



Economic Overview

Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025



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Demographic Profile

The population in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 was 2,815,693 per American Community Survey data for 2018-2022.

The region has a civilian labor force of 1,484,865 with a participation rate of 68.8%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025, 42.2% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 is \$89,802 and the median house value is \$355,258.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025	Texas	USA	Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025	Texas	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	2,815,693	29,640,343	332,387,540
Male	49.4%	49.9%	49.5%	1,391,425	14,789,987	164,545,087
Female	50.6%	50.1%	50.5%	1,424,268	14,850,356	167,842,453
Median Age ²	—	—	—	35.5	35.5	38.7
Under 18 Years	26.3%	25.2%	22.2%	739,255	7,482,530	73,645,238
18 to 24 Years	8.7%	9.7%	9.1%	245,871	2,863,182	30,307,641
25 to 34 Years	14.6%	14.4%	13.7%	411,789	4,278,912	45,497,632
35 to 44 Years	15.1%	14.0%	13.1%	424,442	4,141,445	43,492,887
45 to 54 Years	13.1%	12.3%	12.3%	367,880	3,645,897	40,847,713
55 to 64 Years	10.7%	11.2%	12.8%	302,512	3,322,832	42,626,382
65 to 74 Years	7.3%	8.1%	10.0%	206,707	2,399,654	33,293,127
75 Years and Over	4.2%	5.1%	6.8%	117,236	1,505,891	22,676,920
Race: White	40.9%	53.9%	63.4%	1,151,872	15,984,990	210,875,446
Race: Black or African American	17.4%	12.2%	12.4%	490,781	3,626,137	41,070,890
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.8%	0.6%	0.9%	21,182	190,706	2,924,996
Race: Asian	12.2%	5.3%	5.8%	343,528	1,581,798	19,352,659
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	1,831	29,841	629,292
Race: Some Other Race	11.8%	8.6%	6.6%	333,063	2,540,808	21,940,536
Race: Two or More Races	16.8%	19.2%	10.7%	473,436	5,686,063	35,593,721
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	35.6%	39.5%	19.0%	1,003,363	11,697,134	63,131,589
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	68.8%	65.1%	63.3%	1,484,865	14,906,660	168,567,852
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	83.5%	81.8%	83.0%	1,004,155	9,805,842	107,055,165
Work from Home	13.6%	12.8%	13.5%	185,784	1,796,441	21,267,373
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.1%	0.5%	0.5%	1,784	118,359	1,287,774
Veterans, Age 18-64	3.1%	4.6%	4.2%	54,202	832,188	8,410,268
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	83.3%	78.8%	77.0%	45,130	655,396	6,478,181
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$89,802	\$76,292	\$78,538
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$43,530	\$39,446	\$43,289
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	30.3	26.7	26.6
Commute via Public Transportation	2.1%	1.0%	3.5%	28,679	133,038	5,528,841
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	13.6%	13.5%	10.0%	204,689	2,072,973	17,176,172
High School Graduate	18.9%	24.0%	25.0%	285,366	3,691,942	43,057,491

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	Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025	Texas	USA	Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025	Texas	USA
Some College, No Degree	17.9%	20.4%	19.3%	269,332	3,139,587	33,315,654
Associate's Degree	7.4%	8.1%	9.2%	112,009	1,242,119	15,894,085
Bachelor's Degree	26.8%	22.1%	22.8%	404,380	3,405,293	39,256,774
Postgraduate Degree	15.3%	11.9%	13.8%	230,730	1,837,172	23,764,438
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	1,088,697	11,890,808	142,332,876
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ^{2,5}	—	—	—	\$355,258	\$260,400	\$303,400
Homeowner Vacancy	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%	7,401	75,671	850,724
Rental Vacancy	9.2%	7.4%	5.5%	43,736	326,361	2,605,688
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	42.6%	37.4%	35.0%	430,055	4,023,511	44,590,828
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	57.4%	62.6%	65.0%	578,458	6,723,729	82,892,037
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	6.0%	5.3%	8.3%	60,719	571,578	10,602,826
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	13.1%	13.8%	12.4%	365,473	4,005,417	40,390,045
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	10.7%	11.4%	11.8%	108,284	1,227,194	15,004,950
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%	41,155	428,613	4,405,676
Disconnected Youth ³	2.6%	2.9%	2.4%	4,012	49,544	420,352
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	31.7%	33.9%	34.0%	225,127	2,416,209	23,701,745
Uninsured	18.5%	17.4%	8.6%	519,519	5,061,251	28,000,876
With a Disability, Age 18-64	7.5%	10.0%	10.7%	131,679	1,783,307	21,269,700
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	57.9%	51.7%	47.0%	76,247	921,178	10,001,264
Foreign Born	30.6%	17.2%	13.9%	861,761	5,095,888	46,108,901
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	19.0%	12.8%	8.4%	497,741	3,559,545	26,299,012

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2019-2023, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

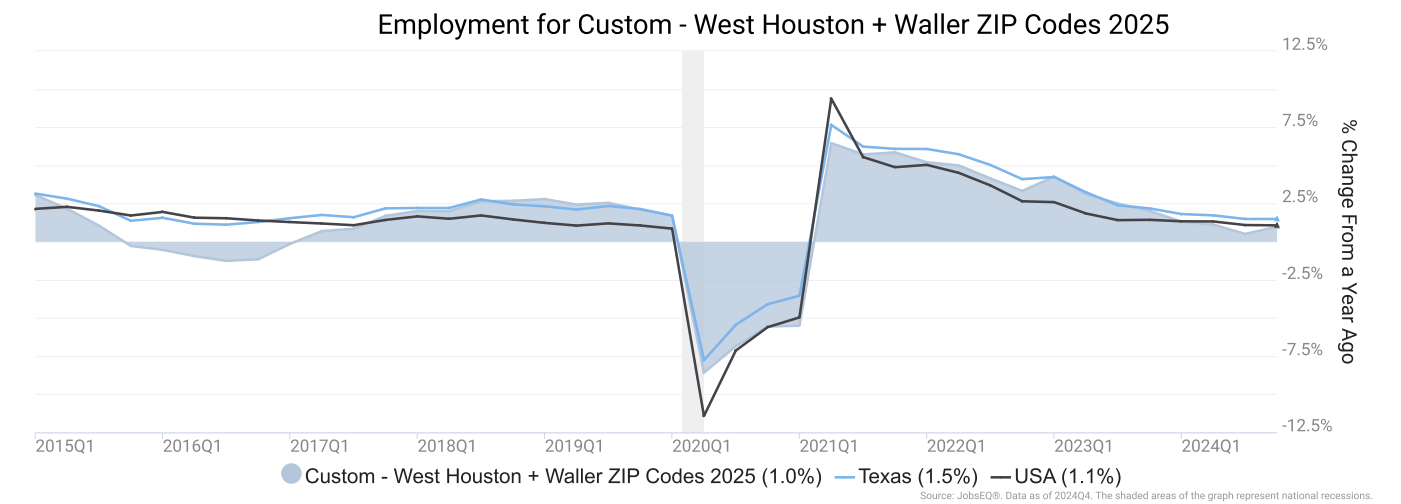
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2023, annual average growth rate since 2013.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

Employment Trends

As of 2024Q4, total employment for the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 was 1,436,848 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2024Q4, employment increased 1.0% in the region.

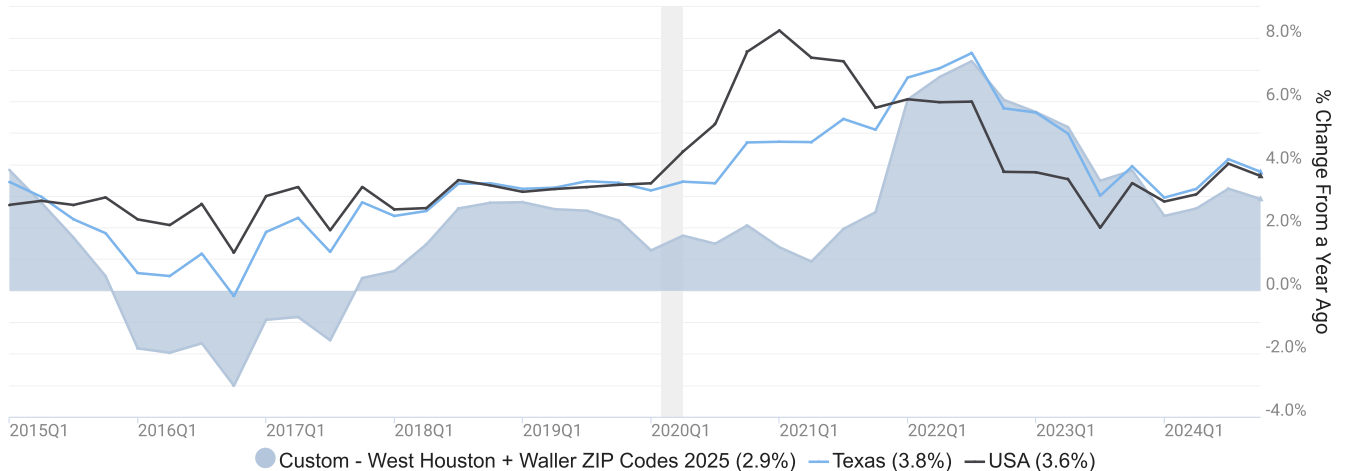


Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2024Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4.

Wage Trends

The average worker in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 earned annual wages of \$77,884 as of 2024Q4. Average annual wages per worker increased 2.9% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$73,145 in the nation as of 2024Q4.

Average Annual Wages for Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025



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 2024Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 7.2% lower in Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 than the U.S. average.

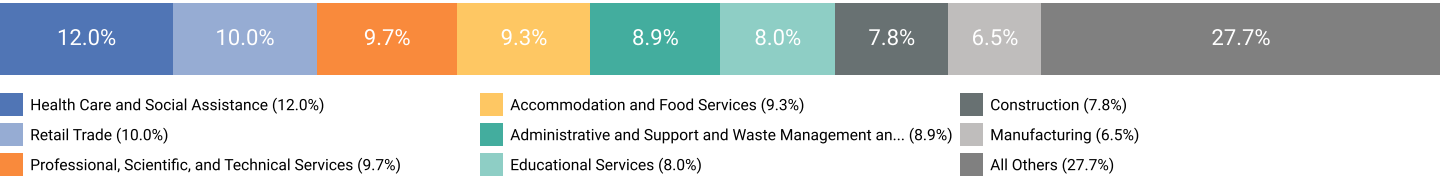
Cost of Living Information			
	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025	\$77,884	92.8	\$83,900
Texas	\$72,646	93.4	\$77,773
USA	\$73,145	100.0	\$73,145

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)
Data as of 2024Q4
Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2024Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 173,016 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (143,442 workers) and Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (139,665). 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 Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (LQ = 6.21), Wholesale Trade (1.53), and Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (1.47).

Total Workers for Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2024Q4
Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

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Sectors in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 with the highest average wages per worker are Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$223,425), Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$209,044), and Utilities (\$174,442). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Health Care and Social Assistance (+17,143 jobs), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+13,251), and Transportation and Warehousing (+12,865).

Over the next 5 years, employment in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 is projected to expand by 75,064 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Utilities with a +3.4% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+15,111 jobs), Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (+9,197), and Accommodation and Food Services (+6,728).

Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025, 2024Q4¹

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		5-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	173,016	\$58,949	0.80	17,143	2.1%	102,637	39,898	47,629	15,111	1.7%
44	Retail Trade	143,442	\$42,669	1.03	7,765	1.1%	101,713	41,493	57,401	2,819	0.4%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	139,665	\$121,246	1.34	13,251	2.0%	66,949	21,398	36,354	9,197	1.3%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	133,562	\$28,426	1.07	9,227	1.4%	127,875	51,586	69,561	6,728	1.0%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	128,595	\$59,129	1.47	7,937	1.3%	80,205	29,726	44,708	5,772	0.9%
61	Educational Services	115,468	\$60,479	0.99	8,522	1.5%	58,604	24,811	30,000	3,793	0.6%
23	Construction	112,591	\$82,445	1.31	5,219	1.0%	55,490	18,156	31,082	6,252	1.1%
31	Manufacturing	93,026	\$90,285	0.82	2,119	0.5%	51,465	17,574	30,155	3,736	0.8%
42	Wholesale Trade	82,305	\$107,769	1.53	3,270	0.8%	45,525	15,600	26,247	3,678	0.9%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	66,444	\$45,005	1.08	2,994	0.9%	42,501	15,809	22,892	3,800	1.1%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	54,640	\$73,183	0.76	12,865	5.5%	34,630	12,412	18,179	4,039	1.4%
52	Finance and Insurance	52,499	\$142,128	0.93	2,749	1.1%	24,520	8,451	13,605	2,464	0.9%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	36,015	\$84,653	1.42	-440	-0.2%	18,852	7,732	9,755	1,366	0.7%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	32,410	\$223,425	6.21	-3,196	-1.9%	15,996	5,215	9,940	841	0.5%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	21,658	\$209,044	0.96	-3,143	-2.7%	10,490	3,470	5,837	1,183	1.1%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,583	\$32,743	0.55	1,118	1.4%	13,973	5,031	7,582	1,360	1.6%
51	Information	16,567	\$104,876	0.60	-2,842	-3.1%	7,936	2,653	4,624	659	0.8%
92	Public Administration	7,748	\$102,935	0.11	-25	-0.1%	4,093	1,457	2,181	455	1.1%
22	Utilities	6,920	\$174,442	0.93	1,735	5.9%	4,535	1,213	2,062	1,260	3.4%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2,691	\$38,746	0.16	-50	-0.4%	1,881	803	896	182	1.3%
99	Unclassified	1,002	\$61,017	0.47	255	6.0%	631	233	339	58	1.1%
Total - All Industries		1,436,848	\$77,884	1.00	86,473	1.2%	872,215	328,107	469,044	75,064	1.0%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2024Q4

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average.

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 is Office and Administrative Support Occupations, employing 169,547 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Sales and Related Occupations (133,926 workers) and Management Occupations (130,523). 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 Architecture and Engineering Occupations (LQ = 1.46), Construction and Extraction Occupations (1.30), and Management Occupations (1.18).

Occupation groups in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 with the highest average wages per worker are Legal Occupations (\$149,000), Management Occupations (\$140,000), and Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$113,100). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.5% among Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations to 8.5% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 5 years, the fastest growing occupation group in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +2.2% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Management Occupations (+8,731 jobs) and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (+7,030). 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 (122,846 jobs) and Office and Administrative Support Occupations (95,850).

Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025, 2024Q4¹

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		5-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	169,547	\$48,800	1.01	7,049	3.8%	2,785	-6,059	-0.7%	97,712	41,408	54,442	1,863	0.2%
41-0000	Sales and Related	133,926	\$55,700	1.08	7,542	5.2%	5,410	166	0.0%	88,224	36,000	49,213	3,011	0.4%
11-0000	Management	130,523	\$140,000	1.18	3,232	2.1%	2,868	22,079	3.8%	62,069	17,139	36,199	8,731	1.3%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	122,648	\$31,700	1.04	8,133	6.9%	4,116	7,795	1.3%	128,981	52,775	70,071	6,136	1.0%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	119,910	\$50,800	0.96	7,847	6.3%	2,082	18,486	3.4%	86,417	30,376	49,010	7,030	1.1%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	88,959	\$92,800	0.96	3,666	3.1%	1,793	11,740	2.9%	42,710	12,813	24,258	5,639	1.2%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	83,489	\$57,000	1.30	4,119	5.6%	371	-1,818	-0.4%	42,293	13,311	23,922	5,060	1.2%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	76,154	\$67,400	0.98	2,557	2.9%	2,097	4,399	1.2%	37,265	15,864	18,553	2,848	0.7%
51-0000	Production	72,567	\$52,800	0.93	3,324	5.2%	1,035	-366	-0.1%	43,152	14,924	26,021	2,206	0.6%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	66,658	\$105,100	0.78	1,288	1.5%	2,306	9,129	3.0%	25,023	10,212	9,593	5,218	1.5%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	62,899	\$63,100	1.13	1,846	3.3%	1,233	3,154	1.0%	32,425	11,660	16,977	3,787	1.2%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	60,499	\$34,900	0.90	2,060	3.9%	1,216	5,364	1.9%	51,244	20,601	23,851	6,792	2.2%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	53,070	\$35,700	1.12	2,631	5.6%	763	1,723	0.7%	39,632	16,483	20,712	2,437	0.9%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	44,618	\$113,100	0.98	1,963	3.3%	878	4,316	2.1%	17,331	5,064	8,516	3,752	1.6%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	36,376	\$37,200	0.97	2,147	5.7%	813	2,604	1.5%	34,239	12,229	19,457	2,553	1.4%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	33,279	\$110,600	1.46	917	2.5%	700	-1,243	-0.7%	13,403	4,235	7,343	1,825	1.1%
33-0000	Protective Service	22,422	\$54,200	0.72	1,394	4.9%	474	770	0.7%	16,052	6,375	8,714	963	0.8%

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27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	19,691	\$71,300	0.75	1,292	4.6%	363	920	1.0%	10,661	3,851	5,747	1,063	1.1%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	16,070	\$62,000	0.60	611	2.9%	666	1,028	1.3%	8,772	3,239	4,306	1,226	1.5%
23-0000	Legal	11,697	\$149,000	0.98	246	1.7%	165	1,459	2.7%	4,123	1,478	2,161	484	0.8%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	10,246	\$90,300	0.78	542	3.3%	243	705	1.4%	5,337	858	3,766	713	1.4%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	1,599	\$44,100	0.19	174	8.5%	7	123	1.6%	1,319	508	746	65	0.8%
Total - All Occupations		1,436,848	\$68,000	1.00	64,579	4.2%	32,384	86,473	1.2%	888,838	331,402	483,578	73,857	1.0%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

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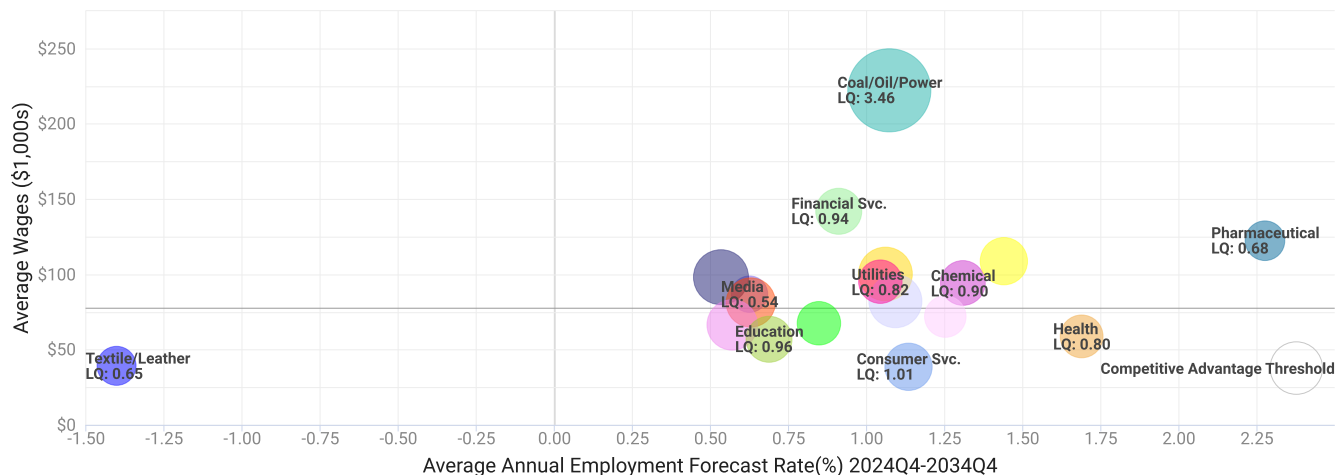
3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

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 2024Q3, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4. Wages by occupation are as of 2024 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 Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 with the highest relative concentration is Coal/Oil/Power with a location quotient of 3.46. This cluster employs 40,473 workers in the region with an average wage of \$222,390. Employment in the Coal/Oil/Power cluster is projected to expand in the region about 1.1% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 as of 2024Q4

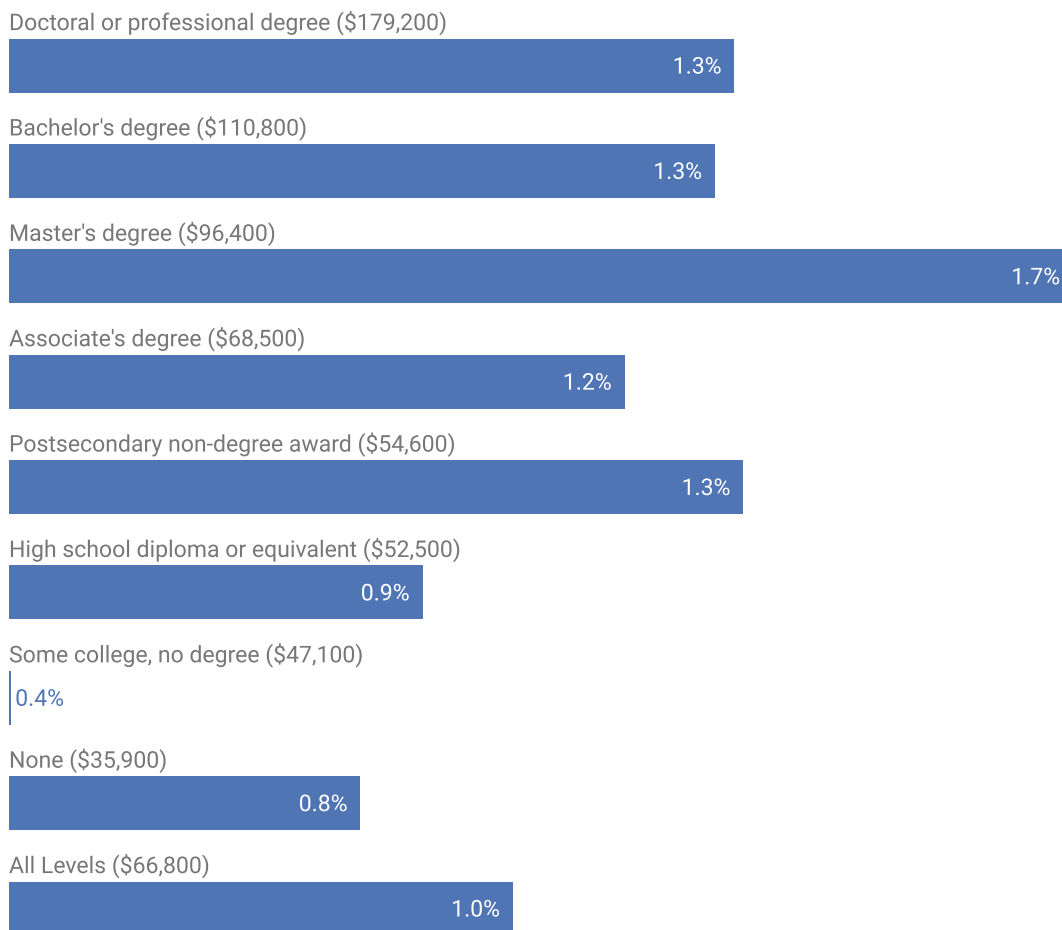


Location quotient and average wage data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, imputed where necessary, and updated through 2024Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2024Q4. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 is projected to grow 1.0% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 1.3% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 1.3% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 1.2% per year.

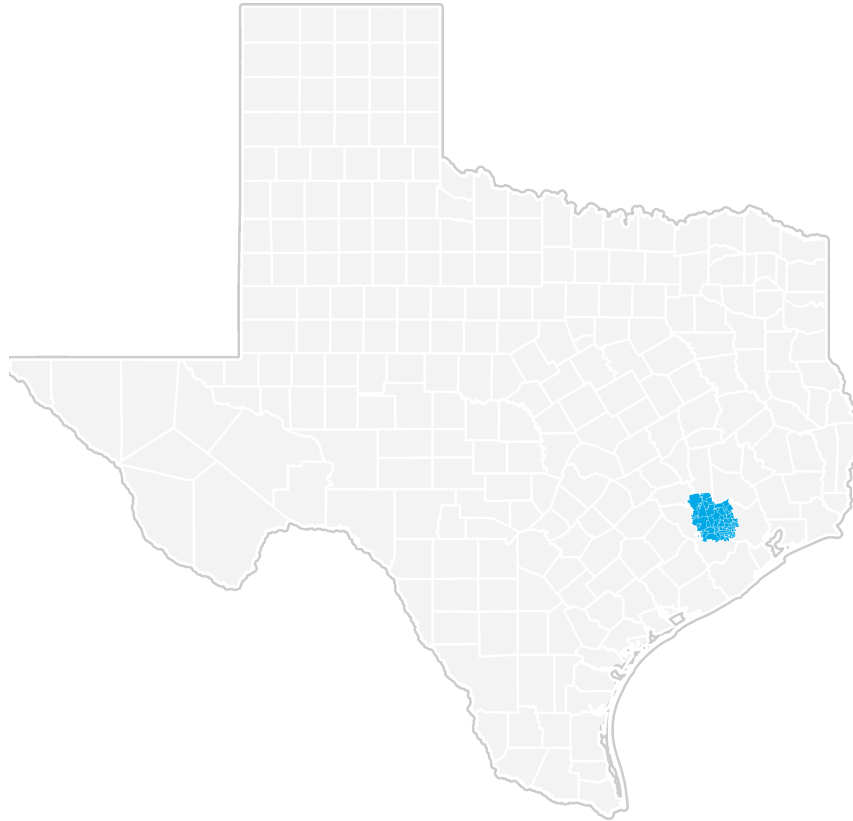
Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2024Q4

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2024Q4. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 Regional Map



Region Definition

Custom - West Houston + Waller ZIP Codes 2025 is defined as the following zip code tabulation areas:

ZCTA 77008	ZCTA 77095
ZCTA 77018	ZCTA 77096
ZCTA 77024	ZCTA 77099 (Fort Bend County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77027	ZCTA 77099 (Harris County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77031 (Fort Bend County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77375
ZCTA 77031 (Harris County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77377
ZCTA 77035	ZCTA 77379
ZCTA 77036	ZCTA 77401
ZCTA 77040	ZCTA 77406
ZCTA 77041	ZCTA 77407
ZCTA 77042	ZCTA 77423 (Fort Bend County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77043	ZCTA 77423 (Waller County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77055	ZCTA 77429
ZCTA 77056	ZCTA 77433
ZCTA 77057	ZCTA 77441
ZCTA 77063	ZCTA 77445
ZCTA 77064	ZCTA 77446
ZCTA 77065	ZCTA 77447 (Harris County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77066	ZCTA 77447 (Montgomery County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77069	ZCTA 77447 (Waller County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77070	ZCTA 77449
ZCTA 77071	ZCTA 77450 (Fort Bend County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77072	ZCTA 77450 (Harris County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77074	ZCTA 77466
ZCTA 77077	ZCTA 77476
ZCTA 77079	ZCTA 77477 (Fort Bend County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77080	ZCTA 77477 (Harris County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77081	ZCTA 77478
ZCTA 77082 (Fort Bend County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77484 (Grimes County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77082 (Harris County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77484 (Harris County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77083 (Fort Bend County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77484 (Waller County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77083 (Harris County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77493 (Fort Bend County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77084	ZCTA 77493 (Harris County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77086	ZCTA 77493 (Waller County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77088	ZCTA 77494 (Fort Bend County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77091	ZCTA 77494 (Harris County, Texas portion)

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ZCTA 77092	ZCTA 77494 (Waller County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77094	ZCTA 77498

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 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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