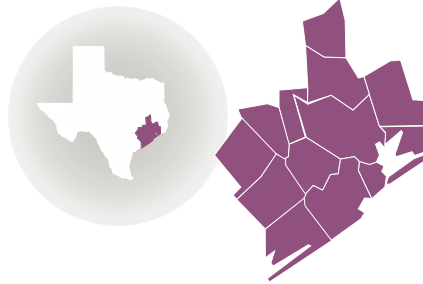


Gulf Coast Region

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

The 13-county Gulf Coast region covers about 12,100 square miles in eastern coastal Texas, stretching from Huntsville in the North to Matagorda Bay and Galveston.

The region has one metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands MSA.



\$642.1 Billion

GULF COAST REGION
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT,
2022

ABOUT 26.7 PERCENT OF TEXAS' GDP OF \$2.4 TRILLION.

GULF COAST REGION COUNTIES:

AUSTIN	COLORADO	GALVESTON	MATAGORDA	WALKER
BRAZORIA	FORT BEND	HARRIS	MONTGOMERY	WALLER
CHAMBERS		LIBERTY		WHARTON

POPULATION CHANGE (2012 TO 2022)

REGION
18.4%

TEXAS
15.1%

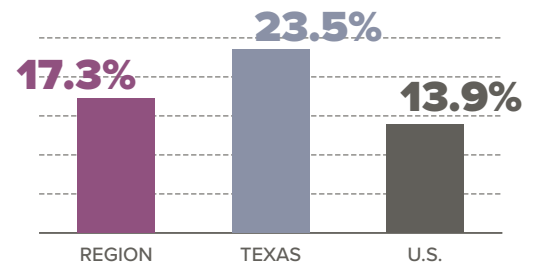
U.S.
6.2%

The region's population has grown at a rapid pace between 2012 to 2022, with Chambers, Fort Bend and Montgomery counties each having population increases of over 40 percent.

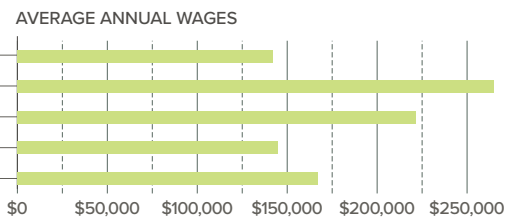
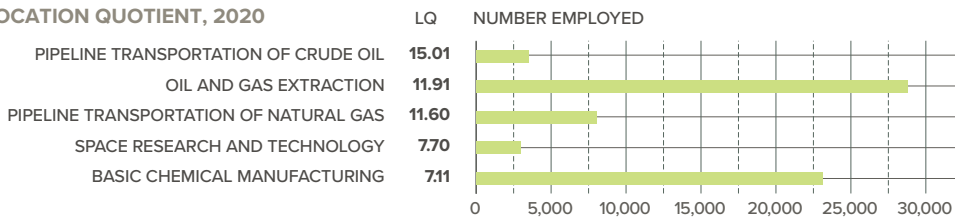
JOBS & WAGES

Over 3.1 million people are employed in the region. Regional employment rose by 17.3 percent between 2012 and 2022, above the national growth rate. Oil and gas extraction and pipeline transportation of oil and natural gas are some of the region's most concentrated industries as measured by location quotient (LQ). An LQ of 1.25 or higher indicates the region has a competitive advantage in the industry. Warehousing and storage and family services led regional industry job growth.

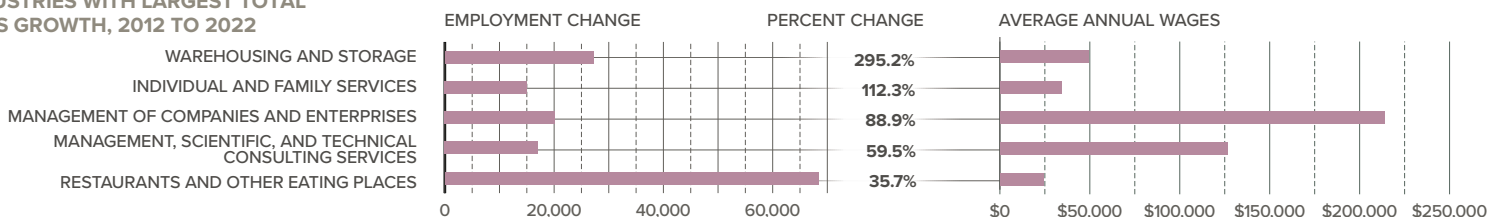
PERCENT CHANGE IN TOTAL JOBS, 2012 TO 2022



TOP INDUSTRIES BY LOCATION QUOTIENT, 2020



INDUSTRIES WITH LARGEST TOTAL JOBS GROWTH, 2012 TO 2022



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THE GULF COAST REGION IS ONE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S 12 ECONOMIC REGIONS.

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Sources: JobsEQ; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages*; U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; Texas Department of Transportation; Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts 96-1779-1 (3-24)