

TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Public community colleges train our workforce and prepare students for further academic study. The state's 50 community college districts also play an important role in meeting the specific educational and vocational needs of the local areas they serve.

STATEWIDE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES' SPENDING, 2019

EMPLOYMENT

77,738

OUTPUT

\$9.8 BILLION

COMPENSATION

\$4.7 BILLION

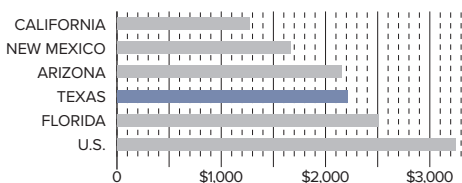
NOTE:
THESE ANALYSES
PREDATED THE
COVID-19 CRISIS AND
THE ECONOMIC
IMPACTS THAT
FOLLOWED.

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.

AFFORDABILITY

AVERAGE ANNUAL TUITION & FEES: MOST AFFORDABLE PUBLIC TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS BY STATE, 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR



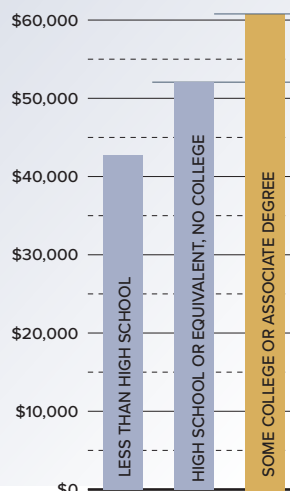
Source: National Center for Education Statistics

Community colleges are much more affordable than other higher education options, particularly in Texas. In the 2017-18 school year, Texas' community colleges had the nation's fourth-lowest tuition and fees, behind only California, New Mexico and Arizona. Texas community colleges average \$2,209 per year versus a U.S. average of \$3,243.

WAGES BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, TEXAS, 2018

Community colleges provide their students with a good return on investment. In 2018, workers in Texas with some college or associate degrees, with stable jobs, earned an average \$8,393 more annually than high school graduates.



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, JobsEQ

AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE OVER HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT

\$8,393

NUMBER OF WORKERS, SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

3,245,675

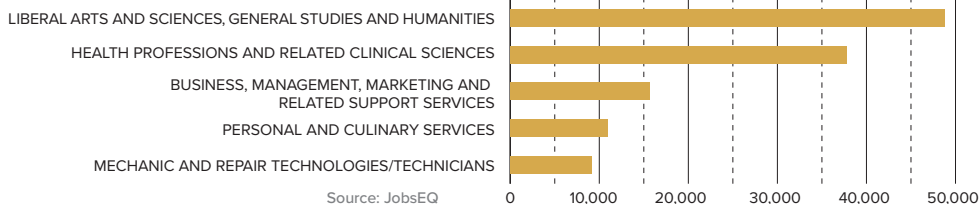
TOTAL STATEWIDE ADDITIONAL WAGES

\$27.2 BILLION

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

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

TOP CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES IN TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES, 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

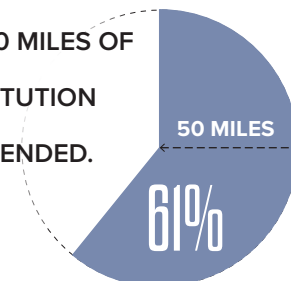


Source: JobsEQ

SUMMARY

Texas' 50 community college districts contribute nearly \$10 billion to the state's economy and support nearly 78,000 jobs. They also provide Texas students with a low-cost option to build skills or prepare for further education, leading to better jobs and adding more than \$27 billion to total statewide income.

61 PERCENT OF
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GRADUATES STAY
WITHIN 50 MILES OF
THE INSTITUTION
THEY ATTENDED.



Sources: Emsi and Wall Street Journal

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

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