

InterLink 2021~2026 Targeted Occupations

InterLink's Employer Occupation Survey, to forecast employment recovery and growth.

Data Sources: EMSI, Texas Workforce Commission, Bureau of Labor Statistics, InterLink 34th Annual Regional Employer Survey

Job Title by Industry Cluster	Regional Entry Annual Earnings	Regional Experienced Annual Earnings	Typical Entry Level Education *License or Certification
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources			
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$23,507	\$48,424	*Associate's degree
Architecture and Construction			
Electricians	\$28,776	\$66,516	*High school diploma or equivalent
Heating, Air Conditioning Technicians	\$22,531	\$66,980	*Postsecondary nondegree award
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$26,384	\$62,352	*High school diploma or equivalent
Operating Engineers & Heavy Construction Equipment Operators	\$30,395	\$56,023	*High school diploma or equivalent
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$27,420	\$70,650	*High school diploma or equivalent
Surveying and Mapping Technicians	\$26,835	\$64,602	*High school diploma or equivalent
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$27,600	\$64,602	*High school diploma or equivalent
Business, Marketing and Finance			
Accountants and Auditors	\$49,375	\$127,551	*Bachelor's degree
Financial Analysts	\$53,529	\$149,730	*Bachelor's degree
Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks	\$30,574	\$61,179	*High school diploma or equivalent
Education and Training			
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Ed.	\$47,552	\$75,771	*Bachelor's degree
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & CTE	\$48,305	\$79,013	*Bachelor's degree
Health Science/ Human Services			
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$40,133	\$67,701	*Postsecondary nondegree award
Medical Assistants	\$24,937	\$44,114	*Postsecondary nondegree award
Medical Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Techs.	\$31,245	\$82,255	*Associate's degree
Medical Records and Health Information Techs.	\$26,555	\$69,613	*Postsecondary nondegree award
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$25,184	\$66,964	*Master's degree
Nursing Assistants (Certified)	\$21,129	\$37,994	*Postsecondary nondegree award
Patient Care Technicians (Certified)	\$21,768	\$34,730	*High school diploma or equivalent
Radiologic Technologists	\$30,387	\$47,524	*Associate's degree
Registered Nurses/BSN	\$53,543	\$100,076	*Bachelor's degree
Respiratory Therapists	\$48,414	\$79,423	*Associate degree
Information Technology			
Computer Network Architects	\$74,236	\$183,389	*Bachelor's degree
Computer Systems Analysts/Architects	\$55,887	\$145,473	*Bachelor's degree
Computer Support Specialists	\$30,290	\$78,578	*Some college, no degree
Database Architects	\$56,781	\$139,331	*Bachelor's degree
Information Security Analysts/Cybersecurity/Business Intelligence	\$64,493	\$164,047	*Bachelor's degree
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$56,022	\$132,135	*Bachelor's degree
Software Developers, Applications	\$69,503	\$159,162	*Bachelor's degree
Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	\$65,815	\$162,525	*Bachelor's degree

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Law and Public Service			
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	\$24,037	\$55,234	*Postsecondary nondegree award
Firefighters	\$34,912	\$84,305	*Postsecondary nondegree award
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$47,632	\$95,611	*Postsecondary/HS Degree
Manufacturing			
CNC Manufacturing Technician	\$36,003	\$89,334	*High school diploma or equivalent
Precision Machinists	\$27,000	\$41,232	High school diploma & Apprentice
STEM			
Civil Drafters	\$34,220	\$79,079	*Associate's degree
Civil Engineers	\$55,753	\$170,468	*Bachelor's degree
Electrical Engineers	\$66,347	\$159,532	*Bachelor's degree
Industrial Engineers	\$64,054	\$149,669	*Bachelor's degree
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$39,334	\$111,794	Associate's degree/HS
Robotics *Engineers/Technicians/Operators	*\$61,189	*\$165,231	*Bachelor's/Associate's degree/HS
Transportation, Distribution and Logistics			
Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	\$37,841	\$105,542	*Postsecondary nondegree award
Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	\$85,625.	\$358,106	*Bachelor's degree
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	\$22,901	\$87,386	*High school diploma or equivalent
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$20,775	\$64,449	*Postsecondary nondegree award
Bus Diesel Engine Specialists	\$32,920	\$83,774	*High school diploma or equivalent
Cargo & Freight Agents	\$27,171	\$73,708	High School or equivalent

InterLink Emerging and Evolving Occupations

Projected to Offer Future Employment Opportunities

Emerging Occupations are new occupations in the workforce with new titles and skills

Evolving Occupations are traditional occupations whose knowledge, skills, and abilities have changed or evolved

SOC or O*NET Code	Occupation Title	Industry
19-4021	Biomedical Technicians	Science
15-1199.02	Cloud Computing Architects	Information Technology
15-1111	Data Scientists Including Advanced Analytics & Data Mining	Information Technology
Emerging	Drone /UAS/ Remotely Piloted Vehicle Engineering Techs. (Certified) (UAS - Unmanned Air Systems)	Transportation
Emerging	Drone/Unmanned Air Systems Technician	Transportation
17-3025.00	Environmental Engineering Technicians	Engineering
19-4092.00	Forensic Science Technicians (Computer & Digital)	Information Technology
29-9092	Genetic Counselors	Health Science
Emerging	Infrastructure Integration Specialist	Information Technology
17-2131.00	Materials/Smart Materials Analysts/Engineers	Manufacturing
17-2199.09	Nano Systems Engineers	Engineering
17-3029.12/.11	Nanotechnology Engineering Technicians & Technologists	Manufacturing
19-4099.01	Quality Control Analysts	IT/Manufacturing
19-4099.03	Remote Sensing Technicians/MEMS & Microelectronics	Manufacturing
17-3024.01	Robotics Technicians – Electro Mechanical Technician	Manufacturing
Emerging	Virtual Reality Engineers/Specialists/Technicians	Technology