

**Occupational Profile**  
**Emergency Medical Technicians**  
**OES (Occupational Employment Statistics) CODE: 32508**

Cameron County		Hidalgo/Starr/Willacy Counties	
Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010	Employment 2000	Projected Employment 2010
120	150	300	390
Absolute Change		Absolute Change	
#	%	#	%
30	25	90	30
Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement	Is License Required?	Growth to Replacement
Yes	1:1	Yes	1:1
Hourly Wage 2002		Hourly Wage 2002	
Mean	Median	Mean	Median
\$10.49	\$9.53	\$8.62	\$8.41

**Job Description:**

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics provide vital attention as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical facility. Depending on the nature of the emergency, EMTs and paramedics typically are dispatched to the scene by a 911 operator and often work with police and fire department personnel. Once they arrive, they determine the nature and extent of the patient's condition while trying to ascertain whether the patient has preexisting medical problems. Following strict procedures, they give appropriate emergency care and transport the patient.

**Average Education Required**

These occupations usually require a high school diploma and may require some vocational training or job-related course work. In some cases, an associate's or bachelor's degree could be needed.

Industrial Employment Patterns		
Industry Code	Industry	Percent of Employees
4110	Local and Suburban Transportation	51.1%
8060	Hospitals	23.7%
9300	Local Government, except Education	22.7%

**Related Occupations**

Other workers in occupations that require quick and levelheaded reactions to life-or-death situations are police officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, and workers in other health occupations.

**Skills Required**

- Problem Identification -- Identifying the nature of problems
- Coordination -- Adjusting actions in relation to others actions
- Judgment and Decision Making -- Weighing the relative costs and benefits of a potential action
- Speaking -- Talking to others to effectively convey information
- Operation Monitoring -- Watching gauges, dials, or other indicators to make sure a machine is working properly
- Service Orientation -- Actively looking for ways to help people
- Active Listening -- Listening to what other people are saying and asking questions as appropriate
- Critical Thinking -- Using logic and analysis to identify the strengths and weaknesses of different approaches
- Operation and Control -- Controlling operations of equipment or systems