

# Program Overview

Special Education and Teaching, General

Lightcast Q1 2026 Data Set

April 2026

# Parameters

Completions Year: 2024

Jobs Timeframe: 2026 - 2035

Job Postings Timeframe: Jan 2021 - Jan 2026

Programs:

Code	Description
13.1001	Special Education and Teaching, General

Regions:

Code	Description
48	Texas

Education Level:

Description	Description
Master's degree	Ph.D. or professional degree

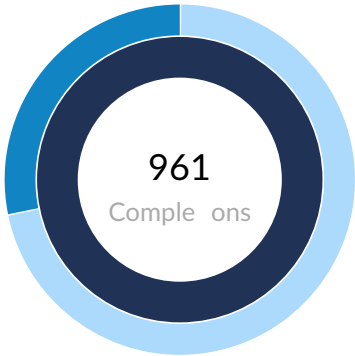
Tuition Type: Tuition & Fees

Graduate Status: Undergraduate

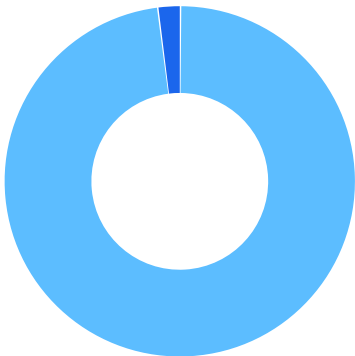
Residency: In-State

<p>28 Institutions -3% Growth (2020-2024)</p>	<p>961 Completions -5% Growth (2020-2024)</p>	<p>Completions Distribution</p> <p>Average: 34.3</p> <p>2     324</p> <p>Median: 15</p>
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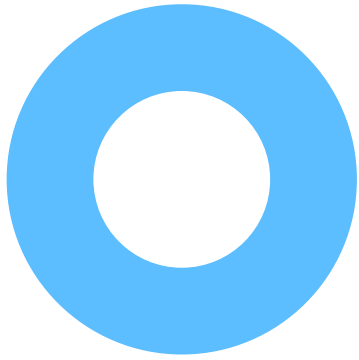



### Market Share by Institution Type



Institution Type	Completions (2024)	Market Share
Public, 4-year or above	941	97.9%
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above	20	2.1%

## Market Share by Program

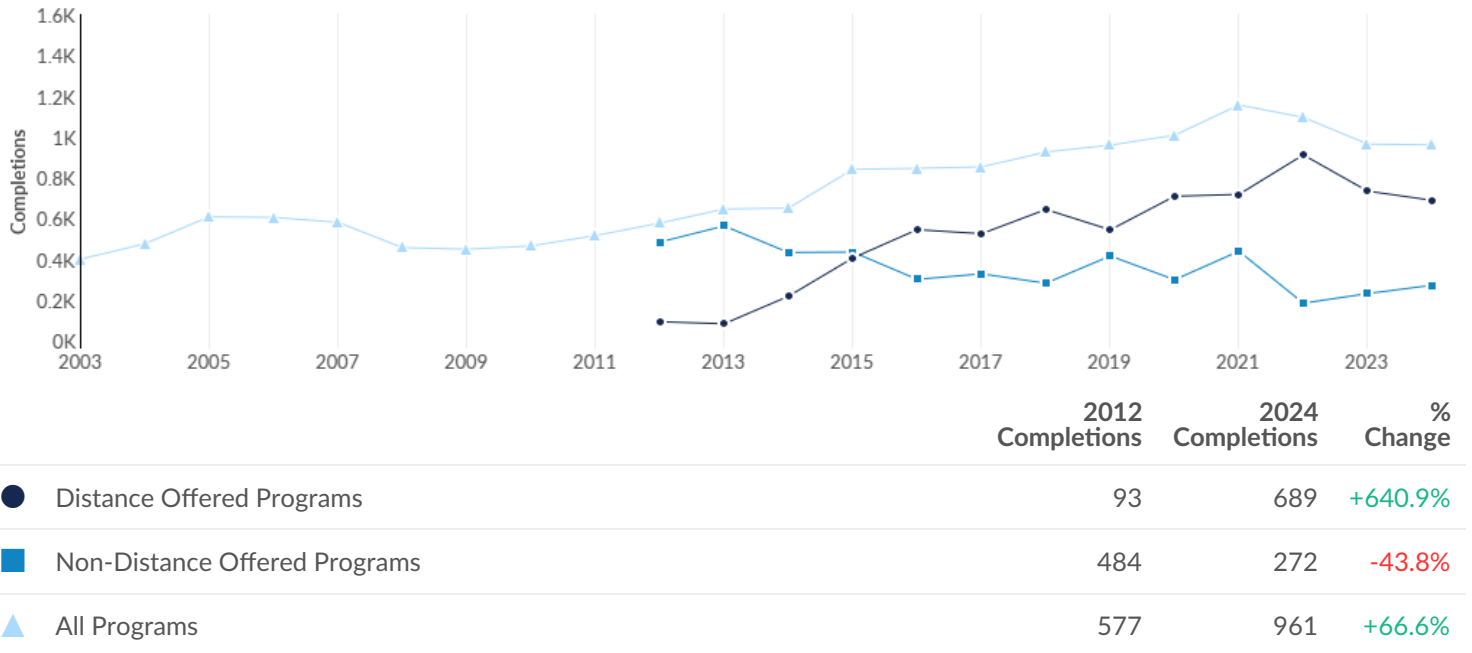


Program	Completions (2024)	Market Share
Special Education and Teaching, General (13.1001)	961	100.0%

## Completions by Institution

Institution	Completions (2024)	Growth % YOY (2024)	Market Share (2024)	IPEDS Tuition & Fees (2023)	Completions Trend (2020-2024)
Lamar University	324	13.7%	33.7%	\$8,904	
Texas Tech University	100	17.6%	10.4%	\$11,852	
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	86	-29.5%	8.9%	\$9,467	
Midwestern State University	70	105.9%	7.3%	\$9,950	
Texas State University	38	-2.6%	4.0%	\$11,450	
Sam Houston State University	37	32.1%	3.9%	\$9,228	
University of North Texas	36	-12.2%	3.7%	\$11,164	
The University of Texas Permian Basin	33	26.9%	3.4%	\$9,237	
The University of Texas at Austin	32	-37.3%	3.3%	\$11,678	
Texas A&M University-College Station	30	-9.1%	3.1%	\$12,841	

## Regional Trends



## Regional Completions by Award Level



Award Level	Completions (2024)	Percent
Master's Degree	941	97.9%
Doctor's Degree	20	2.1%
Post-masters certificate	0	0.0%

## Similar Programs

48

Programs (2024)

2,187

Completions (2024)

CIP Code	Program	Completions (2024)
25.0101	Library and Information Science	559
13.0101	Education, General	473
05.0122	Regional Studies (U.S., Canadian, Foreign)	447
13.1314	Physical Education Teaching and Coaching	112
13.1210	Early Childhood Education and Teaching	111
24.0103	Humanities/Humanistic Studies	76
13.9999	Education, Other	69
16.0905	Spanish Language and Literature	57
38.0201	Religion/Religious Studies	34
16.0102	Linguistics	28


# Target Occupations

\*Filtered by the proportion of the national workforce in these occupations with a Master's degree or Doctoral or professional degree

<p><b>51,745</b></p> <p>Jobs (2026)*</p> <p>24% <i>above</i> National average*</p>	<p><b>+4.1%</b></p> <p>% Change (2026-2035)*</p> <p>Nation: <b>+1.8%</b>*</p>	<p>\$16.34/hr</p> <p><b>\$34.0K/yr</b></p> <p>Median Earnings</p> <p>Nation: \$18.98/hr;</p> <p><b>\$39.5K/yr</b></p>	<p><b>4,634</b></p> <p>Annual Openings*</p>
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Occupation	2026 Jobs*	Annual Openings*	Median Earnings	Growth (2026 - 2035)*	Employment Concentration (2026)*
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	22,098	1,658	\$28.98/hr	+2.88%	1.99
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	11,753	1,547	\$13.28/hr	+4.84%	0.92
Special Education Teachers, Middle School	7,036	532	\$29.77/hr	+3.57%	1.53
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	5,911	463	\$30.14/hr	+5.67%	0.74
Special Education Teachers, All Other	2,060	166	\$31.41/hr	+7.48%	0.91
Interpreters and Translators	1,750	177	\$22.79/hr	+6.63%	1.13
Special Education Teachers, Preschool	1,137	91	\$29.22/hr	+6.86%	0.72











# Job Postings Summary

<p>13,254</p> <p>Unique Postings</p> <p>28,041 Total Postings</p>	<p>2 : 1</p> <p>Posting Intensity</p>  <p>Regional Average: 3 : 1</p>	<p>1,373</p> <p>Companies Posting</p> <p>308,686 Total Companies</p>	<p>24 days</p> <p>Median Posting Duration</p> <p>Regional Average: 27 days</p>
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There were 28,041 total job postings for your selection from January 2021 to January 2026, of which 13,254 were unique. These numbers give us a Posting Intensity of 2-to-1, meaning that for every 2 postings there is 1 unique job posting.

This is close to the Posting Intensity for all other occupations and companies in the region (3-to-1), indicating that they are putting average effort toward hiring for this position.

## Top Companies Posting

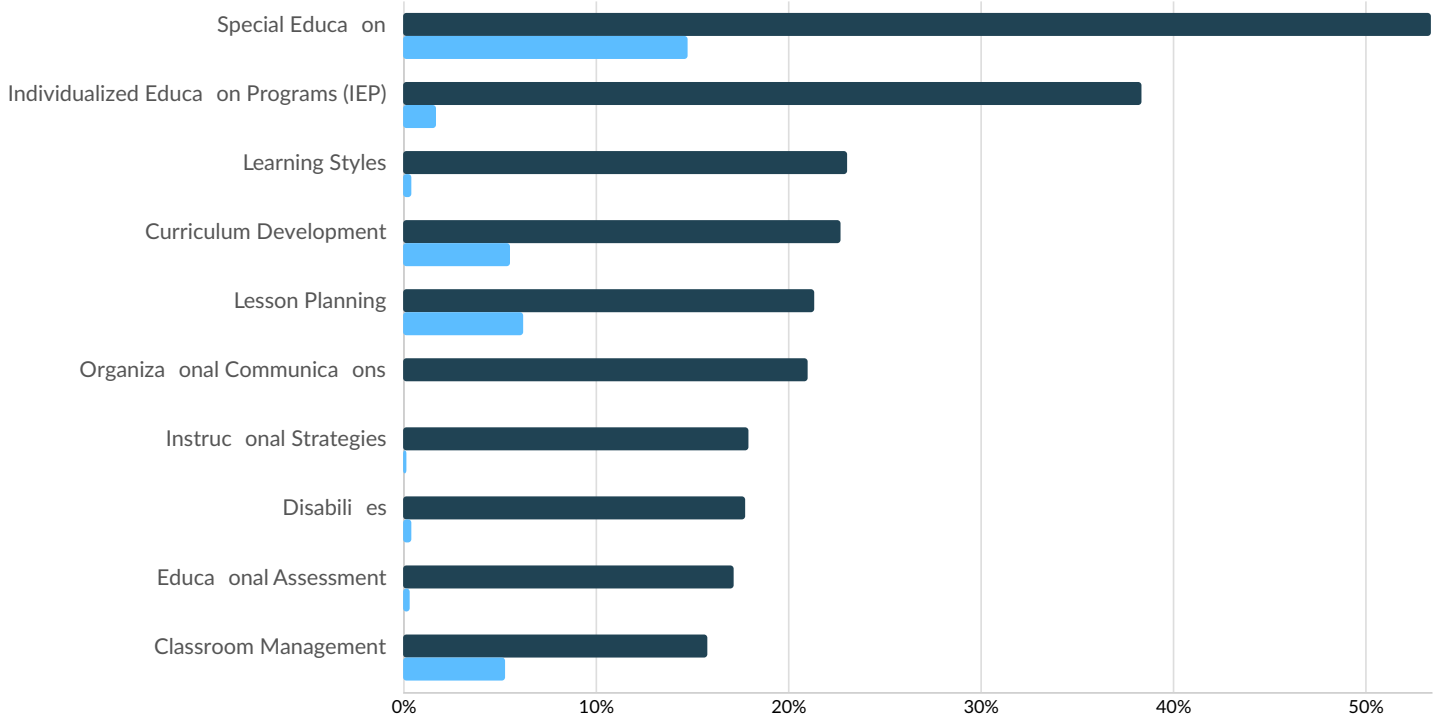
Company	Total/Unique (Jan 2021 - Jan 2026)	Posting Intensity	Median Posting Duration
North East Independent School District	1,238 / 756	2 : 1 	21 days
Soliant Health	894 / 618	1 : 1 	29 days
Katy Independent School District	930 / 559	2 : 1 	16 days
Texas A&M University	1,205 / 421	3 : 1 	30 days
Uplift Education	1,015 / 291	3 : 1 	29 days
ProCare Therapy	363 / 267	1 : 1 	12 days
Blazerjobs	322 / 231	1 : 1 	15 days
Action Behavior Centers	890 / 210	4 : 1 	34 days
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	381 / 193	2 : 1 	31 days
IDEA Public Schools	423 / 191	2 : 1 	24 days

# Top Posted Job Titles

Job Title	Total/Unique (Jan 2021 - Jan 2026)	Posting Intensity	Median Posting Duration
Special Education Teachers	2,740 / 1,423	2 : 1 	22 days
Educational Diagnos ticians	1,231 / 660	2 : 1 	25 days
Diagnos ticians	614 / 400	2 : 1 	28 days
Teachers	792 / 357	2 : 1 	23 days
Early Intervention Specialists	838 / 246	3 : 1 	33 days
Elementary Teachers	409 / 238	2 : 1 	21 days
Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	362 / 212	2 : 1 	20 days
Teachers of the Blind and Visually Impaired	353 / 193	2 : 1 	17 days
Head Start Teachers	350 / 181	2 : 1 	27 days
Middle School Teachers	306 / 168	2 : 1 	21 days

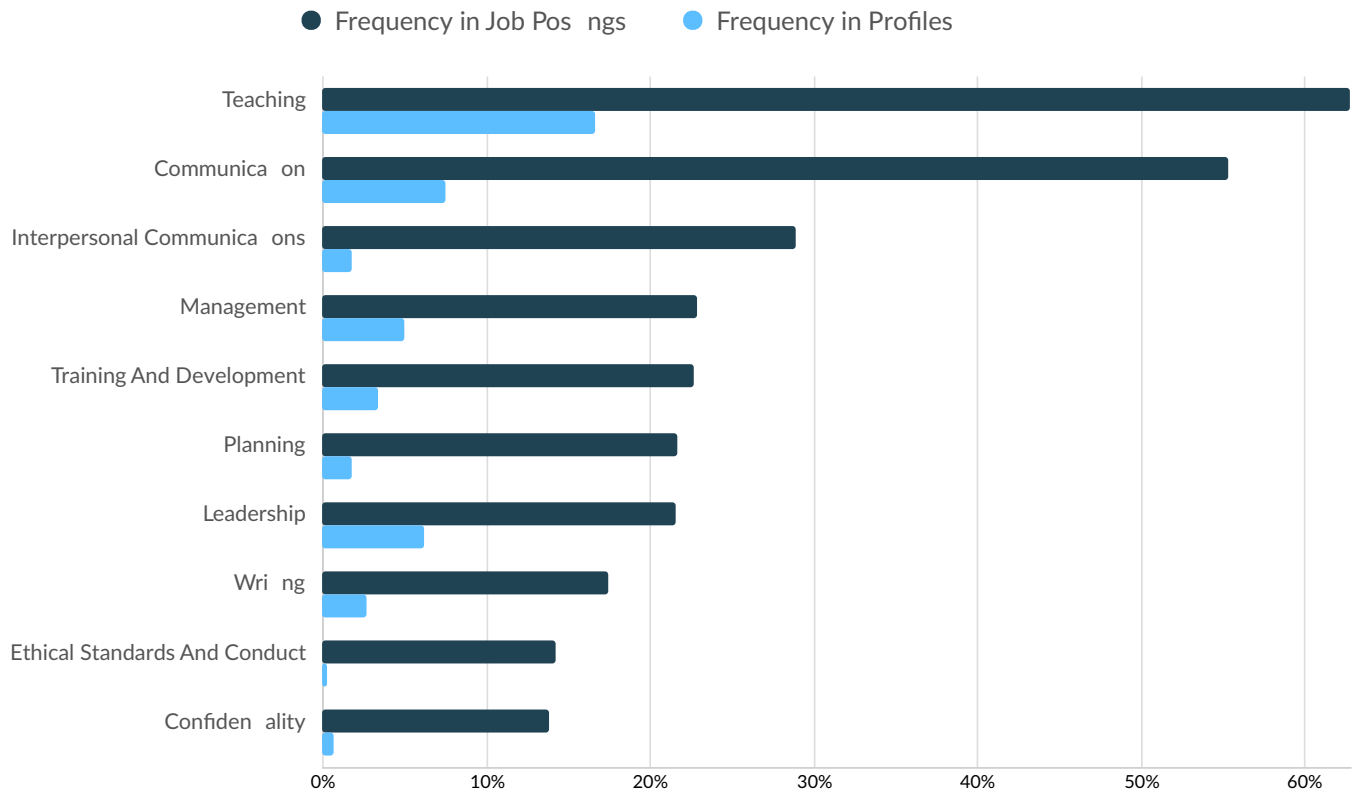
# Top Specialized Skills

● Frequency in Job Postings ● Frequency in Profiles



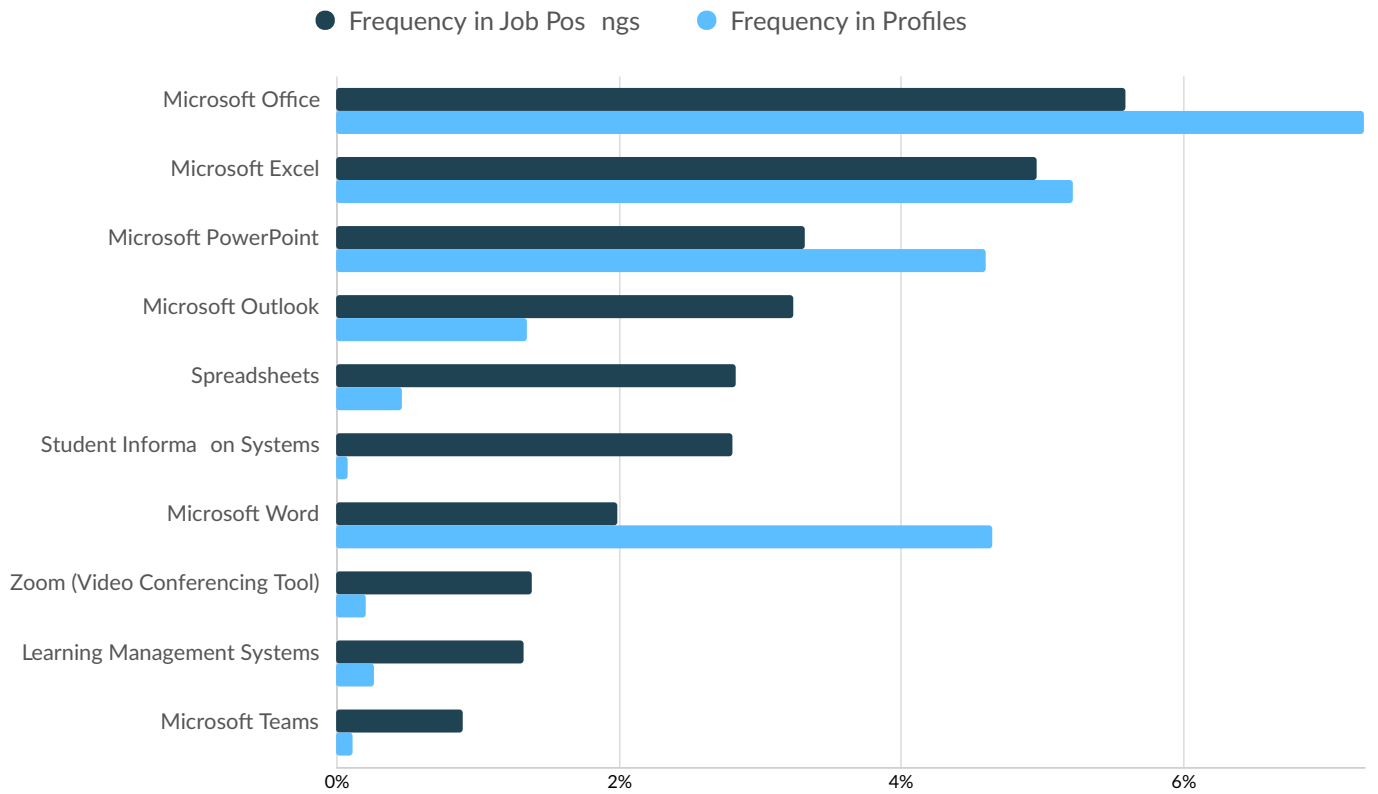
Skills	Postings	% of Total Postings	Profiles	% of Total Profiles	Projected Skill Growth	Skill Growth Relative to Market
Special Education	7,076	53%	26,676	15%	+16.3%	Growing
Individualized Education Programs (IEP)	5,083	38%	3,020	2%	+16.4%	Growing
Learning Styles	3,052	23%	762	0%	+21.7%	Rapidly Growing
Curriculum Development	3,006	23%	9,943	6%	+14.6%	Growing
Lesson Planning	2,825	21%	11,190	6%	+12.6%	Growing
Organizational Communications	2,780	21%	0	0%	+7.7%	Stable
Instructional Strategies	2,378	18%	378	0%	+26.3%	Rapidly Growing
Disabilities	2,355	18%	809	0%	+16.8%	Growing
Educational Assessment	2,279	17%	670	0%	+20.6%	Rapidly Growing
Classroom Management	2,092	16%	9,513	5%	+6.4%	Stable

# Top Common Skills



Skills	Postings	% of Total Postings	Profiles	% of Total Profiles	Projected Skill Growth	Skill Growth Relative to Market
Teaching	8,325	63%	29,964	17%	+18.8%	Growing
Communication	7,338	55%	13,548	8%	+3.6%	Lagging
Interpersonal Communications	3,832	29%	3,177	2%	+12.5%	Growing
Management	3,038	23%	9,039	5%	+5.3%	Stable
Training And Development	3,009	23%	6,100	3%	+15.0%	Growing
Planning	2,883	22%	3,296	2%	+10.9%	Growing
Leadership	2,866	22%	11,280	6%	+8.5%	Stable
Writing	2,319	17%	4,871	3%	+11.8%	Growing
Ethical Standards And Conduct	1,885	14%	622	0%	+18.3%	Growing
Confidentiality	1,832	14%	1,232	1%	0.0%	

# Top Software Skills



Skills	Postings	% of Total Postings	Profiles	% of Total Profiles	Projected Skill Growth	Skill Growth Relative to Market
Microsoft Office	742	6%	13,124	7%	+18.5%	Growing
Microsoft Excel	658	5%	9,411	5%	+17.7%	Growing
Microsoft PowerPoint	440	3%	8,286	5%	+26.1%	Rapidly Growing
Microsoft Outlook	430	3%	2,430	1%	+25.0%	Rapidly Growing
Spreadsheets	375	3%	839	0%	+22.2%	Rapidly Growing
Student Information Systems	372	3%	144	0%	+10.8%	Growing
Microsoft Word	264	2%	8,368	5%	+7.2%	Stable
Zoom (Video Conferencing Tool)	184	1%	379	0%	+13.1%	Growing
Learning Management Systems	176	1%	476	0%	+6.6%	Stable
Microsoft Teams	119	1%	215	0%	+16.8%	Growing

# Top Qualifications

Qualification	Postings with Qualification
Teaching Certificate	5,309
Valid Driver's License	1,652
No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Standards	460
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification	344
First Aid Certification	292
Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	225
Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)	217
Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)	215
Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification	177
Registered Nurse (RN)	170

# Appendix A

## Program Selection Details

CIP Code	Program Name
13.1001	Special Education and Teaching, General

# Appendix B - Data Sources and Calculations

## Lightcast Job Postings

Job postings are collected from various sources and processed/enriched to provide information such as standardized company name, occupation, skills, and geography.

## State Data Sources

This report uses state data from the following agencies: Texas Workforce Commission