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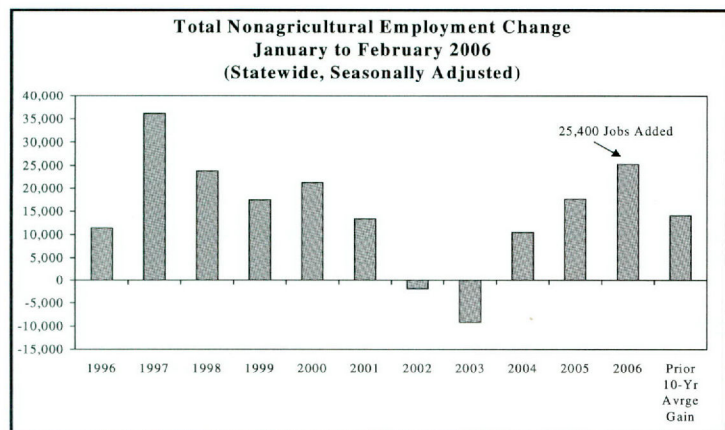
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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas added 25,400 jobs in February. This increase was far above the five and ten-year average January to February gain. All of the industry groups exhibited job growth over the month with the exception of Trade, Transportation and Utilities, which recorded a modest loss. Annual growth for Total Nonagricultural employment, which has remained positive for the past two years, rose slightly from 2.8 percent to 2.9 percent for February.



Natural Resources and Mining increased by 2,200 jobs over the month. This group has recorded only one monthly job decline in the past two years. The annual growth rate edged upward from 5.5 percent in January to 6.1 percent in February, contributing to the over-the-year addition of 9,800 jobs.

Construction grew by 3,900 jobs in February, marking nine consecutive monthly job gains. The February annual growth rate improved slightly to 5.3 percent and has remained in positive territory for the past sixteen months. A total of 29,200 jobs were added over the year in Construction.

Manufacturing was back up in February following a loss of 2,500 jobs in January. The 1,800 January-to-February job increase was well above the average increase and/or decrease seen in past years. The annual growth rate for February of 1.3 percent represented a gain of 11,700 jobs since February 2005.

Following an increase of 3,900 jobs in January, employment in Professional and Business Services posted a gain of 10,600 positions

in February. As a result, the annual growth rate rose from 5.9 percent in January to 6.2 percent in February, an over-the-year jump of 70,200 jobs.

Following a loss of 500 positions in January, employment in Information gained 1,400 jobs in February. The annual growth rate rose to 0.6 percent, an increase of 1,400 positions over the year.

Financial Activities gained 1,300 jobs in February, which was slightly above its ten-year average February increase of 1,000 jobs. A total of 19,300 positions were added in Financial Activities since last February, representing an annual growth rate of 3.2 percent. Annual growth in Financial Activities has been on an upward trend for well over a decade.

Following an increase of 2,200 jobs in January, Leisure and Hospitality Services gained 600 positions in February. This was the smallest over-the-month change in six months. The annual growth rate decreased from 2.7 percent in January to 2.5 percent in February, an increase of 22,600 jobs over the year.

Other Services increased by 400 jobs in February, adding to a gain of 900 positions in January. The annual growth for this group rose from 1.0 percent in January to 1.3 percent in February, an increase of 4,500 jobs over the year. It was the largest annual growth rate recorded for this sector since January 2003.

Education and Health services observed a modest gain of 100 jobs in February, which followed a significant increase of 3,000 positions in January. Consequently, the annual growth rate dropped from 3.5 percent in January to 3.2 percent in February, an over-the-year increase of 37,900 positions.

Government expanded by 4,100 jobs in February after a gain of 1,600 jobs in January. Annual growth rose slightly from 1.2 percent in January to 1.4 percent in February. A total of 22,600 positions have been added in Government since February 2005.

After a larger than expected increase in January, Trade, Transportation and Utilities posted a drop of 1,000 jobs in February. This was only the fourth time in two years this industry group has experienced an over-the-month decrease. Annual growth remained unchanged at 2.6 percent, representing a substantial gain of 50,500 jobs since last February.

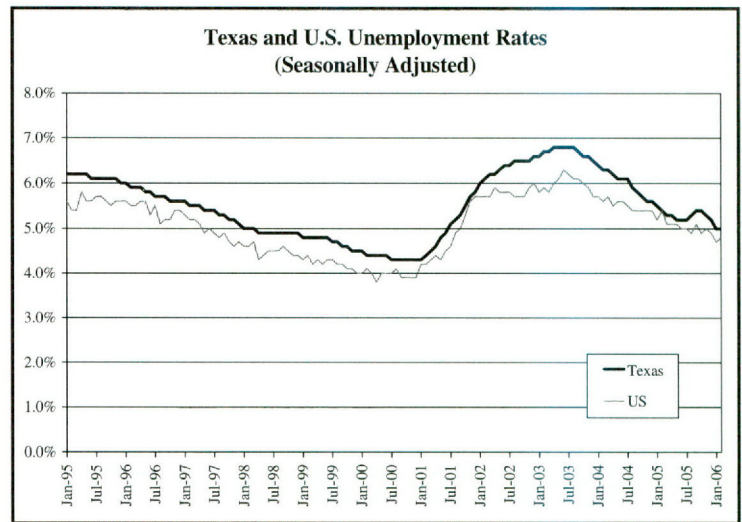
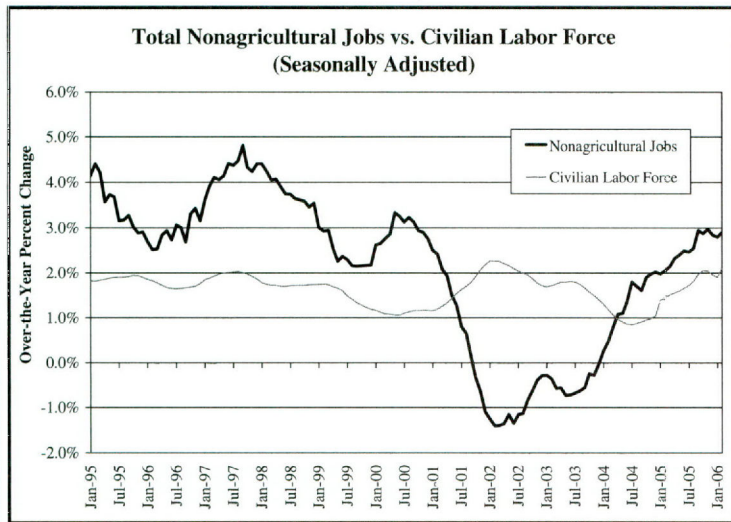
TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

INDUSTRY TITLE	Feb. 2006*	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2005	Jan. '06 to Feb. '06		Feb. '05 to Feb. '06	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	9,902,300	9,876,900	9,622,600	25,400	0.3	279,700	2.9
GOODS PRODUCING							
Natural Resources & Mining	169,800	167,600	160,000	2,200	1.3	9,800	6.1
Construction	584,200	580,300	555,000	3,900	0.7	29,200	5.3
Manufacturing	904,400	902,600	892,700	1,800	0.2	11,700	1.3
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,020,200	2,021,200	1,969,700	-1,000	0.0	50,500	2.6
Information	224,600	223,200	223,200	1,400	0.6	1,400	0.6
Financial Activities	622,100	620,800	602,800	1,300	0.2	19,300	3.2
Professional & Business Services	1,200,400	1,189,800	1,130,200	10,600	0.9	70,200	6.2
Education & Health Services	1,207,700	1,207,600	1,169,800	100	0.0	37,900	3.2
Leisure & Hospitality	921,800	921,200	899,200	600	0.1	22,600	2.5
Other Services	352,500	352,100	348,000	400	0.1	4,500	1.3
Government	1,694,600	1,690,500	1,672,000	4,100	0.2	22,600	1.4

Note: The number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas is without reference to place of residence of workers. Total Nonagricultural employment is additive by summing the individual sectors.

*Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision.

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



TEXAS AND U.S. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

		TEXAS*				UNITED STATES**			
Not Seasonally Adjusted		CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
February	2006	11,329,500	10,742,900	586,600	5.2	149,686,000	141,994,000	7,692,000	5.1
January	2006	11,289,600	10,696,200	593,400	5.3	149,090,000	141,481,000	7,608,000	5.1
February	2005	11,110,000	10,456,100	653,900	5.9	147,649,000	139,100,000	8,549,000	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted		CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
February	2006	11,388,000	10,814,300	573,700	5.0	150,449,000	143,257,000	7,193,000	4.8
January	2006	11,348,400	10,778,500	569,900	5.0	150,114,000	143,074,000	7,040,000	4.7
February	2005	11,148,800	10,546,200	602,700	5.4	148,271,000	140,285,000	7,986,000	5.4

Note: Only the actual series estimates for Texas and the U.S. are comparable to sub-state estimates. All estimates are subject to revision.

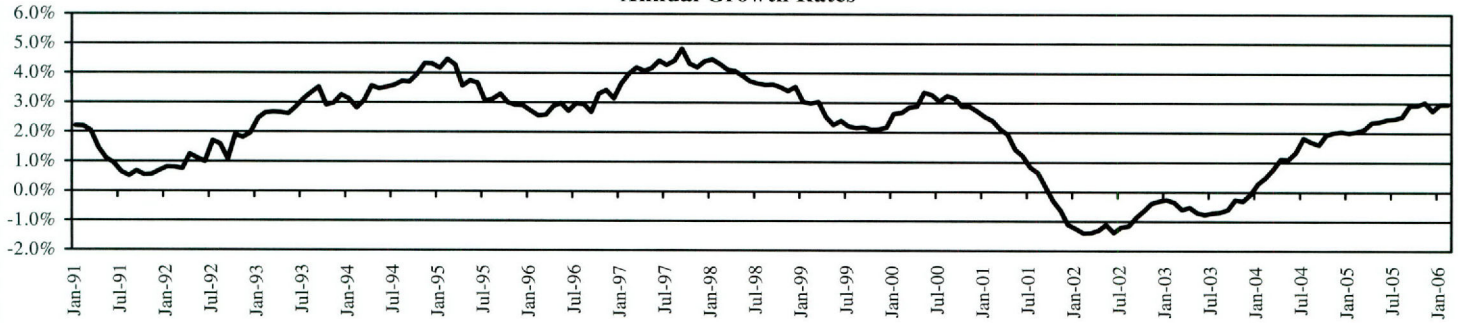
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*Source - Labor Market and Career Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)

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

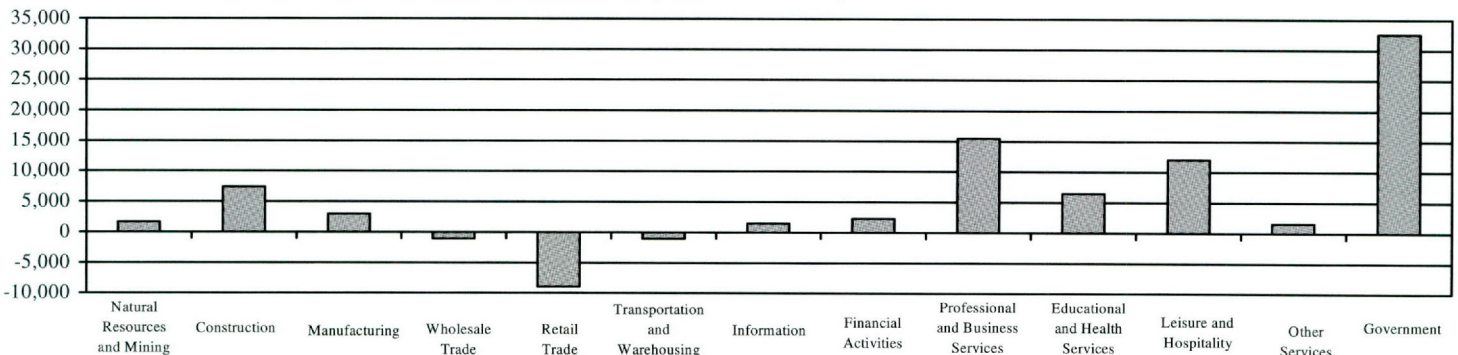
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Annual Growth Rates



	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06	
				Change	% Change	Change	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	9,847,000	9,774,000	9,563,800	73,000	0.7%	283,200	3.0%
TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)	8,125,800	8,085,400	7,863,100	40,400	0.5%	262,700	3.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	1,645,800	1,633,700	1,592,800	12,100	0.7%	53,000	3.3%
Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)	168,700	167,000	159,200	1,700	1.0%	9,500	6.0%
Mining (NAICS 21)	166,500	164,900	157,300	1,600	1.0%	9,200	5.8%
Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)	66,300	66,300	65,300	0	0.0%	1,000	1.5%
Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)	93,100	92,200	82,900	900	1.0%	10,200	12.3%
Construction (NAICS 23)	576,300	568,900	545,800	7,400	1.3%	30,500	5.6%
Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)	138,200	135,000	131,600	3,200	2.4%	6,600	5.0%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)	108,900	107,600	100,000	1,300	1.2%	8,900	8.9%
Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)	329,200	326,300	314,200	2,900	0.9%	15,000	4.8%
Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)	900,800	897,800	887,800	3,000	0.3%	13,000	1.5%
Durable Goods	575,900	573,300	562,700	2,600	0.5%	13,200	2.3%
Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)	27,000	27,100	26,700	-100	-0.4%	300	1.1%
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)	43,600	43,500	43,100	100	0.2%	500	1.2%
Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)	24,100	24,200	24,500	-100	-0.4%	-400	-1.6%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)	116,100	115,500	109,800	600	0.5%	6,300	5.7%
Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)	82,500	82,300	78,100	200	0.2%	4,400	5.6%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)	110,600	109,500	112,600	1,100	1.0%	-2,000	-1.8%
Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)	18,100	17,800	17,600	300	1.7%	500	2.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)	89,600	89,500	86,600	100	0.1%	3,000	3.5%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)	31,600	31,500	30,700	100	0.3%	900	2.9%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)	32,700	32,400	33,000	300	0.9%	-300	-0.9%
Nondurable Goods	324,900	324,500	325,100	400	0.1%	-200	-0.1%
Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)	90,600	91,000	90,700	-400	-0.4%	-100	-0.1%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)	10,800	10,800	10,100	0	0.0%	700	6.9%
Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)	21,300	21,400	21,900	-100	-0.5%	-600	-2.7%
Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)	35,600	35,300	35,800	300	0.8%	-200	-0.6%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324)	22,900	23,000	23,200	-100	-0.4%	-300	-1.3%
Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325)	72,800	73,200	73,500	-400	-0.5%	-700	-1.0%
Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)	45,200	45,300	45,400	-100	-0.2%	-200	-0.4%

Statewide Over-the-Month Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
January 2006 to February 2006



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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

			Jan '06 to Feb '06		Feb '05 to Feb '06		
	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
SERVICE PROVIDING	8,201,200	8,140,300	7,971,000	60,900	0.7%	230,200	2.9%
Private Service Providing	6,480,000	6,451,700	6,270,300	28,300	0.4%	209,700	3.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)	1,997,400	2,008,500	1,944,100	-11,100	-0.6%	53,300	2.7%
Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)	479,800	480,900	466,400	-1,100	-0.2%	13,400	2.9%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)</i>	275,100	276,200	265,800	-1,100	-0.4%	9,300	3.5%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)</i>	152,800	152,800	152,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	1,107,200	1,116,100	1,078,400	-8,900	-0.8%	28,800	2.7%
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)</i>	152,000	150,900	148,400	1,100	0.7%	3,600	2.4%
<i>Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)</i>	43,700	44,400	42,000	-700	-1.6%	1,700	4.0%
<i>Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)</i>	44,100	44,800	43,300	-700	-1.6%	800	1.8%
<i>Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)</i>	88,900	84,900	83,100	4,000	4.7%	5,800	7.0%
<i>Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)</i>	189,700	190,400	189,500	-700	-0.4%	200	0.1%
<i>Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)</i>	57,200	58,100	54,800	-900	-1.5%	2,400	4.4%
<i>Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)</i>	66,400	66,800	66,800	-400	-0.6%	-400	-0.6%
<i>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)</i>	101,800	103,800	97,400	-2,000	-1.9%	4,400	4.5%
<i>Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)</i>	36,700	38,200	34,300	-1,500	-3.9%	2,400	7.0%
<i>General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)</i>	245,300	252,900	238,900	-7,600	-3.0%	6,400	2.7%
<i>Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)</i>	60,900	60,500	60,200	400	0.7%	700	1.2%
<i>Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)</i>	20,500	20,400	19,700	100	0.5%	800	4.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)	410,400	411,500	399,300	-1,100	-0.3%	11,100	2.8%
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	364,300	365,600	353,000	-1,300	-0.4%	11,300	3.2%
<i>Air Transportation (NAICS 481)</i>	62,500	62,400	62,400	100	0.2%	100	0.2%
<i>Rail Transportation (NAICS 482)</i>	17,500	17,500	16,900	0	0.0%	600	3.6%
<i>Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)</i>	108,300	108,600	104,900	-300	-0.3%	3,400	3.2%
<i>Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)</i>	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<i>Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)</i>	65,400	65,800	63,100	-400	-0.6%	2,300	3.6%
<i>Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)</i>	35,700	35,800	35,400	-100	-0.3%	300	0.8%
<i>Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)</i>	39,300	39,300	37,200	0	0.0%	2,100	5.6%
Utilities (NAICS 22)	46,100	45,900	46,300	200	0.4%	-200	-0.4%
Information (NAICS 51)	223,200	221,700	222,300	1,500	0.7%	900	0.4%
<i>Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)</i>	49,500	49,400	49,100	100	0.2%	400	0.8%
<i>Telecommunications (NAICS 517)</i>	91,000	90,600	93,700	400	0.4%	-2,700	-2.9%
<i>Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518)</i>	35,100	35,300	34,500	-200	-0.6%	600	1.7%
Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)	618,500	616,200	599,100	2,300	0.4%	19,400	3.2%
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	443,700	441,600	429,800	2,100	0.5%	13,900	3.2%
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)</i>	232,400	232,000	223,200	400	0.2%	9,200	4.1%
<i>Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)</i>	41,500	41,000	39,100	500	1.2%	2,400	6.1%
<i>Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)</i>	159,600	159,300	157,200	300	0.2%	2,400	1.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	174,800	174,600	169,300	200	0.1%	5,500	3.2%
<i>Real Estate (NAICS 531)</i>	114,400	114,400	109,700	0	0.0%	4,700	4.3%
<i>Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)</i>	58,600	58,600	57,700	0	0.0%	900	1.6%
Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)	1,185,300	1,169,800	1,117,400	15,500	1.3%	67,900	6.1%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	509,600	503,200	490,500	6,400	1.3%	19,100	3.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	54,400	54,200	52,300	200	0.4%	2,100	4.0%
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	621,300	612,400	574,600	8,900	1.5%	46,700	8.1%
<i>Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)</i>	596,700	587,800	551,600	8,900	1.5%	45,100	8.2%
Educational and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)	1,207,100	1,200,600	1,167,900	6,500	0.5%	39,200	3.4%
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	145,200	142,300	142,100	2,900	2.0%	3,100	2.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,061,900	1,058,300	1,025,800	3,600	0.3%	36,100	3.5%
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)</i>	472,200	470,400	447,900	1,800	0.4%	24,300	5.4%
<i>Hospitals (NAICS 622)</i>	261,000	261,000	258,300	0	0.0%	2,700	1.0%
<i>Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)</i>	152,100	152,000	147,400	100	0.1%	4,700	3.2%
<i>Social Assistance (NAICS 624)</i>	176,600	174,900	172,200	1,700	1.0%	4,400	2.6%
Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)	899,100	887,100	875,100	12,000	1.4%	24,000	2.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	94,200	91,900	90,100	2,300	2.5%	4,100	4.6%
<i>Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)</i>	64,800	63,700	64,500	1,100	1.7%	300	0.5%
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	804,900	795,200	785,000	9,700	1.2%	19,900	2.5%
<i>Accommodation (NAICS 721)</i>	95,400	94,000	92,700	1,400	1.5%	2,700	2.9%
<i>Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)</i>	709,500	701,200	692,300	8,300	1.2%	17,200	2.5%
Other Services (NAICS 81)	349,400	347,800	344,400	1,600	0.5%	5,000	1.5%
<i>Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)</i>	105,600	104,900	100,700	700	0.7%	4,900	4.9%
<i>Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)</i>	88,000	87,700	88,900	300	0.3%	-900	-1.0%
<i>Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)</i>	155,800	155,200	154,800	600	0.4%	1,000	0.6%
Government	1,721,200	1,688,600	1,700,700	32,600	1.9%	20,500	1.2%
Federal Government	181,000	180,400	181,900	600	0.3%	-900	-0.5%
State Government	356,000	347,100	353,200	8,900	2.6%	2,800	0.8%
Local Government	1,184,200	1,161,100	1,165,600	23,100	2.0%	18,600	1.6%

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

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) increased by 63,400 jobs from January 2006 to February 2006. All but one area recorded payroll additions over the month. The two MSAs that gained the largest number of jobs in February were the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA, adding 14,800 jobs, and the Dallas-Plano-Irving area, gaining 10,600 jobs. The College Station-Bryan MSA logged the highest percentage of employment growth in February with 4.9 percent, or 4,200 jobs. This was followed by the Amarillo MSA growing 1.4 percent, representing 1,500 positions. Since February of last year, the MSAs have gained 268,000 jobs. The Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA was the only MSA to record a decline in nonagricultural employment from February 2005 to February 2006.

Government employment in the MSAs gained 26,500 jobs in February as local school districts, community colleges and universities completed their staffing for the spring semester. The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA experienced the largest increase with 5,700 jobs. The College Station-Bryan MSA followed with an increase of 3,600 jobs. Local Government contributed 16,100 jobs to the over-the-month gain in this sector.

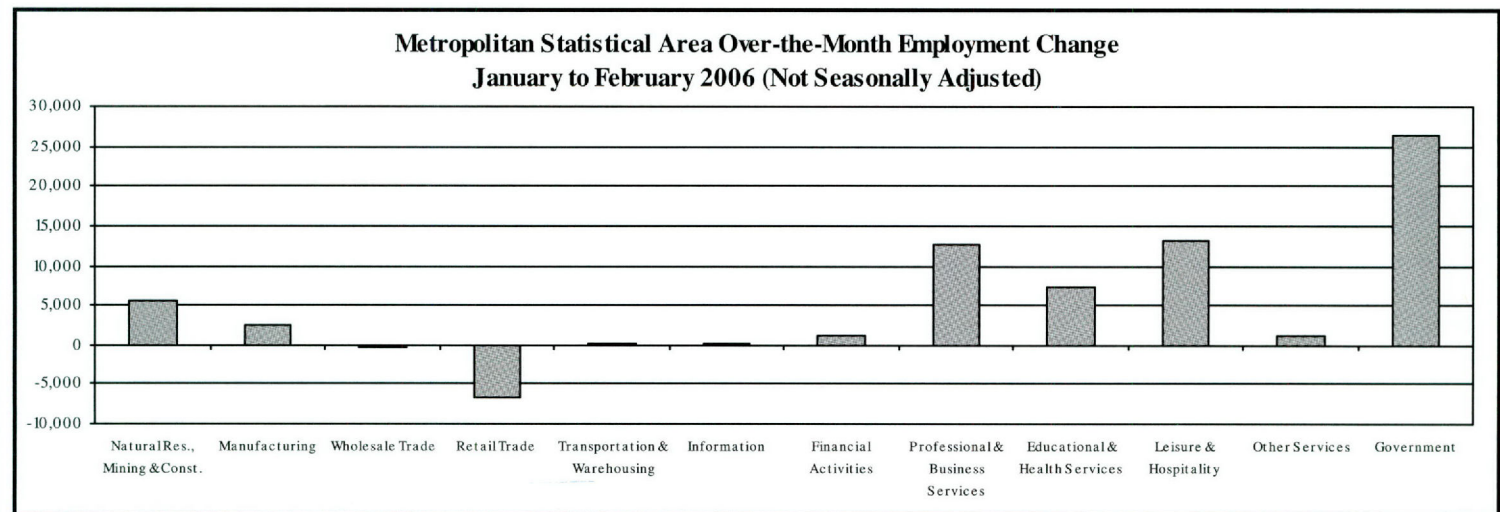
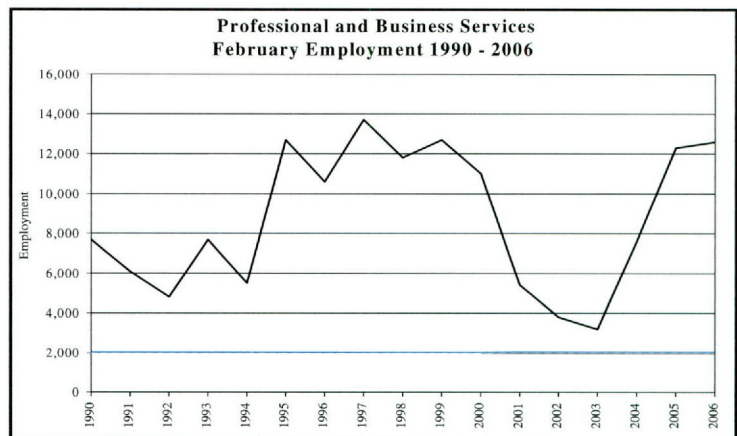
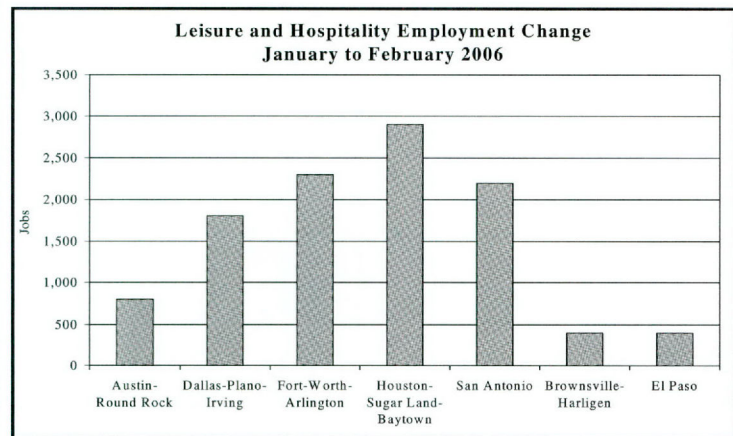
Leisure and Hospitality posted an increase of 13,300 jobs throughout the MSAs. As expected, the more populated metropolitan areas added the largest number of jobs. The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA

grew by 2,900 jobs over the month. The Fort Worth-Arlington area added 2,300 jobs over the month. The San Antonio MSA followed, with a 2,200-job increase. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality grew by a respectable 3.0 percent, or 24,300 jobs.

Professional and Business Services employment grew by 12,600 jobs in February and posted an annual growth rate of 5.3 percent. This marked the largest February increase for this sector since 1999. The largest contributor this month to this industry was the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA, which added 4,700 jobs. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area gained 3,800 jobs for the month.

Educational and Healthcare Services seasonally increased by 7,200 jobs in February. Since last February, it has gained 39,200 jobs. The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA added the most jobs to this industry, with 1,700 new positions. The San Antonio MSA followed, growing by 800 new jobs.

Reflecting normal seasonal losses, Retail Trade employment declined by 6,600 jobs in February. However, over the year, the MSAs added 26,400 jobs. The majority of the decrease occurred in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA, with a loss of 2,900 jobs. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area also contributed to the decrease with a loss of 1,400 jobs over the month.



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

	DALLAS-FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			DALLAS-PLANO-IRVING MD**			HOUSTON-SUGAR LAND-BAYTOWN		
	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05
TOTAL NONFARM	2,799,300	2,783,400	2,707,000	1,978,400	1,967,800	1,907,200	2,382,100	2,367,300	2,303,600
GOODS PRODUCING	463,900	462,000	446,800	314,000	312,600	301,500	461,600	458,900	443,300
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	169,400	167,800	157,400	115,300	114,300	106,900	245,600	244,900	235,200
Manufacturing	294,500	294,200	289,400	198,700	198,300	194,600	216,000	214,000	208,100
Durable Goods	205,200	204,900	201,300	137,300	137,000	134,600	134,000	132,400	126,000
<i>Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing</i>	-	-	-	20,600	20,600	19,900	43,400	42,900	39,700
<i>Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing</i>	48,500	48,200	49,600	43,600	43,300	44,700	19,200	19,300	19,000
Nondurable Goods	89,300	89,300	88,100	61,400	61,300	60,000	82,000	81,600	82,100
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,335,400	2,321,400	2,260,200	1,664,400	1,655,200	1,605,700	1,920,500	1,908,400	1,860,300
Private Service Providing	1,969,500	1,959,400	1,901,000	1,414,100	1,407,700	1,360,900	1,571,600	1,565,200	1,519,000
Wholesale Trade	161,800	162,000	157,500	123,100	123,200	119,700	123,000	122,900	120,100
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods</i>	94,000	94,000	91,700	71,100	71,000	69,200	74,000	74,000	72,500
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods</i>	49,100	48,900	47,600	37,300	37,100	36,100	38,100	38,100	37,100
Retail Trade	304,700	306,800	297,100	206,400	207,800	202,200	243,400	246,300	237,000
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers</i>	-	-	-	26,800	26,500	26,200	33,500	33,500	33,200
<i>Bldg. Material and Garden Eqpmnt. and Supplies Dlrs.</i>	21,800	21,300	21,100	14,500	14,200	13,800	18,000	17,700	18,000
<i>Food and Beverage Stores</i>	49,300	49,100	48,000	33,800	33,600	32,800	45,900	46,100	46,500
<i>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores</i>	-	-	-	23,000	23,600	20,700	24,700	25,700	23,400
<i>General Merchandise Stores</i>	67,900	69,600	65,800	47,300	48,600	45,800	56,700	58,100	52,800
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	134,600	134,100	132,000	74,000	73,400	72,700	117,000	117,500	113,600
Utilities	-	-	-	5,700	5,800	6,300	15,100	15,400	15,500
Information	91,700	91,900	92,500	75,100	75,300	75,400	35,700	35,700	36,900
<i>Telecommunications</i>	40,900	41,100	42,200	33,100	33,300	33,800	14,800	14,800	14,900
Financial Activities	226,700	225,800	217,000	178,300	177,900	170,300	140,200	140,200	136,700
Finance and Insurance	169,200	168,300	162,000	135,200	134,700	128,400	90,900	90,900	89,200
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities</i>	86,900	86,400	83,100	67,200	67,000	63,700	42,500	42,600	41,800
<i>Insurance Carriers and Related Activities</i>	-	-	-	48,600	48,300	48,300	32,500	32,400	32,300
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-	-	-	43,100	43,200	41,900	49,300	49,300	47,500
Professional and Business Services	392,800	387,500	370,400	302,200	298,400	283,600	344,500	339,800	324,900
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	167,200	165,600	163,200	134,600	133,400	130,900	160,100	158,000	154,700
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation	207,200	204,100	188,100	153,300	151,300	137,800	169,000	166,500	157,200
Education and Health Services	292,700	291,100	280,800	203,100	202,100	193,600	266,200	264,500	257,900
Health Care and Social Assistance	250,700	249,700	239,800	172,300	171,700	164,300	224,200	223,200	216,000
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services</i>	-	-	-	80,700	80,400	75,700	95,300	94,700	89,800
Hospitals	64,000	63,600	61,500	42,000	41,700	40,500	63,000	62,800	61,900
Leisure and Hospitality	258,300	254,200	250,200	177,200	175,400	172,100	206,400	203,500	199,900
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-	-	-	20,800	20,500	19,200	24,800	23,900	23,200
Accommodation and Food Services	226,100	223,800	221,500	156,400	154,900	152,900	181,600	179,600	176,700
<i>Food Services and Drinking Places</i>	195,300	193,700	192,400	133,900	132,700	131,700	162,500	160,800	157,400
Other Services	106,200	106,000	103,500	74,700	74,200	71,300	95,200	94,800	92,000
Government	365,900	362,000	359,200	250,300	247,500	244,800	348,900	343,200	341,300
Federal	46,200	46,000	45,800	30,000	30,000	30,300	28,100	28,000	27,600
State	45,100	44,000	44,300	35,300	34,600	34,200	69,200	68,300	68,200
Local	274,600	272,000	269,100	185,000	182,900	180,300	251,600	246,900	245,500
	AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON MD**			SAN ANTONIO		
	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05
TOTAL NONFARM	705,000	698,300	679,200	820,900	815,600	799,800	782,900	776,000	765,900
GOODS PRODUCING	98,200	97,800	95,400	149,900	149,400	145,300	95,000	94,700	91,200
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	41,300	41,000	38,200	54,100	53,500	50,500	48,500	48,400	45,700
Manufacturing	56,900	56,800	57,200	95,800	95,900	94,800	46,500	46,300	45,500
SERVICE PROVIDING	606,800	600,500	583,800	671,000	666,200	654,500	687,900	681,300	674,700
Private Service Providing	451,400	448,500	433,100	555,400	551,700	540,100	541,300	537,400	529,400
Wholesale Trade	37,200	37,200	36,800	38,700	38,800	37,800	26,500	26,500	26,400
Retail Trade	73,200	73,500	69,500	98,300	99,000	94,900	90,400	90,700	89,400
<i>Food and Beverage Stores</i>	14,600	14,500	14,300	15,500	15,500	15,200	15,200	15,100	15,300
<i>General Merchandise Stores</i>	12,900	13,200	11,900	20,600	21,000	20,000	17,700	18,400	17,700
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,600	11,500	11,400	60,600	60,700	59,300	21,100	21,100	20,300
Information	22,000	22,000	21,100	16,600	16,600	17,100	20,100	20,200	20,700
<i>Telecommunications</i>	4,900	4,900	5,100	7,800	7,800	8,400	6,300	6,400	6,900
Financial Activities	41,400	41,300	40,300	48,400	47,900	46,700	61,700	61,400	61,400
Finance and Insurance	29,000	28,900	28,400	34,000	33,600	33,600	47,400	47,100	47,500
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities</i>	12,700	12,600	12,300	19,700	19,400	19,400	20,900	20,900	20,800
Professional and Business Services	95,700	94,700	91,200	90,600	89,100	86,800	98,000	97,200	93,700
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	47,400	47,200	46,100	32,600	32,200	32,300	36,600	36,500	36,500
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation Svcs	43,600	43,000	41,000	53,900	52,800	50,300	54,300	53,500	50,500
Education and Health Services	73,000	72,000	70,300	89,600	89,000	87,200	108,600	107,800	105,600
Health Care and Social Assistance	63,400	63,000	60,700	78,400	78,000	75,500	94,600	94,300	91,400
Hospitals	15,900	15,900	15,400	22,000	21,900	21,000	20,100	20,100	19,800
Leisure and Hospitality	69,900	69,100	66,500	81,100	78,800	78,100	87,500	85,300	85,400
Accommodation and Food Services	61,800	61,000	59,000	69,700	68,900	68,600	79,300	78,200	77,100
Other Services	27,400	27,200	26,000	31,500	31,800	32,200	27,400	27,200	26,500
Government	155,400	152,000	150,700	115,600	114,500	114,400	146,600	143,900	145,300
Federal	11,000	10,000	10,700	16,200	16,000	15,500	29,400	29,000	28,700
State	72,000	70,500	70,300	9,800	9,400	10,100	16,800	16,600	16,500
Local	72,400	71,500	69,700	89,600	89,100	88,800	100,400	98,300	100,100

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

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05
TOTAL	65,100	64,700	62,800	110,000	108,500	105,500	152,900	151,000	153,500	119,000	118,200	115,000
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	5,000	5,000	3,800	6,600	6,500	6,200	14,700	13,300	13,900	4,400	4,400	4,300
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,000	12,300	12,200	12,000	17,800	17,700	19,100	7,200	7,200	7,100
Wholesale Trade	2,300	2,300	2,300	5,500	5,500	5,400	4,300	4,300	4,300	3,200	3,200	3,300
Retail Trade	8,500	8,400	8,000	13,800	13,800	13,400	18,800	18,800	19,400	15,600	15,700	15,400
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	6,700	6,700	6,700	4,000	4,000	4,300
Information	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,800	1,800	1,900	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,200	1,200	1,200
Financial Activities	3,200	3,100	3,200	5,900	5,900	5,900	5,900	5,900	5,400	4,700	4,700	4,500
Prof. & Business Services	4,200	4,100	4,100	9,800	9,600	8,500	12,300	12,300	12,600	8,100	8,000	7,500
Educ. & Health Services	14,100	14,100	13,900	14,800	14,700	14,600	23,300	23,300	23,000	27,700	27,600	26,000
Leisure & Hospitality	6,400	6,300	6,300	11,000	10,800	10,200	13,400	13,300	13,300	11,500	11,100	11,100
Other Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,000	4,900	4,800	5,900	5,900	5,800	3,500	3,500	3,300
Government	12,600	12,600	12,500	19,900	19,200	19,000	27,100	26,800	27,200	27,900	27,600	27,000
INDUSTRY	COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN			CORPUS CHRISTI			EL PASO			KILLEEN-TEMPLE-FORT HOOD		
	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05
TOTAL	90,300	86,100	88,900	170,500	169,500	168,700	262,400	260,900	256,600	118,100	117,500	115,400
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	6,000	5,900	5,900	18,200	17,900	17,700	13,000	12,900	11,600	5,600	5,600	5,700
Manufacturing	6,200	6,200	6,200	10,900	10,900	10,600	21,500	21,900	22,700	8,500	8,500	8,300
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,400	5,300	5,300	5,300	10,400	10,300	10,100	3,600	3,600	3,400
Retail Trade	9,700	9,700	9,500	19,900	19,900	19,700	33,000	33,300	31,400	14,000	14,100	13,200
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,100	1,100	1,000	5,000	5,000	5,100	13,500	13,500	13,000	4,000	4,000	3,900
Information	1,100	1,100	1,100	2,500	2,500	2,600	4,800	4,800	4,700	2,500	2,500	2,400
Financial Activities	3,600	3,600	3,500	7,800	7,800	7,700	12,000	12,000	11,200	6,200	6,200	6,200
Prof. & Business Services	5,300	5,300	5,300	16,200	16,300	16,100	26,100	26,100	25,800	8,900	8,900	8,800
Educ. & Health Services	9,400	9,300	9,100	26,800	26,800	26,000	33,900	33,700	32,100	15,900	15,700	16,100
Leisure & Hospitality	9,700	9,400	9,100	18,900	18,600	18,700	25,200	24,800	24,600	10,000	9,800	9,700
Other Services	2,800	2,700	2,600	6,300	6,300	6,300	7,900	7,800	7,400	5,500	5,500	5,100
Government	33,900	30,300	34,200	32,700	32,200	32,900	61,100	59,800	62,000	33,400	33,100	32,600
INDUSTRY	LAREDO			LONGVIEW			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05
TOTAL	83,800	83,000	78,900	91,100	90,700	88,200	127,100	125,700	125,500	202,400	201,100	192,100
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,200	4,100	3,900	11,100	11,100	10,400	5,500	5,400	5,000	10,500	10,500	10,500
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,700	13,500	13,500	13,300	5,200	5,100	5,100	8,400	8,400	8,400
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,700	3,700	3,400	5,800	5,800	5,700	7,000	7,000	6,700
Retail Trade	11,300	11,400	11,100	11,100	10,900	10,800	15,400	15,400	15,300	29,100	29,500	27,000
Trans., Ware., & Util.	12,300	12,200	11,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,900	3,900	3,800	6,000	6,000	5,500
Information	700	700	700	1,900	1,800	1,900	6,200	6,100	6,200	3,000	3,000	2,700
Financial Activities	3,600	3,600	3,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	6,700	6,700	6,800	8,300	8,300	7,900
Prof. & Business Services	4,100	4,000	3,900	7,000	6,900	6,300	10,400	10,400	10,400	13,100	13,000	12,300
Educ. & Health Services	12,000	12,000	11,000	14,600	14,500	14,200	18,600	18,500	18,200	45,000	44,500	41,000
Leisure & Hospitality	8,300	8,200	8,000	7,200	7,300	7,000	14,300	14,100	14,400	17,000	16,700	16,900
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	5,400	5,400	5,200	4,900	4,900	4,600
Government	21,200	20,700	19,400	11,500	11,500	11,600	29,700	28,900	29,400	50,100	49,300	48,600
INDUSTRY	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05
TOTAL	60,800	60,200	57,800	54,700	54,200	52,300	43,700	43,300	43,500	43,900	43,700	43,200
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	12,500	12,400	11,100	8,600	8,500	7,200	3,200	3,100	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,700
Manufacturing	2,400	2,400	2,200	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,600	3,500	6,200	6,200	6,400
Wholesale Trade	2,700	2,700	2,500	4,200	4,200	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,000	1,000	900
Retail Trade	7,400	7,400	6,900	6,400	6,500	6,500	5,300	5,400	5,300	6,200	6,200	6,100
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,700	1,700	1,600	800	800	800	1,100	1,200	1,100
Information	1,700	1,700	1,900	700	700	700	2,000	1,900	1,900	600	600	500
Financial Activities	3,000	3,100	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Prof. & Business Services	6,800	6,700	6,200	4,000	3,900	3,600	3,700	3,700	3,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Educ. & Health Services	6,300	6,300	6,000	5,500	5,500	5,300	7,200	7,100	7,200	8,100	8,100	8,300
Leisure & Hospitality	6,000	5,900	5,700	5,500	5,400	5,500	4,100	4,000	4,200	4,300	4,200	4,000
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,900	2,900	2,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,500
Government	8,200	7,800	8,600	9,300	9,000	9,400	8,700	8,600	9,100	6,500	6,400	6,300
INDUSTRY	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05
TOTAL	55,400	55,200	53,700	90,500	90,100	89,300	49,300	48,900	48,000	105,500	104,800	104,200
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	2,500	2,500	2,300	5,100	5,100	4,800	6,600	6,500	6,200	5,800	5,700	5,400
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	9,400	9,400	9,600	5,700	5,700	5,800	15,800	15,800	16,000
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,600	2,400	3,800	3,800	3,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	4,100	4,100	4,000
Retail Trade	7,000	7,100	6,800	12,300	12,300	12,100	6,400	6,400	6,200	11,200	11,200	10,900
Trans., Ware., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,300	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,100	3,100	2,800
Information	500	500	500	2,100	2,000	2,000	600	600	600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Financial Activities	2,500	2,500	2,300	4,100	4,200	4,200	2,000	2,100	2,100	6,300	6,300	6,100
Prof. & Business Services	3,300	3,300	3,100	7,300	7,200	7,200	3,600	3,600	3,000	7,000	7,100	7,800
Educ. & Health Services	9,000	9,000	8,900	18,400	18,300	17,800	6,800	6,700	6,400	19,100	18,800	18,600
Leisure & Hospitality	5,100	5,000	4,900	8,400	8,300	8,200	4,000	3,900	4,200	9,600	9,500	9,500
Other Services	2,100	2,100	2,100	3,700	3,700	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,100	4,100	4,100
Government	12,900	12,600	12,600	12,800	12,700	12,800	8,900	8,700	8,800	17,600	17,300	17,200
INDUSTRY	WICHITA FALLS			<p>Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. The number of nonagricultural jobs in each MSA is without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of the TWC are in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.</p> <p>Beginning with January 2005 estimates, definitions of the MSAs were updated to reflect the 2000 Census-based configurations. Please see www.tracer2.com for details on these changes.</p>								
	Feb '06*	Jan '06	Feb '05									
TOTAL	61,600	61,700	60,600									
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	3,700	3,700	3,300									
Manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,600									
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,900	1,700									
Retail Trade	7,800	7,800	7,500									
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500									
Information	1,500	1,500	1,600									
Financial Activities	2,200	2,200	2,200									
Prof. & Business Services	3,100	3,100	3,200									
Educ. & Health Services	10,300	10,200	9,800									
Leisure & Hospitality	5,300	5,300	5,500									
Other Services	3,100	3,100	3,100									
Government	13,600	13,700	13,600									

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate declined over the month, dipping 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.2 percent in February. This month's decline is equal to the average change that usually occurs from January to February. The unemployment rate has dropped 0.7 of a percentage point from year-ago levels. Since February 2005, the jobless rate has fluctuated between 4.8 percent and 5.9 percent. The United States' jobless rate remained unchanged over the month at 5.1 percent, indicating a sense of stability in the workforce. The U.S. jobless rate is the lowest February national rate since February 2001, when it posted 4.6 percent unemployed. In addition, the February U.S. rate is seven-tenths of a percentage point lower than last year's rate of 5.8 percent.

The number of Texas jobholders increased over the month, with a gain of 46,700 employed. The rise brought the state employment total to 10,742,900. This is the largest over-the-month increase since October 2005. A year ago, the number of Texas jobholders rose by 31,200 for February 2005. This month's gain is above the historical average increase of 26,000 that is normally observed between January and February.

The number of unemployed Texans subsided over the month, lowering by 6,800 to a total of 586,600 job seekers. Although a modest decline, it is one of eight such monthly declines over the past year. This month's decrease is just below the average decline of 8,600 job seekers occurring between January and February.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits dropped over the month by 17,000 to 99,400 in February. All but two of the twenty-five MSAs observed a claim count decrease from January to February 2006. The Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA recorded the largest percentage decline at 46.7 percent fewer claims, while the Sherman-Denison MSA registered the largest increase, a 6.2 percent rise in claims for unemployment benefits for February.

Eighteen of the state's twenty-five Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) either saw no change or a decline in their unemployment rate between January and February 2006. The Midland MSA continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in Texas at 3.6 percent.

MSAs Ranked by Unemployment Rate February 2006 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

1	Midland	3.6
2	Amarillo	3.8
3	Lubbock	4.0
4	College Station-Bryan	4.1
5	Austin-Round Rock	4.2
6	Odessa	4.3
7 (tie)	Abilene	4.4
	San Angelo	4.4
9 (tie)	Tyler	4.5
	Wichita Falls	4.5
11	Victoria	4.6
12 (tie)	Longview	4.7
	San Antonio	4.7
	Waco	4.7
15	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	5.0
16	Sherman-Denison	5.1
	Texas	5.2
17 (tie)	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	5.3
	Texarkana	5.3
19	Corpus Christi	5.4
20	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	5.6
21	Laredo	5.8
22	Beaumont-Port Arthur	6.8
23 (tie)	Brownsville-Harlingen	6.9
	El Paso	6.9
25	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7.7

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

	February 2006				January 2006				February 2005			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	149,686.0	141,994.0	7,692.0	5.1	149,090.0	141,481.0	7,608.0	5.1	147,649.0	139,100.0	8,549.0	5.8
State of Texas	11,329.5	10,742.9	586.6	5.2	11,289.6	10,696.2	593.4	5.3	11,110.0	10,456.1	653.9	5.9
Abilene	82.3	78.7	3.6	4.4	82.0	78.5	3.5	4.3	79.8	76.0	3.8	4.8
Amarillo	130.2	125.3	4.9	3.8	128.8	123.9	4.9	3.8	126.1	120.5	5.6	4.5
Austin-Round Rock	818.0	783.6	34.4	4.2	814.4	779.5	34.9	4.3	795.2	757.0	38.2	4.8
Beaumont-Port Arthur	175.2	163.3	11.9	6.8	175.2	162.4	12.8	7.3	177.7	163.9	13.8	7.8
Brownsville-Harlingen	143.0	133.1	9.9	6.9	143.0	132.9	10.1	7.1	141.0	128.7	12.3	8.7
College Station-Bryan	105.3	101.0	4.3	4.1	101.2	96.8	4.4	4.3	104.2	99.7	4.5	4.3
Corpus Christi	199.9	189.2	10.7	5.4	198.4	187.8	10.6	5.4	199.4	186.8	12.6	6.3
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,062.8	2,910.4	152.4	5.0	3,055.5	2,902.4	153.1	5.0	2,990.6	2,820.0	170.6	5.7
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,050.4	1,947.0	103.4	5.0	2,050.0	1,945.9	104.1	5.1	1,997.9	1,882.1	115.8	5.8
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,012.6	963.5	49.1	4.8	1,005.5	956.5	49.0	4.9	992.8	937.9	54.9	5.5
El Paso	295.1	274.7	20.4	6.9	291.7	271.8	19.9	6.8	293.0	269.2	23.8	8.1
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,668.0	2,525.4	142.6	5.3	2,660.1	2,511.8	148.3	5.6	2,600.3	2,445.7	154.6	5.9
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	153.2	144.7	8.5	5.6	152.5	144.0	8.5	5.6	149.8	141.4	8.4	5.6
Laredo	89.6	84.4	5.2	5.8	88.7	83.7	5.0	5.6	85.5	79.6	5.9	6.9
Longview	104.5	99.5	5.0	4.7	104.3	99.3	5.0	4.8	102.1	96.5	5.6	5.5
Lubbock	142.1	136.5	5.6	4.0	141.3	135.7	5.6	4.0	141.3	135.1	6.2	4.4
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	271.9	251.1	20.8	7.7	270.5	249.4	21.1	7.8	262.3	239.0	23.3	8.9
Midland	68.4	66.0	2.4	3.6	67.9	65.5	2.4	3.5	65.8	63.0	2.8	4.2
Odessa	64.3	61.5	2.8	4.3	63.8	61.1	2.7	4.3	62.1	58.8	3.3	5.4
San Angelo	52.8	50.5	2.3	4.4	52.9	50.6	2.3	4.3	53.1	50.6	2.5	4.8
San Antonio	904.7	862.0	42.7	4.7	899.3	856.3	43.0	4.8	892.5	843.7	48.8	5.5
Sherman-Denison	57.2	54.3	2.9	5.1	56.6	53.8	2.8	5.0	56.7	53.3	3.4	6.0
Texarkana	63.8	60.4	3.4	5.3	63.3	60.1	3.2	5.0	61.8	58.3	3.5	5.7
Tyler	96.8	92.5	4.3	4.5	96.9	92.5	4.4	4.6	96.2	91.3	4.9	5.1
Victoria	57.7	55.0	2.7	4.6	57.4	54.8	2.6	4.6	56.7	53.6	3.1	5.5
Waco	113.7	108.3	5.4	4.7	112.4	107.1	5.3	4.8	112.7	107.0	5.7	5.1
Wichita Falls	75.3	71.9	3.4	4.5	75.1	71.8	3.3	4.5	74.5	70.8	3.7	5.0

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. Beginning with January 2005 estimates, definitions of the MSAs were updated to reflect the 2000 Census-based configurations. Please see www.tracer2.com for details on these changes. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA is comprised of the Dallas-Plano-Irving Metropolitan Division (MD) and the Fort Worth-Arlington MD.

Employment and Unemployment Estimates for Texas Counties - February 2006

County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	20,008	18,706	1,302	6.5	Gillespie	13,027	12,654	373	2.9	Moore	10,145	9,737	408	4.0
Andrews	6,558	6,281	277	4.2	Glasscock	582	555	27	4.6	Morris	6,126	5,791	335	5.5
Angelina	38,831	36,817	2,014	5.2	Goliad	3,455	3,298	157	4.5	Motley	660	631	29	4.4
Aransas	10,968	10,380	588	5.4	Gonzales	9,553	9,155	398	4.2	Nacogdoches	30,509	29,050	1,459	4.8
Archer	5,418	5,226	192	3.5	Gray	10,908	10,447	461	4.2	Navarro	21,276	20,103	1,173	5.5
Armstrong	1,164	1,120	44	3.8	Grayson	57,281	54,332	2,949	5.1	Newton	5,567	5,106	461	8.3
Atascosa	19,265	18,400	865	4.5	Gregg	62,020	59,099	2,921	4.7	Nolan	7,537	7,163	374	5.0
Austin	13,228	12,639	589	4.5	Grimes	10,151	9,572	579	5.7	Nueces	159,333	150,991	8,342	5.2
Bailey	3,134	2,976	158	5.0	Guadalupe	51,591	49,310	2,281	4.4	Ochiltree	5,021	4,851	170	3.4
Bandera	9,851	9,432	419	4.3	Hale	16,436	15,507	929	5.7	Oldham	1,005	956	49	4.9
Bastrop	34,660	33,149	1,511	4.4	Hall	1,506	1,398	108	7.2	Orange	40,130	37,480	2,650	6.6
Baylor	1,771	1,683	88	5.0	Hamilton	3,635	3,464	171	4.7	Palo Pinto	14,279	13,625	654	4.6
Bee	10,731	9,972	759	7.1	Hansford	2,279	2,183	96	4.2	Panola	11,614	11,086	528	4.5
Bell	116,235	109,892	6,343	5.5	Hardeman	2,262	2,159	103	4.6	Parker	51,324	49,072	2,252	4.4
Bexar	724,622	689,519	35,103	4.8	Hardin	24,131	22,714	1,417	5.9	Parmer	4,472	4,275	197	4.4
Blanco	4,633	4,450	183	3.9	Harris	1,883,363	1,778,017	105,346	5.6	Pecos	6,572	6,232	340	5.2
Borden	424	404	20	4.7	Harrison	31,300	29,593	1,707	5.5	Polk	16,413	15,408	1,005	6.1
Bosque	8,303	7,901	402	4.8	Hartley	2,169	2,067	102	4.7	Potter	58,094	55,576	2,518	4.3
Bowie	43,599	41,100	2,499	5.7	Haskell	3,173	3,046	127	4.0	Presidio	3,128	2,801	327	10.5
Brazoria	135,119	128,373	6,746	5.0	Hays	67,489	64,925	2,564	3.8	Rains	5,383	5,143	240	4.5
Brazos	88,804	85,261	3,543	4.0	Hemphill	2,133	2,064	69	3.2	Randall	67,459	65,213	2,246	3.3
Brewster	5,342	5,149	193	3.6	Henderson	34,435	32,697	1,738	5.0	Reagan	2,241	2,175	66	2.9
Briscoe	680	637	43	6.3	Hidalgo	271,980	251,134	20,846	7.7	Real	1,053	986	67	6.4
Brooks	3,036	2,829	207	6.8	Hill	15,066	14,208	858	5.7	Red River	6,225	5,838	387	6.2
Brown	18,749	17,920	829	4.4	Hockley	10,853	10,343	510	4.7	Reeves	4,216	3,892	324	7.7
Burleson	8,752	8,390	362	4.1	Hood	22,414	21,360	1,054	4.7	Refugio	3,823	3,636	187	4.9
Burnet	20,144	19,355	789	3.9	Hopkins	17,483	16,717	766	4.4	Roberts	595	568	27	4.5
Caldwell	16,742	15,977	765	4.6	Houston	8,152	7,634	518	6.4	Robertson	7,746	7,349	397	5.1
Callahan	9,451	8,959	492	5.2	Howard	12,953	12,182	771	6.0	Rockwall	31,174	29,899	1,275	4.1
Calloway	7,070	6,775	295	4.2	Hudspeth	1,346	1,220	126	9.4	Runnels	4,419	4,185	234	5.3
Cameron	142,973	133,068	9,905	6.9	Hunt	39,896	37,772	2,124	5.3	Rusk	23,310	22,222	1,088	4.7
Camp	5,281	4,990	291	5.5	Hutchinson	9,878	9,377	501	5.1	Sabine	3,349	3,035	314	9.4
Carson	3,562	3,437	125	3.5	Irion	947	911	36	3.8	San Augustine	3,481	3,247	234	6.7
Cass	13,335	12,537	798	6.0	Jack	3,941	3,755	186	4.7	San Jacinto	10,521	9,935	586	5.6
Castro	3,257	3,063	194	6.0	Jackson	6,517	6,183	334	5.1	San Patricio	29,628	27,845	1,783	6.0
Chambers	14,399	13,658	741	5.1	Jasper	15,419	14,311	1,108	7.2	San Saba	2,570	2,450	120	4.7
Cherokee	20,412	19,249	1,163	5.7	Jeff Davis	1,053	1,003	50	4.7	Schleicher	1,308	1,248	60	4.6
Childress	3,033	2,866	167	5.5	Jefferson	110,947	103,153	7,794	7.0	Scurry	7,023	6,675	348	5.0
Clay	6,467	6,224	243	3.8	Jim Hogg	2,658	2,532	126	4.7	Shackelford	1,882	1,813	69	3.7
Cochran	1,510	1,404	106	7.0	Jim Wells	19,772	18,766	1,006	5.1	Shelby	11,429	10,815	614	5.4
Coke	1,321	1,252	69	5.2	Johnson	73,298	69,989	3,309	4.5	Sherman	1,239	1,180	59	4.8
Coleman	4,235	4,037	198	4.7	Jones	8,239	7,774	465	5.6	Smith	96,811	92,487	4,324	4.5
Collin	364,030	349,269	14,761	4.1	Karnes	5,469	5,129	340	6.2	Somervell	3,739	3,537	202	5.4
Collingsworth	1,527	1,451	76	5.0	Kaufman	42,869	40,764	2,105	4.9	Starr	21,966	18,788	3,178	14.5
Colorado	10,222	9,767	455	4.5	Kendall	14,005	13,481	524	3.7	Stephens	4,171	3,974	197	4.7
Comal	48,028	46,105	1,923	4.0	Kenedy	255	248	7	2.7	Sterling	993	964	29	2.9
Comanche	6,156	5,855	301	4.9	Kent	440	423	17	3.9	Stonewall	815	775	40	4.9
Concho	1,374	1,293	81	5.9	Kerr	23,264	22,406	858	3.7	Sutton	2,799	2,721	78	2.8
Cooke	20,180	19,365	815	4.0	Kimble	2,277	2,186	91	4.0	Swisher	3,571	3,390	181	5.1
Coryell	26,174	24,436	1,738	6.6	King	141	134	7	5.0	Tarrant	859,847	817,544	42,303	4.9
Cottle	818	775	43	5.3	Kinney	1,386	1,293	93	6.7	Taylor	67,016	64,174	2,842	4.2
Crane	1,569	1,482	87	5.5	Kleberg	17,345	16,538	807	4.7	Terrell	358	329	29	8.1
Crockett	1,944	1,861	83	4.3	Knox	1,705	1,619	86	5.0	Terry	5,741	5,410	331	5.8
Crosby	2,972	2,804	168	5.7	Lamar	22,885	21,426	1,459	6.4	Throckmorton	916	879	37	4.0
Culberson	1,631	1,564	67	4.1	Lamb	7,087	6,720	367	5.2	Titus	14,788	14,126	662	4.5
Dallam	2,945	2,826	119	4.0	Lampasas	10,793	10,371	422	3.9	Tom Green	51,823	49,557	2,266	4.4
Dallas	1,189,877	1,123,298	66,579	5.6	La Salle	2,759	2,621	138	5.0	Travis	519,141	496,760	22,381	4.3
Dawson	5,114	4,754	360	7.0	Lavaca	10,718	10,301	417	3.9	Trinity	5,722	5,397	325	5.7
Deaf Smith	8,378	7,977	401	4.8	Lee	8,575	8,221	354	4.1	Tyler	8,373	7,804	569	6.8
Delta	2,531	2,398	133	5.3	Leon	7,608	7,210	398	5.2	Upshur	19,111	18,170	941	4.9
Denton	313,105	300,186	12,919	4.1	Liberty	32,312	30,417	1,895	5.9	Upton	1,707	1,641	66	3.9
DeWitt	9,209	8,768	441	4.8	Limestone	10,468	9,961	507	4.8	Uvalde	11,760	11,015	745	6.3
Dickens	988	935	53	5.4	Lipscomb	1,638	1,577	61	3.7	Val Verde	20,039	18,692	1,347	6.7
Dimmit	3,773	3,458	315	8.3	Live Oak	5,062	4,809	253	5.0	Van Zandt	25,424	24,268	1,156	4.5
Donley	1,771	1,685	86	4.9	Llano	8,042	7,691	351	4.4	Victoria	44,825	42,792	2,033	4.5
Duval	5,243	4,926	317	6.0	Loving	27	23	4	14.8	Walker	25,866	24,520	1,346	5.2
Eastland	8,255	7,850	405	4.9	Lubbock	139,174	133,707	5,467	3.9	Waller	16,549	15,644	905	5.5
Ector	64,312	61,539	2,773	4.3	Lynn	2,723	2,563	160	5.9	Ward	4,500	4,266	234	5.2
Edwards	986	942	44	4.5	McCulloch	3,579	3,398	181	5.1	Washington	16,241	15,582	659	4.1
Ellis	66,857	63,369	3,488	5.2	McLennan	113,655	108,259	5,396	4.7	Webb	89,553	84,385	5,168	5.8
El Paso	295,133	274,742	20,391	6.9	McMullen	359	339	20	5.6	Wharton	20,963	19,905	1,058	5.0
Erath	17,347	16,629	718	4.1	Madison	4,848	4,563	285	5.9	Wheeler	2,545	2,437	108	4.2
Falls	7,262	6,765	497	6.8	Marion	5,100	4,815	285	5.6	Wichita	63,442	60,459	2,983	4.7
Fannin	13,841	12,979	862	6.2	Martin	2,032	1,918	114	5.6	Wilbarger	7,369	7,075	294	4.0
Fayette	11,943	11,499	444	3.7	Mason	2,402	2,335	67	2.8	Willacy	7,682	6,873	809	10.5
Fisher	1,953	1,873	80	4.1	Matagorda	16,119	14,886	1,233	7.6	Williamson	179,931	172,782	7,149	4.0
Floyd	3,214	2,977	237	7.4	Maverick	20,837	17,319	3,518	16.9	Wilson	17,753	17,041	712	4.0
Foard	631	602	29	4.6	Medina	19,680	18,759	921	4.7	Winkler	2,966	2,809	157	5.3
Fort Bend	233,264	222,698	10,566	4.5	Menard	1,058	1,014	44	4.2	Wise	28,036	26,849	1,187	4.2
Franklin	5,099	4,875	224	4.4	Midland	68,411	65,970	2,441	3.6	Wood	17,637	16,784	853	4.8
Freestone	10,088	9,681	407	4.0	Milam	12,178	11,579	599	4.9	Yoakum	3,242	3,068	174	5.4
Frio	6,366	5,975	391	6.1	Mills	2,527	2,436	91	3.6	Young	9,175	8,784	391	4.3
Gaines	6,423	6,099	324	5.0	Mitchell	3,344	3,123	221	6.6	Zapata	5,278	4,941	337	6.4
Galveston	140,388	133,161	7,227	5.1	Montague	9,829	9,409	420	4.3	Zavala	4,064	3,569	495	12.2
Garza	2,388	2,271	117	4.9	Montgomery	188,898	180,865	8,033	4.3	Texas	11,329,477	10,742,874	586,603	5.2

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City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate
Abilene	58,065	55,477	2,588	4.5	Friendswood	17,967	17,221	746	4.2	New Braunfels	23,377	22,517	860	3.7
Allen	37,053	35,760	1,293	3.5	Frisco	35,886	34,640	1,246	3.5	North Richland Hills	35,617	34,094	1,523	4.3
Amarillo	100,193	96,418	3,775	3.8	Galveston	27,516	25,912	1,604	5.8	Odessa	48,174	46,107	2,067	4.3
Arlington	207,337	197,346	9,991	4.8	Garland	115,868	109,642	6,226	5.4	Paris	11,589	10,788	801	6.9
Austin	410,616	393,091	17,525	4.3	Georgetown	18,083	17,323	760	4.2	Pasadena	67,647	63,840	3,807	5.6
Baytown	31,960	29,829	2,131	6.7	Grand Prairie	73,051	69,283	3,768	5.2	Pearland	30,055	28,854	1,201	4.0
Beaumont	53,023	49,459	3,564	6.7	Grapevine	28,863	27,713	1,150	4.0	Pflugerville	15,581	15,070	511	3.3
Bedford	31,634	30,251	1,383	4.4	Greenville	11,957	11,287	670	5.6	Pharr	22,564	21,290	1,274	5.6
Big Spring	8,914	8,338	576	6.5	Haltom City	21,865	20,805	1,060	4.8	Plano	143,305	137,148	6,157	4.3
Brownsville	60,120	55,970	4,150	6.9	Harlingen	24,836	23,339	1,497	6.0	Port Arthur	22,289	20,411	1,878	8.4
Bryan	37,195	35,683	1,512	4.1	Houston	1,009,395	948,464	60,931	6.0	Richardson	57,600	55,012	2,588	4.5
Burleson	15,431	14,865	566	3.7	Huntsville	14,559	13,805	754	5.2	Rockwall	14,915	14,413	502	3.4
Carrollton	71,072	67,945	3,127	4.4	Hurst	21,534	20,502	1,032	4.8	Rosenberg	14,447	13,818	629	4.4
Cedar Hill	22,760	21,617	1,143	5.0	Irving	114,389	108,698	5,691	5.0	Round Rock	46,957	45,221	1,736	3.7
Cedar Park	25,877	25,197	680	2.6	Keller	19,062	18,423	639	3.4	Rowlett	29,276	27,974	1,302	4.4
Cleburne	13,754	13,160	594	4.3	Killeen	41,061	38,576	2,485	6.1	San Angelo	43,610	41,664	1,946	4.5
College Station	40,583	39,044	1,539	3.8	Kingsville	13,878	13,252	626	4.5	San Antonio	597,492	569,507	27,985	4.7
Conroe	21,970	21,063	907	4.1	Lake Jackson	14,019	13,371	648	4.6	San Juan	11,830	10,975	855	7.2
Coppell	21,794	20,898	896	4.1	Lancaster	15,323	14,267	1,056	6.9	San Marcos	25,695	24,859	836	3.3
Copperas Cove	13,464	12,719	745	5.5	La Porte	18,575	17,586	989	5.3	Sherman	17,409	16,516	893	5.1
Corpus Christi	143,007	135,725	7,282	5.1	Laredo	84,419	79,787	4,632	5.5	Socorro	10,317	9,532	785	7.6
Corsicana	10,839	10,184	655	6.0	League City	33,101	31,854	1,247	3.8	Sugar Land	40,052	38,497	1,555	3.9
Dallas	608,202	573,389	34,813	5.7	Lewisville	56,012	53,808	2,204	3.9	Temple	29,030	27,681	1,349	4.6
Deer Park	16,198	15,409	789	4.9	Longview	39,746	37,850	1,896	4.8	Texarkana	16,665	15,635	1,030	6.2
Del Rio	15,705	14,692	1,013	6.5	Lubbock	115,932	111,491	4,441	3.8	Texas City	20,523	19,258	1,265	6.2
Denton	55,990	54,079	1,911	3.4	Lufkin	15,951	15,069	882	5.5	The Colony	21,130	20,292	838	4.0
DeSoto	24,517	23,037	1,480	6.0	McAllen	58,582	55,515	3,067	5.2	Tyler	46,733	44,637	2,096	4.5
Duncanville	19,238	18,080	1,158	6.0	McKinney	45,976	44,398	1,578	3.4	Victoria	32,268	30,810	1,458	4.5
Edinburg	26,763	25,565	1,198	4.5	Mansfield	19,584	18,797	787	4.0	Waco	55,287	52,370	2,917	5.3
El Paso	253,088	236,940	16,148	6.4	Mesquite	72,507	68,815	3,692	5.1	Weslaco	13,040	12,035	1,005	7.7
Eules	31,813	30,375	1,438	4.5	Midland	56,081	54,059	2,022	3.6	Wichita Falls	48,088	45,745	2,343	4.9
Farmers Branch	15,022	14,296	726	4.8	Mission	24,164	22,772	1,392	5.8	Wylie	14,178	13,681	497	3.5
Flower Mound	34,804	33,492	1,312	3.8	Missouri City	38,019	36,293	1,726	4.5					
Fort Worth	297,251	282,063	15,188	5.1	Nacogdoches	15,752	15,021	731	4.6					

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates for WDAs February 2006				
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Alamo	952,921	908,211	44,710	4.7
Brazos Valley	144,150	137,927	6,223	4.3
Cameron County	142,973	133,068	9,905	6.9
Capital Area	519,141	496,760	22,381	4.3
Central Texas	174,112	164,628	9,484	5.4
Coastal Bend	265,555	251,279	14,276	5.4
Concho Valley	74,066	70,915	3,151	4.3
Dallas	1,189,877	1,123,298	66,579	5.6
Deep East Texas	157,766	148,559	9,207	5.8
East Texas	377,846	359,309	18,537	4.9
Golden Crescent	93,728	89,456	4,272	4.6
Gulf Coast	2,730,690	2,584,550	146,140	5.4
Heart Of Texas	164,842	156,775	8,067	4.9
Lower Rio Grande Valley	301,628	276,795	24,833	8.2
Middle Rio Grande	66,657	59,895	6,762	10.1
North Central Texas	1,089,644	1,042,423	47,221	4.3
North East Texas	132,071	124,808	7,263	5.5
North Texas	111,123	106,151	4,972	4.5
Panhandle	210,974	202,358	8,616	4.1
Permian Basin	188,724	180,376	8,348	4.4
Rural Capital	352,159	338,049	14,110	4.0
South East Texas	175,208	163,347	11,861	6.8
South Plains	200,263	191,450	8,813	4.4
South Texas	97,489	91,858	5,631	5.8
Tarrant County	859,847	817,544	42,303	4.9
Texoma	91,302	86,676	4,626	5.1
Upper Rio Grande	307,633	286,479	21,154	6.9
West Central Texas	157,098	149,933	7,165	4.6

Hours and Earnings for Texas and Selected Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas & Metro Divisions									
Area	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. '06	Jan. '06	Feb. '05	Feb. '06	Jan. '06	Feb. '05	Feb. '06	Jan. '06	Feb. '05
Texas									
Manufacturing	\$571.24	\$560.80	\$547.45	40.6	40.0	39.3	\$14.07	\$14.02	\$13.93
Durable Goods	\$572.04	\$557.44	\$560.87	42.0	41.2	41.7	\$13.62	\$13.53	\$13.45
Nondurable Goods	\$571.34	\$565.79	\$526.88	38.5	38.1	35.6	\$14.84	\$14.85	\$14.80
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington MSA									
Manufacturing	\$617.53	\$608.00	\$590.21	40.6	40.0	39.4	\$15.21	\$15.20	\$14.98
Durable Goods	\$665.04	\$654.88	\$658.49	40.8	40.3	40.9	\$16.30	\$16.25	\$16.10
Nondurable Goods	\$526.51	\$520.08	\$472.51	40.1	39.4	36.8	\$13.13	\$13.20	\$12.84
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA									
Manufacturing	\$695.70	\$687.14	\$705.25	39.8	39.4	40.3	\$17.48	\$17.44	\$17.50
Durable Goods	\$570.27	\$573.10	\$590.96	38.9	39.2	40.7	\$14.66	\$14.62	\$14.52
Nondurable Goods	\$891.46	\$865.65	\$860.30	41.1	39.8	39.7	\$21.69	\$21.75	\$21.67
San Antonio MSA									
Manufacturing	\$454.31	\$444.09	\$423.45	40.6	39.9	39.1	\$11.19	\$11.13	\$10.83
Durable Goods	\$493.29	\$476.00	\$441.98	43.5	42.5	41.0	\$11.34	\$11.20	\$10.78
Nondurable Goods	\$403.70	\$402.23	\$401.84	36.8	36.5	36.9	\$10.97	\$11.02	\$10.89
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD*									
Manufacturing	\$533.67	\$523.49	\$512.72	38.7	38.1	37.7	\$13.79	\$13.74	\$13.60
Durable Goods	\$535.95	\$525.80	\$540.93	38.2	37.8	38.5	\$14.03	\$13.91	\$14.05
Nondurable Goods	\$527.96	\$518.60	\$471.77	39.4	38.5	36.6	\$13.40	\$13.47	\$12.89
Ft. Worth-Arlington MD*									
Manufacturing	\$773.07	\$765.62	\$745.97	44.1	43.6	42.7	\$17.53	\$17.56	\$17.47
Durable Goods	\$875.84	\$865.36	\$863.67	45.1	44.4	45.1	\$19.42	\$19.49	\$19.15
Nondurable Goods	\$523.75	\$523.74	\$472.07	41.8	41.6	37.2	\$12.53	\$12.59	\$12.69

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GLOSSARY OF LABOR MARKET TERMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE”

El Paso To Get 1,028 Jobs

EL PASO, Tex (El Paso Times—Vic Kolenc)—New Jersey-based Automatic Data Processing Inc., or ADP, plans to bring 1,028 jobs to El Paso in the next five years, including 300 workers in the next several months.

According to Steve Penrose, an ADP senior vice president, the company plans to open a temporary Solutions Center in a Downtown office tower until it builds a new facility. ADP plans to hire 300 people by June. The center will provide payroll and other employer-related technical services to its business clients, and also provide auto-dealer-related services.

New Hospitals Could Add Hundreds of Jobs

AUSTIN, Tex (KVUE News—Erin Ochoa)—Three new medical centers in Williamson County could add up to 1,900 jobs in the next couple of years. Seton Hospital will open up a 151-bed hospital in Cedar Park in partnership with Triad Hospitals, Inc. Seton is also building a second hospital, called the Williamson Medical Center in northeast Round Rock. Seton will need another 1,400 workers between its two hospitals.

A third hospital will be built just north of Round Rock on Chandler Road near I-35. It will be called University Medical Campus, which is part of Scott and

White. It is scheduled to open later this year, and by March of next year, it will have close to 500 jobs to fill.

Rehab Hospitals Planned North of Dallas

DALLAS, Tex (Dallas Business Journal—Jennifer Gordon)—Two \$20 million rehabilitation hospitals that will create a total of 500 jobs are in the works for Frisco and Denton. Mechanicsburg, Pa.-based Select Medical Corp plans to start construction for the two projects this spring. The Frisco hospital plans to break ground and open by early spring of next year. The Denton hospital will break ground in late spring and likely open a few months after the Frisco facility.

Railroad Jobs Opening Up

SAN ANTONIO, Tex (San Antonio Express-News—Meena Thiruvengadam)—Union Pacific Railroad plans to hire at least 150 people in San Antonio this year as part of a nationwide effort to hire several thousand new employees. The Omaha, Neb.-based company, which has significant operations in Houston, El Paso, Fort Worth and San Antonio, expects 40 percent of its workforce to retire within five years. Union Pacific lines serve all major Texas cities and ports; its trains hauling such items as grain, gravel, cars, car parts, and household items.

INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
FEB	2006	5.2%	FEB	2006	5.0%
JAN	2006	5.3%	JAN	2006	5.0%
FEB	2005	5.9%	FEB	2005	5.4%

U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
FEB	2006	5.1%	FEB	2006	4.8%
JAN	2006	5.1%	JAN	2006	4.7%
FEB	2005	5.8%	FEB	2005	5.4%

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
FEB	2006	9,847,000	FEB	2006	9,902,300
JAN	2006	9,774,000	JAN	2006	9,876,900
FEB	2005	9,563,800	FEB	2005	9,622,600
OTM Change		73,000	OTM Change		25,400
OTY Change		283,200	OTY Change		279,700

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
FEB	2006	48,059	FEB	2006	519,327
JAN	2006	65,710	JAN	2006	639,590
FEB	2005	58,031	FEB	2005	548,543

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change

U.S.	FEB 2006	3.6%	FEB	2006	62.9
Dallas-Fort Worth	JAN 2006	4.8%	JAN	2006	61.1
Houston-Galveston	FEB 2006	2.3%	FEB	2005	61.5

Help Wanted Index - Texas

FEB	2006	62.9	FEB	2006	62.9
JAN	2006	61.1	JAN	2006	61.1
FEB	2005	61.5	FEB	2005	61.5

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

FEB	2006	\$ 61.63	OTM Change	-\$ 3.88
JAN	2006	\$ 65.51	OTY Change	\$ 13.66
FEB	2005	\$ 47.97		

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