

Targeted Occupations List 2024-2025

The Targeted Occupations List is developed by Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend (WFSCB) to identify the most effective use of local workforce development resources. Sources of information for the target list are local area employers, economic development entities, chambers of commerce, community partners, Texas Workforce Commission labor market information specific to the Coastal Bend region, and knowledge gained from continuous contact with the above sources.

Significant occupational factors include current and projected employment in the occupation, a self-sufficiency wage, and specific vocational preparation time for the occupation, usually less than two years. Employment demand for the occupation offers reasonable expectation of employment following vocational preparation. The list does not include other higher paying jobs for which longer vocational preparation is required.

The range in the listed training period is only an estimate and, in some cases, may represent classroom training, on-the-job training or a combination of both. The typical limit of vocational training funded by WFSCB is less than two years. Occasionally WFSCB may fund the last year or two of a longer program with the understanding that the trainee is job ready at the end of the funded training.

WFSCB uses this list for approved training provided to workforce program-eligible participants. Job seekers must visit WFSCB Career Centers to determine eligibility for training through Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend. Eligibility is not an entitlement to funding. Training providers must apply to the State's Eligible Training Provider System (ETPS) to provide training services funded by WFSCB for the listed occupations.

When funds are available for incumbent worker or on-the job training, employers may apply to WFSCB for such training. Although incumbent worker and on-the-job training do not require the occupation to be listed on the targeted occupations list, priority will be given to employer applications for training in the listed occupations. Funded on-the-job training wage reimbursement is limited to one to three months due to the expense of the training. Incumbent worker training does not include employee wages and may be longer than three months.

Certain occupations listed may show an entry level wage less than \$12.00 per hour, but are in high demand in the region. Training for these positions should be provided only as part of a career ladder. Training for elementary school teachers does not include child care workers. Child Development Associate training may be available through WFSCB Child Care Program funding.

Emerging Technology occupations related to wind energy, environmental technology, alternative fuels, alternative product uses, and reuses has been included on the list. This category of occupations is designated in anticipation of new and evolving commercial technologies. Occupations must require more than simple demonstration training and pay at least \$12/hour to be eligible for workforce training funds.

For more information about Targeted Occupations, Eligible Training Provider Applications, and Workforce Programs contact info@workforcesolutionscb.org or call 361.882.7491.

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Business

SOC	Description	2024 Jobs	Lowest 10% Hourly Earnings	Average Hourly Earnings	Median Hourly Earnings	Highest 10% Hourly Earnings
13-2011	Accountants and Auditors	1,397	\$21.41	\$40.44	\$34.85	\$45.88
17-3011	Architectural and Civil Drafters	811	\$27.71	\$34.06	\$34.96	\$36.85
43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	2,509	\$13.47	\$20.73	\$20.56	\$24.22
15-1211	Computer Systems Analysts	328	\$26.11	\$46.69	\$41.05	\$56.25
15-1232	Computer User Support Specialists	732	\$15.49	\$25.31	\$23.52	\$29.19
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	527	\$19.52	\$29.48	\$27.76	\$34.38
11-1021	General Operations Managers	7,157	\$16.84	\$50.76	\$38.76	\$62.30
15-1212	Information Security Analysts	121	\$30.82	\$50.21	\$49.05	\$60.30
15-1244	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	373	\$27.34	\$41.00	\$38.86	\$46.78
23-2011	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	632	\$18.97	\$27.26	\$22.96	\$30.51
21-1093	Social and Human Service Assistants	554	\$13.01	\$18.31	\$38.86	\$21.12
15-1252	Software Developers	556	\$28.61	\$41.70	\$55.90	\$66.50
15-1253	Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	202	\$28.19	\$37.68	\$59.77	\$77.49

Health Care

SOC	Description	2024 Jobs	Lowest 10% Hourly Earnings	Average Hourly Earnings	Median Hourly Earnings	Highest 10% Hourly Earnings
31-1131	Certified Nursing Assistants	2,021	\$13.72	\$16.10	\$15.99	\$17.26
29-2018	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	550	\$15.17	\$26.29	\$24.64	\$31.46
31-9091	Dental Assistants	488	\$13.77	\$18.89	\$18.22	\$21.71
29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians	424	\$13.72	\$16.73	\$15.25	\$17.91
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,621	\$19.04	\$25.43	\$25.54	\$28.10
31-9092	Medical Assistants	1,335	\$13.96	\$17.23	\$17.02	\$18.42
29-2098	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	327	\$17.10	\$23.90	\$18.81	\$24.21
11-9111	Medical and Health Service Managers	958	\$26.80	\$36.04	\$48.01	\$57.19
43-6013	Medical Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	1,332	\$14.55	\$17.74	\$17.23	\$19.49
19-5012	Occupational Health and Safety Technicians	89	\$15.40	\$32.57	\$36.36	\$40.11
29-2043	Paramedics	316	\$17.17	\$23.77	\$22.77	\$26.50
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	701	\$16.18	\$20.05	\$19.56	\$22.34
31-9097	Phlebotomists	269	\$14.81	\$18.42	\$17.71	\$20.23
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	253	\$22.92	\$32.48	\$35.32	\$38.22
29-2034	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	480	\$22.92	\$32.48	\$32.10	\$38.22
29-1141	Registered Nurses	4,936	\$29.17	\$39.64	\$38.29	\$45.38

Public Service

SOC	Description	2024 Jobs	Lowest 10% Hourly Earnings	Average Hourly Earnings	Median Hourly Earnings	Highest 10% Hourly Earnings
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	589	\$16.74	\$26.06	\$24.60	\$28.28
53-3052	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	270	\$16.75	\$21.73	\$21.46	\$23.38
33-3012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	712	\$14.84	\$20.95	\$20.87	\$23.27
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	2,502	\$24.10	\$27.76	\$27.93	\$28.36
33-2011	Firefighters	784	\$20.04	\$29.59	\$29.30	\$34.67
25-2022	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	1,380	\$24.10	\$27.79	\$27.60	\$29.98
33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,551	\$21.93	\$25.60	\$32.10	\$40.86
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	1,922	\$24.07	\$28.96	\$28.82	\$31.33
33-9032	Security Guards (armed)	1,366	\$11.07	\$17.23	\$15.23	\$18.13
25-2050	Special Education Teachers	941	\$23.65	\$26.48	\$28.39	\$30.50

Professional Skills & Trades

SOC	Description	2024 Jobs	Lowest 10% Hourly Earnings	Average Hourly Earnings	Median Hourly Earnings	Highest 10% Hourly Earnings
49-3011	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	811	\$27.71	\$34.06	\$34.96	\$36.85
49-3021	Automotive Body and Related Repairers	225	\$12.77	\$23.81	\$21.82	\$26.79
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	1,715	\$12.36	\$22.70	\$20.60	\$27.21
53-5021	Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels	283	\$18.84	\$46.11	\$38.97	\$57.65
47-2031	Carpenters	1,785	\$10.31	\$25.92	\$22.19	\$29.35
35-1011	Chefs and Head Cooks	330	\$12.66	\$23.42	\$20.22	\$29.18
51-8091	Chemical Plant and System Operators	224	\$45.61	\$49.48	\$48.93	\$51.66
47-2061	Construction Laborers	3,777	\$11.91	\$19.44	\$17.32	\$20.84
53-7021	Crane and Tower Operators	254	\$20.31	\$32.61	\$34.07	\$39.59
15-2051	Data Scientists	177	\$18.70	\$29.20	\$37.95	\$58.40
17-3023	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	114	\$27.30	\$38.76	\$37.31	\$45.62
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	212	\$21.66	\$27.48	\$31.60	\$39.64
47-2111	Electricians	2,797	\$17.17	\$27.08	\$27.19	\$31.90
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	863	\$16.08	\$25.56	\$22.94	\$29.63
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,748	\$15.17	\$25.75	\$23.16	\$28.91
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	977	\$19.33	\$31.75	\$29.30	\$39.60
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	802	\$12.81	\$26.36	\$22.77	\$34.22
51-4041	Mechanists	403	\$17.55	\$32.44	\$32.06	\$36.03
49-9044	Millwrights	47	\$18.71	\$29.48	\$26.60	\$35.19
47-2073	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	1,641	\$17.36	\$24.49	\$22.02	\$27.23
51-8093	Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, and Gaugers	936	\$27.89	\$39.34	\$44.23	\$45.08
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	1,223	\$16.58	\$28.37	\$27.51	\$33.41
47-5012	Rotary Drill Operators, Oil and Gas	167	\$21.64	\$31.37	\$29.98	\$38.41
53-5011	Sailors and Marine Oilers	284	\$16.27	\$23.21	\$20.58	\$27.35
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	1,496	\$16.80	\$28.31	\$26.03	\$32.20
49-9081	Wind Turbine Service Technicians	189	\$22.87	\$31.34	\$28.29	\$32.20
99-9999	Emerging Technologies	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00