The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County

Program Demand Gap Analysis: Economic Overview and Review of Academic Programs

Executive Summary: Brazoria County

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The Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County (The Alliance) is a membership-based organization created as a resource and advocate for the economic development and diversification of Brazoria County. To further its goal of providing the county with well-trained and well-educated residents, The Alliance continually pursues improvement in various forms. An up-to-date understanding of the county economy and the demand for skilled labor is vital to the planning efforts of the colleges of Brazoria County as they seek to adapt their program offerings to the requirements of an ever-changing workforce. The Alliance partnered with Lightcast, a leading provider of labor market data, to complete a program demand gap analysis, which assesses county job openings against educational program completions.



HIGH DEMAND, LOW SUPPLY

How can we expand these program opportunities?

General Office Occupations & Clerical Services (CERT)

Business Administration & Management (CERT, ASSOC, & BACH)

Culinary Arts/Chef Training (CERT & ASSOC)

Administrative Assistant & Secretarial Science (CERT & ASSOC)

Elementary Education & Teaching (T-T)

HIGH DEMAND, HIGH SUPPLY*

Can we maintain focus on program quality & student success?

Nursing Assistant/Aide & Patient Care Assistant/Aide (CERT)

Welding Technology/Welder (CERT)

Business/Commerce (ASSOC)

LOW DEMAND, LOW SUPPLY

Should we reevaluate these programs?

Prepress/Desktop Publishing & Digital Imaging Design (CERT)

Electroneurodiagnostic/Electroencephalographic Technology/Technologist (CERT)

Criminalistics & Criminal Science (CERT)

Music (ASSOC)

Child Care & Support Services Management (ASSOC)

LOW DEMAND, HIGH SUPPLY

Are we connecting these programs to opportunities outside the county?

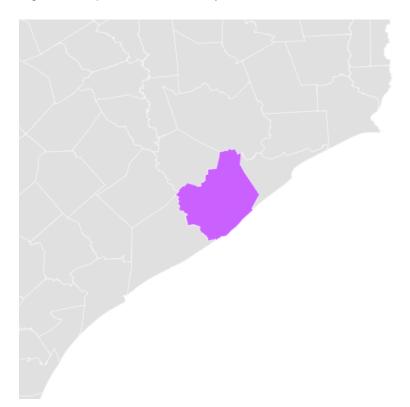
Chemical Technology/Technician (CERT & ASSOC)
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse (ASSOC)

^{*}The supply of the 'High Demand, High Supply' programs is not meeting demand. In fact, each program has a significant gap.



For the purposes of this study Brazoria County is analyzed. This report outlines the county's economy and uses the county's average annual projected job openings between 2022 and 2032 as a measurement of labor market demand. When job openings are compared to the county's supply of educational program completions, the analysis determines how well the colleges' program offerings satisfy county workforce demand. In addition, this report offers recommendations for new program development. In its entirety, the analysis is a starting point for the colleges in the county as they continue to develop programs using data-based decisionmaking strategies. The following figures and table display key findings of the analyses.

Figure 1: Map of Brazoria County



Source: Lightcast Analyst. Region provided by The Alliance.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Figure 2 displays the top industry subsectors in terms of employment in Brazoria County, and Figure 3 shows the top industry subsectors in terms of employment concentrations, referred to as location quotients (LQs). High LQs (usually anything greater than 1.2) are an indication that the county has a comparative advantage or specialization in certain industry subsectors relative to the rest of the nation or potentially to other regions.

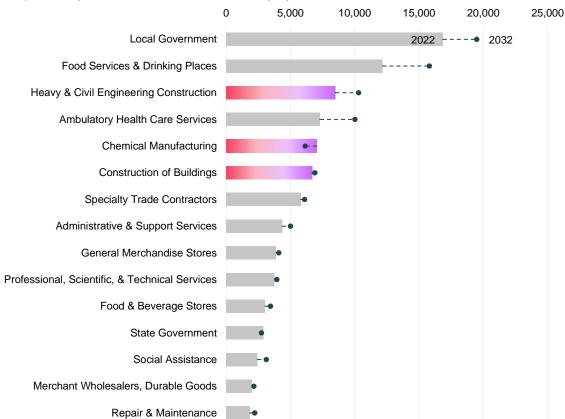


Figure 2: Top Industry Subsectors in Brazoria County by Jobs

Source: Employees & Self-Employed 2023.1.



Figure 3: Top Industry Subsectors in Brazoria County by Employment Concentration (LQ)

Source: Employees & Self-Employed 2023.1.

Note the highlighted bars in the figures. Across all of Brazoria County's industry subsectors, three are within the top 15 in terms of jobs with relatively high LQs. The appearance of these industry subsectors provides an indication of their strength in the region's economy and offers the colleges insight into potential employment opportunities for their students. These industry subsectors, ranked by 2022 jobs, are:

- Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction;
- Chemical Manufacturing; and
- Construction of Buildings.



The program demand gap analysis provides results across all of the certificate and degree level programs offered in the county, which have been classified by their formal CIP code. The analysis connects the colleges' program completers with the availability of county job openings. Furthermore, the analysis focuses on the gaps and surpluses in the programs by award level. A gap or surplus larger than 50 is considered beyond normal labor market fluctuations and therefore an area of consideration for program development.

The colleges of Brazoria County offer 34 certificate level programs, 11 of which have a significant gap above the 50-openings level of significance as shown in Figure 4. One program at this level has a significant surplus of completions. With regards to specific programmatic results, the following certificate level programs should be considered for expansion due to their gap and median hourly wage: Business Administration & Management, General; Welding Technology/Welder; Electrician; Machine Tool Technology/Machinist; Heating, Conditioning, Ventilation & Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician; and Construction Engineering Technology/Technician. The three largest certificate level programs in terms of average annual completions are Chemical Technology/Technician, Nursing Assistant/Aide & Patient Care Assistant/Aide, and Welding Technology/Welder. Despite Chemical Manufacturing being a key industry subsector in the county, Chemical Technology/Technician has a significant surplus of 179 completers. This surplus coupled with the slight decline in employment projected over the next ten years for the industry suggest that colleges maintain communication with major county employers to ensure students are finding employment and employers are well-staffed. The Nursing Assistant/Aide & Patient Care Assistant/Aide program has a significant gap, but the median hourly wage is below the living wage for two adults (both working) and two children in Brazoria County. Colleges should consider how this program and subsequent work experience can be used as a stepping stone by graduates to higher wage occupations along their career path.

¹ CIP refers to the Classification of Instructional Program and was originally developed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

Figure 4: Top 10 Certificate Level Gaps

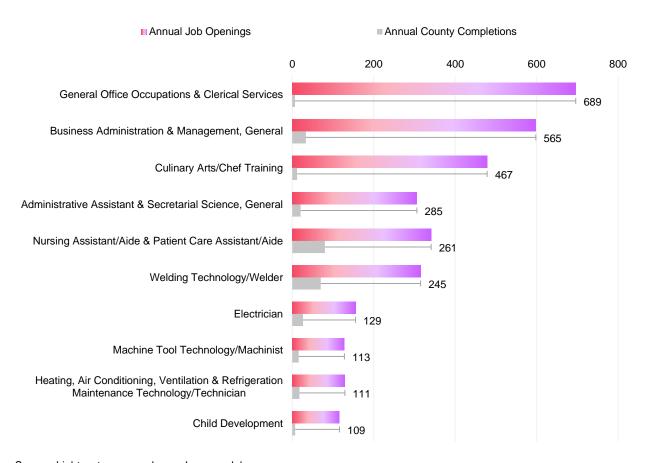


Table 1: Gaps and Surpluses for Certificate Level Programs

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|-------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| CIP CODE | CIP TITLE | ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS | ANNUAL COUNTY COMPLETIONS | GAP OR SURPLUS | MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE |
| 52.0408 | General Office Occupations & Clerical Services | 696 | 7 | 689 | \$16.16 |
| 52.0201 | Business Administration & Management, General | 598 | 33 | 565 | \$29.02 |
| 12.0503 | Culinary Arts/Chef Training | 479 | 12 | 467 | \$13.19 |
| 52.0401 | Administrative Assistant & Secretarial Science, General | 306 | 21 | 285 | \$15.57 |
| 51.3902 | Nursing Assistant/Aide & Patient Care Assistant/Aide | 341 | 80 | 261 | \$11.92 |
| 48.0508 | Welding Technology/Welder | 315 | 70 | 245 | \$23.00 |
| 46.0302 | Electrician | 155 | 26 | 129 | \$26.37 |
| 48.0501 | Machine Tool Technology/Machinist | 128 | 16 | 113 | \$23.51 |
| 47.0201 | Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation & Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician | 129 | 18 | 111 | \$23.33 |
| 19.0706 | Child Development | 116 | 7 | 109 | \$11.24 |

| CIP CODE | CIP TITLE | ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS | ANNUAL COUNTY COMPLETIONS | GAP OR SURPLUS | MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.1001 | Construction Engineering Technology/Technician | 120 | 12 | 109 | \$34.52 |
| 47.0604 | Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician | 63 | 23 | 40 | \$23.28 |
| 12.0401 | Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General | 63 | 35 | 28 | \$13.00 |
| 19.0708 | Child Care & Support Services Management | 23 | 1 | 22 | \$13.26 |
| 51.0904 | Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) | 33 | 15 | 19 | \$18.73 |
| 51.0805 | Pharmacy Technician/Assistant | 29 | 12 | 18 | \$16.57 |
| 15.0701 | Occupational Safety & Health Technology/Technician | 24 | 15 | 8 | \$35.43 |
| 22.0303 | Court Reporting & Captioning/Court Reporter | 12 | 5 | 7 | \$20.49 |
| 51.3901 | Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training | 37 | 32 | 5 | \$22.79 |
| 46.0502 | Pipefitting/Pipefitter & Sprinkler Fitter | 8 | 3 | 5 | \$25.06 |
| 09.0701 | Radio & Television | 6 | 3 | 3 | \$25.62 |
| 51.0910 | Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Sonographer & Ultrasound Technician | 4 | 2 | 3 | \$21.12 |
| 10.0303 | Prepress/Desktop Publishing & Digital Imaging Design | 3 | <1 | 2 | \$22.84 |
| 22.0302 | Legal Assistant/Paralegal | 12 | 12 | 1 | \$25.49 |
| 51.0903 | Electroneurodiagnostic/Electroencephalographic Technology/Technologist | 1 | <1 | 1 | \$21.12 |
| 12.0413 | Cosmetology, Barber/Styling, & Nail Instructor | 4 | 4 | 0 | \$12.04 |
| 43.0402 | Criminalistics & Criminal Science | 0 | <1 | (0) | \$28.41 |
| 11.0201 | Computer Programming/Programmer, General | 15 | 17 | (2) | \$40.67 |
| 51.1501 | Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling | 10 | 16 | (5) | \$19.32 |
| 12.0409 | Aesthetician/Esthetician & Skin Care Specialist | 1 | 8 | (7) | \$15.81 |
| 15.0404 | Instrumentation Technology/Technician | 25 | 43 | (17) | \$25.10 |
| 43.0107 | Criminal Justice/Police Science | 39 | 57 | (18) | \$28.40 |
| 15.1301 | Drafting & Design Technology/Technician, General | 9 | 42 | (33) | \$27.98 |
| 41.0301 | Chemical Technology/Technician | 116 | 214 | (98) | \$38.53 |

Source: Lightcast program demand gap model.

The colleges of Brazoria County offer 49 associate degree level programs, 10 of which have a significant gap above the 50-openings level of significance (Figure 5). One program at this award level has a significant surplus of completions. With regards to specific programmatic results, the following associate degree programs should be considered for expansion due to their gap and median hourly wage: Business Administration & Management, General; Business/Commerce, General; Electrician; Machine Tool Technology/Machinist; and Criminal Justice/Safety Studies. The three largest associate degree programs in terms of average annual completions are Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse; Chemical Technology/Technician; and Business/Commerce, General. Both the Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse and Chemical Technology/Technician programs have a surplus of completions. As previously discussed for the Chemical Technology/Technician program, it is recommended that the colleges and The Alliance collaborate with local employers and examine student outcomes to ensure both groups are adequately served by the program. There are more job openings for the Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse program at the bachelor's degree level and these program completers are likely finding employment outside Brazoria County. The Business/Commerce, General program has significant gap and a median hourly wage of \$41.10, the second highest of all the associate degree programs offered in the county. Business programs can lead to leadership positions in a variety of industries; the colleges are advised to consider the industry mix of the county to align curriculum to meet the needs of employers and train students most effectively to be competitive in the local labor market.

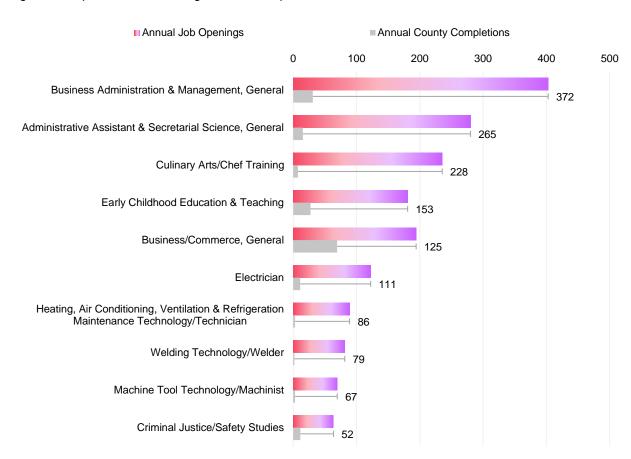


Figure 5: Top 10 Associate Degree Level Gaps

Table 2: Gaps and Surpluses for Associate Degree Level Programs

| CIP CODE | CIP TITLE | ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS | ANNUAL COUNTY COMPLETIONS | GAP OR SURPLUS | MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 52.0201 | Business Administration & Management, General | 403 | 31 | 372 | \$25.68 |
| 52.0401 | Administrative Assistant & Secretarial Science, General | 280 | 15 | 265 | \$15.55 |
| 12.0503 | Culinary Arts/Chef Training | 236 | 7 | 228 | \$13.45 |
| 13.1210 | Early Childhood Education & Teaching | 181 | 27 | 153 | \$13.82 |
| 52.0101 | Business/Commerce, General | 194 | 69 | 125 | \$41.10 |
| 46.0302 | Electrician | 122 | 11 | 111 | \$27.30 |
| 47.0201 | Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation & Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician | 89 | 3 | 86 | \$20.81 |
| 48.0508 | Welding Technology/Welder | 81 | 2 | 79 | \$21.09 |
| 48.0501 | Machine Tool Technology/Machinist | 70 | 3 | 67 | \$24.00 |
| 43.0104 | Criminal Justice/Safety Studies | 64 | 11 | 52 | \$24.82 |
| 31.0501 | Sports, Kinesiology, & Physical Education/Fitness, General | 47 | <1 | 46 | \$16.15 |
| 15.1001 | Construction Engineering Technology/Technician | 46 | 7 | 39 | \$29.64 |
| 51.0904 | Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) | 35 | 5 | 31 | \$19.70 |
| 47.0604 | Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician | 27 | <1 | 26 | \$21.41 |
| 51.0805 | Pharmacy Technician/Assistant | 24 | 4 | 20 | \$16.60 |
| 52.0402 | Executive Assistant/Executive Secretary | 24 | 5 | 19 | \$17.65 |
| 51.0000 | Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General | 71 | 57 | 14 | \$18.14 |
| 42.0101 | Psychology, General | 24 | 14 | 10 | \$26.30 |
| 43.0107 | Criminal Justice/Police Science | 25 | 15 | 10 | \$28.41 |
| 19.0706 | Child Development | 14 | 4 | 9 | \$11.51 |
| 50.0701 | Art/Art Studies, General | 17 | 8 | 9 | \$15.87 |
| 46.0502 | Pipefitting/Pipefitter & Sprinkler Fitter | 9 | 1 | 8 | \$24.82 |
| 22.0303 | Court Reporting & Captioning/Court Reporter | 10 | 2 | 8 | \$21.84 |
| 40.0101 | Physical Sciences, General | 7 | 1 | 6 | \$48.20 |
| 15.0701 | Occupational Safety & Health Technology/Technician | 13 | 10 | 3 | \$34.08 |
| 50.0901 | Music, General | 2 | <1 | 2 | \$21.36 |
| 50.0501 | Drama & Dramatics/Theatre Arts, General | 4 | 2 | 2 | \$24.18 |
| 22.0302 | Legal Assistant/Paralegal | 13 | 12 | 1 | \$25.38 |
| 19.0708 | Child Care & Support Services Management | 1 | <1 | 1 | \$11.70 |
| 11.0201 | Computer Programming/Programmer, General | 15 | 15 | 0 | \$41.57 |

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|-------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 54.0101 | History, General | 0 | <1 | (0) | \$30.49 |
| 40.0801 | Physics, General | 0 | <1 | (0) | \$33.38 |
| 13.1203 | Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education & Teaching | 1 | 2 | (0) | \$30.98 |
| 13.1202 | Elementary Education & Teaching | 1 | 2 | (1) | \$30.99 |
| 26.0101 | Biology/Biological Sciences, General | 6 | 7 | (1) | \$23.47 |
| 45.1101 | Sociology, General | 1 | 2 | (1) | \$31.41 |
| 50.0903 | Music Performance, General | 3 | 5 | (2) | \$31.85 |
| 27.0101 | Mathematics, General | 8 | 10 | (3) | \$32.25 |
| 13.1205 | Secondary Education & Teaching | 2 | 5 | (3) | \$33.09 |
| 09.0101 | Speech Communication & Rhetoric | 2 | 6 | (4) | \$30.01 |
| 09.0701 | Radio & Television | 6 | 10 | (4) | \$25.82 |
| 15.1301 | Drafting & Design Technology/Technician, General | 11 | 20 | (9) | \$27.93 |
| 51.0908 | Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist | 2 | 13 | (11) | \$25.67 |
| 51.1502 | Psychiatric/Mental Health Services Technician | 2 | 16 | (14) | \$15.67 |
| 15.0404 | Instrumentation Technology/Technician | 21 | 36 | (15) | \$27.20 |
| 51.0903 | Electroneurodiagnostic/Electroencephalographi c Technology/Technologist | 2 | 19 | (17) | \$25.73 |
| 51.0910 | Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Sonographer & Ultrasound Technician | 2 | 20 | (18) | \$25.73 |
| 41.0301 | Chemical Technology/Technician | 75 | 119 | (45) | \$38.52 |
| 51.3801 | Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse | 37 | 139 | (103) | \$36.59 |

Source: Lightcast program demand gap model.

Brazosport College offers five transfer-track degree programs.² In other words, a program completer could readily transfer into a similar bachelor's degree level program at another postsecondary educational institution in the state. Brazosport College's two bachelor's degree programs are also analyzed in this section. Of these programs, five have a significant gap above the 50-openings level of significance, as shown in Figure 6. With regards to specific programmatic results, the following transfer-track degree programs should be considered for expansion due to their gap and median hourly wage: Business Administration & Management, General: Elementary Education & Teaching; and Health/Health Care Administration/Management. At Brazosport College the three education/teaching transfer-track programs are offered as one degree. Considering the job openings and completions together,

² Brazosport College selected five associate degree programs from the college's offerings to be analyzed as transfer-track programs in the sister study to this report concerning Southern Brazoria County. None of Alvin Community College's associate degree offerings were assumed to be transfer-track programs in this report.

the combined education/teaching program has an even larger gap, which further highlights this program as an opportunity for expansion. The three largest transfer-track degree programs in terms of average annual completions are Business Administration & Management, General; Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse; and Health/Health Care Administration/Management. All three programs have a significant gap at this level and a median hourly wage of over \$27.50. For this reason, all three programs are recommended for expansion given their significant gaps and high median hourly wages. A transfer-track program expansion requires a close examination of the process by which a student transfers to a four-year institution. For these programs to be successful these students must be able to transfer their credits with ease.

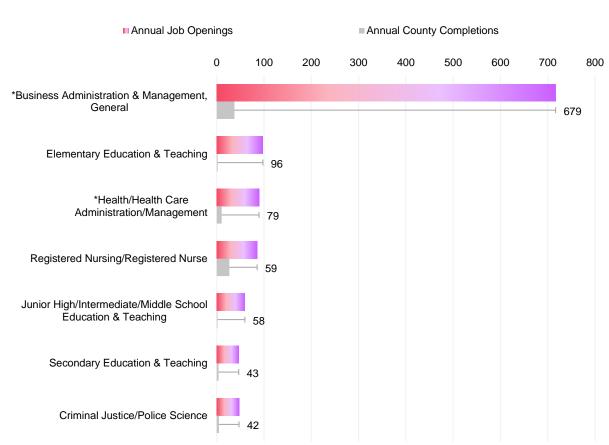


Figure 6: Transfer-Track and Bachelor's Degree Level Gaps

^{*}These programs award completers with a bachelor's degree. All other programs in this section of the analysis award completers with an associate degree, but the demand for jobs considers a bachelor's degree level of education. Source: Lightcast program demand gap model.

Table 3: Gaps and Surpluses for Transfer-Track and Bachelor's Degree Level Programs

| CIP CODE | CIP TITLE | ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS | ANNUAL BC COMPLETIONS | GAP OR SURPLUS | MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE |
|-------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 52.0201 | *Business Administration & Management, General | 717 | 37 | 679 | \$33.15 |
| 13.1202 | Elementary Education & Teaching | 98 | 2 | 96 | \$29.05 |
| 51.0701 | *Health/Health Care Administration/Management | 89 | 10 | 79 | \$27.66 |
| 51.3801 | Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse | 85 | 27 | 59 | \$36.48 |
| 13.1203 | Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education & Teaching | 60 | 2 | 58 | \$29.19 |
| 13.1205 | Secondary Education & Teaching | 47 | 4 | 43 | \$30.40 |
| 43.0107 | Criminal Justice/Police Science | 47 | 5 | 42 | \$28.74 |

^{*}These programs award completers with a bachelor's degree. All other programs in this section of the analysis award completers with an associate degree, but the demand for jobs considers a bachelor's degree level of education. Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

Source: Lightcast program demand gap model.

A liberal arts program expansion is not recommended at this time, but college administrators should be aware that students can find success in a variety of business-related occupations. Using Lightcast's Profile Analytics database, many liberal arts program completers are currently employed as retail salespersons, administrative assistants, and customer service representatives, as well as a variety of managers and supervisors. These occupations have a considerable number of job openings in Brazoria County. The college's liberal arts program, therefore, serves as a starting point to students' career goals beyond an associate degree level of education.

PROGRAM ADDITIONS

Thirty-three certificate level programmatic areas of opportunity have been identified in the program demand gap analysis, most of which are related to installation, maintenance, & repair occupations. At the associate degree level, there are fewer opportunities for new programs, considering the college's current offerings. Nonetheless, the colleges should consider new programs related to healthcare practitioners & technical occupations, whether its focus is on job openings in Brazoria County or Texas. Another 19 programmatic areas of opportunity were identified at the transfer-track degree level, many of which are related to architecture & engineering occupations. Some program additions may be related to the colleges' current program offerings, which indicates an opportunity for a curriculum adjustment to better align with the county's current and projected labor market demand. These occupations appear in the following tables.

Table 4: Programmatic Areas of Opportunity at the Certificate Level

| SOC TITLE | 2022 JOBS | % JOB CHANGE | ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS | ANNUAL COMPL. | GAP | MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE |
|--|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Construction Laborers | 3,567 | 13.7% | 240 | 0 | 240 | \$16.10 |
| Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators | 991 | 17.0% | 91 | 0 | 91 | \$20.83 |
| Medical Assistants | 677 | 39.5% | 84 | 0 | 84 | \$15.93 |
| Carpenters | 1,397 | (0.4%) | 83 | 0 | 83 | \$19.58 |
| First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers | 796 | (0.8%) | 53 | 0 | 53 | \$34.19 |
| Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, & Weighers | 561 | (1.2%) | 43 | 0 | 43 | \$17.71 |
| Dental Assistants | 368 | 18.8% | 42 | 0 | 42 | \$17.24 |
| First-Line Supervisors of Transportation & Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors | 455 | 12.3% | 41 | 0 | 41 | \$24.39 |
| Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines | 312 | 18.2% | 27 | 0 | 27 | \$24.91 |
| Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers | 192 | 41.9% | 20 | 0 | 20 | \$33.84 |
| Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists | 241 | 7.1% | 17 | 0 | 17 | \$21.50 |
| Farmers, Ranchers, & Other Agricultural Managers | 261 | 13.0% | 17 | 0 | 17 | \$18.20 |
| Tellers | 246 | (12.9%) | 17 | 0 | 17 | \$15.93 |
| Mixing & Blending Machine Setters, Operators, & Tenders | 220 | (10.5%) | 15 | 0 | 15 | \$17.94 |
| Packaging & Filling Machine Operators & Tenders | 236 | (0.5%) | 15 | 0 | 15 | \$16.47 |
| Pest Control Workers | 80 | 39.9% | 12 | 0 | 12 | \$19.63 |
| Massage Therapists | 115 | 35.7% | 12 | 0 | 12 | \$18.80 |
| Installation, Maintenance, & Repair Workers, All Other | 143 | 10.1% | 11 | 0 | 11 | \$18.06 |

| SOC TITLE | 2022 JOBS | % JOB CHANGE | ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS | ANNUAL COMPL. | GAP | MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE |
|---|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Petroleum Pump System Operators, Refinery Operators, & Gaugers | 171 | (16.7%) | 11 | 0 | 11 | \$34.65 |
| Telecommunications Line Installers & Repairers | 100 | 25.8% | 10 | 0 | 10 | \$28.95 |
| Healthcare Support Workers, All Other | 94 | 17.0% | 10 | 0 | 10 | \$17.04 |
| First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping & Janitorial Workers | 105 | 17.0% | 9 | 0 | 9 | \$17.10 |
| Wind Turbine Service Technicians | 63 | 52.8% | 8 | 0 | 8 | \$23.17 |
| Telecommunications Equipment Installers & Repairers, Except Line Installers | 97 | (7.3%) | 7 | 0 | 7 | \$27.17 |
| Hazardous Materials Removal Workers | 52 | 29.2% | 7 | 0 | 7 | \$19.27 |
| Control & Valve Installers & Repairers, Except Mechanical Door | 84 | 16.8% | 6 | 0 | 6 | \$21.26 |
| Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, & Samplers, Recordkeeping | 70 | 3.9% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$16.59 |
| Structural Metal Fabricators & Fitters | 73 | (3.2%) | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$19.69 |
| Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & System Operators | 78 | 0.2% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$19.99 |
| Loan Interviewers & Clerks | 91 | 1.4% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$19.90 |
| Ophthalmic Medical Technicians | 42 | 45.6% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$15.66 |
| Brickmasons & Blockmasons | 90 | (10.0%) | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$22.07 |
| Paving, Surfacing, & Tamping Equipment Operators | 61 | 1.2% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$20.69 |

Source: Lightcast program demand gap model.

Table 5: Programmatic Areas of Opportunity at the Associate Degree Level

| SOC TITLE | 2022 JOBS | % JOB CHANGE | ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS | ANNUAL COMPL. | GAP | MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE |
|--|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Physical Therapist Assistants | 81 | 63.7% | 12 | 0 | 12 | \$38.68 |
| Occupational Therapy Assistants | 47 | 53.8% | 8 | 0 | 8 | \$40.44 |
| Dental Hygienists | 113 | 28.5% | 7 | 0 | 7 | \$35.13 |
| Radiologic Technologists & Technicians | 97 | 19.2% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$27.47 |
| Surgical Technologists | 62 | 8.1% | 4 | 0 | 4 | \$25.30 |
| Morticians, Undertakers, & Funeral Arrangers | 15 | 28.9% | 2 | 0 | 2 | \$17.45 |
| Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists | 15 | 16.9% | 1 | 0 | 1 | \$33.78 |
| Occupational Therapy Aides | 4 | 33.6% | 1 | 0 | 1 | \$15.02 |

Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

Table 6: Programmatic Areas of Opportunity at the Transfer-Track Degree Level

| SOC TITLE | 2022 JOBS | % JOB CHANGE | ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS | ANNUAL COMPL. | GAP | MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE |
|--|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Civil Engineers | 461 | 7.3% | 22 | 0 | 22 | \$44.90 |
| Buyers & Purchasing Agents | 311 | 1.3% | 14 | 0 | 14 | \$27.76 |
| Insurance Sales Agents | 236 | 13.6% | 13 | 0 | 13 | \$21.63 |
| Training & Development Specialists | 236 | 14.3% | 12 | 0 | 12 | \$27.32 |
| Securities, Commodities, & Financial Services Sales Agents | 205 | 7.6% | 11 | 0 | 11 | \$33.08 |
| Industrial Engineers | 285 | 0.4% | 11 | 0 | 11 | \$46.17 |
| Real Estate Sales Agents | 183 | 16.6% | 10 | 0 | 10 | \$16.78 |
| Mechanical Engineers | 256 | 1.0% | 10 | 0 | 10 | \$56.46 |
| First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers | 191 | 11.3% | 8 | 0 | 8 | \$32.51 |
| Information & Record Clerks, All Other | 142 | 13.7% | 8 | 0 | 8 | \$15.76 |
| Directors, Religious Activities & Education | 140 | 4.8% | 8 | 0 | 8 | \$26.15 |
| Network & Computer Systems Administrators | 158 | 8.3% | 7 | 0 | 7 | \$36.37 |
| Architectural & Engineering Managers | 188 | 0.1% | 7 | 0 | 7 | \$74.93 |
| Logisticians | 119 | 22.2% | 6 | 0 | 6 | \$33.83 |
| Property, Real Estate, & Community Association Managers | 154 | 12.8% | 6 | 0 | 6 | \$26.41 |
| Loan Officers | 121 | 4.5% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$27.13 |
| Electrical Engineers | 127 | 7.1% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$45.57 |
| Community & Social Service Specialists, All Other | 79 | 15.0% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$20.60 |
| Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs | 90 | 0.2% | 5 | 0 | 5 | \$16.08 |

Source: Lightcast program demand gap model.



Lightcast provides colleges and universities with labor market data that helps create better outcomes for students, businesses, and communities. Our data, which cover more than 99% of the U.S. workforce, are compiled from a wide variety of government sources, job postings, and online profiles and résumés. Hundreds of institutions use Lightcast to align programs with regional needs, drive enrollment, connect students with in-demand careers, track their alumni's employment outcomes, and demonstrate their institution's economic impact on their region. Visit lightcast.io/solutions/education to learn more or connect with us.