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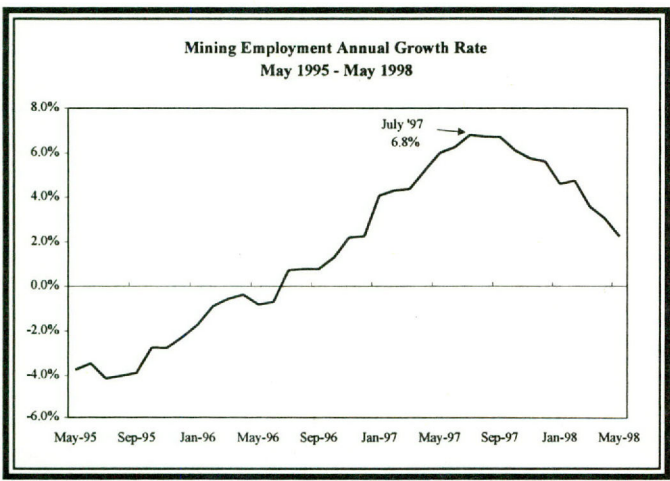
Labor Market Information Department

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate at Lowest Level in Over Eighteen Years

With the April seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate revised upward a tenth of a percentage point, the May rate replaced April as the lowest unemployment rate in over eighteen years. December 1979 was the last time the Texas seasonally adjusted rate was lower than the current May rate of 4.5 percent.

Services, Trade, and Construction Drive Seasonally Adjusted Employment Gains

➤ Total statewide Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment grew by 25,200 jobs in May. All major divisions except Mining added jobs over the month, with increases in Services, Trade, and Construction employment accounting for 77 percent of the overall gain.



➤ Employment in Mining dropped in May—the second monthly decline this year. Due to a slowdown in mining operations, the annual employment growth rate continued its decline, reaching its lowest level since November 1996. However, despite recent downturns and continued lower oil prices, Mining has managed to add 900 jobs so far this year and 3,700 jobs since last May.

➤ Services saw an over-the-month gain of 8,800 jobs, outpacing all other major divisions. Services accounted for 47 percent of the growth in the Service Producing Sector. *Business Services* and *Amusement and Recreation* employment fueled the May boost.

➤ *Retail Trade* recovered from its downturn last month and contributed the majority of the gain in the Trade industry, adding 4,900 jobs. This was the largest monthly increase so far this year. *General Merchandising Stores*, *Apparel and Accessories Stores*, and *Eating and Drinking Places* drove *Retail Trade* growth.

➤ Construction added 5,000 jobs in May—this was twice the size of April's gain. Year-to-date growth in Construction continued to climb, reaching its highest May total of the 1990s. The December-to-May increase of 18,300 jobs was 4,200 greater than the previous high. *Special Trade Contractors*, also off to its best start of the decade, was responsible for the vast majority of that gain.

Nonseasonally Adjusted Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Employment

➤ Services and *Retail Trade* contributed 66 percent of the 24,000 new jobs gained in May in the MSAs. A majority of these jobs were the result of continued hiring in preparation for the summer tourist season.

➤ The Dallas MSA led Total Nonagricultural Employment gains in May, adding 10,100 jobs. Dallas added more jobs than any other MSA in four major divisions: Manufacturing; Transportation, Communications and Public Utilities; Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate; and Services.

➤ The close of the spring semester at state universities resulted in a seasonal reduction in *State Government* employment. The Austin-San Marcos MSA experienced the largest drop and was the only MSA to see declines in all three sectors of Government.

➤ As dry weather persisted across the state, Construction employment continued to climb, gaining 6,000 jobs in May. Houston led Construction growth for the state, while only the Brazoria and Corpus Christi MSAs experienced declines.

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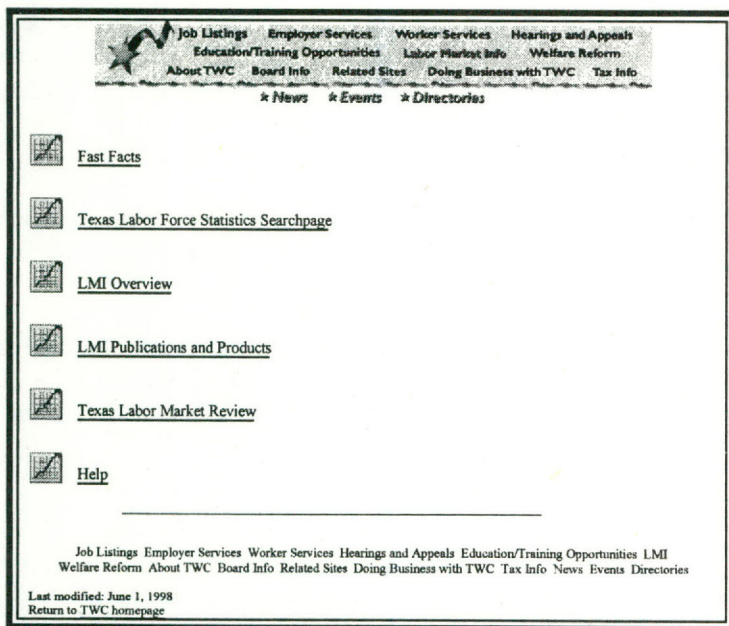
Texas Unemployment Rate		Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment	
Actual Series	Seasonally Adjusted	Actual Series	Seasonally Adjusted
4.3%	4.5%	8,888,200	8,880,200

New Labor Market Information Website
By Ryan Grametbauer and Ian Twohig

In an effort to provide labor market data to our customers in a timely, user-friendly manner, the Labor Market Information Department (LMI) has created a new web page. The new page, which will be available in June, will replace the existing LMI web page accessed through the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC's) homepage. After implementation the page will be updated monthly, with new figures becoming available the morning of the scheduled "release day" for that month, making it one of the most timely statewide labor market information tools on the internet.

The new LMI website is divided into six helpful sections (see Figure 1), the first of which is a *Fast Facts* option. In this section, data customers will be able to quickly obtain the most frequently requested current LMI statistics. *Fast Facts* includes national and statewide unemployment rates, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rates, and statewide and MSA nonagricultural employment estimates.

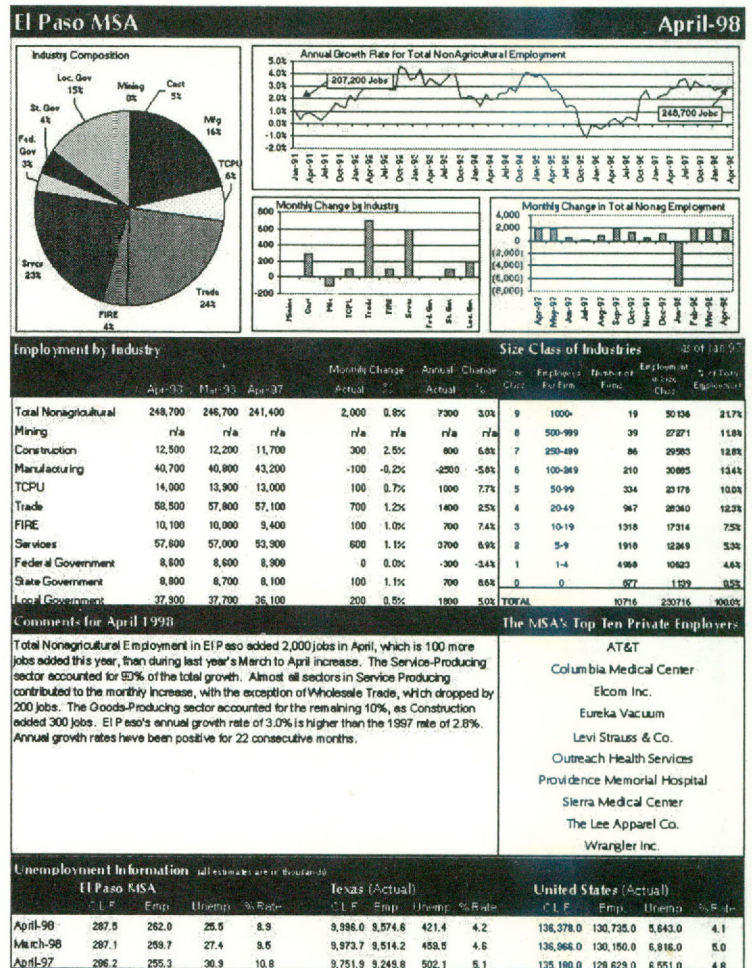
Figure 1



A section entitled *Texas Labor Force Statistics Searchpage* will be available for those users who require answers to more specific labor market questions. This page allows users to search for labor market data geographically (statewide, county, MSA, and Workforce Development Board), as well as by industry and data type. Information available includes unemployment rates, current actual and seasonally adjusted employment estimates by industry, historical covered employment and wage data, occupational wage information, hours and earnings estimates, occupational projections, and demographic labor force data.

The *Texas Labor Force Statistics Searchpage* option will also house 27 MSA profiles (see Figure 2 - an example profile of the El Paso MSA). These profiles were designed to provide a current economic snapshot of each of the state's metropolitan areas by bringing together economic data and analysis from all of the LMI

Figure 2



programs into a single document. The profiles detail employment and unemployment statistics, projections, top employers, and a variety of other information for the selected area. The profile pages can be downloaded with each page fitting on a single sheet for compact, portable reference.

The section which follows is entitled *LMI Overview*. This section contains the LMI Mission Statement as well as information regarding the five programs administered by the LMI Department. A brief description is provided of the Covered Employment and Wages (ES-202), Current Employment Statistics (CES), Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Occupational Employment Statistics (OES), and Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) programs. In addition, a listing of the names and email addresses of the LMI department administration is provided. Also contained within this page is an *LMI Spotlight* section which provides the current TWC press release as well as space to highlight new LMI products or services.

The myriad of statistics produced by the LMI department can be overwhelming to some users. The *LMI Products and Publications* section was designed to provide descriptions, definitions, and limitations of our products and publications. This section also lists ways to contact LMI if you have suggestions, requests, or comments regarding any of our products or publications.

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The *Texas Labor Market Review* (TLMR) section has current excerpts from LMI's monthly newsletter and important information about our feature publication. This section houses the on-line editions of the TLMR from June 1997 to the present. Also included in this section is an email address for the TLMR editor and information on how to subscribe to the printed version of the TLMR.

The last section of the new website is a help section. *Help* provides answers to frequently asked questions, links to other sites, and a glossary of LMI terms. It also contains useful tips on how to search for specific information or data series.

The staff of the LMI Department invites you to visit the new LMI website directly at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/lmi/lmi.html>, or through TWC's homepage at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us> by selecting the *Labor Market Information* option. This website was created to help the user easily and efficiently access current economic data and tailor it to specific geographical areas or data types. Through the new LMI website and a variety of other printed and electronic media, the staff of the Texas Workforce Commission's Labor Market Information Department is committed to delivering the most timely and accurate economic data available.



Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Seasonally Adjusted⁺

INDUSTRY TITLE	May 1998*	Apr. 1998	May. 1997	Apr. '98 to May '98		May '97 to May '98	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	8,880,200	8,855,000	8,568,700	25,200	0.3	311,500	3.6
GOODS PRODUCING	1,752,400	1,746,000	1,700,000	6,400	0.4	52,400	3.1
Mining	168,200	168,500	164,500	-300	-0.2	3,700	2.2
Construction	485,300	480,300	456,400	5,000	1.0	28,900	6.3
Manufacturing	1,098,900	1,097,200	1,079,100	1,700	0.2	19,800	1.8
Durable Goods	664,300	663,100	640,500	1,200	0.2	23,800	3.7
Nondurable Goods	434,600	434,100	438,600	500	0.1	-4,000	-0.9
SERVICE PRODUCING	7,127,800	7,109,000	6,868,700	18,800	0.3	259,100	3.8
Transportation, Comm., Utilities	540,100	538,000	512,000	2,100	0.4	28,100	5.5
Trade	2,097,700	2,092,000	2,038,900	5,700	0.3	58,800	2.9
Wholesale Trade	510,700	509,900	493,500	800	0.2	17,200	3.5
Retail Trade	1,587,000	1,582,100	1,545,400	4,900	0.3	41,600	2.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	479,600	478,500	462,300	1,100	0.2	17,300	3.7
Services	2,501,600	2,492,800	2,375,900	8,800	0.4	125,700	5.3
Government	1,508,800	1,507,700	1,479,600	1,100	0.1	29,200	2.0

Note: The number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas is without reference to place of residence of workers.

*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**			
Actual	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
May '98	10,043,200	9,613,700	429,500	4.3	137,240,000	131,476,000	5,764,000	4.2
Apr '98	9,998,600	9,573,400	425,200	4.3	136,378,000	130,735,000	5,643,000	4.1
May '97	9,788,200	9,284,100	504,100	5.1	135,963,000	129,565,000	6,398,000	4.7
Seas. Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
May '98	10,101,400	9,642,600	458,800	4.5	137,363,000	131,453,000	5,910,000	4.3
Apr '98	10,070,600	9,611,900	458,700	4.6	137,242,000	131,383,000	5,859,000	4.3
May '97	9,848,300	9,310,300	538,000	5.5	136,060,000	129,494,000	6,566,000	4.8

Note: Only the actual series estimates for Texas and the U.S. are comparable to sub-state estimates. Current month estimates for Texas are preliminary. 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 Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)

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

Highlights of Local Area Unemployment Statistics

The Texas actual series unemployment rate remained steady at 4.3 percent for the second month in a row, making this the lowest May rate since 1979. The May rate is eight-tenths of a percentage point lower than last year's rate of 5.1 percent. Due to increased seasonal agricultural activity, the Lower Rio Grande Valley saw the largest decline in unemployment insurance claims filed in May. Statewide continued claims without earnings dropped by 7,831 over the month, while total Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment increased by 47,900.

- ◆ The number of insured unemployed Texans without earnings fell 8.7 percent from 89,507 in April to 81,676 in May, the fourth consecutive monthly decrease in continued claims filed. The greatest decrease in continued claims filed occurred in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, most notably in Hidalgo County with 1,776 fewer claims and in Maverick County with 1,034 fewer claims. All increases were very small, with the largest county claims increase shown in Denton County with 29 more claims. The most significant decreases in continued claims for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) occurred in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, followed by Houston, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, and San Antonio.
- ◆ Texas' civilian labor force increased by 44,600 in May, bringing the number of workers in the labor force to 10,043,200. The number of employed Texans increased by 40,300 over the month to 9,613,700, which more than countered the increase in the number of unemployed which increased by 4,300 to 429,500. This level of unemployment is well below the total of 504,100 seen in May 1997.
- ◆ Of the state's 27 MSAs, five had unemployment rates unchanged from April, three showed a decrease, and 19 showed an increase. The Bryan-College Station MSA had the state's lowest MSA unemployment rate at 1.5 percent. Hartley and Jeff Davis Counties tied for the lowest county rate at 1.3 percent.

Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Ranked by Unemployment Rate
May 1998

1	Bryan-College Station	1.5
2	Austin-San Marcos	2.3
3	San Angelo	2.8
4 (tie)	Dallas	3.0
	Fort Worth-Arlington	3.0
	Lubbock	3.0
7	Amarillo	3.2
8 (tie)	Abilene	3.3
	San Antonio	3.3
10	Houston	3.8
11 (tie)	Killeen-Temple	3.9
	Sherman-Denison	3.9
13	Waco	4.1
14 (tie)	Victoria	4.2
	Wichita Falls	4.2
16	Odessa-Midland	4.5
17	Tyler	4.6
18	Brazoria	5.5
19 (tie)	Galveston-Texas City	6.0
	Longview-Marshall	6.0
21	Corpus Christi	6.1
22	Beaumont-Port Arthur	6.4
23	Texarkana	6.9
24	Laredo	8.2
25	El Paso	8.9
26	Brownsville-Harlingen	11.1
27	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	14.0

Civilian Labor Force Estimates for Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas
(In Thousands)

	May 1998*				April 1998				May 1997			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
State of Texas	10,043.2	9,613.7	429.5	4.3	9,998.6	9,573.4	425.2	4.3	9,788.2	9,284.1	504.1	5.1
Abilene	61.1	59.1	2.0	3.3	60.8	59.0	1.8	3.0	60.1	57.5	2.6	4.3
Amarillo	112.4	108.8	3.6	3.2	111.7	108.3	3.4	3.1	110.2	105.9	4.3	3.9
Austin-San Marcos	665.5	649.9	15.6	2.3	665.5	650.3	15.2	2.3	641.2	622.8	18.4	2.9
Beaumont-Port Arthur	181.9	170.2	11.7	6.4	181.2	169.6	11.6	6.4	179.8	165.8	14.0	7.8
Brazoria	104.9	99.1	5.8	5.5	105.0	99.4	5.6	5.3	105.0	97.3	7.7	7.3
Brownsville-Harlingen	127.4	113.3	14.1	11.1	127.5	112.9	14.6	11.4	124.4	109.6	14.8	11.9
Bryan-College Station	72.6	71.5	1.1	1.5	72.8	71.8	1.0	1.4	70.9	69.4	1.5	2.1
Corpus Christi	176.3	165.6	10.7	6.1	175.5	165.3	10.2	5.8	176.2	162.5	13.7	7.8
Dallas	1,858.8	1,803.3	55.5	3.0	1,847.9	1,794.9	53.0	2.9	1,788.8	1,724.4	64.4	3.6
El Paso	290.5	264.5	26.0	8.9	287.2	261.6	25.6	8.9	287.9	256.4	31.5	10.9
Fort Worth-Arlington	864.6	838.4	26.2	3.0	859.2	834.2	25.0	2.9	841.4	811.8	29.6	3.5
Galveston-Texas City	124.8	117.3	7.5	6.0	123.6	116.4	7.2	5.8	124.5	114.6	9.9	8.0
Houston	2,095.8	2,016.9	78.9	3.8	2,084.3	2,008.0	76.3	3.7	2,033.3	1,931.7	101.6	5.0
Killeen-Temple	115.3	110.8	4.5	3.9	114.5	110.0	4.5	3.9	113.1	107.6	5.5	4.8
Laredo	70.7	64.9	5.8	8.2	70.7	64.4	6.3	8.9	69.5	62.7	6.8	9.8
Longview-Marshall	103.3	97.1	6.2	6.0	102.6	96.7	5.9	5.8	102.9	95.7	7.2	7.0
Lubbock	124.1	120.3	3.8	3.0	123.8	120.1	3.7	3.0	121.0	116.4	4.6	3.8
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	193.8	166.6	27.2	14.0	197.7	167.0	30.7	15.5	190.2	159.6	30.6	16.1
Odessa-Midland	126.9	121.2	5.7	4.5	125.6	120.3	5.3	4.2	123.2	116.9	6.3	5.1
San Angelo	50.6	49.2	1.4	2.8	50.7	49.3	1.4	2.7	51.0	49.3	1.7	3.4
San Antonio	762.6	737.5	25.1	3.3	757.8	733.4	24.4	3.2	738.8	710.4	28.4	3.8
Sherman-Denison	50.3	48.3	2.0	3.9	50.1	48.2	1.9	3.8	50.1	47.8	2.3	4.6
Texarkana	57.5	53.5	4.0	6.9	57.2	53.3	3.9	6.8	56.6	52.4	4.2	7.5
Tyler	89.6	85.5	4.1	4.6	89.4	85.4	4.0	4.4	87.8	83.1	4.7	5.3
Victoria	43.9	42.1	1.8	4.2	43.3	41.6	1.7	4.0	43.0	40.8	2.2	5.1
Waco	100.4	96.2	4.2	4.1	101.2	97.2	4.0	4.0	98.4	94.0	4.4	4.4
Wichita Falls	66.3	63.5	2.8	4.2	66.1	63.4	2.7	4.1	65.7	63.0	2.7	4.0

*Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. Estimates reflect actual (not seasonally adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force (C.L.F.) includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Percent Unemployed is based upon unrounded Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment numbers. A discrepancy can occur when rounded numbers are used to calculate the Unemployment Rate. Estimates of the TWC are in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Employment and Unemployment Estimates for Texas Counties - May 1998

County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	19,343	876	4.3	Donley	1,525	55	3.5	Kaufman	30,676	1,308	4.1	Real	1,136	55	4.6
Andrews	5,419	353	6.1	Duval	4,350	506	10.4	Kendall	12,848	293	2.2	Red River	5,775	348	5.7
Angelina	34,817	1,899	5.2	Eastland	8,478	420	4.7	Kenedy	225	10	4.3	Reeves	6,255	542	8.0
Aransas	9,267	562	5.7	Ector	59,890	3,307	5.2	Kent	451	18	3.8	Refugio	2,841	122	4.1
Archer	4,088	146	3.4	Edwards	873	41	4.5	Kerr	17,892	371	2.0	Roberts	528	17	3.1
Armstrong	945	18	1.9	Ellis	51,049	1,809	3.4	Kimble	2,388	46	1.9	Robertson	6,300	267	4.1
Atascosa	15,616	671	4.1	El Paso	264,453	25,977	8.9	King	105	7	6.3	Rockwall	20,092	400	2.0
Austin	11,689	297	2.5	Erath	15,821	468	2.9	Kinney	1,072	124	10.4	Runnels	5,080	171	3.3
Bailey	3,438	219	6.0	Falls	7,505	295	3.8	Kleberg	12,501	831	6.2	Rusk	20,042	1,076	5.1
Bandera	6,138	207	3.3	Fannin	12,501	475	3.7	Knox	2,096	104	4.7	Sabine	3,768	334	8.1
Bastrop	25,242	682	2.6	Fayette	10,353	240	2.3	Lamar	20,282	1,065	5.0	San Augustine	3,222	205	6.0
Baylor	1,720	78	4.3	Fisher	1,778	71	3.8	Lamb	6,299	440	6.5	San Jacinto	7,893	302	3.7
Bee	10,854	560	4.9	Floyd	2,886	249	7.9	Lampasas	7,627	295	3.7	San Patricio	27,220	1,749	6.0
Bell	90,085	3,668	3.9	Foard	881	35	3.8	La Salle	2,802	203	6.8	San Saba	2,383	88	3.6
Bexar	648,031	22,927	3.4	Fort Bend	164,093	4,437	2.6	Lavaca	9,328	194	2.0	Schleicher	1,485	35	2.3
Blanco	3,691	76	2.0	Franklin	4,333	136	3.0	Lee	7,203	233	3.1	Scurry	7,889	297	3.6
Borden	405	7	1.7	Freestone	7,585	373	4.7	Leon	5,492	320	5.5	Shackelford	1,378	85	5.8
Bosque	6,244	304	4.6	Frio	5,752	489	7.8	Liberty	26,711	1,731	6.1	Shelby	9,045	549	5.7
Bowie	37,215	3,123	7.7	Gaines	6,271	277	4.2	Limestone	8,860	433	4.7	Sherman	1,483	23	1.5
Brazoria	99,099	5,811	5.5	Galveston	117,263	7,457	6.0	Lipscomb	1,686	37	2.1	Smith	85,548	4,126	4.6
Brazos	71,511	1,123	1.5	Garza	2,128	141	6.2	Live Oak	4,389	175	3.8	Somervell	1,887	148	7.3
Brewster	5,114	90	1.7	Gillespie	10,511	164	1.5	Llano	4,910	152	3.0	Starr	16,024	4,269	21.0
Briscoe	873	37	4.1	Glasscock	645	14	2.1	Loving	66	7	9.6	Stephens	4,389	187	4.1
Brooks	2,670	230	7.9	Goliad	2,372	97	3.9	Lubbock	120,284	3,776	3.0	Sterling	728	28	3.7
Brown	16,367	786	4.6	Gonzales	6,967	270	3.7	Lynn	2,825	145	4.9	Stonewall	785	28	3.4
Burleson	7,233	254	3.4	Gray	10,568	430	3.9	Mc Culloch	3,846	244	6.0	Sutton	2,085	60	2.8
Burnet	13,539	406	2.9	Grayson	48,299	1,964	3.9	Mc Lennan	96,238	4,158	4.1	Swisher	3,659	122	3.2
Caldwell	15,015	496	3.2	Gregg	55,293	3,603	6.1	Mc Mullen	263	7	2.6	Tarrant	729,337	22,417	3.0
Calhoun	7,996	668	7.7	Grimes	8,482	343	3.9	Madison	4,081	131	3.1	Taylor	59,055	2,015	3.3
Callahan	6,128	221	3.5	Guadalupe	39,814	897	2.2	Marion	3,275	313	8.7	Terrell	550	18	3.2
Cameron	113,273	14,090	11.1	Hale	15,454	989	6.0	Martin	1,623	76	4.5	Terry	5,352	415	7.2
Camp	5,310	366	6.4	Hall	1,589	115	6.7	Mason	1,698	37	2.1	Throckmorton	788	21	2.6
Carson	3,120	131	4.0	Hamilton	3,648	115	3.1	Matagorda	14,797	1,943	11.6	Titus	12,403	688	5.3
Cass	15,024	1,120	6.9	Hansford	2,481	46	1.8	Maverick	13,518	4,034	23.0	Tom Green	49,181	1,441	2.8
Castro	3,881	201	4.9	Hardeman	1,973	92	4.5	Medina	15,074	668	4.2	Travis	438,992	11,020	2.4
Chambers	11,092	476	4.1	Hardin	21,392	1,321	5.8	Menard	1,042	37	3.4	Trinity	4,629	226	4.7
Cherokee	19,523	754	3.7	Harris	1,679,861	67,528	3.9	Midland	61,261	2,354	3.7	Tyler	5,720	456	7.4
Childress	3,062	131	4.1	Harrison	26,192	1,776	6.4	Milam	8,905	410	4.4	Upshur	15,569	853	5.2
Clay	5,796	159	2.7	Hartley	2,935	40	1.3	Mills	2,263	76	3.2	Upton	1,651	58	3.4
Cochran	1,427	67	4.5	Haskell	2,631	97	3.6	Mitchell	3,162	235	6.9	Uvalde	10,290	996	8.8
Coke	1,559	44	2.7	Hays	46,827	1,065	2.2	Montague	7,454	293	3.8	Val Verde	16,580	1,413	7.9
Coleman	3,483	369	9.6	Hemphill	1,951	44	2.2	Montgomery	123,353	4,272	3.3	Van Zandt	20,037	749	3.6
Collin	234,196	4,734	2.0	Henderson	28,484	1,078	3.6	Moore	8,929	258	2.8	Victoria	42,127	1,842	4.2
Collingsworth	1,656	23	1.4	Hidalgo	166,614	27,206	14.0	Morris	6,019	539	8.2	Walker	23,020	429	1.8
Colorado	7,856	284	3.5	Hill	15,228	560	3.5	Motley	574	25	4.2	Waller	11,824	469	3.8
Comal	35,504	859	2.4	Hockley	10,492	599	5.4	Nacogdoches	24,299	966	3.8	Ward	4,340	281	6.1
Comanche	6,478	214	3.2	Hood	15,490	692	4.3	Navarro	20,538	1,072	5.0	Washington	15,333	360	2.3
Concho	1,579	37	2.3	Hopkins	14,567	708	4.6	Newton	5,407	576	9.6	Webb	64,926	5,776	8.2
Cooke	16,729	546	3.2	Houston	8,367	297	3.4	Nolan	7,034	461	6.2	Wharton	18,091	1,017	5.3
Coryell	20,701	877	4.1	Howard	13,396	604	4.3	Nueces	138,407	8,921	6.1	Wheeler	2,857	74	2.5
Cottle	806	46	5.4	Hudspeth	1,382	41	2.9	Ochiltree	4,656	136	2.8	Wichita	59,436	2,625	4.2
Crane	2,035	83	3.9	Hunt	34,638	1,232	3.4	Oldham	1,206	37	3.0	Wilbarger	6,798	214	3.1
Crockett	2,204	48	2.1	Hutchinson	9,036	502	5.3	Orange	37,994	3,406	8.2	Willacy	6,020	1,459	19.5
Crosby	2,698	210	7.2	Irion	750	14	1.8	Palo Pinto	11,314	620	5.2	Williamson	123,787	2,363	1.9
Culberson	1,332	90	6.3	Jack	3,452	101	2.8	Panola	7,240	638	8.1	Wilson	14,110	395	2.7
Dallam	3,372	108	3.1	Jackson	9,302	293	3.1	Parker	38,004	1,104	2.8	Winkler	2,873	226	7.3
Dallas	1,181,883	40,400	3.3	Jasper	13,748	1,480	9.7	Parmer	4,152	118	2.8	Wise	21,853	634	2.8
Dawson	5,310	350	6.2	Jeff Davis	1,407	18	1.3	Pecos	6,422	334	4.9	Wood	13,244	682	4.9
Deaf Smith	7,446	546	6.8	Jefferson	110,813	6,954	5.9	Polk	14,045	747	5.1	Yoakum	3,287	175	5.1
Delta	2,621	83	3.1	Jim Hogg	2,098	205	8.9	Potter	52,528	2,701	4.9	Young	7,923	420	5.0
Denton	222,272	4,521	2.0	Jim Wells	15,594	1,101	6.6	Presidio	2,438	1,005	29.2	Zapata	3,875	459	10.6
De Witt	7,617	288	3.6	Johnson	55,543	1,941	3.4	Rains	3,695	148	3.9	Zavala	3,397	721	17.5
Dickens	1,147	55	4.6	Jones	10,303	350	3.3	Randall	56,285	865	1.5				
Dimmit	3,240	491	13.2	Karnes	6,110	217	3.4	Reagan	1,961	69	3.4				

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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

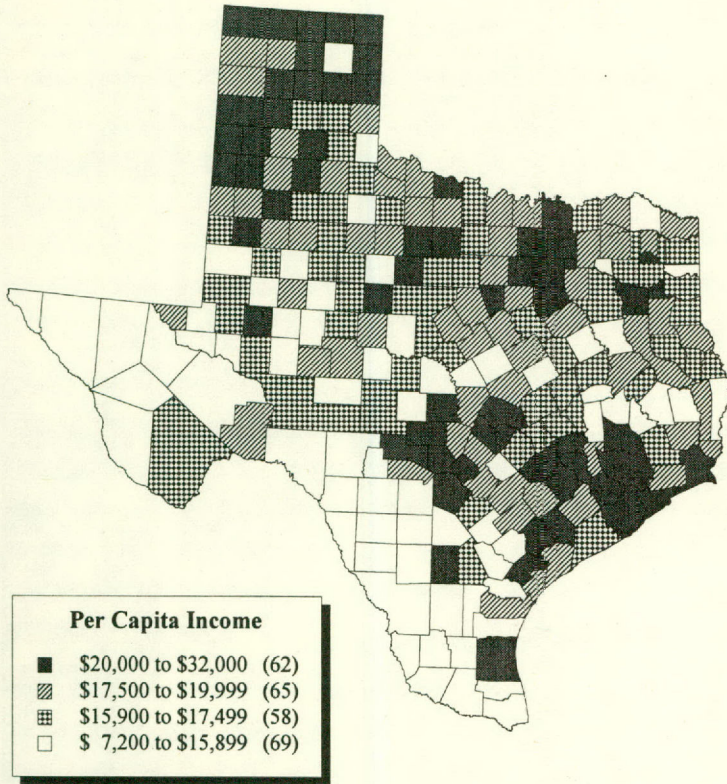
	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	Apr. '98 to May '98		May '97 to May '98	
				Change	% Change	Change	% Change
TOTAL NONAG. W & S EMPLOYMENT	8,888,200	8,840,300	8,595,100	47,900	0.5	293,100	3.4
GOODS PRODUCING	1,747,500	1,736,300	1,700,800	11,200	0.6	46,700	2.7
Mining	167,400	167,300	164,100	100	0.1	3,300	2.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	159,200	159,000	155,700	200	0.1	3,500	2.2
Construction	483,400	475,700	458,500	7,700	1.6	24,900	5.4
Manufacturing	1,096,700	1,093,300	1,078,200	3,400	0.3	18,500	1.7
Durable Goods	663,400	661,400	640,400	2,000	0.3	23,000	3.6
Lumber & Wood Products	46,700	46,200	44,600	500	1.1	2,100	4.7
Lumber Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,600	7,300	0	0.0	300	4.1
Furniture & Fixtures	19,700	19,700	19,500	0	0.0	200	1.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	42,500	42,300	41,200	200	0.5	1,300	3.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Products	19,900	19,900	19,000	0	0.0	900	4.7
Primary Metal Industries	30,800	30,900	30,500	-100	-0.3	300	1.0
Fabricated Metal Industries	102,100	101,900	98,800	200	0.2	3,300	3.3
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	52,200	51,800	50,600	400	0.8	1,600	3.2
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	149,500	149,200	142,300	300	0.2	7,200	5.1
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	31,900	31,900	29,200	0	0.0	2,700	9.2
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	129,900	129,400	124,200	500	0.4	5,700	4.6
Transportation Equipment	80,200	79,900	78,100	300	0.4	2,100	2.7
Aircraft & Parts	45,000	45,100	44,400	-100	-0.2	600	1.4
Instruments & Related Products	42,100	42,100	41,700	0	0.0	400	1.0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	19,900	19,800	19,500	100	0.5	400	2.1
Nondurable Goods	433,300	431,900	437,800	1,400	0.3	-4,500	-1.0
Food & Kindred Products	99,100	98,600	98,100	500	0.5	1,000	1.0
Meat Products	34,300	34,100	33,600	200	0.6	700	2.1
Dairy Products	5,300	5,200	5,100	100	1.9	200	3.9
Bakery Products	8,500	8,600	9,100	-100	-1.2	-600	-6.6
Malt Beverages	2,500	2,400	2,500	100	4.2	0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	0.0	300	7.9
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	53,300	53,000	59,100	300	0.6	-5,800	-9.8
Paper & Allied Products	29,600	29,500	29,900	100	0.3	-300	-1.0
Printing & Publishing	75,900	75,800	75,300	100	0.1	600	0.8
Newspapers, Periodicals, Books, & Miscellaneous	34,000	34,000	34,000	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	84,100	84,100	84,200	0	0.0	-100	-0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	25,700	25,800	26,500	-100	-0.4	-800	-3.0
Petroleum Refining	22,200	22,200	23,000	0	0.0	-800	-3.5
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	54,000	53,900	53,400	100	0.2	600	1.1
Leather & Leather Products	7,300	7,000	7,500	300	4.3	-200	-2.7
SERVICE PRODUCING	7,140,700	7,104,000	6,894,300	36,700	0.5	246,400	3.6
Transportation, Communications, Utilities	537,900	534,800	511,200	3,100	0.6	26,700	5.2
Transportation	333,500	331,200	318,800	2,300	0.7	14,700	4.6
Railroad Transportation	17,300	17,300	16,700	0	0.0	600	3.6
Transportation by Air	107,200	106,700	102,900	500	0.5	4,300	4.2
Communications	134,800	133,800	121,300	1,000	0.7	13,500	11.1
Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Services	69,600	69,800	71,100	-200	-0.3	-1,500	-2.1
Electric Services	29,900	30,100	31,000	-200	-0.7	-1,100	-3.5
Gas Production & Distribution	22,800	23,000	23,900	-200	-0.9	-1,100	-4.6
Trade	2,092,700	2,079,600	2,037,000	13,100	0.6	55,700	2.7
Wholesale Trade	510,100	508,600	493,500	1,500	0.3	16,600	3.4
Retail Trade	1,582,600	1,571,000	1,543,500	11,600	0.7	39,100	2.5
Building Materials & Gardening Supplies	62,800	62,200	59,700	600	1.0	3,100	5.2
General Merchandise Stores	204,800	202,200	196,600	2,600	1.3	8,200	4.2
Food Stores	243,400	244,800	248,500	-1,400	-0.6	-5,100	-2.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	167,000	166,600	162,800	400	0.2	4,200	2.6
Apparel & Accessory Stores	71,900	71,900	73,200	0	0.0	-1,300	-1.8
Home Furniture, Furnishings, & Equipment Stores	68,700	68,600	67,100	100	0.1	1,600	2.4
Eating & Drinking Places	593,500	585,500	570,100	8,000	1.4	23,400	4.1
Other Retail Trade	170,500	169,200	165,500	1,300	0.8	5,000	3.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	479,200	476,800	462,400	2,400	0.5	16,800	3.6
Depository Institutions including Banks	119,800	119,400	116,200	400	0.3	3,600	3.1
Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers, & Service	156,300	155,800	152,300	500	0.3	4,000	2.6
Other Finance Insurance & Real Estate	203,100	201,600	193,900	1,500	0.7	9,200	4.7
Services	2,506,300	2,487,300	2,384,400	19,000	0.8	121,900	5.1
Hotel & Other Lodging Places	91,600	91,000	90,000	600	0.7	1,600	1.8
Personal Services	89,400	92,600	87,500	-3,200	-3.5	1,900	2.2
Business Services	637,700	629,300	582,000	8,400	1.3	55,700	9.6
Auto Repair Services	85,400	84,900	82,200	500	0.6	3,200	3.9
Miscellaneous Repair Services	31,600	31,600	30,700	0	0.0	900	2.9
Amusement & Recreation, including Motion Pictures	120,400	112,500	120,900	7,900	7.0	-500	-0.4
Health Services	695,300	692,900	665,900	2,400	0.3	29,400	4.4
Legal Services	67,200	66,800	65,600	400	0.6	1,600	2.4
Educational Services	103,700	106,100	98,000	-2,400	-2.3	5,700	5.8
Social Services	168,700	168,100	162,900	600	0.4	5,800	3.6
Membership Organizations	135,900	134,300	132,500	1,600	1.2	3,400	2.6
Engineering & Management Services	220,700	220,300	209,500	400	0.2	11,200	5.3
Agricultural Services	49,900	48,300	48,600	1,600	3.3	1,300	2.7
Government	1,524,600	1,525,500	1,499,300	-900	-0.1	25,300	1.7
Federal	185,100	186,700	186,600	-1,600	-0.9	-1,500	-0.8
State	331,400	332,300	328,900	-900	-0.3	2,500	0.8
Local	1,008,100	1,006,500	983,800	1,600	0.2	24,300	2.5

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Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands)

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN-SAN MARCOS			BMT.-PT. ARTHUR			BRAZORIA		
	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97
TOTAL	56.8	56.6	55.3	95.7	95.4	93.2	587.4	587.2	563.0	160.8	160.2	156.8	74.9	75.0	73.6
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.4
Construction	2.4	2.3	2.2	5.0	5.0	4.9	33.1	32.5	29.3	15.8	15.8	14.7	8.5	8.7	9.1
Manufacturing-Dur.	1.7	1.6	1.6	3.6	3.6	3.4	65.9	65.8	62.9	9.7	9.3	8.9	5.6	5.6	5.3
Manufacturing-Nondur.	1.6	1.6	1.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	12.3	12.3	12.0	15.5	15.5	15.7	11.2	11.1	11.3
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2.4	2.4	2.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	19.6	19.5	18.7	7.9	7.9	8.3	2.8	2.8	2.7
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	2.5	5.9	6.0	6.0	23.9	23.5	22.2	5.5	5.5	5.3	2.4	2.4	2.3
Retail Trade	12.2	12.1	12.0	20.6	20.4	19.9	101.1	100.8	98.1	31.0	30.8	30.4	12.6	12.5	12.2
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	2.5	2.5	2.4	5.0	5.0	4.7	30.4	30.3	29.7	5.3	5.3	5.1	1.8	1.8	1.8
Services	19.6	19.8	19.0	26.5	26.2	25.3	170.1	169.9	160.0	42.4	42.4	41.1	13.9	13.9	13.7
Federal Government	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.8	9.8	10.5	10.4	2.8	2.8	2.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
State Government	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.8	4.9	4.7	63.7	64.4	63.4	6.2	6.2	6.1	2.8	2.9	2.9
Local Government	6.4	6.3	6.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	56.3	56.5	55.1	17.9	17.9	17.9	11.6	11.6	10.5
INDUSTRY	BROWNSVILLE-HARL.			BRYAN-COLL. STA.			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS			EL PASO		
	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97
TOTAL	100.5	100.2	97.1	70.6	70.7	68.7	157.4	157.0	154.0	1831.1	1821.0	1751.7	250.8	248.4	243.3
Mining	**	**	**	0.9	0.8	0.8	2.5	2.5	2.4	11.6	11.6	11.6	**	**	**
Construction	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.0	10.9	11.2	12.1	85.4	84.5	82.5	12.7	12.5	12.0
Manufacturing-Dur.	5.0	4.9	4.9	2.7	2.7	2.4	4.9	4.9	4.6	171.5	170.5	167.4	15.9	15.8	15.2
Manufacturing-Nondur.	7.1	7.1	7.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	8.4	8.4	8.6	78.2	77.7	77.5	25.0	24.8	28.2
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4.6	4.5	4.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	6.5	6.4	6.4	127.6	127.1	119.2	14.2	14.0	13.2
Wholesale Trade	4.1	4.1	4.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	6.0	6.0	5.9	139.5	139.1	134.9	13.1	13.2	13.2
Retail Trade	20.2	20.4	19.3	13.0	13.1	12.8	30.4	30.2	29.8	300.3	297.5	291.8	46.0	45.4	44.5
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	3.7	3.7	3.6	2.3	2.3	2.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	144.6	144.1	137.7	10.2	10.1	9.5
Services	28.8	28.7	27.3	15.3	15.4	14.9	49.7	49.5	46.8	568.4	565.0	531.2	58.3	57.3	54.6
Federal Government	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.9	5.8	6.2	30.2	30.4	30.0	8.7	8.6	8.7
State Government	3.5	3.4	3.7	20.6	20.7	20.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	27.2	27.5	27.1	8.9	8.8	8.2
Local Government	18.3	18.3	17.4	6.7	6.6	6.3	21.3	21.2	20.4	146.6	146.0	140.8	37.8	37.9	36.0
INDUSTRY	FT. WORTH-ARL.			GALVESTON-TX. CITY			HOUSTON			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97
TOTAL	730.8	725.9	705.4	90.3	89.6	88.1	1965.8	1956.5	1884.6	100.6	99.9	97.5	62.3	61.9	60.0
Mining	4.3	4.2	4.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	69.8	68.9	66.8	**	**	**	2.0	2.3	3.3
Construction	36.4	35.6	35.1	4.1	4.1	4.6	134.7	132.9	125.1	4.3	4.1	4.2	2.4	2.3	2.1
Manufacturing-Dur.	74.6	74.8	73.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	131.9	131.6	123.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.7	0.7	0.6
Manufacturing-Nondur.	35.7	35.6	35.7	5.9	5.9	6.1	83.5	83.9	84.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Trans., Comm. & Util.	68.0	67.7	63.9	4.3	4.4	4.2	138.3	138.1	131.8	3.6	3.6	3.5	11.1	10.9	10.0
Wholesale Trade	39.8	39.5	39.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	124.7	124.2	123.0	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.0
Retail Trade	146.9	145.3	138.7	18.3	17.9	17.5	324.0	321.2	307.9	19.8	19.5	19.3	13.8	13.4	13.0
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	32.9	32.7	31.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	103.5	103.2	99.7	4.2	4.1	4.0	2.4	2.4	2.3
Services	199.5	197.9	191.5	19.5	19.3	18.7	599.4	596.3	568.0	27.9	27.8	26.6	11.4	11.3	10.7
Federal Government	14.2	14.2	14.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	25.4	25.4	25.4	8.1	8.1	8.2	1.6	1.6	1.5
State Government	8.4	8.4	9.1	13.4	13.3	13.3	44.8	45.3	44.5	3.9	3.9	3.7	1.6	1.6	1.5
Local Government	70.1	70.0	68.6	13.7	13.6	12.8	185.8	185.5	184.9	15.7	15.7	15.3	11.3	11.4	11.2
INDUSTRY	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDIN.-MIS.			ODESSA-MIDLAND			SAN ANGELO		
	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97
TOTAL	89.9	89.5	88.2	116.8	116.5	112.8	143.0	143.5	134.4	107.3	106.4	103.6	43.4	43.5	43.7
Mining	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.3	1.2	1.1	13.1	13.3	13.0	0.7	0.7	0.6
Construction	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.3	7.4	7.4	7.1	6.8	6.3	5.4	1.8	1.8	1.9
Manufacturing-Dur.	13.4	13.4	12.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.2	3.2	3.0	4.9	4.9	4.7	2.9	2.9	2.9
Manufacturing-Nondur.	5.7	5.7	6.0	3.3	3.3	3.2	10.1	10.0	10.2	2.6	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.8	2.4
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4.1	4.1	4.0	5.6	5.5	5.6	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.1	4.2	4.3	2.3	2.3	2.4
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.3	4.2	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.7	6.8	7.3	7.2	7.3	1.9	1.9	1.8
Retail Trade	18.5	18.4	17.9	25.1	24.9	24.2	32.6	32.6	30.0	20.3	20.1	20.2	8.4	8.3	8.4
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	3.2	3.2	3.2	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.0	5.1	4.9	3.6	3.6	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.7
Services	21.0	21.0	20.7	35.1	35.1	33.2	32.2	32.3	30.3	25.7	25.3	24.4	13.1	13.2	12.8
Federal Government	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.3	1.4	1.5	3.3	3.2	2.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.3
State Government	0.6	0.6	0.7	12.8	12.8	12.4	4.7	4.7	4.5	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.3
Local Government	10.6	10.5	10.6	11.1	11.1	11.2	30.9	31.2	29.1	16.2	16.2	15.3	5.3	5.3	5.2
INDUSTRY	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97
TOTAL	688.1	684.0	663.8	44.5	44.2	43.8	52.0	51.7	51.2	79.4	78.6	77.0	36.7	36.3	35.8
Mining	2.0	2.0	1.9	**	**	**	**	**	**	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.6
Construction	36.6	36.1	34.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.4
Manufacturing-Dur.	26.4	26.3	25.7	7.5	7.5	7.4	3.2	3.2	3.3	7.1	7.1	7.6	1.1	1.1	1.1
Manufacturing-Nondur.	24.0	23.5	24.3	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
Trans., Comm. & Util.	30.8	30.8	30.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	4.0	3.9	3.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
Wholesale Trade	29.9	29.8	29.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.6	2.6	2.7	4.1	4.0	3.8	1.9	1.9	1.8
Retail Trade	135.1	134.0	130.9	8.6	8.5	8.5	10.9	10.8	10.6	16.1	15.9	15.6	7.7	7.6	7.5
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	44.8	44.7	43.6	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	4.1	4.1	4.0	1.4	1.4	1.7
Services	222.8	220.8	207.9	12.6	12.4	12.0	14.7	14.6	13.9	24.4	24.1	23.1	10.0	9.8	9.5
Federal Government	37.2	37.2	39.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.8	3.8	4.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2
State Government	14.7	14.8	14.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.9	2.9	3.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Local Government	83.8	84.0	81.6	5.2	5.2	5.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	7.4	7.3	7.3	5.9	5.8	5.8
INDUSTRY	WACO			WICHITA FALLS											
	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97	May '98*	Apr. '98	May '97									
TOTAL	96.6	97.6	94.3	60.7	60.6	60.0									
Mining	**	**	**	1.1	1.1	1.2									
Construction	4.8	4.7	4.5	2.4	2.3	2.4									
Manufacturing-Dur.	8.9	8.9	8.8	6.3	6.3	6.1									
Manufacturing-Nondur.	7.4	7.5	7.7	2.1	2.1	2.2									
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4.0	4.0	3.7	2.9	2.9	3.1									
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.7	4.8	2.4	2.4	2.4									
Retail Trade	17.8</														

Per Capita Personal Income by County for 1996



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