

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

NORTHWEST

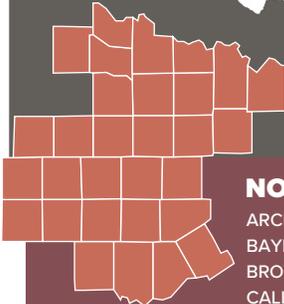
REGION



The 30-county Northwest region covers about 27,600 square miles in northern Texas, stretching from Oklahoma on the north to the Colorado River on the south and abutting Big Spring on the west and the Fort Worth area on the east.

The region includes two metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs): the Abilene MSA, comprising Callahan, Jones and Taylor counties, and the Wichita Falls MSA, comprising Archer, Clay and Wichita counties.

THIS ANALYSIS PREDATES THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT FOLLOWED. IT IS OFFERED AS AN OVERVIEW OF THE NORTHWEST REGIONAL ECONOMY AND A RESOURCE FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES.



NORTHWEST REGION COUNTIES:

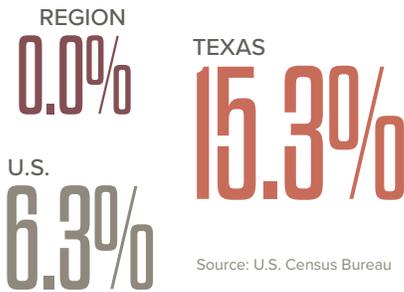
ARCHER	COMANCHE	HASKELL	MONTAGUE	STONEWALL
BAYLOR	COTTLE	JACK	NOLAN	TAYLOR
BROWN	EASTLAND	JONES	RUNNELS	THROCKMORTON
CALLAHAN	FISHER	KENT	SCURRY	WICHITA
CLAY	FOARD	KNOX	SHACKELFORD	WILBARGER
COLEMAN	HARDEMAN	MITCHELL	STEPHENS	YOUNG

TOP 10 INDUSTRIES BY LOCATION QUOTIENT

1. RAIL TRANSPORTATION
 2. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING
 3. OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION
 4. PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION
 5. ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND AQUACULTURE
 6. NONMETALLIC MINERAL PRODUCT MANUFACTURING
 7. LEATHER AND ALLIED PRODUCT MANUFACTURING
 8. LESSORS OF NONFINANCIAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS (EXCEPT COPYRIGHTED WORKS)
 9. MINING (EXCEPT OIL AND GAS)
 10. JUSTICE, PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY ACTIVITIES
- Source: JobsEQ®

POPULATION GROWTH

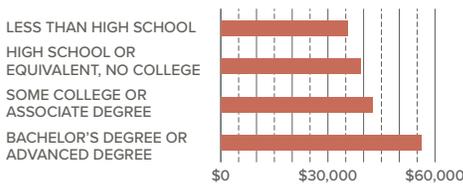
NORTHWEST REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2010-2019



In 2019, the Northwest region's estimated total population was about 550,500, or nearly 2 percent of the state's total population. The region's population has remained stable since the 2010 Census.

EDUCATION

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, NORTHWEST REGION



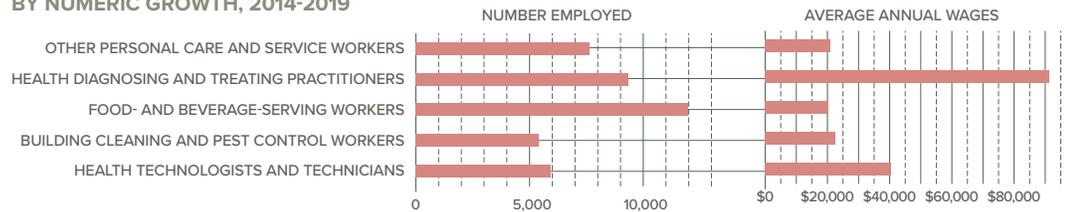
Northwest region workers with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$3,401 more annually than those with a high school degree, while those with at least a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$16,823 more.

JOBS & WAGES

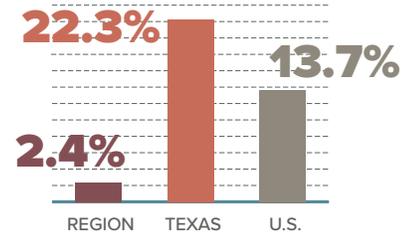
From 2009 to 2019, the Northwest region's employment increased by more than 2 percent, much lower than the state's total job growth rate. In 2019, the region accounted for nearly 2 percent of the state's total employment.

The Northwest region's most significant occupations are shown below, sorted by numerical growth during the last five years.

TOP OCCUPATIONS IN NORTHWEST REGION BY NUMERIC GROWTH, 2014-2019



EMPLOYMENT GROWTH, NORTHWEST REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2009-2019

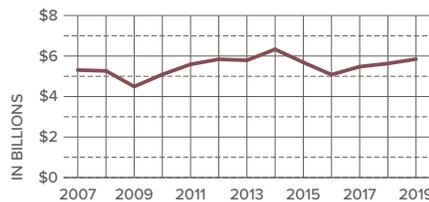


Note: Figures include private- and public-sector employees with the exception of active-duty military personnel, railroad employees, religious institution employees and the self-employed. Sources: JobsEQ and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

REGIONAL ECONOMY

In 2019, taxable sales directly attributable to businesses in the region exceeded \$5.8 billion, about 1.1 percent of the state's overall taxable sales.

REGIONAL RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO SALES TAX



SUMMARY

The Northwest region and its 30 counties have many unique economic conditions and challenges. The region's population growth has been stable since 2010, and job growth has been stagnant during the last decade. The region's receipts subject to state sales tax showed a slight upward trend following the 2007-2009 recession, reaching a high point in 2014.

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THE NORTHWEST REGION IS ONE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S 12 ECONOMIC REGIONS.

To see a complete list of these regions, plus more in-depth county-by-county data, visit: comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/regions/