

The staggering extent of Elon Musk's land grab in Southern state revealed

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[Elon Musk](#)'s [Texas](#) real estate empire is far more extensive than previously believed.

The [Tesla](#) and [SpaceX](#) boss [confirmed his move](#) from [California](#) to Texas in 2020.

However, it was not clear until now the staggering extent to which the richest man in the world has expanded in the Lone Star State.

Musk's companies own more than 500 properties covering 6,000 acres in Texas. His expansive network of factories, tunnels, and launch pads spreads from the top to the bottom.

'He's going all in on Texas,' Goran Calic, a strategy professor at McMaster University in [Canada](#) who spent years studying Musk's management style, told the [Houston Chronicle](#).

'And the reason he's doing it is because of control. Elon Musk has more control in Texas than he does anywhere else.'

The star of his Lone Star State takeover is [Tesla's 2,500-acre factory complex](#), located in Austin.

Since Musk opened Austin's Giga Texas in 2022, the complex has ballooned to over ten million square feet of production space — and could double if plans for a wave of buildings move forward.



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The star of his Lone Star State takeover is Giga Texas (pictured), Tesla's 2,500-acre factory complex, located in Austin

The factory cranks out Teslas — including Model Ys and the Cybertruck — which are shuttled through a tunnel beneath Texas.

Musk's Boring Company — an infrastructure and tunnel construction services company founded in 2016 — is headquartered in Bastrop, about 20 miles east of Austin.

The startup has carved out more than 350 acres for testing giant machines, and **houses staff in a makeshift village called Snailbrook.**

In 2023, residents living nearby the development said the building work was affecting livestock and **accused crews of dumping untreated wastewater into the Colorado River.**

Boring generally denied the allegations but was fined more than \$9,000 and was required to make changes at the site, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Across the road is a 700,000-square-foot SpaceX facility — a Starlink factory — that turns out 70,000 satellite kits a week, with plans to double in size.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott moved the deal along earlier this year with a \$17.3 million grant for a \$280 million SpaceX expansion.

Musk has also commandeered more land further south near Brownsville.

The chief executive converted scrubland in the area to make way for Starbase, a **de facto company town of 500 residents and thousands of workers.**

Where Musk-related companies own land in Texas





Giga Texas cranks out Teslas — including popular car the Model Y and the Cybertruck



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Starbase is an industrial complex and rocket launch facility that serves as the main testing and production location for Musk's Starship launch vehicles

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Even further south, near Corpus Christi in Nueces County, Musk has taken over even more of the state's land.

Tesla is bringing a lithium refinery to Robstown, which is meant to supply battery-grade material for a million electric vehicles a year.

On top of all of these properties, Musk has leased facilities across the state.

Southwest of Waco in McGregor, SpaceX leased land to test rockets.

There are also plans in place for Tesla to lease a 1.03 million-square-foot building in Brookshire, west of Houston, for a battery manufacturing plant.