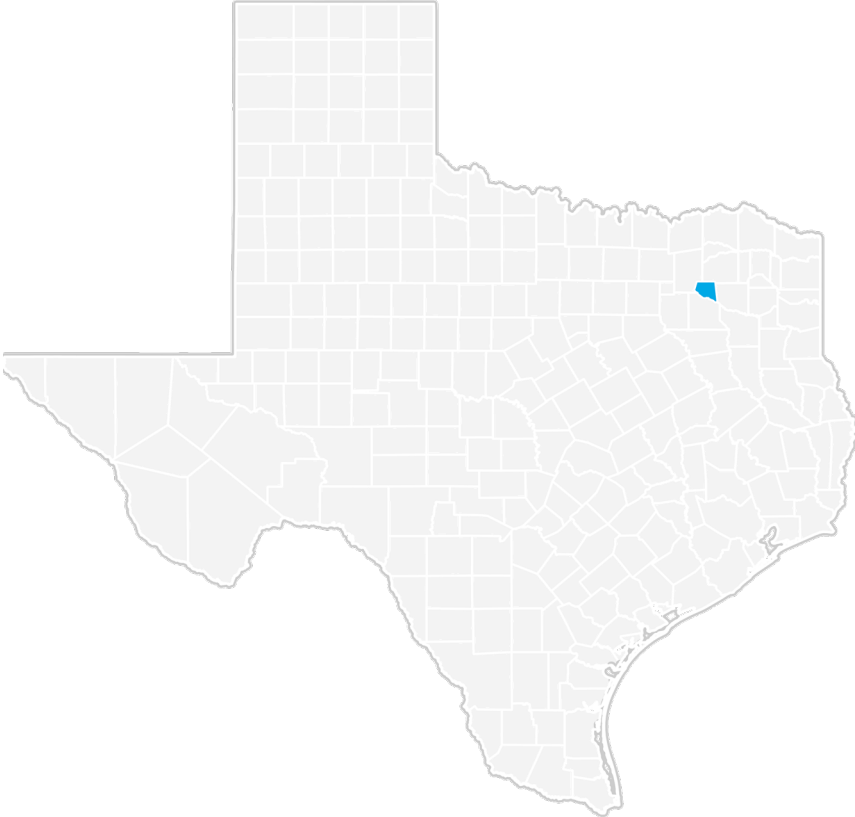


Economic Overview

rains county, texas



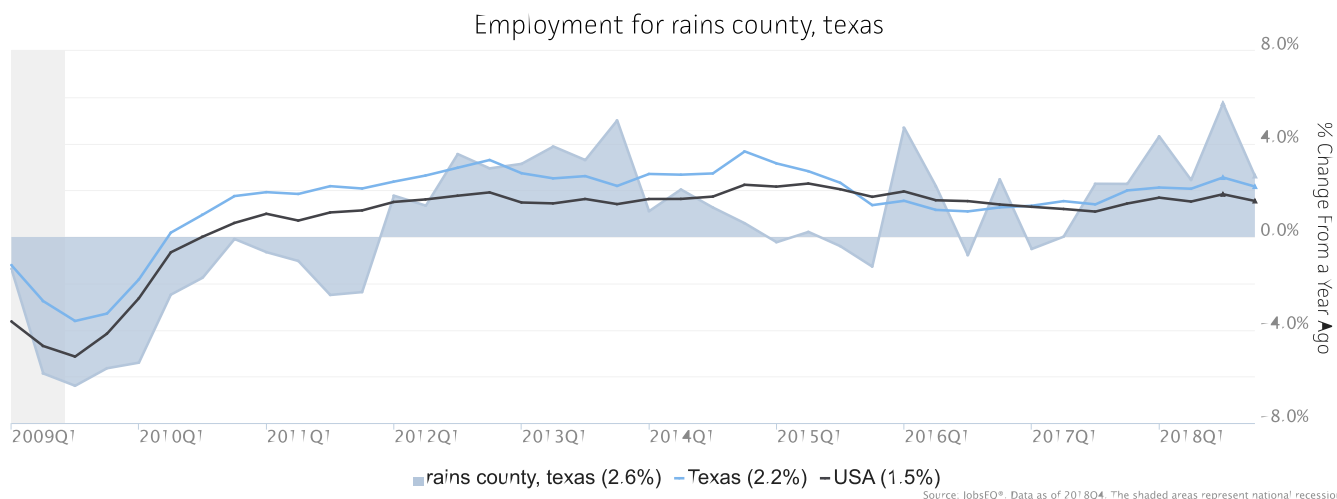
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Employment Trends

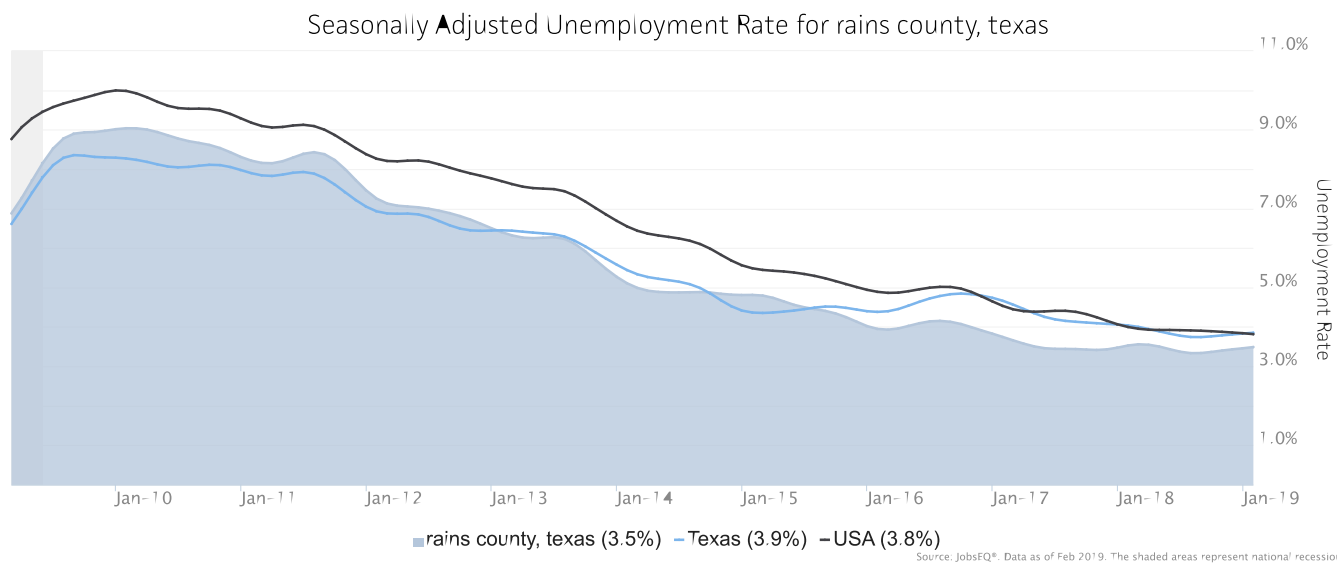
As of 2018Q4, total employment for the rains county, texas was 2,619 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2018Q4, employment increased 2.6% in the region.



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Unemployment Rate

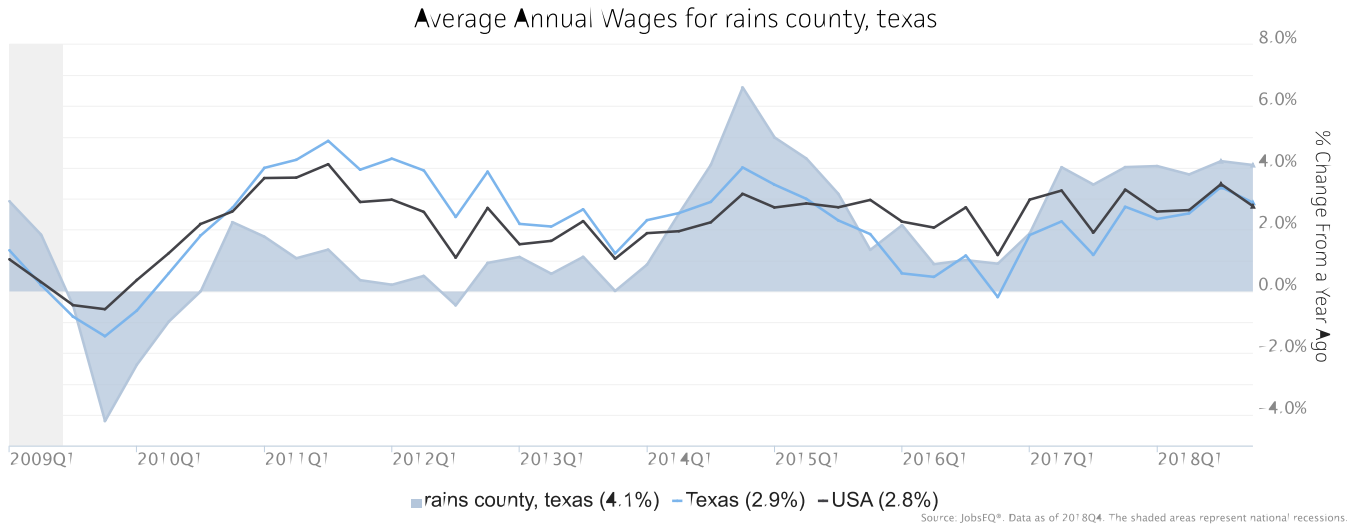
The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the rains county, texas was 3.5% as of February 2019. The regional unemployment rate was lower than the national rate of 3.8%. One year earlier, in February 2018, the unemployment rate in the rains county, texas was 3.5%.



Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through February 2019.

Wage Trends

The average worker in the rains county, texas earned annual wages of \$30,078 as of 2018Q4. Average annual wages per worker increased 4.1% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$55,713 in the nation as of 2018Q4.

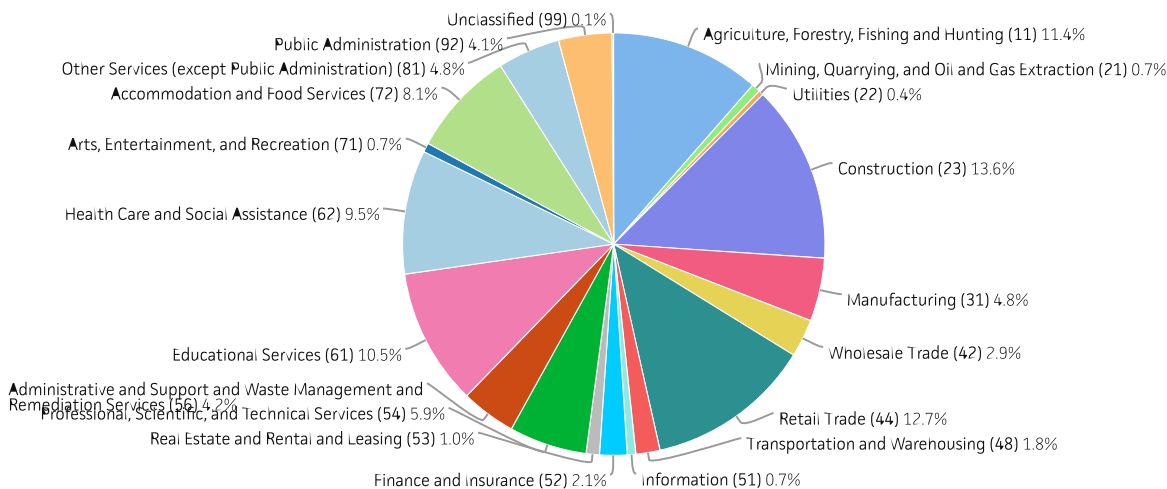


Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2018Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2018Q4.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the rains county, texas is Construction, employing 356 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (332 workers) and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (300). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (LQ = 8.37), Construction (2.40), and Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (1.52).

Total Workers for rains county, texas by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 7018Q4

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Sectors in the rains county, texas with the highest average wages per worker are Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$93,434), Utilities (\$56,366), and Transportation and Warehousing (\$54,508). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Health Care and Social Assistance (+102 jobs), Construction (+65), and Accommodation and Food Services (+38).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the rains county, texas is projected to expand by 30 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Health Care and Social Assistance with a +3.3% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+8 jobs), Construction (+5), and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (+3).

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Four Quarters Ending with 2018q4			Total Change	Avg Ann % Chg in Empl	Separations (Approximate)			---Growth---	
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl	Region	Total New Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl	Avg Ann Rate
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	300	\$8,043	8.37	-3	-0.2%	35	14	18	3	0.9%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	18	\$93,434	1.52	-1	-0.8%	2	1	1	0	2.4%
22	Utilities	9	\$56,366	0.68	-1	-1.7%	1	0	1	0	0.8%
23	Construction	356	\$44,713	2.40	65	4.1%	40	13	22	5	1.3%
31	Manufacturing	127	\$36,171	0.59	25	4.5%	13	5	8	0	-0.4%
42	Wholesale Trade	76	\$48,524	0.76	-63	-11.4%	8	3	5	0	0.4%
44	Retail Trade	332	\$33,013	1.20	6	0.4%	47	20	25	2	0.7%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	48	\$54,508	0.42	7	3.2%	5	2	3	0	0.1%
51	Information	17	\$41,428	0.33	-4	-3.9%	2	1	1	0	1.1%
52	Finance and Insurance	55	\$48,454	0.53	7	2.7%	5	2	3	0	0.2%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	27	\$36,803	0.59	-7	-4.3%	3	1	1	0	1.5%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	156	\$34,492	0.89	14	1.9%	15	5	8	2	1.1%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	110	\$34,553	0.65	20	4.2%	14	5	7	2	1.4%
61	Educational Services	274	\$28,406	1.28	-1	-0.1%	28	12	13	2	0.9%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	248	\$24,456	0.66	102	11.1%	32	12	12	8	3.3%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	19	\$25,546	0.36	-4	-3.4%	3	1	1	0	1.1%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	212	\$13,113	0.90	38	4.1%	37	15	19	2	1.0%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	125	\$25,173	1.09	-16	-2.3%	15	7	8	1	0.8%
92	Public Administration	107	\$30,658	0.87	4	0.7%	11	4	6	1	0.7%
99	Unclassified	3	\$31,245	0.72	2	18.4%	0	0	0	0	1.1%
	Total - All Industries	2,619	\$30,078	1.00	192	1.5%	317	123	164	30	1.1%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the rains county, texas is Management Occupations, employing 355 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Office and Administrative Support Occupations (315 workers) and Construction and Extraction Occupations (267). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Management Occupations (LQ = 2.24), Construction and Extraction Occupations (2.21), and Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (1.70).

Occupation groups in the rains county, texas with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$87,300), Legal Occupations (\$60,600), and Architecture and Engineering Occupations (\$59,900). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.0% among Management Occupations to 6.6% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the rains county, texas is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +3.9% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Management Occupations (+4 jobs) and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (+3). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (40 jobs) and Sales and Related Occupations (36).

Occupation Snapshot in rains county, texas, 2018q4

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Four Quarters Ending with 2018q4			-----2018q4-----			Total Change	Avg Ann % Chg in Empl	Total New Demand	--Separations--		---Growth---	
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages ¹	LQ	Unempl	Rate	Unempl				Rate	Online Job Ads ²	Empl	Region
11-0000	Management	355	\$87,300	2.24	4	1.0%	0	-9	-0.5%	31	17	10	4	1.0%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	78	\$57,700	0.57	2	3.0%	2	11	3.1%	8	3	5	1	1.3%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	17	\$58,200	0.22	1	3.2%	0	-1	-0.9%	1	0	1	0	1.5%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	32	\$59,900	0.71	2	3.8%	1	-4	-2.5%	3	1	2	0	1.2%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	6	\$55,700	0.29	0	n/a	0	0	-0.3%	1	0	0	0	1.5%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	24	\$43,500	0.56	0	n/a	0	-1	-1.1%	3	1	2	0	1.5%
23-0000	Legal	18	\$60,600	0.85	0	n/a	0	-1	-0.9%	1	0	1	0	1.1%
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library	189	\$35,600	1.29	5	2.3%	2	-1	-0.1%	18	8	8	2	1.0%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	36	\$35,900	0.77	0	n/a	1	4	2.5%	4	2	2	0	0.9%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	98	\$46,900	0.66	3	2.0%	0	29	7.4%	9	3	3	3	2.7%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	51	\$23,100	0.70	7	4.5%	1	10	4.5%	9	3	3	2	3.9%
33-0000	Protective Service	42	\$36,300	0.75	3	4.1%	0	3	1.4%	4	2	2	0	0.7%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	227	\$19,900	1.02	29	6.3%	5	38	3.7%	43	18	22	3	1.1%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	125	\$23,500	1.38	10	5.3%	2	11	1.8%	17	7	9	2	1.2%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	92	\$19,000	0.82	5	3.1%	10	10	2.4%	17	8	7	2	2.7%

Occupation Snapshot in rains county, texas, 2018q4

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
		Four Quarters Ending with 2018q4			----2018q4----			Total Change	Avg Ann % Chg in Empl	Total New Demand	--Separations--		---Growth---	
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages ¹	LQ	Unempl	Rate	Online Job Ads ²				Empl	Region	Exits	Transfer
41-0000	Sales and Related	252	\$27,600	0.96	19	4.3%	5	2	0.1%	38	16	20	2	0.9%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	315	\$29,400	0.83	28	4.0%	3	18	1.2%	36	17	18	1	0.4%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	29	\$21,900	1.70	2	6.6%	2	4	3.1%	4	1	3	0	0.3%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	267	\$33,600	2.21	22	5.0%	0	45	3.7%	31	10	18	3	1.2%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	110	\$38,500	1.09	10	2.9%	3	8	1.5%	12	4	7	1	1.3%
51-0000	Production	124	\$30,100	0.78	18	3.9%	1	8	1.4%	14	5	9	0	-0.1%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	131	\$28,600	0.73	18	4.6%	17	8	1.3%	17	7	9	1	0.9%
Total - All Occupations		2,619	\$33,600	1.00	n/a	n/a	55	192	1.5%	322	132	160	30	1.1%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2018Q4 unless noted otherwise

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

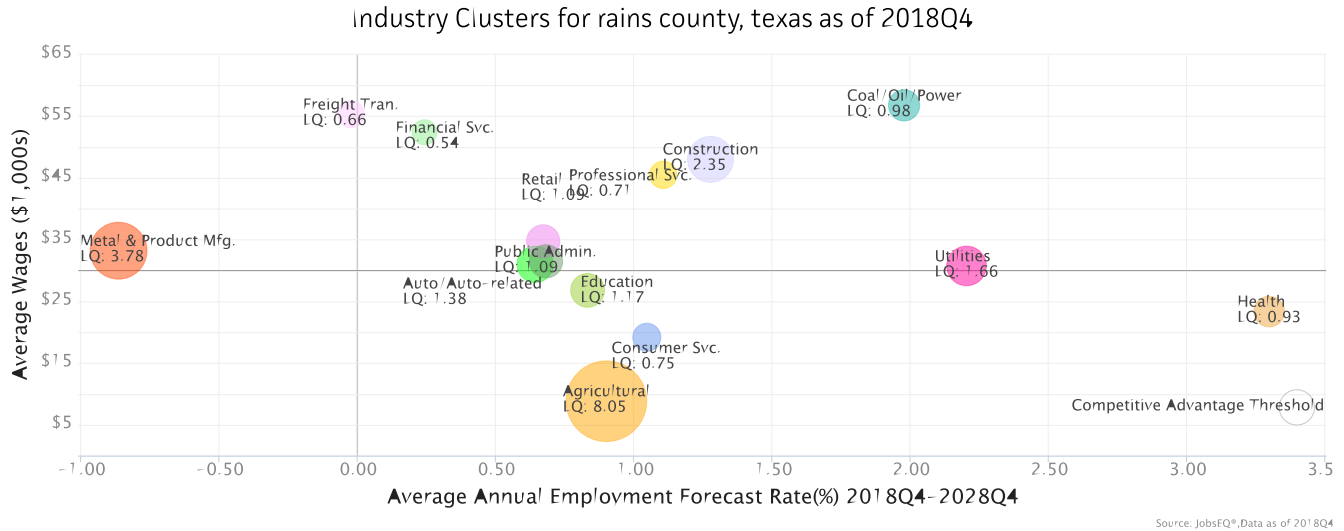
1. Occupation wages are as of 2017 and should be taken as the average for all Covered Employment

2. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region; data represents a sampling rather than the complete universe of postings. Ads lacking zip code information but designating a place (city, town, etc.) may be assigned to the zip code with greatest employment in that place for queries in this analytic. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list).

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2018Q2, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2018Q4. Wages by occupation are as of 2017 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in the rains county, texas with the highest relative concentration is Agricultural with a location quotient of 8.05. This cluster employs 299 workers in the region with an average wage of \$8,843. Employment in the Agricultural cluster is projected to expand in the region about 0.9% per year over the next ten years.



Location quotient and average wage data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, imputed where necessary, and updated through 2018Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2018Q4. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Region Definition

rains county, texas is defined as the following counties:

Rains County, Texas

FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a *competitive advantage* in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 820 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 23 major groups, 96 minor groups, and 449 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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