

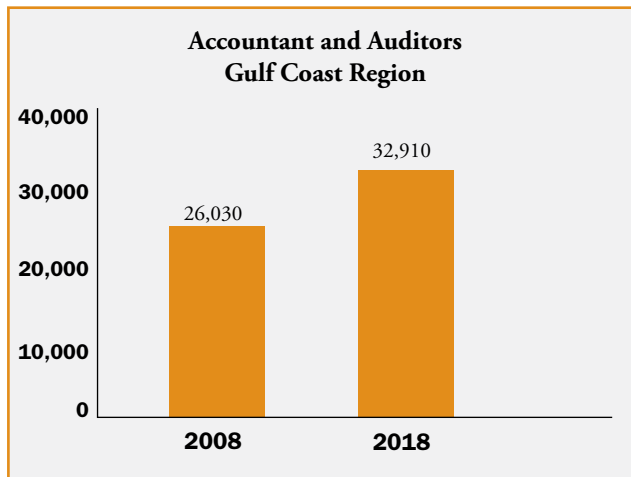
KNOW THE NUMBERS ON JOBS THAT COUNT ...

Accountants and Auditors

Accounts and auditors can make or break a company. They ensure that the company is run efficiently, its public records are kept accurately, and its taxes are paid properly and on time. With changes in financial laws and increased accountability to protect shareholders, demand for accountants and auditors is on the rise. Even during difficult economic times, demand continues to be strong as businesses try to cut costs and maintain good financial controls on operations. High demand and a variety of great job opportunities await those seeking a career in the field of accounting and auditing.



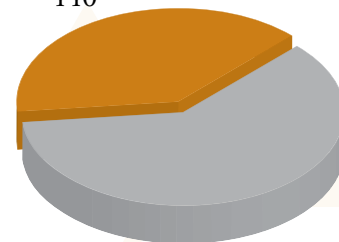
THE NUMBER OF ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 26.4 PERCENT FROM *2008 TO 2018.



There is a need for over 1,100 new accountants and auditors each year!

Annual Job Openings Gulf Coast Region

Due to Replacement
440



Due to Growth
690

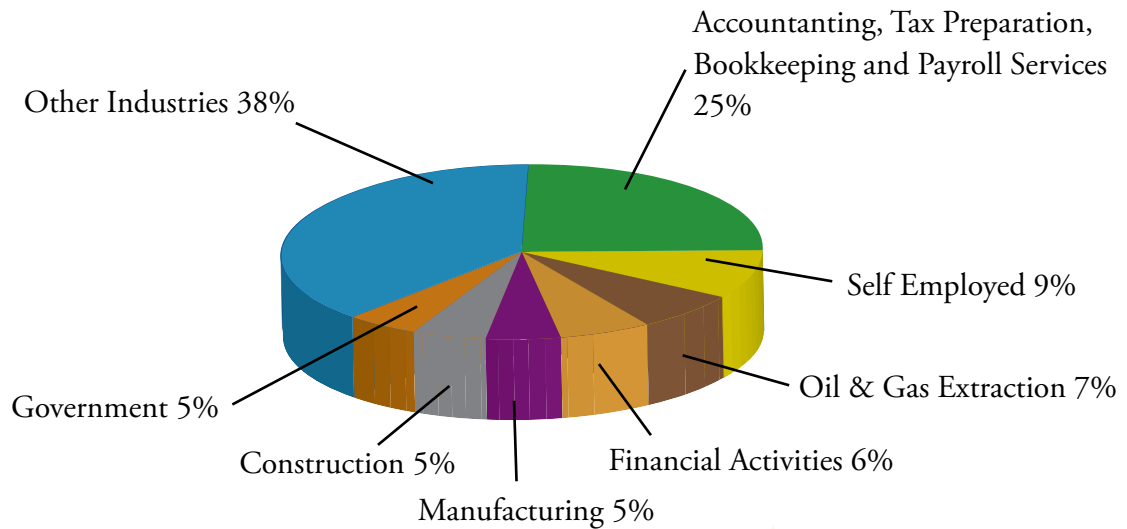
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*Includes the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.

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ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS ARE NEEDED ACROSS MOST INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, SOME INDUSTRIES HIRE MORE THAN OTHERS.

Accountants & Auditors in the Gulf Coast Region 2018



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ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS EARN AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN \$81,000 PER YEAR IN THE GULF COAST REGION!

WHERE TO START?

Most accountant and auditor positions require at least a bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Some employers prefer a master's degree in accounting. Accountants and auditors can also seek a number of credentials through various organizations which vary based on the area of expertise in the accounting field.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certification or licensure as a certified public accountant (CPA) is the most common and provides a distinct advantage in the job market. CPA requirements vary by state. More information about obtaining a CPA license in Texas can be found at www.tsbpa.state.tx.us.

The credential of certified management accountant (CMA) is administered by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). This certification supports management accounting and finance professionals who drive business performance from inside organizations. More information about obtaining CMA certification can be found at www.imanet.org.

The Institute of Internal Auditors offer a certified internal auditor (CIA) designation, or three different specialty industry certifications. These certifications support accountants specializing in the field of internal auditing. Additional information can be found at www.theiia.org.

The Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation offers credentials in four different specialty areas of accounting: accredited business accountant (ABA), accredited tax advisor (ATA), accredited tax preparer (ATP), and elder care specialist (EDS). Additional information can be found at www.acatcredentials.org.

BE SMART: GET AN EARLY START

High school students should aim for a high GPA as a head start on successful completion of an accounting degree.

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MAKING CAREER MOVES ... COURSE BY COURSE*

9th Grade Suggested Coursework			
	English I	World Geography	Career-Related Electives: Introduction to Business AND Recordkeeping or Accounting I or Business and Technical Careers, Business Law AND Business Management
	Algebra I	Languages other than English I	
	Earth or Life or Physical Science or Biology	Health/PE or Equivalent	
10th Grade Suggested Coursework			
	English II	World History	Career-Related Electives: Accounting II or Entrepreneurship or Financial Planning AND Fundamentals of E-Commerce or Computer Programming I
	Geometry	Languages other than English II	
	Chemistry	Business Computer Information Systems I	
11th Grade Suggested Coursework			
	English III	United States History	Career-Related Electives: Advance Accounting Principles and Concepts or Business Computer Information Systems II or Business Computer Programming
	Algebra II	Communication Applications	
	Physics	PE or Equivalent	
12th Grade Suggested Coursework			
	English IV	Government/Economics	Career-Related Electives: Business Communications or related Career Preparation program or Independent Study or Banking and Financial Systems AND Fundamentals of E-Commerce
	Pre-Calculus Environmental Systems	Fine Arts	

*Source: AchieveTexas.org, adopted from Business Analysis Pathway

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GULF COAST REGION ACCOUNTING DEGREE PROGRAMS

UNIVERSITIES

- Houston Baptist University
- Prairie View A & M University
- Sam Houston State University
- Texas Southern University
- University of Houston
- University of St. Thomas



MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN THE GULF COAST REGION

- Accretive Solutions
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- Grant Thornton LLP
- KPMG
- MFR
- Pricewaterhouse Coopers
- UHY Mann Frankfort Stein & Lipp

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