

# REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

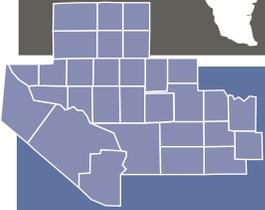
# WEST TEXAS REGION



As the state's chief financial officer, I am charged with monitoring the economic health of our state and its regions. The state of Texas has 12 economic regions including the West Texas Region.

The 30-county West Texas Region covers about 39,800 square miles in western Texas, stretching from the cities of Mason and Brady on the east, to the Rio Grande just south of Dryden and north to the city of Seminole. Below we examine demographic and economic statistics that influence the region's economy.

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## WEST TEXAS REGION COUNTIES:

ANDREWS	CONCHO	DAWSON	KIMBLE	MIDLAND	SUTTON
BORDEN	CRANE	ECTOR	LOVING	PECOS	TERRELL
COKE	CROCKETT	GAINES	MARTIN	REAGAN	TOM GREEN
		GLASSCOCK	MASON	REEVES	UPTON
		HOWARD	MCCULLOCH	SCHLEICHER	WARD
		IRION	MENARD	STERLING	WINKLER

## CONCENTRATED INDUSTRIES:

- SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING
- OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION
- PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION
- HEAVY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION
- RENTAL AND LEASING SERVICES
- ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND AQUACULTURE
- MINING (EXCEPT OIL AND GAS)
- TRUCK TRANSPORTATION
- GASOLINE STATIONS
- FISHING, HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Source: JobsEQ®

## POPULATION GROWTH

### WEST TEXAS REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2010-2017



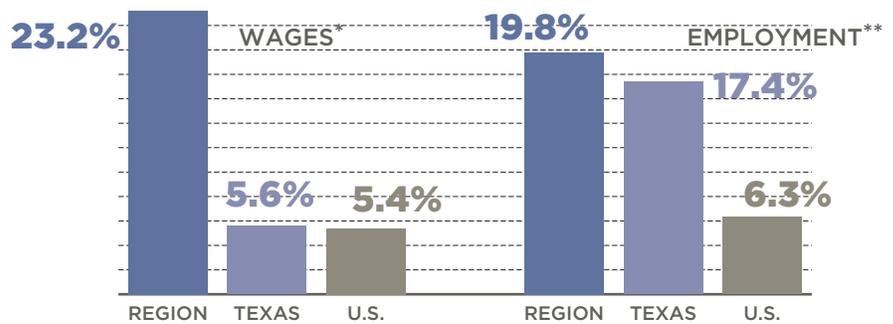
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The West Texas Region's estimated total population in 2017 was approximately 636,000, or about 2.2 percent of the state's total population. This is an increase of 11.2 percent (more than 64,000 people) since the 2010 census.

## JOBS & WAGE CHANGES, 2007-2017

In 2017, the West Texas Region accounted for more than 2 percent of the state's total employment.

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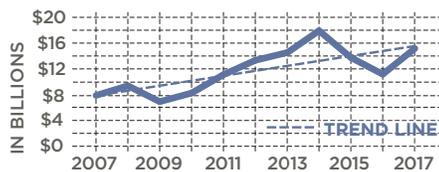
\* Real rate of change

\*\* Figures include private and public sector employees with the exception of active-duty military personnel, railroad employees, religious institution employees and the self-employed.

Sources: JobsEQ® and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## ECONOMY

### REGIONAL RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO SALES TAX 2007-2017



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

While sales receipts subject to state sales tax directly attributable to the West Texas Region trended upward in the past decade, this region has been the most volatile since the 2009 recession.

## CONCLUSION

The West Texas Region and its 30 counties have a combined median age of its residents that is slightly younger than the state as a whole. Hispanic and non-Hispanic whites split 93 percent of the region's population almost evenly.

The West Texas Region has had the most volatile local economies during the past 10 years, and there has been significant job growth in the region as well. If the region were a state, it would have the sixth highest per capita income in the nation. The high concentration of industries revolving primarily around the extraction and transportation of natural resources differentiates the West Texas Region from other regions in Texas.

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**THE WEST TEXAS REGION IS ONE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S 12 ECONOMIC REGIONS.**

To see a complete list of these regions, plus more in-depth county-by-county data, visit: [comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/regions/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/regions/)