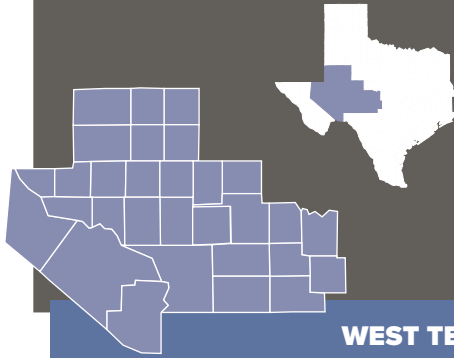


REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

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.

The region contains three metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs): the Midland MSA, comprising Martin and Midland counties; the Odessa MSA, comprising Ector County; and the San Angelo MSA, made up of Irion and Tom Green counties.

THIS ANALYSIS PREDATES THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT FOLLOWED. IT IS OFFERED AS AN OVERVIEW OF THE WEST TEXAS REGIONAL ECONOMY AND A RESOURCE FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES.

WEST TEXAS REGION COUNTIES:

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

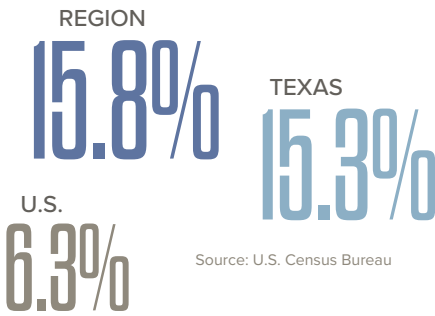
TOP 10 INDUSTRIES BY LOCATION QUOTIENT

1. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING
2. OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION
3. PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION
4. HEAVY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION
5. MINING (EXCEPT OIL AND GAS)
6. RENTAL AND LEASING SERVICES
7. TRUCK TRANSPORTATION
8. GASOLINE STATIONS
9. FISHING, HUNTING AND TRAPPING
10. LESSORS OF NONFINANCIAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS (EXCEPT COPYRIGHTED WORKS)

Source: JobsEQ*

POPULATION GROWTH

WEST TEXAS REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2010-2019



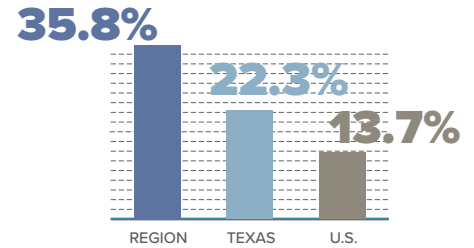
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

JOBS & WAGES

From 2009 to 2019, the West Texas region's employment rose by almost 36 percent, far exceeding employment growth in the state as a whole. In 2019, it accounted for about 2.5 percent of the state's total employment.

The West Texas region's most significant occupations are shown below, sorted by numerical growth during the last five years.

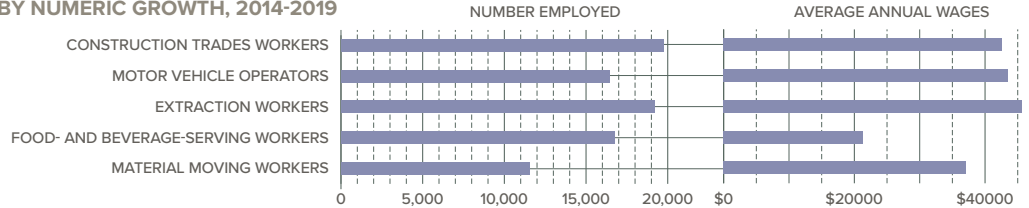
EMPLOYMENT GROWTH, WEST TEXAS REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2009-2019



Note: 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

TOP OCCUPATIONS IN WEST TEXAS REGION BY NUMERIC GROWTH, 2014-2019

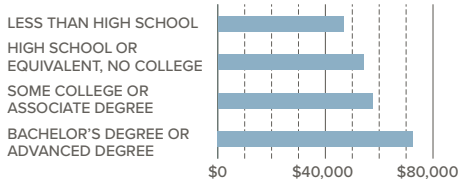


Note: Data are as of Q4 2019 except wage data, which represent covered employment in 2018.

Source: JobsEQ

EDUCATION

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, WEST TEXAS REGION



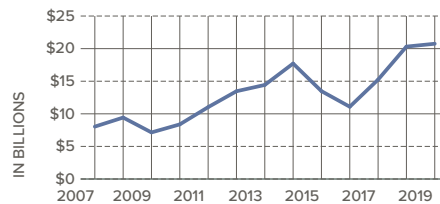
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau and JobsEQ

West Texas region workers with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$3,331 more annually than those with a high school degree, while those with at least a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$18,321 more.

REGIONAL ECONOMY

In 2019, taxable sales directly attributable to businesses in the region approached \$21 billion, contributing about 3.7 percent to the state's overall taxable sales.

REGIONAL RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO SALES TAX



Note: Numbers shown are for reported revenue subject to sales tax and directly attributed to the region.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

SUMMARY

The West Texas region and its 30 counties have many unique economic conditions and challenges. Midland County, with Midland at its center, and Ector County, anchored by Odessa, are the region's economic centers.

In the past decade, the region had the state's most volatile regional economy. It saw significant job growth; the Midland MSA's employment growth nearly tripled that of the state as a whole. If the region were a state, it would have the nation's fifth-highest per capita income. Its high concentration of industries revolving primarily around the extraction and transportation of oil and gas differentiates the West Texas region from others 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/