

Gulf Coast WDA Fastest Growing Occupations*

Occupational Title	Annual Average Employment 2020	Annual Average Employment 2030	Number Change 2020-2030	Percent Change 2020-2030	Total Annual Openings	Typical Education Needed for Entry into Occupation	Work Experience in a Related Occupation	Typical on-the-job Training	2022 Mean Hourly Wage	2022 Mean Annual Wage
Fast Food and Counter Workers	84,819	110,554	25,735	30.3	22,373	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term on-the-job training	\$11.72	\$24,377
Cooks, Restaurant	26,220	44,637	18,417	70.2	6,959	No formal educational credential	Less than 5 years	Moderate-term on-the-job training	\$14.64	\$30,458
Waiters and Waitresses	44,059	59,906	15,847	36.0	11,609	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term on-the-job training	\$13.01	\$27,055
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	20,187	27,567	7,380	36.6	4,236	High school diploma or equivalent	Less than 5 years	None	\$17.72	\$36,855
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	10,700	15,456	4,756	44.4	2,736	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term on-the-job training	\$12.16	\$25,287
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13,762	18,157	4,395	31.9	1,793	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Long-term on-the-job training	\$31.05	\$64,594
Driver/Sales Workers	11,910	16,293	4,383	36.8	1,972	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Short-term on-the-job training	\$15.80	\$32,855
Medical and Health Services Managers	9,282	13,369	4,087	44.0	1,267	Bachelor's degree	Less than 5 years	None	\$60.85	\$126,574
Bartenders	8,560	12,177	3,617	42.3	2,088	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term on-the-job training	\$15.60	\$32,439
Dishwashers	7,942	10,686	2,744	34.6	1,753	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term on-the-job training	\$12.71	\$26,434
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	8,460	11,140	2,680	31.7	1,216	Bachelor's degree	None	None	\$34.97	\$72,737
Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	5,882	8,362	2,480	42.2	1,894	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term on-the-job training	\$11.82	\$24,593
Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors	5,238	7,519	2,281	43.5	1,208	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Short-term on-the-job training	\$22.63	\$47,072
Animal Caretakers	4,811	7,026	2,215	46.0	1,093	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Short-term on-the-job training	\$14.39	\$29,923
Nurse Practitioners	3,627	5,787	2,160	59.6	462	Master's degree	None	None	\$64.63	\$134,428
Logisticians	4,052	6,026	1,974	48.7	629	Bachelor's degree	None	None	\$38.91	\$80,925
Coaches and Scouts	3,817	5,678	1,861	48.8	838	Bachelor's degree	None	None	-	\$54,346
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	5,299	7,125	1,826	34.5	788	High school diploma or equivalent	None	Long-term on-the-job training	\$28.50	\$59,274
Interpreters and Translators	3,406	4,725	1,319	38.7	512	Bachelor's degree	None	None	\$23.93	\$49,778
Bakers	4,220	5,513	1,293	30.6	764	No formal educational credential	None	Long-term on-the-job training	\$14.27	\$29,689
Respiratory Therapists	3,284	4,476	1,192	36.3	300	Associate's degree	None	None	\$37.19	\$77,357
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	3,555	4,639	1,084	30.5	483	Doctoral or professional degree	Less than 5 years	None	-	\$173,644
Phlebotomists	2,929	4,002	1,073	36.6	508	Postsecondary nondegree award	None	None	\$18.49	\$38,461
Self-Enrichment Teachers	3,256	4,255	999	30.7	525	High school diploma or equivalent	Less than 5 years	None	\$19.17	\$39,884
Speech-Language Pathologists	2,704	3,627	923	34.1	279	Master's degree	None	Internship/residency	\$42.82	\$89,065