



BLINN COLLEGE Workforce Education

“Building Careers”

Welding Technology

Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters

Welding professionals use hand-welding or flame-cutting equipment to weld or join metal components or to fill holes, indentations, or seams of fabricated metal products. Through formal education, training and experience, welders gain knowledge and expertise in multiple processes. This qualifies them to do work in any of the following fields: Welder, Welding Fabricator, Welding Supervisor, Production Line, Pipe Welder, Welder Fitter, Maintenance Welder, Welding Inspector, Welding Instructor, Welding Engineer and Metallurgist.

Wages

Location	Pay Period	2012				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	Hourly	\$11.88	\$14.29	\$17.45	\$21.62	\$26.99
	Yearly	\$24,700	\$29,700	\$36,300	\$45,000	\$56,100
Texas	Hourly	\$11.07	\$13.54	\$17.01	\$21.64	\$28.01
	Yearly	\$23,000	\$28,200	\$35,400	\$45,000	\$58,300

National Data Source: [Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey](#)

State Data Source: [Texas Wage Information](#) Source: *Career One Stop*

Employment Trends

United States	Employment		Percent Change	Projected Annual Job Openings ¹
	2012	2022		
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	357,400	378,200	+6%	10,850
Texas	Employment		Percent Change	Projected Annual Job Openings ¹
	2010	2020		
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	44,740	55,350	+24%	2,250

¹Projected Annual Job Openings refers to the average annual job openings due to growth and net replacement.

Note: The data for the State Employment Trends and the National Employment Trends are not directly comparable. The projections period for state data is 2010-2020, while the projections period for national data is 2012-2022. **National Data Source:** [Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections](#)

State Data Source: [Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market & Career Information Department](#) Source: *Career One Stop*.

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