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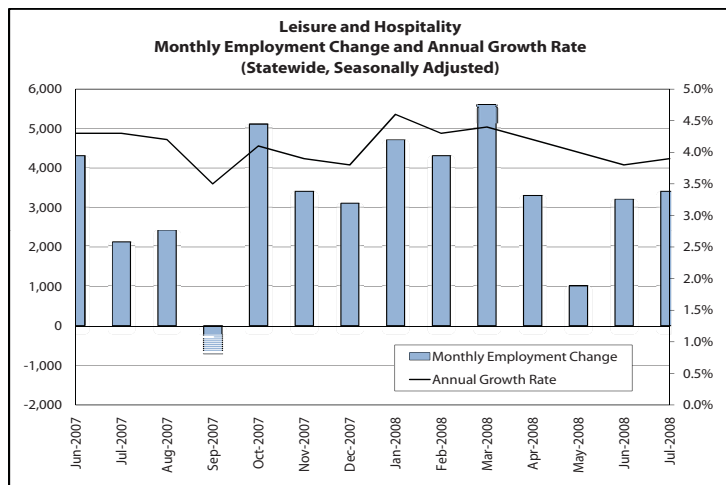
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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Employment added 17,500 jobs in July, following a revised gain of 45,200 jobs in June. This July growth fell slightly below the five-year-average July gain of 21,100 jobs, but outpaced the 10-year-average July increase of 10,400. The July payroll expansion was the fourth largest monthly employment gain this year. Six of the 11 major industries added jobs over the month. The annual growth rate rose slightly from 2.3 percent in June to 2.4 percent in July, for an annual increase of 248,600 jobs.

Government employment grew by 16,000 jobs, or 0.9 percent, in July. This growth was more than five times the historical average increase for the month of July, and was the largest one month gain for Government employment since May 2000. Government employment has increased in 22 of the past 27 months. The gains brought the year-to-date growth up to 28,700. The added jobs also resulted in the annual growth rate reaching 1.4 percent, or 24,700 jobs.



For the month of July, Leisure and Hospitality experienced growth of 3,400 jobs, or 0.3 percent. The July increase marked the tenth consecutive month of growth in this major industry. The gain in employment was greater than the historical average for the month of July. The year-to-date job additions totaled 20,800 and the annual growth was 38,800 positions, or 3.9 percent. The Leisure and Hospitality industry includes hotels and motels along with restaurants and amusement and theme parks. Golf courses, country clubs and bowling centers are also listed in this major industry.

Employment in Construction expanded by 3,300 jobs in July, following a revised gain of 5,400 positions in June. This was the fifth consecutive month of payroll gains after two months of declines. Since January 2008, 17,900 jobs were created in this major industry. The annual growth rate rose five-tenths of a percentage point, reaching 4.4 percent in July. Annual job growth for Construction, at 28,600 jobs in July, has remained in positive territory for over three years.

Natural Resources and Mining employment posted its tenth consecutive month of job growth in July with 1,300 positions added over the month. This increase was slightly above the five-year-average July gain of 1,100 jobs. The annual growth rate inched upward from 7.4 percent in June to 7.6 percent in July, the highest annual growth rate of all 11 major industries. A total of 15,700 jobs have been added to Natural Resources and Mining employment since July 2007. The Natural Resources and Mining industry is composed of 22 business types which include logging along with oil and gas extraction and support activities for mining. Coal mining, metal ore mining and nonmetallic mineral mining and quarrying are also listed in this major industry.

After expanding by 2,200 jobs in June, Financial Activities employment continued to rise by 800 jobs in July to total 653,800. This was the fifth monthly employment increase for Financial Activities in six months. The annual growth rate moved upward from 1.2 percent in June to 1.5 percent in July, bringing the total number of positions created in Financial Activities since July 2007 to 9,600.

Employment in Trade, Transportation and Utilities posted a slight increase of 200 jobs for July, following a revised gain of 5,500 jobs in June. Monthly employment for this major industry has been erratic over the past 12 months, from job declines of -3,500 in January 2008 to increases of 13,700 in March 2008. A total of 25,200 positions have been added since the beginning of the year. The annual growth rate has averaged 1.9 percent for 2008 and stood at 1.8 percent for July, with annual payroll growth of 38,700 jobs.

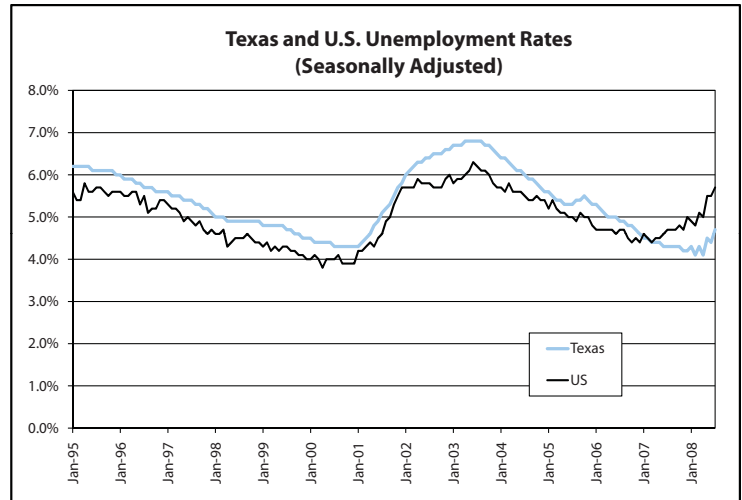
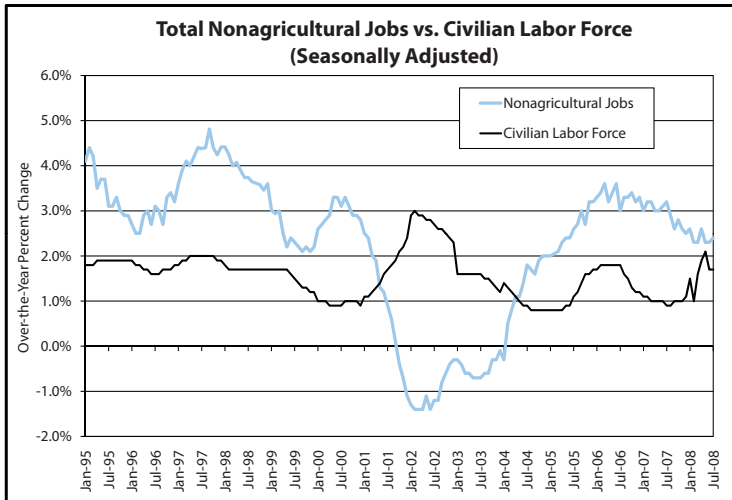
Other Services experienced a decrease of 300 jobs in July. This decrease followed a revised job gain of 600 jobs in June and was the first loss in four months. Despite July's dip in employment, Other Services has grown 1,300 positions since January. For July, Other Services stood at an annual growth rate of 0.9 percent, or 3,300 positions.

**TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED⁺**

INDUSTRY TITLE	Jul. 2008*	Jun. 2008	Jul. 2007	Jun. '08 to Jul. '08		Jul. '07 to Jul. '08	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	10,629,600	10,612,100	10,381,000	17,500	0.2	248,600	2.4
GOODS PRODUCING							
Natural Resources & Mining	222,200	220,900	206,500	1,300	0.6	15,700	7.6
Construction	672,200	668,900	643,600	3,300	0.5	28,600	4.4
Manufacturing	926,500	929,000	934,900	-2,500	-0.3	-8,400	-0.9
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,145,800	2,145,600	2,107,100	200	0.0	38,700	1.8
Information	216,800	219,600	220,700	-2,800	-1.3	-3,900	-1.8
Financial Activities	653,800	653,000	644,200	800	0.1	9,600	1.5
Professional & Business Services	1,356,100	1,357,100	1,292,000	-1,000	-0.1	64,100	5.0
Education & Health Services	1,293,900	1,294,800	1,256,500	-900	-0.1	37,400	3.0
Leisure & Hospitality	1,021,200	1,017,800	982,400	3,400	0.3	38,800	3.9
Other Services	356,900	357,200	353,600	-300	-0.1	3,300	0.9
Government	1,764,200	1,748,200	1,739,500	16,000	0.9	24,700	1.4

Note: The number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas is without reference to place of residence of workers. Total Nonagricultural employment is additive by summing the individual sectors. *Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision.

+All elements of seasonality are factored out to achieve an estimate which reflects the basic underlying trend.



TEXAS AND U.S. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

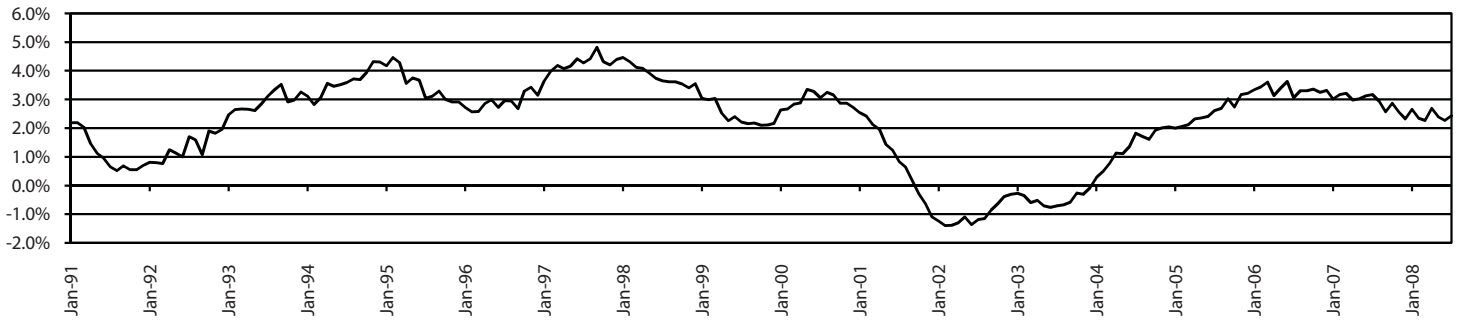
		TEXAS*				UNITED STATES**			
		CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
Not Seasonally Adjusted									
July	2008	11,809,300	11,215,000	594,300	5.0	156,300,000	146,867,000	9,433,000	6.0
June	2008	11,776,300	11,206,500	569,800	4.8	155,582,000	146,649,000	8,933,000	5.7
July	2007	11,578,300	11,031,300	547,000	4.7	154,871,000	147,315,000	7,556,000	4.9
Seasonally Adjusted									
July	2008	11,691,700	11,143,400	548,300	4.7	154,603,000	145,819,000	8,784,000	5.7
June	2008	11,682,300	11,167,300	515,000	4.4	154,390,000	145,891,000	8,499,000	5.5
July	2007	11,497,600	10,999,200	498,400	4.3	153,182,000	146,045,000	7,137,000	4.7

Note: Only the actual series estimates for Texas and the U.S. are comparable to sub-state estimates. All estimates are subject to revision. In seasonally adjusted estimates, all elements of seasonality are factored out to achieve an estimate which reflects the basic underlying trend.

*Source - Labor Market and Career Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)

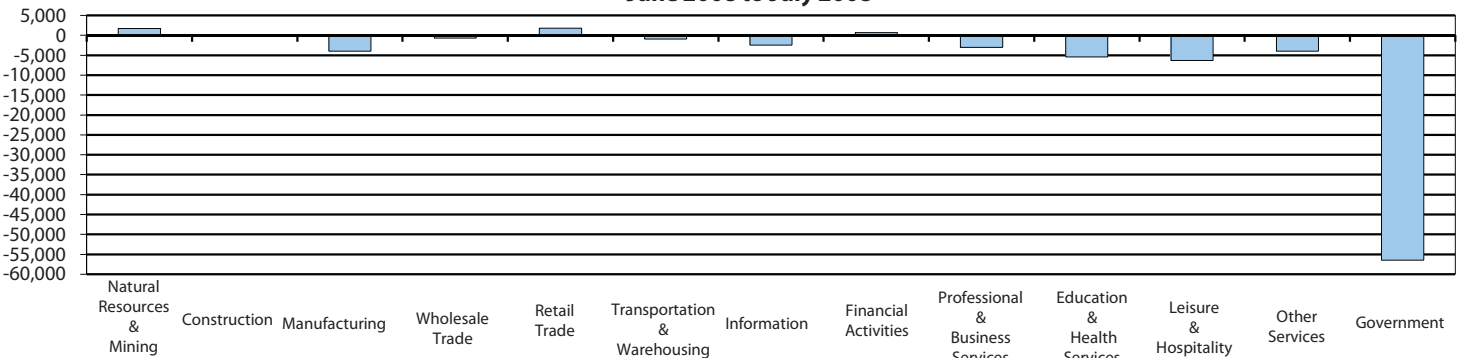
**Source - Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (Current Population Survey)

Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



	July '08*	June '08	July '07	June '08 to July '08 Change	% Change	July '07 to July '08 Change	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	10,562,700	10,641,600	10,311,800	-78,900	-0.7%	250,900	2.4%
TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)	8,893,600	8,916,000	8,666,700	-22,400	-0.3%	226,900	2.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	1,827,600	1,829,700	1,792,800	-2,100	-0.1%	34,800	1.9%
Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)	223,000	221,300	207,900	1,700	0.8%	15,100	7.3%
Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)	81,300	80,700	77,000	600	0.7%	4,300	5.6%
Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)	130,400	129,200	118,900	1,200	0.9%	11,500	9.7%
Construction (NAICS 23)	676,600	676,400	647,200	200	0.0%	29,400	4.5%
Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)	160,500	159,200	153,100	1,300	0.8%	7,400	4.8%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)	134,300	133,800	125,400	500	0.4%	8,900	7.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)	381,800	383,400	368,700	-1,600	-0.4%	13,100	3.6%
Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)	928,000	932,000	937,700	-4,000	-0.4%	-9,700	-1.0%
Durable Goods	617,700	620,300	615,200	-2,600	-0.4%	2,500	0.4%
Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)	26,700	26,800	27,200	-100	-0.4%	-500	-1.8%
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)	45,500	45,300	44,600	200	0.4%	900	2.0%
Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)	25,700	25,700	26,100	0	0.0%	-400	-1.5%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)	136,400	136,200	131,300	200	0.1%	5,100	3.9%
Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)	97,500	97,100	94,100	400	0.4%	3,400	3.6%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)	108,700	109,800	112,000	-1,100	-1.0%	-3,300	-2.9%
Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)	19,800	19,900	19,600	-100	-0.5%	200	1.0%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)	96,100	97,300	97,000	-1,200	-1.2%	-900	-0.9%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)	30,900	31,200	31,800	-300	-1.0%	-900	-2.8%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)	30,500	30,900	31,600	-400	-1.3%	-1,100	-3.5%
Nondurable Goods	310,300	311,700	322,500	-1,400	-0.4%	-12,200	-3.8%
Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)	89,200	89,000	89,800	200	0.2%	-600	-0.7%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)	11,700	11,700	11,500	0	0.0%	200	1.7%
Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)	19,200	19,300	20,100	-100	-0.5%	-900	-4.5%
Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)	32,100	32,500	34,200	-400	-1.2%	-2,100	-6.1%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324)	25,100	24,900	24,900	200	0.8%	200	0.8%
Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325)	74,700	74,800	75,000	-100	-0.1%	-300	-0.4%
Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)	44,000	44,000	45,200	0	0.0%	-1,200	-2.7%

Statewide Over-the-Month Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
June 2008 to July 2008



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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	July '08*		June '08		July '07		June '08 to July '08		July '07 to July '08	
	Employment	Change	Employment	Change	Employment	Change	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
SERVICE PROVIDING	8,735,100		8,811,900		8,519,000		-76,800		216,100	
Private Service Providing	7,066,000		7,086,300		6,873,900		-20,300		192,100	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)	2,143,700		2,143,500		2,098,900		200		44,800	
Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)	524,200		524,900		513,200		-700		11,000	
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)	299,800		301,600		298,100		-1,800		1,700	
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)	163,200		163,600		160,100		-400		3,100	
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	1,183,000		1,181,200		1,154,700		1,800		28,300	
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)	163,900		163,500		157,800		400		6,100	
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)	46,100		46,200		44,600		-100		1,500	
Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)	45,900		45,900		44,500		0		1,400	
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)	96,700		98,000		94,900		-1,300		1,800	
Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)	201,100		200,500		195,000		600		6,100	
Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)	65,000		64,800		61,800		200		3,200	
Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)	67,800		68,100		69,100		-300		-1,300	
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)	120,100		119,700		118,200		400		1,900	
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)	34,900		35,400		36,000		-500		-1,100	
General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)	263,400		260,900		254,700		2,500		8,700	
Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)	59,000		58,600		58,700		400		300	
Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)	19,100		19,600		19,400		-500		-300	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)	436,500		437,400		431,000		-900		5,500	
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	389,600		390,900		385,500		-1,300		4,100	
Air Transportation (NAICS 481)	64,100		64,100		64,300		0		-200	
Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)	120,100		119,700		119,600		400		500	
Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)	14,200		14,100		13,500		100		700	
Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)	71,700		71,600		69,700		100		2,000	
Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)	35,400		36,000		36,700		-600		-1,300	
Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)	45,700		45,900		43,500		-200		2,200	
Utilities (NAICS 22)	46,900		46,500		45,500		400		1,400	
Information (NAICS 51)	218,300		220,800		221,300		-2,500		-3,000	
Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)	49,900		50,100		49,500		-200		400	
Telecommunications (NAICS 517)	95,900		96,600		94,700		-700		1,200	
Data processing, Hosting, and Related Services (NAICS 518)	28,900		28,800		29,300		100		-400	
Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)	656,100		655,400		647,900		700		8,200	
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	466,600		465,800		465,100		800		1,500	
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)	248,800		248,700		246,800		100		2,000	
Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)	47,600		47,600		46,900		0		700	
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)	163,900		162,800		161,200		1,100		2,700	
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	189,500		189,600		182,800		-100		6,700	
Real Estate (NAICS 531)	123,800		124,000		119,800		-200		4,000	
Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)	61,700		61,800		60,700		-100		1,000	
Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)	1,363,700		1,366,700		1,293,800		-3,000		69,900	
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	575,600		575,100		546,800		500		28,800	
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	67,500		67,500		65,600		0		1,900	
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	720,600		724,100		681,400		-3,500		39,200	
Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)	693,400		697,100		655,400		-3,700		38,000	
Education and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)	1,283,800		1,289,200		1,248,300		-5,400		35,500	
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	138,700		141,700		136,500		-3,000		2,200	
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,145,100		1,147,500		1,111,800		-2,400		33,300	
Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)	520,900		523,200		504,100		-2,300		16,800	
Hospitals (NAICS 622)	279,500		279,700		272,000		-200		7,500	
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)	160,000		158,600		156,100		1,400		3,900	
Social Assistance (NAICS 624)	184,700		186,000		179,600		-1,300		5,100	
Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)	1,040,600		1,046,900		1,006,100		-6,300		34,500	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	119,100		119,400		118,700		-300		400	
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)	90,300		90,300		89,100		0		1,200	
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	921,500		927,500		887,400		-6,000		34,100	
Accommodation (NAICS 721)	106,800		106,000		104,700		800		2,100	
Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)	814,700		821,500		782,700		-6,800		32,000	
Other Services (NAICS 81)	359,800		363,800		357,600		-4,000		2,200	
Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)	110,400		111,900		108,000		-1,500		2,400	
Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)	91,300		93,300		94,000		-2,000		-2,700	
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)	158,100		158,600		155,600		-500		2,500	
Government	1,669,100		1,725,600		1,645,100		-56,500		24,000	
Federal Government	188,400		187,300		187,100		1,100		1,300	
State Government	348,300		345,800		345,500		2,500		2,800	
Local Government	1,132,400		1,192,500		1,112,500		-60,100		19,900	

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Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

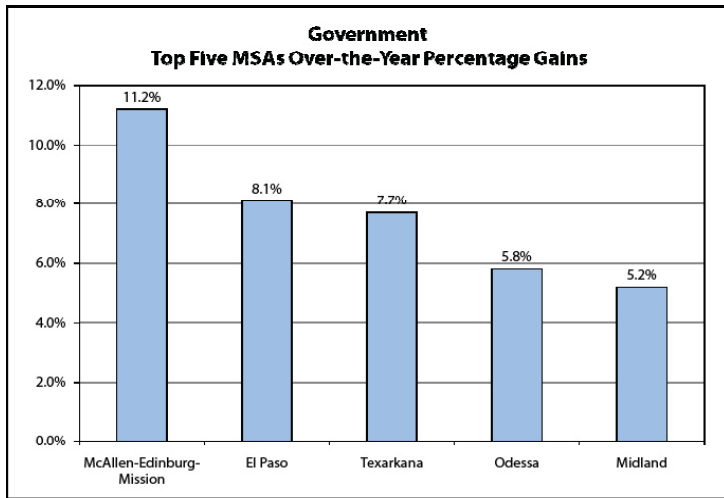
Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) decreased by 58,900 jobs in July. Government employment was the largest contributor to the job losses, due to normal summer seasonal trends. Over the month, the College Station-Bryan MSA and the Midland MSA posted the only gains, with increases of 400 jobs and 100 jobs, respectively. Over the year, Total Nonagricultural Employment in the MSAs added 202,200 jobs, representing a gain of 2.2 percent. The annual growth rate has remained in positive territory for the past four years and has stayed at or above 2.0 percent since February 2005. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA had the highest percentage over-the-year change with 4.6 percent, followed by the Odessa MSA with 3.5 percent.

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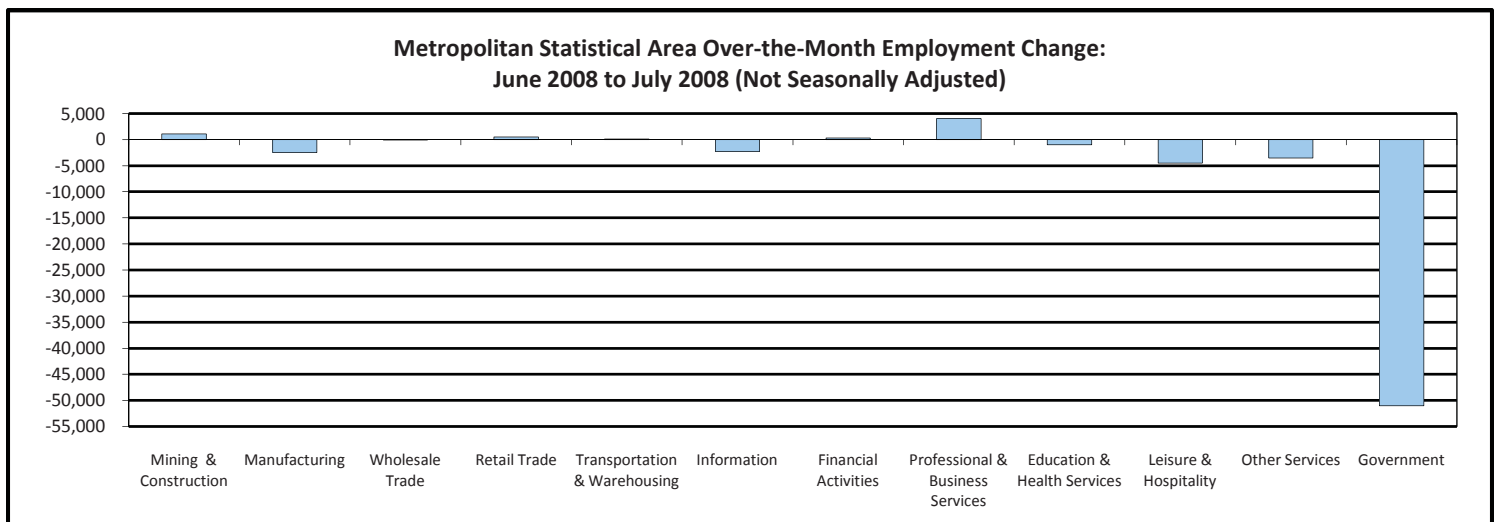
Professional and Business Services employment posted an increase of 4,000 jobs throughout the MSAs. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area contributed 2,800 jobs to the industry growth followed by the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA, which added 1,800 jobs. Over the year, Professional and Business Services has added 28,500 jobs, resulting in an annual growth rate of 2.3 percent. The highest annual growth rate for this industry was in the Wichita Falls MSA at 14.7 percent, followed by the Longview MSA at 11.5 percent. The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA posted an annual growth rate of 2.2 percent and had the highest annual change with 8,400 positions.

Leisure and Hospitality employment experienced a loss of 4,500 jobs over the month, keeping in line with June-to-July trends for the past 14 years. This year's decrease is less than the five-year-average decline of 5200 jobs. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area and the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA experienced over-the-month decreases of 1,700 and 1,000 jobs, respectively. Even with the over-the-month drop, the annual growth rate for Leisure and Hospitality remained strong at 2.5 percent. The annual growth rate has stayed above 2.0 percent since November 2005. The highest annual growth rate for Leisure and Hospitality was in the Wichita Falls MSA at 8.6 percent. The Texarkana, Odessa, and Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood MSAs exhibited annual growth rates above 5.0 percent.

Mining and Construction gained 1,100 jobs in July in the MSAs, marking six consecutive months of positive growth. The Tyler, College Station-Bryan, and Amarillo MSAs were the top areas, exhibiting higher over-the-month percentage changes above 1.0 percent. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area added 600 jobs. Mining and Construction added 33,100 jobs in July, surpassing the five-year-average increase of 22,000 jobs. The annual growth rate remained strong at 4.5 percent. Since 2005, the annual growth rate for this industry has been at or above 4.0 percent for 39 out of 43 months. The Corpus Christi MSA recorded the highest annual growth rate in July at 7.1 percent. The Lubbock and El Paso MSAs followed, each at 6.9 percent.



Government employment dropped 51,000 jobs in July in the MSAs. The decrease was mainly due to seasonal reduction of staff in Local Government within the school districts. Going against the trend, the College Station-Bryan and the Midland MSAs posted the only employment gains, with 600 and 100 jobs, respectively. The Wichita Falls MSA remained unchanged from the previous month. The annual growth rate for Government was 3.0 percent, representing an increase of 41,200 jobs. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA reported the largest



Largest Four MSAs Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	DALLAS-FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			DALLAS-PLANO-IRVING MD**			HOUSTON-SUGAR LAND-BAYTOWN		
	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07
TOTAL NONFARM	3,000,600	3,015,400	2,932,600	2,119,700	2,128,300	2,067,900	2,607,100	2,619,100	2,550,000
GOODS PRODUCING	494,800	494,000	486,800	330,300	329,300	325,300	530,500	531,300	517,700
Mining & Construction	199,700	198,900	188,600	134,200	133,600	126,100	293,800	293,900	282,800
Manufacturing	295,100	295,100	298,200	196,100	195,700	199,200	236,700	237,400	234,900
Durable Goods	209,600	209,200	210,600	138,500	137,700	139,700	155,100	155,800	152,700
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,500	54,500	50,900
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	47,100	47,300	48,100	43,100	43,300	44,000	18,600	18,800	18,900
Nondurable Goods	85,500	85,900	87,600	57,600	58,000	59,500	81,600	81,600	82,200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,505,800	2,521,400	2,445,800	1,789,400	1,799,000	1,742,600	2,076,600	2,087,800	2,032,300
Private Service Providing	2,141,500	2,142,100	2,095,000	1,537,000	1,537,200	1,501,800	1,736,200	1,735,900	1,698,500
Wholesale Trade	176,700	176,500	171,000	133,100	132,900	129,100	139,000	139,100	135,200
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	104,000	104,600	100,900	77,900	78,500	75,600	84,100	84,400	82,900
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	49,900	49,800	49,400	37,300	37,200	37,100	41,000	41,000	40,400
Retail Trade	313,500	313,200	308,600	211,300	211,100	207,700	265,300	265,100	261,600
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	-	-	-	28,300	28,200	27,700	35,600	35,400	35,400
Bldg. Material and Garden Eqpmnt. and Supplies Dlrs.	24,300	24,700	23,800	15,500	15,700	15,100	20,700	21,000	20,000
Food and Beverage Stores	45,700	45,900	45,200	30,900	31,100	30,400	53,100	53,100	51,000
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	-	-	-	24,900	24,600	24,900	28,600	28,300	27,700
General Merchandise Stores	67,600	67,300	67,500	44,700	44,400	44,600	57,100	56,500	56,500
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	141,600	141,400	141,400	76,800	76,500	77,300	125,900	125,900	124,400
Utilities	-	-	-	6,400	6,400	6,300	15,300	15,200	15,200
Information	88,500	90,200	89,600	72,100	73,700	73,000	36,900	37,100	36,900
Telecommunications	43,000	43,100	42,200	35,600	35,600	34,500	15,900	15,900	15,900
Financial Activities	237,800	238,300	234,600	189,200	189,600	186,500	148,600	147,700	145,900
Finance and Insurance	178,900	179,400	177,500	143,900	144,400	142,800	94,500	93,700	93,900
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	94,200	94,600	94,500	73,600	74,000	74,200	45,600	45,500	45,600
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	-	-	-	49,900	49,800	49,100	31,800	31,600	31,600
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-	-	-	45,300	45,200	43,700	54,100	54,000	52,000
Professional and Business Services	449,700	446,500	442,500	345,800	343,000	338,800	394,300	392,500	385,900
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	188,700	188,500	183,200	154,600	154,500	148,500	180,000	178,500	178,000
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation	242,800	239,600	231,300	174,600	171,700	166,100	196,400	195,900	191,700
Education and Health Services	329,900	328,400	314,400	230,600	229,600	218,800	290,900	291,200	280,700
Health Care and Social Assistance	283,100	281,700	270,600	197,800	196,900	187,300	249,300	248,800	240,500
Ambulatory Health Care Services	-	-	-	95,800	95,500	89,400	108,900	108,400	104,200
Hospitals	70,100	69,900	67,400	45,500	45,200	43,800	69,400	69,400	68,200
Leisure and Hospitality	293,500	295,800	284,800	201,200	202,900	195,300	238,600	239,600	233,500
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-	-	-	26,100	26,600	25,300	29,700	29,700	29,700
Accommodation and Food Services	254,900	256,500	247,000	175,100	176,300	170,000	208,900	209,900	203,800
Food Services and Drinking Places	223,300	225,000	216,500	153,200	154,400	148,200	186,800	187,600	182,500
Other Services	110,300	111,800	108,100	76,900	77,900	75,300	96,700	97,700	94,400
Government	364,300	379,300	350,800	252,400	261,800	240,800	340,400	351,900	333,800
Federal	44,900	44,600	45,800	29,700	29,400	30,200	29,300	29,000	28,400
State	45,400	46,900	44,000	34,600	35,700	33,400	70,600	70,100	68,800
Local	274,000	287,800	261,000	188,100	196,700	177,200	240,500	252,800	236,600
	AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON MD**			SAN ANTONIO		
	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07
TOTAL NONFARM	769,600	776,200	753,800	880,900	887,100	864,700	848,200	854,600	830,300
GOODS PRODUCING	109,400	109,600	110,100	164,500	164,700	161,500	104,800	105,200	103,300
Mining & Construction	51,600	51,400	49,600	65,500	65,300	62,500	56,500	56,600	54,000
Manufacturing	57,800	58,200	60,500	99,000	99,400	99,000	48,300	48,600	49,300
SERVICE PROVIDING	660,200	666,600	643,700	716,400	722,400	703,200	743,400	749,400	727,000
Private Service Providing	506,100	508,100	494,600	604,500	604,900	593,200	596,500	597,300	584,900
Wholesale Trade	41,800	41,800	42,000	43,600	43,600	41,900	29,800	29,800	29,700
Retail Trade	82,700	83,000	81,000	102,200	102,100	100,900	99,000	98,400	97,000
Food and Beverage Stores	15,800	16,100	15,600	14,800	14,800	14,800	16,900	16,800	16,900
General Merchandise Stores	13,900	14,000	14,300	22,900	22,900	22,900	19,500	19,300	19,100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	13,600	13,600	13,200	64,800	64,900	64,100	22,700	22,800	22,900
Information	21,600	21,700	21,800	16,400	16,500	16,600	21,700	21,700	21,800
Telecommunications	6,100	6,100	6,300	7,400	7,500	7,700	6,700	6,700	6,700
Financial Activities	46,700	46,600	45,200	48,600	48,700	48,100	65,800	66,000	65,300
Finance and Insurance	31,900	32,300	31,600	35,000	35,000	34,700	49,800	49,900	49,600
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	14,400	14,300	14,000	20,600	20,600	20,300	22,000	21,900	21,700
Professional and Business Services	109,800	110,000	107,700	103,900	103,500	103,700	106,600	107,000	105,100
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	57,800	58,100	55,300	34,100	34,000	34,700	37,600	37,700	37,300
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation Svcs	48,500	48,200	48,200	68,200	67,900	65,200	65,000	65,500	60,500
Education and Health Services	77,800	78,300	75,800	99,300	98,800	95,600	116,200	117,000	111,700
Health Care and Social Assistance	69,400	69,200	66,700	85,300	84,800	83,300	102,000	101,900	99,000
Hospitals	17,400	17,400	16,800	24,600	24,700	23,600	21,800	21,800	21,100
Leisure and Hospitality	82,800	83,500	79,600	92,300	92,900	89,500	104,200	103,900	102,600
Accommodation and Food Services	72,200	72,900	69,900	79,800	80,200	77,000	92,800	92,600	89,300
Other Services	29,300	29,600	28,300	33,400	33,900	32,800	30,500	30,700	28,800
Government	154,100	158,500	149,100	111,900	117,500	110,000	146,900	152,100	142,100
Federal	10,700	11,000	11,200	15,200	15,200	15,600	30,300	30,000	29,900
State	68,700	69,200	68,200	10,800	11,200	10,600	17,300	17,100	16,600
Local	74,700	78,300	69,700	85,900	91,100	83,800	99,300	105,000	95,600

*Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. The number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas is without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of the TWC are in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. **Metropolitan Division (MD). The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA is comprised of the Dallas-Plano-Irving MD and the Fort Worth-Arlington MD.

Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)+

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07
TOTAL	66,400	67,100	65,700	113,000	113,500	112,800	164,100	165,800	161,500	124,000	125,600	123,800
Mining & Construction	5,300	5,300	5,000	8,200	8,100	8,100	17,800	17,800	17,500	4,400	4,400	4,800
Manufacturing	3,300	3,300	3,400	13,600	13,800	12,800	22,800	22,900	22,700	7,200	7,200	7,700
Wholesale Trade	2,400	2,400	2,400	5,400	5,400	5,500	5,100	5,100	5,100	3,200	3,200	3,200
Retail Trade	8,600	8,600	8,400	13,900	13,800	14,000	20,100	20,200	20,200	16,700	16,600	16,900
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,700	4,000	4,000	3,900	6,100	6,100	5,900	5,100	5,100	5,000
Information	1,200	1,200	1,300	1,500	1,600	1,700	2,100	2,100	2,300	1,400	1,400	1,400
Financial Activities	3,800	3,800	3,800	7,300	7,300	7,300	6,100	6,100	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Prof. & Business Services	5,000	5,000	4,800	8,300	8,300	8,100	16,100	16,200	15,500	8,800	8,900	8,600
Educ. & Health Services	13,200	13,300	13,100	15,700	15,700	15,700	22,500	22,600	21,800	29,300	29,300	28,600
Leisure & Hospitality	7,000	7,100	6,900	12,000	12,000	12,200	14,900	15,000	14,600	12,900	13,000	13,400
Other Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	4,700	4,700	4,900	6,100	6,100	6,000	3,200	3,200	3,100
Government	12,200	12,700	12,300	18,400	18,800	18,600	24,400	25,600	23,900	26,800	28,300	26,100
INDUSTRY	COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN			CORPUS CHRISTI			EL PASO			KILLEEN-TEMPLE-FORT HOOD		
	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07
TOTAL	89,100	88,700	86,200	177,100	179,300	174,600	275,400	277,100	266,300	122,600	124,300	120,900
Mining & Construction	7,300	7,200	6,900	21,100	21,100	19,700	15,500	15,500	14,500	6,100	6,100	6,000
Manufacturing	6,100	6,100	6,200	10,900	11,000	11,100	19,400	19,600	20,000	8,600	8,600	8,900
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	1,800	5,800	5,800	5,700	11,000	11,100	10,800	3,900	3,900	3,800
Retail Trade	10,300	10,300	9,700	21,000	21,100	20,800	33,900	33,900	33,800	15,100	15,100	14,800
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,300	1,300	1,300	5,400	5,400	5,300	14,000	14,000	13,700	4,400	4,400	4,400
Information	1,000	1,100	1,100	2,400	2,400	2,500	5,000	5,000	5,300	2,600	2,600	2,700
Financial Activities	3,300	3,400	3,300	8,300	8,300	8,200	11,800	11,800	11,500	6,200	6,200	6,400
Prof. & Business Services	5,800	5,900	5,500	16,200	16,200	16,000	32,400	32,500	30,500	9,800	9,800	9,400
Educ. & Health Services	9,700	9,700	9,400	27,100	27,100	26,500	33,200	33,200	32,300	17,000	17,000	16,500
Leisure & Hospitality	9,900	9,900	9,700	22,300	22,200	21,800	27,700	27,800	27,200	12,000	12,000	11,400
Other Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	6,400	6,500	6,400	7,600	7,700	7,600	4,700	4,800	4,700
Government	29,700	29,100	28,500	30,200	32,200	30,600	63,900	65,000	59,100	32,200	33,800	31,900
INDUSTRY	LAREDO			LONGVIEW			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07
TOTAL	87,100	88,000	85,400	98,000	99,000	95,400	127,500	128,800	127,900	213,400	217,200	204,100
Mining & Construction	4,600	4,600	4,400	13,200	13,200	12,400	6,200	6,200	5,800	11,800	11,800	11,300
Manufacturing	1,500	1,500	1,600	14,000	14,100	14,000	5,200	5,200	5,300	7,800	7,900	7,600
Wholesale Trade	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,400	4,400	4,200	6,100	6,200	6,100	6,800	6,800	6,600
Retail Trade	13,400	13,300	12,800	12,000	12,000	11,300	15,900	16,100	15,900	31,300	31,500	31,700
Trans., Ware., & Util.	12,400	12,400	12,300	3,000	3,000	3,100	3,900	3,900	3,500	7,400	7,400	7,100
Information	600	600	700	1,700	1,700	1,800	5,300	5,400	5,700	3,100	3,100	3,100
Financial Activities	2,700	2,700	2,700	3,900	3,900	3,800	7,200	7,200	7,100	8,900	8,900	8,800
Prof. & Business Services	5,700	5,700	5,600	8,700	8,700	7,800	11,100	11,100	10,300	14,800	14,800	13,700
Educ. & Health Services	12,600	12,600	12,100	14,500	14,600	14,200	19,300	19,400	18,800	49,300	49,500	46,800
Leisure & Hospitality	8,700	8,700	8,300	8,100	8,200	7,900	15,800	16,000	15,300	18,700	18,700	18,600
Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,400	3,400	3,300	5,300	5,300	5,200	4,900	5,000	5,100
Government	20,100	21,100	20,100	11,100	11,800	11,600	26,200	26,800	28,900	48,600	51,800	43,700
INDUSTRY	MIDLAND			ODESSA			TEXARKANA			TYLER		
	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07
TOTAL	67,800	67,700	66,200	61,500	61,700	59,400	57,000	57,800	55,500	94,300	95,200	93,200
Mining & Construction	15,200	15,200	14,900	12,600	12,600	11,900	2,400	2,400	2,400	6,500	6,400	6,300
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,300	4,300	4,200	5,000	5,100	5,100	8,100	8,300	8,900
Wholesale Trade	3,600	3,600	3,500	4,900	4,900	4,800	2,400	2,400	2,400	3,200	3,200	3,100
Retail Trade	7,600	7,600	7,400	6,700	6,700	6,600	7,000	7,100	7,000	13,800	13,800	13,200
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,000	3,000	2,900	3,000	3,000	3,000
Information	1,400	1,400	1,500	600	600	700	600	600	600	2,200	2,200	2,300
Financial Activities	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,200
Prof. & Business Services	7,900	7,900	7,500	4,500	4,500	4,300	4,000	4,000	3,700	8,500	8,500	8,100
Educ. & Health Services	6,700	6,700	6,500	5,400	5,400	5,200	9,300	9,300	9,300	19,100	19,200	18,800
Leisure & Hospitality	6,500	6,500	6,400	5,900	5,900	5,600	5,700	5,700	5,400	9,800	9,800	9,500
Other Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,900	3,900	4,100
Government	8,100	8,000	7,700	9,100	9,300	8,600	12,600	13,200	11,700	11,900	12,600	11,700
INDUSTRY	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			+Estimates of the TWC are in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). *Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. The number of nonagricultural jobs in each MSA is without reference to place of residence of workers.					
	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07						
TOTAL	111,000	111,400	109,000	63,600	63,800	61,600						
Mining & Construction	5,900	5,900	5,800	4,100	4,100	4,000						
Manufacturing	15,300	15,300	15,400	8,400	8,400	8,300						
Wholesale Trade	4,200	4,200	4,200	2,000	2,000	2,000						
Retail Trade	11,200	11,100	11,000	8,000	8,000	7,800						
Trans., Ware., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,500						
Information	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,400						
Financial Activities	6,900	6,800	6,800	3,000	3,000	3,000						
Prof. & Business Services	9,400	9,400	8,800	3,900	3,900	3,400						
Educ. & Health Services	19,800	19,900	19,600	9,500	9,600	9,200						
Leisure & Hospitality	10,500	10,600	10,100	6,300	6,400	5,800						
Other Services	4,300	4,400	4,400	3,000	3,000	3,000						
Government	18,400	18,700	17,900	12,500	12,500	12,200						

Selected Metropolitan Statistical Areas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Summary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)++

INDUSTRY	SAN ANGELO			SHERMAN-DENISON			VICTORIA			++Estimates for these areas are produced independently of the BLS.
	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	July '08*	June '08	July '07	
TOTAL	44,700	45,300	44,500	45,300	45,600	43,500	51,300	51,400	50,800	

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.0 percent for July 2008. The United States posted a 6.0 percent rate of unemployment, increasing three-tenths of a percentage point over the month. This marked the 13th consecutive month that the Texas unemployment rate has been below the national unemployment rate.

The Texas Civilian Labor Force has expanded by 33,000 individuals for the month of July for an estimate of 11,809,300. It has increased for five consecutive months after three months of declines. Over the year, the Texas Civilian Labor Force has expanded by 231,000, exceeding the five-year-average annual increase of 158,120 persons for the month of July. The Civilian Labor Force annual growth rate was 2.0 percent, a one-tenth of a percentage point increase from last month.

The number of jobholders increased by 8,500 this month for an estimate of 11,215,000 employed persons and has increased 183,700 from July 2007. The number of employed has expanded in seven of the past 12 months. The number of jobseekers rose 24,500 for an estimate of 594,300 for the month of July. This is the third increase in the number of unemployed in six months. Over the year, the number of unemployed increased 47,300 people.

The number of individuals that are receiving unemployment benefits this month has increased by 7,700 and totaled 107,500 persons. Three Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) showed a decrease in claims activity and twenty-two showed an increase for the month of July. The Midland MSA produced the largest drop in the series by -15.7 percent over the month. The Tyler and El Paso MSAs tied for a slight decrease in claims activity by -0.4 percent from June 2008 to July 2008.

Twenty-two MSAs increased and three MSAs remained unchanged in the number of unemployed persons from June-to-July estimates. Over the year, the Texarkana MSA recorded a decrease in unemployed individuals and a drop in their unemployment rate. The Midland MSA recorded the lowest rate of unemployment at 3.1 percent for July 2008.

MSAs Ranked by Unemployment Rate July 2008 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

1	Midland	3.1
2	Odessa	3.7
3	Amarillo	3.8
4	Abilene	4.1
5	Victoria	4.2
6 (tie)	Lubbock	4.3
	San Angelo	4.3
8 (tie)	Austin-Round Rock	4.4
	College Station-Bryan	4.4
10 (tie)	Longview	4.6
	Texarkana	4.6
	Wichita Falls	4.6
13 (tie)	San Antonio	4.8
	Waco	4.8
15	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	4.9
	Texas	5.0
16	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	5.0
17 (tie)	Corpus Christi	5.1
	Tyler	5.1
19	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	5.2
20	Sherman-Denison	5.3
21	Laredo	5.8
	United States	6.0
22	El Paso	6.3
23	Beaumont-Port Arthur	6.6
24	Brownsville-Harlingen	7.0
25	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7.7

Civilian Labor Force Estimates for Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas Not Seasonally Adjusted (In Thousands)

	July 2008				June 2008				July 2007			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	156,300.0	146,867.0	9,433.0	6.0	155,582.0	146,649.0	8,933.0	5.7	154,871.0	147,315.0	7,556.0	4.9
State of Texas	11,809.3	11,215.0	594.3	5.0	11,776.3	11,206.5	569.8	4.8	11,578.3	11,031.3	547.0	4.7
Abilene	81.7	78.3	3.4	4.1	81.8	78.5	3.3	4.0	80.9	77.7	3.2	4.0
Amarillo	130.5	125.6	4.9	3.8	130.2	125.4	4.8	3.7	131.2	126.4	4.8	3.7
Austin-Round Rock	867.0	828.8	38.2	4.4	865.9	829.7	36.2	4.2	852.3	818.6	33.7	4.0
Beaumont-Port Arthur	182.5	170.4	12.1	6.6	182.2	170.6	11.6	6.3	178.8	168.4	10.4	5.8
Brownsville-Harlingen	145.2	135.1	10.1	7.0	145.7	135.7	10.0	6.8	145.2	135.7	9.5	6.5
College Station-Bryan	102.4	97.9	4.5	4.4	101.1	96.6	4.5	4.5	99.1	94.8	4.3	4.3
Corpus Christi	201.7	191.4	10.3	5.1	201.8	191.9	9.9	4.9	198.7	189.0	9.7	4.9
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,182.6	3,023.0	159.6	5.0	3,167.9	3,016.1	151.8	4.8	3,120.3	2,975.9	144.4	4.6
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,127.7	2,020.4	107.3	5.0	2,117.3	2,014.7	102.6	4.8	2,084.4	1,987.8	96.6	4.6
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,054.8	1,002.6	52.2	5.0	1,050.5	1,001.4	49.1	4.7	1,035.9	988.1	47.8	4.6
El Paso	298.5	279.7	18.8	6.3	297.7	279.2	18.5	6.2	290.5	272.0	18.5	6.4
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,818.5	2,680.4	138.1	4.9	2,804.0	2,671.2	132.8	4.7	2,762.0	2,635.3	126.7	4.6
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	154.5	146.4	8.1	5.2	155.1	147.2	7.9	5.1	152.8	145.2	7.6	5.0
Laredo	90.7	85.4	5.3	5.8	90.7	85.5	5.2	5.7	88.6	83.9	4.7	5.3
Longview	109.4	104.4	5.0	4.6	109.0	104.5	4.5	4.2	106.7	101.9	4.8	4.5
Lubbock	139.5	133.5	6.0	4.3	139.6	133.7	5.9	4.2	140.8	134.9	5.9	4.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	281.0	259.3	21.7	7.7	281.7	261.3	20.4	7.2	268.2	248.8	19.4	7.2
Midland	73.6	71.3	2.3	3.1	73.1	70.8	2.3	3.1	72.4	70.1	2.3	3.2
Odessa	69.6	67.0	2.6	3.7	69.2	66.7	2.5	3.6	67.6	65.0	2.6	3.8
San Angelo	52.9	50.6	2.3	4.3	53.1	50.9	2.2	4.1	52.7	50.6	2.1	4.0
San Antonio	952.9	906.8	46.1	4.8	950.4	906.3	44.1	4.6	934.3	892.0	42.3	4.5
Sherman-Denison	58.1	55.0	3.1	5.3	57.7	54.8	2.9	5.0	56.1	53.2	2.9	5.1
Texarkana	64.1	61.2	2.9	4.6	64.1	61.2	2.9	4.6	62.5	59.3	3.2	5.1
Tyler	99.0	93.9	5.1	5.1	98.8	94.1	4.7	4.8	97.5	93.1	4.4	4.5
Victoria	58.4	55.9	2.5	4.2	58.0	55.6	2.4	4.1	58.0	55.7	2.3	4.0
Waco	116.2	110.6	5.6	4.8	115.7	110.3	5.4	4.7	114.6	109.0	5.6	4.9
Wichita Falls	75.6	72.1	3.5	4.6	75.2	71.8	3.4	4.6	73.7	70.4	3.3	4.4

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County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	20,707	19,473	1,234	6.0	Gillespie	13,775	13,343	432	3.1	Moore	11,205	10,835	370	3.3
Andrews	7,159	6,923	236	3.3	Glasscock	647	621	26	4.0	Morris	6,360	5,945	415	6.5
Angelina	40,667	38,727	1,940	4.8	Goliad	3,519	3,370	149	4.2	Motley	798	765	33	4.1
Aransas	11,214	10,692	522	4.7	Gonzales	10,153	9,742	411	4.0	Nacogdoches	30,292	28,827	1,465	4.8
Archer	5,514	5,315	199	3.6	Gray	11,555	11,130	425	3.7	Navarro	21,070	19,806	1,264	6.0
Armstrong	1,115	1,075	40	3.6	Grayson	58,077	54,973	3,104	5.3	Newton	5,929	5,449	480	8.1
Atascosa	19,999	18,978	1,021	5.1	Gregg	65,132	62,203	2,929	4.5	Nolan	7,713	7,393	320	4.1
Austin	13,428	12,835	593	4.4	Grimes	10,887	10,282	605	5.6	Nueces	160,420	152,444	7,976	5.0
Bailey	3,523	3,363	160	4.5	Guadalupe	56,461	53,861	2,600	4.6	Ochiltree	5,669	5,505	164	2.9
Bandera	10,162	9,683	479	4.7	Hale	16,751	15,872	879	5.2	Oldham	943	898	45	4.8
Bastrop	36,022	34,182	1,840	5.1	Hall	1,449	1,363	86	5.9	Orange	41,965	39,179	2,786	6.6
Baylor	2,101	2,022	79	3.8	Hamilton	4,156	3,995	161	3.9	Palo Pinto	14,951	14,330	621	4.2
Bee	11,524	10,776	748	6.5	Hansford	2,700	2,605	95	3.5	Panola	13,270	12,725	545	4.1
Bell	118,520	112,534	5,986	5.1	Hardeman	2,453	2,367	86	3.5	Parker	53,852	51,437	2,415	4.5
Bexar	757,790	720,641	37,149	4.9	Hardin	25,899	24,460	1,439	5.6	Parmer	4,544	4,377	167	3.7
Blanco	5,018	4,822	196	3.9	Harris	1,977,090	1,881,104	95,986	4.9	Pecos	6,859	6,509	350	5.1
Borden	356	342	14	3.9	Harrison	33,530	31,856	1,674	5.0	Polk	16,731	15,604	1,127	6.7
Bosque	8,436	8,017	419	5.0	Hartley	2,480	2,392	88	3.5	Potter	58,328	55,799	2,529	4.3
Bowie	43,475	41,254	2,221	5.1	Haskell	3,188	3,080	108	3.4	Presidio	3,364	2,934	430	12.8
Brazoria	143,210	135,239	7,971	5.6	Hays	73,222	69,961	3,261	4.5	Rains	5,261	4,984	277	5.3
Brazos	86,593	82,852	3,741	4.3	Hemphill	3,068	3,006	62	2.0	Randall	67,552	65,311	2,241	3.3
Brewster	5,139	4,943	196	3.8	Henderson	35,266	33,308	1,958	5.6	Reagan	2,760	2,705	55	2.0
Briscoe	740	707	33	4.5	Hidalgo	281,031	259,295	21,736	7.7	Real	1,391	1,328	63	4.5
Brooks	3,125	2,915	210	6.7	Hill	15,985	15,114	871	5.4	Red River	6,383	5,972	411	6.4
Brown	19,158	18,241	917	4.8	Hockley	11,359	10,870	489	4.3	Reeves	4,246	3,959	287	6.8
Burleson	8,323	7,954	369	4.4	Hood	24,690	23,571	1,119	4.5	Refugio	3,931	3,757	174	4.4
Burnet	23,313	22,390	923	4.0	Hopkins	17,450	16,690	760	4.4	Roberts	587	572	15	2.6
Caldwell	16,741	15,863	878	5.2	Houston	7,972	7,404	568	7.1	Robertson	7,417	7,053	364	4.9
Calhoun	9,563	9,104	459	4.8	Howard	14,444	13,756	688	4.8	Rockwall	36,576	34,858	1,718	4.7
Callahan	7,127	6,840	287	4.0	Hudspeth	1,821	1,747	74	4.1	Runnels	4,439	4,204	235	5.3
Cameron	145,208	135,072	10,136	7.0	Hunt	39,883	37,804	2,079	5.2	Rusk	24,332	23,161	1,171	4.8
Camp	5,777	5,490	287	5.0	Hutchinson	11,709	11,194	515	4.4	Sabine	3,449	3,132	317	9.2
Carson	3,564	3,429	135	3.8	Irion	987	952	35	3.5	San Augustine	3,583	3,344	239	6.7
Cass	13,243	12,392	851	6.4	Jack	5,293	5,101	192	3.6	San Jacinto	10,546	9,889	657	6.2
Castro	3,695	3,549	146	4.0	Jackson	6,932	6,635	297	4.3	San Patricio	30,107	28,312	1,795	6.0
Chambers	14,707	13,815	892	6.1	Jasper	16,078	15,053	1,025	6.4	San Saba	2,306	2,162	144	6.2
Cherokee	20,892	19,599	1,293	6.2	Jeff Davis	1,189	1,139	50	4.2	Schleicher	1,517	1,468	49	3.2
Childress	3,114	2,954	160	5.1	Jefferson	114,604	106,749	7,855	6.9	Scurry	7,489	7,143	346	4.6
Clay	6,500	6,264	236	3.6	Jim Hogg	2,931	2,810	121	4.1	Shackelford	2,122	2,060	62	2.9
Cochran	1,649	1,567	82	5.0	Jim Wells	22,145	21,143	1,002	4.5	Shelby	12,519	11,883	636	5.1
Coke	1,420	1,312	108	7.6	Johnson	75,681	71,973	3,708	4.9	Sherman	1,439	1,386	53	3.7
Coleman	4,559	4,364	195	4.3	Jones	7,978	7,572	406	5.1	Smith	98,957	93,883	5,074	5.1
Collin	400,011	381,780	18,231	4.6	Karnes	5,297	4,934	363	6.9	Somervell	4,040	3,844	196	4.9
Collingsworth	1,684	1,623	61	3.6	Kaufman	46,236	43,725	2,511	5.4	Starr	21,801	19,261	2,540	11.7
Colorado	11,225	10,749	476	4.2	Kendall	15,659	15,023	636	4.1	Stephens	4,704	4,518	186	4.0
Comal	53,243	51,003	2,240	4.2	Kenedy	250	244	6	2.4	Sterling	817	791	26	3.2
Comanche	6,717	6,436	281	4.2	Kent	467	447	20	4.3	Stonewall	980	954	26	2.7
Concho	1,389	1,323	66	4.8	Kerr	23,780	22,800	980	4.1	Sutton	3,316	3,241	75	2.3
Cooke	23,224	22,395	829	3.6	Kimble	2,417	2,333	84	3.5	Swisher	3,556	3,382	174	4.9
Coryell	25,094	23,509	1,585	6.3	King	223	214	9	4.0	Tarrant	896,333	851,536	44,797	5.0
Cottle	859	826	33	3.8	Kinney	1,375	1,303	72	5.2	Taylor	66,523	63,847	2,676	4.0
Crane	1,751	1,679	72	4.1	Kleberg	16,712	15,957	755	4.5	Terrell	355	332	23	6.5
Crockett	2,168	2,099	69	3.2	Knox	1,959	1,881	78	4.0	Terry	6,175	5,890	285	4.6
Crosby	2,805	2,664	141	5.0	Lamar	25,670	24,342	1,328	5.2	Throckmorton	989	954	35	3.5
Culberson	1,903	1,848	55	2.9	Lamb	7,373	7,024	349	4.7	Titus	14,600	13,957	643	4.4
Dallam	3,420	3,308	112	3.3	Lampasas	10,823	10,328	495	4.6	Tom Green	51,915	49,691	2,224	4.3
Dallas	1,191,340	1,127,837	63,503	5.3	La Salle	3,256	3,079	177	5.4	Travis	542,269	519,074	23,195	4.3
Dawson	5,229	4,903	326	6.2	Lavaca	10,490	10,121	369	3.5	Trinity	5,978	5,642	336	5.6
Deaf Smith	9,346	8,986	360	3.9	Lee	9,251	8,870	381	4.1	Tyler	8,219	7,694	525	6.4
Delta	2,515	2,378	137	5.4	Leon	7,782	7,413	369	4.7	Upshur	19,936	19,053	883	4.4
Denton	340,123	324,638	15,485	4.6	Liberty	32,422	30,525	1,897	5.9	Upton	1,809	1,750	59	3.3
DeWitt	9,128	8,720	408	4.5	Limestone	10,555	10,043	512	4.9	Uvalde	11,355	10,623	732	6.4
Dickens	1,242	1,193	49	3.9	Lipscomb	2,088	2,030	58	2.8	Val Verde	21,419	19,758	1,661	7.8
Dimmit	4,241	3,950	291	6.9	Live Oak	5,202	4,963	239	4.6	Van Zandt	26,219	25,033	1,186	4.5
Donley	1,875	1,778	97	5.2	Llano	8,848	8,470	378	4.3	Victoria	45,269	43,406	1,863	4.1
Duval	5,326	5,009	317	6.0	Loving	43	39	4	9.3	Walker	26,546	25,022	1,524	5.7
Eastland	8,410	7,989	421	5.0	Lubbock	136,755	130,865	5,890	4.3	Waller	16,594	15,713	881	5.3
Ector	69,577	67,012	2,565	3.7	Lynn	2,836	2,686	150	5.3	Ward	5,225	5,006	219	4.2
Edwards	1,035	992	43	4.2	McCulloch	3,983	3,814	169	4.2	Washington	16,660	15,902	758	4.5
Ellis	71,022	67,360	3,662	5.2	McLennan	116,201	110,573	5,628	4.8	Webb	90,655	85,353	5,302	5.8
El Paso	298,481	279,654	18,827	6.3	McMullen	321	298	23	7.2	Wharton	21,114	20,088	1,026	4.9
Erath	18,131	17,367	764	4.2	Madison	5,302	5,030	272	5.1	Wheeler	3,210	3,119	91	2.8
Falls	6,671	6,267	404	6.1	Marion	5,418	5,141	277	5.1	Wichita	63,520	60,498	3,022	4.8
Fannin	13,790	12,954	836	6.1	Martin	2,242	2,154	88	3.9	Wilbarger	7,991	7,688	303	3.8
Fayette	12,393	11,945	448	3.6	Mason	2,401	2,322	79	3.3	Willacy	7,834	7,105	729	9.3
Fisher	1,999	1,918	81	4.1	Matagorda	17,384	16,058	1,326	7.6	Williamson	198,745	189,768	8,977	4.5
Floyd	3,274	3,105	169	5.2	Maverick	20,212	18,195	2,017	10.0	Wilson	19,009	18,085	924	4.9
Foard	717	687	30	4.2	Medina	20,622	19,561	1,061	5.1	Winkler	3,619	3,478	141	3.9
Fort Bend	258,137	246,185	11,952	4.6	Menard	1,212	1,159	53	4.4	Wise	29,009	27,698	1,311	4.5
Franklin	5,910	5,681	229	3.9	Midland	73,563	71,294	2,269	3.1	Wood	18,393	17,453	940	5.1
Freestone	10,210	9,776	434	4.3	Milam	13,055	12,409	646	4.9	Yoakum	4,360	4,224	136	3.1
Frio	6,859	6,442	417	6.1	Mills	2,345	2,235	110	4.7	Young	9,884	9,499	385	3.9
Gaines	6,776	6,498	278	4.1	Mitchell	3,386	3,180	206	6.1	Zapata	5,093	4,766	327	6.4
Galveston	145,967	137,851	8,116	5.6	Montague	10,995	10,583	412	3.7	Zavala	3,897	3,483	414	10.6
Garza	2,477	2,378	99	4.0	Montgomery	206,384	197,220	9,164	4.4	Texas	11,809,314	11,215,022	594,292	5.0

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Abilene	57,739	55,268	2,471	4.3	Friendswood	18,194	17,443	751	4.1	North Richland Hills	36,391	34,825	1,566	4.3
Allen	40,667	38,947	1,720	4.2	Frisco	45,956	43,963	1,993	4.3	Odessa	52,179	50,252	1,927	3.7
Amarillo	100,661	96,893	3,768	3.7	Galveston	27,210	25,713	1,497	5.5	Paris	12,941	12,172	769	5.9
Arlington	210,147	199,889	10,258	4.9	Garland	113,914	108,111	5,803	5.1	Pasadena	67,704	63,576	4,128	6.1
Austin	421,266	404,033	17,233	4.1	Georgetown	20,890	19,926	964	4.6	Pearland	38,561	36,989	1,572	4.1
Baytown	32,626	30,175	2,451	7.5	Grand Prairie	78,791	74,660	4,131	5.2	Pflugerville	17,844	17,079	765	4.3
Beaumont	54,354	50,962	3,392	6.2	Grapevine	29,393	28,234	1,159	3.9	Pharr	23,886	22,271	1,615	6.8
Bedford	31,490	30,202	1,288	4.1	Greenville	11,980	11,411	569	4.7	Plano	146,974	140,486	6,488	4.4
Big Spring	9,939	9,420	519	5.2	Haltom City	21,595	20,555	1,040	4.8	Port Arthur	23,254	21,122	2,132	9.2
Brownsville	62,809	58,296	4,513	7.2	Harlingen	25,197	23,692	1,505	6.0	Richardson	56,810	54,402	2,408	4.2
Bryan	36,056	34,577	1,479	4.1	Houston	1,053,212	1,002,171	51,041	4.8	Rockwall	17,835	17,063	772	4.3
Burleson	17,418	16,630	788	4.5	Huntsville	15,404	14,514	890	5.8	Rosenberg	15,560	14,815	745	4.8
Carrilton	72,201	69,017	3,184	4.4	Hurst	21,433	20,484	949	4.4	Round Rock	52,347	50,298	2,049	3.9
Cedar Hill	23,936	22,641	1,295	5.4	Irving	112,739	107,637	5,102	4.5	Rowlett	30,019	28,558	1,461	4.9
Cedar Park	29,716	28,562	1,154	3.9	Keller	20,144	19,320	824	4.1	San Angelo	43,694	41,800	1,894	4.3
Cleburne	14,030	13,376	654	4.7	Killeen	42,884	40,406	2,478	5.8	San Antonio	629,024	599,487	29,537	4.7
College Station	40,182	38,300	1,882	4.7	Kingsville	13,331	12,758	573	4.3	San Benito	9,228	8,617	611	6.6
Conroe	24,967	23,961	1,006	4.0	Lake Jackson	14,201	13,445	756	5.3	San Juan	12,537	11,557	980	7.8
Coppell	21,540	20,656	884	4.1	Lancaster	16,753	15,630	1,123	6.7	San Marcos	26,885	25,874	1,011	3.8
Copperas Cove	13,254	12,549	705	5.3	La Porte	18,767	17,765	1,002	5.3	Schertz	14,869	14,303	566	3.8
Corpus Christi	144,181	137,247	6,934	4.8	Laredo	85,811	81,022	4,789	5.6	Sherman	17,786	16,822	964	5.4
Corsicana	10,679	10,002	677	6.3	League City	37,119	35,503	1,616	4.4	Socorro	11,211	10,424	787	7.0
Dallas	607,182	574,118	33,064	5.4	Lewisville	58,618	56,218	2,400	4.1	Southlake	12,572	12,029	543	4.3
Deer Park	16,691	15,886	805	4.8	Longview	41,744	39,785	1,959	4.7	Sugar Land	42,976	41,422	1,554	3.6
Del Rio	16,829	15,574	1,255	7.5	Lubbock	114,622	109,689	4,933	4.3	Temple	28,968	27,797	1,171	4.0
Denton	61,965	59,359	2,606	4.2	Lufkin	16,564	15,822	742	4.5	Texarkana	16,637	15,733	904	5.4
DeSoto	25,682	24,159	1,523	5.9	McAllen	59,354	56,320	3,034	5.1	Texas City	21,296	19,726	1,570	7.4
Duncanville	18,960	17,882	1,078	5.7	McKinney	55,976	53,232	2,744	4.9	The Colony	23,207	22,121	1,086	4.7
Eagle Pass	11,532	10,349	1,183	10.3	Mansfield	23,437	22,399	1,038	4.4	Tyler	47,957	45,621	2,336	4.9
Edinburg	29,825	28,258	1,567	5.3	Mesquite	72,126	68,513	3,613	5.0	Victoria	32,704	31,350	1,354	4.1
El Paso	255,701	240,505	15,196	5.9	Midland	60,643	58,764	1,879	3.1	Waco	57,381	54,182	3,199	5.6
Eules	32,336	30,977	1,359	4.2	Mission	25,899	24,151	1,748	6.7	Waxahachie	13,152	12,502	650	4.9
Farmers Branch	14,688	13,981	707	4.8	Missouri City	41,708	39,857	1,851	4.4	Weslaco	13,073	12,041	1,032	7.9
Flower Mound	36,371	34,910	1,461	4.0	Nacogdoches	15,752	14,937	815	5.2	Wichita Falls	48,261	45,850	2,411	5.0
Fort Worth	319,935	302,981	16,954	5.3	New Braunfels	26,231	25,150	1,081	4.1	Wylie	17,982	17,127	855	4.8

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates for WDAs July 2008				
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Alamo	1,002,656	954,354	48,302	4.8
Brazos Valley	142,964	136,486	6,478	4.5
Cameron County	145,208	135,072	10,136	7.0
Capital Area	542,269	519,074	23,195	4.3
Central Texas	176,299	167,172	9,127	5.2
Coastal Bend	270,277	256,510	13,767	5.1
Concho Valley	76,302	73,210	3,092	4.1
Dallas	1,191,340	1,127,837	63,503	5.3
Deep East Texas	161,963	152,648	9,315	5.8
East Texas	393,900	373,362	19,728	5.0
Golden Crescent	95,054	91,098	3,956	4.2
Gulf Coast	2,884,208	2,742,404	141,804	4.9
Heart Of Texas	168,058	159,790	8,268	4.9
Lower Rio Grande Valley	310,666	285,661	25,005	8.0
Middle Rio Grande	68,181	62,711	5,470	8.0
North Central Texas	1,175,275	1,120,191	55,084	4.7
North East Texas	135,606	128,611	6,995	5.2
North Texas	115,827	110,850	4,977	4.3
Panhandle	220,635	212,313	8,322	3.8
Permian Basin	203,900	196,255	7,645	3.7
Rural Capital	383,553	366,271	17,282	4.5
South East Texas	182,468	170,388	12,080	6.6
South Plains	201,600	192,680	8,920	4.4
South Texas	98,679	92,929	5,750	5.8
Tarrant County	896,333	851,536	44,797	5.0
Texoma	95,091	90,322	4,769	5.0
Upper Rio Grande	311,897	292,265	19,632	6.3
West Central Texas	159,907	153,021	6,886	4.3

Average Hours and Earnings of Production or Nonsupervisory Workers for Texas									
Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jul. '08	Jun. '08	Jul. '07	Jul. '08	Jun. '08	Jul. '07	Jul. '08	Jun. '08	Jul. '07
Natural Resources and Mining	\$630.02	\$627.65	\$650.72	39.9	39.8	40.9	\$15.79	\$15.77	\$15.91
<i>Mining</i>	\$669.43	\$666.97	\$676.46	40.4	40.3	40.8	\$16.57	\$16.55	\$16.58
<i>Oil and Gas Extraction</i>	\$649.11	\$650.43	\$650.76	32.8	32.9	32.9	\$19.79	\$19.77	\$19.78
Manufacturing	\$631.07	\$634.10	\$589.22	41.6	42.5	41.7	\$15.17	\$14.92	\$14.13
<i>Durable Goods</i>	\$638.54	\$632.39	\$579.44	42.4	42.7	42.7	\$15.06	\$14.81	\$13.57
<i>Fabricated Metal Product Mfg</i>	\$560.68	\$584.73	\$593.15	42.8	43.8	44.8	\$13.10	\$13.35	\$13.24
<i>Transportation Equipment Mfg</i>	\$772.97	\$756.93	\$713.94	42.8	42.5	42.7	\$18.06	\$17.81	\$16.72
<i>Non-Durable Goods</i>	\$618.68	\$638.91	\$604.49	40.2	42.2	39.9	\$15.39	\$15.14	\$15.15
<i>Printing and Related Support Activities</i>	\$556.71	\$524.72	\$497.51	40.4	37.4	37.1	\$13.78	\$14.03	\$13.41
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities									
<i>Wholesale Trade</i>	\$636.00	\$670.47	\$675.01	39.8	41.8	41.9	\$15.98	\$16.04	\$16.11
<i>Professional and Commercial Equip</i>	\$721.76	\$725.31	\$651.00	38.7	39.1	35.0	\$18.65	\$18.55	\$18.60
<i>Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies</i>	\$551.43	\$585.06	\$602.39	39.7	42.0	43.4	\$13.89	\$13.93	\$13.88
<i>Retail Trade</i>									
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers</i>	\$628.31	\$647.19	\$593.54	37.2	38.5	35.1	\$16.89	\$16.81	\$16.91
<i>Bldg. Material and Garden Equipment</i>	\$404.54	\$421.36	\$398.31	35.8	36.8	35.5	\$11.30	\$11.45	\$11.22
<i>Food and Beverage Stores</i>	\$315.73	\$309.71	\$301.36	31.7	31.7	31.1	\$9.96	\$9.77	\$9.69
<i>Gasoline Stations</i>	\$307.28	\$296.96	\$306.23	34.8	33.9	35.9	\$8.83	\$8.76	\$8.53
<i>Clothing and Accessories Stores</i>	\$240.35	\$237.12	\$233.58	23.2	22.8	22.9	\$10.36	\$10.40	\$10.20
Information									
<i>Telecommunications</i>	\$474.19	\$509.50	\$499.10	28.6	31.2	31.0	\$16.58	\$16.33	\$16.10

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GLOSSARY OF LABOR MARKET TERMS

Actual or Not Seasonally Adjusted - This term is used to describe data series not subject to the seasonal adjustment process. In other words, the effects of regular, or seasonal, patterns have not been removed from these series.

Civilian Labor Force (CLF) - Is that portion of the population age 16 and older who are employed or unemployed. To be considered unemployed, a person has to be not working but willing and able to work and actively seeking work.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) - Is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. The CPI provides a way for consumers to compare what the market basket of goods and services costs this month with what the same market basket cost a month or a year ago.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) - A monthly survey of nonfarm business establishments used to collect wage and salary employment, workers hours, and payroll, by industry and area. It is sometimes known as Nonagricultural Employment.

Employed (Emp) - Persons 16 years and over in the civilian noninstitutional population who, during the reference week, (a) did any work at all (at least 1 hour) as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute, job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) - The Federal/State cooperative program which produces employment and unemployment estimates for states

and local areas. These estimates are developed by State Employment Security Agencies in accordance with Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) definitions and procedures. Data is used for planning and budgetary purposes as an indication of need for employment and training services programs. Estimates are also used to allocate Federal funds.

Metropolitan Division (MD) - A Metropolitan Statistical Area which contains a single core with a population of 2.5 million or more may be subdivided into smaller groupings of counties referred to as Metropolitan Divisions. Titles of Metropolitan Divisions are typically based on principal city names. Texas has two Metropolitan Divisions, the Dallas-Plano-Irving MD and the Fort Worth-Arlington MD, which combine to form the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - A geographic area that contains at least one urbanized area of 50,000 or more population plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core urban area. An MSA in Texas is made up of one or more counties. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget defines metropolitan areas according to published standards that are applied to Census Bureau data. Texas has 25 MSAs and two Metropolitan Divisions (MD).

Seasonally Adjusted (SA) - Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year. These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other non-seasonal movements in a data series.

Unemployed (Unemp) - Persons 16 years and over who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

“HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE”

CNBC Names Texas Best Business Climate

DALLAS, TX (Dallas Business Journal)—Texas Governor Rick Perry appeared on CNBC when the business network officially announced that Texas was named America's top state for business in a CNBC-sponsored study. Forty different states were compared. Everything from cost of living to cost of doing business was evaluated in the survey. CNBC also studied the overall economy, technology innovation in the area and business friendliness.

“We live in a world that moves faster than at any time in history,” Governor Perry said. “Knowledge and capital are rapidly being deployed to parts of the world where the right combination of talent, technology, business climate, infrastructure and markets converge. I believe Texas is that place, now more than ever.” CNBC developed scores for each state by evaluating open records and publicly available data.

Power Station Expansion Will Create Construction Jobs

EL PASO, TX (El Paso Times)—About 200 construction jobs are expected to be created in coming months for the first phase of a \$217-million addition to El Paso Electric's Newman Power Generating Station in far Northeast El Paso. Construction on the first phase will create 100 construction jobs by the end of the year, and peak at about 200 jobs in the first or second quarter of next year, said Bill Sullivan, project manager.

“This marks the first time in more than 30 years that El Paso Electric has embarked on construction of a major power facility,” Frank Bates, El Paso Electric CEO said

at a groundbreaking ceremony outside the Newman plant. The 288-megawatt addition, when fully operational in May 2011, will provide enough electricity to power about 200,000 homes, El Paso Electric officials said.

Kohl's Brings 150 Jobs to Leander

AUSTIN, TX (KXAN Austin)—Kohl's recently announced it will hire approximately 150 people to fill full- and part-time positions for its new Leander store, opening in October. The Leander store will hire for a variety of positions. New hires will receive competitive wages, medical insurance as well as 401(K), and stock ownership. Kohl's has approximately 130,000 employees nationwide and has been recognized by BusinessWeek as one of the “Best Places to Launch a Career.”

TGC Industries to Open Denison Facility

DENISON, TX (KXII (CBS) 12)—The City of Denison announced they have approved a deal with TGC Industries. The surface mapping company is based in Plano, but will move part of its operations to Denison hopefully by October. CEO Wayne Whitener says, “We're very excited about our new facility up here. It's going to be a great location for us, and we expect to have a good relationship with this area and the city.” The company will keep its headquarters in Plano, and about 52 jobs will be transferred to Denison. About ten new jobs will be created, but Whitener added as the company grows, he expects more jobs will be created.

INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
JUL	2008	5.0%	JUL	2008	4.7%
JUN	2008	4.8%	JUN	2008	4.4%
JUL	2007	4.7%	JUL	2007	4.3%

U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
JUL	2008	6.0%	JUL	2008	5.7%
JUN	2008	5.7%	JUN	2008	5.5%
JUL	2007	4.9%	JUL	2007	4.7%

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted				Seasonally Adjusted			
JUL	2008	10,562,700	JUL	2008	10,629,600		
JUN	2008	10,641,600	JUN	2008	10,612,100		
JUL	2007	10,311,800	JUL	2007	10,381,000		
OTM Change		-78,900	OTM Change		17,500		
OTY Change		250,900	OTY Change		248,600		

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
JUL	2008	N/A	JUL	2008	N/A
JUN	2008	69,157	JUN	2008	518,348
JUL	2007	60,171	JUL	2007	469,794

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change				Personnel Supply			
U.S.	JUL	2008	5.6%	JUL	2008	292,200	
Dallas-Fort Worth	JUL	2008	6.2%	JUN	2008	290,500	
Houston-Galveston	JUN	2008	4.9%	JUL	2007	277,400	
				OTM Change		1,700	
				OTY Change		14,800	

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

JUL	2008	\$ 133.44	OTM Change	-\$ 0.49
JUN	2008	\$ 133.93	OTY Change	\$ 59.26
JUL	2007	\$ 74.18		

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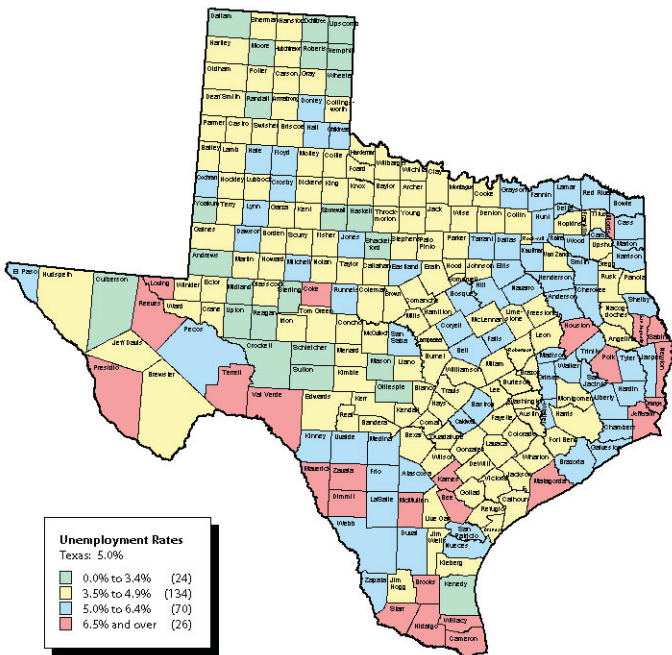
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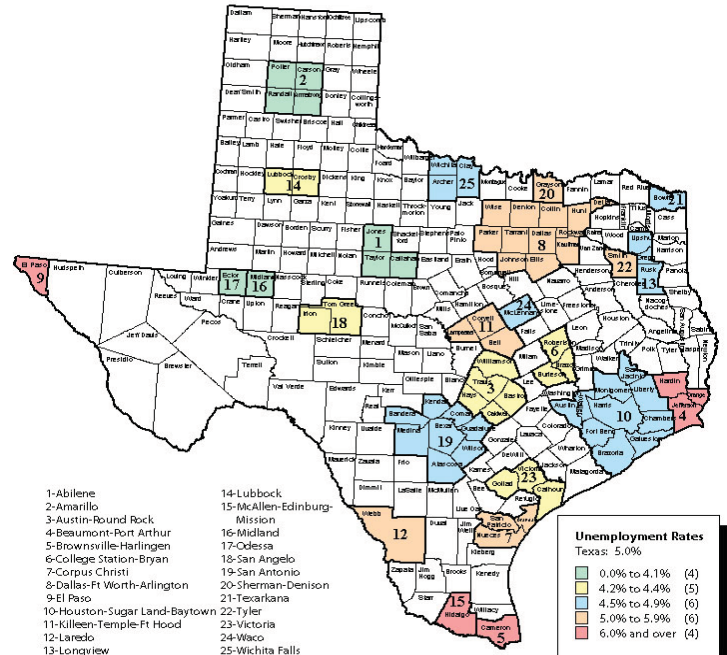
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY COUNTY JULY 2008



UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY MSA JULY 2008



- 1-Abilene
- 2-Amarillo
- 3-Austin-Round Rock
- 4-B Beaumont-Port Arthur
- 5-Brownsville-Harlingen
- 6-College Station-Bryan
- 7-Corpus Christi
- 8-Dallas-Ft Worth-Arlington
- 9-El Paso
- 10-Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown
- 11-Killeen-Temple-Ft Hood
- 12-Laredo
- 13-Longview
- 14-Lubbock
- 15-McAllen-Edinburg-Mission
- 16-Midland
- 17-Odessa
- 18-San Angelo
- 19-San Antonio
- 20-Sherman-Denison
- 21-TexasArlington
- 22-Tyler
- 23-Victoria
- 24-Waco
- 25-Wichita Falls