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Statewide Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate Drops, Matching U.S. Rate

Continuing its strong showing over the last several months, the Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined an unexpected three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.6 percent in February, matching the U.S. unemployment rate and marking the first time since June 1992 that the Texas rate did not exceed that of the U.S. Texas has not seen a rate this low since January 1980, nor a rate lower since December 1979.

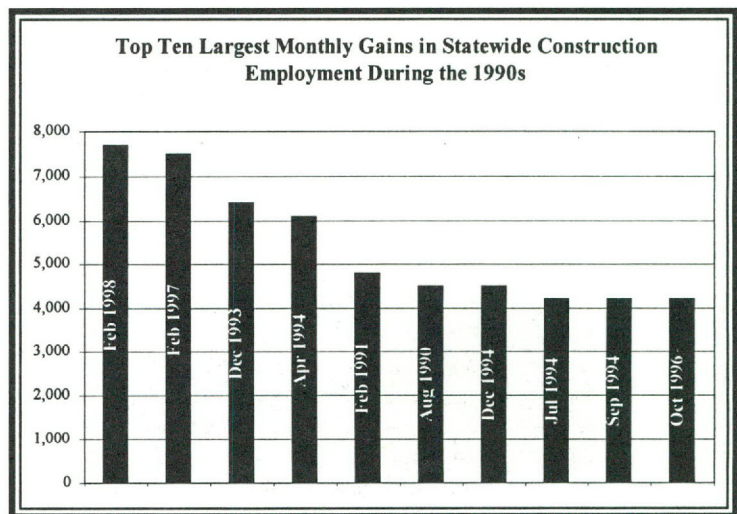
Large Monthly Gain Seen in Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonagricultural Employment

✦ Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salary employment in the Lone Star State celebrated its largest monthly gain since October 1996, adding 45,800 jobs in February. The Service Producing Sector was responsible for 79 percent of the increase, generating 36,400 jobs over the month, with the Goods Producing Sector providing the balance of 9,400 jobs.

✦ Mining employment advanced by 1,300 jobs in February, its largest monthly gain since July 1997. In the last 21 months, Mining has retreated only twice, in October and December 1997. Continued Mining gains are particularly surprising in view of the steady drop in crude oil prices in recent months.

✦ In its best over-the-month showing this decade, Construction employment grew by 7,700 jobs in February, continuing a four-month streak of employment gains.

✦ Transportation, Communications, & Public Utilities (TCPU) experienced its sixth consecutive month of employment growth, landing 2,900 more jobs in February. Year-to-date gains for the industry were the highest of the 1990s, producing 4,700 jobs in the last two months alone. Not to be outdone, over-the year growth marked its 59th month of positive movement for an annual growth rate of 5.5 percent, nearly double the 2.8 percent average for the past seven years.



✦ Rebounding from a January setback, Services surged ahead by 26,800 jobs in February. This jump was responsible for 59 percent of the state's total over-the-month employment growth. Services managed to recover all of the ground lost in January's tumble, its first since July 1995, and to surpass December 1997's peak by 18,600 jobs.

Nonseasonally Adjusted Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Employment

✦ With the exception of the Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito and Laredo MSAs, Total Nonagricultural employment increased in every MSA this month. Services, led by *Personnel Supply* and *Educational Services*, was the largest contributor, producing over half of the total growth. *State and Local Government*, bolstered by seasonal gains in *Education*, accounted for almost one third of the overall increase.

✦ In many areas of the state, unseasonably warm weather heightened construction activity generating 4,500 additional jobs in the MSAs. The Austin-San Marcos MSA experienced strong growth in Construction for the first two months of the year with all components of construction and construction-related industries gaining employment. Construction also strengthened in the Dallas and Fort Worth-Arlington MSAs. According to the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, Dallas is first in the nation in new office and industrial space.

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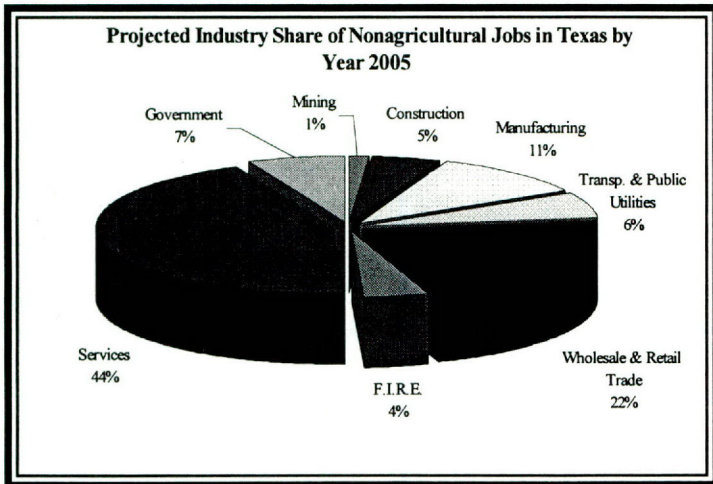
Texas Unemployment Rate		Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment	
Actual Series	Seasonally Adjusted	Actual Series	Seasonally Adjusted
4.8%	4.6%	8,751,000	8,801,200

A New Occupational Employment and Wage Series

By Greg C. Evans and Robert K. Corona

In November 1996, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) inaugurated a comprehensive new program designed to collect occupational and wage statistics for Texas and its 27 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). For many years the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Survey has been an important source of detailed occupational employment data at the national and state levels. The new series launched in late 1996 resulted from a redesign of the OES Survey to include the collection of wage data by occupation. This innovative informational resource will enable Texas firms to keep abreast of wage developments, one key to attracting and retaining a skilled workforce.

In 1995, the OES program appeared headed for dismantlement, a casualty of federal austerity measures. Now, however, rescued and revitalized by the 1996 redesign, the enhanced survey offers the prospect of myriad applications: analysis of current and historical occupational employment; vocational and educational planning; industry skill and technology studies; analysis of occupational wages; the study of employment of scientists, engineers, and technicians in research and development; and market analysis. By



using the data to develop industrial and occupational projections, state government can plan more efficiently. Chambers of Commerce can provide current wage information to interested business firms. "Living wage" proponents will be able to utilize OES data as a guideline to determine mean and median wage for a given occupation statewide and by MSA.

The OES survey is a federal-state cooperative program between the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and State Employment Security Agencies (SESA). The BLS establishes the survey procedures and provides technical support, while the SESAs (in Texas, the Texas Workforce Commission) collect the data in each state. In order to accomplish the stated objective of producing occupational employment and wage estimates, a survey is conducted to collect data on wage and salary workers in non-farm establishments. The OES program does not survey Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 01, Agricultural Production-Crops; SIC 02, Agricultural Production-Livestock and Animals Specialties; SIC 08, Forestry; SIC 09, Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping; and SIC 88, Private Households (domestic services).

During each year of a three-year cycle beginning in the fall of 1996, questionnaires are mailed to more than 25,000 Texas employers. This year's survey round, initiated last October, will be completed in August with results available early in 1999. The Covered Employment and Wages (ES-202) report, derived from the state's Unemployment Insurance (UI) records, provides the universe from which the OES survey draws its sample. Although it takes three years to fully collect the sample, occupational and wage data will be published annually based on the current year's survey round. Collected data will provide estimates of occupational employment and wages for more than 700 occupations in over 400 industrial classifications. These classifications correspond to the two- and three-digit SIC industrial groups.

OES categorizes the 700+ occupations detailed in the survey into seven divisions:

1. *Managerial and Administrative;*
2. *Professional, Paraprofessional, and Technical;*
3. *Sales and Related;*
4. *Clerical and Administrative Support;*
5. *Service;*
6. *Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing; and*
7. *Production, Construction, Operating, Maintenance, and Material Handling*

Each division is subdivided into major and minor occupational groups; a five-digit OES code is assigned to each survey occupation. The employer questionnaire collects wage data in 11 hourly/annual intervals. Respondents report the number of employees in an occupation per each wage range. To simplify reporting, each form enumerates between 50 and 225 industry-specific occupations rather than a complete listing of all occupations. Following the initial mailings, which are done over a three-month period, follow-ups are made by mail and by telephone to nonrespondents in order to improve the response rate.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands relay data collected to the BLS' Washington office where they are used to produce national estimates. The BLS also

Dentists	\$39.58
Lawyers	\$33.99
Petroleum Engineers	\$33.56
Actuaries	\$33.39
Geologists, Geophysicists, and Oceanographers	\$32.95
Medical Scientists	\$32.81
Engineering, Mathematics, and Nat. Sciences Mgrs.	\$32.35
Mining, Quarrying, & Oil and Gas Managers	\$29.22
Sales Agents, Securities, Commod., & Fin. Services	\$28.63
Chemical Engineers	\$28.44

* The sample for some occupations (e.g., physicians) was too small to meet publication standards.

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releases a single data table for each state. Every table contains the OES code for each occupation, an occupational title corresponding to each code, the estimated total occupational employment, and a mean and median wage for every occupation. An occupation's employment, mean wage, and median wage are calculated from establishments which are the predominant employers for that occupation. Industries that do not typically employ workers in a given occupation are not included in the calculation of these values.

The success of this new program depends upon active participation. Only employers in Texas can provide specific occupation and wage information, and selected employers are being asked to assist the TWC by completing a survey form. No individual employer will be identified in the results; confidentiality is guaranteed. A 75 percent response rate from establishments

included in the survey is vitally important. Without this rate of participation in a statistically designed sample, reliable results will not be available.

While originally conceived in 1970, the OES survey appeared to be eclipsed by its more luminous, higher-profile counterparts among Labor Market Information (LMI) programs. Although long a "sleeper", OES now seems poised to emerge as one of the most viable responses to the needs of Texas business.

Within the next few weeks, the LMI department of the Texas Workforce Commission will release a more detailed review of the OES program which will focus on results of the 1996 survey. Entitled *Occupations and Wages in Texas*, this publication will be mailed to firms surveyed in 1996 and 1997, as well as to *Texas Labor Market Review* subscribers. For more information, please call the OES unit toll free at 1-800-252-3616.



Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Seasonally Adjusted[†]

INDUSTRY TITLE	Feb. 1998	Jan. 1998	Feb. 1997	Jan. '98 to Feb. '98		Feb. '97 to Feb. '98	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	8,801,200	8,755,400	8,474,300	45,800	0.5	326,900	3.9
GOODS PRODUCING	1,739,300	1,729,900	1,684,300	9,400	0.5	55,000	3.3
Mining	169,800	168,500	162,100	1,300	0.8	7,700	4.8
Construction	475,800	468,100	452,400	7,700	1.6	23,400	5.2
Manufacturing	1,093,700	1,093,300	1,069,800	400	0.0	23,900	2.2
Durable Goods	660,400	660,100	630,500	300	0.0	29,900	4.7
Nondurable Goods	433,300	433,200	439,300	100	0.0	-6,000	-1.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	7,061,900	7,025,500	6,790,000	36,400	0.5	271,900	4.0
Transportation, Comm., Utilities	530,700	527,800	502,800	2,900	0.5	27,900	5.5
Trade	2,085,700	2,084,500	2,022,800	1,200	0.1	62,900	3.1
Wholesale Trade	506,600	505,500	488,000	1,100	0.2	18,600	3.8
Retail Trade	1,579,100	1,579,000	1,534,800	100	0.0	44,300	2.9
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	475,300	473,500	457,200	1,800	0.4	18,100	4.0
Services	2,475,700	2,448,900	2,332,800	26,800	1.1	142,900	6.1
Government	1,494,500	1,490,800	1,474,400	3,700	0.2	20,100	1.4

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
Feb. '98	9,922,300	9,443,500	478,800	4.8	136,286,000	129,482,000	6,804,000	5.0
Jan. '98	9,928,200	9,397,100	531,100	5.3	135,951,000	128,882,000	7,069,000	5.2
Feb. '97	9,715,700	9,147,500	568,200	5.8	134,534,000	126,887,000	7,647,000	5.7
Seas. Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
Feb. '98	10,019,900	9,558,200	461,700	4.6	137,556,000	131,163,000	6,393,000	4.6
Jan. '98	10,011,700	9,520,900	490,800	4.9	137,492,000	131,083,000	6,409,000	4.7
Feb. '97	9,808,800	9,260,800	548,000	5.6	135,689,000	128,515,000	7,174,000	5.3

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 decreased five tenths of a percentage point from 5.3% in January to 4.8% in February. Increased construction activity due to milder weather and expanding Service industry employment contributed to the overall decline in the state's unemployment rate. The February rate is one full percentage point below last year's rate of 5.8%. The actual rate for February has not been this low since the 4.4% rate in 1979, with the over-the-month percentage decline of -9.4% greatly exceeding the -2.5% average over-the-month change. The number of insured unemployed without earnings in Texas declined by more than 7,500 over the month, from 100,590 to 93,025. The year-ago claimant count was 108,181.

- ◆ The Construction industry experienced the largest decrease in claims for benefits, falling 15.5%. Claims for benefits in the Mining industry saw a slight (1.1%) increase from January to February. All nine major industries experienced a decline in the number of claims for benefits from the previous year with the Construction industry having the largest percentage decrease of 33.3%. Other industry sectors experiencing decreases in claims included: Government; Trade; Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities (TCPU); Agriculture; Services; Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (FIRE); and Manufacturing.
- ◆ Of the state's 27 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), 25 had unemployment rates which decreased over the year while one, Wichita Falls, saw its unemployment rate rise (from 4.5% to 4.8%). Texarkana MSA data was not available in time for printing. Of Texas' 254 counties, 212 had unemployment rates that were either the same or lower than the previous year while 42 had rate increases.
- ◆ The Bryan-College Station MSA had the state's lowest MSA unemployment rate at 1.7% while the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA had the highest rate at 18.8%. Hartley County had the lowest county rate at 1.4% and Presidio County had the highest rate at 34.7%.

Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Ranked by Unemployment Rate
February 1998

1	Bryan-College Station	1.7
2	Austin-San Marcos	2.6
3	San Angelo	2.9
4 (tie)	Abilene	3.3
	Dallas	3.3
	Fort Worth-Arlington	3.3
7	Lubbock	3.5
8 (tie)	Amarillo	3.6
	San Antonio	3.6
10 (tie)	Houston	4.1
	Sherman-Denison	4.1
12 (tie)	Odessa-Midland	4.2
	Waco	4.2
14	Victoria	4.3
15	Killeen-Temple	4.5
16	Wichita Falls	4.8
17	Tyler	5.4
18	Brazoria	6.1
19	Corpus Christi	6.4
20	Galveston-Texas City	6.6
21	Longview-Marshall	6.8
22	Beaumont-Port Arthur	6.9
23	Laredo	9.4
24	El Paso	10.1
25	Brownsville-Harlingen	12.6
26	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	18.8

*Texarkana data not available

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

	February 1998*				January 1998				February 1997			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
State of Texas	9,922.3	9,443.5	478.8	4.8	9,928.2	9,397.1	531.1	5.3	9,715.7	9,147.5	568.2	5.8
Abilene	60.0	58.0	2.0	3.3	60.2	58.0	2.2	3.7	59.7	57.1	2.6	4.4
Amarillo	110.6	106.6	4.0	3.6	109.9	105.5	4.4	4.0	109.4	104.6	4.8	4.4
Austin-San Marcos	660.1	642.8	17.3	2.6	656.5	636.7	19.8	3.0	639.2	618.2	21.0	3.3
Beaumont-Port Arthur	180.1	167.6	12.5	6.9	182.1	167.6	14.5	8.0	178.9	164.5	14.4	8.0
Brazoria	105.2	98.8	6.4	6.1	105.3	98.2	7.1	6.8	104.9	97.1	7.8	7.4
Brownsville-Harlingen	126.9	110.9	16.0	12.6	128.8	111.1	17.7	13.7	125.1	108.9	16.2	12.9
Bryan-College Station	71.7	70.5	1.2	1.7	68.7	67.3	1.4	2.0	70.1	68.4	1.7	2.4
Corpus Christi	175.1	163.8	11.3	6.4	175.2	163.0	12.2	6.9	177.2	162.0	15.2	8.6
Dallas	1,839.4	1,779.3	60.1	3.3	1,836.6	1,770.9	65.7	3.6	1,763.8	1,693.0	70.8	4.0
El Paso	285.8	256.9	28.9	10.1	285.9	255.4	30.5	10.7	286.5	252.1	34.4	12.0
Fort Worth-Arlington	850.6	822.2	28.4	3.3	847.8	817.1	30.7	3.6	826.8	793.0	33.8	4.1
Galveston-Texas City	123.0	114.9	8.1	6.6	123.9	114.6	9.3	7.5	122.8	112.4	10.4	8.5
Houston	2,064.7	1,979.5	85.2	4.1	2,068.8	1,973.9	94.9	4.6	2,019.1	1,909.7	109.4	5.4
Killeen-Temple	113.6	108.5	5.1	4.5	113.9	108.2	5.7	5.0	112.3	106.3	6.0	5.3
Laredo	70.1	63.5	6.6	9.4	71.3	64.0	7.3	10.3	69.7	61.1	8.6	12.3
Longview-Marshall	103.0	96.0	7.0	6.8	103.5	95.7	7.8	7.6	102.2	94.1	8.1	7.9
Lubbock	122.8	118.5	4.3	3.5	121.6	117.0	4.6	3.7	120.3	115.7	4.6	3.8
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	199.8	162.3	37.5	18.8	205.0	161.8	43.2	21.1	195.8	154.6	41.2	21.0
Odessa-Midland	124.3	119.0	5.3	4.2	124.2	118.6	5.6	4.5	120.8	113.9	6.9	5.7
San Angelo	50.4	48.9	1.5	2.9	50.5	48.8	1.7	3.3	51.2	49.4	1.8	3.5
San Antonio	745.3	718.7	26.6	3.6	743.3	713.7	29.6	4.0	729.3	699.2	30.1	4.1
Sherman-Denison	49.7	47.7	2.0	4.1	50.0	47.7	2.3	4.5	49.7	47.2	2.5	5.0
Tyler	89.1	84.3	4.8	5.4	89.5	84.0	5.5	6.2	87.3	81.8	5.5	6.3
Victoria	42.6	40.8	1.8	4.3	42.5	40.5	2.0	4.8	42.4	39.9	2.5	5.9
Waco	100.9	96.7	4.2	4.2	100.7	95.8	4.9	4.8	98.7	94.2	4.5	4.5
Wichita Falls	65.7	62.6	3.1	4.8	65.7	62.4	3.3	5.0	64.9	62.0	2.9	4.5

*Texarkana data not available

*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 - February 1998

County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	19,124	1,013	5.0	Donley	1,501	53	3.4	Kaufman	30,268	1,546	4.9	Real	1,136	44	3.7
Andrews	5,292	301	5.4	Duval	4,186	471	10.1	Kendall	12,411	284	2.2	Red River	5,712	372	6.1
Angelina	34,421	2,117	5.8	Eastland	8,250	382	4.4	Kenedy	217	6	2.7	Reeves	5,943	535	8.3
Aransas	8,934	561	5.9	Ector	58,834	3,106	5.0	Kent	450	17	3.6	Refugio	2,758	134	4.6
Archer	4,026	151	3.6	Edwards	885	39	4.2	Kerr	17,064	420	2.4	Roberts	512	13	2.5
Armstrong	939	19	2.0	Ellis	50,369	1,914	3.7	Kimble	2,364	61	2.5	Robertson	6,117	279	4.4
Atascosa	15,231	746	4.7	El Paso	256,934	28,865	10.1	King	98	12	10.9	Rockwall	19,825	469	2.3
Austia	11,410	367	3.1	Erath	16,038	445	2.7	Kinney	979	143	12.7	Runnels	5,105	199	3.8
Bailey	3,370	219	6.1	Falls	7,513	340	4.3	Kleberg	12,061	835	6.5	Rusk	19,341	1,162	5.7
Bandera	5,892	265	4.3	Fannin	12,329	600	4.6	Knox	1,900	102	5.1	Sabine	3,744	333	8.2
Bastrop	24,966	755	2.9	Fayette	10,252	260	2.5	Lamar	20,288	1,111	5.2	San Augustine	3,215	245	7.1
Baylor	1,628	109	6.3	Fisher	1,685	58	3.3	Lamb	6,057	471	7.2	San Jacinto	7,764	333	4.1
Bee	10,671	518	4.6	Floyd	2,862	282	9.0	Lampasas	7,270	326	4.3	San Patricio	26,921	1,988	6.9
Bell	88,237	4,222	4.6	Foard	810	32	3.8	La Salle	2,753	233	7.8	San Saba	2,266	102	4.3
Bexar	631,531	24,354	3.7	Fort Bend	161,048	5,027	3.0	Lavaca	9,075	160	1.7	Schleicher	1,478	39	2.6
Blanco	3,604	80	2.2	Franklin	4,249	222	5.0	Lee	7,052	289	3.9	Scurry	7,900	306	3.7
Borden	393	7	1.8	Freestone	7,348	391	5.1	Leon	5,308	377	6.6	Shackelford	1,386	85	5.8
Bosque	6,213	309	4.7	Frio	5,565	532	8.7	Liberty	26,215	1,711	6.1	Shelby	9,095	615	6.3
Bowie	36,880	3,551	8.8	Gaines	5,987	282	4.5	Limestone	8,712	459	5.0	Sherman	1,439	32	2.2
Brazoria	98,819	6,387	6.1	Galveston	114,892	8,149	6.6	Lipscomb	1,609	32	2.0	Smith	84,335	4,773	5.4
Brazos	70,463	1,196	1.7	Garza	2,057	151	6.8	Live Oak	4,292	177	4.0	Somervell	1,825	160	8.1
Brewster	4,998	107	2.1	Gillespie	9,791	185	1.9	Llano	4,630	180	3.7	Starr	15,198	7,524	33.1
Briscoe	835	36	4.1	Glasscock	596	12	2.0	Loving	75	15	16.7	Stephens	4,308	153	3.4
Brooks	2,588	260	9.1	Goliad	2,404	95	3.8	Lubbock	118,488	4,251	3.5	Sterling	678	17	2.4
Brown	16,066	819	4.9	Gonzales	6,759	267	3.8	Lynn	2,765	151	5.2	Stonewall	733	32	4.2
Burleson	6,965	289	4.0	Gray	10,241	439	4.1	Mc Culloch	3,770	219	5.5	Sutton	2,057	63	3.0
Burnet	12,858	515	3.9	Grayson	47,672	2,032	4.1	Mc Lennan	96,695	4,222	4.2	Swisher	3,547	146	4.0
Caldwell	14,851	530	3.4	Gregg	54,676	3,940	6.7	Mc Mullen	255	5	1.9	Tarrant	715,300	24,462	3.3
Calhoun	8,048	537	6.3	Grimes	8,265	403	4.6	Madison	4,022	187	4.4	Taylor	58,000	2,007	3.3
Callahan	5,923	228	3.7	Guadalupe	38,800	878	2.2	Marion	3,332	377	10.2	Terrell	515	19	3.6
Cameron	110,930	15,967	12.6	Hale	15,344	1,101	6.7	Martin	1,526	83	5.2	Terry	5,366	433	7.5
Camp	5,208	321	5.8	Hall	1,542	139	8.3	Mason	1,602	49	3.0	Throckmorton	766	17	2.2
Carson	3,139	126	3.9	Hamilton	3,679	112	3.0	Matagorda	14,125	1,964	12.2	Titus	12,164	790	6.1
Cass	14,769	1,181	7.4	Hansford	2,448	46	1.8	Maverick	13,090	6,280	32.4	Tom Green	48,869	1,466	2.9
Castro	3,715	207	5.3	Hardeman	1,932	80	4.0	Medina	14,898	639	4.1	Travis	434,190	12,130	2.7
Chambers	10,886	460	4.1	Hardin	21,070	1,286	5.8	Menard	999	44	4.2	Trinity	4,520	233	4.9
Cherokee	19,161	829	4.1	Harris	1,648,688	73,100	4.2	Midland	60,182	2,161	3.5	Tyler	5,806	569	8.9
Childress	2,886	126	4.2	Harrison	25,899	2,099	7.5	Milam	8,734	469	5.1	Upshur	15,395	958	5.9
Clay	5,371	163	2.9	Hartley	2,803	39	1.4	Mills	2,248	87	3.7	Upton	1,622	53	3.2
Cochran	1,355	73	5.1	Haskell	2,677	124	4.4	Mitchell	3,146	199	5.9	Uvalde	9,426	1,157	10.9
Coke	1,458	51	3.4	Hays	46,314	1,152	2.4	Montague	7,379	318	4.1	Val Verde	16,238	1,864	10.3
Coleman	3,440	394	10.3	Hemphill	1,874	44	2.3	Montgomery	121,064	4,372	3.5	Van Zandt	19,432	797	3.9
Collin	231,080	4,882	2.1	Henderson	28,105	1,430	4.8	Moore	8,734	265	2.9	Victoria	40,840	1,845	4.3
Collingsworth	1,548	32	2.0	Hidalgo	162,316	37,503	18.8	Morris	5,903	531	8.3	Walker	22,861	447	1.9
Colorado	7,670	299	3.8	Hill	15,087	591	3.8	Motley	631	19	2.9	Waller	11,604	539	4.4
Comal	34,600	1,017	2.9	Hockley	10,468	569	5.2	Nacogdoches	24,607	1,305	5.0	Ward	4,246	265	5.9
Comanche	6,474	272	4.0	Hood	15,192	752	4.7	Navarro	20,037	1,052	5.0	Washington	14,813	352	2.3
Concho	1,521	29	1.9	Hopkins	14,364	800	5.3	Newton	5,374	833	13.4	Webb	63,531	6,613	9.4
Cooke	16,262	552	3.3	Houston	8,214	316	3.7	Nolan	6,925	425	5.8	Wharton	17,791	1,072	5.7
Coryell	20,276	874	4.1	Howard	13,020	513	3.8	Nueces	136,889	9,286	6.4	Wheeler	2,748	78	2.8
Cottle	784	44	5.3	Hudspeth	1,330	49	3.6	Ochiltree	4,533	114	2.5	Wichita	58,524	2,994	4.9
Crane	2,045	85	4.0	Hunt	34,177	1,475	4.1	Oldham	1,161	46	3.8	Wilbarger	6,801	287	4.0
Crockett	2,118	58	2.7	Hutchinson	8,889	547	5.8	Orange	37,422	3,398	8.3	Willacy	5,907	1,665	22.0
Crosby	2,747	241	8.1	Irion	699	19	2.6	Palo Pinto	11,204	676	5.7	Williamson	122,433	2,727	2.2
Culberson	1,309	143	9.8	Jack	3,334	117	3.4	Panola	7,161	710	9.0	Wilson	13,751	393	2.8
Dallam	3,219	131	3.9	Jackson	8,932	314	3.4	Parker	37,273	1,185	3.1	Winkler	2,824	170	5.7
Dallas	1,166,154	43,688	3.6	Jasper	13,666	1,641	10.7	Parmer	4,157	143	3.3	Wise	21,166	690	3.2
Dawson	5,297	365	6.4	Jeff Davis	1,374	24	1.7	Pecos	6,439	479	6.9	Wood	12,967	717	5.2
Deaf Smith	7,317	608	7.7	Jefferson	109,144	7,814	6.7	Polk	13,763	848	5.8	Yoakum	3,142	168	5.1
Delta	2,585	109	4.0	Jim Hogg	1,981	192	8.8	Potter	51,472	3,099	5.7	Young	7,940	537	6.3
Denton	219,314	4,675	2.1	Jim Wells	15,006	1,024	6.4	Presidio	2,199	1,169	34.7	Zapata	3,760	403	9.7
De Witt	7,520	331	4.2	Johnson	54,474	2,043	3.6	Rains	3,416	148	4.2	Zavala	3,514	999	22.1
Dickens	1,069	27	2.5	Jones	10,026	318	3.1	Randall	55,154	865	1.5				
Dimmit	3,270	639	16.3	Karnes	6,009	211	3.4	Reagan	1,902	73	3.7				

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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

				Jan. '98 to Feb. '98		Feb. '97 to Feb. '98	
	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
TOTAL NONAG. W & S EMPLOYMENT	8,751,000	8,685,400	8,403,000	65,600	0.8	348,000	4.1
GOODS PRODUCING	1,725,900	1,716,300	1,666,600	9,600	0.6	59,300	3.6
Mining	168,400	168,500	160,700	-100	-0.1	7,700	4.8
<i>Oil & Gas Extraction</i>	160,200	160,300	152,500	-100	-0.1	7,700	5.0
Construction	467,000	460,200	442,400	6,800	1.5	24,600	5.6
Manufacturing	1,090,500	1,087,600	1,063,500	2,900	0.3	27,000	2.5
Durable Goods	658,500	655,700	627,700	2,800	0.4	30,800	4.9
Lumber & Wood Products	45,800	45,800	44,100	0	0.0	1,700	3.9
Lumber Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,500	7,600	7,200	-100	-1.3	300	4.2
Furniture & Fixtures	19,600	19,500	19,200	100	0.5	400	2.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	41,900	41,600	40,900	300	0.7	1,000	2.4
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Products	19,600	19,500	18,400	100	0.5	1,200	6.5
Primary Metal Industries	31,000	31,000	30,300	0	0.0	700	2.3
Fabricated Metal Industries	101,700	100,900	96,700	800	0.8	5,000	5.2
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	51,600	51,400	49,400	200	0.4	2,200	4.5
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	147,900	147,100	138,100	800	0.5	9,800	7.1
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	31,800	31,600	28,000	200	0.6	3,800	13.6
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	129,000	128,400	122,400	600	0.5	6,600	5.4
Transportation Equipment	79,600	79,400	75,400	200	0.3	4,200	5.6
Aircraft & Parts	45,400	45,500	43,900	-100	-0.2	1,500	3.4
Instruments & Related Products	42,100	42,100	41,700	0	0.0	400	1.0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	19,900	19,900	18,900	0	0.0	1,000	5.3
Nondurable Goods	432,000	431,900	435,800	100	0.0	-3,800	-0.9
Food & Kindred Products	98,900	99,100	98,000	-200	-0.2	900	0.9
Meat Products	34,200	34,100	33,200	100	0.3	1,000	3.0
Dairy Products	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bakery Products	8,600	8,700	9,300	-100	-1.1	-700	-7.5
Malt Beverages	2,300	2,400	2,500	-100	-4.2	-200	-8.0
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	3,700	0	0.0	400	10.8
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	53,100	53,300	59,600	-200	-0.4	-6,500	-10.9
Paper & Allied Products	29,600	29,600	29,700	0	0.0	-100	-0.3
Printing & Publishing	75,600	75,400	74,500	200	0.3	1,100	1.5
Newspapers, Periodicals, Books, & Miscellaneous	34,000	33,900	34,000	100	0.3	0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	83,700	83,600	83,600	100	0.1	100	0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	25,900	26,000	27,000	-100	-0.4	-1,100	-4.1
Petroleum Refining	22,300	22,500	23,600	-200	-0.9	-1,300	-5.5
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	53,500	53,200	52,300	300	0.6	1,200	2.3
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,500	7,400	0	0.0	100	1.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	7,025,100	6,969,100	6,736,400	56,000	0.8	288,700	4.3
Transportation, Communications, Utilities	527,500	525,200	498,700	2,300	0.4	28,800	5.8
Transportation	326,700	325,400	310,400	1,300	0.4	16,300	5.3
Railroad Transportation	17,100	17,100	16,400	0	0.0	700	4.3
Transportation by Air	106,100	105,400	101,600	700	0.7	4,500	4.4
Communications	131,400	129,900	117,300	1,500	1.2	14,100	12.0
Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Services	69,400	69,900	71,000	-500	-0.7	-1,600	-2.3
Electric Services	29,900	30,100	31,300	-200	-0.7	-1,400	-4.5
Gas Production & Distribution	23,100	23,300	24,200	-200	-0.9	-1,100	-4.5
Trade	2,058,600	2,063,100	1,990,000	-4,500	-0.2	68,600	3.4
Wholesale Trade	505,100	503,700	484,900	1,400	0.3	20,200	4.2
Retail Trade	1,553,500	1,559,400	1,505,100	-5,900	-0.4	48,400	3.2
Building Materials & Gardening Supplies	58,500	57,800	54,500	700	1.2	4,000	7.3
General Merchandise Stores	200,100	206,100	195,000	-6,000	-2.9	5,100	2.6
Food Stores	246,800	247,700	247,400	-900	-0.4	-600	-0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	165,000	164,000	159,800	1,000	0.6	5,200	3.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	71,300	75,100	73,000	-3,800	-5.1	-1,700	-2.3
Home Furniture, Furnishings, & Equipment Stores	69,300	69,200	67,100	100	0.1	2,200	3.3
Eating & Drinking Places	568,400	564,400	544,300	4,000	0.7	24,100	4.4
Other Retail Trade	174,100	175,100	164,000	-1,000	-0.6	10,100	6.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	472,000	470,200	453,100	1,800	0.4	18,900	4.2
Depository Institutions including Banks	119,000	118,500	115,300	500	0.4	3,700	3.2
Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers, & Service	154,400	154,000	150,100	400	0.3	4,300	2.9
Other Finance Insurance & Real Estate	198,600	197,700	187,700	900	0.5	10,900	5.8
Services	2,451,200	2,420,300	2,302,700	30,900	1.3	148,500	6.4
Hotel & Other Lodging Places	89,000	87,700	85,300	1,300	1.5	3,700	4.3
Personal Services	92,300	92,200	91,300	100	0.1	1,000	1.1
Business Services	617,800	608,800	556,700	9,000	1.5	61,100	11.0
Auto Repair Services	83,600	82,700	79,800	900	1.1	3,800	4.8
Miscellaneous Repair Services	31,400	31,200	29,200	200	0.6	2,200	7.5
Amusement & Recreation, including Motion Pictures	106,600	103,500	102,200	3,100	3.0	4,400	4.3
Health Services	688,200	684,600	654,700	3,600	0.5	33,500	5.1
Legal Services	66,700	66,400	64,300	300	0.5	2,400	3.7
Educational Services	104,900	100,200	99,800	4,700	4.7	5,100	5.1
Social Services	166,100	164,400	157,700	1,700	1.0	8,400	5.3
Membership Organizations	133,700	131,800	129,600	1,900	1.4	4,100	3.2
Engineering & Management Services	218,700	215,900	204,500	2,800	1.3	14,200	6.9
Agricultural Services	43,700	42,300	40,200	1,400	3.3	3,500	8.7
Government	1,515,800	1,490,300	1,491,900	25,500	1.7	23,900	1.6
Federal	185,400	184,700	186,400	700	0.4	-1,000	-0.5
State	329,600	322,600	328,600	7,000	2.2	1,000	0.3
Local	1,000,800	983,000	976,900	17,800	1.8	23,900	2.4

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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		
	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97
TOTAL	56.0	55.8	54.5	94.5	93.1	91.3	581.5	574.7	553.9	158.8	158.3	154.5	74.9	74.3	73.1
Mining	1.8	1.7	1.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.4
Construction	2.3	2.3	2.1	4.8	4.7	4.5	31.5	30.8	28.1	15.0	14.8	15.0	9.2	9.1	9.2
Manufacturing-Dur.	1.6	1.6	1.6	3.6	3.6	3.3	66.1	65.6	61.7	9.3	9.1	8.6	5.5	5.5	5.2
Manufacturing-Nondur.	1.6	1.6	1.5	5.8	5.7	6.1	12.3	12.2	11.9	15.6	15.6	15.8	11.1	11.1	11.3
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2.4	2.4	2.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	19.2	19.0	18.1	7.9	7.9	8.0	2.8	2.7	2.7
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	2.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	23.1	23.1	21.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	2.4	2.4	2.2
Retail Trade	11.9	12.0	11.7	20.0	20.0	19.4	99.8	99.6	96.4	30.5	30.7	29.8	12.4	12.4	11.9
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	2.4	2.4	2.2	4.9	4.9	4.6	30.2	30.2	29.4	5.2	5.2	4.9	1.8	1.8	1.9
Services	19.3	19.1	18.8	26.2	25.6	24.7	166.4	164.7	155.5	42.0	41.9	40.2	13.8	13.8	13.5
Federal Government	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.8	9.9	9.5	10.9	2.8	2.8	2.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
State Government	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.8	4.6	4.6	65.6	63.6	65.2	6.1	6.2	6.0	2.9	2.9	2.9
Local Government	6.3	6.3	6.2	10.3	9.9	10.2	56.2	55.2	53.9	18.1	17.9	17.7	11.3	10.9	10.5
INDUSTRY	BROWNSVILLE-HARL.			BRYAN-COLL. STA.			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS			EL PASO		
	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97
TOTAL	99.2	99.2	96.3	69.7	66.6	67.0	155.9	154.9	152.8	1807.7	1795.9	1704.6	244.7	242.8	237.9
Mining	**	**	**	0.9	0.9	0.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	11.6	11.6	11.7	**	**	**
Construction	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.6	11.5	11.2	13.2	83.8	83.2	77.2	12.0	11.7	11.4
Manufacturing-Dur.	4.8	4.9	4.9	2.5	2.5	2.3	4.9	4.9	4.5	170.6	170.1	164.7	15.7	15.9	14.9
Manufacturing-Nondur.	7.1	7.1	7.8	1.7	1.7	1.3	8.5	8.5	8.9	78.1	77.5	76.5	24.9	24.8	28.1
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4.4	4.4	4.2	1.5	1.5	1.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	125.2	123.4	115.2	13.7	13.6	12.7
Wholesale Trade	4.1	4.1	4.0	1.7	1.7	1.7	6.0	6.0	5.7	137.8	137.3	132.1	13.4	13.3	13.1
Retail Trade	20.1	19.8	19.3	13.3	12.9	12.9	29.6	29.7	29.1	294.2	295.5	284.5	44.4	44.8	42.8
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	3.6	3.7	3.6	2.2	2.2	2.3	6.5	6.5	6.4	143.5	142.6	134.2	9.8	9.7	9.2
Services	28.3	28.1	26.4	15.1	14.9	14.4	48.9	48.4	45.4	558.8	552.4	511.2	56.2	55.3	52.8
Federal Government	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	6.0	6.2	30.9	30.3	29.7	8.5	8.6	8.8
State Government	3.4	3.7	3.7	20.2	18.1	20.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	27.4	27.3	27.7	8.6	8.5	8.0
Local Government	18.3	18.2	17.5	6.5	6.2	6.2	20.9	20.6	20.4	145.8	144.7	139.9	37.5	36.6	36.1
INDUSTRY	FT. WORTH-ARL.			GALVESTON-TX. CITY			HOUSTON			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97
TOTAL	716.7	711.3	685.2	88.5	88.0	85.9	1937.8	1927.4	1848.7	98.6	97.9	95.7	61.4	61.5	58.5
Mining	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	69.5	69.6	65.4	**	**	**	2.8	2.9	3.1
Construction	34.7	33.8	33.0	4.4	4.3	4.9	129.8	129.3	124.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	2.2	2.1	1.9
Manufacturing-Dur.	74.3	74.0	70.9	2.1	2.0	1.8	130.4	130.4	120.2	4.2	4.2	4.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Manufacturing-Nondur.	35.6	35.6	35.2	5.9	6.0	6.1	84.0	84.2	84.0	4.9	5.0	4.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Trans., Comm. & Util.	67.1	66.9	63.1	4.3	4.2	4.2	135.8	135.4	129.1	3.6	3.5	3.4	10.7	10.6	9.5
Wholesale Trade	39.4	39.2	38.6	1.9	2.0	2.1	124.2	123.0	120.7	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.0
Retail Trade	142.7	143.9	134.7	17.1	17.1	16.5	320.1	321.2	302.9	19.2	19.2	18.7	13.4	13.6	12.9
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	32.6	32.6	31.2	5.5	5.5	5.3	101.6	101.6	97.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	2.3	2.3	2.2
Services	193.6	189.9	183.4	18.8	18.7	17.7	588.6	580.8	551.3	27.3	27.2	25.9	11.0	10.9	10.3
Federal Government	14.2	14.2	13.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	25.5	25.5	25.5	8.1	8.1	8.2	1.5	1.5	1.5
State Government	8.7	8.3	9.0	13.4	13.2	13.0	43.2	41.8	44.0	4.0	4.0	3.7	1.5	1.6	1.5
Local Government	69.6	68.7	68.1	13.5	13.4	12.6	185.1	184.6	184.2	15.5	15.0	15.2	11.2	11.2	11.2
INDUSTRY	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDIN.-MIS.			ODESSA-MIDLAND			SAN ANGELO		
	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97
TOTAL	88.9	88.5	86.3	115.1	113.6	111.3	141.8	141.2	133.1	105.9	105.0	100.0	43.3	43.1	43.2
Mining	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	13.6	13.6	12.3	0.7	0.7	0.7
Construction	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.0	7.2	7.2	6.6	5.9	5.7	5.2	1.7	1.9	1.9
Manufacturing-Dur.	13.1	13.0	12.6	4.5	4.5	4.3	3.2	3.2	2.8	4.9	4.9	4.5	2.9	2.9	3.0
Manufacturing-Nondur.	5.9	5.9	6.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	10.0	10.2	10.1	2.6	2.6	2.7	1.8	1.8	2.3
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4.0	4.0	3.9	5.6	5.7	5.7	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.1	2.3	2.3	2.3
Wholesale Trade	4.3	4.3	4.2	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.2	1.9	1.8	1.8
Retail Trade	18.0	18.0	17.0	24.8	24.6	24.1	32.6	32.5	30.0	20.0	20.0	19.3	8.2	8.2	8.4
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	3.2	3.2	3.2	5.6	5.6	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
Services	20.9	20.8	20.2	34.4	33.9	32.5	32.1	31.9	29.7	25.0	24.9	23.3	13.0	12.8	12.3
Federal Government	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.4	1.4	1.6	3.0	3.0	2.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.3
State Government	0.7	0.6	0.7	12.7	12.1	12.3	4.7	4.7	4.4	1.8	1.8	1.7	2.5	2.5	2.4
Local Government	10.5	10.4	10.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	30.4	30.0	29.3	16.2	15.7	15.4	5.4	5.3	5.2
INDUSTRY	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97
TOTAL	673.5	667.1	648.0	44.0	43.9	43.0	51.4	51.1	50.0	78.0	77.6	75.1	35.6	35.3	34.4
Mining	1.9	1.9	1.9	**	**	**	**	**	**	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.6
Construction	35.4	35.0	33.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3
Manufacturing-Dur.	26.0	26.1	25.5	7.5	7.5	7.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	7.0	7.1	7.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
Manufacturing-Nondur.	24.1	24.1	24.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	2.1	2.1	2.1
Trans., Comm. & Util.	30.9	30.9	29.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	3.9	3.8	3.6	1.5	1.5	1.5
Wholesale Trade	29.8	29.7	28.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.6	2.6	2.6	4.0	3.9	3.8	1.9	1.9	1.7
Retail Trade	131.8	132.3	127.9	8.4	8.4	8.3	10.7	10.8	10.3	16.0	16.1	15.2	7.5	7.5	7.4
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	44.4	44.2	43.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.7	4.1	4.1	3.9	1.3	1.4	1.6
Services	213.6	209.3	198.5	12.3	12.3	11.8	14.5	14.4	13.5	23.6	23.5	22.0	9.7	9.6	9.0
Federal Government	38.0	38.0	38.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	3.8	3.8	4.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2
State Government	14.9	14.8	15.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.5
Local Government	82.7	80.8	81.5	5.2	5.1	5.2	6.2	6.0	6.1	7.4	7.2	7.4	5.7	5.5	5.4
INDUSTRY	WACO			WICHITA FALLS											
	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97	Feb. '98*	Jan. '98	Feb. '97									
TOTAL	97.3	96.2	93.9	59.9	59.5	58.7									
Mining	**	**	**	1.1	1.1	1.1									
Construction	4.6	4.6	4.4	2.2	2.2	2.3									
Manufacturing-Dur.	8.8	8.7	8.8	6.4	6.3	6.0									
Manufacturing-Nondur.	7.6	7.6	7.7	2.1	2.2	2.3									
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3.9	3.9	3.6	2.9	2.9	3.0									
Wholesale Trade															

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Substate Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) revisions for 1996 are now available. 1997 revisions were released on March 2, and 1995 revisions are scheduled for release on April 16.

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Annual Average Hours and Earnings for Texas and Selected Metropolitan Statistical Areas*									
Area	Avg Weekly Erngs (\$)			Avg Weekly Hrs			Avg Hourly Erngs (\$)		
	1997	1996	1995	1997	1996	1995	1997	1996	1995
Texas									
Manufacturing Total	523.31	508.26	490.92	43.5	43.0	42.8	12.03	11.82	11.47
Durable Goods	521.54	502.82	479.76	44.5	43.8	43.3	11.72	11.48	11.08
Nondurable Goods	524.99	515.76	504.71	42.1	42.0	42.2	12.47	12.28	11.96
Dallas									
Manufacturing Total	527.22	507.64	483.66	43.5	43.8	43.3	12.12	11.59	11.17
Durable Goods	543.31	519.64	496.76	44.1	44.3	44.0	12.32	11.73	11.29
Nondurable Goods	497.78	486.49	460.74	42.4	42.9	42.0	11.74	11.34	10.97
Ft. Worth-Arlington									
Manufacturing Total	556.77	533.29	522.75	43.6	42.8	42.5	12.77	12.46	12.30
Durable Goods	585.58	555.56	547.84	43.7	42.9	42.6	13.40	12.95	12.86
Nondurable Goods	498.82	487.90	476.58	43.3	42.5	42.4	11.52	11.48	11.24
Houston									
Manufacturing Total	642.12	624.01	618.87	45.8	44.7	44.3	14.02	13.96	13.97
Durable Goods	566.14	553.66	524.94	47.1	46.1	44.6	12.02	12.01	11.77
Nondurable Goods	755.99	719.51	741.47	43.8	42.6	43.9	17.26	16.89	16.89
San Antonio									
Manufacturing Total	400.05	392.89	391.77	41.2	41.4	41.9	9.71	9.49	9.35
Durable Goods	412.29	408.59	414.54	40.7	40.9	42.0	10.13	9.99	9.87
Nondurable Goods	386.56	375.42	369.98	41.7	41.9	41.9	9.27	8.96	8.83

*Estimates are for nonsupervisory production workers only.
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