



# Economic Overview

**8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30  
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# Demographic Profile

The population in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min was 959,981 per American Community Survey data for 2019-2023.

The region has a civilian labor force of 486,541 with a participation rate of 65.2%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min, 31.2% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 36.5% in the nation.

The median household income in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min is \$87,849 and the median house value is \$271,767.

## Summary<sup>1</sup>

Demographics	Percent			Value		
	8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min	Texas	USA	8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min	Texas	USA
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	959,981	29,640,343	332,387,540
Male	49.8%	49.9%	49.5%	478,276	14,789,987	164,545,087
Female	50.2%	50.1%	50.5%	481,706	14,850,356	167,842,453
Median Age <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	37.0	35.5	38.7
Under 18 Years	25.1%	25.2%	22.2%	241,219	7,482,530	73,645,238
18 to 24 Years	9.0%	9.7%	9.1%	86,063	2,863,182	30,307,641
25 to 34 Years	13.5%	14.4%	13.7%	129,352	4,278,912	45,497,632
35 to 44 Years	14.1%	14.0%	13.1%	135,335	4,141,445	43,492,887
45 to 54 Years	12.7%	12.3%	12.3%	122,322	3,645,897	40,847,713
55 to 64 Years	12.3%	11.2%	12.8%	118,185	3,322,832	42,626,382
65 to 74 Years	8.5%	8.1%	10.0%	81,128	2,399,654	33,293,127
75 Years and Over	4.8%	5.1%	6.8%	46,376	1,505,891	22,676,920
Race: White	54.7%	53.9%	63.4%	524,896	15,984,990	210,875,446
Race: Black or African American	12.4%	12.2%	12.4%	119,129	3,626,137	41,070,890
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.6%	0.6%	0.9%	5,527	190,706	2,924,996
Race: Asian	5.6%	5.3%	5.8%	53,335	1,581,798	19,352,659
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	415	29,841	629,292
Race: Some Other Race	7.6%	8.6%	6.6%	72,976	2,540,808	21,940,536
Race: Two or More Races	19.1%	19.2%	10.7%	183,703	5,686,063	35,593,721
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	37.5%	39.5%	19.0%	359,831	11,697,134	63,131,589
<b>Economic</b>						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	65.2%	65.1%	63.3%	486,541	14,906,660	168,567,852
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	81.7%	81.8%	83.0%	315,694	9,805,842	107,055,165
Work from Home	9.7%	12.8%	13.5%	43,607	1,796,441	21,267,373
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.2%	0.5%	0.5%	1,448	118,359	1,287,774
Veterans, Age 18-64	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%	24,631	832,188	8,410,268
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	80.8%	78.8%	77.0%	19,901	655,396	6,478,181
Median Household Income <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	\$87,849	\$76,292	\$78,538
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$40,064	\$39,446	\$43,289
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	28.6	26.7	26.6
Commute via Public Transportation	0.7%	1.0%	3.5%	3,309	133,038	5,528,841
<b>Educational Attainment, Age 25-64</b>						
No High School Diploma	13.4%	13.5%	10.0%	67,841	2,072,973	17,176,172
High School Graduate	23.9%	24.0%	25.0%	120,623	3,691,942	43,057,491
Some College, No Degree	21.9%	20.4%	19.3%	110,964	3,139,587	33,315,654
Associate's Degree	9.6%	8.1%	9.2%	48,551	1,242,119	15,894,085

## Summary<sup>1</sup>

	Percent			Value		
	8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563		USA	8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563		USA
	30 Min	Texas		30 Min	Texas	
Bachelor's Degree	20.8%	22.1%	22.8%	105,021	3,405,293	39,256,774
Postgraduate Degree	10.4%	11.9%	13.8%	52,658	1,837,172	23,764,438
<b>Housing</b>						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	392,304	11,890,808	142,332,876
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) <sup>2,5</sup>	—	—	—	\$271,767	\$260,400	\$303,400
Homeowner Vacancy	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	2,332	75,671	850,724
Rental Vacancy	8.4%	7.4%	5.5%	11,597	326,361	2,605,688
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	35.5%	37.4%	35.0%	124,923	4,023,511	44,590,828
Owner-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	64.5%	62.6%	65.0%	227,133	6,723,729	82,892,037
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	4.8%	5.3%	8.3%	16,990	571,578	10,602,826
<b>Social</b>						
Poverty Level (of all people)	11.5%	13.8%	12.4%	108,033	4,005,417	40,390,045
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	11.2%	11.4%	11.8%	39,347	1,227,194	15,004,950
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%	14,418	428,613	4,405,676
Disconnected Youth <sup>3</sup>	3.5%	2.9%	2.4%	1,905	49,544	420,352
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	35.4%	33.9%	34.0%	81,583	2,416,209	23,701,745
Uninsured	16.9%	17.4%	8.6%	159,836	5,061,251	28,000,876
With a Disability, Age 18-64	8.9%	10.0%	10.7%	51,657	1,783,307	21,269,700
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	51.9%	51.7%	47.0%	26,812	921,178	10,001,264
Foreign Born	16.4%	17.2%	13.9%	157,209	5,095,888	46,108,901
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	11.7%	12.8%	8.4%	105,704	3,559,545	26,299,012

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2019-2023, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

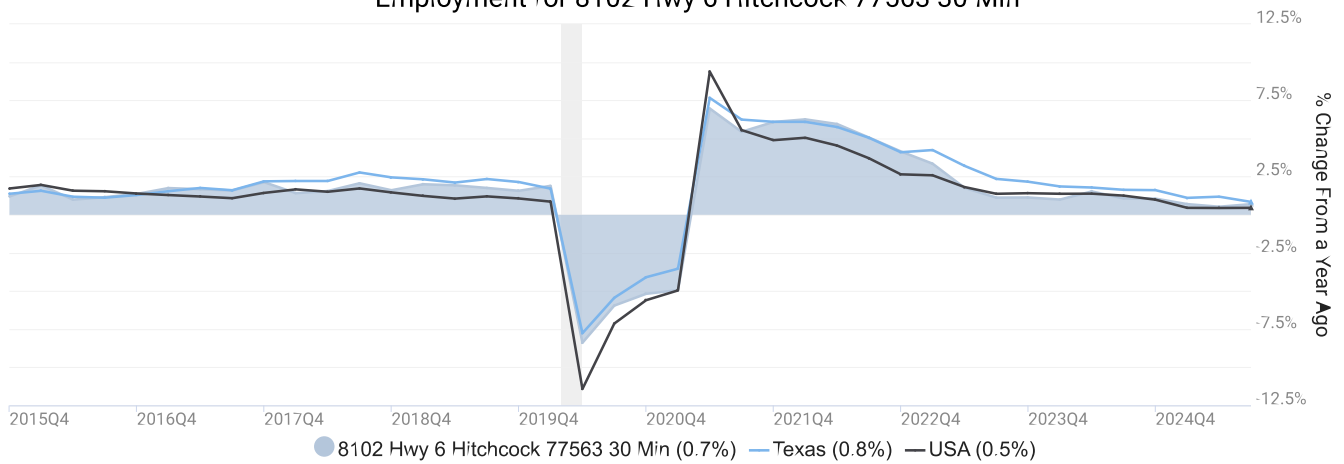
4. Census Population Estimate for 2024, annual average growth rate since 2014.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

# Employment Trends

As of 2025Q3, total employment for the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min was 403,282 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2025Q3, employment increased 0.7% in the region.

Employment for 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min

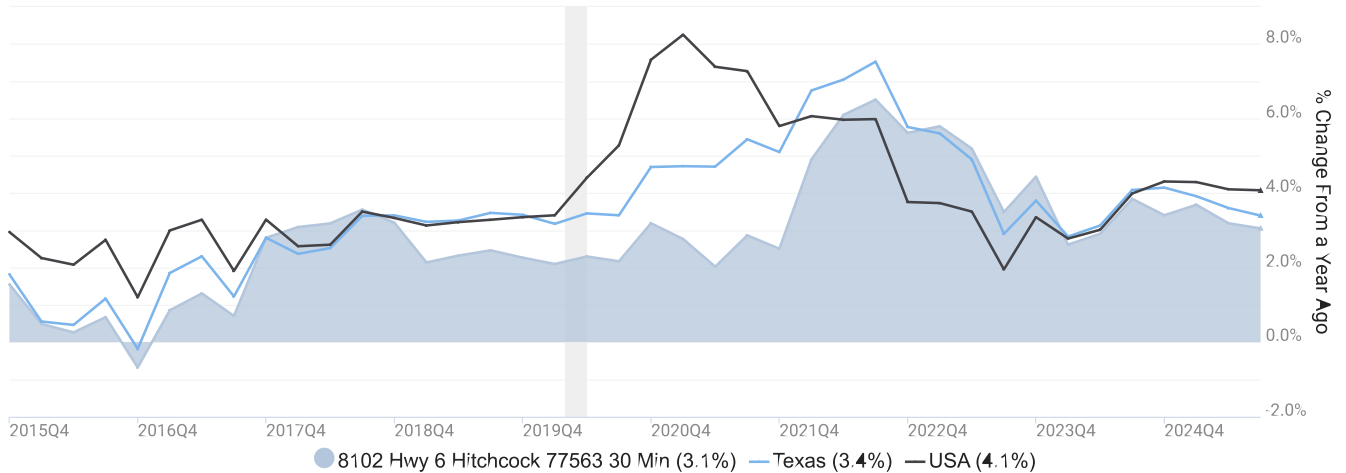


Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q3.

# Wage Trends

The average worker in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min earned annual wages of \$71,894 as of 2025Q3. Average annual wages per worker increased 3.1% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$75,653 in the nation as of 2025Q3.

Average Annual Wages for 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2025Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q3.

# Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 8.1% lower in 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min than the U.S. average.

## Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min	\$71,894	91.9	\$78,243
Texas	\$74,507	92.6	\$80,458
USA	\$75,653	100.0	\$75,653

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

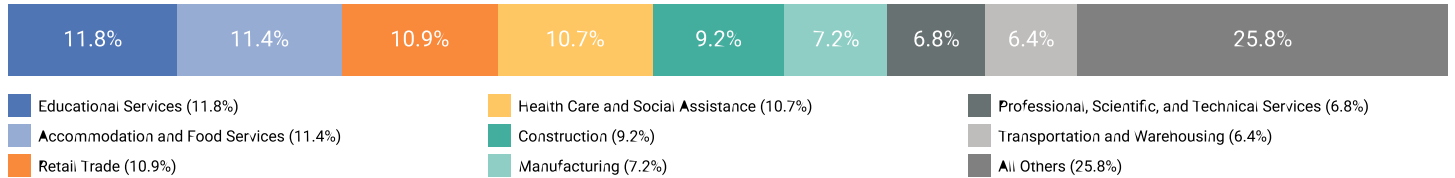
Data as of 2025Q3

Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2025Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

# Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min is Educational Services, employing 47,540 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Accommodation and Food Services (45,846 workers) and Retail Trade (43,782). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Construction (LQ = 1.54), Educational Services (1.45), and Accommodation and Food Services (1.31).

Total Workers for 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®  
Data as of 2025Q3  
Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

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Sectors in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$187,473), Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$170,817), and Utilities (\$145,081). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Accommodation and Food Services (+7,937 jobs), Health Care and Social Assistance (+6,641), and Transportation and Warehousing (+4,777).

Over the next 5 years, employment in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min is projected to expand by 19,949 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Health Care and Social Assistance with a +1.4% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+3,074 jobs), Construction (+2,440), and Accommodation and Food Services (+2,345).

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NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		5-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
61	Educational Services	47,540	\$66,866	1.45	4,173	1.9%	24,296	10,969	11,709	1,618	0.7%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	45,846	\$26,862	1.31	7,937	3.9%	42,857	18,002	22,509	2,345	1.0%
44	Retail Trade	43,782	\$42,315	1.13	2,062	1.0%	31,029	13,582	16,208	1,239	0.6%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	43,269	\$65,686	0.69	6,641	3.4%	25,121	11,002	11,046	3,074	1.4%
23	Construction	37,077	\$82,973	1.54	2,434	1.4%	18,162	6,324	9,398	2,440	1.3%
31	Manufacturing	28,851	\$120,882	0.92	-6	0.0%	15,872	5,873	8,669	1,330	0.9%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	27,222	\$116,156	0.93	3,609	2.9%	12,654	4,419	6,575	1,659	1.2%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	25,816	\$87,534	1.27	4,777	4.2%	15,199	6,209	7,753	1,238	0.9%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	25,528	\$58,127	1.06	2,265	1.9%	15,605	6,291	8,233	1,080	0.8%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	18,860	\$46,773	1.10	1,895	2.1%	11,882	4,777	6,048	1,058	1.1%
92	Public Administration	16,869	\$100,442	0.88	2,203	2.8%	8,313	3,312	4,431	570	0.7%
42	Wholesale Trade	10,529	\$106,883	0.71	238	0.5%	5,778	2,153	3,093	531	1.0%
52	Finance and Insurance	8,467	\$107,606	0.54	-395	-0.9%	3,922	1,474	2,022	426	1.0%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	7,328	\$31,805	0.85	2,147	7.2%	5,947	2,306	3,113	529	1.4%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6,418	\$71,973	0.91	148	0.5%	3,449	1,490	1,634	325	1.0%
51	Information	2,603	\$87,325	0.34	-14	-0.1%	1,192	429	672	91	0.7%
22	Utilities	2,592	\$145,081	1.23	405	3.5%	1,296	453	696	147	1.1%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1,852	\$26,168	0.39	-49	-0.5%	1,211	580	547	84	0.9%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1,478	\$170,817	1.03	-402	-4.7%	734	250	425	60	0.8%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	983	\$187,473	0.16	-139	-2.6%	458	167	243	48	1.0%
99	Unclassified	372	\$59,333	0.58	204	17.2%	229	92	117	19	1.0%
<b>Total - All Industries</b>		<b>403,282</b>	<b>\$71,894</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>40,132</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>240,099</b>	<b>98,005</b>	<b>122,145</b>	<b>19,949</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2025Q3

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average.

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

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# Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min is Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations, employing 42,200 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Office and Administrative Support Occupations (41,993 workers) and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (36,664). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Architecture and Engineering Occupations (LQ = 1.44), Construction and Extraction Occupations (1.40), and Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (1.33).

Occupation groups in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations (\$138,100), Legal Occupations (\$132,500), and Architecture and Engineering Occupations (\$111,200). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.5% among Legal Occupations to 9.2% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 5 years, the fastest growing occupation group in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +1.8% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Management Occupations (+2,143 jobs) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (+2,103). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (40,785 jobs) and Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (23,433).

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SOC	Occupation	Current					5-Year History			5-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages <sup>2</sup>	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads <sup>3</sup>	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	42,200	\$31,700	1.27	3,328	6.8%	1,597	6,949	3.7%	42,889	18,133	22,652	2,103	1.0%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	41,993	\$48,300	0.92	2,246	3.6%	647	1,314	0.6%	24,012	11,002	12,365	646	0.3%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	36,664	\$49,900	1.06	2,876	6.2%	810	5,026	3.0%	25,500	10,084	13,349	2,066	1.1%
11-0000	Management	33,417	\$138,100	1.06	830	2.0%	1,132	5,860	3.9%	15,502	4,702	8,657	2,143	1.3%
41-0000	Sales and Related	33,335	\$50,200	0.96	2,201	5.3%	1,973	594	0.4%	23,033	10,345	11,979	709	0.4%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	29,318	\$64,800	1.33	874	2.8%	843	2,873	2.1%	14,215	6,569	6,562	1,084	0.7%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	25,439	\$55,000	1.40	1,939	5.8%	231	683	0.5%	12,455	4,302	6,411	1,743	1.3%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	20,262	\$89,800	0.77	780	2.9%	475	2,955	3.2%	9,375	3,187	5,012	1,177	1.1%
51-0000	Production	20,074	\$54,400	0.94	1,417	5.2%	400	94	0.1%	11,883	4,277	6,847	759	0.7%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	19,402	\$62,000	1.25	849	3.3%	561	1,933	2.1%	10,093	3,790	5,058	1,245	1.3%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	19,160	\$106,200	0.79	418	1.6%	1,898	3,460	4.1%	6,831	2,943	2,608	1,280	1.3%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	14,706	\$35,100	1.11	956	5.5%	251	1,240	1.8%	10,810	4,693	5,463	653	0.9%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	12,368	\$34,800	0.63	709	3.7%	537	1,718	3.0%	10,425	4,710	4,590	1,126	1.8%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	9,710	\$36,000	0.93	713	5.3%	340	1,475	3.3%	9,027	3,519	4,940	568	1.1%
33-0000	Protective Service	9,457	\$56,400	1.06	462	3.9%	202	1,096	2.5%	5,540	2,134	3,039	366	0.8%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	9,109	\$111,200	1.44	252	2.3%	216	319	0.7%	3,562	1,217	1,858	488	1.0%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	9,060	\$109,100	0.71	385	3.1%	253	1,040	2.5%	3,196	1,009	1,553	634	1.4%

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21-0000	Community and Social Service	5,544	\$61,800	0.73	176	3.0%	272	499	1.9%	3,010	1,198	1,420	393	1.4%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	4,877	\$62,700	0.69	257	4.2%	157	441	1.9%	2,633	1,038	1,347	249	1.0%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	4,458	\$87,300	1.20	159	3.1%	171	475	2.3%	2,322	466	1,581	275	1.2%
23-0000	Legal	2,008	\$132,500	0.59	46	1.5%	44	87	0.9%	656	233	328	94	0.9%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	722	\$38,100	0.31	90	9.2%	2	1	0.0%	559	242	292	24	0.7%
<b>Total - All Occupations</b>		<b>403,282</b>	<b>\$65,100</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>21,964</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>13,011</b>	<b>40,132</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>247,602</b>	<b>99,792</b>	<b>127,911</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

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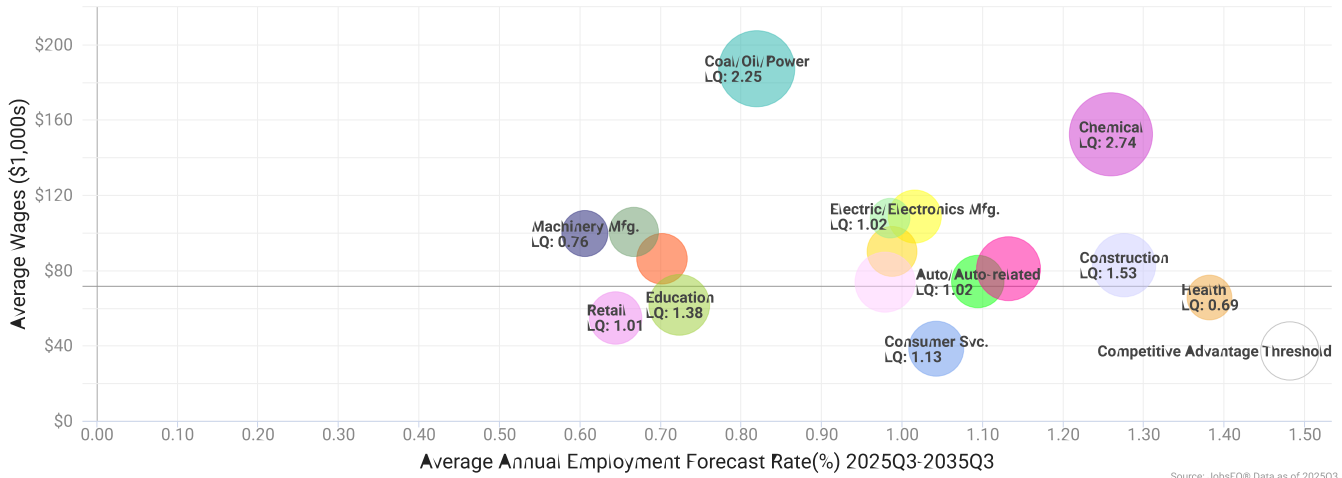
3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2025Q2, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q3. Wages by occupation are as of 2025 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min with the highest relative concentration is Chemical with a location quotient of 2.74. This cluster employs 9,537 workers in the region with an average wage of \$152,228. Employment in the Chemical cluster is projected to expand in the region about 1.3% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min as of 2025Q3



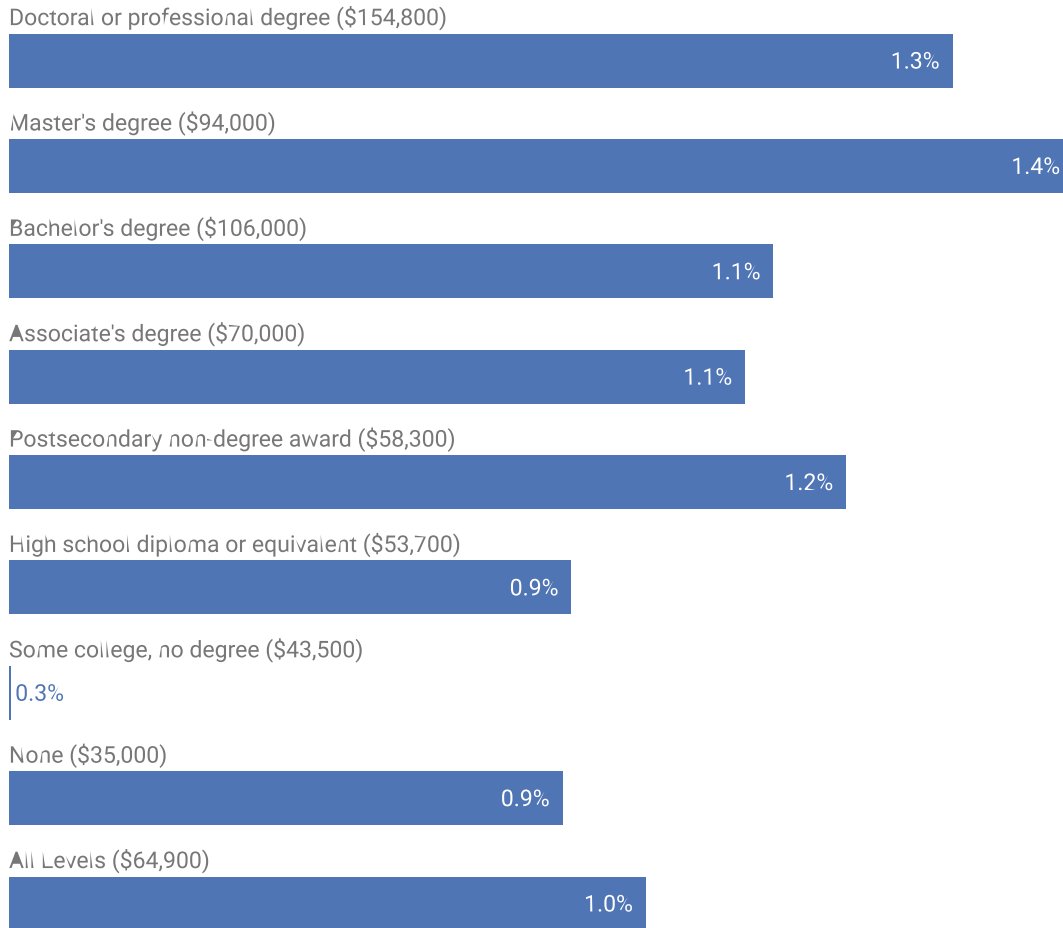
Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2025Q3

Location quotient and average wage data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, imputed where necessary, and updated through 2025Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2025Q3. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in the 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min is projected to grow 1.0% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 1.3% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 1.1% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 1.1% per year.

## Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels



Source: JobsEQ®  
Data as of 2025Q3

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2025Q3. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

# 8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min Regional Map



# Region Definition

**8102 Hwy 6 Hitchcock 77563 30 Min is defined as the following zip code tabulation areas:**

ZCTA 77017	ZCTA 77541
ZCTA 77034	ZCTA 77546 (Galveston County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77058	ZCTA 77546 (Harris County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77059	ZCTA 77550
ZCTA 77061	ZCTA 77551
ZCTA 77062	ZCTA 77554
ZCTA 77075	ZCTA 77555
ZCTA 77089	ZCTA 77563
ZCTA 77504	ZCTA 77565
ZCTA 77505	ZCTA 77568
ZCTA 77510 (Brazoria County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77573
ZCTA 77510 (Galveston County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77577
ZCTA 77511 (Brazoria County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77578
ZCTA 77511 (Galveston County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77581 (Brazoria County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77515	ZCTA 77583 (Brazoria County, Texas portion)
ZCTA 77517 (Brazoria County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77586
ZCTA 77517 (Galveston County, Texas portion)	ZCTA 77587
ZCTA 77518	ZCTA 77590
ZCTA 77534	ZCTA 77591
ZCTA 77539	ZCTA 77598

# FAQ

## What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

## What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

## What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

## What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

## What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

## What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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