcus (Home Depot)	Atlanta GA	Construction
128	\$500,000	Richard Lawrence (Overlook Investments)	Greenbrae CA	Finance
129	\$499,676	TX Bankers Assn	Austin	Finance
130	\$498,500	Enterprise Products Partners PAC	Houston	Energy
131	\$497,700	Communication Workers of America	Washington DC	Labor
132	\$493,200	Rodger M 'Rod' & Nancy Sanders (Highland Homes)	Dallas	Construction
133	\$492,500	Williams Hart	Houston	Lawyers/Lobbyists
134	\$486,862	TX Optometric Assn PAC	Austin	Health
135	\$484,997	TX Cornerstone Credit Union League	Farmers Branch	Finance
136	\$480,000	Reed Hastings (Netflix)	Santa Cruz CA	Communications
137	\$475,183	Beer Alliance of TX	Austin	Miscellaneous Business
138	\$474,113	Jackson Walker	Dallas	Lawyers/Lobbyists
139	\$471,000	Donald E & Daryn P Wasek (Buc-ee's)	Spicewood	Miscellaneous Business
140	\$468,760	TX Oil & Gas Assn	Austin	Energy

141	\$466,982	Commit Partnership	Dallas	Ideological/Single Interest
142	\$466,330	Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway	Fort Worth	Transportation
143	\$462,870	TX Hospital Assn	Austin	Health
144	\$459,600	Watts & Guerra Attorney	San Antonio	Lawyers/Lobbyists
145	\$458,740	Jeffrey M & Dara S Tillotson	Dallas	Lawyers/Lobbyists
146	\$453,311	Chris Turner Campaign	Arlington	Other
147	\$448,890	Michael J & Susan Plank (Plank Co's)	Houston	Construction
148	\$444,379	Annie's List	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
149	\$437,295	Amber Anderson Mostyn (Mostyn Law Firm)	Houston	Lawyers/Lobbyists
150	\$433,764	Atmos Energy Corp	Dallas	Energy
151	\$432,238	George 'Brint' & Amanda Ryan (Ryan & Co)	Dallas	Accounting
152	\$426,749	TX Society of Architects	Austin	Construction
153	\$422,200	Legacy 44	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
154	\$421,000	Carl & Peggy Sewell (Sewell Automotive Co)	Dallas	Transportation
155	\$420,000	Stephen T Winn (Realpage)	Richardson	Computers/Electronics
156	\$406,642	Darlene A & David A Pendery (Magnablend, Inc)	Flower Mound	Chemicals
157	\$406,000	William Trey & Celeste Harris (Colony Ridge Dev.)	Huntsville	Real Estate
158	\$402,810	Jane Bland Campaign	Houston	Other
159	\$402,000	NuStar Energy	San Antonio	Energy
160	\$401,696	Bobby D & Leona Cox (Bobby Cox Co)	Fort Worth	Miscellaneous Business
161	\$400,000	Richard Wells (Insight Ventures)	New York	Finance
162	\$398,650	Erle Allen Nye (Oncor Electric Delivery)	Dallas	Energy
163	\$397,000	One Texas PAC	San Antonio	Ideological/Single Interest
164	\$396,748	Independent Bankers Assn of TX	Austin	Finance
165	\$396,256	Wholesale Beer Distributors of TX	Austin	Miscellaneous Business
166	\$391,500	Brad & Stephanie Tucker (Mustang Tractor/Equip.)	Houston	Construction
167	\$388,734	Inter'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	Washington DC	Labor
168	\$388,238	George M & Kathy Perry Britton (Perry Homes)	Houston	Construction
169	\$387,000	Union Pacific Railroad	Washington DC	Transportation
170	\$385,500	Dian Owen Graves Stai (Owen Healthcare)	Abilene	Health
171	\$384,575	Stuart West & Eliza Stedman (Stedman West)	Houston	Energy
172	\$384,000	Chrysta Casteneda Campaign	Dallas	Other
173	\$381,270	Blackridge Consulting	Austin	Lawyers/Lobbyists
174	\$378,374	Zachry Holdings Continuum	San Antonio	Construction
175	\$377,828	Focused Advocacy	Austin	Lawyers/Lobbyists
176	\$376,054	Farmers Insurance Group	Austin	Insurance
177	\$375,000	Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of TX	Eagle Pass	Ideological/Single Interest
178	\$375,000	Robert Stephen McNally (McNally Law Firm)	Austin	Lawyers/Lobbyists
179	\$371,000	Chickasaw Nation	Ada OK	Ideological/Single Interest
179	\$371,000	Service Employees Inter'l Union	Washington DC	Labor
180	\$370,500	TX Society of Anesthesiologists	Austin	Health
181	\$369,250	Michael A & Kelly Hernandez (D&M Auto Leasing)	Colleyville	Finance
181	\$369,250	Vinson & Elkins TX	Houston	Lawyers/Lobbyists
182	\$365,000	Giffords PAC	Washington DC	Ideological/Single Interest
183	\$361,300	Altria Group Inc	Washington DC	Agriculture
184	\$361,200	John Douglas & Laura Arnold (Centaurus Energy)	Houston	Energy
185	\$360,662	Al Henry & Sue Boenker (Al Boenker Insurance)	Fort Worth	Insurance
186	\$359,882	TX Democratic Party	Austin	Ideological/Single Interest
187	\$357,595	Steven D & Marci L Alvis (NewQuest Properties)	Houston	Real Estate
188	\$354,000	Robert Drayton & Amy McLane (Classic Foods)	Temple	Miscellaneous Business
189	\$350,000	Robert Goodman (Bessemer Venture Partners)	Mamaroneck NY	Finance
189	\$350,000	Jim Wright Campaign	Robstown	Other
189	\$350,000	Bobby & Sherri Wallace (TX Capital. Resource Gr.)	Fort Worth	Energy
189	\$350,000	Stephen Mandel (Lone Pine Capital)	Greenwich CT	Finance
189	\$350,000	Cynthia Sears	Bainbridge WA	Communications

Methodology:

Contributor totals include all contributions that they made according to Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) reports covering that period. While TEC filers include legislative caucuses and some specialized party PACs (such as county party committees and party corporate accounts), 98 percent of the money reported to the TEC in the 2020 cycle came from candidate/officeholder accounts, their affiliated special-purpose PACs (e.g., “Texans for Greg Abbott”) or ordinary PACs like the ones listed above.<sup>1</sup> As such, the vast majority of the big-contributor money above went to candidates, either directly or after passing through PACs formed to fund candidates. The \$289 million total amount raised by TEC-reporting candidates is based on totals that all candidate/officeholder accounts and special-purpose PACs reported to the TEC for the 2020 cycle.

Researchers removed two large candidate-affiliated PACs from this list: Texans for Greg Abbott (\$11.2 million) and the Dan G. Patrick Campaign (\$274,990). Those entities were omitted because they shifted most of those funds between their candidate/officeholder accounts and their special-purpose affiliates (e.g., “Texans for Greg Abbott”). They are excluded from this top-contributor list because they did not contribute those huge sums to other candidates.

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<sup>1</sup> These big-money filers are the ones that the TEC classifies as Candidate/Officeholder Committees (C/OHs), Specific-Purpose PACs such as “Texans for Greg Abbott” (SPACs), and General-Purpose PACs (GPACs), including monthly-filing ones (MPACs).

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