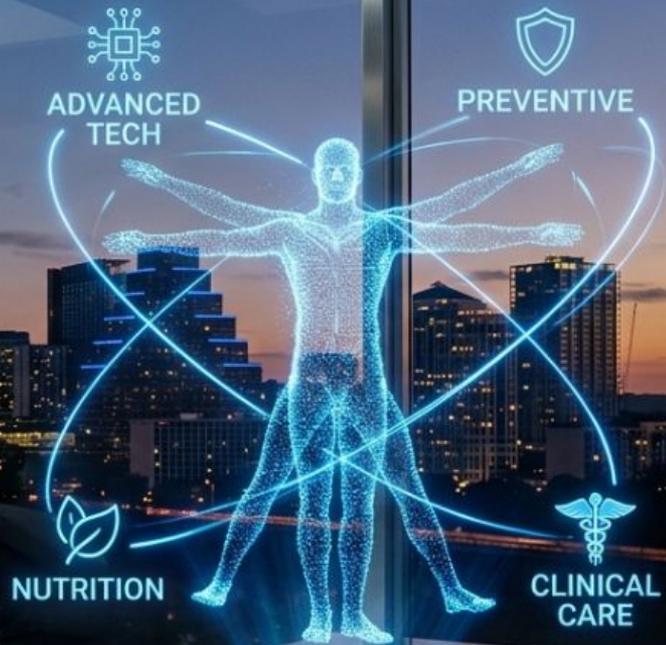


THE 2025 AUSTIN BIO & HEALTH REPORT

Austin: The Frontier of Bio & Health Innovation

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Angel Investor, and
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THE INFLECTION POINT

The Austin Bio & Health moment has arrived

“The era of Austin as an emerging hub is officially over. 2025 was the inflection point where deep tech talent and specialized capital reached critical mass.

We will continue to build critical infrastructure, but are no longer asking if Austin will become a national leader, the data proves we already are one.

Our startups are now raising as much capital as LA and San Diego, we broke records, and built value.

*Now it is time to ask - **What’s Next?**”*

RECENT MOMENTUM

Austin Bio & Health companies, capital, and infrastructure are rapidly maturing

Top 5 Startup Investment Deals:

Function Health \$298M Series B

Curative \$150M Series B

Harbor Health \$140M Round

Ollin Biosciences \$100M Series A

Alleviant Medical \$90M Round

New Venture Capital Dry Powder:

8VC \$998M Fund VI

Sante Ventures \$330M Fund V

S3 Ventures \$250M Fund VIII

Virtue \$56M Fund II

The Domain as the New Bio & Health District:

10,000 sq/ft of UT Innovation wet labs opened

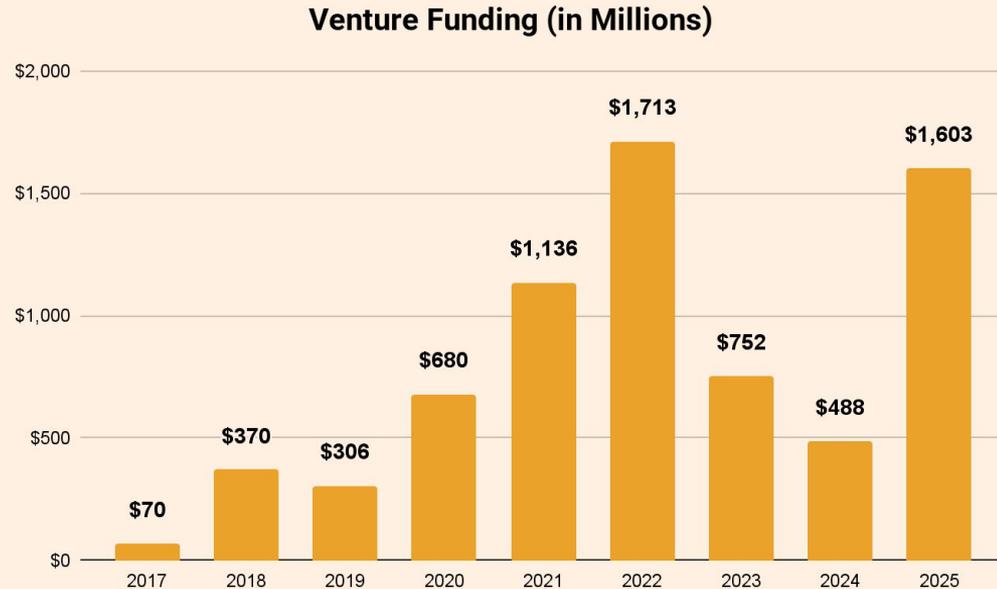
\$2.5B UT Medical/MD Anderson campus pivots from downtown

New city zoning unlocks future development

BIO & HEALTH VC FUNDING

Ecosystem maturity drove 2025's massive investment spike, with Austin's top 5 deals accounting for ~50% of the funding raised

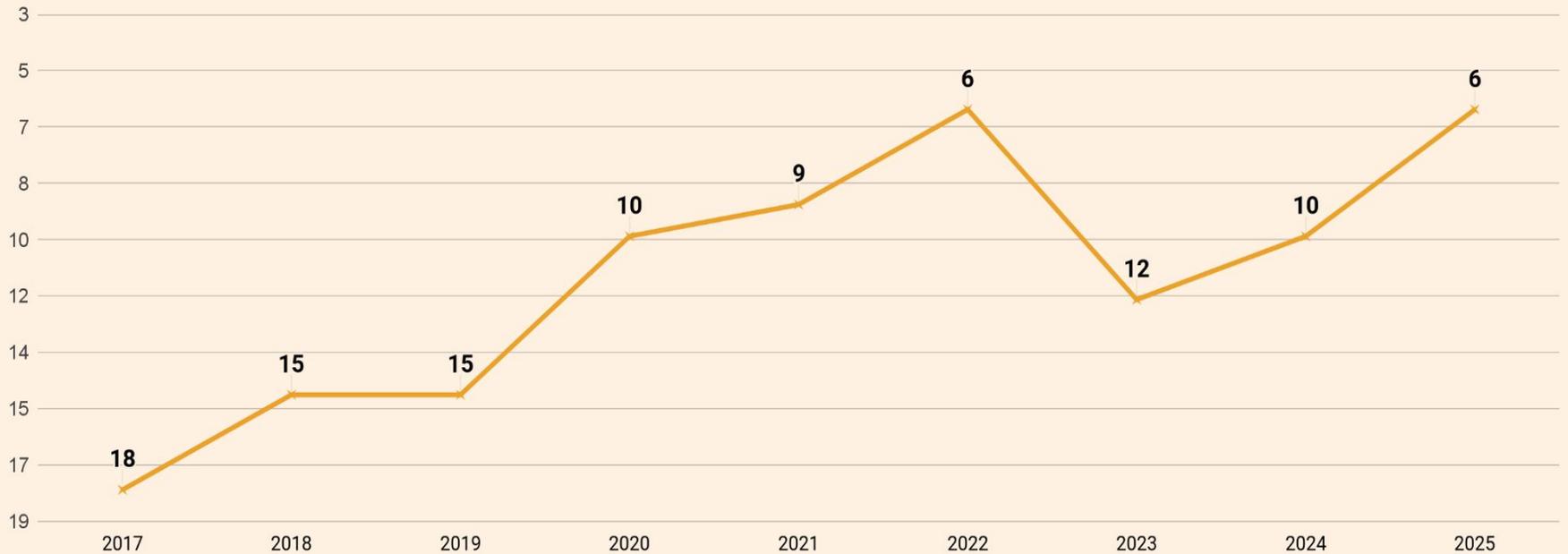
Bio & Health now captures 1 in 5 venture dollars invested in Austin, up from just 12%



BIO & HEALTH VC FUNDING - US RANKING

From 18th to 6th in less than a decade

Only ~\$100M separates Austin from overtaking legacy hubs LA (#4) and San Diego (#5)





Garheng Kong

Founder/Managing Partner,
HealthQuest Capital

TOTAL ECOSYSTEM INTEGRATION

Austin is a full-stack ecosystem for Bio & Health innovation

“Austin brings together a rare mix of strengths that make healthcare innovation possible at scale.

You have leading technology talent, a growing device, diagnostics, life sciences ecosystem, forward-looking health systems, and access to capital, all in one market.

What excites me most is the entrepreneurial mindset here. People are willing to build, test, and collaborate across sectors, and that kind of energy is what drives real progress in healthcare.”

BIO & HEALTH ECOSYSTEM VALUE

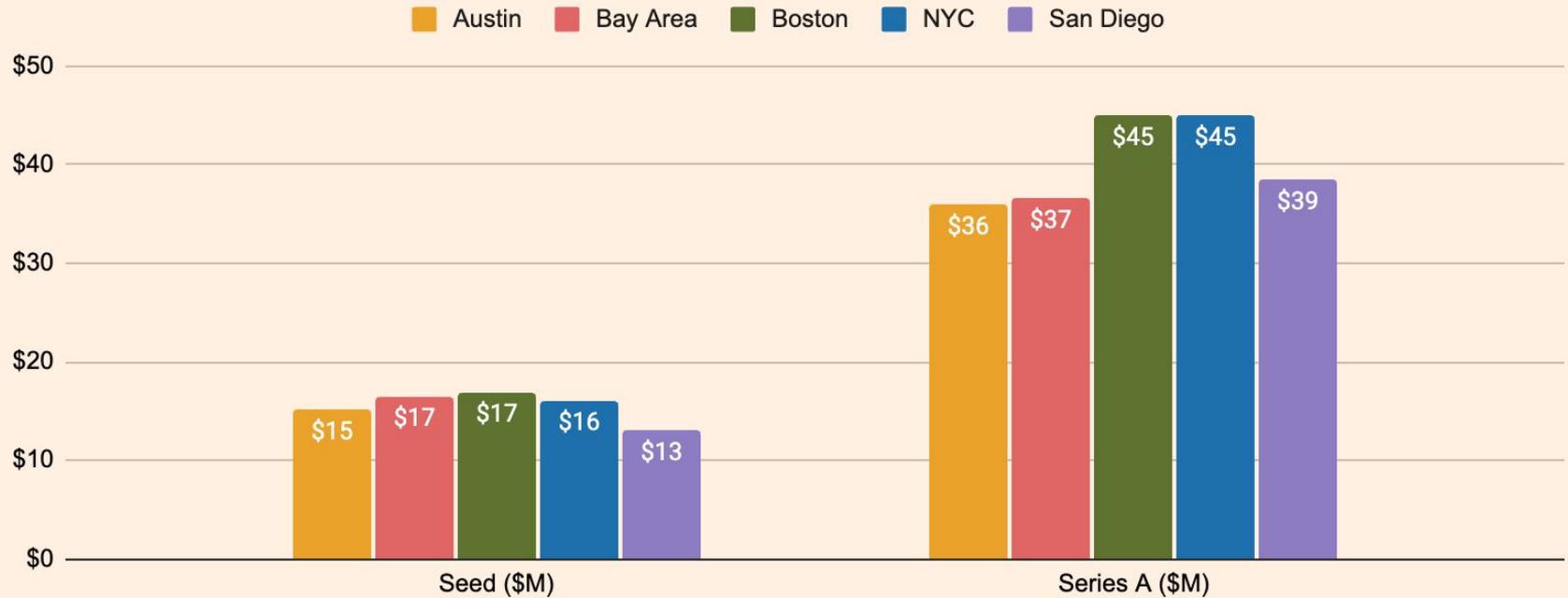
Austin has officially graduated from an emerging hub with a massive 45% surge in 2025, pushing the sector's value to \$77B

Total value has scaled at a staggering 52% CAGR over the last 8 years



STARTUP VALUATION BENCHMARKS

Austin Bio & Health valuations rival legacy coastal hubs



TEXAS BIO TRIANGLE

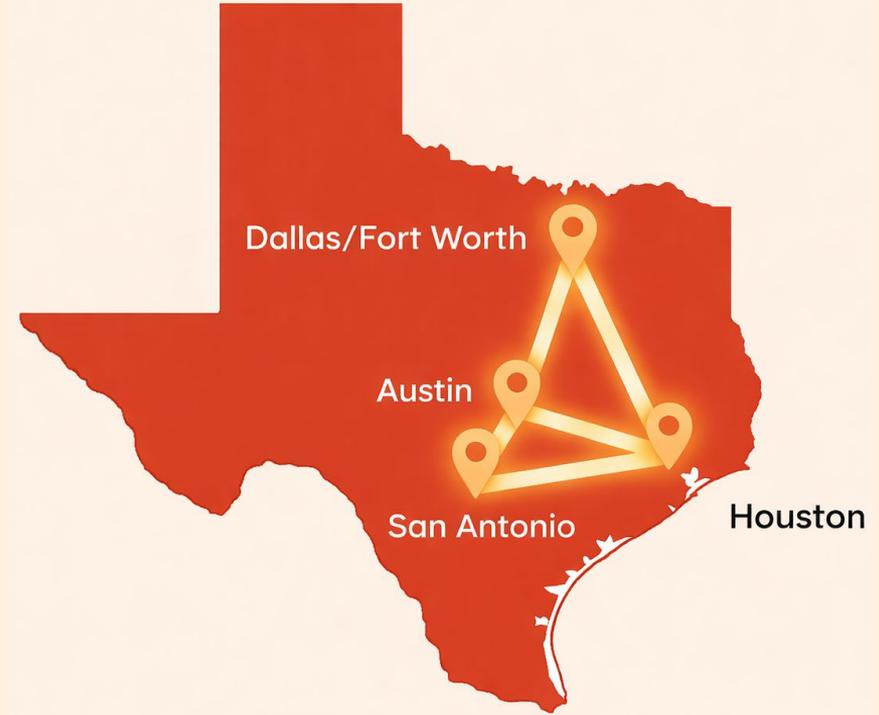
One interconnected megaregion powered by 4 distinct hubs

Austin: The startup capital with tech-enabled innovation and commercialization

Houston: Foundational invention, discovery and clinical trials at the Texas Medical Center

San Antonio: Applied research and the national epicenter of military medicine

Dallas/Fort Worth: Scale, distribution, and the growing financial gravity of Y'all Street



Austin	Dallas / Fort Worth	San Antonio	Houston	Total VC Funding
\$1.6B	\$218M	\$151M	\$108M	\$2.07B



Micha Breakstone

Co-founder and CEO,
Cellular Intelligence

THE AUSTIN THESIS

Austin is forging a new path by bringing together the tech & bio ecosystems

“Boston bets on assets, and that doesn’t map cleanly to the tech venture capital thesis, given the longer time horizons, multipliers, and risk profile.

The West Coast bets on platforms.

Forget the asset.

Austin is right in the middle of both.”

BIO & HEALTH SUCCESS STORIES

Austin has a strong makeup of startups to established leaders driving the ecosystem

665+
startups with
<\$100M
valuation



Startups valued at
\$100M or greater



Unicorns valued
at \$1B+



Global leaders with
local presence

AUSTIN VENTURE CAPITAL ECOSYSTEM

Venture capital continues to expand, scale, and grow investment in Austin startups

Bio & Health as the Sole Focus (13)

4D Capital	Create Health Ventures
HealthQuest Capital	JSTAR Capital Investments
Green Park and Golf Ventures	KdT Ventures
Revival Healthcare Capital	Sante Ventures
Seaside Ventures	Spindletop Capital
TEXO Ventures	TXV Partners
Virtue VC	

Bio & Health as a Key Focus (8)

8VC	Breyer Capital
Ecliptic Capital	Learn Capital
Lontra Ventures	Next Coast Ventures
S3 Ventures	True Wealth Ventures

Bio & Health within a Broader Thesis (20)

Antler	ATX Venture Partners
Bedrock Capital	Capital Factory
Chicago Ventures	Drive Capital
Ensemble VC	GigaFund
LiveOak Ventures	Mark VC
Mercury Fund	Mithril Capital Mgmt
Moneta Ventures	Moonshots Capital
Overmatch VC	Silverton Partners
Sputnik ATX VC	Trust Ventures
Tuesday VC	Wild Basin

BECOMING THE HEALTHIEST CITY

Austin is building a new model for what a healthy city can be



Claudia Lucchinetti

Dean,
Dell Medical School

“What’s happening in Austin isn’t just the growth of individual companies. It’s the creation of a new model for how a region advances human health.

We’re aligning research, clinical care, education, and innovation in ways that rarely happen in the same place at the same time.

When that alignment is real, breakthroughs move faster, care improves, and impact scales beyond any single institution.”

BIO & HEALTH BLVD

A neighborhood for building the future

Austin's ecosystem will not scale with startups alone. It needs neighborhoods where founders, researchers, and investors continuously connect, build, and test.

Austin specifically needs a Robot Alley, a Manufacturing Corridor, a Space Zone, and its own **Bio & Health Blvd**, an area that is built on:

- Flexible infrastructure from seed to scale
- Density of builders and experts
- Collisions that create ideas and velocity



Austin is the Frontier of Bio & Health Innovation

- ✓ **People** want to live and work here
- ✓ **Capital** is growing and being deployed
- ✓ **Infrastructure** is rising across the city
- ✓ **Startups** are launching and scaling here
- ✓ **Austin** will be the healthiest city in the US

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