



## Texas Ramp Project Newsletter Article

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### Lumber Costs Have Skyrocketed

To illustrate the dramatic jump in costs, here is a comparison of the initial cost of an 8-foot ramp in February 2020 and what the same ramp cost in March 2021.

COST OF 8' SECTION OF RAMP			
	#	Feb-20	Mar-21
2X6X8'	5	29.69	61.38
2X4X8'	6	26.85	73.65
2X4X10' (uprights)	1.5	8.32	17.84
4x4x8'	0.75	5.33	10.96
4x8' plywood	1	34.12	56.60
Lag Bolts(110/BX)	8	3.84	3.84
Screws(1000/Bucket)	96	9.22	9.22
concrete 8x8	2	1.92	2.31
TOTAL		119.29	235.79
% INCREASE in COST: 98%			

These numbers courtesy of TRP's Austin & San Antonio regions.

We suggest teams consider building smaller ramps during this time of higher costs. Instead of building a 40-foot ramp, use the same crew to build two ramps in the 16- to 24-foot category. This will numerically boost our build numbers and address the backlog of those waiting to be built, while spreading our limited funds among more clients.

Additionally, consider finding sites close enough to one another to reduce the driving time spent when surveying and building. The weather seems to be moderating nicely, so let's keep masking up and make some sawdust fly. See what can be done to add more of the shorter ramps to your builds.

Consider using this cost comparison chart when you go into potential local funding sources. Remind them that the Texas Ramp Project provides a safe way for people with mobility issues to remain in their own homes. An \$800 to \$1,000 ramp from TRP can save taxpayers up to \$80,000 a year for a person to live in a nursing facility.