

TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

NORTHWEST REGION

REGIONAL IMPACT OF
COMMUNITY COLLEGES'
SPENDING, 2019

CISCO COLLEGE
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE
RANGER COLLEGE
VERNON COLLEGE
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Created to expand Texans' access to higher education, the state's 50 community college districts serve a vital role in our state's economy by developing our workforce, preparing students for further academic study and meeting the specific educational and vocational needs of the local areas they serve.

The 30 counties in the Northwest region — one of 12 economic regions defined by the Comptroller's office — include five community college districts.

EMPLOYMENT
OUTPUT
COMPENSATION

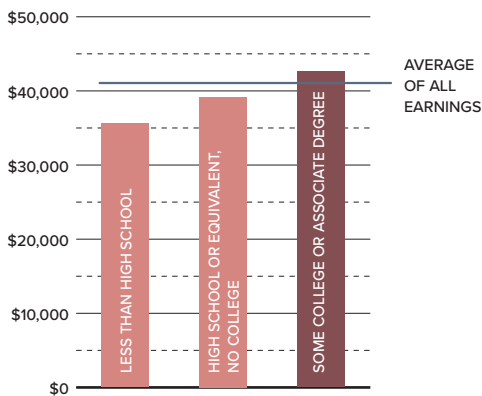
1,396
\$128.4 MILLION
\$70.1 MILLION

NOTE:
THESE ANALYSES
PREDATED THE
COVID-19 CRISIS AND
THE ECONOMIC
IMPACTS THAT
FOLLOWED.

Note: Figures include direct, indirect and induced economic impacts.
Sources: JobsEQ, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas community colleges.

WAGES BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, NORTHWEST REGION, 2018



Source: JobsEQ

Community colleges provide their students with a good return on investment.

In 2018, workers in the Northwest region with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$3,401 more annually than high school graduates.

AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE OVER HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT

\$3,401

NUMBER OF WORKERS, SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

58,694

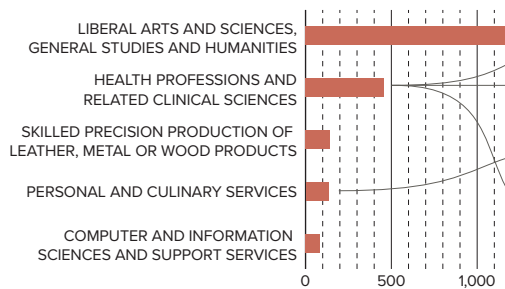
TOTAL REGIONAL ADDITIONAL WAGES

\$199.6 MILLION

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, JobsEQ and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

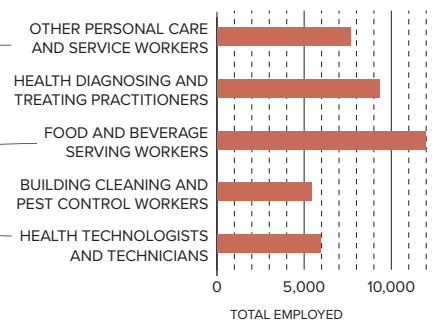
TOP CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES, NORTHWEST REGION, 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



The Northwest region's community college districts awarded more than 1,100 certificates and associate degrees in general studies and liberal arts in the 2017-18 school year; the next most-common award areas were health professions and precision production.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, NORTHWEST REGION, 2014-2019



Source: JobsEQ

SUMMARY

Community colleges play a vital role for students and businesses by offering postsecondary education and job training at great value. As the Northwest region's five community college districts work to address local skills gaps and meet the specific needs of area employers, they support nearly 1,400 jobs and add more than \$128 million in economic output annually. Furthermore, the higher pay of those with some college or an associate degree helps raise total wages in the region by nearly \$200 million per year.

SPOTLIGHT

CISCO COLLEGE

- In fiscal 2018, Cisco College added \$123.6 million in income to the Cisco College service area's economy, equal to about 1.2 percent of the area's gross product.
- Cisco College's total impact supported 1,982 regional jobs, or one out of every 60 jobs in the Cisco College service area.
- The average associate degree graduate from Cisco College will see an increase in earnings of \$8,200 each year compared to a high school graduate or equivalent working in Texas.
- Cisco College's biotechnology program provides students hands-on experience with scientific tests, experiments and analyses to prepare for an entry-level position in the rapidly growing biotechnology field.

TO SEE INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE TEXAS ECONOMY: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/colleges/>

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