

Employment by Occupation

Houstonians work in a wide variety of occupations and industries.

HOUSTON METRO AREA EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION		
Occupation	Estimate	Percent
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	467,890	15.9
Sales and Related Occupations	301,200	10.3
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	276,520	9.4
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	213,330	7.3
Production Occupations	185,140	6.3
Construction and Extraction Occupations	176,410	6.0
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	172,810	5.9
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	154,980	5.3
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	153,680	5.2
Management Occupations	128,130	4.4
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	126,020	4.3
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	87,500	3.0
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	84,660	2.9
Personal Care and Service Occupations	81,740	2.8
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	80,780	2.8
Protective Service Occupations	70,660	2.4
Healthcare Support Occupations	64,190	2.2
Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	30,710	1.0
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	29,480	1.0
Legal Occupations	23,610	0.8
Community and Social Service Occupations	22,880	0.8
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	2,670	0.1
All Occupations	2,934,990	
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2016		

- The largest occupational group in the Houston region as of May '16 was in Office and Administrative Support Occupations (15.9 percent), followed by Sales and Related Occupations (10.3 percent).
- In May '16, Houston led the nation's metro areas in its number of architects and engineers with 87,500 employed, followed by the New York metro area with 64,400 and the Los Angeles metro area with 62,890.