

# REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

## SOUTHEAST

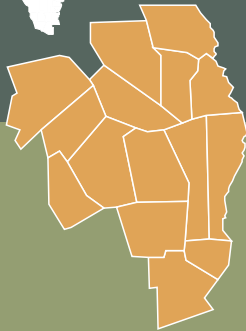
## REGION



The 15-county Southeast region covers about 12,800 square miles in easternmost Texas, stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to Nacogdoches along the Texas-Louisiana border.

The region contains one metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA, comprising Hardin, Jefferson, Newton and Orange counties.

THIS ANALYSIS PREDATES THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT FOLLOWED. IT IS OFFERED AS AN OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ECONOMY AND A RESOURCE FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES.



### SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGION COUNTIES:

ANGELINA	NACOGDOCHES	SAN AUGUSTINE
HARDIN	NEWTON	SAN JACINTO
HOUSTON	ORANGE	SHELBY
JASPER	POLK	TRINITY
JEFFERSON	SABINE	TYLER

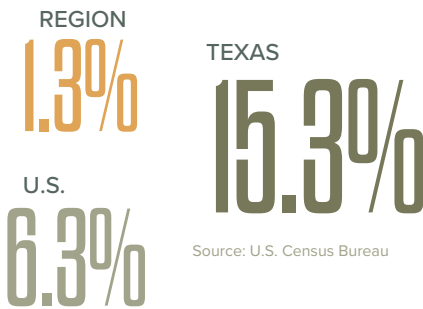
### TOP 10 INDUSTRIES BY LOCATION QUOTIENT

1. PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING
2. FORESTRY AND LOGGING
3. PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION
4. WOOD PRODUCT MANUFACTURING
5. CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING
6. HEAVY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION
7. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR MINING
8. CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS
9. JUSTICE, PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY ACTIVITIES
10. FABRICATED METAL PRODUCT MANUFACTURING

Source: JobsEQ®

## POPULATION GROWTH

SOUTHEAST REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2010-2019

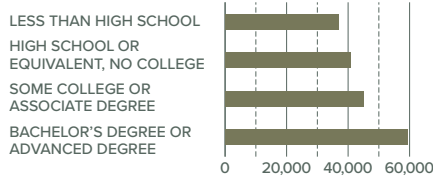


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

In 2019, the Southeast region's estimated total population was about 780,000, or nearly 3 percent of the state's total population. That marked an increase of 1.3 percent (about 10,000 residents) since the 2010 Census.

## EDUCATION

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, SOUTHEAST REGION



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau and JobsEQ

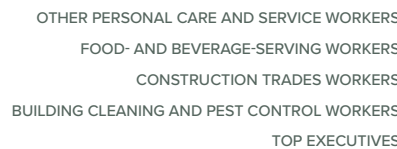
Southeast region workers with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earn an average of \$4,100 more annually than those with a high school degree, while those with at least a bachelor's degree earn an average of \$18,500 more.

## JOBS & WAGES

From 2009 to 2019, the Southeast region's employment rose by about 1 percent, much lower than the state's total job growth rate. In 2019, the region accounted for more than 2 percent of the state's total employment.

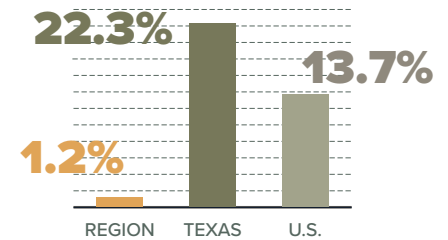
The Southeast region's most significant occupations are shown below, sorted by numerical growth during the last five years.

### TOP OCCUPATIONS IN SOUTHEAST REGION BY NUMERIC GROWTH, 2014-2019



Note: Data are as of Q4 2019 except wage data, which represent covered employment in 2018.

### EMPLOYMENT GROWTH, SOUTHEAST REGION VS. TEXAS AND U.S., 2009-2019



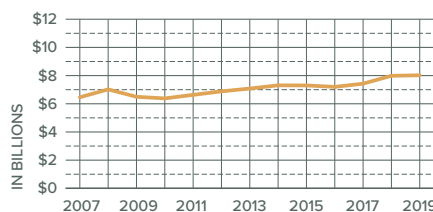
Note: Figures include private- and public-sector employees with the exception of active-duty military personnel, railroad employees, religious institution employees and the self-employed.

Sources: JobsEQ and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## REGIONAL ECONOMY

In 2019, taxable sales directly attributable to businesses in the region exceeded \$8 billion, contributing about 1.4 percent to the state's overall taxable sales.

### REGIONAL RECEIPTS SUBJECT TO SALES TAX



Note: Numbers shown are for reported revenue subject to sales tax and directly attributed to the region.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

## SUMMARY

The Southeast region and its 15 counties have many unique economic conditions and challenges. The region has seen limited population growth since 2010.

The Southeast region took longer than most Texas regions to recover from the Great Recession of 2007-2009. Economic trends have moved upward since then, with taxable sales continuing to rise in 2019. The region saw slower employment growth than the state as a whole in the last decade. The diversity of its industries, including chemical and petroleum products production and forestry services, adds to the strength of the region's economy.

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THE SOUTHEAST REGION IS ONE OF THE COMPTROLLER'S 12 ECONOMIC REGIONS.

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