

TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

SOUTHEAST 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 state's economy by developing our workforce, preparing students for further academic study and meeting the specific educational and vocational needs of the local areas they serve.

The 15 counties in the Southeast region — one of 12 economic regions defined by the Comptroller's office — include one community college district.

EMPLOYMENT

668

OUTPUT

\$57.5 MILLION

COMPENSATION

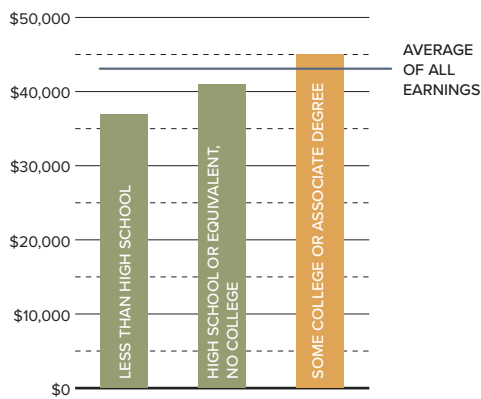
\$31.3 MILLION

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, SOUTHEAST REGION, 2018



Source: JobsEQ

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

In 2018, workers in the Southeast region with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$4,100 more annually than high school graduates.

AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE OVER HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT

\$4,100

NUMBER OF WORKERS, SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

75,084

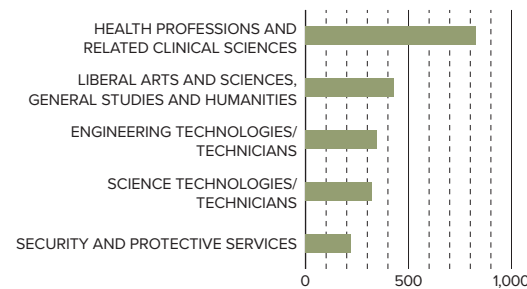
TOTAL REGIONAL ADDITIONAL WAGES

\$307.8 MILLION

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

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

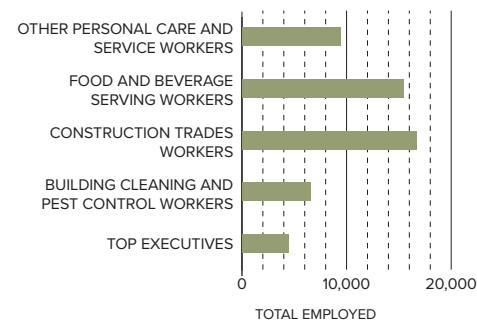
TOP CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES, SOUTHEAST REGION, 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



The Southeast region's one community college district awarded more than 800 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 engineering technologies.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, SOUTHEAST 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 Angelina College, the Southeast region's only community college district, works to address local skills gaps and meet the specific needs of area employers, it supports nearly 670 jobs and adds nearly \$58 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 nearly \$308 million per year.

SPOTLIGHT

ANGELINA COLLEGE

- Angelina College launched a Center for Nonprofit Leadership in September 2018 to provide educational programs and support services for nonprofit organizations and their leaders in East Texas.
- The Angelina College Procurement Assistance Center provides free advice to small businesses and industries in East Texas on how to sell their goods and services to federal, state and local governments through government contracts.
- To help students who want a rewarding career in medicine, Angelina College offers an associate degree in surgical technology, which trains students to prepare surgical equipment and become a member of the operating room team.

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

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