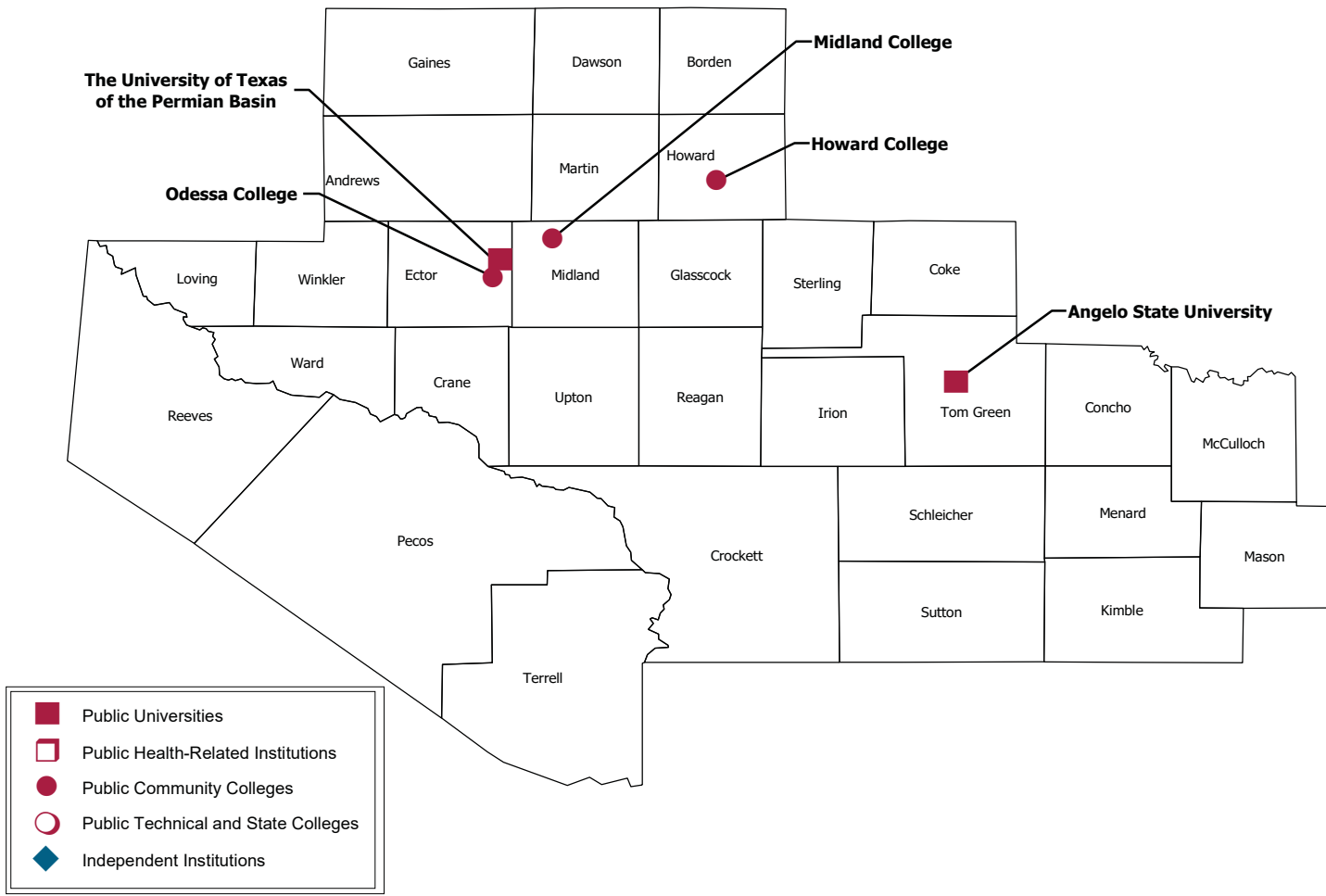
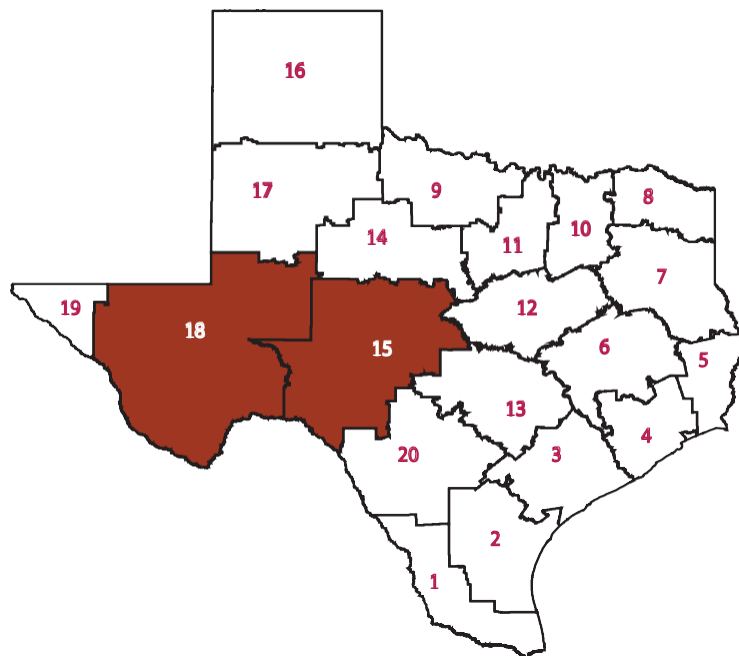


West Texas 2019 – 2020 REGIONAL ACTION PLAN

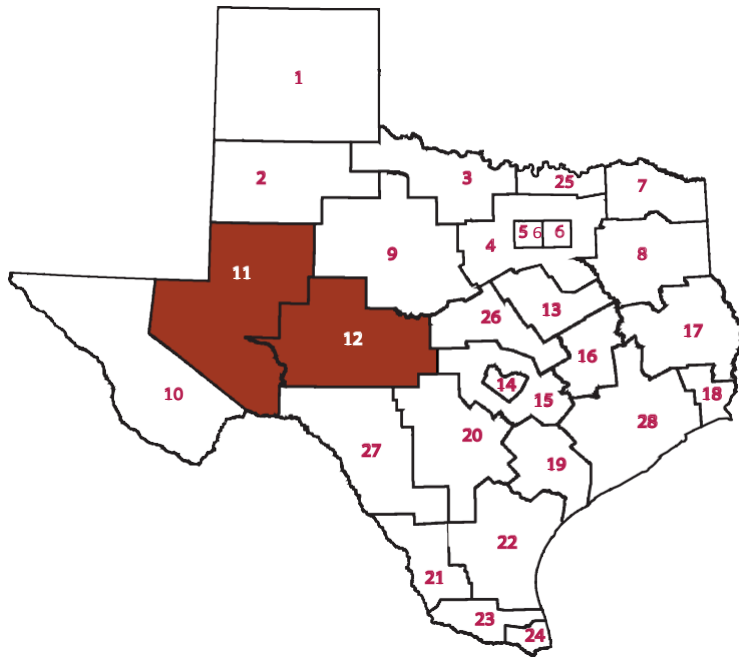
Higher Education Region



Education Service Centers (K12)



TWC Workforce Development Areas



West Texas Region

60x30: EDUCATED POPULATION

Completed Activities

The West Texas region implemented the following activities and/or steps: 1) A website was created for the region with information for school districts and students. 2) Posters advertising the 60X30 Strategic Plan and the West Texas Region website were printed and delivered to school districts throughout the region. 3) Career Expos were hosted by Region 15 and Region 18 for students enrolled in school districts in the West Texas Region. Rural school districts were invited, too.

2019 – 2020 Planned Activities

Activities, steps, and/or milestones planned for the AY 2019-2020 year are: 1) Create informational videos/PSA addressing: a. Why College b. College options in West Texas c. Planning for college d. Admission application requirements e. Important dates f. Financial aid/scholarship information g. TSI information 2. Expand FAFSA completion events to rural school districts 3. Have scholarship writing workshops 4. Participate in THECB ADVi program

Insights Related to Educated Population Data Trends

2017 Educated Population 32.4%

2016 Educated Population 34.3%

2015 Educated Population 29.4%

The energy industry in the West Texas Region is employing individuals with high school diplomas and individuals without a high school diploma. Many students enrolled in colleges and/or universities in the West Texas Region are leaving their Institution of Higher Education (IHE) to become employed often earning wages higher than those employed in the IHE. Additionally, Adult Learners without college/university degrees are not enrolling or seeking degrees since a high percentage of the West Texas population is employed. The West Texas Region has a very low unemployment rate.

COMPLETION

Completed Activities

The web page was designed and is live. FAFSA and Apply Texas workshops were held throughout the region.

2019 – 2020 Planned Activities

All of the five institutions of higher education in the West Texas Region offer dual credit. As a result of recent legislation, the five IHEs are enhancing academic advising for dual credit students and having students submit a degree plan upon completing 15 semester credit hours. Additionally, the West Texas Region is working with school district to help implement activities and programs leading to compliance of the new statute requiring the submission of the FAFSA as a part of a high school graduation plan.

Insights Related to Completion Data Trends

2018 Completion 5,464

2017 Completion 5,233

2016 Completion 4,745

The West Texas Region has worked on improving academic advising for dual credit students and for the general student population at each of the five Institutions of Higher Education. Additionally, new academic programs have been added which keeps the students in the region and keeps them from transferring to institutions outside of the region.

HIGH SCHOOL-TO-HIGHER EDUCATION

Completed Activities

Two Career Expos were held, one in San Angelo and one in Midland, in AY 2018-2019. The purpose of the Career Expo was to have students in middle school and high school begin to align their career goals with post secondary educational opportunities. The Expos provided a venue for the IHEs in the region to align the pathways and content required in degree/certificate programs.

2019 – 2020 Planned Activities

As a region will be going to focus on TSI prep program MOUs to ensure that each West Texas IHE is included in the MOU to ensure that students are TSI complete in any West Texas IHE. Additionally, we are going to implement the ADVi program and thus enhance academic advising, especially with dual credit students.

Insights to High School-To-Higher Education Data Trends

2018 High school-to-higher education rate 46.2%

2017 High school-to-higher education rate 49.5%

2016 High school-to-higher education rate 49.4%

A higher percentage of high school graduates in the region are electing to go straight into the workforce. Some of the students are enrolled in dual credit workforce training programs leading to certificates. The students are then electing to place the certificates to use and join the workforce instead of continuing their education.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The West Texas Region has two Vice Presidents and several Directors in IHES and Directors in the two Educational Region Centers. The Concho Valley Workforce Solution office had a change in leadership. However, both Workforce Offices will be a part of the leadership Committee. At this time the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Angelo State University and the Education Specialist at Region 15 convene the group and seek feedback and request participation in workgroups.