

# Workforce: Employment Projections

Houston's greatest demand is for professional and other knowledge-based occupations.

EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS BY AREA OF OCCUPATION				
Occupation	Employment		Change	Percent Change
	2008	2018		
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	117,520	144,890	27,370	23.0%
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	66,650	79,810	13,160	19.0%
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	86,360	100,900	14,540	16.0%
Life, Physical and Social Science Occupations	32,130	38,820	6,690	20.0%
Community and Social Services Occupations	36,870	45,480	8,610	23.0%
Legal Occupations	21,640	25,020	3,380	15.0%
Education, Training and Library Occupations	174,760	242,840	68,080	38.0%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports and Media Occupations	38,750	45,640	6,890	17.0%
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	122,470	161,450	38,980	31.0%
Healthcare Support Occupations	63,060	87,370	24,310	38.0%
Protective Service Occupations	57,220	69,410	12,190	21.0%
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	206,970	269,390	62,420	30.0%
Building Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	98,390	115,550	17,160	17.0%
Personal Care and Service Occupations	98,160	123,090	24,930	25.0%
Sales and Related Occupations	303,050	345,280	42,230	13.0%
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	457,070	526,120	69,050	15.0%
Farming, Fishing and Forestry Occupations	15,080	17,510	2,430	16.0%
Construction and Extraction Occupations	219,950	263,980	44,030	20.0%
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Occupations	125,840	147,250	21,410	17.0%
Production Occupations	202,080	216,940	14,860	7.0%
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	194,750	215,550	20,800	10.0%
<b>Total All Occupations</b>	<b>2,738,770</b>	<b>3,282,290</b>	<b>543,520</b>	<b>19.8%</b>
Note: Thirteen-county Gulf Coast workforce development area: Austin, <i>Brazoria</i> , <i>Chambers</i> , Colorado, <i>Fort Bend</i> , <i>Galveston</i> , <i>Harris</i> , <i>Liberty</i> , Matagorda, <i>Montgomery</i> , <i>Waller</i> , Walker and Wharton counties. Italicized counties constitute the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area. <b>Source:</b> Texas Workforce Commission				