



Keeping Long-Term Promises: How Life Insurers Deliver for Texans

Life insurers play a unique role in the financial system: they make long-term, often lifelong, promises that Texans depend on to protect their families and plan for retirement. Through products like life insurance and annuities, they provide financial security when it's needed most.

Delivering on these promises requires a long-term approach. Life insurers align their investments with their obligations, ensuring they are prepared to pay benefits not just today, but decades into the future. This disciplined model allows them to provide guaranteed income and protection over a lifetime.



A Well-Regulated System that Works for Texas

Importantly, these commitments are backed by strong, state-based regulation. In Texas and across the country, life insurers are required to hold significant capital reserves and maintain assets to support every policy. Regulators also conduct rigorous stress testing to ensure companies can meet obligations even during economic downturns or unexpected events.



This system has proven effective. During the COVID-19 pandemic, **life insurers paid record claims, over \$190 billion nationally in 2020 and 2021**, while maintaining capital levels well above regulatory requirements.

In 2023, life insurers paid out **\$17.6 billion to Texans** in life insurance and annuity benefits. That's **\$48.3 million a day** to help Texans through all stages of life.





Long-term Commitments. Lasting Impact for Texans.

Life insurers are also major investors in Texas' economy. Their long-term investment model helps finance the infrastructure and development that keep the state growing, supporting projects such as roads and highways, public school facilities, affordable housing, and commercial development in communities across Texas. Because life insurers are not subject to the same short-term liquidity pressures as banks, they can provide stable, decades-long funding for these critical investments.



Life insurers invest **\$710 billion** in Texas to strengthen businesses and communities across the state.

- **\$538 billion** in stocks and bonds that help finance business development and create jobs
- **\$100 billion** in real estate, loans, and other investments
- **\$72 billion** in mortgage loans on farms, residential, and commercial property

For Texas families, businesses, and communities, life insurers provide more than financial products, **they provide stability, support economic growth, and ensure that long-term promises are kept.**



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