

Targeted Occupations List 2016-2017

The targeted occupations list is developed by Workforce Solutions of the 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 our centers to determine eligibility for training through Workforce Solutions of the 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 is available for Armed Security Guards only. Training for elementary school teachers does not include childcare workers. CDA training may be available through childcare funding.

Emerging Technologies and 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 1.888.860.JOBS(5627) or your local Workforce Solutions Career Center.

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SOC	Description	2015 Jobs	Lowest 10% Hourly Earnings	Avg. Hourly Earnings	Median Hourly Earnings	Highest 10% Hourly Earnings
Construction and Industrial						
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	849	\$12.74	\$20.54	\$19.31	\$30.45
47-2031	Carpenters	2,252	\$11.58	\$15.12	\$15.18	\$18.90
51-8091	Chemical Plant and System Operators*	133	\$13.12	\$28.55	\$29.58	\$42.86
17-3023	Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technicians (Instrumentation)	201	\$21.17	\$28.95	\$29.30	\$36.92
47-2111	Electricians	1,398	\$13.32	\$20.86	\$20.89	\$28.23
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	840	\$12.52	\$19.33	\$18.40	\$27.22
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	5,401	\$11.23	\$19.17	\$18.03	\$28.93
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1,391	\$14.05	\$23.11	\$22.16	\$32.97
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	1,017	\$10.12	\$19.81	\$18.52	\$30.58
51-4041	Machinists (including CNC)	885	\$11.98	\$22.46	\$23.96	\$30.29
47-2073	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	1,650	\$11.76	\$17.46	\$16.35	\$25.41
51-8093	Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, and Gaugers	1,436	\$15.71	\$24.70	\$23.70	\$35.56
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	735	\$14.10	\$21.29	\$21.12	\$29.29
47-5012	Rotary Drill Operators, Oil and Gas	686	\$14.52	\$27.09	\$29.40	\$36.82
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	2,202	\$12.29	\$21.47	\$20.68	\$31.95
Business						
13-2011	Accountants and Auditors	1,706	\$15.82	\$30.36	\$26.18	\$48.15
43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	2,823	\$9.90	\$16.24	\$15.87	\$23.01
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	878	\$15.89	\$21.96	\$21.54	\$28.82
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	1,409	\$9.25	\$12.86	\$12.61	\$17.37
23-2011	Paralegals and Legal Assistants*	403	\$16.11	\$22.23	\$20.29	\$29.60
Information Technology						
15-1142	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	316	\$16.81	\$32.44	\$28.89	\$49.78
15-1151	Computer User Support Specialists	512	\$12.29	\$20.22	\$19.16	\$29.33
Education						
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers	2,758	\$18.78	\$26.19	\$25.84	\$34.57
25-2022	Middle School Teachers	1,500	\$18.87	\$26.17	\$25.83	\$34.41
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers	2,294	\$18.31	\$25.52	\$24.96	\$34.35
Health Care						
29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics*	525	\$9.78	\$14.07	\$13.06	\$19.83
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	2,104	\$15.16	\$20.10	\$20.29	\$25.62
29-2012	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	180	\$12.42	\$17.40	\$17.32	\$22.91
29-2011	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	239	\$19.55	\$24.94	\$24.57	\$31.76
29-2071	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	302	\$9.71	\$14.47	\$13.34	\$21.55
29-9011	Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	336	\$23.30	\$38.64	\$35.35	\$50.86
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	204	\$26.04	\$37.65	\$37.49	\$50.00
29-2034	Radiologic Technologists	281	\$17.70	\$25.19	\$25.53	\$31.43
29-1141	Registered Nurses	4,163	\$22.83	\$31.41	\$31.08	\$40.27
Public Service						
33-3012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	1,667	\$14.35	\$16.99	\$16.99	\$19.27
33-2011	Firefighters	732	\$18.03	\$21.76	\$21.69	\$27.72
33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,325	\$18.26	\$26.44	\$27.60	\$34.08
33-9032	Security Guards**	1,501	\$8.43	\$12.80	\$11.58	\$19.20
Miscellaneous						
49-3011	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	1,376	\$20.79	\$27.56	\$28.24	\$33.23
49-3021	Automotive Body and Related Repairers	360	\$12.40	\$16.88	\$16.49	\$22.01
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	1,514	\$9.04	\$15.65	\$14.05	\$25.39
99-9999	Emerging Technology Occupations					

Source: OCEW Employees, Non-OCEW Employees, Self-Employed & Extended Proprietors - EMSI 2015.2 Class of Worker

*Growth rate of occupation is higher than historical data projects based on local employer feedback or expansion needs. **Armed Security Guards only

