

# Dallas-Fort Worth Technician Numbers

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| MEASURE                                                                     | DFW<br>FIGURE       | SOURCE                                                             |
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| Industrial machinery mechanics, DFW median annual wage (SOC 49-9041)        | <b>\$63,380</b>     | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington</a>              |
| Same job, entry level (10th percentile), DFW                                | <b>\$44,310</b>     | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington</a>              |
| Same job, Texas median                                                      | <b>\$61,930</b>     | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Texas</a>                                    |
| Same job, employed in DFW                                                   | <b>12,730</b>       | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington</a>              |
| Machinists, DFW median (SOC 51-4041)                                        | <b>\$59,830</b>     | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington</a>              |
| CNC tool programmers, DFW median (SOC 51-9162)                              | <b>\$71,060</b>     | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington</a>              |
| Electro-mechanical and mechatronics technicians, DFW median (SOC 17-3024)   | <b>\$52,160</b>     | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington</a>              |
| Electrical and electronic engineering technicians, DFW median (SOC 17-3023) | <b>\$75,580</b>     | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington</a>              |
| Retail salespersons, DFW median (SOC 41-2031)                               | <b>\$33,400</b>     | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington</a>              |
| First-line supervisors of retail sales workers, DFW median (SOC 41-1011)    | <b>\$47,320</b>     | <a href="#">BLS OEWS, Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington</a>              |
| Projected growth, industrial machinery mechanics, Texas (2024 to 2034)      | <b>+22%</b>         | <a href="#">Texas Workforce Commission via Projections Central</a> |
| Average annual openings, same job, Texas (2024 to 2034)                     | <b>6,380 a year</b> | <a href="#">Texas Workforce Commission via Projections Central</a> |

**"They could just work retail."** In Dallas-Fort Worth, the median retail salesperson earns \$33,400. The median industrial machinery mechanic earns \$63,380: nearly double, with 22% projected growth and about 6,380 openings a year across Texas through 2034.

*Wages and employment: BLS Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, May 2025. Projections: Texas Workforce Commission long-term projections, 2024 to 2034, published via Projections Central. Figures as published on the Educators page at [techniciansofdfw.com/educators](https://techniciansofdfw.com/educators), October 2026.*