



Texas CTE Information



Cosmetology and Barbering education programs are available in high schools and community colleges throughout Texas



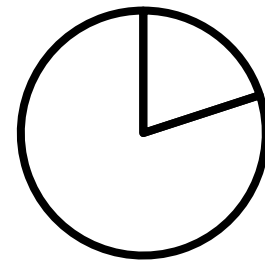
Although the top three most popular undergraduate majors in the U.S. are Business, Health Professions, and Social Sciences, Trades education becomes more valuable by the day.

299 School Districts offering Barbering & Cosmetology & as a Program of Study

Full list of High School Programs and districts provided separately.

7,505 Cosmetology Concentrators in Texas High Schools 

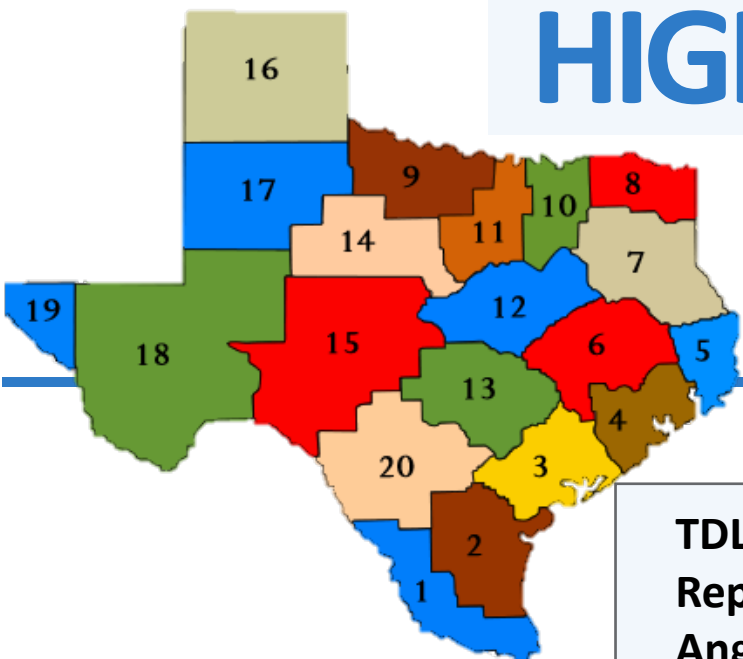
5,078 Barbering Concentrators in Texas High Schools 



100% Of Texas Education Regions have Cosmetology CTE programs

Data sourced from Texas Education Agency for FY2023-2024

HIGH SCHOOL REGIONS



- In 2022, over **1.18 million high school students** in Texas were enrolled as **CTE concentrators**—those who completed two or more courses in a program of study
- As of 2025, high school early college programs and industry-based certifications are surging:
 - The share of Texas high school graduates earning **industry-based certifications** jumped from **10.7% in 2019 to 33.4% in 2023**.
 - Those earning **associate degrees** in high school rose from **1.9% to 2.5%** over the same period

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***Concentrators** - A student who completes and passes two or more high school CTE courses for a total of at least two credits within the same program of study and is not a completer.

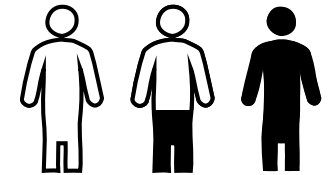
+Completers - A student who completes and passes three or more high school CTE courses for a total of four or more credits, including one level three or level four course, from within the same program of study.

Barbering and Cosmetology programs are well represented across Texas with dozens of campuses for each program.

Over half of Americans (56%) say college costs have spiraled out of control, with nearly one-third viewing student loan debt as a national crisis. – *Indestata*

56%

Meanwhile, **the barber and cosmetology trades in Texas are seeing strong growth and opportunity.**



COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING

- Chi Lonestar College – Houston
- Cisco College – Cisco and Hawley
- Clarendon College – Amarillo, Childress, Pampa
- Coastal Bend College – Kingsville, Beeville, Pleasanton
- College of the Mainland – Texas City
- Collin County Community College District – Plano
- Del Mar College – Corpus Christi
- El Paso Community College – El Paso
- FMC Fort Worth – Fort Worth
- Frank Phillips Jr. College – Borger, Perryton,
- Galveston College – Galveston
- Grayson County Community College – Denison
- Hill College – Hillsboro, Cleburne
- Houston Community College – Northline, Central, Alief Bissonnet, Eastside
- Howard County Junior College – San Angelo, Big Spring
- Kilgore College – Longview
- Lamar Institute of Technology – Beaumont
- Lamar State College – Beaumont, Port Arthur
- Laredo College – Laredo
- Lashin Out With Extensions Academy – Rowlett
- Lee College of Cosmetology – Baytown, Liberty
- Lone Star College – Kingwood
- McClennan Community College – Waco
- Midland College – Midland
- Navarro College – Corsicana, Waxahachie
- North Central Texas College – Gainesville
- North East Texas Community College – Mount Pleasant
- Odessa College – Odessa
- Palo Alto College – San Antonio
- Panola College – Carthage
- Ranger College Cosmetology – Stephenville
- San Jacinto College – North, South
- Shelby College Center – Center
- South Plains College – Levelland, Plainview
- South Texas College Cosmetology Center – Mission
- Southwest Texas College – Uvalde
- Texarkana College – Texarkana
- Trinity Valley Community College – Palestine, Terrell, Athens
- Vernon College – Vernon, Wichita Falls
- Weatherford College – Weatherford, Bridgeport
- Wharton County Junior College – Richmond, Wharton

Why Cosmetology & Barbering As A Career?

- Opportunity for quick advancement and growth
- Start earning early with low debt and steadily increase income via experience, specialization, or business ownership. While college paths often start with higher salaries, they also often carry higher risk of student loan debt and variable outcomes in career advancement

Category	Barbering & Cosmetology (Texas)	Bachelor's Degree (US)
Starting Income	\$22k-\$48k	\$68k
Mid-Career +	\$48k +	Varies widely - \$70-90k+ dependent on major
Loan & Debt	Usually none or minimal	Often substantial
Growth Path	Clear ladder: Employee -> Independent Contractor -> Establishment Owner/ or School Owner	Variable; depends on field, promotions, availability
Demand & Security	+19% projected growth between 2022-2032 in Texas.	Demand in some majors (STEM, business) but others facing decline and softening in salary projections