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ESDs in the 88th

- ESDs are the BEST method to provide fire and EMS services in Texas, we are the First Responders for about 10 Million Texans
 - I/3 of the State population
 - Two economic studies by The Perryman Group support this



The Perryman Group

- "The Perryman Group is an economic research and analysis firm based in Waco, Texas."
- "The firm has served the needs of more than 3,000 clients, including two-thirds of the Global 25, over half of the Fortune 100, the 12 largest technology firms in the world, 12 US Cabinet Departments, the 9 largest firms in the US, the 6 largest energy companies operating in the US, and the 5 largest US banking institutions."



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"The most quoted man in Texas"

— Texas Monthly

"The unofficial state economist"

— The New York Times

"A world class scholar"

— Business Week

"The state's pre-eminent economist and a barbecue connoisseur"

— The Dallas Morning News



The Economic Benefits of Potential Cost Savings Associated with Emergency Services Districts

July 2020



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An Analysis Including Specific Regions Across Texas

September 2022



The Perryman Group (TPG) was recently asked to estimate the economic benefits of the cost savings associated with ESDs compared to other options such as outsourcing to a municipality. This analysis expands on prior work by the firm to include savings in specific areas and an update of the overall impact of the state to account for subsequent developments. A brief overview of methods used is presented on the following page, with additional detail in Appendix A.



CONCLUSIONS:

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- "These savings generate significant economic benefits of an estimated \$1.2 billion in annual gross product and 12,081 jobs across Texas."
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- Analyzed specific information related to 22 ESDs located across the state
- Compared tax revenues collected by the ESDs to budget data related to emergency services in nearby municipalities.
- The ESDs were found to be more cost effective than the municipalities in 19 of the 22 areas.



- Utilized data from the Texas Office of the Comptroller related to tax collections by ESDs in this analysis.
- Total costs were then converted to a per-capita basis using population estimates.
- For the municipalities, publicly available budget data related to emergency services was compiled and also converted to a per-capita cost.



ESD	Per Capita Costs	Municipalities	Per Capita Costs
Jefferson County ESD #3	\$92.29	Port Neches	\$147.29
Jefferson County ESD #4	\$49.42	Nederland, Groves	\$101.70
Orange County ESD #2	\$148.13	Orange	\$231.79
Orange County ESD #1	\$174.76	Orange	\$231.79
Jasper County ESD #1	\$17.56	Jasper	\$27.69



Bexar County ESD #4	\$82.55	Converse	\$136.22
Bexar County ESD #7	\$80.20	Schertz	\$147.94
Bexar County ESD #2	\$80.44	New Braunfels	\$223.91



Harris County ESD #13	\$109.77	Jersey Village	\$302.72
Harris County ESD #48	\$94.01	Katy	\$333.01
Fort Bend County ESD #4	\$109.17	Sugar Land	\$151.75



Travis County ESD#2	\$108.19	Round Rock	\$205.35
Williamson County ESD #3	\$95.64	Cedar Park, Georgetown	\$244.72
Williamson County ESD #2	\$135.14	Leander	\$168.50



Smith County ESD #2	\$45.84	Tyler	\$185.86
Harrison County ESD #3	\$110.95	Marshall	\$182.46



Denton County ESD #1	\$164.74	The Colony, Little Elm, Prosper	\$170.90
Parker County ESD #1	\$100.65	Weatherford, Mansfield, North Richland Hills	\$218.74



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 - Saturday @ 11:15am
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