Economic Overview

City of Mesquite, TX
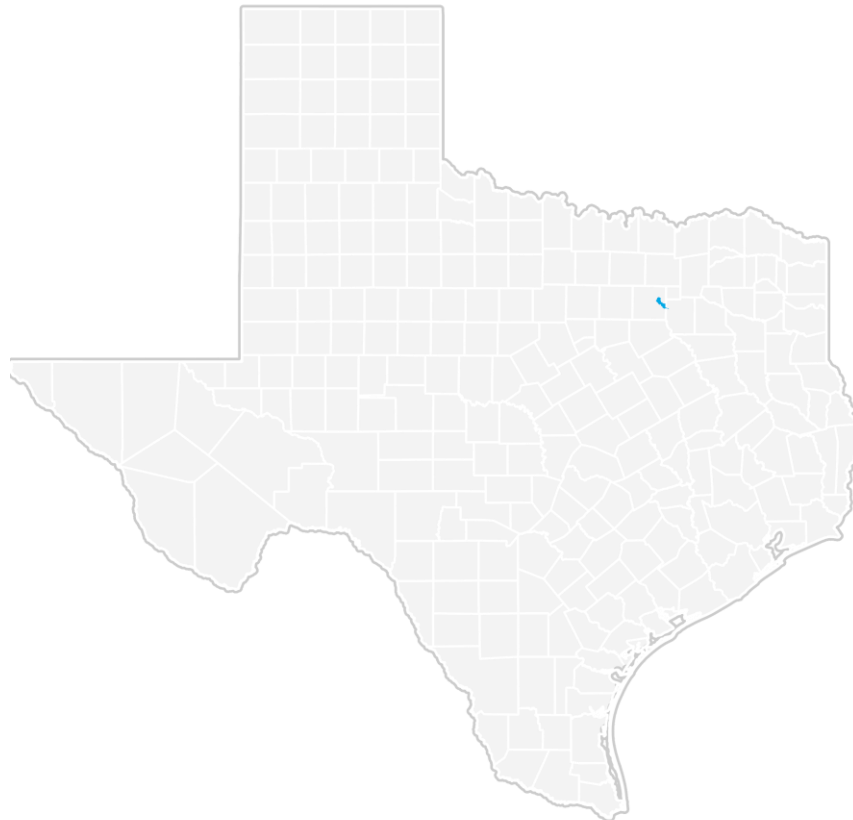
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Demographic Profile

The population in the City of Mesquite, TX was 144,118 per American Community Survey data for 2013-2017.

The region has a civilian labor force of 74,215 with a participation rate of 69.4%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in the City of Mesquite, TX, 17.5% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 32.3% in the nation.

The median household income in the City of Mesquite, TX is $52,167 and the median house value is $119,000.

Summary[1]

	Percent			Value		
	City of Mesquite, TX	Texas	USA	City of Mesquite, TX	Texas	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	144,118	27,419,612	321,004,407
Male	48.2%	49.7%	49.2%	69,401	13,616,977	158,018,753
Female	51.8%	50.3%	50.8%	74,717	13,802,635	162,985,654
Median Age[2]	—	—	—	32.8	34.3	37.8
Under 18 Years	28.9%	26.3%	22.9%	41,617	7,213,117	73,601,279
18 to 24 Years	10.2%	10.0%	9.7%	14,713	2,752,064	31,131,484
25 to 34 Years	13.8%	14.6%	13.7%	19,817	4,002,129	44,044,173
35 to 44 Years	13.3%	13.5%	12.7%	19,119	3,705,119	40,656,419
45 to 54 Years	13.2%	12.7%	13.4%	18,954	3,494,999	43,091,143
55 to 64 Years	11.0%	11.1%	12.7%	15,852	3,036,278	40,747,520
65 to 74 Years	5.7%	7.0%	8.6%	8,268	1,915,612	27,503,389
75 Years, and Over	4.0%	4.7%	6.3%	5,778	1,300,294	20,229,000
Race: White	64.9%	74.6%	73.0%	93,532	20,459,525	234,370,202
Race: Black or African American	25.0%	12.0%	12.7%	36,091	3,286,950	40,610,815
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%	886	130,360	2,632,102
Race: Asian	2.8%	4.5%	5.4%	4,021	1,236,852	17,186,320
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	56	23,531	570,116
Race: Some Other Race	3.5%	5.8%	4.8%	4,984	1,580,393	15,553,808
Race: Two or More Races	3.2%	2.6%	3.1%	4,548	702,001	10,081,044
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	38.9%	38.9%	17.6%	56,118	10,673,909	56,510,571
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	69.4%	64.4%	63.3%	74,215	13,473,957	161,159,470
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	84.0%	80.2%	81.6%	48,632	8,945,583	103,761,701
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	27	91,081	1,024,855
Veterans, Age 18-64	4.6%	5.2%	4.9%	4,092	872,423	9,667,749
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	83.1%	77.6%	75.8%	3,400	677,079	7,326,514
Median Household Income[2]	—	—	—	$52,167	$57,051	$57,652
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	$22,088	$28,985	$31,177
Poverty Level (of all people)	14.3%	16.0%	14.6%	20,490	4,291,384	45,650,345
Households Receiving Food Stamps	14.9%	12.7%	12.6%	6,989	1,196,016	15,029,498
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	31.3	26.1	26.4
Commute via Public Transportation	0.5%	1.5%	5.1%	356	187,311	7,607,907
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	19.6%	16.1%	11.4%	14,426	2,287,734	19,230,541

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	Percent			Value		
	City of Mesquite, TX	Texas	USA	City of Mesquite, TX	Texas	USA
High School Graduate	28.5%	24.7%	26.0%	20,990	3,517,552	43,784,920
Some College, No Degree	26.3%	22.4%	21.2%	19,397	3,183,316	35,803,629
Associate's Degree	8.1%	7.4%	9.0%	5,998	1,051,162	15,199,517
Bachelor's Degree	12.5%	19.7%	20.5%	9,197	2,808,143	34,602,913
Postgraduate Degree	5.1%	9.8%	11.8%	3,734	1,390,618	19,917,735
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	50,363	10,611,386	135,393,564
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units)[2]	—	—	—	$119,000	$151,500	$193,500
Homeowner Vacancy	2.2%	1.6%	1.7%	599	94,134	1,346,331
Rental Vacancy	8.7%	7.6%	6.1%	1,926	300,975	2,838,344
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	42.3%	38.0%	36.2%	19,818	3,579,373	42,992,786
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	4.3%	5.5%	8.8%	2,001	517,945	10,468,418
Social						
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.9%	1.5%	1.4%	2,723	398,124	4,437,324
Disconnected Youth[4]	2.1%	3.0%	2.7%	182	47,251	456,548
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	46.7%	34.9%	34.5%	18,530	2,396,094	24,106,567
With a Disability, Age 18-64	10.6%	9.7%	10.3%	9,359	1,613,122	20,276,199
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	52.6%	44.4%	41.4%	4,924	716,525	8,395,884
Foreign Born	18.6%	16.9%	13.4%	26,773	4,622,395	43,028,127
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	15.2%	14.1%	8.5%	20,198	3,576,480	25,654,421
Union Membership						
Total[3]	5.8%	4.3%	10.7%	—	—	—
Private Sector[3]	3.2%	2.3%	6.4%	—	—	—
Manufacturing[3]	4.7%	3.5%	8.7%	—	—	—
Public Sector[3]	19.0%	15.5%	35.1%	—	—	—

Source: JobsEQ®

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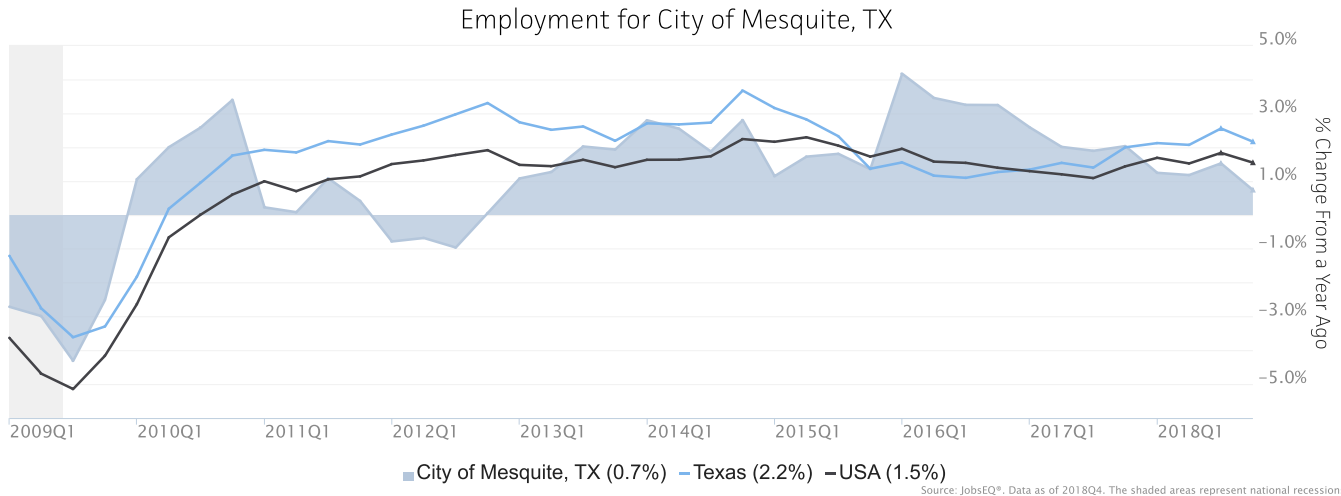2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.
3. 2017; Current Population Survey, unionstats.com, and Chmura; county- and zip-level data are best estimates based upon industry-, MSA-, and state-level data
4. 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.
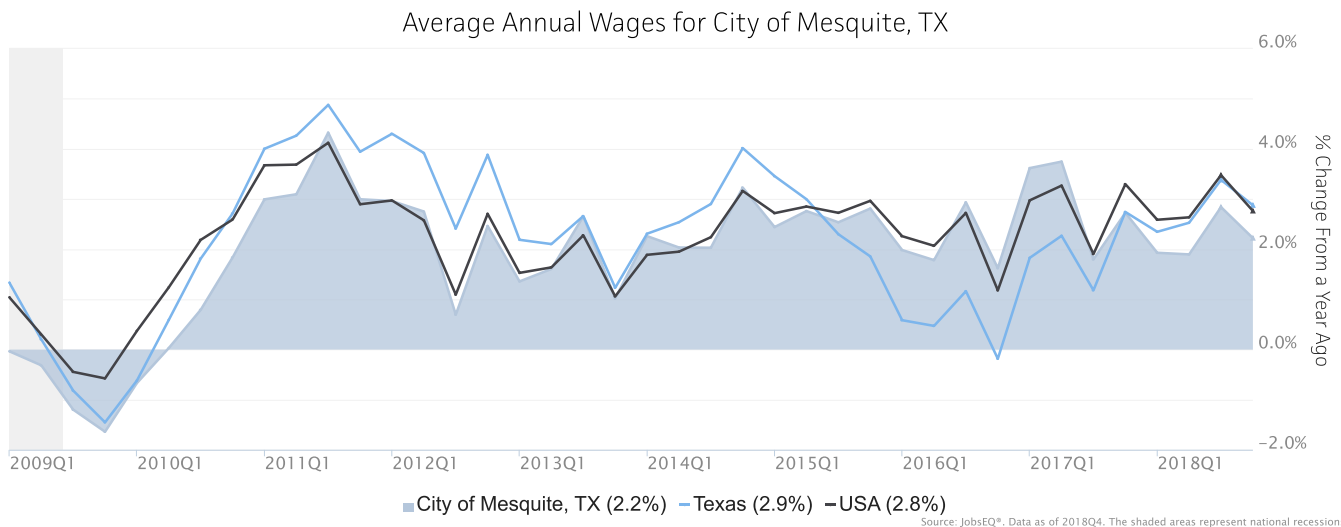
Employment Trends

As of 2018Q4, total employment for the City of Mesquite, TX was 56,848 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2018Q4, employment increased 0.7% in the region.

Employment for City of Mesquite, TX

City of Mesquite, TX (0.7%) — Texas (2.2%) — USA (1.5%)

Source: JobsEQ®. Data as of 2018Q4. The shaded areas represent national recessions.

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 2018Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2018Q4.

Wage Trends

The average worker in the City of Mesquite, TX earned annual wages of $65,547 as of 2018Q4. Average annual wages per worker increased 2.2% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were $55,713 in the nation as of 2018Q4.

Average Annual Wages for City of Mesquite, TX

City of Mesquite, TX (2.2%) — Texas (2.9%) — USA (2.8%)

Source: JobsEQ®. Data as of 2018Q4. The shaded areas represent national recessions.

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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 0.5% higher in City of Mesquite, TX than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

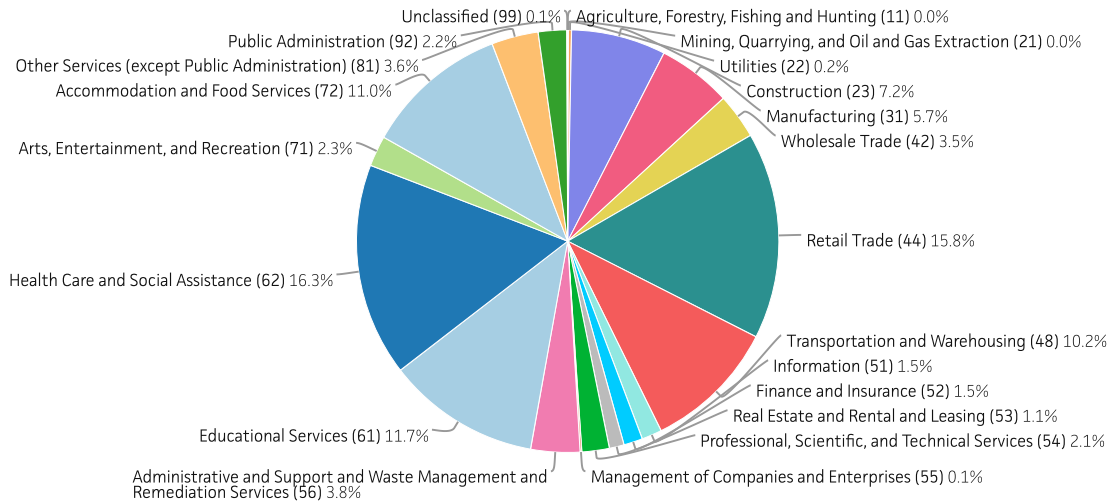|	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
City of Mesquite, TX	$65,543	100.5	$65,187
Texas	$55,784	94.2	$59,247
USA	$55,713	100.0	$55,713

Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2018Q4
Cost of Living per C2ER, data as of 2018q4, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in the City of Mesquite, TX is Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 9,260 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (8,989 workers) and Educational Services (6,673). 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 Transportation and Warehousing (LQ = 2.31), Retail Trade (1.50), and Educational Services (1.43).

Total Workers for City of Mesquite, TX by Industry

Unclassified (99) 0.1%
Public Administration (92) 2.2%
Other Services (except Public Administration) (81) 3.6%
Accommodation and Food Services (72) 11.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71) 2.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance (62) 16.3%
Educational Services (61) 11.7%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (56) 3.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (55) 0.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (54) 2.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53) 1.1%
Finance and Insurance (52) 1.5%
Information (51) 1.5%
Transportation and Warehousing (48) 10.2%
Retail Trade (44) 15.8%
Wholesale Trade (42) 3.5%
Manufacturing (31) 5.7%
Construction (23) 7.2%
Utilities (22) 0.2%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (21) 0.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11) 0.0%

Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 2018Q4

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 2018Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2018Q4.

Sectors in the City of Mesquite, TX with the highest average wages per worker are Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction ($203,196), Management of Companies and Enterprises ($130,357), and Finance and Insurance ($103,068). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Transportation and Warehousing (+1,437 jobs), Health Care and Social Assistance (+1,371), and Retail Trade (+609).

Over the next 1 year, employment in the City of Mesquite, TX is projected to expand by 888 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Health Care and Social Assistance with a +3.5% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Health Care and Social Assistance (+324 jobs), Accommodation and Food Services (+89), and Retail Trade (+75).

NAICS	Industry	Current Four Quarters Ending with 2018q4			5-Year History		1-Year Forecast				
					Total Change	Avg Ann % Chg in Empl	Total New Demand	Separations (Approximate)		---Growth---	
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl	Region		Exits	Transfers	Empl	Avg Ann Rate
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	$14,910	0.01	-1	-1.5%	1	1	1	0	1.4%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	20	$203,196	0.08	-4	-3.3%	3	1	1	0	2.3%
22	Utilities	136	$83,173	0.46	-4	-0.5%	14	4	8	2	1.3%
23	Construction	4,117	$64,494	1.28	190	1.0%	480	146	261	73	1.8%
31	Manufacturing	3,217	$82,704	0.69	77	0.5%	336	124	212	0	0.0%
42	Wholesale Trade	1,970	$86,927	0.91	-6	-0.1%	222	78	129	15	0.8%
44	Retail Trade	8,989	$37,661	1.50	609	1.4%	1,278	532	671	75	0.8%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	5,821	$51,421	2.31	1,437	5.8%	692	264	355	73	1.3%
51	Information	875	$100,100	0.78	170	4.4%	86	31	54	0	0.0%
52	Finance and Insurance	828	$103,068	0.37	-53	-1.2%	89	30	48	11	1.3%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	642	$84,302	0.66	117	4.1%	74	30	36	9	1.3%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,191	$101,544	0.31	56	1.0%	126	39	64	23	1.9%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	72	$130,357	0.08	48	24.4%	7	2	4	1	1.3%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2,136	$45,745	0.58	484	5.3%	280	105	142	33	1.5%
61	Educational Services	6,673	$50,022	1.43	472	1.5%	695	299	321	75	1.1%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	9,260	$60,881	1.14	1,371	3.3%	1,205	433	448	324	3.5%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,333	$43,965	1.18	245	4.1%	209	84	103	21	1.6%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	6,247	$24,411	1.22	451	1.5%	1,104	450	566	89	1.4%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	2,043	$40,480	0.82	66	0.7%	259	106	127	26	1.3%
92	Public Administration	1,235	$72,188	0.46	25	0.4%	126	48	66	12	1.0%
99	Unclassified	32	$56,523	0.37	23	28.3%	4	2	2	0	1.5%
	Total - All Industries	**56,848**	**$65,547**	**1.00**	**5,774**	**2.2%**	**7,128**	**2,675**	**3,565**	**888**	**1.6%**

Source: JobsEQ®

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in the City of Mesquite, TX is Office and Administrative Support Occupations, employing 7,525 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Sales and Related Occupations (7,205 workers) and Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (6,320). 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 Healthcare Support Occupations (LQ = 1.58), Transportation and Material Moving Occupations (1.57), and Education, Training, and Library Occupations (1.38).

Occupation groups in the City of Mesquite, TX with the highest average wages per worker are Management Occupations ($129,400), Legal Occupations ($123,000), and Architecture and Engineering Occupations ($96,700). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.1% among Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations to 6.8% among Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in the City of Mesquite, TX is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +4.0% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+101 jobs) and Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (+95). 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 (1,139 jobs) and Sales and Related Occupations (1,021).

Occupation Snapshot in City of Mesquite, TX, 2018q4

| | | Current | | | | 5-Year History | | 1-Year Forecast | | | | |
| | | Four Quarters Ending with 2018q4 | | | -----2018q4----- | Total Change | Avg Ann % Chg in Empl | | --Separations-- | | ---Growth--- | |
SOC	Occupation	Empl	Avg Ann Wages[1]	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Empl	Region	Total New Demand	Exits	Transfer	Empl	Avg Ann Rate
11-0000	Management	2,161	$129,400	0.63	36	1.7%	203	2.0%	213	57	121	35	1.6%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	1,647	$81,800	0.56	34	2.3%	165	2.1%	180	52	103	25	1.5%
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	850	$91,100	0.51	21	2.6%	118	3.0%	68	15	43	10	1.2%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	485	$96,700	0.50	18	4.0%	8	0.3%	40	13	23	5	1.0%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	173	$74,800	0.37	1	1.1%	8	1.0%	18	5	11	3	1.5%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	578	$57,200	0.63	4	1.3%	58	2.1%	78	25	41	13	2.2%
23-0000	Legal	175	$123,000	0.38	4	1.2%	31	4.0%	13	4	6	3	1.6%
25-0000	Education, Training, and Library	4,399	$55,800	1.38	49	1.8%	284	1.3%	434	189	187	57	1.3%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	738	$54,100	0.73	5	1.9%	75	2.2%	84	32	42	10	1.3%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	3,355	$82,500	1.04	55	1.7%	406	2.6%	293	101	96	95	2.8%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	2,502	$29,000	1.58	146	3.5%	375	3.3%	423	168	154	101	4.0%
33-0000	Protective Service	722	$51,700	0.59	60	3.7%	19	0.5%	89	39	41	8	1.2%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	6,320	$25,400	1.30	439	5.0%	501	1.7%	1,233	509	630	94	1.5%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,261	$27,500	0.64	114	4.1%	111	1.9%	184	82	84	18	1.4%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	2,877	$24,400	1.19	109	2.8%	449	3.5%	560	250	216	94	3.3%
41-0000	Sales and Related	7,205	$39,300	1.26	303	3.9%	428	1.2%	1,081	442	579	60	0.8%

Occupation Snapshot in City of Mesquite, TX, 2018q4

SOC	Occupation	Current Four Quarters Ending with 2018q4 Empl	Avg Ann Wages[1]	LQ	-----2018q4----- Unempl	Unempl Rate	5-Year History Total Change Empl	Avg Ann % Chg in Empl Region	1-Year Forecast Total New Demand	--Separations-- Exits	Transfer	---Growth--- Empl	Avg Ann Rate
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	7,525	$39,700	0.91	500	3.3%	818	2.3%	925	398	459	68	0.9%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	44	$28,100	0.12	8	6.8%	1	0.6%	7	2	5	0	0.9%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	2,900	$43,000	1.11	217	4.1%	64	0.4%	362	107	205	51	1.7%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	2,399	$48,800	1.10	143	2.5%	457	4.3%	269	86	152	32	1.3%
51-0000	Production	2,413	$37,400	0.70	196	3.6%	114	1.0%	288	106	174	9	0.4%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	6,119	$38,700	1.57	333	4.0%	1,082	4.0%	851	302	469	80	1.3%
	Total - All Occupations	**56,848**	**$47,400**	**1.00**	**n/a**	**n/a**	**5,774**	**2.2%**	**7,712**	**2,983**	**3,841**	**888**	**1.6%**

Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2018Q4 unless noted otherwise
Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.
1. Occupation wages are as of 2017 and should be taken as the average for all Covered Employment

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 2018Q2, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2018Q4. Wages by occupation are as of 2017 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.
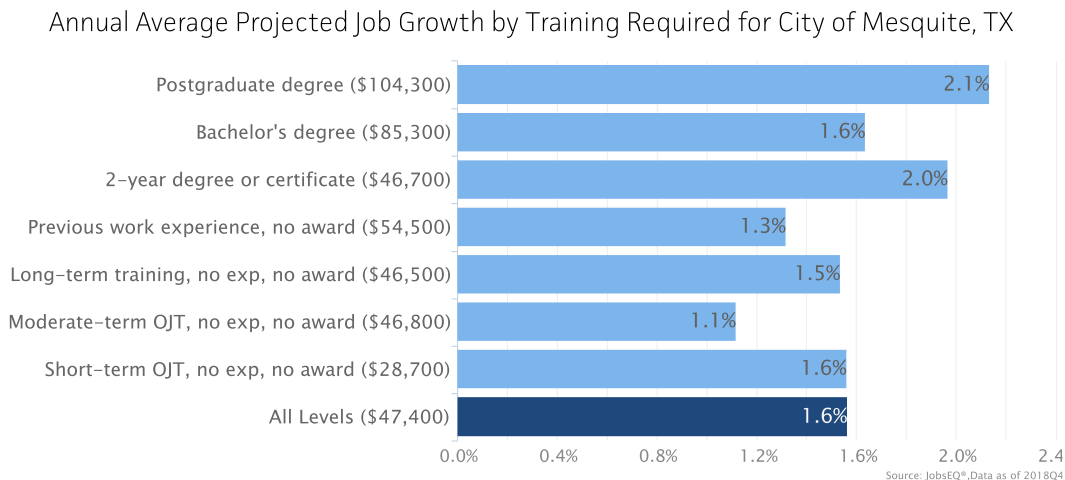
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Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in the City of Mesquite, TX with the highest relative concentration is Freight Tran. with a location quotient of 3.17. This cluster employs 4,790 workers in the region with an average wage of $48,452. Employment in the Freight Tran. cluster is projected to expand in the region about 1.1% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for City of Mesquite, TX as of 2018Q4

Source: JobsEQ®,Data as of 2018Q4
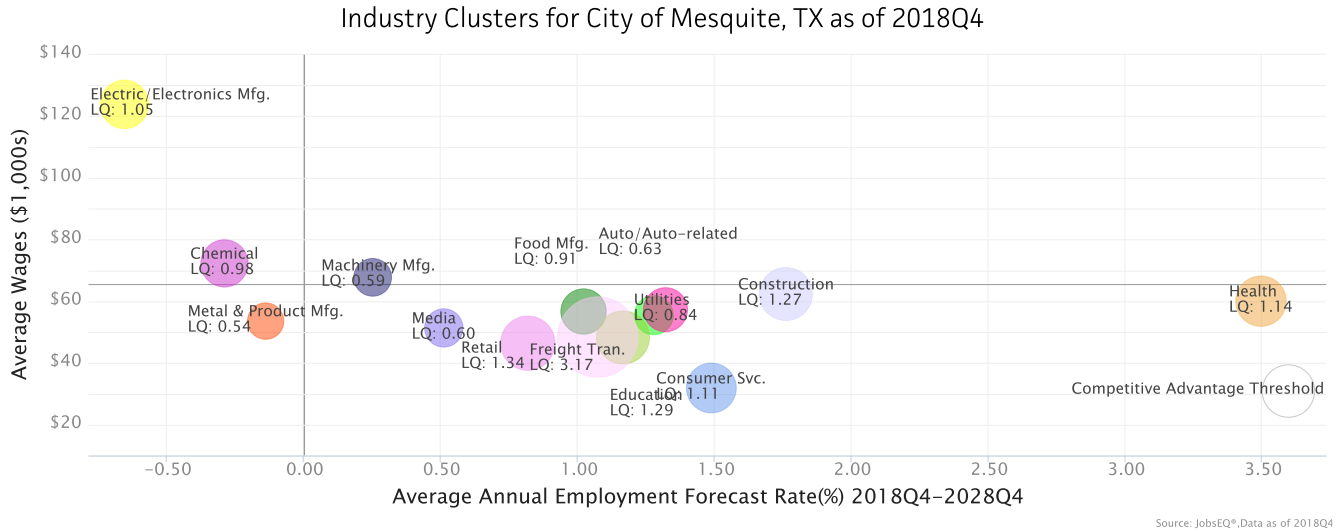
Location quotient and average wage data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, imputed where necessary, and updated through 2018Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2018Q4. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from 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 City of Mesquite, TX is projected to grow 1.6% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 2.1% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 1.6% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 2.0% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Training Required for City of Mesquite, TX

Category	Growth
Postgraduate degree ($104,300)	2.1%
Bachelor's degree ($85,300)	1.6%
2-year degree or certificate ($46,700)	2.0%
Previous work experience, no award ($54,500)	1.3%
Long-term training, no exp, no award ($46,500)	1.5%
Moderate-term OJT, no exp, no award ($46,800)	1.1%
Short-term OJT, no exp, no award ($28,700)	1.6%
All Levels ($47,400)	1.6%

Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 2018Q4

Employment by occupation data are estimates are as of 2018Q4. 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.

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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 820 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 23 major groups, 96 minor groups, and 449 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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