

TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES METROPLEX REGION

REGIONAL IMPACT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES' SPENDING, 2019

- COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
- DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
- GRAYSON COLLEGE
- NAVARRO COLLEGE
- NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE
- TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT
- TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

Created to expand Texans' access to higher education, the state's 50 community college districts serve a vital role in our state's 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 19 counties in the Metroplex region — one of 12 economic regions defined by the Comptroller's office — include eight community college districts.

EMPLOYMENT

14,312

OUTPUT

\$1.95 BILLION

COMPENSATION

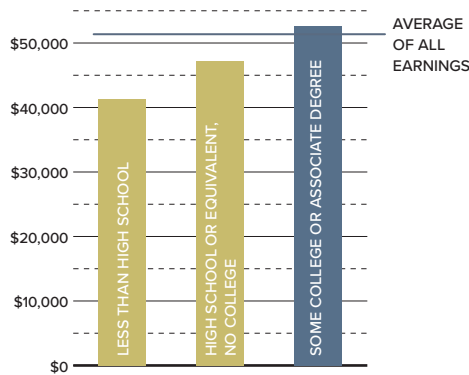
\$936.8 MILLION

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, METROPLEX REGION, 2018



Source: JobsEQ

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

In 2018, workers in the Metroplex region with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$5,338 more annually than high school graduates.

AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE OVER HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT

\$5,338

NUMBER OF WORKERS, SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

967,689

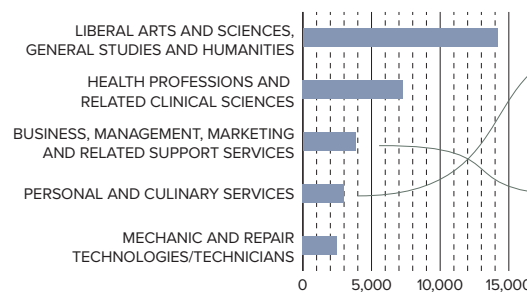
TOTAL REGIONAL ADDITIONAL WAGES

\$5.1 BILLION

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

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

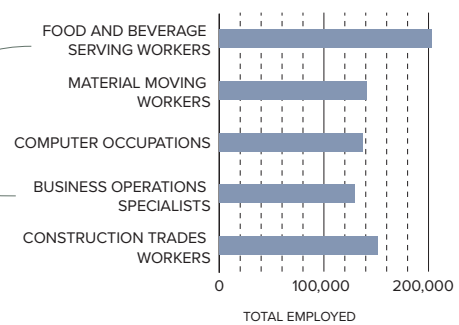
TOP CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES, METROPLEX REGION, 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



The Metroplex region's community college districts awarded more than 14,000 certificates and associate degrees in general studies and liberal arts in the 2017-18 school year; the next most-common award areas were health professions and business administration.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, METROPLEX 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 Metroplex region's eight community college districts work to address local skills gaps and meet the specific needs of area employers, they support more than 14,000 jobs and add nearly \$2 billion 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 more than \$5 billion per year.

SPOTLIGHT WEATHERFORD COLLEGE

- To meet demand for industrial maintenance technicians, Weatherford College has developed a program in industrial maintenance and automation technology with a grant from the National Science Foundation. Courses began in Fall 2019.
- In partnership with Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter, Weatherford College plans to offer a veterinary technician program to help students begin or advance careers in the animal care industry beginning in August 2020.
- In response to high-demand, Weatherford College plans to offer bachelor's degrees in nursing beginning in Fall 2020 and organizational leadership beginning in Fall 2021.