

GULF COAST WORKFORCE REGION

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SOC	Occupational Title	Annual Average Employment 2016	Annual Average Employment 2026	Number Change 2016-2026	Percent Growth 2016-2026	Annual Openings Due to Exits from Workforce	Annual Openings Due to Transfers from Occupation	Annual Openings Due to New Job Growth	Total Annual Openings	Typical Education Needed for Entry into Occupation	Work Experience in a related Occupation	Typical On-the-job Training	Median Wage 2017
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	3,202,048	3,757,792	555,744	17.4	160,248	218,286	55,574	434,108				\$18.70
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation & Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	71,739	98,228	26,489	36.9	7,525	7,870	2,649	18,044	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.19
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	91,901	104,572	12,671	13.8	6,219	7,796	1,267	15,282	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$10.68
35-3031	Waiters & Waitresses	57,107	72,560	15,453	27.1	4,799	7,353	1,545	13,697	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.26
41-2011	Cashiers	62,233	67,679	5,446	8.8	6,099	5,952	545	12,596	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.79
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	89,135	95,378	6,243	7.0	5,414	5,275	624	11,313	High school	None	Short-term	\$17.17
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	54,801	62,295	7,494	13.7	2,993	4,392	749	8,134	High school	None	Short-term	\$15.51
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	38,830	54,620	15,790	40.7	3,729	2,809	1,579	8,117	High school	None	Short-term	\$9.22
37-2011	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	46,525	53,881	7,356	15.8	3,268	3,158	736	7,162	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$10.65
53-7062	Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	42,510	49,502	6,992	16.4	2,279	3,934	699	6,912	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$12.48
43-5081	Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	39,913	46,284	6,371	16.0	2,353	3,070	637	6,060	High school	None	Short-term	\$12.32
53-3032	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	41,611	48,742	7,131	17.1	1,916	2,838	713	5,467	Postsecondary non-degree	None	Short-term	\$19.49
47-2061	Construction Laborers	40,323	48,132	7,809	19.4	1,543	2,916	781	5,240	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$14.56
35-3022	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, & Coffee Shop	20,226	24,505	4,279	21.2	2,687	2,112	428	5,227	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.20
11-1021	General & Operations Managers	47,955	57,269	9,314	19.4	1,091	3,138	931	5,160	Bachelor's	5 years or more	None	\$58.76
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	25,256	33,775	8,519	33.7	1,729	2,361	852	4,942	No formal credential	Less than 5 years	Moderate-term	\$11.90
43-6014	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	45,880	46,253	373	0.8	2,482	2,414	37	4,933	High school	None	Short-term	\$16.94
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	40,808	48,606	7,798	19.1	1,320	2,572	780	4,672	Bachelor's	None	None	\$37.36
39-9011	Childcare Workers	26,688	30,706	4,018	15.1	2,342	1,777	402	4,521	High school	None	Short-term	\$9.89
29-1141	Registered Nurses	52,641	65,839	13,198	25.1	1,696	1,288	1,320	4,304	Bachelor's	None	None	\$37.49
41-3099	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	29,179	34,546	5,367	18.4	1,008	2,750	537	4,295	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$25.04
33-9032	Security Guards	27,035	31,372	4,337	16.0	1,732	2,060	434	4,226	High school	None	Short-term	\$11.89
41-4012	Sales Rep., Wholesale & Manufacturing, Except Tech. & Scientific Products	32,851	38,284	5,433	16.5	1,174	2,382	543	4,099	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$31.23
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	26,057	34,030	7,973	30.6	1,618	1,574	797	3,989	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$16.28
35-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	20,653	26,789	6,136	29.7	1,063	2,263	614	3,940	High school	Less than 5 years	None	\$20.45
43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	31,635	33,789	2,154	6.8	2,026	1,572	215	3,813	Some college, no degree	None	Moderate-term	\$19.59
37-2012	Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	24,257	27,668	3,411	14.1	1,922	1,451	341	3,714	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.48
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers, Ex. Special Ed.	35,949	43,854	7,905	22.0	1,317	1,477	790	3,584	Bachelor's	None	None	\$29.04
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	28,309	32,310	4,001	14.1	1,119	2,040	400	3,559	High school	Less than 5 years	None	\$19.69
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	16,257	20,487	4,230	26.0	1,468	1,593	423	3,484	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$11.10
49-9071	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	28,565	33,391	4,826	16.9	1,262	1,723	483	3,468	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$17.45
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office & Administrative Support Workers	29,163	32,350	3,187	10.9	1,193	1,775	319	3,287	High school	Less than 5 years	None	\$28.20
35-9031	Hosts & Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, & Coffee Shop	11,073	14,136	3,063	27.7	1,452	1,379	306	3,137	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.58
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	19,908	24,802	4,894	24.6	1,358	1,130	489	2,977	Postsecondary non-degree	None	None	\$12.70
47-1011	Supervisors of Construction & Extraction Workers	23,931	28,393	4,462	18.6	837	1,650	446	2,933	High school	5 years or more	None	\$33.50
37-3011	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	20,683	23,741	3,058	14.8	1,037	1,587	306	2,930	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$12.13
31-1011	Home Health Aides	14,162	20,809	6,647	46.9	1,062	884	665	2,611	High school	None	Short-term	\$9.09
47-2111	Electricians	19,432	22,445	3,013	15.5	729	1,556	301	2,586	High school	None	Apprenticeship	\$26.25
51-9198	Helpers--Production Workers	12,725	16,455	3,730	29.3	782	1,389	373	2,544	High school	None	Short-term	\$13.94
25-3098	Substitute Teachers	18,037	21,932	3,895	21.6	1,218	935	390	2,543	Info not available	Info not available	Info not available	\$12.24
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	18,269	22,318	4,049	22.2	540	1,585	405	2,530	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$23.04

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25-9041	Teacher Assistants	18,898	23,026	4,128	21.8	1,151	956	413	2,520	Some college, no degree	None	None	\$10.66
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers, Ex. Special Ed. & CTE	23,694	28,954	5,260	22.2	806	982	526	2,314	Bachelor's	None	None	\$28.87
53-3033	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	17,108	20,153	3,045	17.8	790	1,170	304	2,264	High school	None	Short-term	\$14.64
31-9092	Medical Assistants	13,726	19,064	5,338	38.9	720	1,007	534	2,261	Postsecondary non-degree	None	None	\$15.03
43-4171	Receptionists & Information Clerks	15,114	16,886	1,772	11.7	995	1,062	177	2,234	High school	None	Short-term	\$12.52
35-3011	Bartenders	10,700	13,355	2,655	24.8	579	1,380	266	2,225	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$11.38
35-9011	Dining Room & Cafeteria Attendants & Bartender Helpers	10,189	12,847	2,658	26.1	1,025	913	266	2,204	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.30
53-7051	Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	15,658	18,504	2,846	18.2	595	1,278	285	2,158	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$15.91
13-1199	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	17,865	20,928	3,063	17.1	608	1,119	306	2,033	Bachelor's	None	None	\$38.95
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	15,962	16,876	914	5.7	682	1,257	91	2,030	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$19.92
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, & Traffic Clerks	17,737	19,609	1,872	10.6	729	1,112	187	2,028	High school	None	Short-term	\$15.32
41-2021	Counter & Rental Clerks	13,940	15,541	1,601	11.5	774	1,082	160	2,016	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$12.07
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	14,522	17,420	2,898	20.0	579	1,068	290	1,937	High school	None	Apprenticeship	\$25.70
47-2031	Carpenters	16,398	18,949	2,551	15.6	608	982	255	1,845	High school	None	Apprenticeship	\$18.66
35-9021	Dishwashers	9,447	11,555	2,108	22.3	777	837	211	1,825	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$10.35
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers & Other Ag. Managers	22,792	23,650	858	3.8	1,358	345	86	1,789	High school	5 years or more	None	\$26.21
53-7064	Packers & Packagers, Hand	10,729	11,516	787	7.3	753	908	79	1,740	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$10.35
25-2022	Middle School Teachers, Ex. Special Ed. & CTE	17,238	21,062	3,824	22.2	632	709	382	1,723	Bachelor's	None	None	\$29.01
53-3031	Driver/Sales Workers	14,459	15,622	1,163	8.0	638	945	116	1,699	High school	None	Short-term	\$12.55
35-2011	Cooks, Fast Food	10,382	11,809	1,427	13.7	650	888	143	1,681	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.70
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists	11,457	13,365	1,908	16.7	828	620	191	1,639	Postsecondary non-degree	None	None	\$12.05
51-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers	13,892	15,914	2,022	14.6	475	954	202	1,631	High school	Less than 5 years	None	\$32.07
13-1071	Human Resources Specialists	13,918	16,019	2,101	15.1	434	984	210	1,628	Bachelor's	None	None	\$30.74
53-7061	Cleaners of Vehicles & Equipment	9,198	10,854	1,656	18.0	517	870	166	1,553	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$10.96
33-3051	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	16,867	20,537	3,670	21.8	452	729	367	1,548	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$31.76
47-2073	Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	10,504	12,741	2,237	21.3	444	815	224	1,483	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$19.10
41-9022	Real Estate Sales Agents	12,488	14,564	2,076	16.6	692	527	208	1,427	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$29.30
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	12,515	14,378	1,863	14.9	424	812	186	1,422	Postsecondary non-degree	None	Short-term	\$20.05
29-2061	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	13,460	16,720	3,260	24.2	532	524	326	1,382	Postsecondary non-degree	None	None	\$22.70
43-3021	Billing & Posting Clerks	10,446	12,852	2,406	23.0	498	641	241	1,380	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$18.19
45-2092	Farmworkers & Laborers, Crop, Nursery, & Greenhouse	8,411	8,935	524	6.2	317	988	52	1,357	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.66
51-4041	Machinists	9,758	12,260	2,502	25.6	382	717	250	1,349	High school	None	Long-term	\$21.97
43-3071	Tellers	10,719	11,409	690	6.4	567	711	69	1,347	High school	None	Short-term	\$13.31
13-1111	Management Analysts	11,328	13,828	2,500	22.1	404	650	250	1,304	Bachelor's	Less than 5 years	None	\$47.82
11-9021	Construction Managers	14,488	16,942	2,454	16.9	360	698	245	1,303	Bachelor's	None	Moderate-term	\$46.25
25-2011	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	10,651	12,455	1,804	16.9	498	617	180	1,295	Associate's degree	None	None	\$11.55
15-1132	Software Developers, Applications	12,585	16,426	3,841	30.5	198	712	384	1,294	Bachelor's	None	None	\$52.59
35-2012	Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	7,817	8,954	1,137	14.5	491	671	114	1,276	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$11.87
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	10,901	13,138	2,237	20.5	406	621	224	1,251	High school	None	Long-term	\$27.94
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School or Special Client	9,044	10,097	1,053	11.6	751	391	105	1,247	High school	None	Short-term	\$15.56
15-1151	Computer User Support Specialists	13,202	15,393	2,191	16.6	290	736	219	1,245	Some college, no degree	None	None	\$26.78
15-1121	Computer Systems Analysts	15,630	17,580	1,950	12.5	304	741	195	1,240	Bachelor's	None	None	\$44.48
41-3031	Securities, Commodities, & Financial Services Sales Agents	10,730	12,382	1,652	15.4	303	762	165	1,230	Bachelor's	None	Moderate-term	\$23.97

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39-9032	Recreation Workers	5,535	6,791	1,256	22.7	403	616	126	1,145	High school	None	Short-term	\$11.17
49-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	10,234	11,960	1,726	16.9	359	572	173	1,104	High school	Less than 5 years	None	\$33.06
43-5061	Production, Planning, & Expediting Clerks	8,626	10,164	1,538	17.8	326	610	154	1,090	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$23.17
47-2141	Painters, Construction & Maintenance	10,393	11,922	1,529	14.7	381	556	153	1,090	No formal credential	None	Moderate-term	\$18.38
51-2092	Team Assemblers	8,480	9,158	678	8.0	377	639	68	1,084	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$13.79
39-2021	Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	5,237	6,944	1,707	32.6	416	491	171	1,078	High school	None	Short-term	\$9.42
41-1012	First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers	9,735	11,068	1,333	13.7	346	580	133	1,059	High school	Less than 5 years	None	\$36.17
17-2051	Civil Engineers	10,634	12,841	2,207	20.8	254	578	221	1,053	Bachelor's	None	None	\$50.37
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	6,876	8,187	1,311	19.1	256	655	131	1,042	No formal credential	None	Moderate-term	\$16.54
39-3091	Amusement & Recreation Attendants	4,019	4,653	634	15.8	458	515	63	1,036	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$9.04
41-3021	Insurance Sales Agents	8,964	10,233	1,269	14.2	390	516	127	1,033	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$18.51
43-6011	Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants	11,725	10,263	-1,462	-12.5	592	576	-146	1,022	High school	Less than 5 years	None	\$29.10
11-3031	Financial Managers	8,878	11,623	2,745	30.9	236	507	274	1,017	Bachelor's	5 years or more	None	\$69.23
33-3012	Correctional Officers & Jailers	12,166	12,416	250	2.1	434	552	25	1,011	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$20.44
31-9091	Dental Assistants	6,933	8,380	1,447	20.9	391	438	145	974	Postsecondary non-degree	None	None	\$16.89
39-9031	Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	4,967	5,782	815	16.4	352	538	82	972	High school	None	Short-term	\$20.59
21-2011	Clergy	8,210	8,720	510	6.2	388	519	51	958	Bachelor's	None	Moderate-term	\$23.89
23-1011	Lawyers	15,874	18,281	2,407	15.2	339	369	241	949	Doctoral or prof.	None	None	\$75.57
17-2171	Petroleum Engineers	10,636	12,567	1,931	18.2	209	537	193	939	Bachelor's	None	None	\$75.05
13-1161	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	6,660	8,667	2,007	30.1	203	526	201	930	Bachelor's	None	None	\$35.05
49-3031	Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	7,782	9,448	1,666	21.4	264	492	167	923	High school	None	Long-term	\$23.04
51-9011	Chemical Equipment Operators & Tenders	8,147	8,455	308	3.8	228	651	31	910	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$34.55
53-2031	Flight Attendants	6,367	7,831	1,464	23.0	351	402	146	899	High school	Less than 5 years	Moderate-term	\$27.13
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	8,502	10,246	1,744	20.5	304	416	174	894	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$16.55
27-3031	Public Relations Specialists	7,299	8,607	1,308	17.9	223	538	131	892	Bachelor's	None	None	\$28.80
13-2051	Financial Analysts	8,081	9,593	1,512	18.7	176	555	151	882	Bachelor's	None	None	\$41.02
45-2093	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, & Aquacultural Animals	5,456	5,724	268	4.9	204	637	27	868	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$11.96
13-1023	Purchasing Agents, exc. Wholesale, Retail & Farm.	9,172	9,681	509	5.5	280	521	51	852	Bachelor's	None	Moderate-term	\$30.33
33-9092	Lifeguards, Ski Patrol, & Other Recreational Protective Service	2,990	3,527	537	18.0	451	344	54	849	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$8.95
13-1151	Training & Development Specialists	6,580	7,961	1,381	21.0	224	467	138	829	Bachelor's	Less than 5 years	None	\$33.25
35-3041	Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	4,339	5,434	1,095	25.2	368	344	110	822	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$10.46
25-3021	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	5,597	6,975	1,378	24.6	383	294	138	815	High school	Less than 5 years	None	\$22.53
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	6,378	7,725	1,347	21.1	195	473	135	803	Postsecondary non-degree	None	Long-term	\$21.85
41-4011	Sales Rep., Wholesale & Manufacturing, Technical & Scientific Products	6,524	7,480	956	14.7	231	469	96	796	Bachelor's	None	Moderate-term	\$41.51
47-5013	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, & Mining	5,520	6,376	856	15.5	147	552	86	785	No formal credential	None	Moderate-term	\$22.94
23-2011	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	5,965	7,172	1,207	20.2	217	437	121	775	Associate's degree	None	None	\$27.58
21-1012	Educational, Guidance, School, & Vocational Counselors	5,715	6,902	1,187	20.8	232	413	119	764	Master's	None	None	\$30.02
11-2022	Sales Managers	6,897	8,144	1,247	18.1	171	456	125	752	Bachelor's	Less than 5 years	None	\$64.13
43-9041	Insurance Claims & Policy Processing Clerks	5,922	7,021	1,099	18.6	276	363	110	749	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$17.26
11-9199	Managers, All Other	8,345	9,617	1,272	15.2	243	377	127	747	Bachelor's	Less than 5 years	None	\$59.91
19-2042	Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists & Geographers	6,286	7,525	1,239	19.7	149	474	124	747	Bachelor's	None	None	\$64.47
17-2141	Mechanical Engineers	8,127	9,950	1,823	22.4	184	376	182	742	Bachelor's	None	None	\$47.94
49-9098	Helpers--Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Workers	4,648	5,600	952	20.5	246	387	95	728	High school	None	Short-term	\$14.37

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43-4151	Order Clerks	5,876	6,234	358	6.1	281	396	36	713	High school	None	Short-term	\$18.13
47-2051	Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	5,151	6,222	1,071	20.8	216	386	107	709	No formal credential	None	Moderate-term	\$16.03
43-3011	Bill & Account Collectors	6,316	6,639	323	5.1	243	425	32	700	High school	None	Moderate-term	\$18.24
35-2015	Cooks, Short Order	4,290	4,873	583	13.6	268	366	58	692	No formal credential	None	Short-term	\$11.09
53-1031	First-Line Supervisors of Trans. & Material-Moving Machine & Vehicle Op.	5,334	6,324	990	18.6	187	401	99	687	High school	Less than 5 years	None	\$28.53
43-4081	Hotel, Motel, & Resort Desk Clerks	3,999	4,342	343	8.6	231	412	34	677	High school	None	Short-term	\$10.36
13-1051	Cost Estimators	5,194	6,192	998	19.2	179	370	100	649	Bachelor's	None	Moderate-term	\$34.46

1. Where The Jobs Are represents those occupations projected to offer the largest number of employment opportunities for Gulf Coast residents now and in the immediate future. Note that the majority of openings may be the result of workers switching to new careers (transfers) and thereby creating vacancies.

2. Occupations on this list are those with projected annual average total job openings greater than or equal to 645 per year.