

TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SOUTH TEXAS REGION

REGIONAL IMPACT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES' SPENDING, 2019



Created to expand Texans' access to higher education, the state's 50 community college districts serve a vital role in our economy by developing our workforce, preparing students for further academic study and meeting the specific educational and vocational needs of the areas they serve.

The 28 counties in the South Texas region — one of 12 economic regions defined by the Comptroller's office — include six community college districts.

EMPLOYMENT

8,353

OUTPUT

\$820.7 MILLION

COMPENSATION

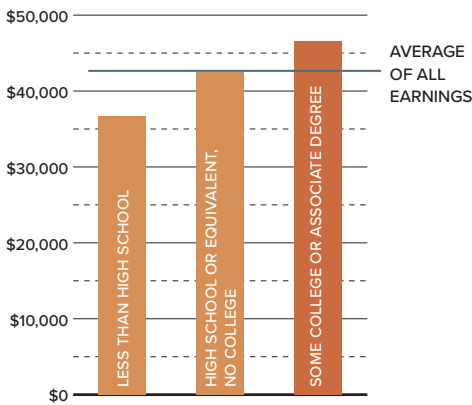
\$401.5 MILLION

NOTE: THESE ANALYSES PREDATED THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT FOLLOWED.

Note: Figures include direct, indirect and induced economic impacts. Sources: JobsEQ, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas community colleges.

WAGES BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, SOUTH TEXAS REGION, 2018



Source: JobsEQ

Community colleges provide their students with a good return on investment.

In 2018, workers in the South Texas region with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$4,082 more annually than high school graduates.

AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE OVER HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT

\$4,082

NUMBER OF WORKERS, SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

200,785

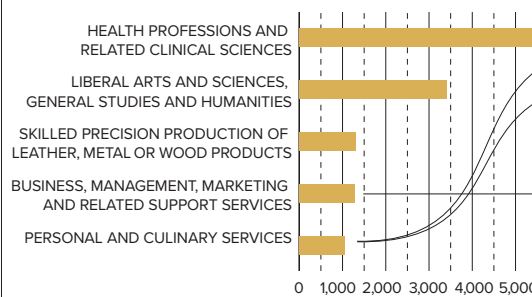
TOTAL REGIONAL ADDITIONAL WAGES

\$819.6 MILLION

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, JobsEQ and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

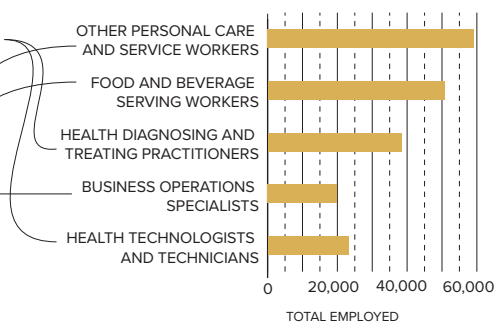
TOP CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES, SOUTH TEXAS REGION, 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



The South Texas region's community college districts awarded more than 5,500 certificates and associate degrees in health professions in the 2017-18 school year; the next most-common award areas were general studies and liberal arts and precision production.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, SOUTH TEXAS REGION, 2014-2019



Source: JobsEQ

SUMMARY

Community colleges play a vital role for students and businesses by offering postsecondary education and job training at great value. As the South Texas region's six community college districts work to address local skills gaps and meet the specific needs of area employers, they support nearly 8,400 jobs and add almost \$821 million in economic output annually. Furthermore, the higher pay of those with some college or an associate degree helps raise total wages in the region by another \$820 million per year.

SPOTLIGHT

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

- The South Texas College (STC) Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence provides advanced training for local, state and federal public safety professionals along the U.S./Mexico border to help address public safety challenges including cyber incidents and threat assessment.
- STC's Registered Apprenticeship Program focuses on connecting students studying automotive technology, industrial maintenance, HVAC and machining with local employers.
- To help students learn about growing industries in the community, in fall 2019 STC added a personal trainer certification as well as courses in drama, public safety and culinary arts.

TO SEE INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE TEXAS ECONOMY: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/colleges/>