

# Coastal Bend Workforce Area

(Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by WDA, MSA, & County)

Area	Area Type	Latest Monthly Data December 2023							Previous Monthly Data November 2023				Year Ago December 2022			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	M+-	Y+-		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
United States	Nation	166,661,000	160,754,000	5,907,000	3.5	0.0	0.2		167,977,000	162,149,000	5,827,000	3.5	164,224,000	158,872,000	5,352,000	3.3
Texas	State	15,147,835	14,619,352	528,483	3.5	0.0	0.0		15,277,122	14,741,751	578,529	3.5	1,477,939	14,260,768	513,171	3.5
Corpus Christi	MSA	205,013	197,185	7,828	3.8	-0.1	-0.3		205,597	198,636	8,644	3.9	201,590	193,116	8,474	4.2
Coastal Bend	WDA	257,671	247,667	10,004	3.9	0.0	-0.3		260,144	249,936	11,107	3.9	253,889	243,115	10,774	4.2
Aransas Pass	County	9,379	8,982	397	4.2	-0.1	-0.3		9,478	9,072	446	4.3	9,219	8,792	427	4.6
Bee	County	9,180	8,785	395	4.3	-0.2	-0.6		9,433	9,010	467	4.5	8,965	8,526	439	4.9
Brooks	County	2,281	2,173	108	4.7	0.0	-0.1		2,314	2,206	125	4.7	2,340	2,228	112	4.8
Duval	County	5,064	4,855	209	4.1	0.2	0.7		5,123	4,924	210	3.9	4,995	4,825	170	3.4
Jim Wells	County	15,586	14,903	683	4.4	-0.1	-0.4		15,743	15,027	788	4.5	15,331	14,594	737	4.8
Kenedy	County	122	112	10	8.2	1.3	0.4		131	122	8	6.9	116	107	9	7.8
Kleberg	County	13,008	12,500	508	3.9	-0.1	-0.4		13,253	12,725	584	4.0	12,948	12,397	551	4.3
Live Oak	County	4,623	4,461	162	3.5	-0.1	0.0		4,692	4,525	174	3.6	4,747	4,580	167	3.5
Nueces	County	116,317	160,143	6,174	3.7	-0.1	-0.3		167,547	161,252	6,870	3.8	163,417	156,812	6,605	4.0
Refugio	County	2,794	2,693	101	3.6	0.2	-0.4		2,858	2,761	107	3.4	2,857	2,742	115	4.0
San Patricio	County	29,317	28,060	1,257	4.3	0.0	-0.7		29,572	28,312	1,328	4.3	28,954	27,512	1,442	5.0

(M+-) Change in unemployment rate from last month (Increase) (Decrease)

(Y+-) Change in unemployment rate from last year (Increase) (Decrease)

- Earnings for all occupations Coastal Bend, expressed as hourly rate (TWC):

Coastal Bend Texas	All Occupations- All Occupations-	Average \$17.76/hr. Average \$18.76/hr.	Entry level \$10.89/hr. Entry level \$11.70/hr.	Experienced workers \$29.14/hr. Experienced workers \$33.25/hr.	Top 10% \$33.56/hr. Top 10% \$39.64/hr.
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- Educational Attainment for population 25 years of age and older - Corpus Christi (Census American Fact Finder/American Community Survey):

Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> grade	7.0%	12 <sup>th</sup> grade & GED	27%	Associates degree	8.0%	Graduate or Professional	11%
9 <sup>th</sup> thru 11 <sup>th</sup> grade	10%	Some College	24%	Bachelor's degree	13%		

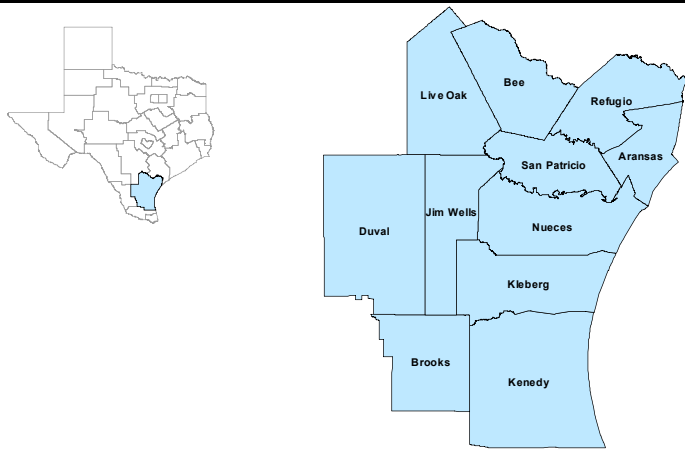
- Median earnings Corpus Christi by education for persons 25 years of age & up (Census AFF/ACS):

Less than High High School &	\$15,437 \$26,818	Some College or Associates Bachelor's	\$44,078	Graduate or Professional	\$56,681
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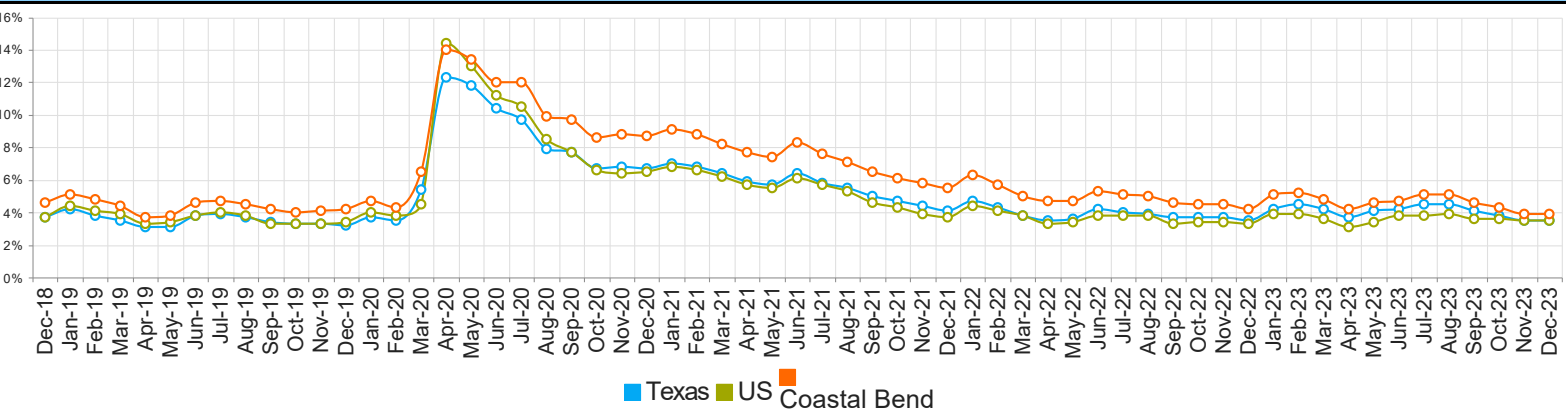
Coastal Bend Workforce Development Area



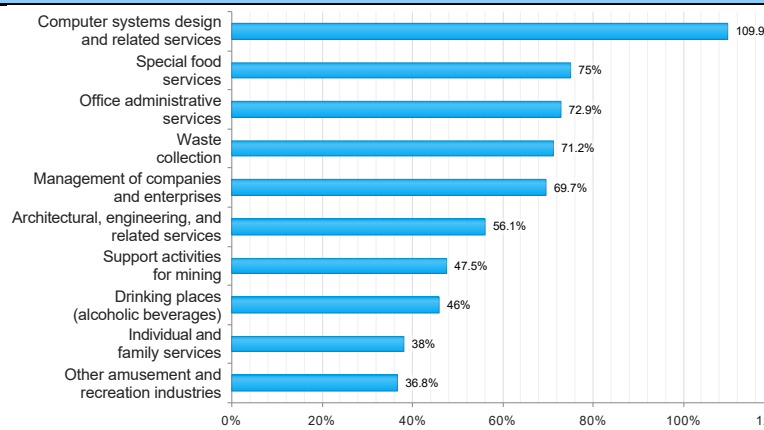
December 2023

WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	Dec-23	Nov-23	Dec-22	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	257,671	260,439	253,889	3,782
Employed	247,667	250,253	243,115	4,552
Unemployed	10,004	10,186	10,774	-770
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.9%	4.2%	-0.3%
Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	Dec-23	Nov-23	Dec-22	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	15,147,835	15,276,313	14,773,939	373,896
Employed	14,619,352	14,741,641	14,260,768	358,584
Unemployed	528,483	534,672	513,171	15,312
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0%
US Labor Force Statistics				
	Dec-23	Nov-23	Dec-22	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	166,661,000	167,977,000	164,224,000	2,437,000
Employed	160,754,000	162,149,000	158,872,000	1,882,000
Unemployed	5,907,000	5,827,000	5,352,000	555,000
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%	0.2%
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	Dec-23	Nov-23	Dec-22	Yearly Change
WDA	1,896	1,814	1,653	243
Texas	112,831	109,441	89,234	23,597

Historical Unemployment Rates



Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2020-2030)



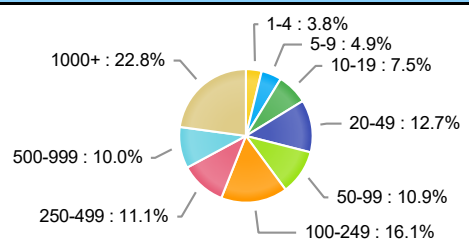
Average Weekly Wage (2nd Quarter 2023)

	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q2 2022	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$1,038	\$1,089	\$993	\$-51	\$45
Texas	\$1,322	\$1,480	\$1,281	\$-158	\$41
US	\$1,332	\$1,465	\$1,291	\$-133	\$41

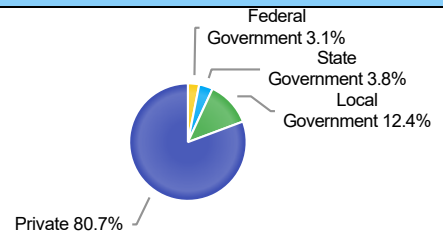
Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2023, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	8,353	3.5%	-0.1%	9.1%
Construction	22,664	9.5%	9.3%	13.6%
Manufacturing	12,765	5.3%	1.0%	4.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	42,460	17.7%	0.2%	-1.2%
Information	1,633	0.7%	1.0%	-0.9%
Financial Activities	10,446	4.4%	2.8%	4.3%
Professional and Business Services	21,800	9.1%	1.4%	5.0%
Education and Health Services	68,009	28.4%	0.2%	3.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	33,496	14.0%	5.6%	5.2%
Other Services	6,155	2.6%	2.5%	4.6%
Public Administration	11,537	4.8%	0.8%	-0.5%

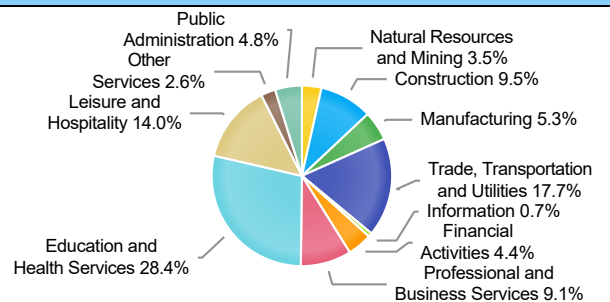
Employment by Size Class (2nd Quarter 2023)



Employment by Ownership (2nd Quarter 2023)

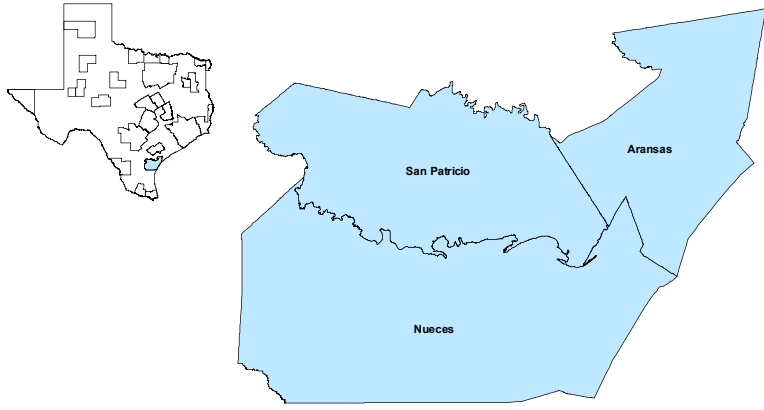


Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2023)



Corpus Christi MSA

December 2023



MSA Labor Force Statistics

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Employed	197,185	198,913	193,116	4,069
Unemployed	7,828	7,948	8,474	-646
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.8%	4.2%	-0.4%

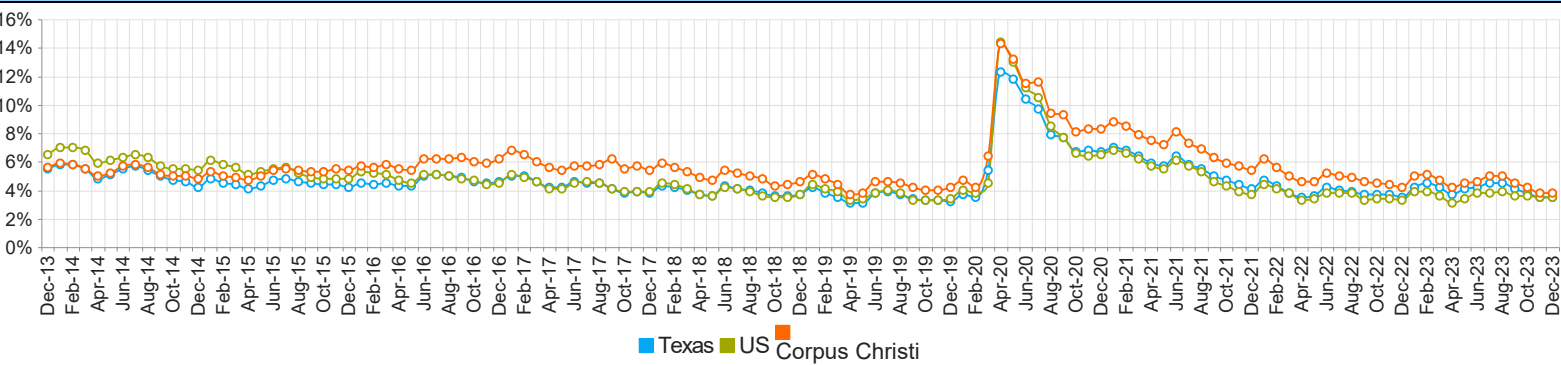
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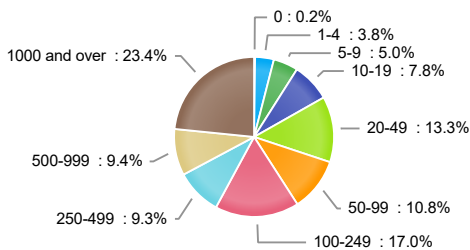
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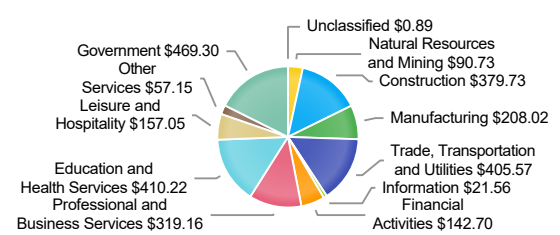
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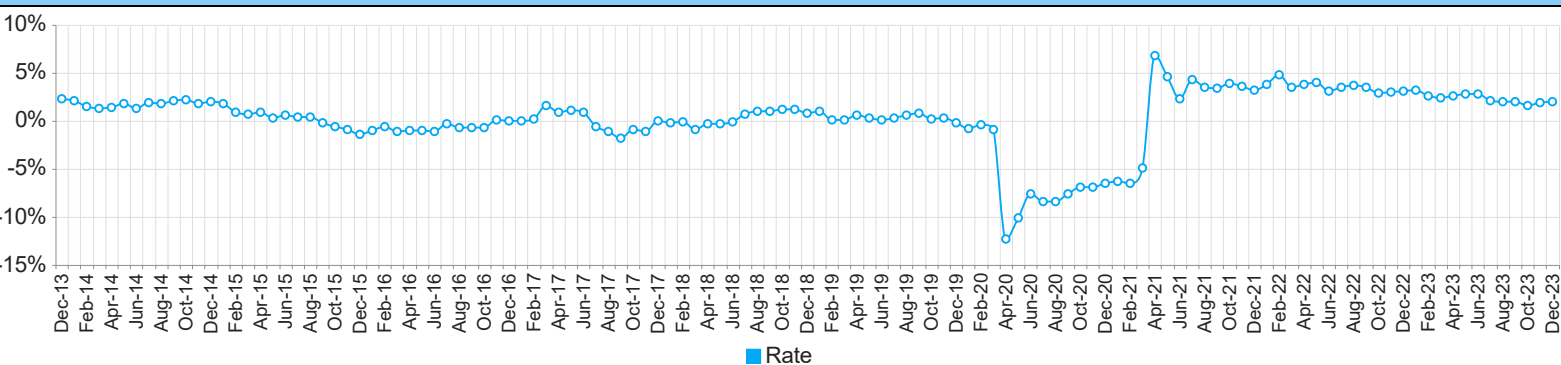
Employment by Size Class (2nd Quarter 2023)



Wages by Industry (in millions) (2nd Quarter 2023)



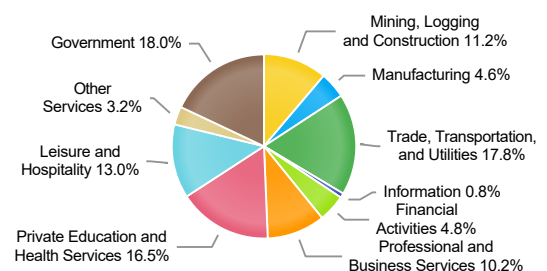
Annual Growth Rate Total Non-agricultural employment



Employment by Industry (December 2023)

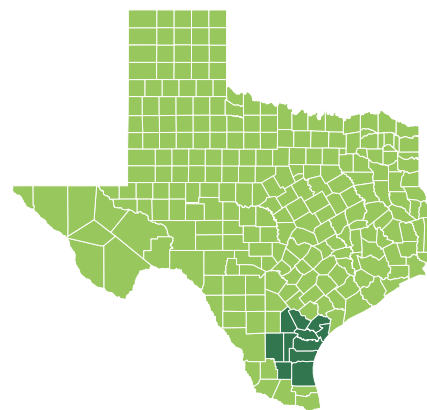
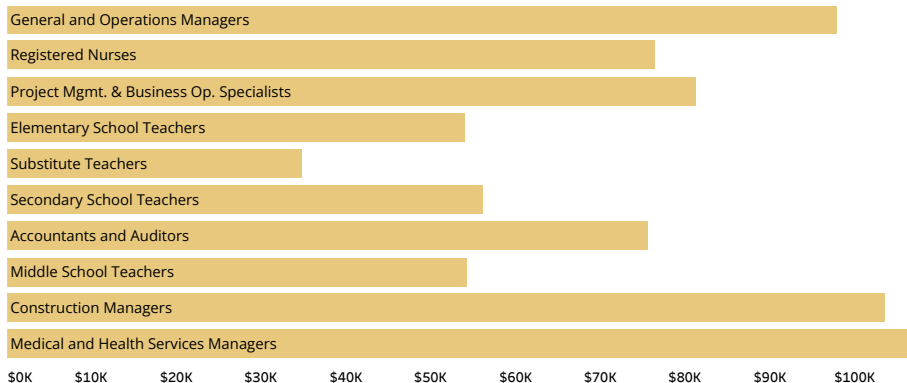
Industry	Current Month Employment	% Monthly Change	% Yearly Change
Total Nonfarm	197,500	0.0%	2.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	22,200	0.5%	9.4%
Manufacturing	9,000	0.0%	3.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	35,200	1.1%	1.4%
Information	1,500	-6.2%	0.0%
Financial Activities	9,400	1.1%	3.3%
Professional and Business Services	20,100	0.0%	1.0%
Private Education and Health Services	32,500	-1.2%	2.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	25,700	-1.9%	-1.5%
Other Services	6,400	0.0%	1.6%
Government	35,500	1.1%	0.6%

Employment by Industry (December 2023)



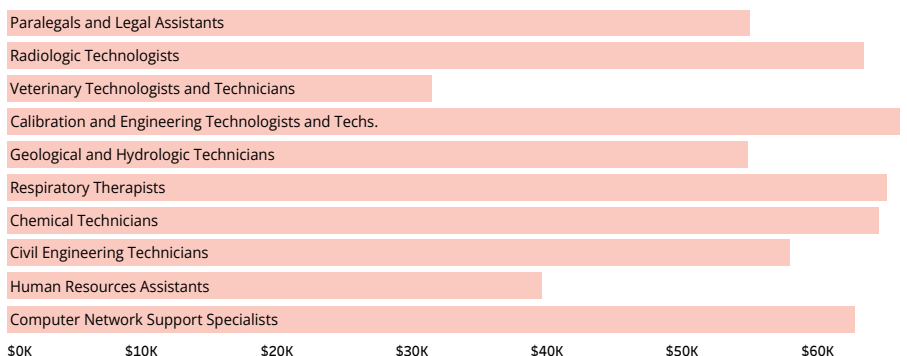
# COASTAL BEND WDA OCCUPATIONAL PROJECTIONS

## Largest Bachelor Degree Occupations Ranked by 2030 Employment with 2022 Average Wage



COASTAL BEND WDA includes Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio & San Patricio Counties.

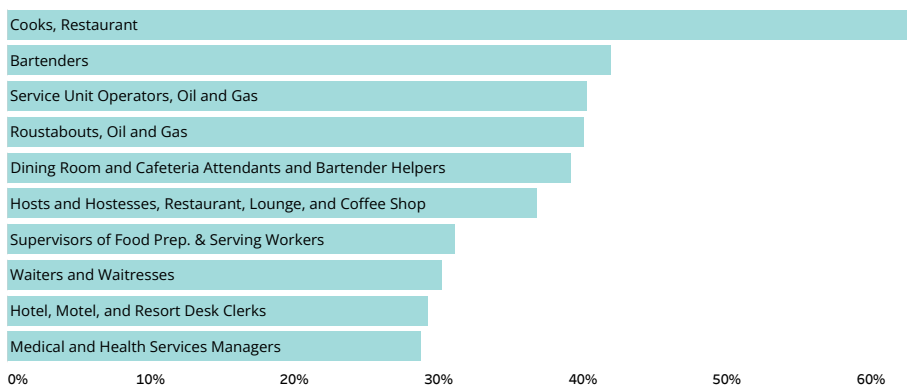
## Largest Associate Degree Occupations Ranked by 2030 Employment with 2022 Average Wage



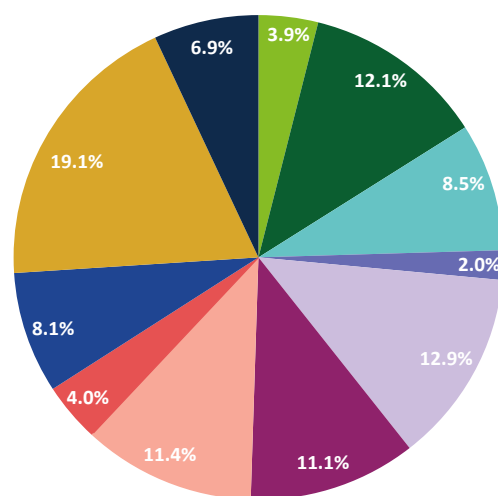
## Occupations Adding the Most Jobs 2020-2030

Fast Food and Counter Workers	2,399
Cooks, Restaurant	1,495
Waiters and Waitresses	1,280
General and Operations Managers	819
Supervisors of Food Prep. & Serving Workers	660
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	575
Construction Laborers	453
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	380
Retail Salespersons	368
Stockers & Order Fillers	354

## Fastest Growing Occupations 2020-2030



## Coastal Bend WDA 2030 Employment by Occupation Family



## 2020-2030 Employment Growth

Coastal Bend WDA	11.2%
Texas	18.3%
United States	7.7%

Annual 2022 OES Wages	25 <sup>th</sup> Pct	Avg	75 <sup>th</sup> Pct
Coastal Bend WDA	\$27,298	\$49,861	\$59,759
Texas	\$29,718	\$57,300	\$65,463
United States	\$33,330	\$61,900	\$73,460

\*Some wages have been aggregated for combined occupations.



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