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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)



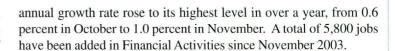
Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas increased for the fifth consecutive month, adding 9,700 positions in November. The state has gained 113,500 nonagricultural jobs since the beginning of the year and 119,500 since November 2003. The annual growth rate held steady at 1.3 percent for the third straight month.

Following an increase of 900 jobs in October, Education and Health Services employment rose by 2,700 jobs in November. The annual growth rate for the industry stood at 3.1 percent, with 34,600 positions added over the year.

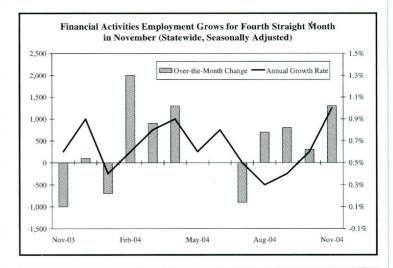
Leisure and Hospitality employment grew by 2,000 jobs in November, the largest over-the-month increase since April. Since the beginning of the year, employment in this industry has risen by 7,100 positions.

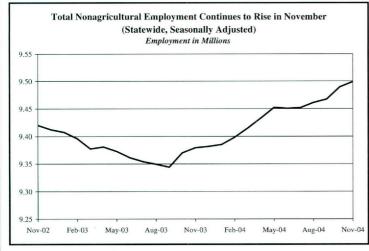
Construction added 1,900 jobs in November, marking four consecutive months of job growth. The last four-month period of employment growth in Construction ended in March 2001. The annual growth rate for November stood at 1.5 percent, with 8,200 jobs gained over the year.

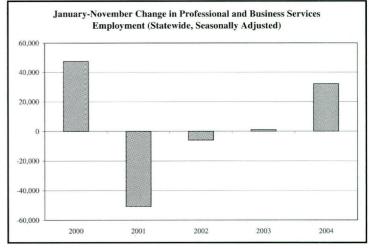
Employment in Financial Activities expanded for the fourth consecutive month, adding 1,300 jobs in November. The industry's



Professional and Business Services gained 1,200 jobs during November, following an increase of 2,800 positions in October. Since January, employment in the industry has risen by 32,100 jobs—the largest November year-to-date addition since 2000.







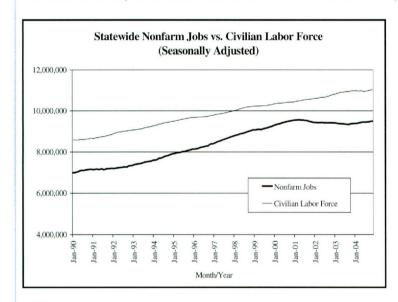


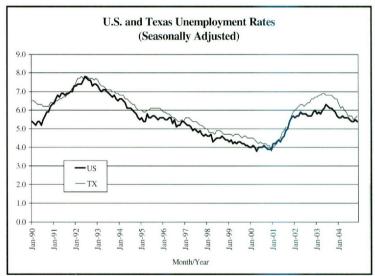
TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED⁺

| | | | | Oct. '04 to | o Nov. '04 | Nov. '03 t | o Nov. '04 |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| INDUSTRY TITLE | Nov. 2004* | Oct. 2004 | Nov. 2003 | Absolute | Percent | Absolute | Percent |
| | | | | Change | Change | Change | Change |
| TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT | 9,498,900 | 9,489,200 | 9,379,400 | 9,700 | 0.1 | 119,500 | 1.3 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | | | | | | | |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 149,000 | 148,900 | 146,900 | 100 | 0.1 | 2,100 | 1.4 |
| Construction | 557,300 | 555,400 | 549,100 | 1,900 | 0.3 | 8,200 | 1.5 |
| Manufacturing | 878,100 | 880,700 | 891,400 | -2,600 | -0.3 | -13,300 | -1.5 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | | | | | | | |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | 1,955,400 | 1,956,000 | 1,928,700 | -600 | 0.0 | 26,700 | 1.4 |
| Financial Activities | 591,700 | 590,400 | 585,900 | 1,300 | 0.2 | 5,800 | 1.0 |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,071,300 | 1,070,100 | 1,050,100 | 1,200 | 0.1 | 21,200 | 2.0 |
| Education & Health Services | 1,163,300 | 1,160,600 | 1,128,700 | 2,700 | 0.2 | 34,600 | 3.1 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 874,900 | 872,900 | 862,900 | 2,000 | 0.2 | 12,000 | 1.4 |
| Government | 1,666,100 | 1,661,800 | 1,646,900 | 4,300 | 0.3 | 19,200 | 1.2 |

Note: The number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas is without reference to place of residence of workers. Total Nonagricultural employment is independently seasonally adjusted and employment for the individual sectors is not additive to the total. Seasonally adjusted estimates are not calculated for the *Information* and *Other Services* industries.

⁺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** | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|---|-------------------|
| Not Seasonally November October November | Adjusted 2004 2004 2003 | CLF 11,037,100 11,020,500 10,970,800 | Employment 10,438,800 10,438,700 10,272,100 | Unemp. 598,300 581,800 698,700 | Rate 5.4 5.3 6.4 | CLF 148,246,000 147,978,000 146,969,000 | Employment 140,581,000 140,447,000 138,700,000 | Unemp. 7,665,000 7,531,000 8,269,000 | 5.2 5.1 5.6 |
| Seasonally Adju November | usted 2004 | CLF 11,020,500 | Employment 10,397,200 | Unemp. 623,300 | Rate 5.7 | CLF 148,289,000 | Employment 140,261,000 | Unemp. 8,027,000 | Rate 5.4 |
| October November | 2004 2003 | 11,008,300 10,963,300 | 10,386,700 10,235,200 | 621,600 728,100 | 5.6 6.6 | 147,850,000 147,187,000 | 139,778,000 138,533,000 | 8,072,000 8,653,000 | 5.5 5.9 |

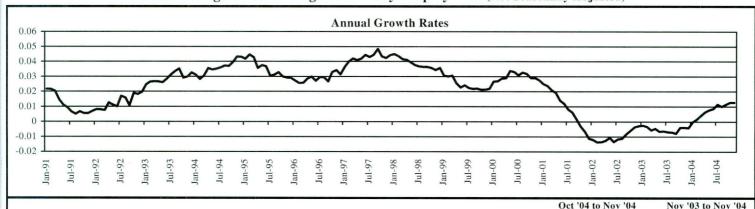
Note: Only the actual series estimates for Texas and the U.S. are comparable to sub-state estimates. Current month estimates for Texas are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. In seasonally adjusted estimates, all elements of seasonality are factored out to achieve an estimate which reflects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

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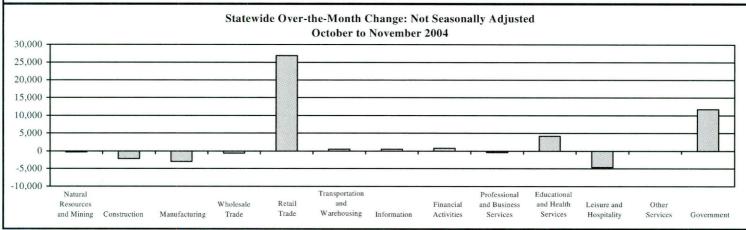
^{*}Source - Labor Market Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)

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

Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



| | | | | Oct '(| 14 to Nov '04 | Nov '0 | '03 to Nov '04 | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------------|---------|----------------|--|
| | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Change | % Change | Change | % Change | |
| TOTAL NONFARM | 9,552,100 | 9,518,600 | 9,431,400 | 33,500 | 0.4% | 120,700 | 1.3% | |
| TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government) | 7,855,700 | 7,833,900 | 7,754,900 | 21,800 | 0.3% | 100,800 | 1.3% | |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 1,583,000 | 1,588,500 | 1,586,100 | -5,500 | -0.3% | -3,100 | -0.2% | |
| Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21) | 149,200 | 149,500 | 147,100 | -300 | -0.2% | 2,100 | 1.4% | |
| Mining (NAICS 21) | 147,400 | 147,600 | 145,100 | -200 | -0.1% | 2,300 | 1.6% | |
| Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211) | 62,800 | 62,800 | 63,400 | 0 | 0.0% | -600 | -0.9% | |
| Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213) | 75,100 | 75,200 | 71,400 | -100 | -0.1% | 3,700 | 5.2% | |
| Construction (NAICS 23) | 554,300 | 556,500 | 546,200 | -2,200 | -0.4% | 8,100 | 1.5% | |
| Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236) | 141,000 | 141,900 | 138,600 | -900 | -0.6% | 2,400 | 1.7% | |
| Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237) | 94,800 | 95,400 | 93,500 | -600 | -0.6% | 1,300 | 1.4% | |
| Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238) | 318,500 | 319,200 | 314,100 | -700 | -0.2% | 4,400 | 1.4% | |
| Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33) | 879,500 | 882,500 | 892,800 | -3,000 | -0.3% | -13,300 | -1.5% | |
| Durable Goods | 554,700 | 555,000 | 554,100 | -300 | -0.1% | 600 | 0.1% | |
| Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321) | 26,800 | 27,000 | 26,200 | -200 | -0.7% | 600 | 2.3% | |
| Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327) | 42,600 | 43,200 | 43,100 | -600 | -1.4% | -500 | -1.2% | |
| Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331) | 24,600 | 24,400 | 24,300 | 200 | 0.8% | 300 | 1.2% | |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332) | 106,900 | 107,200 | 105,000 | -300 | -0.3% | 1,900 | 1.8% | |
| Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333) | 75,600 | 75,200 | 76,400 | 400 | 0.5% | -800 | -1.0% | |
| Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334) | 116,200 | 115,800 | 113,300 | 400 | 0.3% | 2,900 | 2.6% | |
| Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335) | 15,900 | 16,000 | 17,700 | -100 | -0.6% | -1,800 | -10.2% | |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336) | 82,300 | 82,100 | 82,700 | 200 | 0.2% | -400 | -0.5% | |
| Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337) | 31,100 | 31,600 | 31,900 | -500 | -1.6% | -800 | -2.5% | |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339) | 32,700 | 32,500 | 33,500 | 200 | 0.6% | -800 | -2.4% | |
| Nondurable Goods | 324,800 | 327,500 | 338,700 | -2,700 | -0.8% | -13,900 | -4.1% | |
| Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311) | 91,300 | 91,400 | 92,200 | -100 | -0.1% | -900 | -1.0% | |
| Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312) | 10,400 | 10,600 | 10,900 | -200 | -1.9% | -500 | -4.6% | |
| Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322) | 21,400 | 21,400 | 22,900 | 0 | 0.0% | -1,500 | -6.6% | |
| Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323) | 35,300 | 35,700 | 37,700 | -400 | -1.1% | -2,400 | -6.4% | |
| Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324) | 23,900 | 23,900 | 24,200 | 0 | 0.0% | -300 | -1.2% | |
| Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325) | 73,300 | 73,700 | 76,700 | -400 | -0.5% | -3,400 | -4.4% | |
| Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326) | 44,500 | 44,700 | 44,800 | -200 | -0.4% | -300 | -0.7% | |



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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | | | | Oct '04 | to Nov '04 | Nov '03 | to Nov '04 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Change | % Change | Change | % Change |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | 7,969,100 | 7,930,100 | 7,845,300 | 39,000 | 0.5% | 123,800 | 1.6% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22) | 1,987,500 | 1,960,700 | 1,960,300 | 26,800 | 1.4% | 27,200 | 1.4% |
| Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42) | 467,300 | 467,900 | 459,300 | -600 | -0.1% | 8,000 | 1.7 % |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423) | 266,400 | 266,500 | 261,700 | -100 | 0.0% | 4,700 | 1.8% |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424) | 151,000 | 151,200 | 151,400 | -200 | -0.1% | -400 | -0.3 % |
| Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45) | 1,129,500 | 1,102,600 | 1,114,200 | 26,900 | 2.4% | 15,300 | 1.4% |
| Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441) | 151,500 | 152,200 | 150,000 | -700 | -0.5% | 1,500 | 1.0% |
| Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442) | 42,400 | 40,700 | 41,100 | 1,700 | 4.2 % | 1,300 | 3.2% |
| Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443) | 42,900 | 41,800 | 41,900 | 1,100 | 2.6% | 1,000 | 2.4% |
| Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444) | 84,100 | 83,800 | 80,300 | 300 | 0.4% | 3,800 | 4.7 % |
| Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445) | 196,600 | 194,800 | 194,000 | 1,800 | 0.9% | 2,600 | 1.3% |
| Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446) | 60,300 | 59,500 | 58,400 | 800 | 1.3% | 1,900 | 3.3% |
| Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447) | 66,400 | 67,000 | 67,300 | -600 | -0.9 % | -900 | -1.3% |
| Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448) | 106,600 | 99,600 | 104,500 | 7,000 | 7.0% | 2,100 | 2.0% |
| Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451) | 40,400 | 37,300 | 40,800 | 3,100 | 8.3% | -400 | -1.0% |
| General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452) | 254,300 | 242,700 | 252,500 | 11,600 | 4.8% | 1,800 | 0.7 % |
| Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453) | 61,700 | 61,100 | 62,000 | 600 | 1.0% | -300 | -0.5 % |
| Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454) | 22,300 | 22,100 | 21,400 | 200 | 0.9% | 900 | 4.2% |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22) | 390,700 | 390,200 | 386,800 | 500 | 0.1% | 3,900 | 1.0% |
| Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49) | 343,000 | 342,600 | 338,800 | 400 | 0.1% | 4,200 | 1.2% |
| Air Transportation (NAICS 481) | 65,300 | 65,600 | 65,600 | -300 | -0.5 % | -300 | -0.5% |
| Rail Transportation (NAICS 482) | 16,500 | 16,500 | 15,800 | 0 | 0.0% | 700 | 4.4% |
| Truck Transportation (NAICS 484) | 99,300 | 99,700 | 99,800 | -400 | -0.4% | -500 | -0.5% |
| Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486) | 13,100 | 13,000 | 13,300 | 100 | 0.8% | -200 | -1.5 % 3.6 % |
| Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488) | 58,200 | 58,000 | 56,200 | 200 | $0.3\% \\ 1.8\%$ | 2,000 1,400 | 3.7% |
| Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492) | 39,500 | 38,800 | 38,100 24,700 | 700 200 | 0.8% | 800 | 3.2 % |
| Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493) | 25,500 47,700 | 25,300 47,600 | 48,000 | 100 | 0.2 % | -300 | -0.6% |
| Utilities (NAICS 22) | 232,200 | 231,700 | 231,500 | 500 | 0.2 % | 700 | 0.3% |
| Information (NAICS 51) | 50,900 | 50,000 | 50,100 | 900 | 1.8% | 800 | 1.6% |
| Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511) Telecommunications (NAICS 517) | 94,700 | 94,900 | 98,800 | -200 | -0.2% | -4,100 | -4.1% |
| Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518) | 36,600 | 37,500 | 36,500 | -900 | -2.4% | 100 | 0.3% |
| Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53) | 591,700 | 590,900 | 585,900 | 800 | 0.1% | 5,800 | 1.0% |
| Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52) | 425,200 | 423,900 | 418,500 | 1,300 | 0.3% | 6,700 | 1.6% |
| Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522) | 217,700 | 216,800 | 212,400 | 900 | 0.4% | 5,300 | 2.5% |
| Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523) | 38,700 | 38,700 | 39,000 | 0 | 0.0% | -300 | -0.8% |
| Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524) | 161,600 | 161,200 | 160,800 | 400 | 0.2% | 800 | 0.5% |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53) | 166,500 | 167,000 | 167,400 | -500 | -0.3% | -900 | -0.5% |
| Real Estate (NAICS 531) | 107,900 | 108,200 | 108,400 | -300 | -0.3% | -500 | -0.5% |
| Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532) | 57,200 | 57,200 | 57,000 | 0 | 0.0% | 200 | 0.4% |
| Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56) | 1,072,900 | 1,073,300 | 1,051,800 | -400 | 0.0% | 21,100 | 2.0% |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54) | 455,000 | 453,500 | 445,800 | 1,500 | 0.3% | 9,200 | 2.1% |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55) | 42,300 | 42,000 | 41,000 | 300 | 0.7 % | 1,300 | 3.2% |
| Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56) | 575,600 | 577,800 | 565,000 | -2,200 | -0.4% | 10,600 | 1.9% |
| Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561) | 554,100 | 556,300 | 543,600 | -2,200 | -0.4% | 10,500 | 1.9% |
| Educational and Health Services (NAICS 61,62) | 1,170,300 | 1,166,100 | 1,135,700 | 4,200 | 0.4% | 34,600 | 3.0% |
| Educational Services (NAICS 61) | 139,000 | 138,800 | 135,300 | 200 | 0.1% | 3,700 | 2.7% |
| Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62) | 1,031,300 | 1,027,300 | 1,000,400 | 4,000 | 0.4% | 30,900 | 3.1% |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621) | 449,400 | 447,400 | 428,300 | 2,000 | 0.4% | 21,100 | 4.9% |
| Hospitals (NAICS 622) | 264,500 | 263,000 | 259,300 | 1,500 | 0.6% | 5,200 | 2.0% |
| Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623) | 147,500 | 147,300 | 146,600 | 200 | 0.1% | 900 | 0.6% |
| Social Assistance (NAICS 624) | 169,900 | 169,600 | 166,200 | 300 | 0.2 % | 3,700 | 2.2% |
| Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72) | 861,300 | 865,900 | 849,300 | -4,600 | -0.5 % | 12,000 | 1.4% |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71) | 87,900 | 90,900 | 89,500 | -3,000 | -3.3% | -1,600 | -1.8% |
| Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713) | 66,700 | 69,500 | 66,600 | -2,800 | -4.0% | 100 | 0.2% |
| Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72) | 773,400 | 775,000 | 759,800 | -1,600 | -0.2 % | 13,600 | 1.8% |
| Accommodation (NAICS 721) | 85,400 | 86,400 | 86,000 | -1,000 | -1.2% | -600 | -0.7 % |
| Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722) | 688,000 | 688,600 | 673,800 | -600 | -0.1% | 14,200 | 2.1% |
| Other Services (NAICS 81) | 356,800 | 356,800 | 354,300 | 0 | 0.0% | 2,500 | 0.7% |
| Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811) | 100,900 | 101,700 | 100,700 | -800 | -0.8% | 200 | 0.2% |
| Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812) | 91,800 | 91,400 | 92,000 | 400 | 0.4% | -200 | -0.2% |
| Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813) | 164,100 | 163,700 | 161,600 | 400 | 0.2% | 2,500 | 1.5% |
| Government | 1,696,400 | 1,684,700 | 1,676,500 | 11,700 | 0.7% | 19,900 | 1.2% |
| Federal Government | 177,600 | 177,200 | 177,900 | 1 100 | 0.2% | -300 | -0.2% |
| State Government | 344,900 | 343,800 | 345,900 | 1,100 | 0.3% | -1,000 21,200 | -0.3% |
| Local Government | 1,173,900 | 1,163,700 | 1,152,700 | 10,200 | 0.9 % | 21,200 | 1.8% |

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

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the metropolitan areas grew by 32,800 jobs during November. In comparison, the average November employment change over the past five years was an increase of 28,200 positions. The Houston and Dallas MSAs posted the largest gains with additions of 11,300 and 5,600 jobs, respectively.

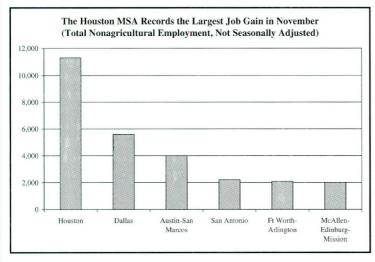
The bulk of November's job growth in the MSAs was centered in the Retail Trade industry, which added 24,800 jobs as stores hired staff for the holiday season. This increase was in line with previous November additions. All twenty-seven metropolitan areas recorded gains in Retail Trade employment.

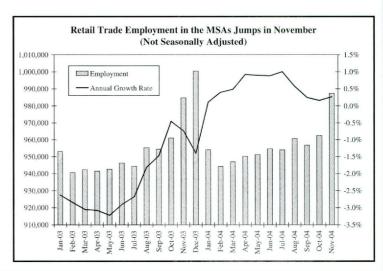
Education and Health Services employment increased by 3,800 jobs in November, the fourth consecutive monthly gain for this industry. The Houston and Dallas MSAs posted the largest increases, with the majority of the growth being centered in *Health Care and Social Assistance*.

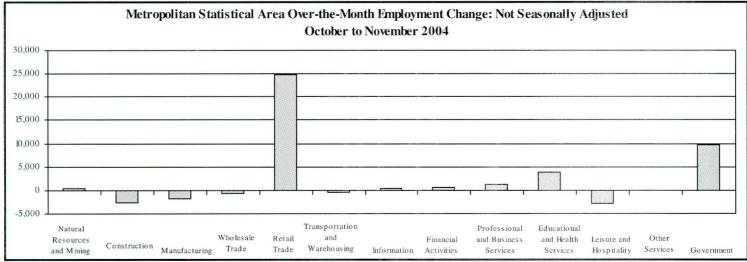
Construction employment fell by 2,600 positions in the metropolitan areas during November. Employment in this industry typically declines during the fall and winter months. Of the state's twenty-seven MSAs, seventeen recorded declines in Construction employment.

Employment in Leisure and Hospitality fell by 2,900 jobs in November, matching the decrease posted during November 2003. The San Antonio and Dallas MSAs each recorded drops of 1,300 jobs in Leisure and Hospitality over the month.

Government employment in the MSAs grew by 9,700 jobs during November, partly due to the hiring of election workers. The largest increases were in the Austin-San Marcos and Dallas MSAs, which posted gains of 2,200 and 1,800 jobs, respectively.







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

| | | | | | DALLAS | | | HOUSTON | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 |
| TOTAL NONFARM | | | | 1,931,000 | 1,925,400 | 1,912,500 | 2,136,700 | 2,125,400 | 2,106,100 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | | | | 304,500 | 305,000 | 302,100 | 409,600 | 409,400 | 407,200 |
| Natural Resources and Mining Construction | | | | 6,800 98,000 | 6,800 98,300 | 6,500 97,100 | 66,500 157,500 | 66,100 157,800 | 63,900 156,700 |
| Construction of Buildings | | | | 20,400 | 20,100 | 19,300 | 47,700 | 47,800 | 46,900 |
| Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction | | | | 14,700 | 14,800 | 13,900 | 28,100 | 28,100 | 28,300 |
| Specialty Trade Contractors | | | | 62,900 | 63,400 | 63,900 | 81,700 | 81,900 | 81,500 |
| Manufacturing | | | | 199,700 | 199,900 | 198,500 | 185,600 | 185,500 | 186,600 |
| Durable Goods Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | | | | 138,500 20,300 | 138,700 20,300 | 137,500 19,900 | 118,200 37,900 | 117,900 37,900 | 115,700 36,000 |
| Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing | | | | 47,200 | 47,300 | 46,700 | 18,400 | 18,600 | 17,900 |
| Nondurable Goods | | | | 61,200 | 61,200 | 61,000 | 67,400 | 67,600 | 70,900 |
| Food Manufacturing | | | | 15,600 | 15,600 | 15,800 | 10,200 | 10,100 | 10,100 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | | | | 1,626,500 | 1,620,400 | 1,610,400 | 1,727,100 | 1,716,000 | 1,698,900 |
| Wholesale Trade | | | | 124,200 | 124,400 | 124,100 | 113,700 | 113,700 | 113,000 |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods | | | | 71,900 36,300 | 72,000 36,200 | 72,000 36,600 | 68,000 35,000 | 68,000 35,000 | 67,800 35,000 |
| Retail Trade | | | | 219,800 | 214,900 | 218,800 | 228,000 | 222,100 | 226,600 |
| Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers | | | | 28,000 | 28,200 | 27,600 | 31,700 | 31,900 | 31,900 |
| Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dea | alers | | | 15,200 | 15,100 | 14,400 | 16,000 | 16,000 | 15,700 |
| Food and Beverage Stores | | | | 33,700 | 33,200 | 33,200 | 44,200 | 44,200 | 43,800 |
| Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores | | | | 23,100 | 22,000 | 21,200 | 22,300 | 21,300 | 22,400 |
| General Merchandise Stores Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | | | | 51,800 75,000 | 49,400 74,600 | 50,100 74,900 | 51,200 105,400 | 48,700 105,400 | 50,600 107,000 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | | | | 68,200 | 67,800 | 67,800 | 90,500 | 90,500 | 91,600 |
| Utilities | | | | 6,800 | 6,800 | 7,100 | 14,900 | 14,900 | 15,400 |
| Information | | | | 77,000 | 77,100 | 77,700 | 36,300 | 36,100 | 36,900 |
| Telecommunications | | | | 35,500 | 35,500 | 36,600 | 15,700 | 15,600 | 15,900 |
| Financial Activities | | | | 170,400 | 170,200 | 169,800 | 125,400 | 125,300 | 125,500 |
| Finance and Insurance Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | | | | 125,200 61,500 | 125,000 61,400 | 124,500 60,300 | 80,800 37,900 | 80,800 37,900 | 81,200 37,900 |
| Insurance Carriers and Related Activities | | | | 49,100 | 49,100 | 49,000 | 29,800 | 29,800 | 29,100 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | | | | 45,200 | 45,200 | 45,300 | 44,600 | 44,500 | 44,300 |
| Professional and Business Services | | | | 268,600 | 268,800 | 270,200 | 298,000 | 296,500 | 289,800 |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | | | | 115,900 | 115,900 | 118,900 | 145,700 | 144,800 | 141,900 |
| Administrative Support and Waste Management and Remedi Education and Health Services | ation Services | | | 136,000 | 136,800 | 136,900 | 146,400 | 145,600 | 141,300 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | | | | 198,000 168,300 | 197,300 168,000 | 191,000 162,000 | 246,200 205,500 | 244,900 204,200 | 238,000 198,200 |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services | | | | 76,600 | 75,200 | 72,100 | 85,300 | 85,100 | 81,800 |
| Hospitals | | | | 43,600 | 43,000 | 42,700 | 63,800 | 63,400 | 60,500 |
| Nursing and Residential Care Facilities | | | | 19,700 | 19,700 | 19,300 | 18,800 | 18,800 | 19,100 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | | | | 173,500 | 174,800 | 170,100 | 179,500 | 178,900 | 175,600 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation Accommodation and Food Services | | | | 20,300 153,200 | 20,600 154,200 | 19,500 150,600 | 22,100 157,400 | 22,400 156,500 | 22,000 153,600 |
| Food Services and Drinking Places | | | | 133,100 | 133,700 | 130,500 | 140,900 | 140,000 | 137,200 |
| Other Services | | | | 71,700 | 71,800 | 72,400 | 85,100 | 84,900 | 85,100 |
| Government | | | | 248,300 | 246,500 | 241,400 | 309,500 | 308,200 | 301,400 |
| Federal | | | | 30,000 | 30,100 | 29,900 | 25,700 | 25,700 | 26,000 |
| State Local | | | | 31,100 187,200 | 30,700 185,700 | 30,300 181,200 | 55,500 228,300 | 55,400 227,100 | 54,100 221,300 |
| Local | AUSTI | N-SAN MAR | COS | | ORTH-ARLIN | | | AN ANTONIO | 221,300 |
| | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 |
| TOTAL NONFARM | 665,200 | 661,200 | 658,100 | 786,200 | 784,100 | 779,700 | 738,600 | 736,400 | 727,400 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 95,600 | 95,700 | 94,300 | 140,900 | 141,500 | 142,200 | 87,800 | 87,800 | 86,400 |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 4,000 | 4,100 | 3,900 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,200 |
| Construction Specialty Trade Contractors | 36,900 22,100 | 37,100 22,200 | 35,500 21,400 | 41,700 26,400 | 42,000 26,500 | 42,400 27,000 | 41,400 25,500 | 41,600 25,500 | 39,600 24,200 |
| Manufacturing | 57,100 | 57,000 | 57,300 | 95,200 | 95,400 | 95,900 | 44,100 | 43,900 | 44,600 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | 569,600 | 565,500 | 563,800 | 645,300 | 642,600 | 637,500 | 650,800 | 648,600 | 641,000 |
| Wholesale Trade | 34,300 | 34,300 | 34,100 | 36,500 | 36,400 | 36,400 | 26,800 | 26,800 | 26,700 |
| Retail Trade | 71,100 | 69,500 | 70,500 | 92,700 | 90,700 | 94,300 | 87,000 | 84,600 | 87,300 |
| Food and Beverage Stores | 14,500 | 14,400 | 14,000 | 15,800 | 15,500 | 15,700 | 14,400 | 14,400 | 14,000 |
| General Merchandise Stores Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 12,800 10,700 | 12,300 $10,700$ | 12,300 10,700 | 21,100 56,900 | 20,200 57,200 | 20,800 57,600 | 17,500 $19,600$ | 16,800 19,600 | 17,600 18,600 |
| Information | 20,100 | 20,200 | 20,300 | 17,700 | 17,700 | 17,900 | 23,800 | 23,600 | 23,800 |
| Telecommunications | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,000 | 7,800 | 7,700 | 8,200 | 8,100 | 8,000 | 8,700 |
| Financial Activities | 41,000 | 41,000 | 40,000 | 47,300 | 47,100 | 45,600 | 60,800 | 60,700 | 59,500 |
| Finance and Insurance | 28,900 | 28,900 | 28,400 | 35,600 | 35,400 | 33,800 | 47,400 | 47,300 | 46,100 |
| Credit Intermediation and Related Activities Insurance Carriers and Related Activities | 12,400 14,200 | 12,300 | 11,700 $14,200$ | 19,300 11,700 | 18,900 11,800 | 19,100 | 21,600 | 21,500 | 20,700 |
| Professional and Business Services | 84,700 | 14,200 84,700 | 85,600 | 85,200 | 85,000 | 11,400 83,700 | 22,200 89,200 | 22,100 89,400 | 21,300 86,300 |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 42,400 | 42,400 | 42,500 | 28,100 | 28,100 | 27,600 | 32,300 | 32,200 | 31,300 |
| Admin Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation Svcs | 39,100 | 39,000 | 39,400 | 49,600 | 49,700 | 50,200 | 51,500 | 51,800 | 49,700 |
| Education and Health Services | 67,500 | 67,200 | 66,600 | 86,800 | 86,700 | 85,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 97,600 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 58,800 | 58,600 | 58,300 | 75,600 | 75,300 | 73,700 | 85,200 | 85,300 | 83,300 |
| Hospitals Leisure and Hospitality | 14,600 65,300 | 14,600 65,200 | 14,400 63,500 | 22,400 76,600 | 22,400 77,100 | 22,200 | 19,800 78,100 | 19,700 79,400 | 19,400 77,400 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 58,400 | 58,200 | 56,500 | 67,700 | 67,500 | 74,900 65,700 | 78,100 71,200 | 79,400 | 69,600 |
| Other Services | 25,400 | 25,400 | 24,900 | 31,800 | 31,700 | 31,600 | 27,900 | 27,500 | 26,900 |
| Government | 149,500 | 147,300 | 147,600 | 113,800 | 113,000 | 110,500 | 137,600 | 137,000 | 136,900 |
| | | | | | | * 4 000 | *** | 20 400 | |
| Federal | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,300 | 15,500 | 15,600 | 14,800 | 28,000 | 28,100 | 27,700 |
| Federal State Local | 9,000 67,600 72,900 | 9,000 67,500 70,800 | 9,300 67,700 70,600 | 15,500 9,600 88,700 | 9,600 87,800 | 9,900 85,800 | 28,000 15,400 94,200 | 28,100 15,400 93,500 | 27,700 15,400 93,800 |

*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.

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

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|--|--|--|------------|--|--|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1071AL 1072 | | | | | A | MARILLO | | BEAUMON | T-PORT ART | HUR | В | RAZORIA | |
| Name 1,000 1,000 500 | INDUSTRY | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 |
| Name Color | TOTAL | 58,200 | 57,800 | 57,200 | 102,100 | 101,800 | 101,000 | 158,300 | 157,600 | 156,800 | 80,300 | 80,000 | 78,700 |
| Manufacturing | Natural Res. & Mining | 1,000 | 1,000 | 900 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 700 | 900 | 900 | 800 |
| Wholmard Trade | | | | | | | | | 14,000 | 14,600 | 10,400 | 10,500 | 9,900 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12,600 |
| Trans. Ware. A. Cital. 1.690 1.590 1.590 1.590 1.590 2.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,100 |
| Information 1.300 1.200 1.200 1.200 1.200 2.000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10,200 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,400 |
| Part of Reservers | | | | | | | | | | | | | 500 |
| Educ. S. Hardborrison | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,800 |
| Listone S. Hoppings 2,500 5,500 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,400 6,600 |
| Other Services | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,600 |
| Convergence \$-25.09 \$-20.00 \$-25.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3,600 |
| BROWNSTILE HARLINGEN No. 10 No. 1 | Government | 9,300 | 9,200 | 9,500 | | | | | | | | | 16,200 |
| SPECIFITY No. 764 Or. 764 No. 765 No. 764 Or. 764 No. 765 No. 764 Or. 764 No. 765 No | | BROWNS | VILLE-HARL | INGEN | BRYAN-C | OLLEGE STA | TION | COR | PUS CHRISTI | | | EL PASO | |
| TOTAL 116,200 115,700 115,900 115,900 115,900 100,900 100,000 100,000 100,000 125,00 | INDUSTRY | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | | | Nov '03 |
| Natural Res. & Mining | TOTAL | 116,200 | 115,700 | 114,900 | 84,700 | 84,300 | 82,300 | 160,900 | 160,600 | 161,000 | 258,500 | | 257,600 |
| Manufacturing | Natural Res. & Mining | ** | sje sje | ** | 800 | 800 | | 2,900 | | | | | ** |
| Wholeseaf Track 1.500 1. | Construction | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 4,100 | 4,200 | 3,800 | 14,000 | 14,300 | 13,800 | 11,900 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Retail Trade | | | | 9,000 | | | 5,000 | 11,500 | 11,500 | 11,600 | 22,400 | | 25,500 |
| Trans. Ware, & Uill. | | | | | | | | | 4,600 | 4,700 | 9,500 | 9,700 | 9,700 |
| Information | | | | | | | | | | | | | 34,600 |
| Financial Activities | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | 12,100 |
| Prof. & Rainlers Services 7,000 7,000 7,000 4,000 4,500 15,200 15,200 12,000 22,000 20,000 22,000 20,000 22,000 20,00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,400 |
| Educ. & Health Services 25,000 25,000 25,000 8,500 8,500 8,500 1,600 12,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12,000 |
| Licitor Services 1.5,000 10,200 10,200 2,600 2,500 2,200 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 25,400 |
| Other Service 3,500 3,500 3,500 2,600 3,40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 28,900 |
| Construction | | | | | | | | | | | | | 23,500 |
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| Construction | | | | 00,400 | | | | | | | | | 93,600 |
| Manufacturing | | | | 5 000 | | | | | | | | | 3,900 4,900 |
| Wholesale Trade | | | | | | | | | | | | | 14,800 |
| Retail Trade | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3,500 |
| Trans, Ware, & Uil. | | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 | | | | | | | | | | | 12,600 |
| Information | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,600 |
| Financial Activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,800 |
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| Educ & Health Services 8,800 8,700 8,400 15,200 15,500 11,100 11,100 10,600 15,000 14,900 1 | Prof. & Business Services | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,900 | | | 7,900 | | | | | | 7,000 |
| Leisure & Hospitality 12,700 12,600 3,600 3,600 3,600 3,600 3,600 3,600 3,600 3,600 3,600 3,600 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 3,000 19,500 19,500 18,000 13,000 13,000 1,000 | Educ. & Health Services | 8,800 | 8,700 | 8,400 | | | 15,500 | | | | | | 14,500 |
| Other Services 3,600 3,600 3,600 3,500 4,300 4,300 4,300 1,900 1,900 1,800 1,300 3,400 1,300 1,5 | Leisure & Hospitality | 12,700 | 12,600 | 12,100 | | | | | | | | | 7,700 |
| NOUNTRY | Other Services | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 1,900 | 1,900 | | | | 3,300 |
| No. | Government | 26,000 | 25,900 | 25,700 | 30,300 | 30,200 | 29,800 | 19,500 | 19,200 | 18,600 | 13,000 | 12,900 | 12,900 |
| TOTAL 124,900 124,200 122,700 123,700 185,000 179,800 108,500 107,400 45,300 45,100 45,000 45, | | | LUBBOCK | | MCALLEN-I | EDINBURG-M | ISSION | ODES | SA-MIDLAND | | SA | N ANGELO | |
| Natural Res. & Mining ** | INDUSTRY | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | Oct '04 | Nov '03 |
| Construction S.300 | | | | | | | | 108,600 | 108,300 | 107,400 | 45,300 | 45,100 | 44,200 |
| Manufacturing 5,500 5,500 5,500 5,500 5,500 5,500 5,000 5,000 5,700 5,700 3,300 3,800 3,800 1,50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 700 |
| Notesia Trade | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,000 |
| Retail Trade | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3,800 |
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| Information 5,900 5,800 5,600 2,300 2,200 2,100 2,600 2,600 2,500 2,000 2,000 2,100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5,400 |
| Financial Activities | | | | | | | | | | | | | 800 |
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| Educ, & Health Services 17,900 17,900 18,100 36,300 35,900 34,200 11,000 11,900 11,500 7,600 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,000 3,500 |
| Leisur & Hospitality 14,300 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 7,400 |
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| SHERMAN-DENISON | | | | | | | | | | | | | 8,900 |
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| TOTAL | INDUSTRY | The second secon | | 23.750 | And the second s | | Nov '03 | Nov '04* | | Nov '03 | | | Nov '03 |
| Natural Res. & Mining | | | | | | | | | | the state of the s | | | 37,000 |
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| Wholesale Trade | Construction | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,800 | 2,600 | 2,700 | 2,500 | 3,900 | 4,000 | 3,700 | | | 2,200 |
| Retail Trade | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,500 |
| Trans., Ware., & Util. 1,300 1,400 1,300 2,400 2,400 2,300 2,300 2,000 1,800 1,800 1,3 | | THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE | | | | | | | | | | | 1,500 |
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| Covernment | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3,200 |
| Nov '04* | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,600 6,800 |
| INDUSTRY | ou.crament | 0,400 | | 0,500 | | | 11,400 | 13,400 | 15,500 | 12,000 | 0,200 | 0,000 | 0,000 |
| TOTAL 101,800 101,800 101,100 60,000 59,800 59,000 1,0 | INDUSTRY | Nev '04* | | Nov '02 | | | Nov '03 | | | | | | |
| Natural Res. & Mining | | | | | | | | - | | | | | |
| Construction 5,600 5,700 5,400 2,300 2,300 2,100 14,000 14,000 13,600 7,100 7,200 18,000 1,800 1 | The state of the s | ** | | ** | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | | 5,600 | | 5.400 | | | | subject to re | evision. The | number of | nonagricultura | l jobs in each | MSA |
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| 1 mancial retritles 5,200 5,200 5,200 2,200 2,300 | Financial Activities | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,200 | 2,300 | 2,200 | 2,300 | | | | mates are comb | oined with | - 1 |
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| Educ. & Health Services 17,500 17,600 17,400 9,500 9,500 9,100 | | | 17,600 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leisure & Hospitality 9,300 9,300 9,200 5,500 5,600 5,400 | | 9,300 | 9,300 | 9,200 | | 5,600 | 5,400 | | | | | | |
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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

by Bryce Bayles

The Texas jobless rate rose for the first time in four months, nudging upward by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.4 percent in November—the lowest rate for the month since 2000. This November's increase was slightly smaller than the average two-tenths of a percentage point gain that typically occurs between October and November. November's jobless rate marks the sixth time this year the rate has been below 6.0 percent. This follows a two-year period in which the rate fell below 6.0 percent only once. In addition, this month's rate was a full percentage point lower than last November's rate of 6.4 percent. The United States' jobless rate edged upward to 5.2 percent in November after holding steady at 5.1 percent for two months. This November's U.S. rate was the lowest recorded for the month since 2001 and was four-tenths of a percentage point below last year's rate of 5.6 percent.

The number of jobholders in the state remained virtually unchanged over the month, advancing by only 100 workers to 10,438,800 in November. In the past six years, employment in November has typically fallen by an average of 8,600. However, this November's gain marks the first time employment has risen during the month since 1997. There were nearly 166,700 more Texans employed this November as compared to last.

The number of Texans seeking work rose for the first time in four months, climbing by 16,500 to 598,300 in November. Despite this monthly gain, this was the lowest unemployment level for the month of November since 2001. With the exception of normal seasonal gains, the number of unemployed has declined by 258,300 since June 2003.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits decreased for the fourth consecutive month with claims falling from 107,300 in October to 105,800 in November. November's decline brought the number of claims to their lowest point since February 2001. In each of the past fifteen months, claims for unemployment benefits have been below their previous-year level—a first since June 1997.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas Ranked by Unemployment Rate November 2004

| 1 | Bryan-College Station | 1.7 |
|----------|--------------------------|------|
| 2 3 | Lubbock | 2.9 |
| | Amarillo | 3.0 |
| 4 (tie) | Abilene | 3.1 |
| | San Angelo | 3.1 |
| 6 | Wichita Falls | 3.5 |
| 7 | Tyler | 3.9 |
| 8 (tie) | Odessa-Midland | 4.1 |
| | Waco | 4.1 |
| 10 (tie) | Austin-San Marcos | 4.2 |
| | Killeen-Temple | 4.2 |
| 1 | Victoria | 4.2 |
| 13 | San Antonio | 4.6 |
| 14 | Texarkana | 4.7 |
| 15 | Longview-Marshall | 4.9 |
| 16 | Fort Worth-Arlington | 5.2 |
| | Texas | 5.4 |
| 17 | Sherman-Denison | 5.5 |
| 18 | Dallas | 5.6 |
| 19 (tie) | Houston | 5.7 |
| | Laredo | 5.7 |
| 21 | Corpus Christi | 6.2 |
| 22 | Galveston-Texas City | 7.3 |
| 23 (tie) | Brazoria | 7.4 |
| | El Paso | 7.4 |
| 25 | Beaumont-Port Arthur | 8.1 |
| 26 | Brownsville-Harlingen | 9.0 |
| 27 | McAllen-Edinburg-Mission | 10.7 |

Civilian Labor Force Estimates for Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas

(In Thousands)

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|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|------|----------|--------------|--------|------|
| | | November | 2004* | | | October 2 | 2004 | | | November | 2003 | |
| | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
| State of Texas | 11,037.1 | 10,438.8 | 598.3 | 5.4 | 11,020.5 | 10,438.7 | 581.8 | 5.3 | 10,970.8 | 10,272.1 | 698.7 | 6.4 |
| Abilene | 63.3 | 61.3 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 63.5 | 61.6 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 62.5 | 60.0 | 2.5 | 3.9 |
| Amarillo | 121.9 | 118.2 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 122.7 | 119.0 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 120.5 | 116.2 | 4.3 | 3.6 |
| Austin-San Marcos | 779.6 | 747.2 | 32.4 | 4.2 | 775.3 | 743.5 | 31.8 | 4.1 | 777.3 | 737.1 | 40.2 | 5.2 |
| Beaumont-Port Arthur | 184.3 | 169.3 | 15.0 | 8.1 | 183.2 | 168.7 | 14.5 | 7.9 | 184.2 | 167.2 | 17.0 | 9.2 |
| Brazoria | 116.7 | 108.0 | 8.7 | 7.4 | 117.2 | 108.5 | 8.7 | 7.4 | 115.2 | 105.4 | 9.8 | 8.5 |
| Brownsville-Harlingen | 144.0 | 131.0 | 13.0 | 9.0 | 142.6 | 130.5 | 12.1 | 8.5 | 145.7 | 129.2 | 16.5 | 11.3 |
| Bryan-College Station | 88.7 | 87.2 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 88.4 | 86.9 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 86.3 | 84.4 | 1.9 | 2.2 |
| Corpus Christi | 183.5 | 172.2 | 11.3 | 6.2 | 183.0 | 171.8 | 11.2 | 6.1 | 183.0 | 171.5 | 11.5 | 6.3 |
| Dallas | 2,048.6 | 1,932.9 | 115.7 | 5.6 | 2,043.4 | 1,930.0 | 113.4 | 5.5 | 2,041.3 | 1,908.1 | 133.2 | 6.5 |
| El Paso | 298.2 | 276.1 | 22.1 | 7.4 | 300.7 | 279.3 | 21.4 | 7.1 | 300.5 | 273.3 | 27.2 | 9.0 |
| Fort Worth-Arlington | 968.7 | 918.5 | 50.2 | 5.2 | 965.0 | 916.4 | 48.6 | 5.0 | 963.3 | 907.1 | 56.2 | 5.8 |
| Galveston-Texas City | 128.3 | 119.0 | 9.3 | 7.3 | 127.9 | 118.8 | 9.1 | 7.1 | 126.6 | 116.3 | 10.3 | 8.1 |
| Houston | 2,361.5 | 2,226.7 | 134.8 | 5.7 | 2,367.0 | 2,234.0 | 133.0 | 5.6 | 2,334.8 | 2,180.8 | 154.0 | 6.6 |
| Killeen-Temple | 125.1 | 119.8 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 124.5 | 119.3 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 124.3 | 117.7 | 6.6 | 5.3 |
| Laredo | 88.5 | 83.4 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 87.9 | 83.0 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 85.5 | 79.9 | 5.6 | 6.5 |
| Longview-Marshall | 109.7 | 104.3 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 109.5 | 104.2 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 108.3 | 101.9 | 6.4 | 5.9 |
| Lubbock | 135.3 | 131.4 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 134.4 | 130.6 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 133.1 | 128.8 | 4.3 | 3.2 |
| McAllen-Edinburg-Mission | 237.8 | 212.4 | 25.4 | 10.7 | 232.5 | 209.7 | 22.8 | 9.8 | 238.0 | 205.9 | 32.1 | 13.5 |
| Odessa-Midland | 130.1 | 124.7 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 130.8 | 125.4 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 129.0 | 122.3 | 6.7 | 5.2 |
| San Angelo | 53.8 | 52.1 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 53.2 | 51.6 | 1.6 | 3.1 | 52.3 | 50.4 | 1.9 | 3.6 |
| San Antonio | 843.6 | 804.5 | 39.1 | 4.6 | 847.5 | 809.2 | 38.3 | 4.5 | 831.5 | 787.0 | 44.5 | 5.4 |
| Sherman-Denison | 52.3 | 49.4 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 52.1 | 49.2 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 52.6 | 48.7 | 3.9 | 7.3 |
| Texarkana | 60.0 | 57.2 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 59.6 | 56.9 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 57.9 | 54.9 | 3.0 | 5.1 |
| Tyler | 100.4 | 96.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 99.9 | 96.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 99.4 | 93.8 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| Victoria | 46.5 | 44.6 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 46.5 | 44.6 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 45.5 | 43.3 | 2.2 | 4.8 |
| Waco | 106.4 | 102.1 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 106.2 | 102.1 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 106.0 | 100.9 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| Wichita Falls | 66.2 | 63.9 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 65.6 | 63.4 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 65.5 | 62.6 | 2.9 | 4.5 |

*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. Employment and Unemployment data are first rounded then added together to derive the rounded CLF total. Because of this rounding technique, this rounded total of the CLF may not agree with a rounding of the CLF total itself. Percent Unemployed is based upon unrounded Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment numbers. 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 - November 2004

| | | Emp | loym | ent and Un | employm | ent Esti | imate | es for Texas | Countie | s - No | vem | er 2004 | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------|------|--------------------|---------|--------|------|
| County | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | County | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | County | Emp. U | Unemp. | Rate | County | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
| Anderson | 19,208 | 765 | 3.8 | Donley | 1,537 | 35 | 2.2 | Kaufman | 33,483 | 2,704 | 7.5 | Real | 1,203 | 27 | 2.2 |
| Andrews | 5,672 | 183 | 3.1 | Duval | 4,759 | 298 | 5.9 | Kendall | 19,213 | 425 | 2.2 | Red River | 4,648 | 321 | 6.5 |
| Angelina | 36,046 | 2,394 | 6.2 | Eastland | 8,046 | 281 | 3.4 | Kenedy | 233 | 6 | 2.5 | Reeves | 4,805 | 333 | 6.5 |
| Aransas | 9,828 | 958 | 8.9 | Ector | 60,908 | 3,177 | 5.0 | Kent | 491 | 12 | 2.4 | Refugio | 2,557 | 153 | 5.6 |
| Archer | 4,398 | 120 | 2.7 | Edwards | 766 | 22 | 2.8 | Kerr | 18,571 | 481 | 2.5 | Roberts | 390 | 17 | 4.2 |
| Armstrong | 1,008 | 20 | 1.9 | Ellis | 54,919 | 3,242 | 5.6 | Kimble | 2,189 | 44 | 2.0 | Robertson | 6,477 | 294 | 4.3 |
| Atascosa | 17,294 | 876 | 4.8 | El Paso | 276,090 | 22,103 | 7.4 | King | 120 | 2 | 1.6 | Rockwall | 26,022 | 1,279 | 4.7 |
| Austin | 13,476 | 459 | 3.3 | Erath | 17,135 | 363 | 2.1 | Kinney | 1,192 | 62 | 4.9 | Runnels | 3,937 | 133 | 3.3 |
| Bailey | 3,628 | 153 | 4.0 | Falls | 7,554 | 309 | 3.9 | Kleberg | 13,863 | 801 | 5.5 | Rusk | 20,865 | 898 | 4.1 |
| Bandera | 7,614 | 257 | 3.3 | Fannin | 10,900 | 763 | 6.5 | Knox | 2,056 | 72 | 3.4 | Sabine | 3,244 | 417 | 11.4 |
| Bastrop | 30,606 | 1,608 | 5.0 | Fayette | 10,477 | 225 | 2.1 | Lamar | 20,852 | 1,353 | 6.1 | San Augustine | 2,974 | 202 | 6.4 |
| Baylor | 1,714 | 57 | 3.2 | Fisher | 1,773 | 54 | 3.0 | Lamb | 6,509 | 321 | 4.7 | San Jacinto | 8,854 | 442 | 4.8 |
| Bee | 10,060 | 674 | 6.3 | Floyd | 2,880 | 173 | 5.7 | Lampasas | 9,809 | 309 | 3.1 | San Patricio | 28,079 | 2,275 | 7.5 |
| Bell | 99,109 | 4,263 | 4.1 | Foard | 561 | 25 | 4.3 | La Salle | 2,871 | 121 | 4.0 | San Saba | 2,739 | 69 | 2.5 |
| Bexar | 695,548 | 34,770 | 4.8 | Fort Bend | 202,533 | 10,342 | 4.9 | Lavaca | 9,202 | 133 | 1.4 | Schleicher | 1,630 | 42 | 2.5 |
| Blanco | 4,117 | 114 | 2.7 | Franklin | 4,340 | 171 | 3.8 | Lee | 6,663 | 281 | 4.0 | Scurry | 7,226 | 232 | 3.1 |
| Borden | 343 | 11 | 3.1 | Freestone | 8,220 | 254 | 3.0 | Leon | 6,297 | 355 | 5.3 | Shackelford | 1,429 | 15 | 1.0 |
| Bosque | 6,495 | 272 | 4.0 | Frio | 5,804 | 383 | 6.2 | Liberty | 29,496 | 2,676 | 8.3 | Shelby | 8,794 | 523 | 5.6 |
| Bowie | 39,938 | 2,004 | 4.8 | Gaines | 6,688 | 242 | 3.5 | Limestone | 9,889 | 373 | 3.6 | Sherman | 1,263 | 17 | 1.3 |
| Brazoria | 108,039 | 8,661 | 7.4 | Galveston | 118,998 | 9,318 | 7.3 | Lipscomb | 1,884 | 37 | 1.9 | Smith | 96,470 | 3,888 | 3.9 |
| Brazos | 87,246 | 1,525 | 1.7 | Garza | 2,425 | 91 | 3.6 | Live Oak | 4,455 | 141 | 3.1 | Somervell | 1,915 | 146 | 7.1 |
| Brewster | 6,126 | 111 | 1.8 | Gillespie | 10,687 | 200 | 1.8 | Llano | 5,574 | 244 | 4.2 | Starr | 20,416 | 3,895 | 16.0 |
| Briscoe | 668 | 27 | 3.9 | Glasscock | 559 | 12 | 2.1 | Loving | 49 | 5 | 9.3 | Stephens | 2,902 | 116 | |
| Brooks | 3,143 | 232 | 6.9 | Goliad | 2,414 | 118 | 4.7 | Lubbock | 131,438 | 3,895 | 2.9 | Sterling | 845 | 25 | 2.9 |
| Brown | 16,676 | 661 | 3.8 | Gonzales | 8,452 | 313 | 3.6 | Lynn | 2,821 | 133 | 4.5 | Stonewall | 676 | 25 | 3.6 |
| Burleson | 7,695 | 338 | 4.2 | Gray | 8,531 | 294 | 3.3 | Mc Culloch | 3,941 | 180 | 4.4 | Sutton | 2,281 | 27 | 1.2 |
| Burnet | 16,947 | 664 | 3.8 | Grayson | 49,369 | 2,861 | 5.5 | Mc Lennan | 102,063 | 4,322 | 4.1 | Swisher | 3,301 | 180 | 5.2 |
| Caldwell | 15,314 | 834 | 5.2 | Gregg | 58,484 | 3,145 | 5.1 | Mc Mullen | 321 | 10 | 3.0 | Tarrant | 792,676 | 43,488 | 5.2 |
| Calhoun | 7,849 | 622 | 7.3 | Grimes | 7,811 | 484 | 5.8 | Madison | 4,472 | 126 | 2.7 | Taylor | 61,250 | 1,955 | 3.1 |
| Callahan | 6,490 | 193 | 2.9 | Guadalupe | 48,778 | 1,792 | 3.5 | Marion | 3,157 | 193 | 5.8 | Terrell | 588 | 10 | 1.7 |
| Cameron | 131,030 | 12,991 | 9.0 | Hale | 15,966 | 871 | 5.2 | Martin | 2,183 | 77 | 3.4 | Terry | 5,103 | 262 | |
| Camp | 5,454 | 277 | 4.8 | Hall | 1,761 | 59 | 3.2 | Mason | 1,668 | 32 | 1.9 | Throckmorton | 792 | 22 | |
| Carson | 3,274 | 81 | 2.4 | Hamilton | 4,403 | 109 | 2.4 | Matagorda | 12,463 | 1,827 | | Titus | 13,613 | 619 | 4.3 |
| Cass | 12,993 | 738 | 5.4 | Hansford | 2,349 | 39 | 1.6 | Maverick | 16,789 | | 17.1 | Tom Green | 52,120 | 1,683 | 3.1 |
| Castro | 3,245 | 138 | 4.1 | Hardeman | 2,156 | 86 | 3.8 | Medina | 15,724 | 852 | 5.1 | Travis | 484,874 | | 4.3 |
| Chambers | 12,569 | 702 | 5.3 | Hardin | 21,537 | 1,709 | 7.4 | Menard | 806 | 32 | 3.8 | Trinity | 4,942 | 291 | 5.6 |
| Cherokee | 19,312 | 748 | 3.7 | Harris | 1,811,302 | 112,527 | 5.8 | Midland | 63,752 | 2,189 | 3.3 | Tyler | 8,000 | 573 | 6.7 |
| Childress | 3,089 | 89 | 2.8 | Harrison | 28,739 | 1,410 | 4.7 | Milam | 9,297 | 501 | 5.1 | Upshur | 17,048 | 848 | |
| Clay | 4,968 | 133 | 2.6 | Hartley | 3,312 | 23 | 0.7 | Mills | 2,773 | 39 | 1.4 | Upton | 1,300 | 57 | 4.2 |
| Cochran | 1,384 | 74 | 5.1 | Haskell | 2,931 | 99 | 3.3 | Mitchell | 3,334 | 133 | 3.8 | Uvalde | 10,564 | 849 | 7.4 |
| Coke | 1,327 | 32 | 2.4 | Hays | 55,732 | 2,719 | 4.7 | Montague | 7,027 | 294 | 4.0 | Val Verde | 18,809 | 1,370 | |
| Coleman | 2,650 | 168 | 6.0 | Hemphill | 2,418 | 49 | 2.0 | Montgomery | 156,209 | 7,582 | 4.6 | Van Zandt | 23,627 | 1,022 | |
| Collin | 309,971 | 14,272 | 4.4 | Henderson | 28,596 | 1,595 | 5.3 | Moore | 8,588 | 346 | 3.9 | Victoria | 44,592 | 1,945 | |
| Collingsworth | 1,796 | 49 | 2.7 | Hidalgo | 212,419 | 25,448 | 10000 | Morris | 5,783 | 336 | 5.5 | Walker | 22,965 | 605 | |
| Colorado | 8,166 | 343 | 4.0 | Hill | 14,373 | 768 | | Motley | 733 | 15 | 2.0 | Waller | 14,571 | 944 | |
| Comal | 43,675 | 1,889 | 4.1 | Hockley | 11,681 | 341 | 2.8 | Nacogdoches | 25,784 | 1,182 | 4.4 | Ward | 3,523 | 165 | |
| Comanche | 6,649 | 207 | 3.0 | Hood | 18,159 | 1,001 | 5.2 | Navarro | 20,396 | 1,069 | 5.0 | Washington | 15,992 | 479 | |
| Concho | 1,412 | 20 | 1.4 | Hopkins | 14,302 | 703 | 4.7 | Newton | 4,959 | 649 | 11.6 | Webb | 83,447 | 5,067 | 5.7 |
| Cooke | 17,061 | 583 | 3.3 | Houston | 9,607 | 407 | 4.1 | Nolan | 6,994 | 281 | 3.9 | Wharton | 18,409 | 1,093 | |
| Coryell | 20,720 | 997 | 4.6 | Howard | 13,245 | 534 | 3.9 | Nueces | 144,093 | 9,052 | 5.9 | Wheeler | 2,406 | 49 | |
| Cottle | 909 | 35 | 3.7 | Hudspeth | 1,323 | 79 | 5.6 | Ochiltree | 4,788 | 84 | 1.7 | Wichita | 59,485 | 2,178 | |
| Crane | 1,780 | 54 | 2.9 | Hunt | 35,206 | 2,084 | 5.6 | Oldham | 1,184 | 12 | 1.0 | Wilbarger | 7,178 | 173 | |
| Crockett | 1,832 | 44 | 2.3 | Hutchinson | 7,853 | 506 | | Orange | 37,091 | 3,933 | 9.6 | Willacy | 5,531 | 844 | |
| Crosby | 2,891 | 148 | | Irion | 679 | 32 | San Transact | Palo Pinto | 11,084 | 634 | 5.4 | Williamson | 160,709 | 5,676 | |
| Culberson | 1,000 | 101 | 9.2 | Jack | 4,000 | 106 | | Panola | 7,999 | 486 | 5.7 | Wilson | 16,520 | 632 | |
| Dallam | 3,578 | 91 | 2.5 | Jackson | 7,378 | 259 | 3.4 | Parker | 43,900 | 2,024 | 4.4 | Winkler | 2,741 | 143 | |
| Dallas | 1,173,719 | 80,107 | 6.4 | Jackson | 13,062 | 1,535 | | Parmer | 4,618 | 151 | 3.2 | Wise | 28,718 | 1,029 | |
| | | | | Jasper Jeff Davis | 1,704 | 25 | | Pecos | 6,261 | 264 | 4.0 | Wood | 14,022 | 661 | |
| Dawson Doof Smith | 5,399 | 257 346 | 4.5 | | | 9,323 | 7.8 | Polk | 14,990 | 842 | 5.3 | Yoakum | 3,125 | 106 | |
| Deaf Smith | 6,329 | 346 178 | | Jefferson Jim Hogg | 110,634 | | 200 | Potter | | 2,650 | 4.5 | Young | 7,354 | 299 | |
| Delta | 2,699 | 178 | | Jim Hogg | 2,277 17,922 | 111 | 4.6 6.5 | Presidio | 56,292 3,076 | 595 | 16.2 | Zapata | 5,064 | 326 | |
| Denton | 270,996 | 10,392 | 3.7 | Jim Wells | 17,922 63,735 | 1,250 3,655 | | Rains | 3,916 | 215 | 5.2 | Zapata Zavala | 4,320 | | 11.0 |
| De Witt | 8,380 | 407 37 | 4.6 4.5 | Johnson | 10,046 | 225 | | Randall | 61,918 | 1,038 | 1.6 | Zavala | 7,320 | 330 | 11.0 |
| Dickens | 788 3,590 | | 10.0 | Jones | 5,602 | 284 | | Reagan | 1,497 | 35 | 2.3 | | | | |
| Dimmit | 3,390 | | | Karnes | | | | | | | | mployment to total | | | |

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Employment and Unemployment Estimates for Texas Cities - November 2004

| | | | EIII | ipioyment and | onempio | yment | Esu | mates for Texa | s Cines | - Nove | embe | er 2004 | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| City | Emp | Unemp | Rate | City | Emp | Unemp | Rate | City | Emp | Unemp | Rate | City | Emp | Unemp | Rate |
| Abilene | 54,096 | 1,812 | 3.2 | Decatur | 3,489 | 103 | 2.9 | Kingsville | 11,732 | 689 | 5.5 | Port Neches | 6,672 | 396 | 5.6 |
| Addison | 7,799 | 399 | 4.9 | Deer Park | 17,961 | 837 | 4.5 | Kingwood | 23,795 | 495 | 2.0 | Portland | 7,273 | 325 | 4.3 |
| Alamo Alamo Heights | 2,672 4,400 | 233 111 | 8.0 2.5 | Del Rio Denison | 15,554 10,671 | 1,186 691 | 7.1 6.1 | Kirby Knox City | 5,320 599 | 306 20 | 5.4 | Quanah | 1,343 | 62 | 4.4 |
| Albany | 813 | 9 | 1.1 | Denton | 60,266 | 3,395 | 5.3 | Kyle | 1,561 | 116 | 3.2 6.9 | Rankin Raymondville | 293 2,757 | 18 450 | 5.8 14.0 |
| Aldine | 6,279 | 471 | 7.0 | Diboll | 1,732 | 234 | 11.9 | La Joya | 1,237 | 237 | 16.1 | Rendon | 4,931 | 222 | 4.3 |
| Aledo | 832 | 31 | 3.6 | Dickinson | 5,183 | 493 | 8.7 | La Marque | 7,091 | 809 | 10.2 | Richardson | 55,417 | 2,489 | 4.3 |
| Alice | 9,467 | 650 | 6.4 | Donna | 6,431 | 1,020 | 13.7 | La Porte | 17,938 | 824 | 4.4 | Richland Hills | 5,068 | 196 | 3.7 |
| Allen Alton | 21,407 | 904 223 | 4.1 12.4 | Dripping Springs Dublin | 849 | 22 | 2.5 | Lago Vista | 1,542 | 77 | 4.8 | Richmond | 7,845 | 852 | 9.8 |
| Alvarado | 1,569 1,636 | 51 | 3.0 | Dumas | 1,486 6,262 | 32 259 | 2.1 4.0 | Lake Jackson Lakeway | 14,393 2,965 | 727 69 | 4.8 2.3 | Rio Grande City River Oaks | 5,707 3,729 | 808 277 | 12.4 6.9 |
| Alvin | 11,332 | 807 | 6.6 | Duncanville | 23,182 | 1,129 | 4.6 | Lamesa | 3,986 | 230 | 5.5 | Roanoke | 1,523 | 58 | 3.7 |
| Amarillo | 98,411 | 3,260 | 3.2 | Eagle Pass | 9,975 | 1,808 | 15.3 | Lampasas | 4,248 | 177 | 4.0 | Robert Lee | 498 | 12 | 2.4 |
| Anderson Mill | 11,303 | 444 | 3.8 | Edcouch | 1,291 | 279 | 17.8 | Lancaster | 13,623 | 791 | 5.5 | Robinson | 4,500 | 84 | 1.8 |
| Andrews | 4,176 | 142 | 3.3 | Edinburg | 18,608 | 1,942 | 9.5 | Laredo | 78,224 | 4,610 | 5.6 | Robstown | 4,648 | 441 | 8.7 |
| Angleton Annetta | 10,043 595 | 823 8 | 7.6 1.3 | El Campo El Paso | 4,693 249,003 | 320 19,043 | 6.4 7.1 | League City Leander | 19,289 3,733 | 646 84 | 3.2 | Rockdale | 1,932 | 98 | 4.8 |
| Anson | 1,459 | 50 | 3.3 | Eldorado | 1,023 | 35 | 3.3 | Leon Valley | 6,743 | 217 | 3.1 | Rockwall Rosenberg | 10,652 16,941 | 676 1,099 | 6.0 |
| Arlington | 193,657 | 9,230 | 4.5 | Electra | 1,342 | 55 | 3.9 | Levelland | 6,832 | 190 | 2.7 | Round Rock | 36,695 | 1,198 | 3.2 |
| Athens | 5,673 | 325 | 5.4 | Elgin | 3,391 | 247 | 6.8 | Lewisville | 48,706 | 1,647 | 3.3 | Rowlett | 16,800 | 543 | 3.1 |
| Atlanta | 2,833 | 128 | 4.3 | Elsa | 2,712 | 303 | 10.0 | Liberty | 4,305 | 611 | 12.4 | Saginaw | 5,715 | 427 | 7.0 |
| Austin | 392,152 | 18,658 | 4.5 | Ennis | 8,348 | 562 | 6.3 | Linden | 1,010 | 49 | 4.6 | San Angelo | 44,124 | 1,523 | 3.3 |
| Azle Balch Springe | 5,876 | 319 577 | 5.1 | Euless | 30,602 | 1,193 | 3.8 | Lipan | 235 | 112 | 3.7 | San Antonio | 545,262 | 29,728 | 5.2 |
| Balch Springs Bastrop | 10,402 3,061 | 244 | 5.3 7.4 | Everman Fabens | 3,488 2,062 | 326 242 | 8.5 10.5 | Littlefield Live Oak | 2,779 7,051 | 143 187 | 4.9 2.6 | San Benito San Juan | 10,004 | 1,042 | 9.4 9.9 |
| Bay City | 6,278 | 932 | 12.9 | Fairfield | 1,640 | 37 | 2.2 | Llano | 1,786 | 100 | 5.3 | San Juan San Marcos | 6,071 23,289 | 668 1,678 | 6.7 |
| Baytown | 36,066 | 2,582 | 6.7 | Falfurrias | 2,114 | 82 | 3.7 | Lockhart | 5,108 | 329 | 6.1 | Santa Fe | 4,763 | 277 | 5.5 |
| Beaumont | 54,552 | 4,445 | 7.5 | Farmers Branch | 16,193 | 938 | 5.5 | Longview | 39,588 | 2,197 | 5.3 | Santa Rosa | 1,042 | 121 | 10.4 |
| Bedford | 34,950 | 1,154 | 3.2 | First Colony | 16,682 | 397 | 2.3 | Lubbock | 111,017 | 3,310 | 2.9 | Schertz | 8,287 | 293 | 3.4 |
| Beeville | 5,523 | 436 | 7.3 | Flower Mound | 14,720 | 471 | 3.1 | Lufkin | 15,874 | 1,002 | 5.9 | Seabrook | 5,621 | 237 | 4.0 |
| Bellaire Bellmead | 10,281 4,276 | 237 153 | 2.3 3.5 | Forest Hill Fort Stockton | 7,143 3,684 | 413 176 | 5.5 | Lumberton Mc Allen | 4,068 | 195 | 4.6 | Seagoville | 4,624 | 356 | 7.1 |
| Belton | 6,852 | 286 | 4.0 | Fort Stockton Fort Worth | 273,911 | 20,139 | 4.6 6.8 | Mc Allen Mc Gregor | 55,011 2,382 | 4,513 87 | 7.6 3.5 | Seguin Seminole | 12,448 3,326 | 637 86 | 4.9 2.5 |
| Benbrook | 14,134 | 484 | 3.3 | Fredericksburg | 3,967 | 75 | 1.9 | Mc Gregor Mc Kinney | 20,631 | 1,699 | 7.6 | Sherman | 16,633 | 1,064 | 6.0 |
| Bertram | 587 | 40 | 6.4 | Freeport | 5,609 | 883 | 13.6 | Mansfield | 10,105 | 503 | 4.7 | Silsbee | 3,189 | 297 | 8.5 |
| Big Lake | 1,165 | 32 | 2.7 | Friendswood | 15,015 | 562 | 3.6 | Marble Falls | 3,373 | 93 | 2.7 | Sinton | 2,315 | 226 | 8.9 |
| Big Spring | 9,063 | 410 | 4.3 | Frisco | 6,833 | 376 | 5.2 | Marlin | 2,668 | 144 | 5.1 | Smithville | 2,170 | 130 | 5.7 |
| Blanco Boerne | 779 5,180 | 29 128 | 3.6 | Gainesville | 7,331 | 297 379 | 3.9 | Marshall | 11,362 | 565 | 4.7 | Snyder | 4,832 | 168 | 3.4 |
| Bonham | 2,576 | 251 | 8.9 | Galena Park Galveston | 5,031 30,909 | 3,205 | 7.0 9.4 | Marshall Creek Mason | 246 917 | 15 31 | 5.7 3.3 | Socorro Sonora | 9,508 1,519 | 1,294 17 | 12.0 |
| Borger | 4,819 | 363 | 7.0 | Garland | 119,881 | 6,267 | 5.0 | Mathis | 1,967 | 278 | 12.4 | South Houston | 7,600 | 566 | 1.1 6.9 |
| Bowie | 1,957 | 93 | 4.5 | Gatesville | 3,340 | 140 | 4.0 | Memphis | 1,078 | 44 | 3.9 | South Padre Island | 1,376 | 40 | 2.8 |
| Brady | 2,460 | 128 | 4.9 | Georgetown | 15,276 | 662 | 4.2 | Menard | 554 | 32 | 5.5 | Southlake | 5,147 | 145 | 2.7 |
| Breckenridge | 1,872 | 60 | 3.1 | Gladewater | 2,931 | 204 | 6.5 | Mercedes | 6,360 | 961 | 13.1 | Spring | 22,686 | 885 | 3.8 |
| Brenham | 6,852 | 240 | 3.4 | Glen Rose | 540 | 74 | 12.1 | Meridian | 525 | 29 | 5.2 | Stafford | 8,015 | 408 | 4.8 |
| Bridge City Bridgeport | 3,751 2,631 | 358 98 | 8.7 3.6 | Gordon Graford | 228 263 | 4 8 | 1.7 3.0 | Merkel Mertzon | 1,250 303 | 59 13 | 4.5 | Stamford | 2,074 | 55 | 2.6 |
| Brownsville | 48,409 | 5,643 | 10.4 | Graham | 3,641 | 151 | 4.0 | Mesquite | 66,349 | 3,352 | 4.1 | Stanton Stephenville | 1,126 8,395 | 47 216 | 4.0 2.5 |
| Brownwood | 8,499 | 397 | 4.5 | Granbury | 2,547 | 99 | 3.7 | Mexia | 3,153 | 134 | 4.1 | Sterling City | 630 | 25 | 3.8 |
| Bryan | 41,402 | 735 | 1.7 | Grand Prairie | 63,029 | 3,964 | 5.9 | Midland | 53,760 | 1,826 | 3.3 | Strawn | 290 | 16 | 5.2 |
| Buda | 1,614 | 50 | 3.0 | Grapevine | 22,107 | 637 | 2.8 | Midlothian | 3,371 | 202 | 5.7 | Sugar Land | 22,892 | 961 | 4.0 |
| Burkburnett | 5,255 | 227 | 4.1 | Greenville | 12,516 | 736 | 5.6 | Millsap | 301 | 27 | 8.2 | Sulphur Springs | 6,814 | 405 | 5.6 |
| Burleson Cameron | 10,956 2,187 | 613 152 | 5.3 6.5 | Gregory Groesbeck | 1,264 1,472 | 114 59 | 8.3 3.9 | Mineral Wells Mingus | 6,222 80 | 444 | 6.7 | Sweetwater | 4,942 | 226 | 4.4 |
| Canyon | 7,619 | 157 | 2.0 | Groves | 7,490 | 373 | 4.7 | Mission Bend | 20,938 | 765 | 3.5 | Taylor Temple | 10,853 29,163 | 674 911 | 5.8 3.0 |
| Canyon Lake | 7,954 | 479 | 5.7 | Haltom City | 21,457 | 1,148 | 5.1 | Mission | 15,407 | 1,526 | 9.0 | Terrell | 7,165 | 858 | 10.7 |
| Carrollton | 73,289 | 2,637 | 3.5 | Hamlin | 1,622 | 36 | 2.2 | Missouri City | 35,025 | 1,146 | 3.2 | Texarkana | 14,639 | 881 | 5.7 |
| Carthage | 2,353 | 144 | 5.8 | Harker Heights | 7,071 | 186 | 2.6 | Monahans | 2,194 | 107 | 4.7 | Texas City | 21,033 | 1,955 | 8.5 |
| Cedar Hill | 12,639 | 483 | 3.7 | Harlingen | 27,810 | 1,919 | 6.5 | Mount Pleasant | 6,950 | 220 | 3.1 | The Colony | 20,560 | 843 | 3.9 |
| Cedar Park | 5,768 | 286 | 4.7 | Haskell | 1,308 | 56 | 4.1 | | 1,150 | 66 | 5.4 | The Woodlands | 25,855 | 753 | 2.8 |
| Center Channelview | 1,811 15,252 | 130 964 | 6.7 5.9 | Haslet Henderson | 597 5,398 | 21 219 | 3.4 | Nacogdoches Navasota | 14,480 2,808 | 778 142 | 5.1 4.8 | Throckmorton Tolar | 436 272 | 15 | 3.3 |
| Clarksville | 1,419 | 122 | 7.9 | Henrietta | 1,424 | 49 | 3.3 | Nederland | 8,613 | 331 | 3.7 | Tomball | 3,714 | 16 151 | 5.6 3.9 |
| Cleburne | 13,055 | 1,025 | 7.3 | Hereford | 4,778 | 325 | 6.4 | New Braunfels | 22,118 | 936 | 4.1 | Trophy Club | 3,862 | 104 | 2.6 |
| Clifton | 1,318 | 48 | 3.5 | Hewitt | 6,173 | 84 | 1.3 | Nocona | 1,161 | 46 | 3.8 | Tyler | 47,866 | 2,292 | 4.6 |
| Cloverleaf | 11,160 | 802 | 6.7 | Hidalgo | 1,506 | 141 | 8.6 | North Richland Hills | 33,757 | 1,398 | 4.0 | Universal City | 8,207 | 282 | 3.3 |
| Clute Clyde | 5,357 1,683 | 393 39 | 6.8 2.3 | Highland Park Highland Village | 4,689 6,557 | 109 205 | 2.3 3.0 | Odessa | 46,974 1,199 | 2,399 | 4.9 | University Park | 13,049 | 382 | 2.8 |
| Coleman | 1,683 | 123 | 8.0 | Highland Village Hillsboro | 3,446 | 235 | 6.4 | Olney Orange | 8,121 | 56 919 | 4.5 10.2 | Uvalde Vernon | 6,438 5,463 | 605 141 | 8.6 2.5 |
| College Station | 34,709 | 639 | 1.8 | Houston | 1,040,636 | 77,749 | 7.0 | Ozona | 1,462 | 39 | 2.6 | Victoria | 33,068 | 1,532 | 4.4 |
| Colleyville | 8,835 | 256 | 2.8 | Hudson Oaks | 505 | 16 | 3.1 | Paducah | 698 | 34 | 4.6 | Vidor | 5,083 | 438 | 7.9 |
| Columbus | 1,427 | 53 | 3.6 | Humble | 8,512 | 386 | 4.3 | Paint Rock | 133 | 2 | 1.5 | Waco | 51,262 | 2,872 | 5.3 |
| Commerce | 3,439 | 313 | 8.3 | Huntsville | 12,334 | 385 | 3.0 | Palacios | 1,310 | 336 | 20.4 | Waller | 916 | 40 | 4.2 |
| Conroe Converse | 23,541 5,786 | 1,210 201 | 4.9 3.4 | Hurst Iowa Park | 24,230 | 1,262 103 | 5.0 | Palestine | 8,884 | 364 | 3.9 | Watauga | 14,035 | 427 | 3.0 |
| Cool | 150 | 0 | 0.0 | Irving | 3,134 111,478 | 6,253 | 3.2 5.3 | Pampa Paris | 7,119 $11,016$ | 239 801 | 3.2 6.8 | Waxahachie Weatherford | 11,118 9,335 | 820 403 | 6.9 4.1 |
| Cooper | 1,052 | 137 | 11.5 | Jacinto City | 4,589 | 533 | 10.4 | Pasadena | 71,338 | 4,753 | 6.2 | Webster | 3,822 | 97 | 2.5 |
| Coppell | 12,074 | 285 | 2.3 | Jacksonville | 5,979 | 269 | 4.3 | Pearland | 12,507 | 594 | 4.5 | Wells Branch | 7,845 | 159 | 2.0 |
| Copperas Cove | 10,289 | 549 | 5.1 | Jasper | 3,061 | 266 | 8.0 | Pearsall | 2,852 | 255 | 8.2 | Weslaco | 11,959 | 1,835 | 13.3 |
| Corpus Christi | 129,567 | 8,073 | 5.9 | Johnson City | 586 | 25 | 4.1 | Pecan Grove | 8,986 | 263 | 2.8 | West Odessa | 7,810 | 418 | 5.1 |
| Corsicana | 11,713 | 661 | 5.3 | Jonestown Junction | 997 | 66 | 6.2 | Pecos | 3,707 | 298 | 7.4 | West University Pl | 8,569 | 120 | 1.4 |
| Cotulla Crane | 2,012 1,367 | 83 44 | 4.0 3.1 | Junction Katy | 1,325 5,148 | 35 175 | 2.6 3.3 | Perryton Pflugerville | 3,985 | 76 94 | 1.9 | Wharton White Settlement | 3,843 | 323 | 7.8 |
| Crockett | 3,247 | 181 | 5.3 | Katy Kaufman | 3,063 | 260 | 7.8 | Pharr | 3,928 16,404 | 2,407 | 2.3 12.8 | White Settlement Wichita Falls | 9,318 45,962 | 512 1,722 | 5.2 3.6 |
| Crowley | 4,607 | 246 | 5.1 | Keller | 9,705 | 261 | 2.6 | Plainview | 10,204 | 534 | 5.0 | Willow Park | 1,811 | 42 | 2.3 |
| Cuero | 2,793 | 167 | 5.6 | Kennedale | 2,719 | 87 | 3.1 | Plano | 152,858 | 5,999 | 3.8 | Wink | 410 | 12 | 2.8 |
| Dalhart | 4,586 | 93 | 2.0 | Kermit | 2,111 | 121 | 5.4 | Pleasanton | 4,283 | 227 | 5.0 | Woodway | 5,667 | 60 | 1.0 |
| Dallas | 646,570 | 51,553 | 7.4 | Kerrville | 8,316 | 247 | 2.9 | Port Arthur | 23,090 | 3,249 | 12.3 | Wylie | 9,268 | 494 | 5.1 |
| Daingerfield De Soto | 1,090 | 70 906 | 6.0 | Killoop | 6,072 | 305 | 4.8 | Port I avece | 2,733 | 171 | 5.9 | Yoakum | 2,631 | 79 | 2.9 |
| De Soto | 20,800 | 906 | 4.2 | Killeen | 28,478 | 2,027 | 6.6 | Port Lavaca | 4,418 | 442 | 9.1 | | | | |
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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.

Covered Employment and Wages - Covered Employment and Wages statistics are produced quarterly by Labor Market & Career Information's Employment Estimates Unit. The unit is responsible for proper reporting of employment and wages for employers in Texas who pay Unemployment Insurance taxes. While the data from this program are the most detailed available (including over 400,000 Texas employers), they are subject to disclosure restrictions since no individual employer information can be released.

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 Statistical Area (MSA) - Is a large population nucleus (a county or group of counties with a total population of at least 75,000 and a central city or urbanized area of at least 50,000) together with adjacent communities that have a high degree of social and economic integration within that nucleus.

Over the Month (OTM) - Refers to changes which occur between consecutive months.

Over the Year (OTY) - Refers to changes which occur between the same months of consecutive years.

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"

Alliance Texas' Economic Impact Grows

FORT WORTH, Tex (Dallas Business Journal)—Alliance Texas, located at and adjacent to the Fort Worth Alliance Airport, continued to show growth, adding 1,600 jobs over the last year. A recently updated economic impact report showed a \$23.2 billion dollar impact to the region since opening fifteen years ago, including a \$2 billion increase since the last report was released in 2003.

Since 1990, the 17,000-acre development has also generated \$31.3 million in property taxes for the cities of Fort Worth, Haslet, Roanoke, and Westlake; as well as Denton and Tarrant counties, and the Northwest and Keller school districts.

Current construction projects at the development include Behr's 400,000-squre-foot manufacturing and distribution facility, Cabela's 235,000-square-foot retail store, and the 100,000-square-foot Alliance Air Trade Center. Alliance Texas now houses 130 companies, which have created 20,000 jobs.

Texas Gasoline Prices Drop for Sixth Straight Week

IRVING, Tex. (AAA-Texas)—Crude oil prices plummeted during the week of December 10th, sending pump prices lower for the sixth straight week, according to AAA Texas' Weekend Gas Watch. Regular, self-serve gasoline in Texas dropped nearly four cents to \$1.787. Last year, the Texas average was \$1.388 a gallon, 39.9 cents lower than this year's average price.

"Crude prices dropped from \$50 a barrel to about \$41 a barrel," said Rose Rougeau, spokeswoman for AAA Texas. "The result was welcome news for motorists who can expect even lower gasoline prices as the Christmas holiday approaches."

Corpus Christi had the cheapest gasoline in the state a \$1.687 per gallon, down 6.3 cents from the previous week. Dallas had the most expensive gas at \$1.795 per gallon, 4.1 cents less than the week of November 5th. Nationally, gasoline averaged \$1.89 per gallon, down 4.6 cents from the previous week, but up nearly 42 cents over last year at this time.

Lumber Company Opens Larger Store in San Marcos

SAN MARCOS, Tex (Austin Business Journal)—McCoy's Building Supply Center opened its flagship store on December 9th in an official board-cutting ceremony. McCoy's has more than doubled its number of employees from 21 to about 45 at the new store.

The new store has replaced what used to be a standard McCoy's Building Supply Centers format. The store's larger size will allow McCoy's to carry thousands more products, including expanded lines on lumber, building materials, and hardware. The company employs more than 2,000 people in 85 stores in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.



INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

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|-------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|------|
| Actual (Not | Seasonally Ad | ljusted) | Seaso | nally Adjuste | d |
| NOV | 2004 | 5.4% | NOV | 2004 | 5.7% |
| OCT | 2004 | 5.3% | OCT | 2004 | 5.6% |
| NOV | 2003 | 6.4% | NOV | 2003 | 6.6% |

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|----------------------------------|------|------|---------------------|------|------|--|--|
| Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | |
| NOV | 2004 | 5.2% | NOV | 2004 | 5.4% | | |
| OCT | 2004 | 5.1% | OCT | 2004 | 5.5% | | |
| NOV | 2003 | 5.6% | NOV | 2003 | 5.9% | | |

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

| Not Seasonally Adjusted | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | |
|-------------------------|------|-----------|---------------------|------|-----------|
| NOV | 2004 | 9,552,100 | NOV | 2004 | 9,498,900 |
| OCT | 2004 | 9,518,600 | OCT | 2004 | 9,489,200 |
| NOV | 2003 | 9,431,400 | NOV | 2003 | 9,379,400 |
| OTM Change | | 33,500 | OTM Change | | 9,700 |
| OTY Change | | 120,700 | OTY Change | | 119,500 |

III Claims

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|--------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| In | itial Claims | | Contin | ued Clain | 18 |
| NOV | 2004 | 82,407 | NOV | 2004 | 621,225 |
| OCT | 2004 | 75,845 | OCT | 2004 | 582,733 |
| NOV | 2003 | 80,569 | NOV | 2003 | 749,215 |
| West Texas I | ntermediate (| Crude Oil (\$/bar | rel) | | |
| DEC | 2004 | \$45.38 | OTM Change | | -\$3.08 |
| NOV | 2004 | \$48.46 | OTY Change | | \$13.23 |
| DEC | 2003 | \$32.15 | | | |
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