



Low Income Vehicle Repair, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program and Local Initiative Projects Program

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Overview

- Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program
- Low Income Vehicle Repair, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP)
- Local Initiative Projects (LIP) Program



I/M Program

- The program is administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).
- Vehicle emissions inspections are conducted as a part of the annual state safety inspection.
- Motorists must successfully pass an emissions and safety inspection to obtain a safety sticker.

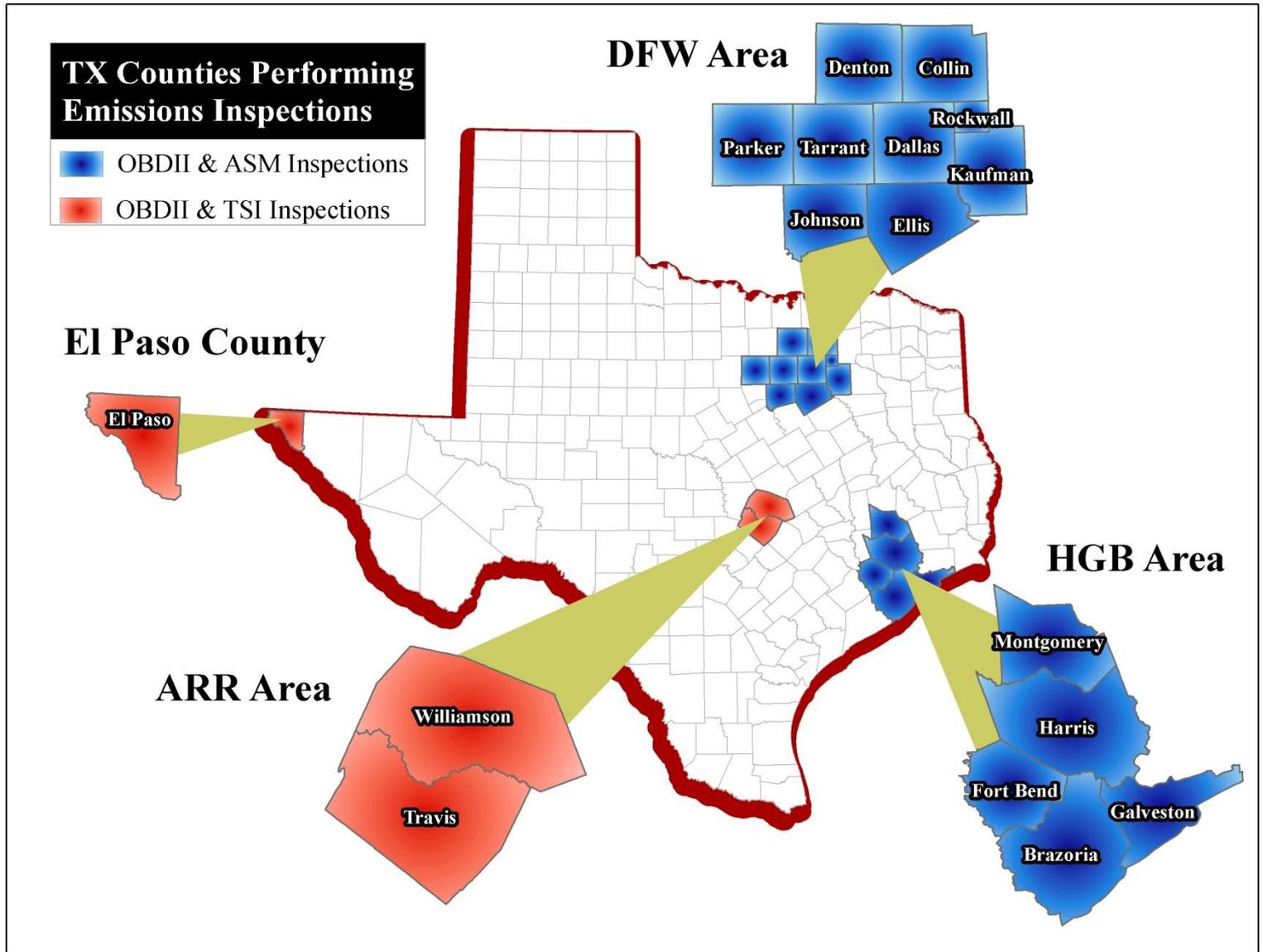


I/M Program

- Model-year 2 through 24 year old gasoline vehicles (except motorcycles) are required to undergo annual emissions inspections.
 - Model-year 1996 and newer vehicles are inspected using on-board diagnostics (OBD).
 - Model-year 1995 and older vehicles are inspected using acceleration simulation mode (ASM) or two-speed idle (TSI).



I/M Program





LIRAP

- a voluntary program that provides financial assistance for vehicle repair or replacement
- funded by fees collected from vehicle emissions inspections performed in the 16 participating counties
 - \$6.00 from OBD inspection in the Dallas–Fort Worth (DFW) and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) areas
 - \$2.00 from every OBD and TSI inspection in the Austin-Round Rock (ARR) area
- appropriated \$45 million per year for the past four fiscal years (2008 through 2011)

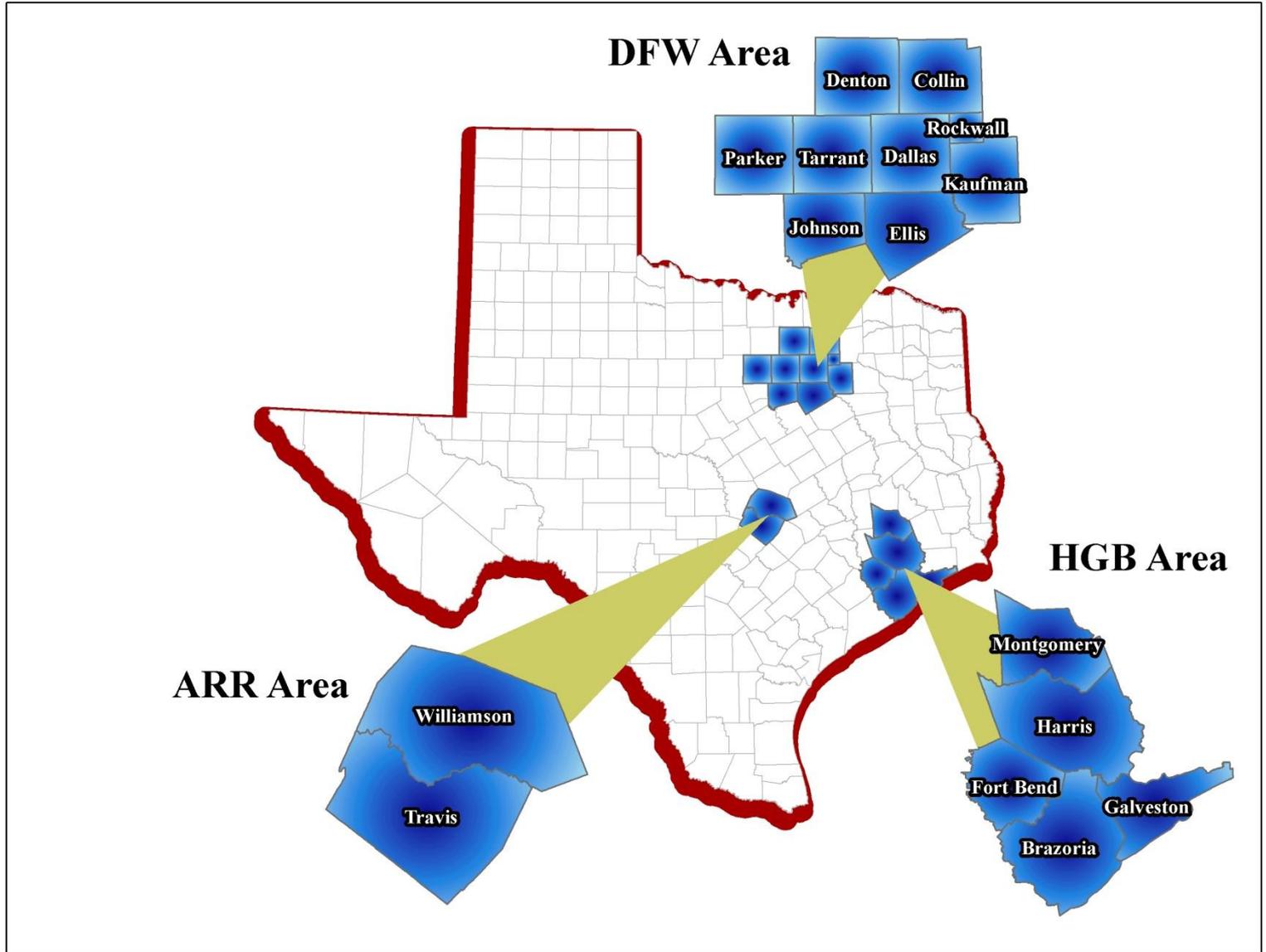


LIRAP

- Funds are distributed to 16 counties
- Program administered by:
 - DFW counties contract with the North Central Texas Council of Government
 - HGB area counties contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council and,
 - Travis and Williamson Counties



LIRAP





LIRAP

- Repair assistance
 - provides up to \$600 to repair a vehicle's emissions-related repairs
 - must be repaired at a DPS-recognized emissions repair facility

- Retirement assistance
 - \$3,000 for a car, current model-year or the previous three model-years
 - \$3,000 for a truck, current model-year or the previous two model-years
 - \$3,500 for a hybrid vehicle of current or previous model-year



LIRAP

- Vehicle Owner Eligibility
 - Net family income must be at or below 300% of 2010 federal poverty guidelines.
 - Net income is determined by using the adjusted gross income on the most recent federal income tax form.

2010 net income requirements

Family of 1: \$32,490	Family of 5: \$77,370
Family of 2: \$43,710	Family of 6: \$88,590
Family of 3: \$54,930	Family of 7: \$99,810
Family of 4: \$66,150	Family of 8: \$111,030
Over a family of 8: add \$11,220 for each additional member	



LIRAP

- Vehicle Repair Requirements:
 - failed an emissions test within 30 days of application;
 - current valid registration and registered in the program area 12 consecutive months preceding application; and
 - pass the DPS safety portion of the inspection and/or provide assurance that actions will be taken to bring the vehicle into compliance with safety requirements.



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- Vehicle Retirement Requirements:
 - failed an emissions inspection within 30 days of application;
 - current valid registration and registered in the program area 12 consecutive months preceding application; and
 - passed a DPS motor-vehicle safety inspection or safety and emissions inspection within 15 months of application.

OR



LIRAP

- Vehicle Retirement Requirements:
 - at least ten years old or older and gasoline powered;
 - current valid registration and registered in the program area 12 consecutive months preceding application; and
 - passed a DPS motor-vehicle safety inspection or safety and emissions inspection within 15 months of application.



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- Vehicle Replacement Criteria
 - model-year requirement
 - federal tier 2, bin 5 or cleaner certification
 - gross vehicle weight rating 10,000 pounds or less
 - total cost of the replacement vehicle does not exceed \$25,000



LIRAP

- Program Implementation:
 - Vehicle owner applies for assistance
 - Once approved, vehicle owner is issued:
 - Voucher
 - AirCheckTexas Retired Vehicle Manifest
 - Drives retired vehicle to a participating dealer to purchase a new vehicle
 - Transfers to the Participating Dealer:
 - Retired vehicle
 - Vehicle title
 - Voucher
 - AirCheckTexas Retired Vehicle Manifest



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- Program Implementation:
 - Dealer certifies that replacement vehicle meets requirements to be eligible for program.
 - The dealer, at no cost, will offer the retired vehicle to a participating dismantler.
 - The dealer sends a copy of manifest and the used voucher to the program administrator to receive reimbursement for the voucher amount.



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- Manifest Overview:
 - The AirCheckTexas Retired Vehicle Manifest is a five page carbonless document that follows the retired vehicle through the retirement process.
 - White page - Returns to program administrator after vehicle is transferred to Recycler
 - Green page – Retained by dealer for its records after vehicle is transferred to recycler
 - Yellow page – Salvage/Dismantling facility retains for record
 - Pink page – Recycling facility retains for records
 - Goldenrod copy – Dealer returns to program administrator with voucher

- Program Implementation:



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- Program Implementation:
 - Dismantler must comply with state and federal laws applicable to the management of mercury switches and destroy the engine and emissions-control components.
 - “Destroyed” means crushed, shredded, scrapped, or otherwise dismantled to render a vehicle, vehicle’s engine, and emissions-control components permanently and irreversibly incapable of functioning as originally intended.
 - Residual scrap-metal is sent to a participating recycling facility.



LIRAP

- Monitoring and Auditing
 - Audit visits and record reviews are performed by
 - TCEQ staff
 - Program Administrator

 - Audit visits and record reviews are performed on
 - Program administrator
 - Dealer
 - Dismantler
 - Recycler



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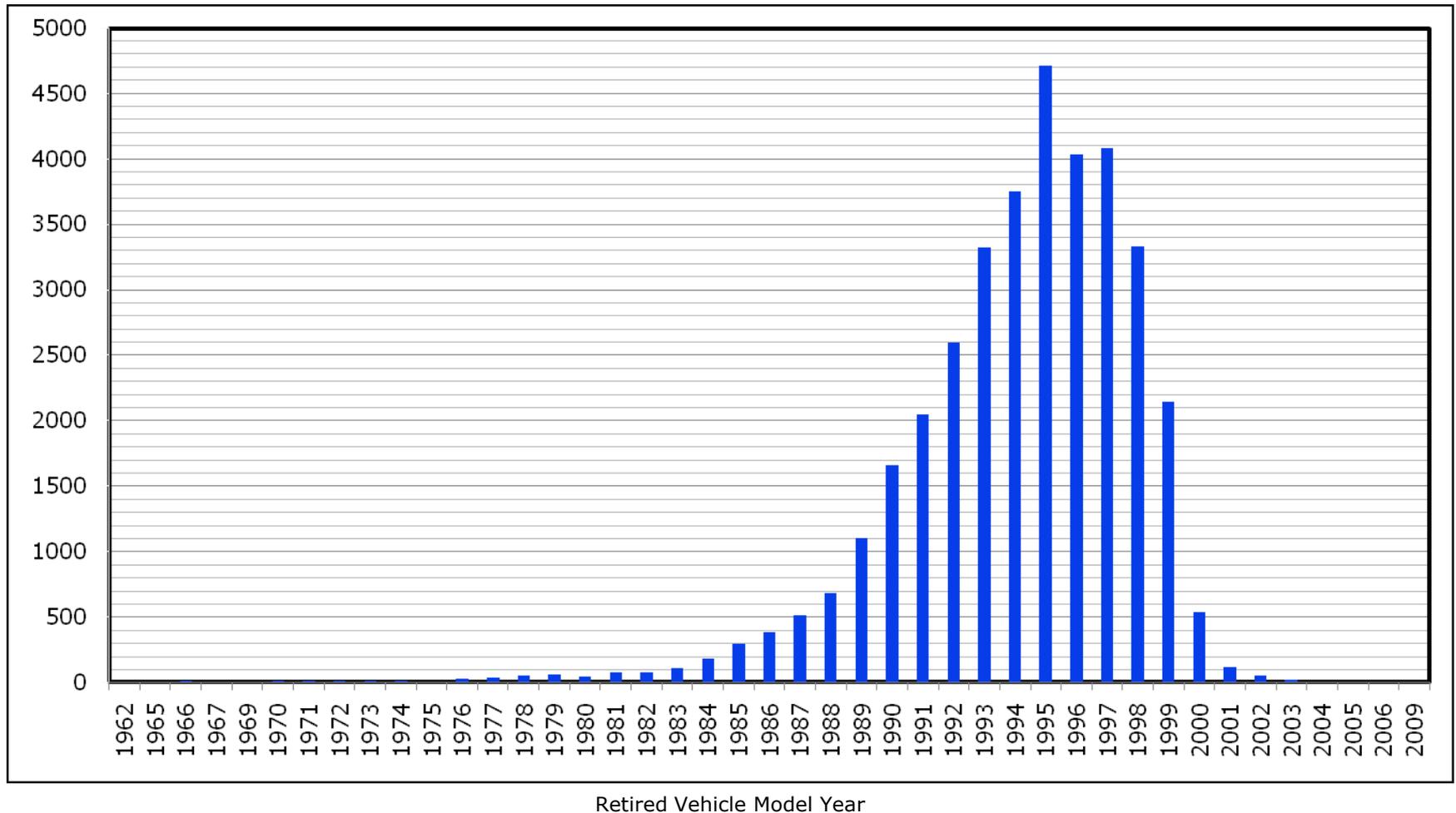
Area	Number of Repairs	Number of Replacements	Amount Distributed for Repair/ Replacement
ARR	876	2,247	\$7,208,031.82
DFW	6,339	18,739	\$59,353,560.05
HGB	6,170	15,116	\$48,706,278.25
Total	13,385	36,102	\$115,267,870.12

From December 12, 2007, implementation of Senate Bill 12, to May 31, 2010
(end of third quarter Fiscal Year 2010)



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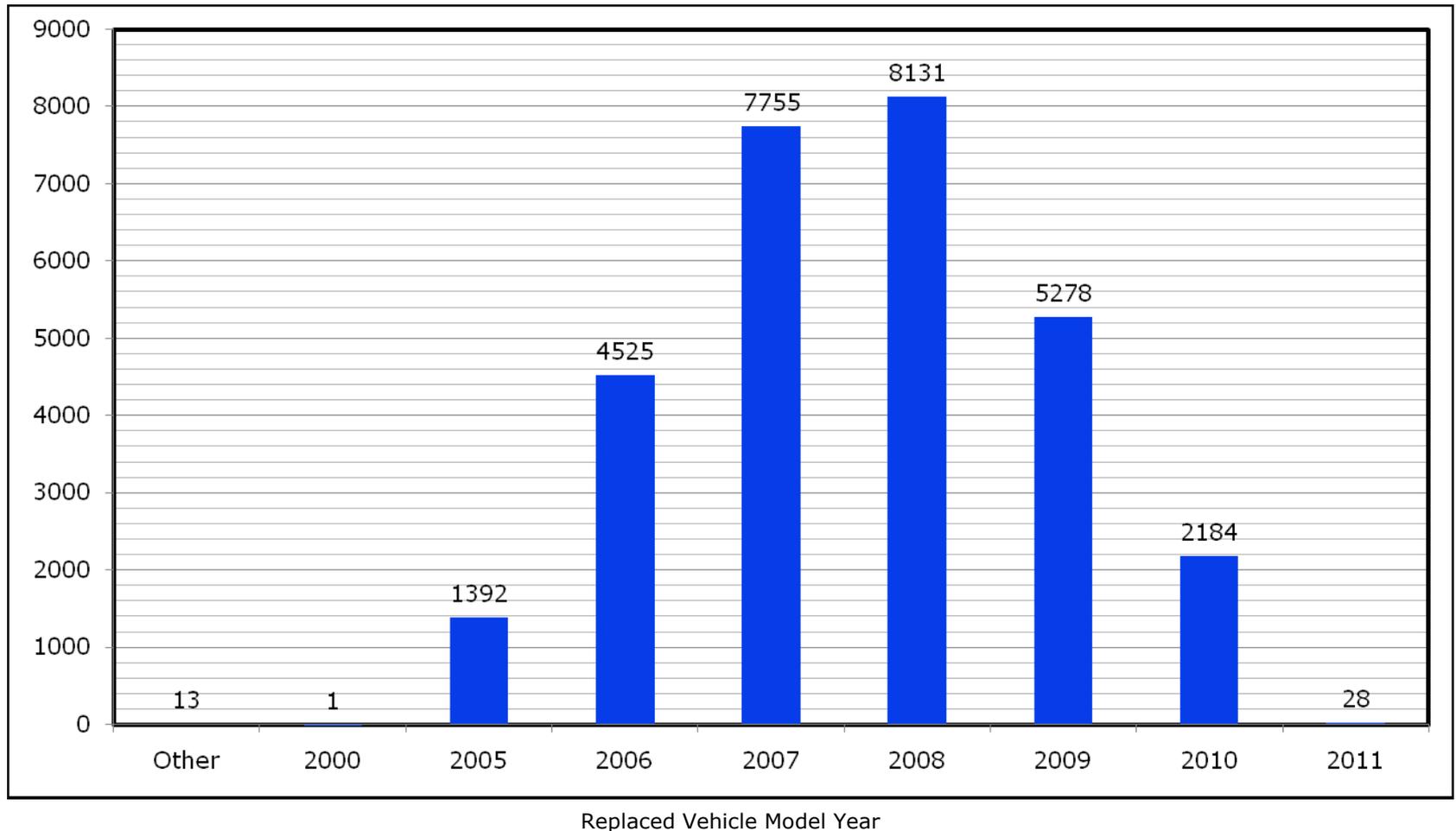
Vehicles Retired from December 12, 2007 to May 30, 2010





LIRAP

Vehicles Replaced from December 12, 2007 to May 30, 2010





LIP

- Only counties currently participating in LIRAP are eligible to receive LIP funding.
- Appropriated \$5 million per year for the past four fiscal years (2008 through 2011) from unused LIRAP funds.



LIP

- Eligible Projects:
 - Expand and enhance LIRAP
 - Develop and implement programs or systems that remotely determine vehicle emissions and notify the vehicle's operator
 - Develop and implement projects to implement the commission's smoking vehicle program



LIP

- Eligible Projects:
 - Develop and implement projects for coordinating with local law enforcement officials to reduce the use of counterfeit state inspection stickers
 - Develop and implement programs to enhance transportation system improvements
 - Develop and implement new air control strategies designed to assist local areas in complying with state and federal air quality rules and regulations



LIP

- Types of projects funded:
 - Clean Vehicle Fleet
 - Vehicle Emissions Enforcement Task Force
 - Counterfeit Sticker Enforcement
 - Clean School Buses
 - Traffic Light Synchronization



Additional Information

- Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program
 - www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/mobilesource/vim/overview.html
- Low Income Vehicle Repair, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP)
 - www.driveacleanmachine.org



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