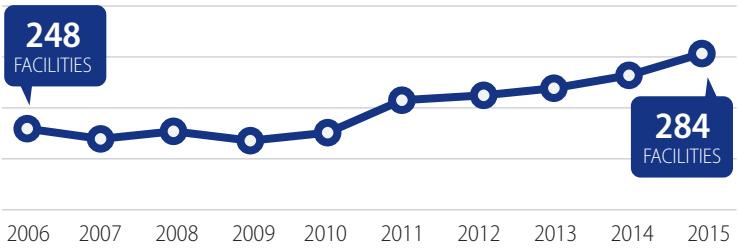
In a trauma, every second counts.

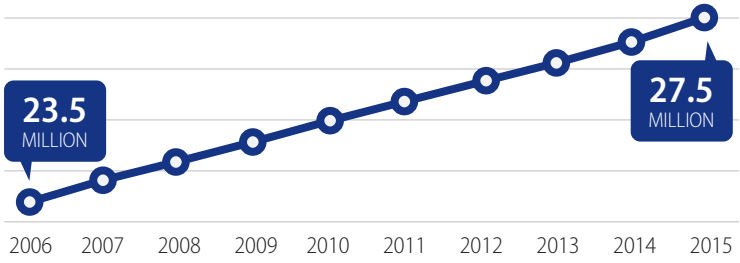
6.9 million (25%) Texans live in a county not accessible* to a Level I trauma hospital.

Texas is one of the fastest growing states in the nation. The number of designated trauma facilities, however, is not keeping pace with population growth.

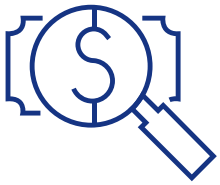
Total Trauma Centers in Texas



Texas Population Growth



Injuries are the **leading cause of death** for Texans ages 1 to 44, with motor vehicle crashes being the leading cause.

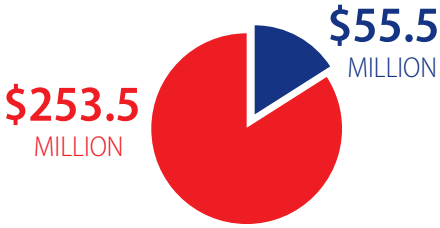


Total uncompensated trauma care costs at Texas trauma hospitals: **$309 million** a year

Payments totaling **$54.5 million** from the Designated Trauma Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Account (5111) (Fines from the Driver Responsibility Program and the $30 state traffic fine fund this account)

Payments totaling **$575,000** from the EMS, Trauma Facilities and Trauma Care Systems Fund (5108) (The $100 DUI/DWI conviction surcharge funds this account)

Payments totaling **$424,000** from the EMS and Trauma Care System Account (5007) (The 911 equalization surcharge funds this account)



Leaves $253.5 million in uncompensated trauma care costs for Texas hospitals

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