## FOCUS ON

## **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

**Houston Gulf Coast Region\*** 

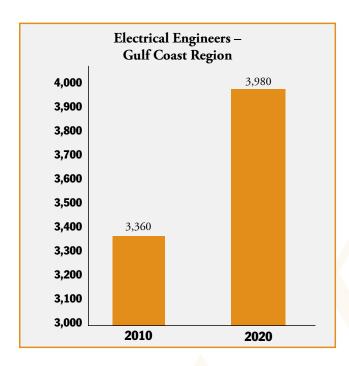
#### **GOT JUICE FOR A GREAT JOB? TRY ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING...**

Some of the best jobs are all about power — supplying and generating it.

Take electrical engineers, for example. Electrical engineers design, develop, test, or supervise the manufacturing and installation of electrical equipment, components, or systems. Electrical engineers generally focus on power supply and power generation as opposed to electronics engineers, who work on applications of electricity to control systems or process signals.

The Gulf Coast region employs a large number of electrical engineers and faces a growing demand to fill upcoming vacancies as many baby boomers retire. In fact:

THE NUMBER OF NEW ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS IN THE GULF COAST REGION IS PROJECTED TO BE NEARLY 4,000 BY 2020.



\*Includes the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.





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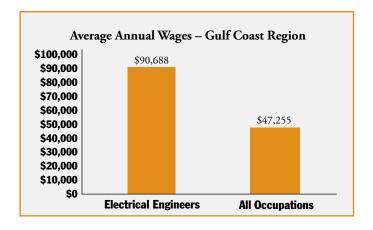
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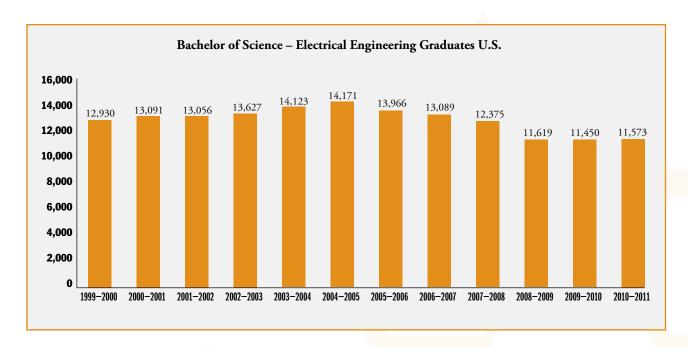
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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS EARN MORE THAN DOUBLE THE REGION'S AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE FOR ALL OCCUPATIONS.





AS BABY BOOMERS APPROACH RETIREMENT, COMPANIES FACE THE TASK OF REPLACING THEM AT A TIME WHEN THE NUMBER OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATES HAS STARTED TO DECLINE.



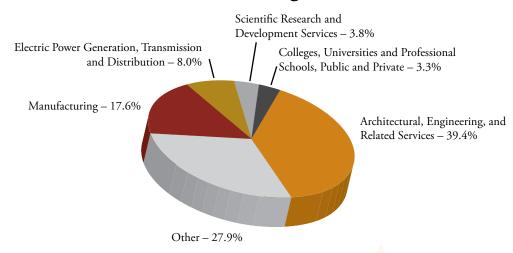
Source: National Center for Educational Statistics



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### **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS ARE IN DEMAND ACROSS A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIES.**

### Where the Jobs Will Be in 2020 Gulf Coast Region



### IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, MAKE WAVES EARLY...

To get your first job as an electrical engineer, you will need at least a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Getting a master's degree in electrical engineering opens up additional opportunities for higher level positions. Most universities offer electrical engineering as a field of study, including the University of Houston, Texas Southern University, Prairie View A&M, and Rice University — all in the Gulf Coast region. Students wishing to pursue a career as an electrical engineer can begin to prepare in high school by taking chemistry, physics, mathematics, and science.



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### **PREPARING FOR A ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CAREER\***

9th Grade	Suggested Coursework		
	English I	World Geography	Career-Related Electives:
	Algebra I	Languages other than English I	Technology Systems (Modular Lab
	Biology	Health/PE or Equivalent	Based) or Research and Technical
			Writing or Communication Systems
10th Grade	Suggested Coursework		
	English II	World History	Career-Related Electives:
	Geometry	Languages other than English II	Engineering Principles or Engineering
	Chemistry	Technology Applications	Graphics or Electricity/Electronics
			Technology
11th Grade	Suggested Coursework		
	English III	United States History	Career-Related Electives:
	Algebra II	Communication Applications	Bio-related Technology Systems or
	Physics	PE or Equivalent	Energy, Power, and Transportation
			Systems or Manufacturing Systems
			AND Languages other than English III
12th Grade	Suggested Coursewo	rk	
	English IV	Government/Economics	Career-Related Electives:
	Precalculus	Fine Arts	Research Design and Development
	AP Physics		or Communication Graphics or
			Computer Multimedia and Animation
			AND Languages other than English IV

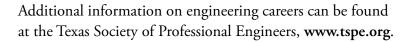
\*Source: AchieveTexas.org



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### Major Employers in the Gulf Coast Region

- ABB
- Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
- The Boeing Company
- BP America
- CDI Corporation
- CenterPoint Energy
- Chevron
- City of Houston
- The Dow Chemical Company
- Dynegy
- Fluor EPCM Services
- Halliburton
- Hewlett-Packard
- Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.
- Lockheed Martin
- S & B Engineering and Constructors, Ltd
- Shell





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