

Top Career and Technical Education Occupations in Middle Rio Grande WDA

Top Occupations by 10-year projected growth for Occupations that pay above Texas Median Wage of \$47,499

Occupational Title	OEWS Current Employment (2024)	Average Annual Job Openings (2022-2032)	Estimated 10-year Employment Increase (2032)	OEWS Median Annual Wage (2024)	Typical Education & Training	State Career Cluster & Program of Study
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,110	155	188	\$50,185	Postsecondary nondegree award & <i>Short-term on-the-job training</i>	• Transportation, Distribution and Logistics & <i>Diesel and Heavy Equipment Maintenance and Commercial Drivers</i>
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	590	60	57	\$50,960	High school diploma or equivalent & <i>Moderate-term on-the-job training</i>	• Law and Public Service & <i>Law Enforcement</i>
Registered Nurses	890	52	51	\$76,504	Bachelor's degree	• Health Science & <i>Nursing Science</i>
Wellhead Pumpers	280	28	48	\$59,837	High school diploma or equivalent & <i>Moderate-term on-the-job training</i>	• Energy & <i>Oil and Gas Exploration and Production</i>
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	210	19	38	\$60,758	High school diploma or equivalent & <i>Long-term on-the-job training</i>	• Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources & <i>Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems</i> • Manufacturing & <i>Industrial Maintenance</i> • Manufacturing & <i>Robotics and Automation Technology</i>
Accountants and Auditors	310	29	37	\$64,450	Bachelor's degree	• Business, Marketing, and Finance & <i>Accounting and Financial Services</i>
Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	200	25	31	\$55,380	High school diploma or equivalent & <i>Moderate-term on-the-job training</i>	• Business, Marketing, and Finance & <i>Marketing and Sales</i>
Nurse Practitioners	80	7	31	\$124,957	Master's degree	• Health Science & <i>Nursing Science</i>
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	1,620	127	31	\$92,747	High school diploma or equivalent & <i>Moderate-term on-the-job training</i>	• Law and Public Service & <i>Law Enforcement</i>
Human Resources Specialists	210	20	29	\$57,221	Bachelor's degree	• Business, Marketing, and Finance & <i>Business Management</i>

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Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	40	11	24	\$66,268	High school diploma or equivalent & Long-term on-the-job training	• Architecture and Construction & <i>Electrical</i>
Lawyers	130	10	22	\$105,789	Doctoral or professional degree	• Law and Public Service & <i>Legal Studies</i>
Project Management Specialists	120	13	20	\$77,240	Bachelor's degree	• Architecture and Construction & <i>Construction Management and Inspection</i>
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	100	11	18	\$55,123	Bachelor's degree	• Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources & <i>Agriculture Business, Leadership, and Communications</i> • Business, Marketing, and Finance & <i>Marketing and Sales</i> • Hospitality and Tourism & <i>Travel, Tourism, and Attractions</i>
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	360	27	17	\$72,550	Bachelor's degree	• Business, Marketing, and Finance
Pharmacists	50	5	16	\$139,142	Doctoral or professional degree	• Health Science & <i>Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services</i>
Electricians	170	15	15	\$48,439	High school diploma or equivalent & Apprenticeship	• Architecture and Construction & <i>Electrical</i> • Energy & <i>Renewable Energy</i> • Manufacturing & <i>Industrial Maintenance</i>
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	100	7	15	\$61,599	Associate's degree	• Health Science & <i>Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services</i>
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	130	7	14	\$57,412	High school diploma or equivalent & Long-term on-the-job training	• Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources & <i>Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems</i> • Transportation, Distribution and Logistics & <i>Diesel and Heavy Equipment Maintenance and Commercial Drivers</i>

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Compliance Officers	700	45	13	\$72,550	Bachelor's degree & Moderate-term on-the-job training	• Law and Public Service

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