



Delta County Economic Overview 2024

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Demographic Profile

The population in Delta County, Texas was 5,278 per American Community Survey data for 2018-2022. The region has a civilian labor force of 2,467 with a participation rate of 59.0%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Delta County, Texas, 22.8% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 35.8% in the nation. The median household income in Delta County, Texas is \$68,491 and the median house value is \$163,700.

Summary¹

| Demographics | Percent | | | Value | | |
|---|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Delta County, Texas | Texas | USA | Delta County, Texas | Texas | USA |
| Population (ACS) | — | — | — | 5,278 | 29,243,342 | 331,097,593 |
| Male | 45.6% | 50.0% | 49.6% | 2,406 | 14,624,638 | 164,200,298 |
| Female | 54.4% | 50.0% | 50.4% | 2,872 | 14,618,704 | 166,897,295 |
| Median Age ² | — | — | — | 40.6 | 35.2 | 38.5 |
| Under 18 Years | 22.7% | 25.3% | 22.1% | 1,196 | 7,396,128 | 73,213,705 |
| 18 to 24 Years | 7.4% | 10.0% | 9.4% | 391 | 2,936,266 | 31,282,896 |
| 25 to 34 Years | 14.0% | 14.4% | 13.7% | 738 | 4,224,194 | 45,388,153 |
| 35 to 44 Years | 10.9% | 13.8% | 12.9% | 575 | 4,046,302 | 42,810,359 |
| 45 to 54 Years | 11.1% | 12.3% | 12.4% | 585 | 3,597,088 | 41,087,357 |
| 55 to 64 Years | 13.7% | 11.2% | 12.9% | 721 | 3,274,387 | 42,577,475 |
| 65 to 74 Years | 12.1% | 7.9% | 9.7% | 641 | 2,297,666 | 32,260,679 |
| 75 Years and Over | 8.2% | 5.0% | 6.8% | 431 | 1,471,311 | 22,476,969 |
| Race: White | 82.8% | 59.1% | 65.9% | 4,370 | 17,293,460 | 218,123,424 |
| Race: Black or African American | 8.8% | 12.1% | 12.5% | 462 | 3,552,579 | 41,288,572 |
| Race: American Indian and Alaska Native | 0.0% | 0.6% | 0.8% | 0 | 169,576 | 2,786,431 |
| Race: Asian | 0.4% | 5.2% | 5.8% | 19 | 1,511,069 | 19,112,979 |
| Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0 | 27,350 | 624,863 |
| Race: Some Other Race | 1.2% | 7.8% | 6.0% | 61 | 2,281,525 | 20,018,544 |
| Race: Two or More Races | 6.9% | 15.1% | 8.8% | 366 | 4,407,783 | 29,142,780 |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 9.5% | 39.9% | 18.7% | 499 | 11,665,280 | 61,755,866 |
| Population Growth | | | | | | |
| Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴ | — | — | — | 5,406 | 30,029,572 | 333,287,557 |
| Population Annual Average Growth ⁴ | 0.3% | 1.4% | 0.6% | 17 | 394,545 | 1,940,990 |
| People per Square Mile ⁴ | — | — | — | 21.0 | 114.9 | 94.3 |
| Economic | | | | | | |
| Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over) | 59.0% | 65.0% | 63.3% | 2,467 | 14,674,135 | 167,857,207 |
| Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54) | 86.8% | 81.5% | 82.8% | 1,647 | 9,621,423 | 106,380,520 |
| Armed Forces Labor Force | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0 | 110,177 | 1,236,378 |
| Veterans, Age 18-64 | 4.7% | 4.7% | 4.3% | 141 | 835,988 | 8,636,019 |
| Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64 | 36.9% | 78.7% | 77.1% | 52 | 658,147 | 6,656,238 |
| Median Household Income ² | — | — | — | \$68,491 | \$73,035 | \$75,149 |
| Per Capita Income | — | — | — | \$34,345 | \$37,514 | \$41,261 |
| Mean Commute Time (minutes) | — | — | — | 31.7 | 26.6 | 26.7 |
| Commute via Public Transportation | 0.0% | 1.0% | 3.8% | 0 | 142,353 | 5,945,723 |
| Educational Attainment, Age 25-64 | | | | | | |
| No High School Diploma | 7.7% | 13.9% | 10.1% | 201 | 2,103,422 | 17,373,867 |
| High School Graduate | 33.6% | 24.1% | 25.1% | 879 | 3,653,228 | 43,176,248 |
| Some College, No Degree | 24.6% | 20.9% | 19.7% | 643 | 3,158,279 | 33,916,989 |
| Associate's Degree | 11.5% | 7.9% | 9.2% | 300 | 1,199,146 | 15,886,884 |
| Bachelor's Degree | 16.0% | 21.7% | 22.4% | 419 | 3,281,456 | 38,451,123 |
| Postgraduate Degree | 6.8% | 11.5% | 13.4% | 177 | 1,746,440 | 23,058,233 |

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Summary¹

| | Percent | | | Value | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Delta County, Texas | Texas | USA | Delta County, Texas | Texas | USA |
| Housing | | | | | | |
| Total Housing Units | — | — | — | 2,435 | 11,654,971 | 140,943,613 |
| Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ^{2,5} | — | — | — | \$163,700 | \$238,000 | \$281,900 |
| Homeowner Vacancy | 2.4% | 1.2% | 1.1% | 43 | 78,790 | 931,393 |
| Rental Vacancy | 5.5% | 7.4% | 5.5% | 24 | 318,227 | 2,623,236 |
| Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units) | 19.7% | 37.6% | 35.2% | 415 | 3,944,826 | 44,238,593 |
| Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units) | 3.3% | 5.3% | 8.3% | 70 | 551,100 | 10,474,870 |
| Social | | | | | | |
| Poverty Level (of all people) | 14.1% | 13.9% | 12.5% | 736 | 3,990,326 | 40,521,584 |
| Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP | 7.2% | 11.5% | 11.5% | 151 | 1,209,485 | 14,486,880 |
| Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population) | 1.1% | 1.5% | 1.4% | 58 | 433,670 | 4,476,703 |
| Disconnected Youth ³ | 1.8% | 3.0% | 2.5% | 5 | 50,502 | 430,795 |
| Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children) | 23.8% | 34.1% | 34.0% | 268 | 2,400,195 | 23,568,955 |
| Uninsured | 7.0% | 17.6% | 8.7% | 365 | 5,056,008 | 28,315,092 |
| With a Disability, Age 18-64 | 12.7% | 9.7% | 10.5% | 381 | 1,710,522 | 20,879,820 |
| With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size | 36.0% | 49.8% | 45.5% | 137 | 851,439 | 9,492,098 |
| Foreign Born | 1.3% | 17.1% | 13.7% | 70 | 4,987,855 | 45,281,071 |
| Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over) | 1.0% | 13.0% | 8.2% | 48 | 3,538,224 | 25,704,846 |

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2018-2022, unless noted otherwise

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. 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.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2022, annual average growth rate since 2012. Post-2019 data for Connecticut counties are imputed by Chmura.

5. The Census's method for calculating median house values changed with the 2022 data set, so pre-2022 values are not directly comparable with later data.

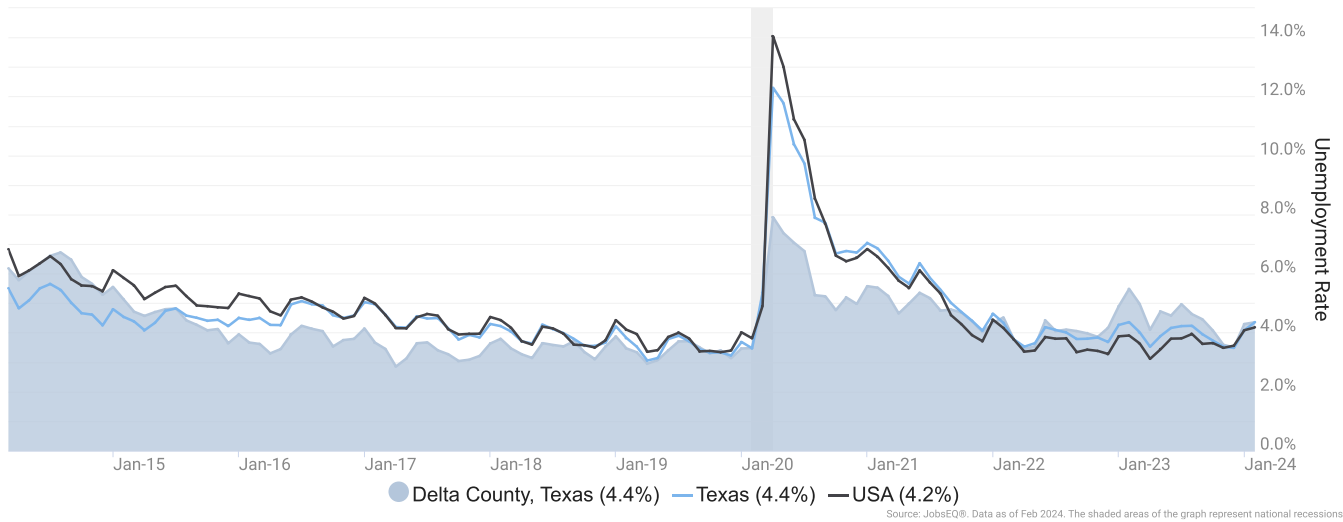
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Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for Delta County, Texas was 4.4% as of February 2024. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 4.2%. One year earlier, in February 2023, the unemployment rate in Delta County, Texas was 5.5%.

Unemployment Rate for Delta County, Texas



Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through February 2024.

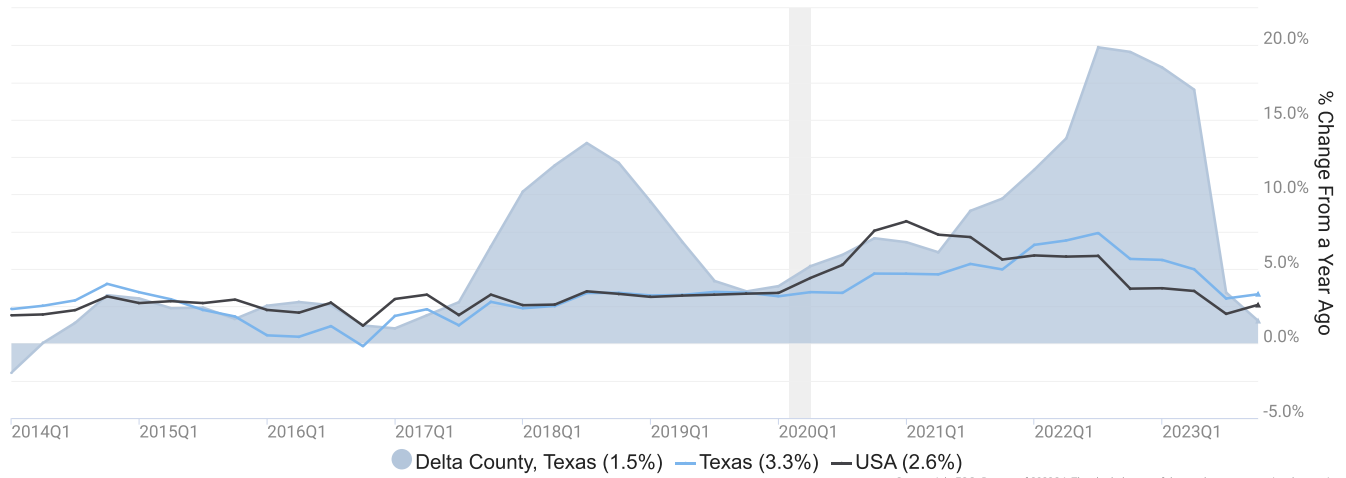
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Wage Trends

The average worker in Delta County, Texas earned annual wages of \$36,575 as of 2023Q4. Average annual wages per worker increased 1.5% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$69,861 in the nation as of 2023Q4.

Average Annual Wages for Delta County, Texas



Annual average wages per worker 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 2023Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q4.

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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 7.8% lower in Delta County, Texas than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

| | Annual Average Salary | Cost of Living Index (Base US) | US Purchasing Power |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Delta County, Texas | \$36,575 | 92.2 | \$39,682 |
| Texas | \$69,431 | 94.2 | \$73,686 |
| USA | \$69,861 | 100.0 | \$69,861 |

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2023Q4

Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2023Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

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Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in Delta County, Texas is Management Occupations, employing 258 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Healthcare Support Occupations (185 workers) and Educational Instruction and Library Occupations (133). 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 Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations (LQ = 5.41), Healthcare Support Occupations (3.15), and Management Occupations (2.64).

Occupation groups in Delta County, Texas with the highest average wages per worker are Legal Occupations (\$89,000), Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$73,500), and Architecture and Engineering Occupations (\$69,900). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.6% among Management Occupations to 8.6% among Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations.

Over the next 1 year, the fastest growing occupation group in Delta County, Texas is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +3.5% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Healthcare Support Occupations (+6 jobs) and Management Occupations (+4). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Healthcare Support Occupations (28 jobs) and Management Occupations (25).

Delta County, Texas, 2023Q4¹

| SOC | Occupation | Current | | | | | 5-Year History | | | 1-Year Forecast | | | | |
|---------|--|---------|-----------------------------|------|--------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|-------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| | | Empl | Mean Ann Wages ² | LQ | Unempl | Unempl Rate | Online Job Ads ³ | Empl Change | Ann % | Total Demand | Exits | Transfers | Empl Growth | Ann % Growth |
| 11-0000 | Management | 258 | \$67,200 | 2.64 | 6 | 1.6% | 4 | -2 | -0.2% | 30 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 1.7% |
| 31-0000 | Healthcare Support | 185 | \$23,500 | 3.15 | 10 | 5.1% | 4 | -86 | -7.4% | 34 | 14 | 14 | 6 | 3.5% |
| 25-0000 | Educational Instruction and Library | 133 | \$42,900 | 1.91 | 7 | 2.7% | 3 | 13 | 2.1% | 14 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1.8% |
| 43-0000 | Office and Administrative Support | 115 | \$36,500 | 0.73 | 14 | 4.7% | 4 | -25 | -3.9% | 15 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1.4% |
| 47-0000 | Construction and Extraction | 83 | \$38,400 | 1.41 | 10 | 8.2% | 11 | -5 | -1.2% | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2.1% |
| 29-0000 | Healthcare Practitioners and Technical | 71 | \$67,000 | 0.93 | 3 | 2.0% | 6 | -50 | -10.1% | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3.3% |
| 53-0000 | Transportation and Material Moving | 58 | \$38,900 | 0.51 | 14 | 7.8% | 15 | 11 | 4.5% | 9 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2.3% |
| 41-0000 | Sales and Related | 43 | \$41,000 | 0.37 | 10 | 5.8% | 7 | -12 | -4.7% | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1.5% |
| 35-0000 | Food Preparation and Serving Related | 42 | \$23,600 | 0.40 | 14 | 8.6% | 4 | 6 | 3.1% | 9 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1.9% |
| 45-0000 | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry | 41 | \$29,500 | 5.41 | 2 | 4.8% | 1 | 13 | 8.2% | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1.7% |
| 37-0000 | Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance | 40 | \$28,500 | 0.95 | 4 | 6.5% | 0 | 2 | 1.1% | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2.0% |
| 33-0000 | Protective Service | 37 | \$41,200 | 1.31 | 2 | 3.9% | 0 | 4 | 2.2% | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1.9% |
| 13-0000 | Business and Financial Operations | 36 | \$61,500 | 0.44 | 3 | 2.4% | 0 | 5 | 3.0% | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2.5% |
| 51-0000 | Production | 35 | \$38,800 | 0.49 | 8 | 5.9% | 1 | 16 | 13.0% | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1.8% |
| 49-0000 | Installation, Maintenance, and Repair | 31 | \$43,600 | 0.60 | 4 | 4.1% | 8 | 4 | 3.1% | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2.0% |
| 21-0000 | Community and Social Service | 25 | \$47,200 | 1.07 | 1 | 2.6% | 2 | -1 | -0.6% | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2.5% |
| 39-0000 | Personal Care and Service | 22 | \$26,900 | 0.69 | 3 | 5.6% | 0 | 0 | -0.3% | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2.6% |
| 27-0000 | Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media | 17 | \$47,600 | 0.69 | 1 | 3.1% | 1 | 1 | 1.3% | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2.2% |
| 15-0000 | Computer and Mathematical | 12 | \$73,500 | 0.29 | 1 | 2.2% | 4 | 2 | 4.7% | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2.8% |

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Delta County, Texas, 2023Q4¹

| SOC | Occupation | Current | | | | 5-Year History | | | | 1-Year Forecast | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| | | Empl | Mean Ann Wages ² | LQ | Unempl | Unempl Rate | Online Job Ads ³ | Empl Change | Ann % | Total Demand | Exits | Transfers | Empl Growth | Ann % Growth |
| 23-0000 | Legal | 7 | \$89,000 | 0.65 | 0 | n/a | n/a | -1 | -1.5% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.5% |
| 17-0000 | Architecture and Engineering | 6 | \$69,900 | 0.29 | 1 | 3.6% | 2 | 1 | 3.6% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.1% |
| 19-0000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science | 5 | \$62,800 | 0.42 | 0 | n/a | 1 | 1 | 4.5% | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.3% |
| Total - All Occupations | | 1,303 | \$44,700 | 1.00 | 118 | 4.5% | 78 | -100 | -1.5% | 176 | 72 | 76 | 29 | 2.2% |

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2023Q4 unless noted otherwise

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. Data based on a four-quarter moving average unless noted otherwise.

2. Wage data represent the average for all Covered Employment

3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

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 2023Q3, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q4. Wages by occupation are as of 2023 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.

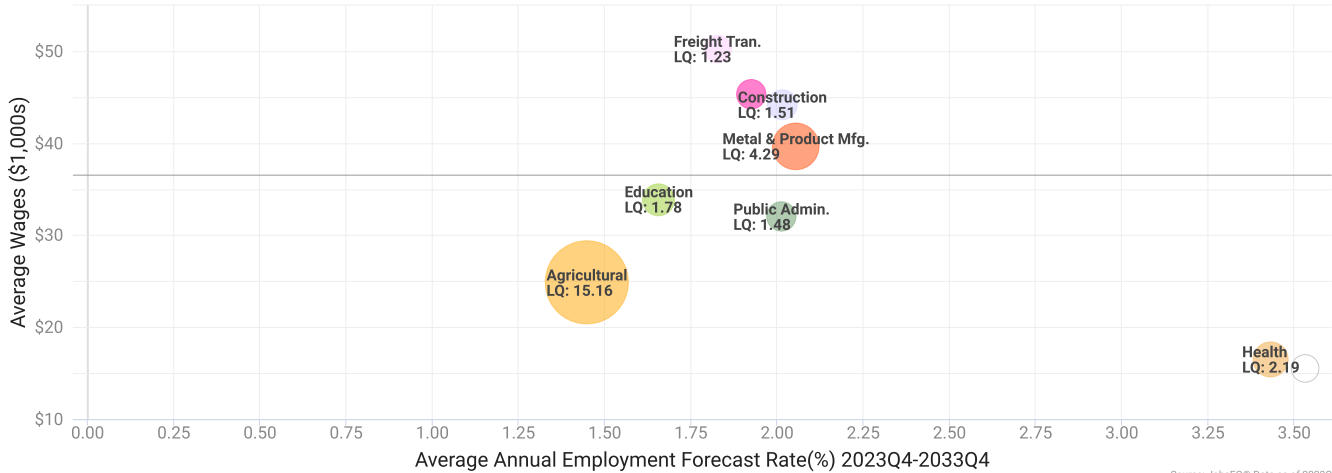
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Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in Delta County, Texas with the highest relative concentration is Agricultural with a location quotient of 15.16. This cluster employs 258 workers in the region with an average wage of \$24,879. Employment in the Agricultural cluster is projected to expand in the region about 1.4% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Delta County, Texas as of 2023Q4



Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2023Q4

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 2023Q3 with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q4. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

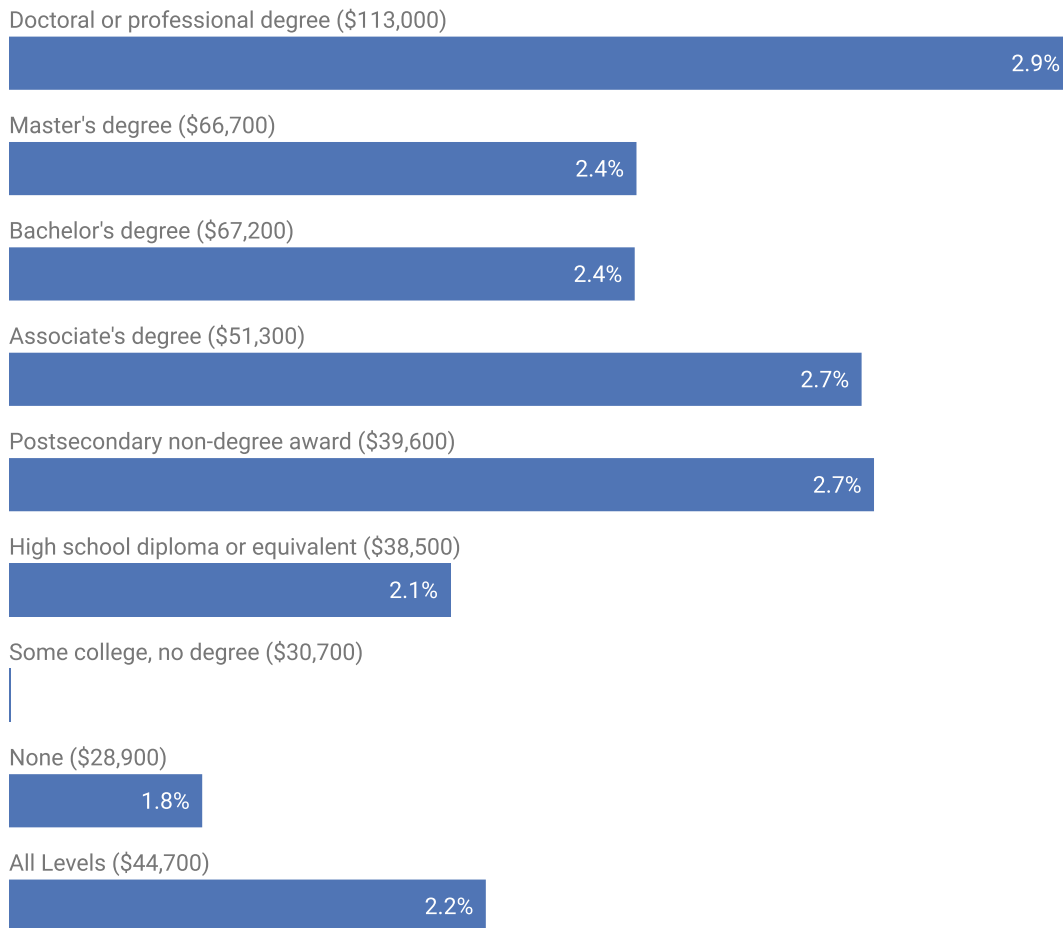
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Education Levels

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in Delta County, Texas is projected to grow 2.2% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 2.9% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 2.4% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 2.7% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels



Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2023Q4

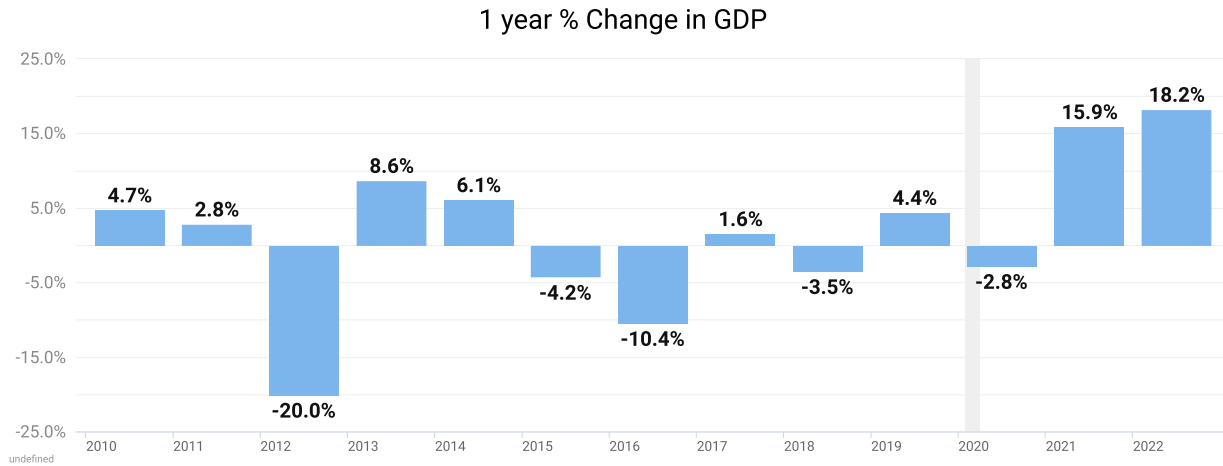
Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2023Q4. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

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Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2022, nominal GDP in Delta County, Texas expanded 18.2%. This follows growth of 15.9% in 2021. As of 2022, total GDP in Delta County, Texas was \$87,618,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2022.

Of the sectors in Delta County, Texas, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2022, \$18,278,000. The next-largest contributions came from Educational Services (\$11,439,000); Construction (\$10,081,000); and Health Care and Social Assistance (\$9,725,000).

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GDP (in \$ millions)

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11)



Educational Services (61)



Construction (23)



Health Care and Social Assistance (62)



Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53)



Transportation and Warehousing (48)



Public Administration (92)



Manufacturing (31)



Finance and Insurance (52)



Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (56)



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