



## Monthly Newsletter: January 2021

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome the following entities who joined TexPool in December 2020:

#### **TexPool**

McLennan County Bail Bond Oak Leaf Economic Development Corporation The Colony MUD 1B

#### TexPool Prime

HMW Special Utility District
The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD
Oak Leaf Economic Development Corporation

#### **Upcoming Events**

Jan 25, 2021 - Jan 27, 2021, TASA Midwinter Conference **Virtual Conference** 

Feb 15, 2021 - Feb 19, 2021, TASBO Annual Conference

JW Marriott & Hilton, Austin

Feb 22, 2021 - Feb 23, 2021, GTOT Winter Seminar Virtual Conference

#### **TexPool Advisory Board Members**

David Garcia Jerry Dale
Patrick Krishock David Landeros
Belinda Weaver Sharon Matthews
Deborah Laudermilk Vivian Wood

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# **Economic and Market Commentary: Looking forward to 2021**

January 1, 2021

The loss of lives and livelihoods due to Covid-19 was devastating and will continue into 2021. But there are positive developments and reasons for at least cautious optimism. The obvious one is the arrival of vaccines, which have come sooner than many thought possible. The rollout will take time, but we also likely will see the number of new infections decline.

Less clear is the performance of the economy, but we are optimistic here, too. Let's not forget we entered 2020 in reasonable shape, with interest rates and inflation at around 2%, and gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the 3-4% range. Headwinds, such as trade wars and Brexit, have passed.

It will take time for the U.S. to recover from the coronavirus-induced damage. But the economy is on its feet now, and with vaccines it should start taking strides. We think pent-up demand will play a major role. As people feel more confident about their finances or return to work if they were laid off, economic activity should arise. Consumers can only buy so much from Amazon. They will return to local stores, take trips, enjoy live entertainment and buy big-ticket items. And there's little indication that well-performing sectors, such as housing, will roll over.

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| Performance as of December 31, 2020 |                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                                     | TexPool             | TexPool Prime      |
| Current Invested Balance            | \$25,413,827,871.37 | \$8,609,397,764.42 |
| Weighted Average Maturity**         | 37                  | 41                 |
| Weighted Average Life**             | 101                 | 54                 |
| Net Asset Value                     | 1.00018             | 1.00003            |
| Total Number of Participants        | 2,639               | 438                |
| Management Fee on Invested Balance  | 0.0450%             | 0.0550%            |
| Interest Distributed                | \$1,716,080.87      | \$982,776.81       |
| Management Fee Collected            | \$759,037.83        | \$344,444.29       |
| Standard & Poor's Current Rating    | AAAm                | AAAm               |
| Month Averages                      |                     |                    |
| Average Invested Balance            | \$22,320,802,416.28 | \$8,092,528,855.70 |
| Average Monthly Rate*               | 0.09%               | 0.14%              |
| Average Weighted Average Maturity** | 34                  | 47                 |
| Average Weighted Average Life**     | 106                 | 61                 |

<sup>\*</sup>This average monthly rate for TexPool Prime for each date may reflect a waiver of some portion or all of each of the management fees.
\*\*See page 2 for definitions.

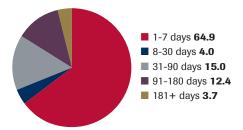
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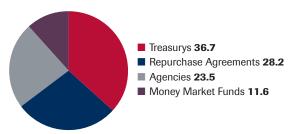
## Portfolio by Maturity (%)

As of December 31, 2020



## Portfolio by Type of Investment (%)

As of December 31, 2020



| Portfolio Asset Summary as of December 31, 2020 |                     |                     |  |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--|
|   | Book Value          | Market Value        |  |
| Uninvested Balance                              | \$1,243.35          | \$1,243.35          |  |
| Receivable for Investments Sold                 | 0.00                | 0.00                |  |
| Accrual of Interest Income                      | 7,160,432.18        | 7,160,432.18        |  |
| Interest and Management Fees Payable            | -1,716,071.18       | -1,716,071.18       |  |
| Payable for Investments Purchased               | 0.00                | 0.00                |  |
| Accrued Expenses & Taxes                        | -24,197.48          | -24,197.48          |  |
| Repurchase Agreements                           | 7,164,236,681.00    | 7,164,236,681.00    |  |
| Mutual Fund Investments                         | 2,965,074,000.00    | 2,965,074,000.00    |  |
| Government Securities                           | 5,920,928,359.73    | 5,924,389,693.68    |  |
| U.S. Treasury Bills                             | 7,443,359,660.02    | 7,443,784,290.18    |  |
| U.S. Treasury Notes                             | 1,914,807,763.75    | 1,915,404,698.22    |  |
| Total   | \$25,413,827,871.37 | \$25,418,310,769.95 |  |

Market value of collateral supporting the Repurchase Agreements is at least 102% of the Book Value. The portfolio is managed by Federated Investment Counseling and the assets are safe kept in a separate custodial account at State Street Bank in the name of TexPool. The only source of payment to the Participants is the assets of TexPool. There is no secondary source of payment for the pool such as insurance or State guarantee. Should you require a copy of the portfolio, please contact TexPool Participant Services.

| Participant Summary            |                        |                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
|                                | Number of Participants | Balance            |
| School District                | 599                    | \$7,460,712,128.78 |
| Higher Education               | 60                     | \$1,376,009,076.02 |
| Healthcare                     | 191                    | \$3,592,963,075.49 |
| Utility District               | 90                     | \$1,192,660,112.16 |
| City                           | 841                    | \$3,064,862,209.58 |
| County                         | 482                    | \$6,512,457,815.97 |
| Other                          | 199                    | \$1,896,760,706.32 |
| Emergency Districts            | 95                     | \$203,650,036.29   |
| Economic Development Districts | 82                     | \$113,441,929.92   |

#### \*\*Definition of Weighted Average Maturity and Weighted Average Life

WAM is the mean average of the periods of time remaining until the securities held in TexPool (a) are scheduled to be repaid, (b) would be repaid upon a demand by TexPool, or (c) are scheduled to have their interest rate readjusted to reflect current market rates. Securities with adjustable rates payable upon demand are treated as maturing on the earlier of the two dates set forth in (b) and (c) if their scheduled maturity is 397 days or less; and the later of the two dates set forth in (b) and (c) if their scheduled maturity is more than 397 days. The mean is weighted based on the percentage of the amortized cost of the portfolio invested in each period.

WAL is calculated in the same manner as WAM, but is based solely on the periods of time remaining until the securities held in TexPool (a) are scheduled to be repaid or (b) would be repaid upon a demand by TexPool, without reference to when interest rates of securities within TexPool are scheduled to be readjusted.



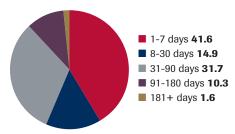
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|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Date        | Money Mkt. Fund<br>Equiv. (SEC Std.) | Dividend<br>Factor | TexPool Invested<br>Balance | NAV     | WAM Days | WAL Days |
| 12/1        | 0.0976%                              | 0.000002674        | \$21,351,193,475.64         | 1.00023 | 34       | 105      |
| 12/2        | 0.0969%                              | 0.000002654        | \$21,382,682,110.20         | 1.00025 | 35       | 106      |
| 12/3        | 0.0959%                              | 0.000002628        | \$21,436,653,538.89         | 1.00026 | 35       | 106      |
| 12/4        | 0.0993%                              | 0.000002721        | \$21,370,984,311.83         | 1.00026 | 36       | 107      |
| 12/5        | 0.0993%                              | 0.000002721        | \$21,370,984,311.83         | 1.00026 | 36       | 107      |
| 12/6        | 0.0993%                              | 0.000002721        | \$21,370,984,311.83         | 1.00026 | 36       | 107      |
| 12/7        | 0.1033%                              | 0.000002831        | \$21,396,094,365.01         | 1.00026 | 33       | 104      |
| 12/8        | 0.0964%                              | 0.000002642        | \$21,393,112,290.80         | 1.00026 | 33       | 105      |
| 12/9        | 0.0905%                              | 0.000002479        | \$21,530,410,914.17         | 1.00026 | 34       | 108      |
| 12/10       | 0.0918%                              | 0.000002516        | \$21,505,732,070.44         | 1.00025 | 33       | 107      |
| 12/11       | 0.0916%                              | 0.000002509        | \$21,609,553,270.61         | 1.00025 | 34       | 107      |
| 12/12       | 0.0916%                              | 0.000002509        | \$21,609,553,270.61         | 1.00025 | 34       | 107      |
| 12/13       | 0.0916%                              | 0.000002509        | \$21,609,553,270.61         | 1.00025 | 34       | 107      |
| 12/14       | 0.0884%                              | 0.000002421        | \$21,774,171,010.24         | 1.00025 | 31       | 104      |
| 12/15       | 0.0916%                              | 0.000002509        | \$21,900,602,501.86         | 1.00024 | 33       | 108      |
| 12/16       | 0.0940%                              | 0.000002574        | \$21,869,056,906.41         | 1.00024 | 33       | 110      |
| 12/17       | 0.0946%                              | 0.000002591        | \$21,768,774,310.55         | 1.00023 | 34       | 110      |
| 12/18       | 0.0937%                              | 0.000002567        | \$21,889,273,555.33         | 1.00024 | 35       | 110      |
| 12/19       | 0.0937%                              | 0.000002567        | \$21,889,273,555.33         | 1.00024 | 35       | 110      |
| 12/20       | 0.0937%                              | 0.000002567        | \$21,889,273,555.33         | 1.00024 | 35       | 110      |
| 12/21       | 0.0926%                              | 0.000002536        | \$22,166,699,698.94         | 1.00023 | 34       | 107      |
| 12/22       | 0.0877%                              | 0.000002403        | \$22,333,140,094.84         | 1.00023 | 34       | 106      |
| 12/23       | 0.0800%                              | 0.000002193        | \$22,383,122,171.81         | 1.00022 | 36       | 107      |
| 12/24       | 0.0768%                              | 0.000002103        | \$23,594,135,146.23         | 1.00020 | 36       | 104      |
| 12/25       | 0.0768%                              | 0.000002103        | \$23,594,135,146.23         | 1.00020 | 36       | 104      |
| 12/26       | 0.0768%                              | 0.000002103        | \$23,594,135,146.23         | 1.00020 | 36       | 104      |
| 12/27       | 0.0768%                              | 0.000002103        | \$23,594,135,146.23         | 1.00020 | 36       | 104      |
| 12/28       | 0.0910%                              | 0.000002493        | \$24,181,093,476.67         | 1.00019 | 35       | 99       |
| 12/29       | 0.0896%                              | 0.000002454        | \$24,417,882,340.92         | 1.00019 | 35       | 100      |
| 12/30       | 0.0909%                              | 0.000002491        | \$24,754,651,757.83         | 1.00019 | 34       | 99       |
| 12/31       | 0.0845%                              | 0.000002314        | \$25,413,827,871.37         | 1.00018 | 37       | 101      |
| Average:    | 0.0909%                              | 0.000002491        | \$22,320,802,416.28         | 1.00023 | 34       | 106      |



## TexPool Prime

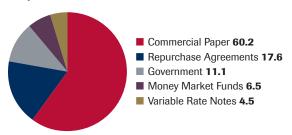
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## Portfolio by Type of Investment (%)

As of December 31, 2020



| Portfolio Asset Summary as of December 31, 2020 |                    |                    |  |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--|
|   | Book Value         | Market Value       |  |
| Uninvested Balance                              | -\$364.60          | -\$364.60          |  |
| Receivable for Investments Sold                 | 0.00               | 0.00               |  |
| Accrual of Interest Income                      | 322,316.09         | 322,316.09         |  |
| Interest and Management Fees Payable            | -982,771.02        | -982,771.02        |  |
| Payable for Investments Purchased               | 0.00               | 0.00               |  |
| Accrued Expenses & Taxes                        | -11,895.34         | -11,895.34         |  |
| Repurchase Agreements                           | 1,516,835,000.00   | 1,516,835,000.00   |  |
| Commercial Paper                                | 5,129,064,971.13   | 5,129,376,752.54   |  |
| Bank Instruments                                | 0.00               | 0.00               |  |
| Mutual Fund Investments                         | 562,126,501.33     | 562,052,003.75     |  |
| Government Securities                           | 956,044,006.83     | 956,074,649.00     |  |
| Variable Rate Notes                             | 446,000,000.00     | 445,976,875.00     |  |
| Total   | \$8,609,397,764.42 | \$8,609,642,565.42 |  |

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| Participant Summary            |                        |                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
|                                | Number of Participants | Balance            |
| School District                | 127                    | \$2,674,170,512.19 |
| Higher Education               | 19                     | \$600,852,911.96   |
| Healthcare                     | 43                     | \$719,951,840.13   |
| Utility District               | 18                     | \$379,102,506.87   |
| City                           | 48                     | \$299,618,337.74   |
| County                         | 90                     | \$2,106,067,948.25 |
| Other                          | 57                     | \$1,779,457,247.56 |
| Emergency Districts            | 21                     | \$30,672,525.58    |
| Economic Development Districts | 15                     | \$19,504,688.89    |



## TEXPOOL Prime

|          | Money Mkt. Fund   | Dividend    | TexPool <i>Prime</i> |         |          |          |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Date     | Equiv. (SEC Std.) | Factor      | Invested Balance     | NAV     | WAM Days | WAL Days |
| 12/1     | 0.1327%           | 0.000003635 | \$8,131,775,754.68   | 1.00006 | 50       | 65       |
| 12/2     | 0.1375%           | 0.000003767 | \$8,125,487,864.32   | 1.00005 | 50       | 65       |
| 12/3     | 0.1372%           | 0.000003758 | \$8,082,668,473.63   | 1.00005 | 50       | 65       |
| 12/4     | 0.1748%           | 0.000004789 | \$8,070,755,673.73   | 1.00003 | 51       | 66       |
| 12/5     | 0.1748%           | 0.000004789 | \$8,070,755,673.73   | 1.00003 | 51       | 66       |
| 12/6     | 0.1748%           | 0.000004789 | \$8,070,755,673.73   | 1.00003 | 51       | 66       |
| 12/7     | 0.1375%           | 0.000003766 | \$8,091,507,101.24   | 1.00004 | 48       | 63       |
| 12/8     | 0.1353%           | 0.000003707 | \$8,112,639,952.02   | 1.00004 | 47       | 62       |
| 12/9     | 0.1358%           | 0.000003720 | \$8,121,641,737.89   | 1.00004 | 47       | 62       |
| 12/10    | 0.1381%           | 0.000003784 | \$8,047,088,757.56   | 1.00004 | 49       | 64       |
| 12/11    | 0.1394%           | 0.000003820 | \$8,061,201,231.77   | 1.00003 | 49       | 64       |
| 12/12    | 0.1394%           | 0.000003820 | \$8,061,201,231.77   | 1.00003 | 49       | 64       |
| 12/13    | 0.1394%           | 0.000003820 | \$8,061,201,231.77   | 1.00003 | 49       | 64       |
| 12/14    | 0.1415%           | 0.000003877 | \$8,015,206,438.94   | 1.00004 | 47       | 61       |
| 12/15    | 0.1414%           | 0.000003875 | \$8,031,910,306.45   | 1.00004 | 46       | 60       |
| 12/16    | 0.1414%           | 0.000003875 | \$8,058,015,635.62   | 1.00004 | 45       | 59       |
| 12/17    | 0.1418%           | 0.000003884 | \$7,984,454,817.88   | 1.00003 | 45       | 60       |
| 12/18    | 0.1423%           | 0.000003899 | \$8,041,787,610.94   | 1.00002 | 45       | 59       |
| 12/19    | 0.1423%           | 0.000003899 | \$8,041,787,610.94   | 1.00002 | 45       | 59       |
| 12/20    | 0.1423%           | 0.000003899 | \$8,041,787,610.94   | 1.00002 | 45       | 59       |
| 12/21    | 0.1439%           | 0.000003943 | \$8,012,408,463.58   | 1.00003 | 44       | 58       |
| 12/22    | 0.1437%           | 0.000003938 | \$7,921,196,420.57   | 1.00002 | 43       | 57       |
| 12/23    | 0.1430%           | 0.000003918 | \$8,009,618,195.16   | 1.00002 | 43       | 58       |
| 12/24    | 0.1391%           | 0.000003812 | \$8,087,205,967.75   | 1.00001 | 47       | 60       |
| 12/25    | 0.1391%           | 0.000003812 | \$8,087,205,967.75   | 1.00001 | 47       | 60       |
| 12/26    | 0.1391%           | 0.000003812 | \$8,087,205,967.75   | 1.00001 | 47       | 60       |
| 12/27    | 0.1391%           | 0.000003812 | \$8,087,205,967.75   | 1.00001 | 47       | 60       |
| 12/28    | 0.1427%           | 0.000003909 | \$8,123,730,295.53   | 1.00003 | 45       | 59       |
| 12/29    | 0.1429%           | 0.000003915 | \$8,162,540,544.35   | 1.00003 | 44       | 58       |
| 12/30    | 0.1404%           | 0.000003846 | \$8,357,048,582.43   | 1.00003 | 42       | 56       |
| 12/31    | 0.1320%           | 0.000003616 | \$8,609,397,764.42   | 1.00003 | 41       | 54       |
| Average: | 0.1431%           | 0.000003920 | \$8,092,528,855.70   | 1.00003 | 47       | 61       |

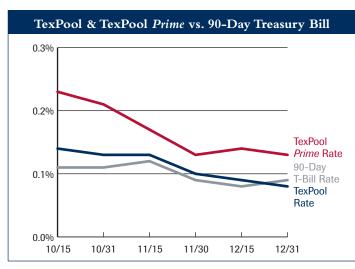


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Even the Federal Reserve's outlook has gotten rosier. The projections from its December meeting are for a decline in GDP by 2.4% in 2020 and a growth of 4.2% in 2021, compared to its forecasts of 3.7% and 4%, respectively, in September. Same goes for the labor market. Policymakers now envision an unemployment rate of 6.7% in 2020 versus their September call of 7.6%. Both changes came with the full knowledge of the resurgence of the virus. The Fed is less enthusiastic about inflation, still not seeing it hit that vaunted 2% level until the end of 2023.

One positive is Janet Yellen becoming Secretary of the Treasury (Senate approval should be swift). Chair Jerome Powell has a close relationship with Yellen from her time in that seat. They will have open dialogue with mutual respect and likely mutual leanings (dovish). Yellen's expert knowledge of the mechanisms and the tools the Fed has at its disposal will help to inform her own decision–making and advice she gives to the White House.

Treasury yields ended the month with 1-month at 0.05%, 3-month at 0.08%, 6-month at 0.09%, and 12-month at 0.11%. The London interbank offered rate (Libor) ended the month with 1-month at 0.14%, 3-month at 0.24%, 6-month at 0.26% and 12-month at 0.34%. The weighted average maturity (WAM) at month-end was 34 days for TexPool and 47 days for TexPool *Prime*.



90-Day Treasury Bill is a short-term debt instrument backed by the national government. These are used to collect immediate cash to meet outstanding obligations.

Any private investor can invest in a Treasury bill. The 90-Day Treasury Bill is a weighted average rate of the weekly auctions of 90-Day Treasury Bills.

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