



Galveston County, TX

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Report Parameters

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48167 Galveston County, TX

Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical area.

Economy Overview

371,226

Population (2025)

Population grew by 19,620 over the last 5 years and is projected to grow by 21,195 over the next 5 years.

144,315

Total Regional Employment

Jobs grew by 17,825 over the last 5 years and are projected to grow by 9,183 over the next 5 years.

\$86.1K

Median Household Income (2024)

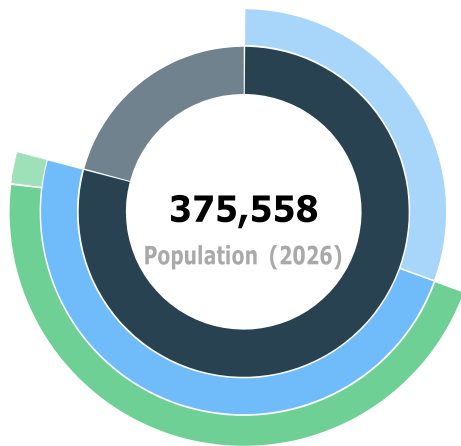
Median household income is \$5.4K above the national median household income of \$80.7K.

Takeaways

- As of 2025 the region's population increased by 5.6% since 2020, growing by 19,620. Population is expected to increase by 5.7% between 2025 and 2030, adding 21,195.
- From 2020 to 2025, jobs increased by 14.1% in Galveston County, TX from 126,490 to 144,315. This change outpaced the national growth rate of 10.6% by 3.5%. As the number of jobs increased, the labor force participation rate increased from 62.9% to 63.6% between 2020 and 2025.
- Concerning educational attainment, 23.5% of Galveston County, TX residents possess a Bachelor's Degree (1.6% above the national average), and 9.9% hold an Associate's Degree (1.1% above the national average).
- The top three industries in 2025 are Restaurants and Other Eating Places, Education and Hospitals (Local Government), and Education and Hospitals (State Government).

	Population (2026)	Labor Force (Feb 2026)	Jobs (2025)	Cost of Living	GRP	Imports	Exports
Region	375,558	182,518	144,315	97.0	\$27.96B	\$39.27B	\$42.50B
State	32,229,619	15,903,179	15,990,127	96.7	\$2.91T	\$1.63T	\$2.21T

Feb 2026 Labor Force Breakdown



	Population
● 16+ Civilian Non-Institutionalized Population	296,958
● Not in Labor Force (16+)	114,440
● Labor Force	182,518
● Employed	174,086
● Unemployed	8,432
● Under 16, Military, and institutionalized Population	78,600

Educational Attainment

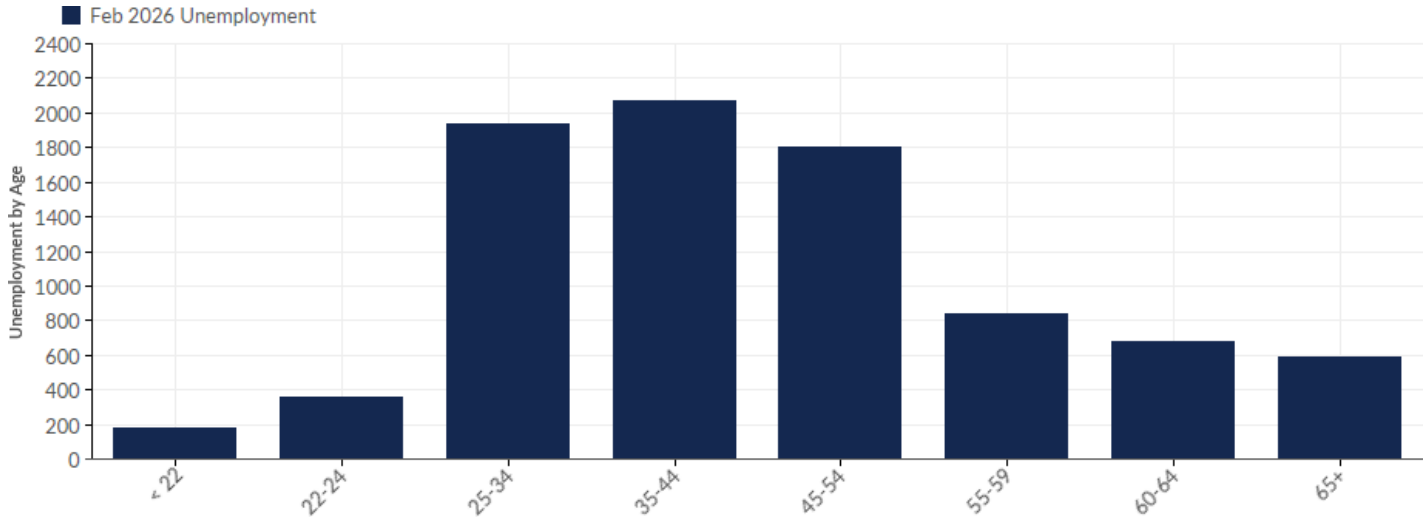
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	% of Population	Population
● Less Than 9th Grade	4.3%	10,955
● 9th Grade to 12th Grade	6.0%	15,256
● High School Diploma	22.2%	56,748
● Some College	22.4%	57,237
● Associate's Degree	9.9%	25,387
● Bachelor's Degree	23.5%	59,985
● Graduate Degree and Higher	11.7%	29,966

Unemployment by Demographics

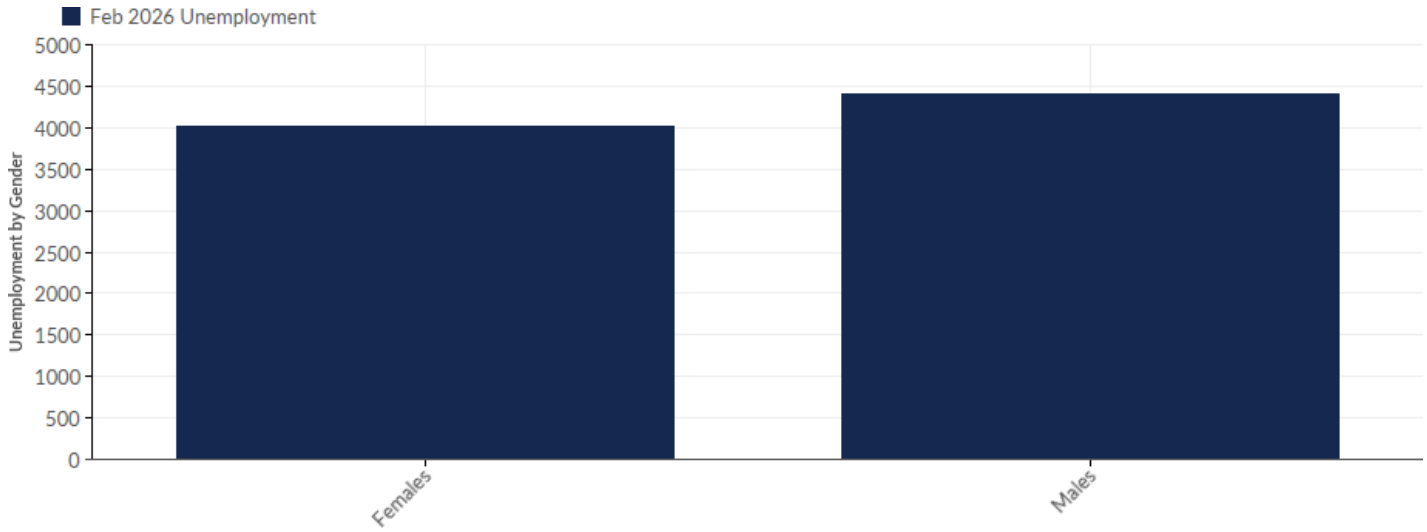
Unemployment by Age



Age	Unemployment (Feb 2026)	% of Unemployed
< 22	174	2.06%
22-24	354	4.20%
25-34	1,939	23.00%
35-44	2,066	24.50%
Total	8,432	100.00%

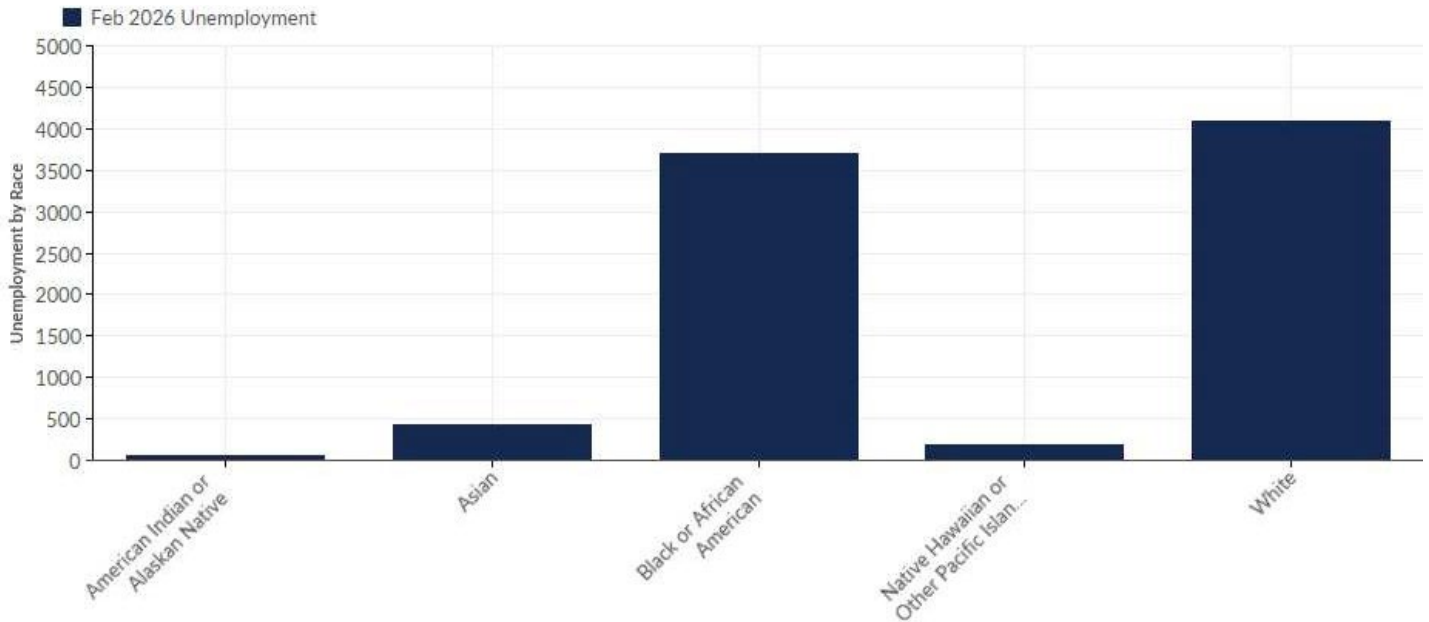
Age	Unemployment (Feb 2026)	% of Unemployed
45-54	1,800	21.35%
55-59	837	9.93%
60-64	677	8.03%
65+	585	6.94%
	Total	100.00%

Unemployment by Gender



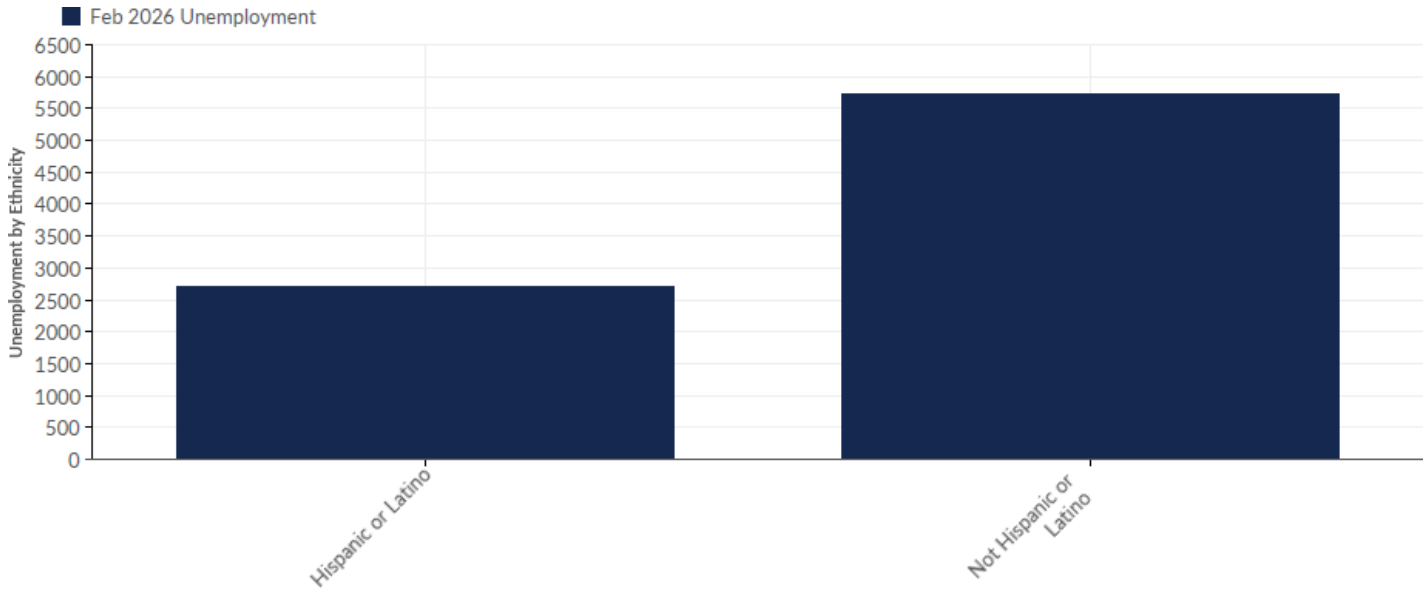
Gender	Unemployment (Feb 2026)	% of Unemployed
Females	4,023	47.71%
Males	4,409	52.29%
Total	8,432	100.00%

Unemployment by Race



Race	Unemployment (Feb 2026)	% of Unemployed
American Indian or Alaskan Native	58	0.69%
Asian	423	5.02%
Black or African American	3,693	43.80%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	177	2.10%
White	4,081	48.40%
Total	8,432	100.00%

Unemployment by Ethnicity

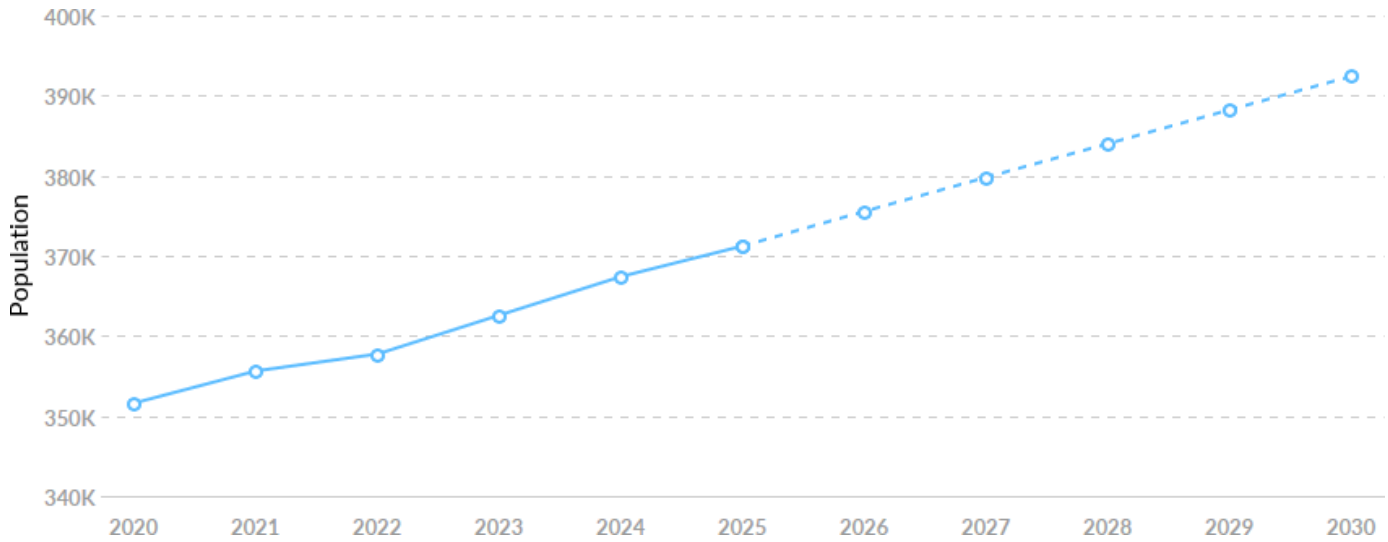


Ethnicity	Unemployment (Feb 2026)	% of Unemployed
Hispanic or Latino	2,697	31.99%
Not Hispanic or Latino	5,735	68.01%
Total	8,432	100.00%

Historic & Projected Trends

Population Trends

As of 2025 the region's population increased by 5.6% since 2020, growing by 19,620. Population is expected to increase by 5.7% between 2025 and 2030, adding 21,195.

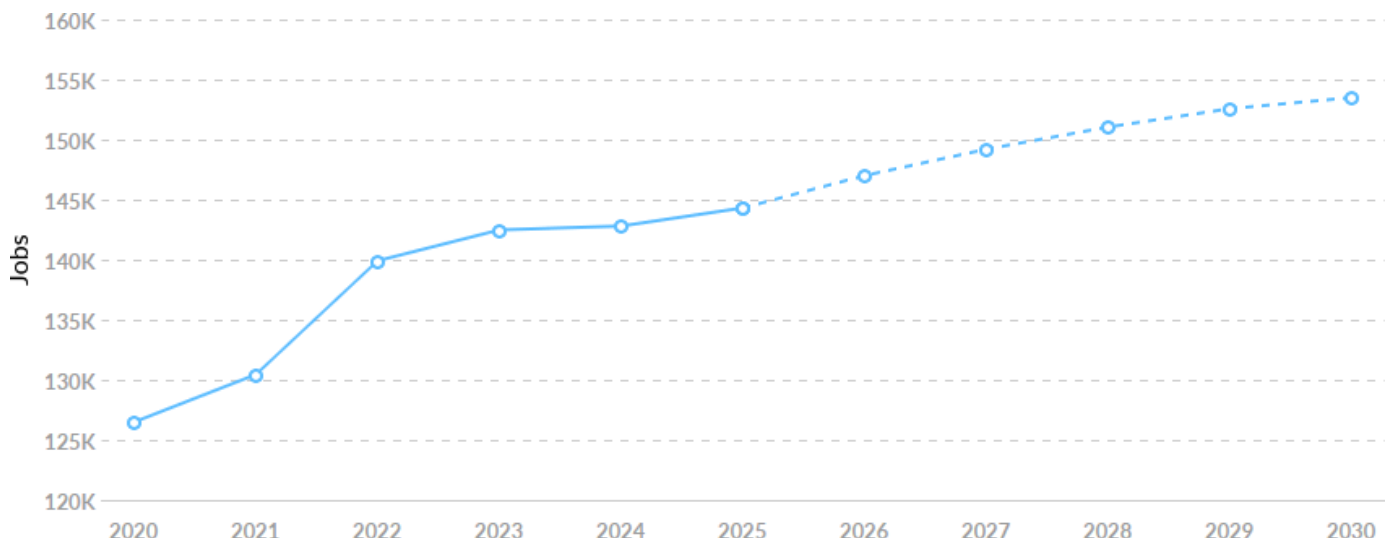


Timeframe	Population
2020	351,606
2021	355,616
2022	357,735
2023	362,586
2024	367,407

Timeframe	Population
2025	371,226
2026	375,558
2027	379,802
2028	384,006
2029	388,236
2030	392,420

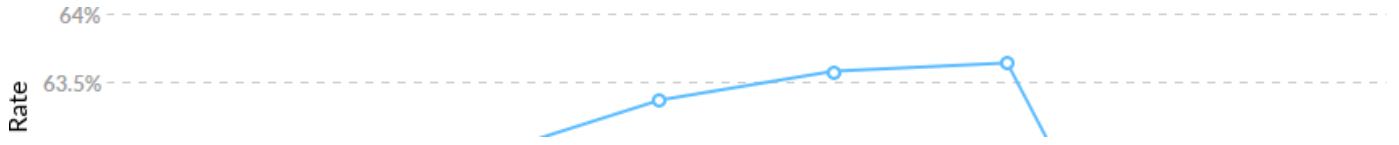
Job Trends

From 2020 to 2025, jobs increased by 14.1% in Galveston County, TX from 126,490 to 144,315. This change outpaced the national growth rate of 10.6% by 3.5%.



Timeframe	Jobs
2020	126,490
2021	130,451
2022	139,917
2023	142,486
2024	142,806
2025	144,315
2026	147,009
2027	149,202
2028	151,050
2029	152,578
2030	153,497

Labor Force Participation Rate Trends

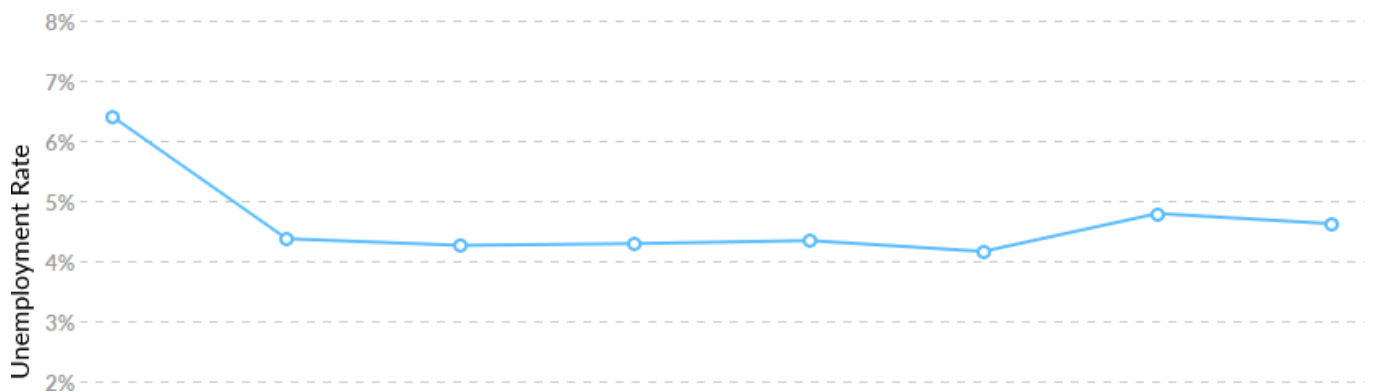


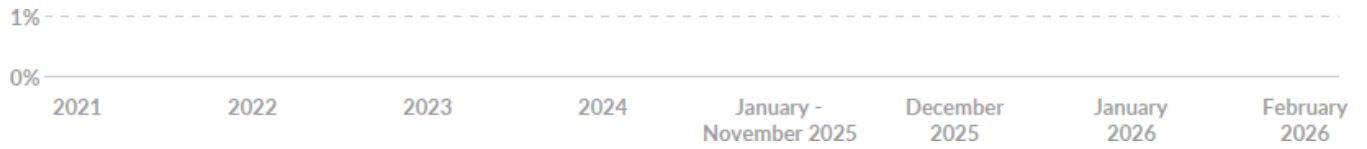


Timeframe	Labor Force Participation Rate
2021	62.00
2022	62.26
2023	62.97
2024	63.37
January - November 2025	63.58
December 2025	63.64
January 2026	61.23
February 2026	61.46

Unemployment Rate Trends

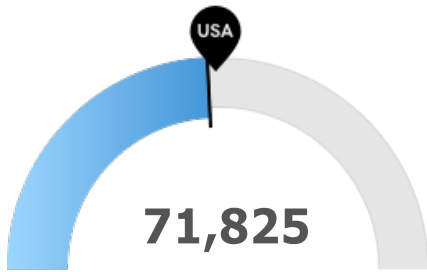
Galveston County, TX had a February 2026 unemployment rate of 4.62%, decreasing from 6.40% 5 years before.





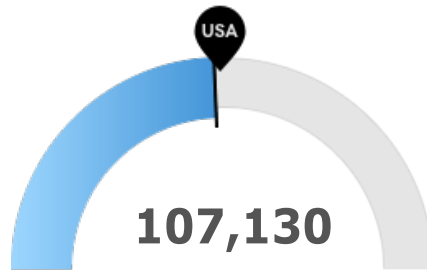
Timeframe	Unemployment Rate
2021	6.40%
2022	4.37%
2023	4.26%
2024	4.29%
January - November 2025	4.34%
December 2025	4.16%
January 2026	4.79%
February 2026	4.62%

Population Characteristics



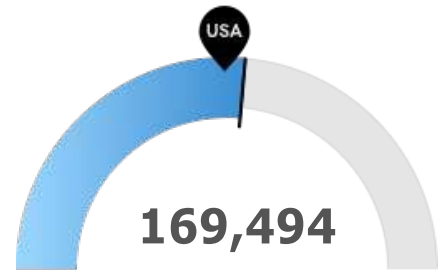
Millennials

Galveston County, TX has 71,825 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 75,212.



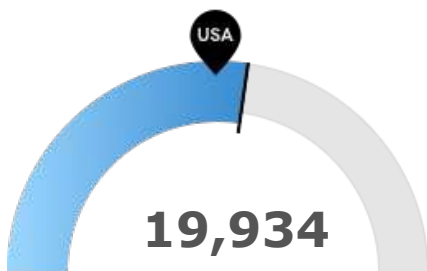
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is about average in Galveston County, TX. The national average for an area this size is 111,095 people 55 or older, while there are 107,130 here.



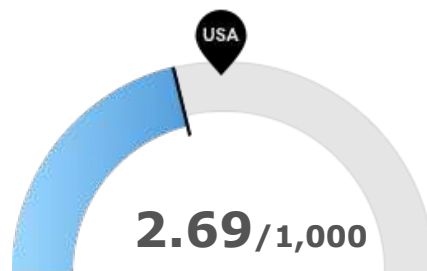
Racial Diversity

Racial diversity is about average in Galveston County, TX. The national average for an area this size is 156,289 racially diverse people, while there are 169,494 here.



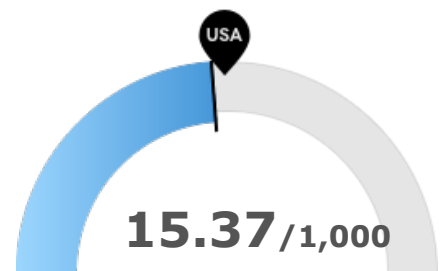
Veterans

Galveston County, TX has 19,934 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 17,485.



Violent Crime

Galveston County, TX has 2.69 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.38 per 1,000 people.

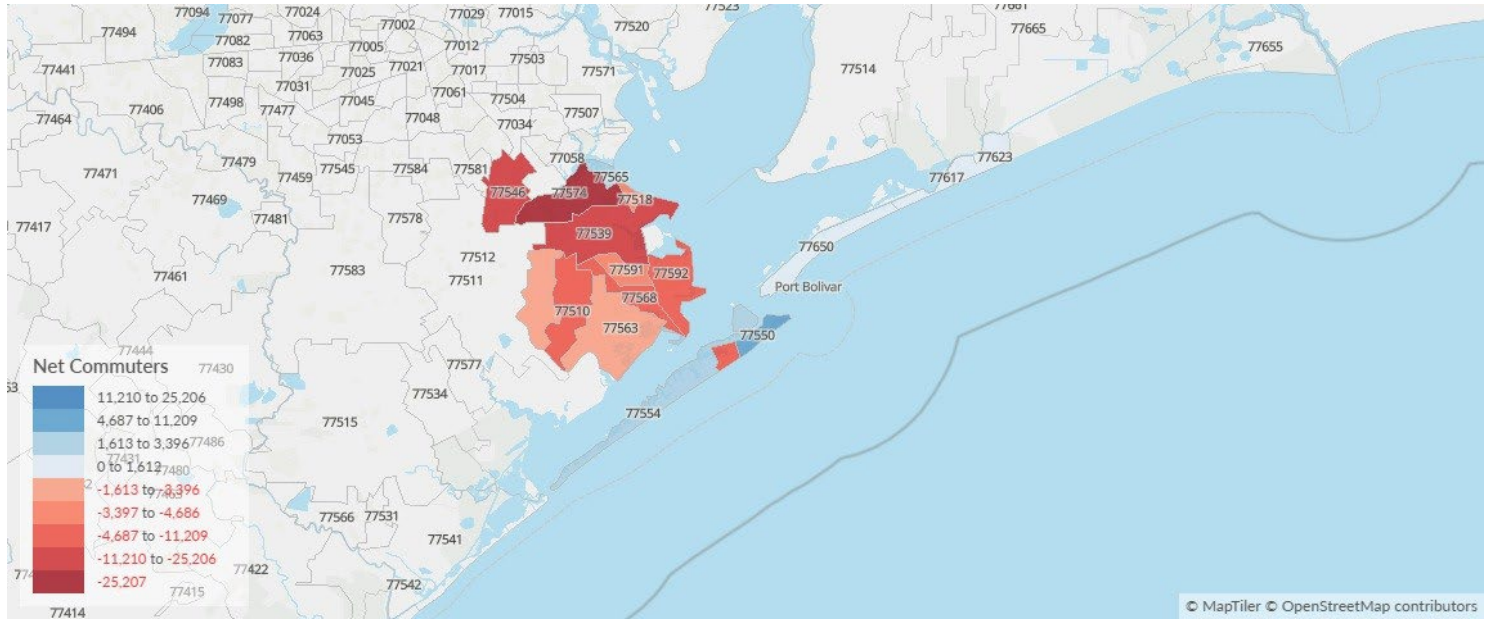


Property Crime

Galveston County, TX has 15.37 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 16.44 per 1,000 people.

Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in Galveston County, TX currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions.



Where Talent Works

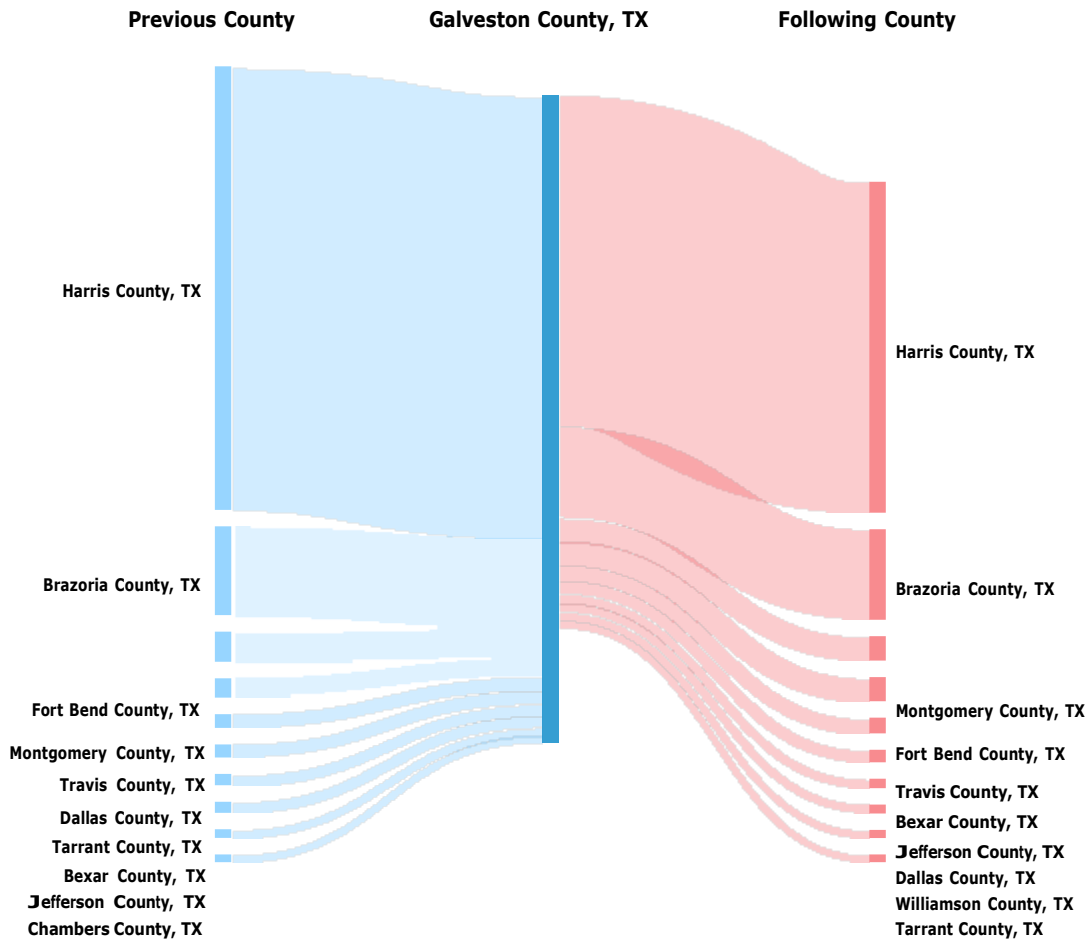
Where Talent Lives

ZIP	Name	2025 Employment	ZIP	Name	2025 Workers
77573	League City, TX (in Ga...	26,678	77573	League City, TX (in Ga...	51,885
77550	Galveston, TX (in Galve...	18,729	77546	Friendswood, TX (in Ga...	27,956
77546	Friendswood, TX (in Ga...	16,511	77539	Dickinson, TX (in Galve...	27,259
77539	Dickinson, TX (in Galve...	16,049	77590	Texas City, TX (in Galv...	15,378
77555	Galveston, TX (in Galve...	12,570	77550	Galveston, TX (in Galve...	12,721

Inbound and Outbound Migration

The table below analyzes past and current residents of Galveston County, TX. The left column shows residents of other counties migrating to Galveston County, TX. The right column shows residents migrating from Galveston County, TX to other counties.

As of 2023, **7,267** people have migrated from Harris County, TX to Galveston County, TX. In the same year, **5,422** people left Galveston County, TX migrating to Harris County, TX. The total Net Migration for Galveston County, TX in 2023 was **1,887**.



Top Previous Counties

Harris County, TX

Migrations

7,267

Brazoria County, TX

1,454

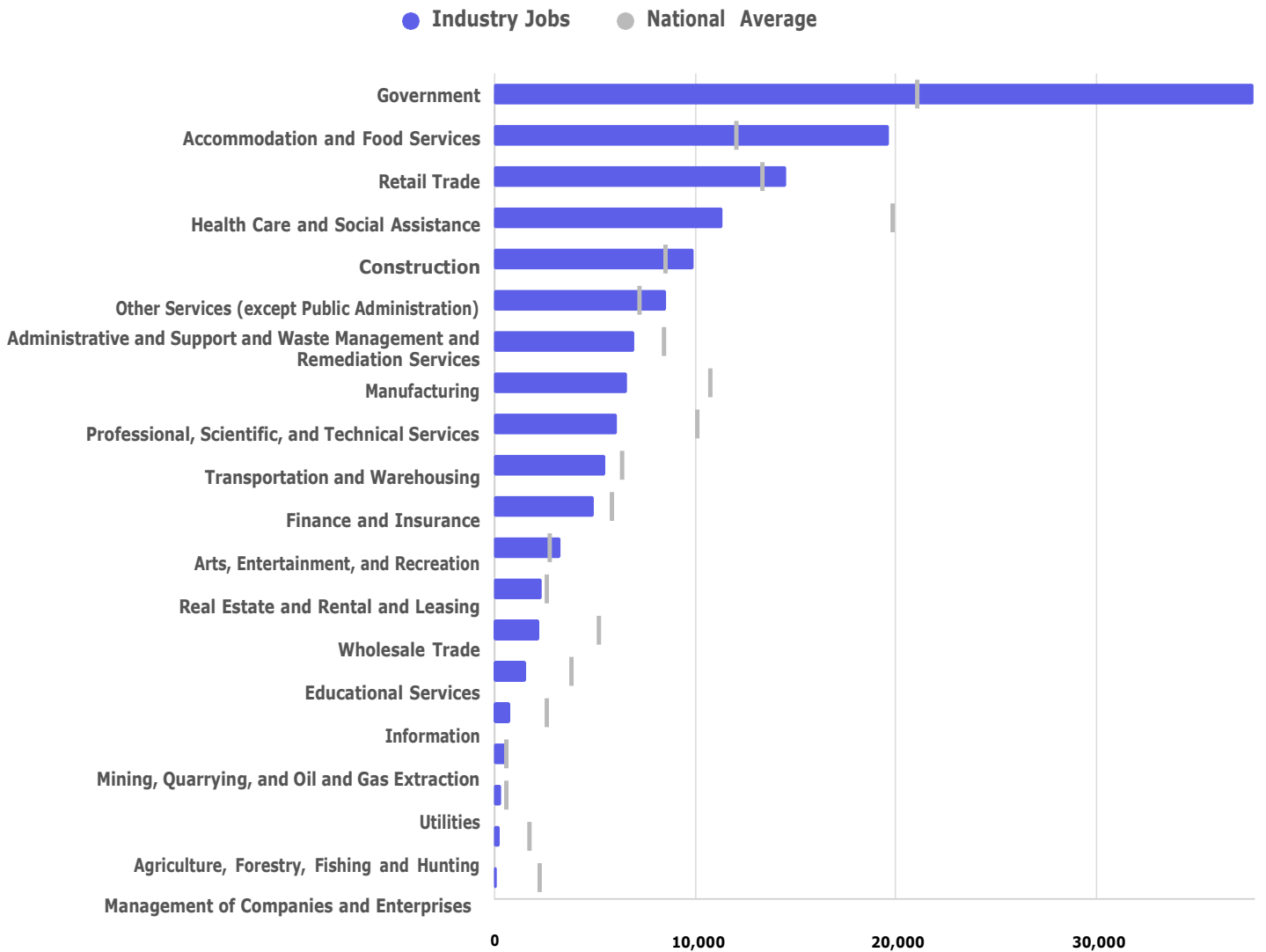
Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Fort Bend County, TX	496
Montgomery County, TX	318
Travis County, TX	227
Dallas County, TX	215
Tarrant County, TX	186
Bexar County, TX	182
Jefferson County, TX	142
Chambers County, TX	128
Denton County, TX	118
Hidalgo County, TX	106
Los Angeles County, CA	104
Collin County, TX	98
Nueces County, TX	94

Top Following Counties	Migrations
Harris County, TX	5,422
Brazoria County, TX	1,484
Montgomery County, TX	400
Fort Bend County, TX	396
Travis County, TX	257
Bexar County, TX	204
Jefferson County, TX	154
Dallas County, TX	146
Williamson County, TX	133
Tarrant County, TX	127
Chambers County, TX	110
Comal County, TX	105
Liberty County, TX	97

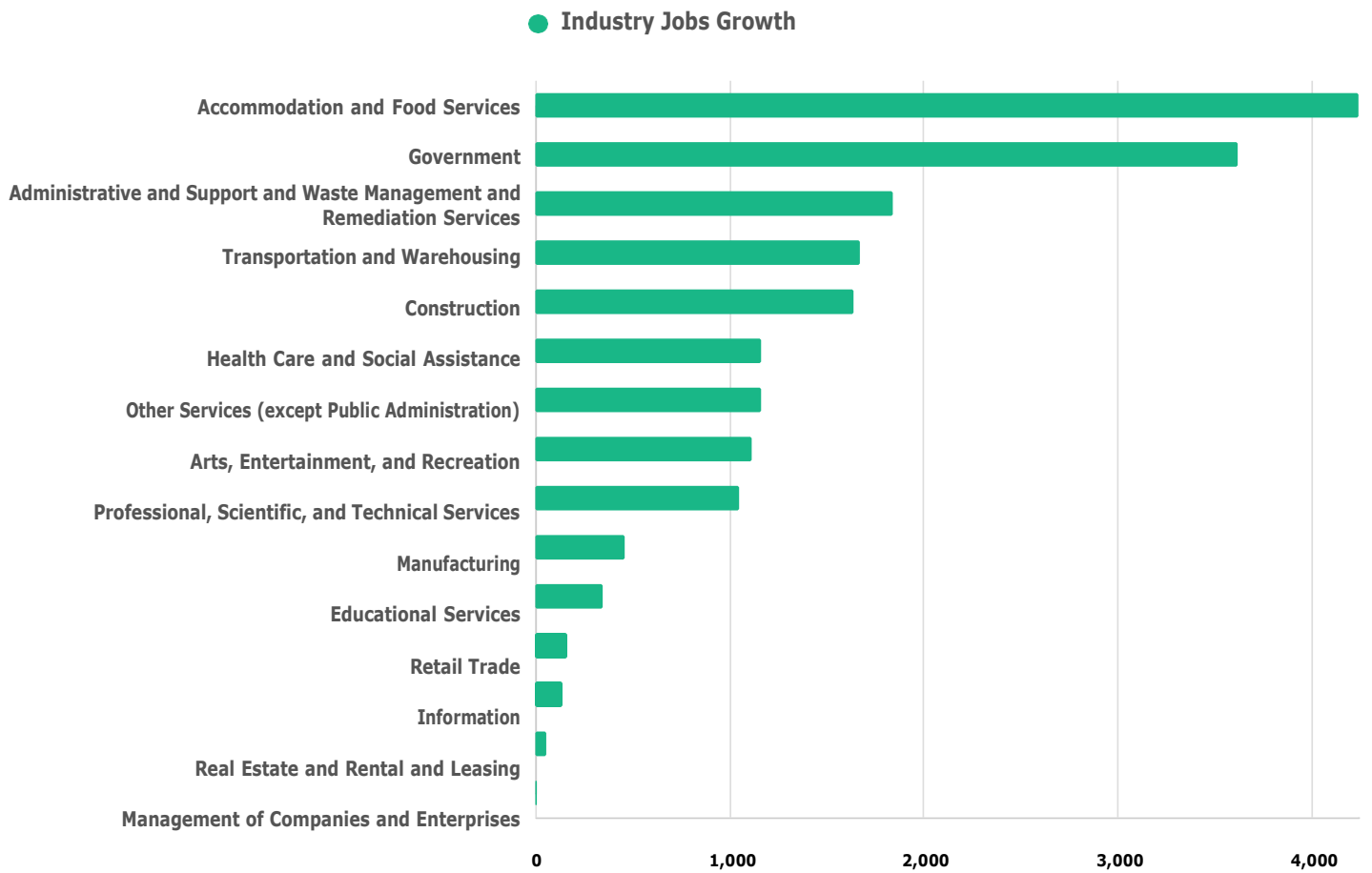
Top Following Counties	Migrations
Hays County, TX	91
Polk County, TX	85

Industry Characteristics

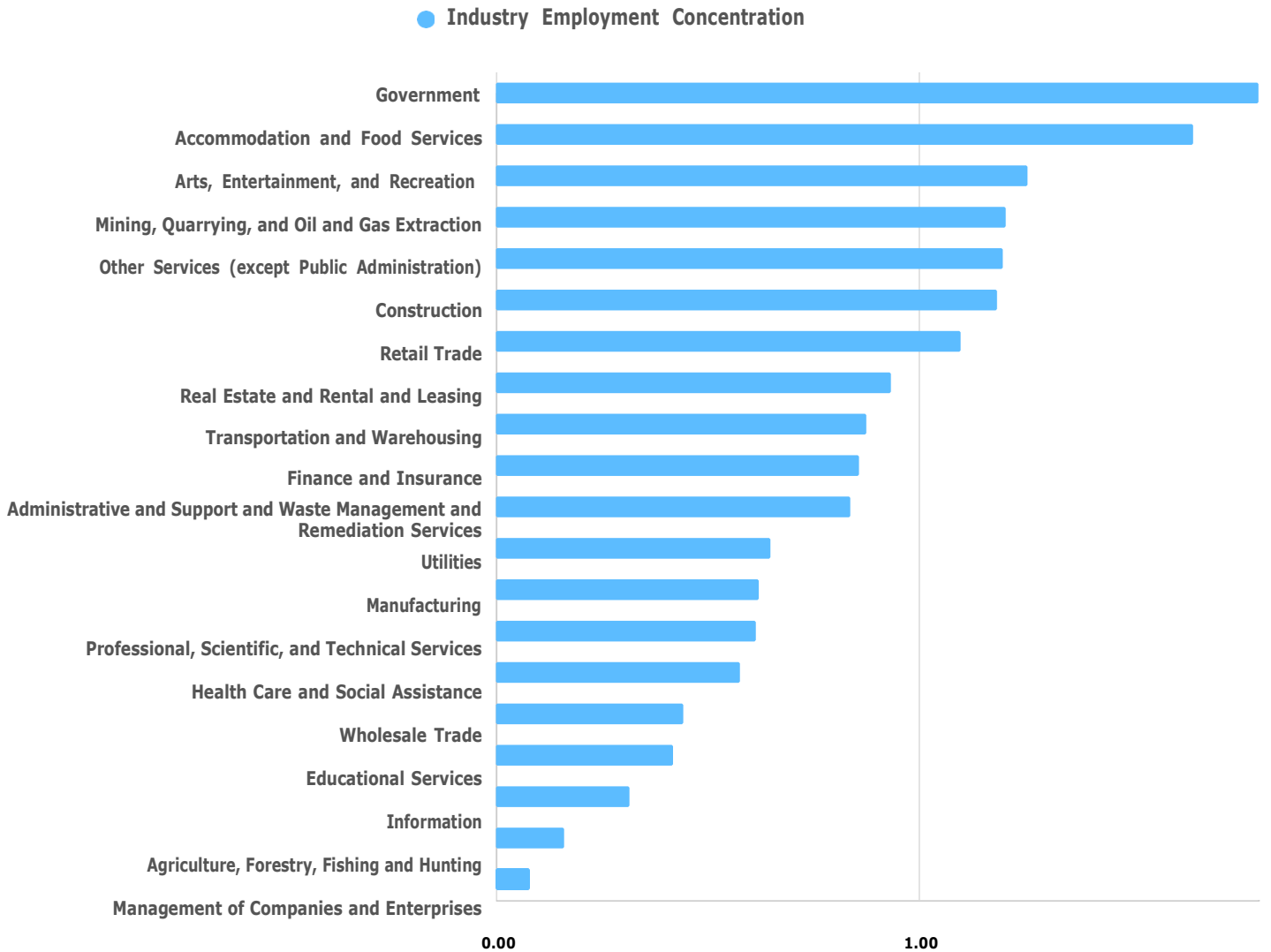
Largest Industries



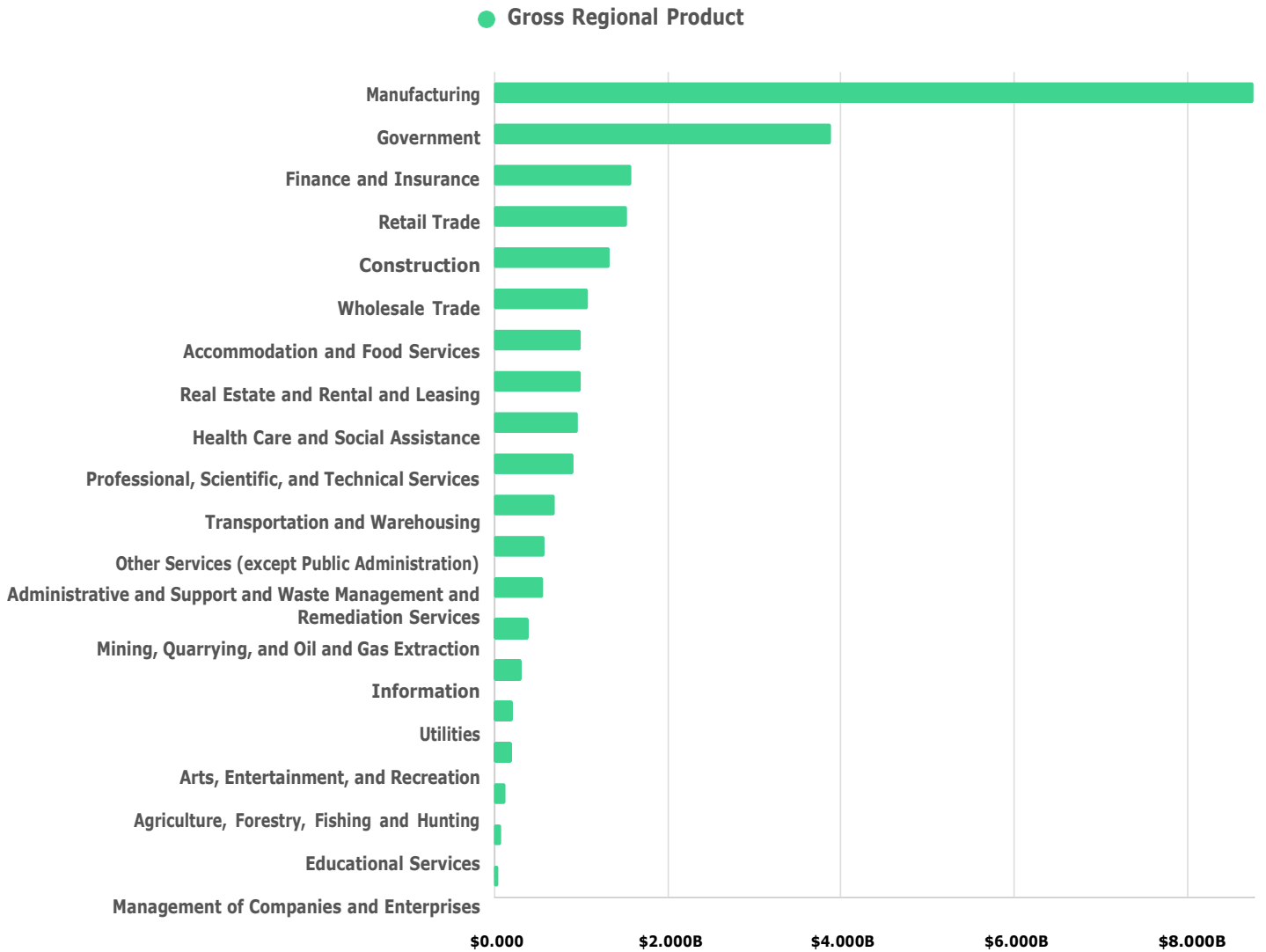
Top Growing Industries



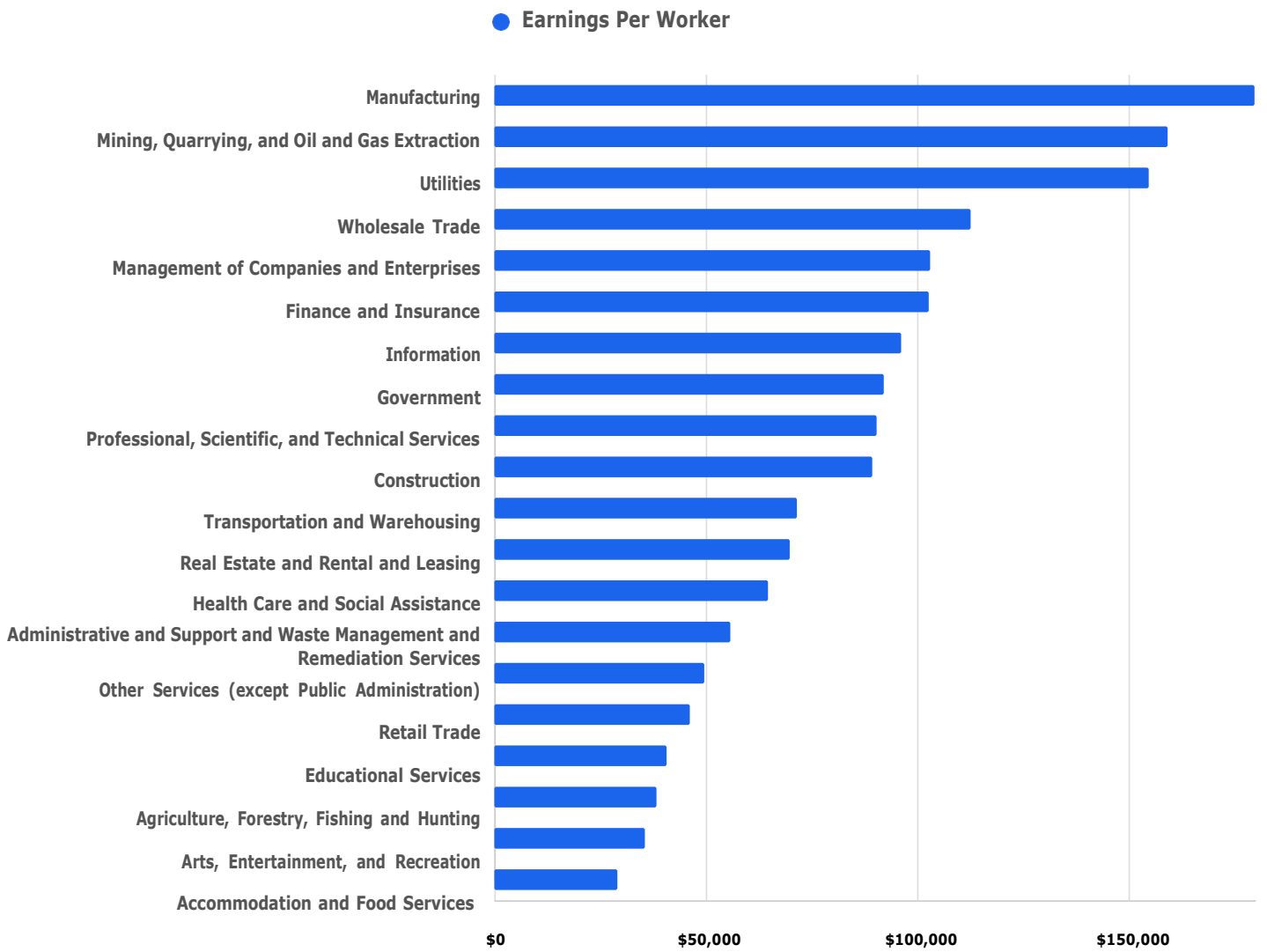
Top Industry Employment Concentration



Top Industry GRP























Top Industry Earnings



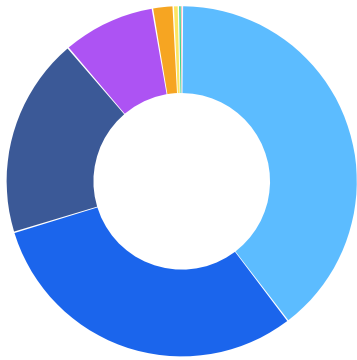
Business Characteristics

36,029 Companies Employ Your Workers

Online profiles for your workers mention 36,029 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 3,635 companies in Galveston County, TX posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

Top Companies	Profiles	Top Companies Posting	Unique Postings
The University of Texas Medica...	5,779 	The University of Texas Medica...	3,731 
Clear Creek Independent Schoo...	1,261 	Domino's Pizza	486 
American National Bank	990 	Clear Creek Independent Schoo...	480 
Marathon Petroleum	726 	Clear Creek Isd	412 
Texas A&M University	660 	Landry's	400 
Nasa - National Aeronautics An...	654 	Encompass Health	371 
HCA Healthcare	576 	Walmart	351 
United States Army	529 	HCA Healthcare	301 
College of the Mainland	460 	College of the Mainland	244 
BP	448 	Dunavant Logistics Group	235 

Business Size

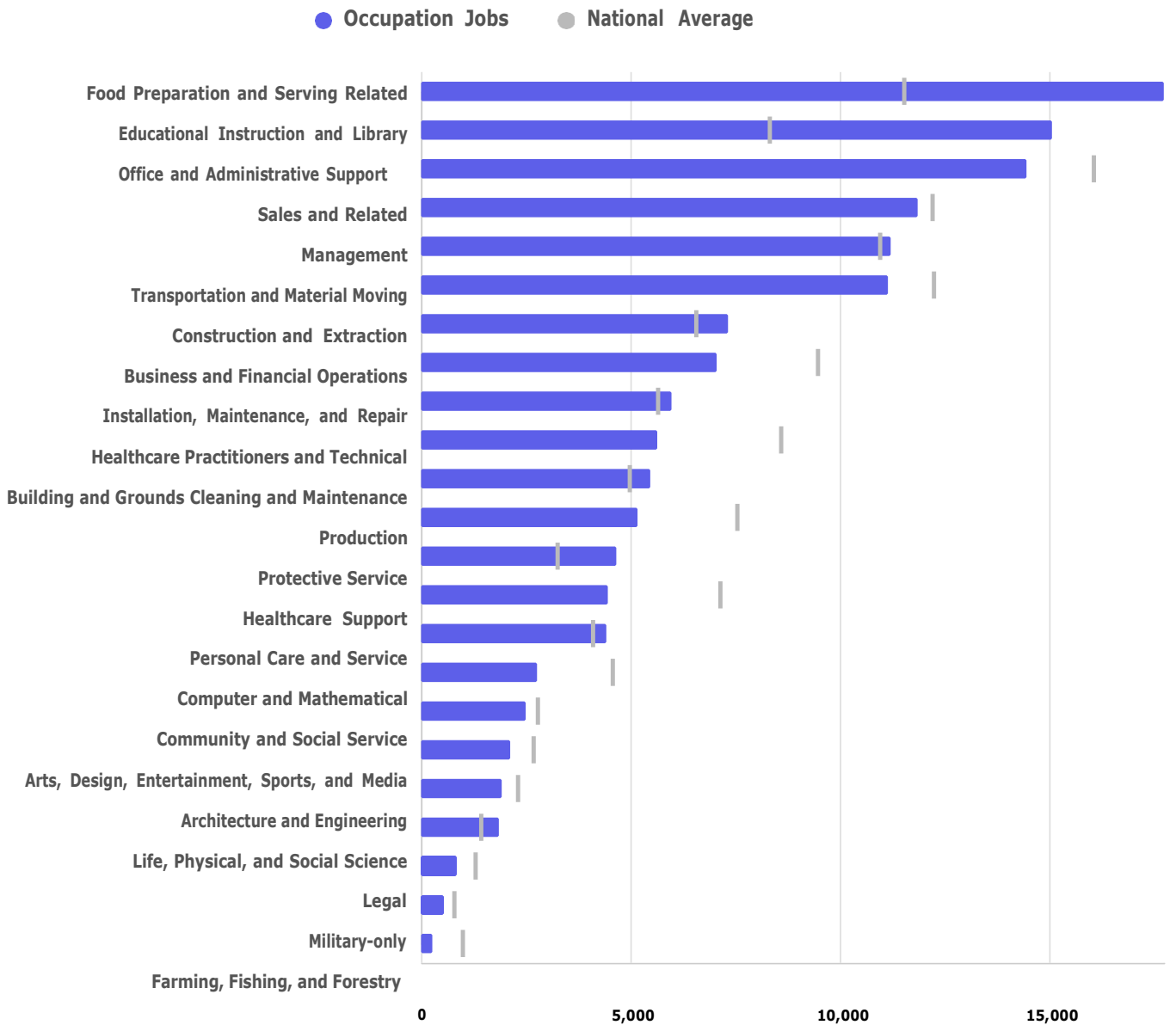


	Percentage	Business Count
● 1 to 4 employees	39.6%	5,962
● 5 to 9 employees	30.6%	4,616
● 10 to 19 employees	18.5%	2,783
● 20 to 49 employees	8.6%	1,289
● 50 to 99 employees	1.9%	286
● 100 to 249 employees	0.5%	71
● 250 to 499 employees	0.3%	42
● 500+ employees	0.1%	15

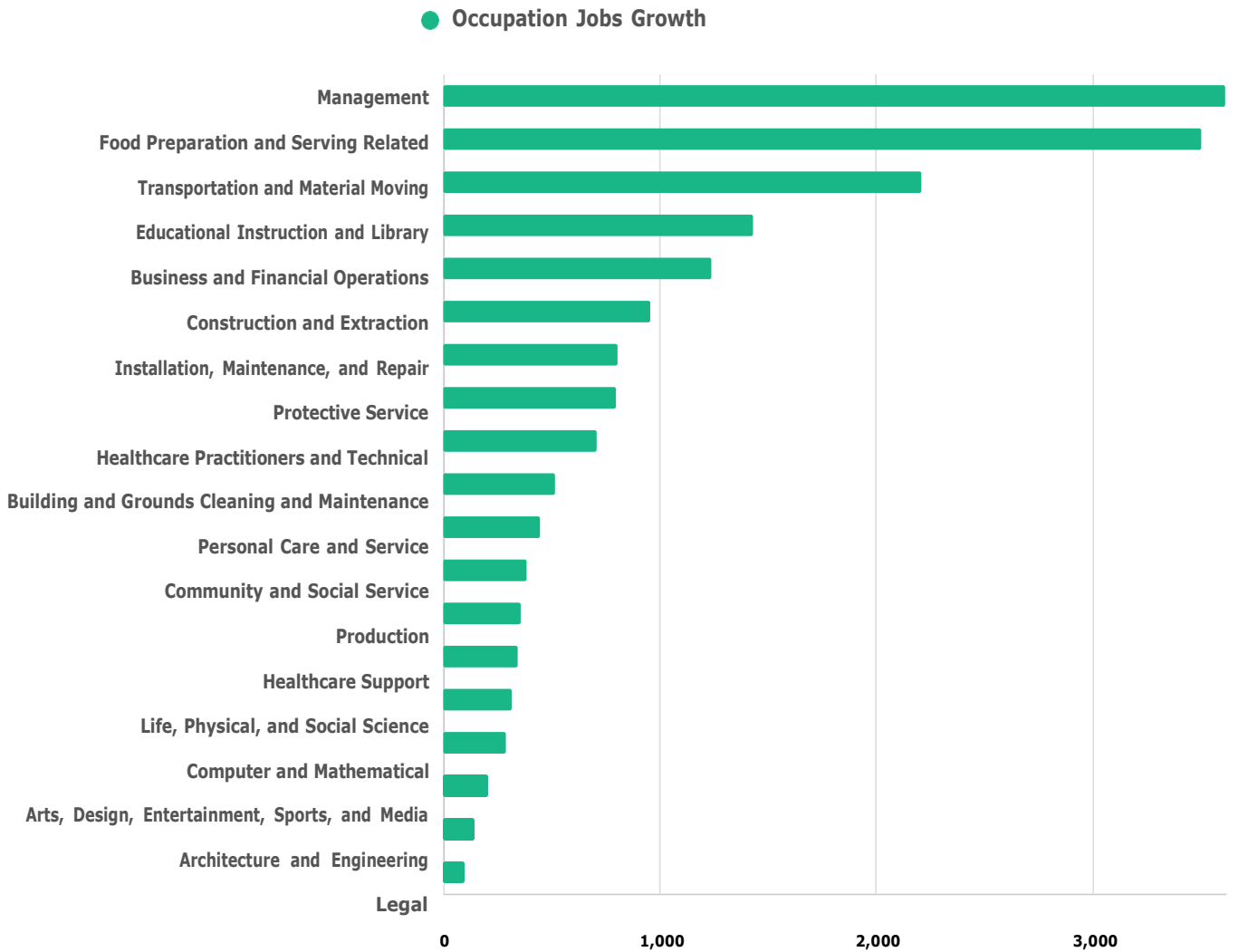
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Workforce Characteristics

Largest Occupations

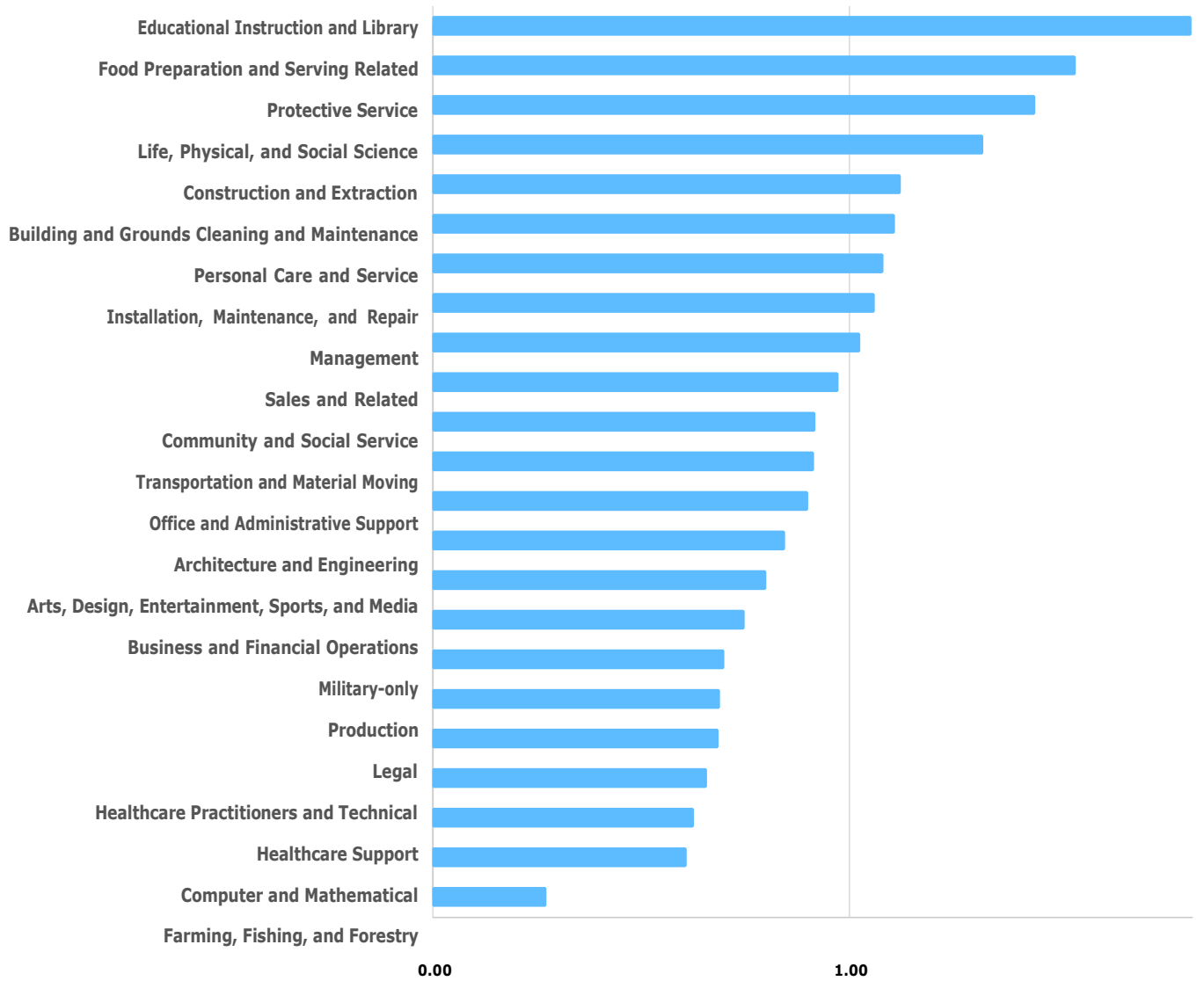


Top Growing Occupations

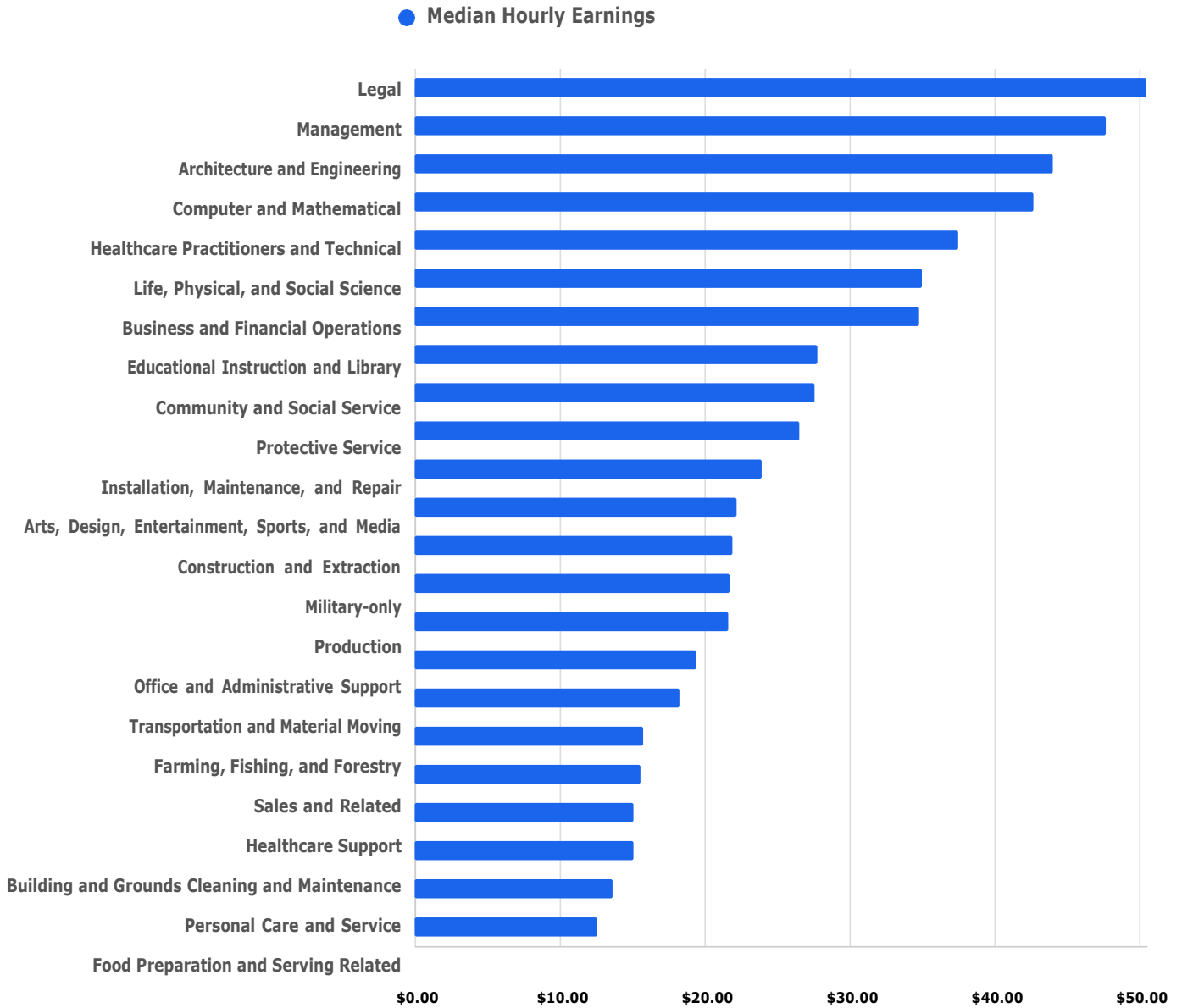


Top Occupation Employment Concentration

● Occupation Employment Concentration

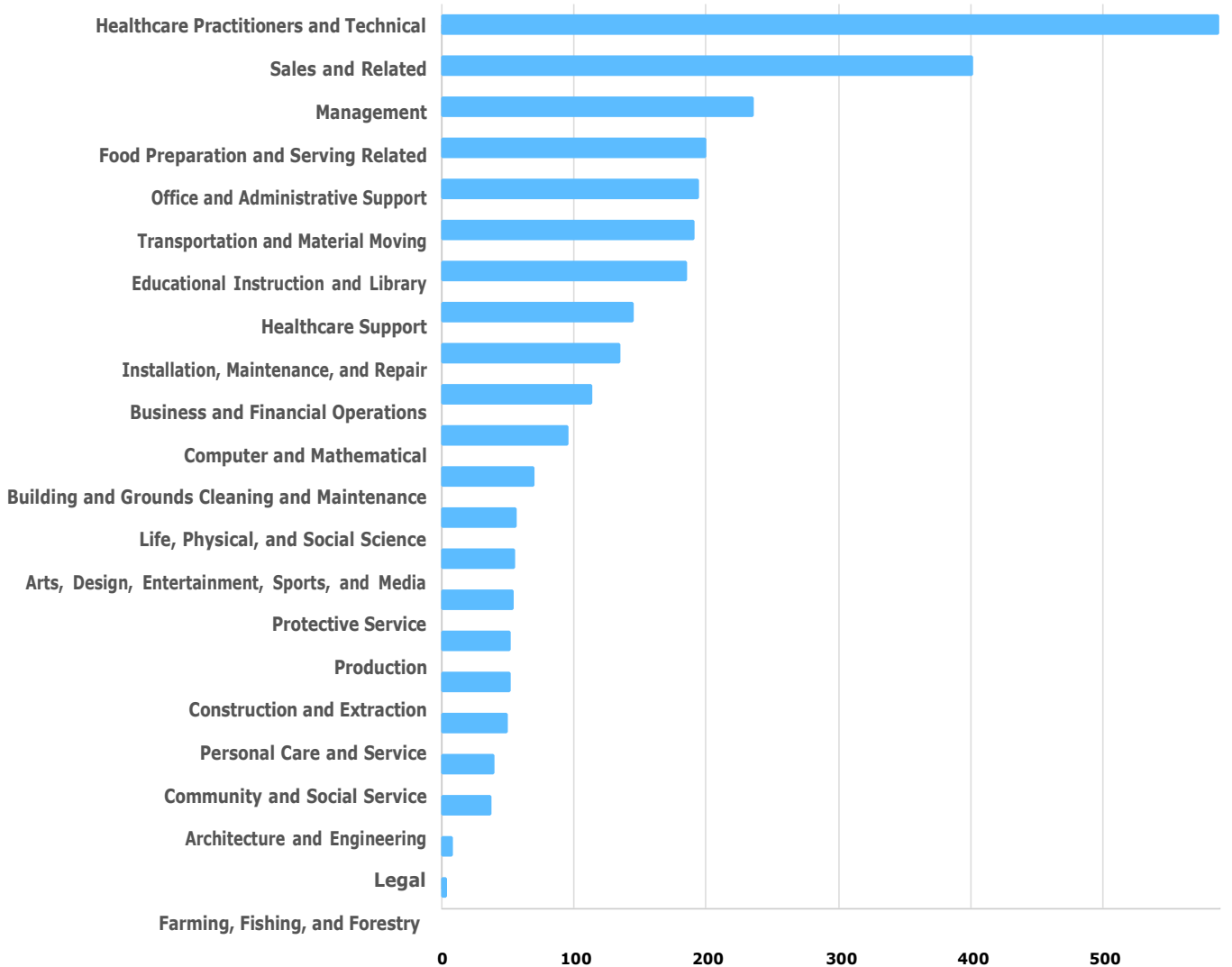


Top Occupation Earnings

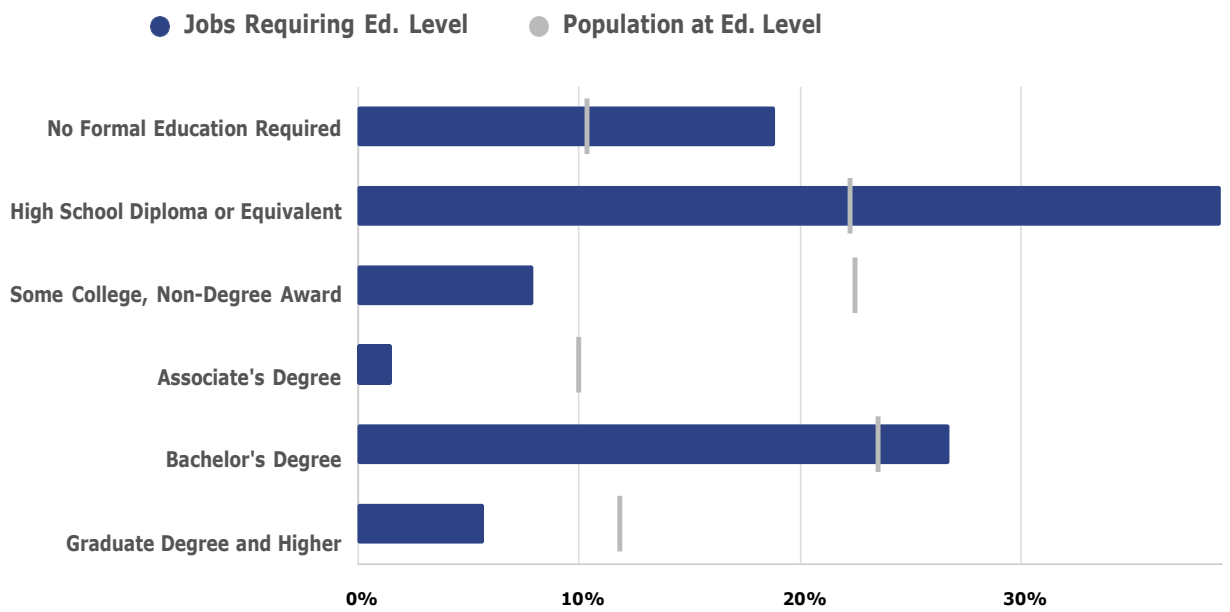


Top Posted Occupations

● Unique Average Monthly Postings

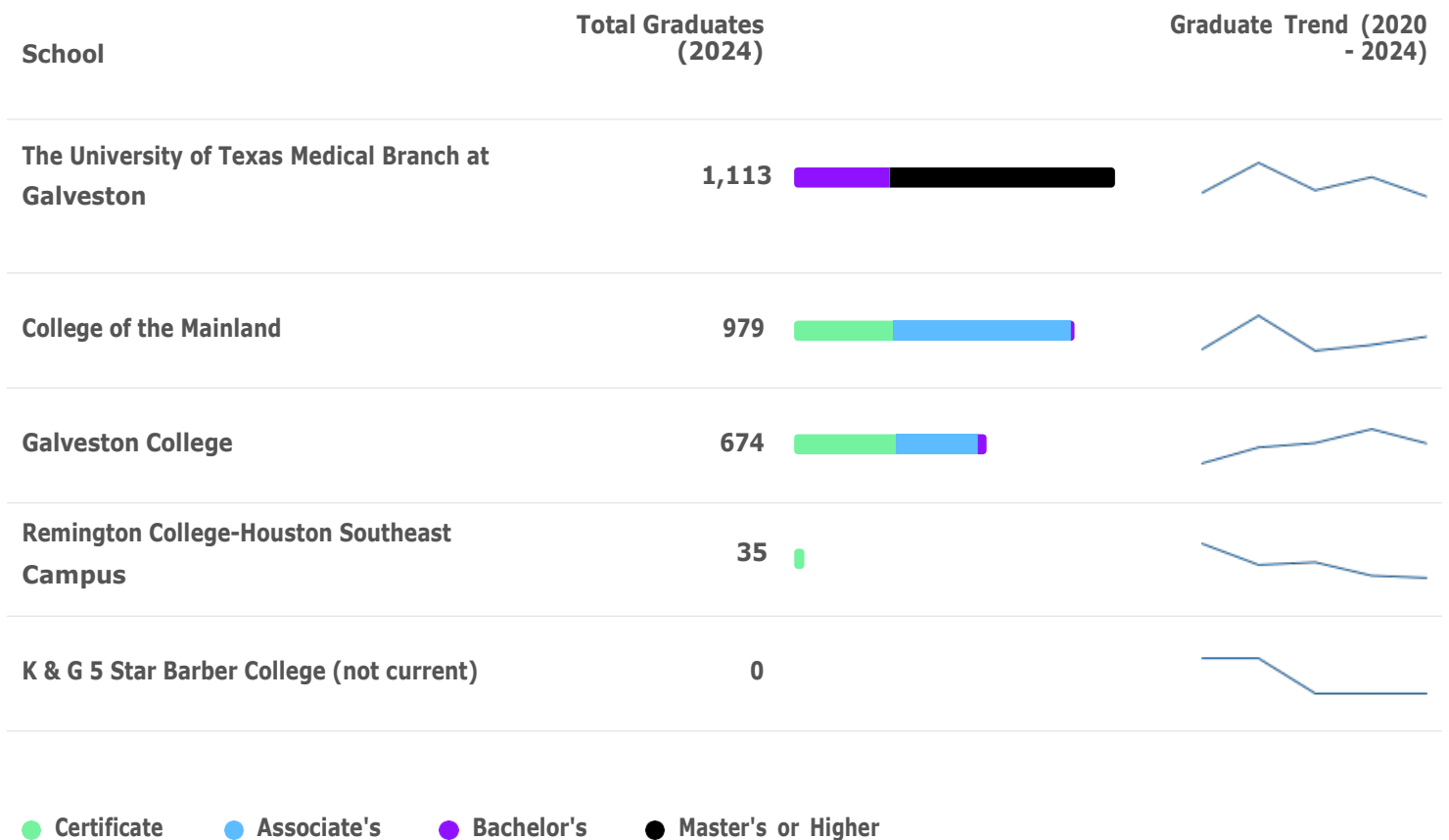


Underemployment



Educational Pipeline

In 2024, there were 2,801 graduates in Galveston County, TX. This pipeline has grown by 5% over the last 5 years. The highest share of these graduates come from "General Studies" (Associate's), "Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse" (Bachelor's), and "Medicine" (Master's or Higher).



In-Demand Skills

