

# TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

## ALAMO REGION

REGIONAL IMPACT OF  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES'  
SPENDING, 2019



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 areas they serve.

The 19 counties in the Alamo region — one of 12 economic regions defined by the Comptroller's office — include two community college districts.

EMPLOYMENT

7,052

OUTPUT

\$816.2 MILLION

COMPENSATION

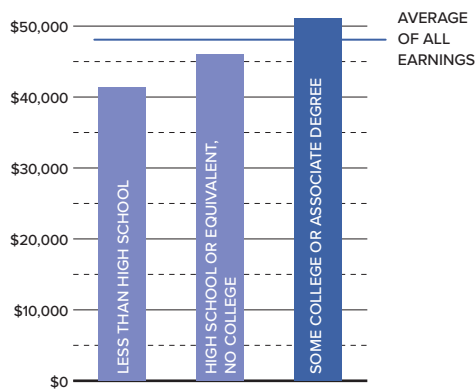
\$406.8 MILLION

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, ALAMO REGION, 2018



Source: JobsEQ

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

In 2018, workers in the Alamo region with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$5,033 more annually than high school graduates.

AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE OVER HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT

\$5,033

NUMBER OF WORKERS, SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

305,963

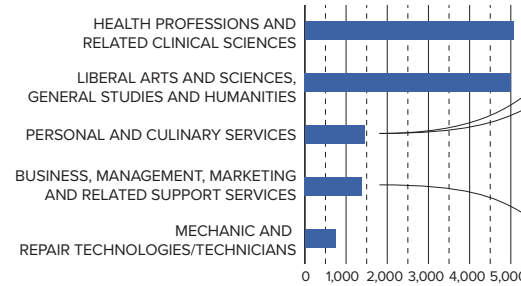
TOTAL REGIONAL ADDITIONAL WAGES

\$1.5 BILLION

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

### CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

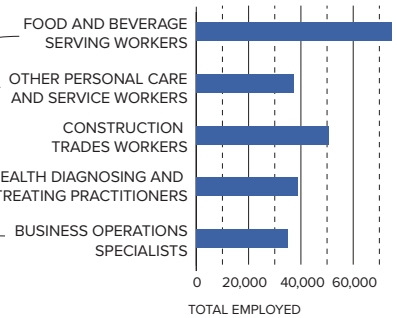
TOP CERTIFICATE AND DEGREES, ALAMO REGION, 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR



The Alamo region's community college districts awarded more than 5,000 certificates and associate degrees in the health professions in the 2017-18 school year; the next most-common award areas were general studies and liberal arts and personal and culinary services.

### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, ALAMO REGION, 2014-19



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 Alamo region's two community college districts work to address local skills gaps and meet the specific needs of area employers, they support more than 7,000 jobs and add more than \$816 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 nearly \$1.5 billion per year.

### SPOTLIGHT ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

- The Alamo Colleges District (ACD) received the 2018 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the most prestigious honor a higher education institution can achieve for excellence in innovation, efficiency and leadership.
- St. Philip's College is the only college federally designated as both a historically black college and a Hispanic-serving institute.
- In fiscal 2017, ACD added \$2.6 billion in income to its service region's economy, equal to about 2.0 percent of the region's gross product.
- The average ACD associate degree holder graduating in fiscal 2017 will see an increase in earnings of \$9,400 annually compared to a high school graduate working in Texas.

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