

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2014 CHC Annual Report Summary

Reporting statistics for the 2014 year of service

- The Texas Historical Commission (THC) received reports from 165 County Historical Commissions (CHC).
- CHCs reported combined total of **383,250** volunteer hours.
 - $383,250 \text{ hours} / 2,080 \text{ hours (40 hours a week for 52 weeks a year)} = \text{work of } \mathbf{184}$ full-time employees
 - $383,250 \text{ hours} \times \$23.40 \text{ (IRS volunteer rate*)} = \mathbf{\$ 8,968,050}$

Texas CHCs contributed volunteer services that have a value of nearly \$9 million.

- 161 of reporting CHCs provided financial information for the 2014 year of service.
- Most reporting CHCs noted that their county provides money and/or in-kind services to the CHC.

Budgetary line items provided in the 2014 CHC annual report	Average allocation	Reporting Totals
Annual county allocation for 2014 (not including money for museums):	\$ 3,709	\$ 597,073
County money allotted for museums in 2014 (35 CHCs provided amounts):	\$ 24,124	\$ 844,356
Any other money issued by the county during 2014:		\$ 44,288
Total county monies invested in CHCs in 2014		\$ 1,485,717
Value of CHC volunteer services in 2014		\$ 8,968,050

For every \$1 counties invest in CHCs, a statewide average of \$6 worth of service is returned.

CHCs supplemented the nearly \$1.5 million in county monies with \$624,000 from grants, donations, and fundraisers used to accomplish projects for counties.

General information about CHCs in Texas

- The average size of reporting CHCs is 20 appointees.
- CHCs usually hold monthly or bimonthly full commission meetings; they may also have committee meetings.
- CHCs provide an average of 2,300–2,500 volunteer hours per year; reports show zero hours upwards to 10,000 hours.
- CHCs participate in a wide range of activities but some activities are more popular than others; see below.

Most popular activities among reporting CHCs for 2014 (out of 165 reporting CHCs)	# of participating CHCs
Maintain an inventory of subject markers in the county	131
Volunteer with local museums	126
Maintain an inventory of cemeteries in the county	122
Review marker applications	122
Periodically assess the condition of subject markers in the county	117
Provide educational events/ information on historic preservation/local history to the public	113
Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives	109

* Calculations used 2013 estimated volunteer hourly rate for Texas as per independentsector.org.

reporting data as of 7/1/15