

STATE OF THE WORKFORCE

DALLAS-FORT WORTH METROPLEX | QUARTER 3, 2026

FAST FACTS

10.7% Increase in **population** since 2020

14.9% Increase in **jobs** since 2020

7.4% Residents who possess an **associate's** degree

25.2% Residents who possess a **bachelor's** degree

4.7% Current **unemployment rate** as of June 2026. An increase since 2025, when the unemployment rate was 3.9%.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

POPULATION
8,655,466
2026

**TOTAL REGIONAL
EMPLOYMENT**
4,536,062
2025

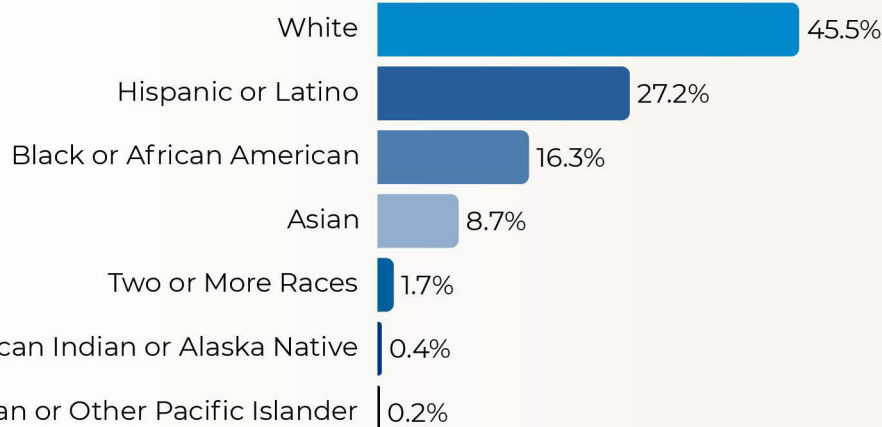
**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
INCOME**
\$90,275
2024

**MEDIAN PER
CAPITA INCOME**
\$52,494
2025

JOB POSTINGS
498,205
(last 12 months,
Dallas County)

**MEDIA ADVERTISED
SALARY**
\$68,032
(last 12 months,
Dallas County)

LABOR FORCE DEMOGRAPHICS (2025)



TOP IN-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS

Occupation	Unique Postings (Sep 2025 - Sep 2026)	Current Employment	3-yr Job Growth	Median-Level Hourly Wage	Entry-Level Education
Registered Nurses*	47,610	79,297	3,915	\$48.61	Bachelor's degree
Software Developers	30,398	70,181	6,045	\$64.31	Bachelor's degree
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	26,432	56,352	1,544	\$28.62	Postsecondary nondegree award
General and Operations Managers*	16,048	129,135	5,559	\$53.46	Bachelor's degree
Project Management Specialists	11,611	44,586	2,249	\$47.72	Bachelor's degree

TYPICAL ENTRY-LEVEL EDUCATION ASSOCIATE DEGREE

TOP GROWING OCCUPATIONS

Occupation	Current Employment	3-yr Job Growth	Median-Level Hourly Wage
Presechool Teachers, Except Special Education	11,121	311	\$16.66
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	8,422	301	\$30.91
Dental Hygienists*	7,202	325	\$49.08
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians*	5,600	294	\$40.25
Computer Network Support Specialists	3,438	248	\$36.62

HIGHEST PAYING OCCUPATIONS

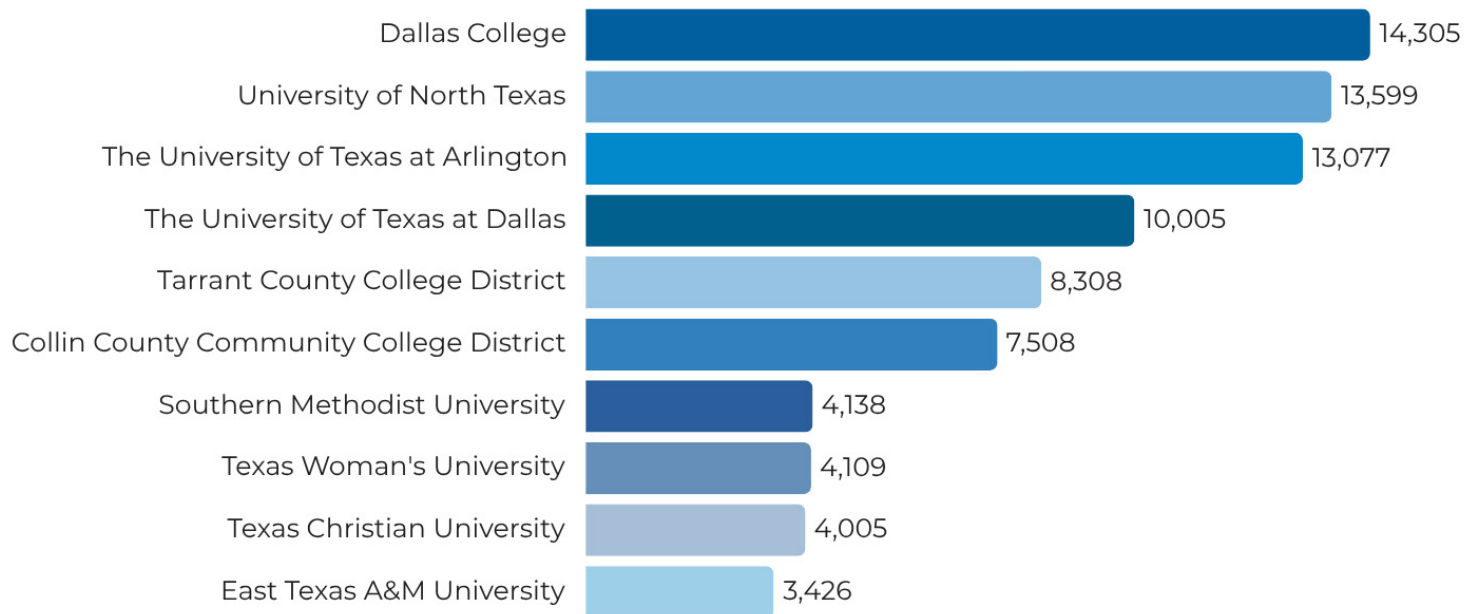
Occupation	Current Employment	3-yr Job Growth	Median-Level Hourly Wage
Air Traffic Controllers*	855	18	\$89.05
Nuclear Technicians*	33	2	\$67.90
Radiation Therapists*	231	16	\$56.18
Nuclear Medicine Technologists*	267	18	\$51.43
Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	983	66	\$49.64

Wages in RED indicate falling at or below the livable wage of \$23.31/hr or \$48,484.80/yr for 1 adult in Dallas County. *Indicates Sector Strategy related occupation.

TOP PROGRAMS

CIP Code	Top Programs	Completions (2025)
24.0102	General Studies	13,229
51.3801	Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	4,978
52.0201	Business Administration and Management, General	4,325
11.0101	Computer and Information Sciences, General	4,096
30.7102	Business Analytics	2,080
11.1003	Computer and Information Systems Security/Auditing/Information Assurance	2,004
42.0101	Psychology, General	1,894
47.0604	Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	1,798
11.0401	Information Science/Studies	1,698
30.9999	Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other	1,686

TOP INSTITUTIONS



2025 Completions

For more information, contact the Labor Market Intelligence Center (LMIC)
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All data pertains to DFW, unless indicated otherwise within the report.

Sources: Lightcast 2026.Q3; Census, 2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles