# TEXAS REALTORS®

Texas REALTORS<sup>°</sup>, founded in 1920, is composed of over 150,000 REALTORS<sup>°</sup>, making it the largest and most powerful professional membership association in Texas. Here are a few interesting facts about the association:

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- The annual budget for Texas REALTORS° is over \$27 million.
- There are around 75 employees, including six field reps, who serve Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> throughout the state.
- In 1920, the association began when attendees from seven Texas cities gathered in Dallas to officially form the Texas Association of Real Estate Boards.
- Dues the first year were set at \$2.
- Today, there are over 146,000 members, of which over 140,000 are REALTORS°.
- More than 25% of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> have joined the association in the last three years.
- About 63% of Texas REALTORS° are women.
- Over 80% of real estate license holders are Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.

#### THE TEXAS REALTORS® BUILDING

- Construction on the Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> building began in 1989, and doors were officially opened in 1991. The building is fully owned by Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> – the mortgage was paid off in 2003.
- Operating costs approach \$600,000 annually.
- The building has 39,184 square feet: 43% is leased to tenants. The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas, which occupies part of the first floor, has been a tenant since the building opened.

# FACT SHEET

# **TEXAS REALTORS® CONFERENCE**

The first Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> convention was held in 1920 at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio and was attended by 89 delegates. The total cost to put on that convention was \$677.50. Today, the Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Conference attracts over 2,000 attendees per year.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

- Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> reviews every bill in the Texas legislature to support those benefiting property owners and the real estate industry while opposing harmful ones. In the last 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session, staff closely tracked 3,028 of the 8,530 filed bills and resolutions.
- 99.49% of REALTOR<sup>®</sup> supported candidates won their races in the November 2024 General Election.
- The Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Issues PAC (TRIP) responds to requests for support or opposition to local government or local non-government

organizations whose actions could affect property owners or the local economy. TRIP campaigns have a 90% success rate throughout Texas.

- Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> supports members' ongoing advocacy efforts from the local to the state level.
- The Texas REALTORS® largest grassroots advocacy event is REALTOR® Day at the Capitol during the legislative session years. Over 3,000 members convene at the Texas Capitol to meet with their legislators and discuss key priorities important to REALTORS®, their clients, and the real estate market.



#### TREPAC

- TREPAC was created in 1972. That year, 923 Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> invested a total of \$17,250.
- In 2000, TREPAC surpassed the milliondollar mark.
- Today, Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> invested more than \$6.5 million annually in TREPAC. 37% of Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> invested in TREPAC in 2024.
- TREPAC has 1,254 Major Investors (\$1,000 or more invested annually).
- Texas has more Hall of Fame members than any other state.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING**

- The earliest Texas REALTOR<sup>®</sup> magazine on file was published in 1936.
- Texas REALTOR<sup>®</sup> magazine is published six times each year. The magazine is mailed to more than 130,000 members and made available in three digital formats. The net cost is 45 cents a member per issue. That's \$2.70 per year per member.
- Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> spends at least \$500,000 each year marketing the value of using a Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> to consumers and enhancing the image and professionalism of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.
- The Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Facebook page has more than 75,000 followers.
- Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> sends over 1.2 million emails a month to keep members up to date on the latest information and happenings.

#### **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

- Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> provides professional standards services statewide, processing ethics complaints and providing arbitration and ombudsman services.
- The association processes over 500 member and consumer complaints and inquiries annually.
- Around 40% of complaints are resolved through the Ombudsman Program.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 574,756 members attended education classes hosted by Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> in the past year, averaging 287 attendees per work day.
- GRI is the most prevalent designation among members. There are 13,587 active members who have earned the GRI, more than the next two largest states combined.

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- The Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Leadership Program is in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, with 2,417 active graduates from over 47 different associations. Graduates are known for their greater involvement in committees, Calls to Action and at the polls with 90% participating in the last general election.
- The Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Leadership Mentor Program is an online, selfpaced program that has produced over 85 members in a mentoring relationship since the program's inception in January 2023.

## LEGAL

- Six staff attorneys fielded 16,960 calls in 2024. That's around 67 calls per day and 2,827 calls per attorney.
- Since 1995, the Legal Hotline has taken over 350,000 calls from Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.
- Texas REALTORS<sup>®</sup> has more than 140 forms – including 40 commercial forms – for the exclusive use of members and their clients.

