

Certified Retirement Community Community Assessment

Tab 2-E Employment

West Columbia has many locally owned businesses which provide employment opportunities including clerical, cashiers, wait staff, tellers, and customer service representatives. Many blue collar jobs exist in the way of insurance agents, accountants, financial services, realtors, lawn maintenance and other professional service providers.

Major Employers include the following:

Employer	Type of Business
Dow	Chemical Plant
Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice	Prison System
Wal-Mart	Discount Retail
Brazoria County	County Government
Conoco/Phillips	Petroleum Refinery
Chevron/Phillips	Petroleum Refinery
Columbia-Brazoria ISD	Education
City of West Columbia	Local Government
Texas-New Mexico Power Co.	Energy Service Center
HEB Grocery	Grocery
Columbia Charter School	Education
Sweetbriar	Special Medical Needs Facility

Many additional job opportunities are located within a twenty to thirty minute commute.

Wage Data (Source: U.S. Census Bureau – Year 2000)

Household Income Distribution	
Less than \$10,000	249
\$10,000 to \$14,999	105
\$15,000 to \$19,999	205
\$20,000 to \$24,999	114
\$25,000 to \$29,999	139
\$30,000 to \$34,999	80
\$35,000 to \$39,999	139
\$40,000 to \$44,999	54
\$45,000 to 49,999	68
\$50,000 to \$59,999	109
\$60,000 to \$74,999	170
\$75,000 to \$99,999	143
\$100,000 to \$124,999	37
\$125,000 to \$149,999	22
\$150,000 to \$199,999	15
\$200,000 or more	8
 Median Income (dollars)	 \$31,115

Employment Status

In Labor Force	1,807			
Less Armed Forces	- 4			
Total Civilian labor force	1,803	equals to	Employed	1,689
			Unemployed	114
Not in Labor Force	1,419			
Total Population 16 years and over	3,226			

The local newspapers ~ *Brazoria County News* and *The Facts* are a good resource to find job opportunities or you can receive assistance from one the following:

Employment Agencies

The Worksource	491 This Way, Lake Jackson	979-297-6400
TEI Staffing Inc.	104 Circle Way, Lake Jackson	979-297-9297
Kelly Services	479 This Way, Lake Jackson	979-297-7815
Coastal Employment & Acct.	122 West Way #205, Lake Jackson	979-297-2254
Labor Ready	205 N. Velasco, Angleton	979-549-0826

Information is also available at the Texas Workforce Commission website: www.twc.state.tx.us