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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Employment recorded significant job growth for the third consecutive month, adding 23,500 jobs in April. This increase outpaced the five-year average gain of 14,700 jobs and the ten-year average increase of 13,800 jobs. A total of 74,600 jobs have been added to Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas since the beginning of this year. The annual growth rate for Total Nonagricultural Employment rose from 2.3 percent in March to 2.4 percent in April, representing an addition of 240,800 jobs since April 2006. The major industry with the largest increase in April 2007 was Professional and Business Services which grew by 11,700 jobs, followed by Leisure and Hospitality which added 5,000 jobs.

in April, bringing the number of positions added in this industry to 39,400 since April 2006.

Employment in Government increased by 3,800 jobs in April. This was the strongest April job growth recorded in Government since 1997. The annual growth rate rose from 1.6 percent in March to 1.7 percent in April. Government employment has gained 28,500 jobs since April 2006.

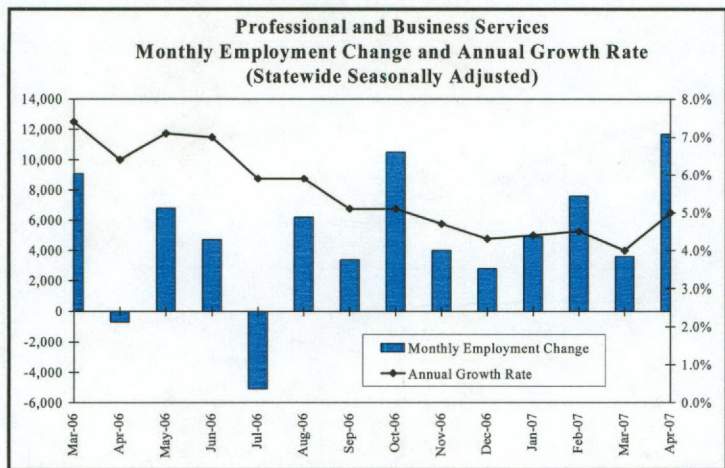
Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 3,600 jobs in April following a substantial gain of 6,400 jobs in March. Over 16,000 jobs have been added to this industry since the beginning of the year. Annual growth rose from a rate of 1.2 percent in March to 1.3 percent in April for a gain of 26,300 jobs since April 2006.

Education and Health Services employment increased by 2,500 jobs in April following a gain of 4,100 jobs in March. This industry has added employment in 25 of the past 27 months. The annual growth rate was 2.0 percent, a drop of two-tenths of a percentage point since March. This industry gained 24,700 positions since April 2006.

Following a loss of 2,500 jobs in March, Other Services' employment increased by 900 positions in April. This was the seventh monthly employment gain in the last nine months. The annual growth rate remained constant at 0.5 percent, representing the addition of 1,900 positions since April 2006. The Other Services industry is composed of 48 business types which include automotive repair along with computer and office machine repair and appliance repair and maintenance. Barber shops, funeral homes and business associations are also listed in this major industry.

Financial Activities employment exhibited its sixth consecutive month of job gains with a modest increase of 400 jobs in April. During 2006, this industry averaged an increase of 1,000 jobs per month and, so far in 2007, this average has been 1,250. The annual growth rate rose slightly from 1.9 percent in March to 2.0 percent in April. A total of 12,200 jobs were added in Financial Activities since April 2006.

Mining employment lost 800 jobs in April following an increase of 1,300 positions in March. This was the first employment decrease posted in Mining since October of 2003 when 700 jobs were shed. The annual growth rate dropped from 12.1 percent in March to 10.2 percent in April, bringing the total number of jobs added since April 2006 to 18,400.



Following a gain of 3,600 jobs in March, Professional and Business Services employment increased by 11,700 positions in April. This was the ninth consecutive month of positive employment change and the largest monthly gain since September 2005. The annual growth rate rose from 4.0 percent in March to 5.0 percent in April, bringing the number of positions added in this industry to 61,100 since April 2006. Some of the businesses that make up this major industry are temporary help services and employment placement agencies along with offices of lawyers and tax preparation services. Janitorial services, landscaping services and travel agencies are also part of this industry.

Employment in Leisure and Hospitality gained 5,000 jobs in April following a gain of 3,700 positions in March. This was the largest over-the-month increase since October 2006. Leisure and Hospitality employment has increased in 21 of the past 24 consecutive months. The annual growth rate rose from 4.0 percent in March to 4.2 percent

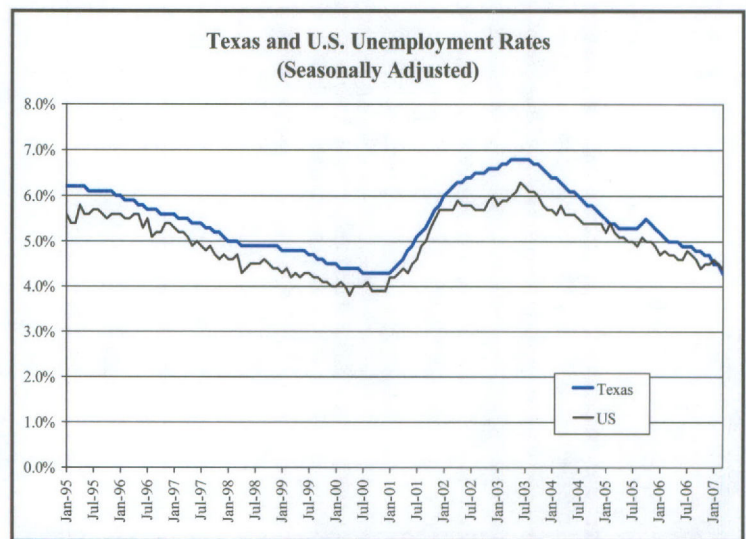
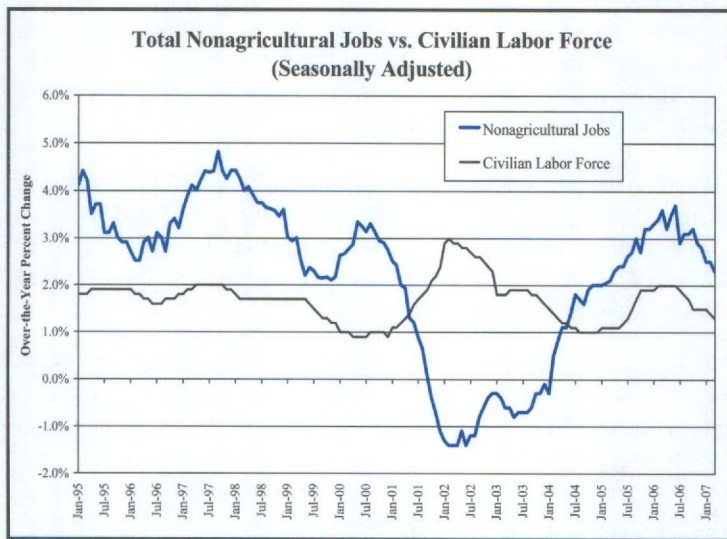
TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED[†]

INDUSTRY TITLE	Apr. 2007*	Mar. 2007	Apr. 2006	Mar. '07 to Apr. '07		Apr. '06 to Apr. '07	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	10,239,100	10,215,600	9,998,300	23,500	0.2	240,800	2.4
GOODS PRODUCING							
Mining	199,000	199,800	180,600	-800	-0.4	18,400	10.2
Construction	624,700	625,600	596,100	-900	-0.1	28,600	4.8
Manufacturing	925,400	926,200	921,400	-800	-0.1	4,000	0.4
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,068,200	2,064,600	2,041,900	3,600	0.2	26,300	1.3
Information	218,600	220,500	222,900	-1,900	-0.9	-4,300	-1.9
Financial Activities	636,200	635,800	624,000	400	0.1	12,200	2.0
Professional & Business Services	1,277,600	1,265,900	1,216,500	11,700	0.9	61,100	5.0
Education & Health Services	1,235,200	1,232,700	1,210,500	2,500	0.2	24,700	2.0
Leisure & Hospitality	973,000	968,000	933,600	5,000	0.5	39,400	4.2
Other Services	348,500	347,600	346,600	900	0.3	1,900	0.5
Government	1,732,700	1,728,900	1,704,200	3,800	0.2	28,500	1.7

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

Not Seasonally Adjusted	TEXAS*				UNITED STATES**			
	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
April 2007	11,496,800	11,045,100	451,700	3.9	151,829,000	145,297,000	6,532,000	4.3
March 2007	11,526,800	11,038,600	488,200	4.2	152,236,000	145,323,000	6,913,000	4.5
April 2006	11,409,600	10,847,600	562,000	4.9	150,209,000	143,405,000	6,804,000	4.5
Seasonally Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
April 2007	11,552,800	11,063,400	489,400	4.2	152,587,000	145,786,000	6,801,000	4.5
March 2007	11,574,700	11,078,300	496,400	4.3	152,979,000	146,254,000	6,724,000	4.4
April 2006	11,444,900	10,874,100	570,800	5.0	150,862,000	143,763,000	7,098,000	4.7

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

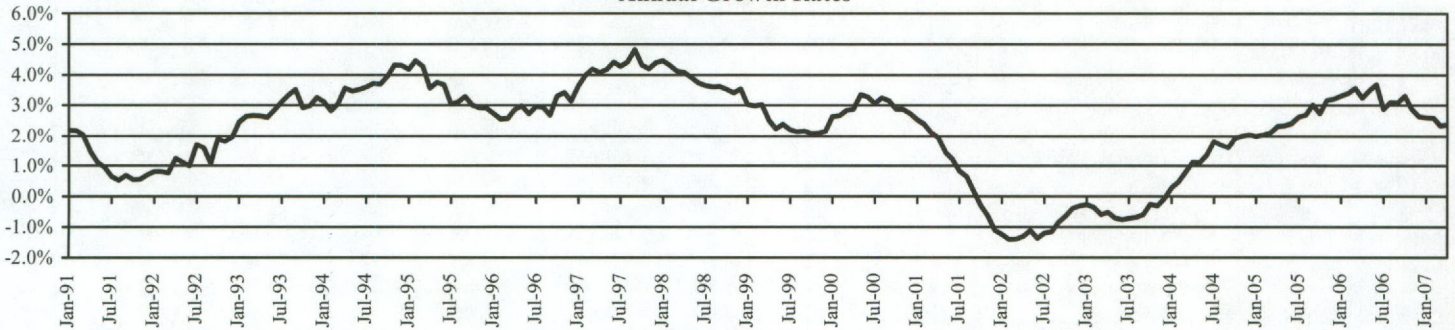
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*Source - Labor Market and Career Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)

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

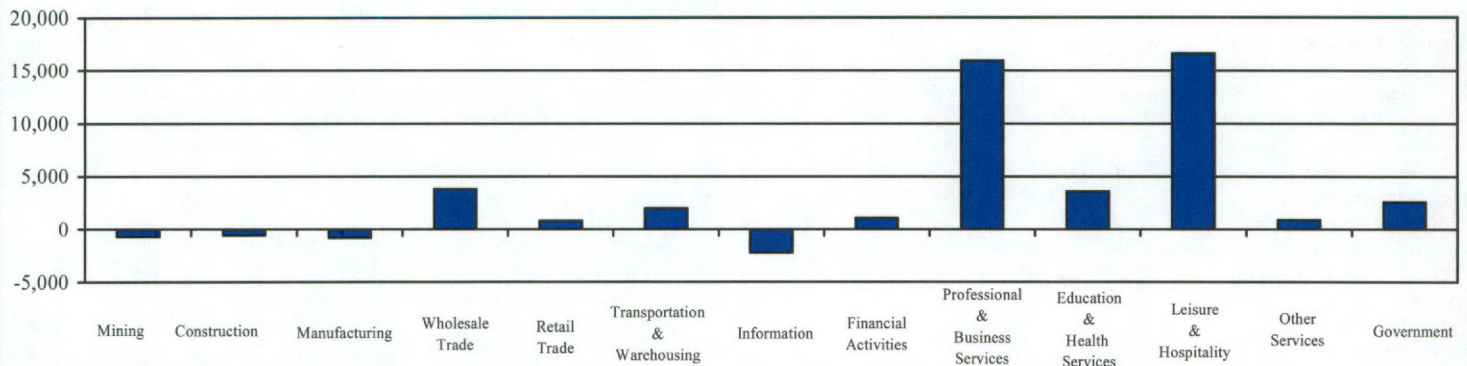
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Annual Growth Rates



	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06	Mar '07 to Apr '07 Change	% Change	Apr '06 to Apr '07 Change	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	10,254,600	10,211,500	10,015,500	43,100	0.4%	239,100	2.4%
TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)	8,493,500	8,453,000	8,284,000	40,500	0.5%	209,500	2.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	1,744,700	1,746,800	1,694,300	-2,100	-0.1%	50,400	3.0%
Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)	198,100	198,800	179,400	-700	-0.4%	18,700	10.4%
<i>Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)</i>	72,000	72,100	68,900	-100	-0.1%	3,100	4.5%
<i>Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)</i>	107,400	108,300	99,000	-900	-0.8%	8,400	8.5%
Construction (NAICS 23)	623,200	623,800	595,800	-600	-0.1%	27,400	4.6%
<i>Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)</i>	152,400	154,300	145,400	-1,900	-1.2%	7,000	4.8%
<i>Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)</i>	119,600	120,600	111,400	-1,000	-0.8%	8,200	7.4%
<i>Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)</i>	351,200	348,900	339,000	2,300	0.7%	12,200	3.6%
Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)	923,400	924,200	919,100	-800	-0.1%	4,300	0.5%
Durable Goods	602,800	603,400	596,600	-600	-0.1%	6,200	1.0%
<i>Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)</i>	27,100	27,200	28,500	-100	-0.4%	-1,400	-4.9%
<i>Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)</i>	44,300	44,500	44,100	-200	-0.4%	200	0.5%
<i>Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)</i>	25,500	25,600	25,700	-100	-0.4%	-200	-0.8%
<i>Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)</i>	128,800	127,800	122,500	1,000	0.8%	6,300	5.1%
<i>Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)</i>	89,400	90,000	86,100	-600	-0.7%	3,300	3.8%
<i>Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)</i>	108,200	108,800	110,900	-600	-0.6%	-2,700	-2.4%
<i>Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)</i>	19,400	19,200	19,000	200	1.0%	400	2.1%
<i>Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)</i>	94,600	94,700	94,400	-100	-0.1%	200	0.2%
<i>Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)</i>	32,800	32,900	32,800	-100	-0.3%	0	0.0%
<i>Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)</i>	32,700	32,700	32,600	0	0.0%	100	0.3%
Nondurable Goods	320,600	320,800	322,500	-200	-0.1%	-1,900	-0.6%
<i>Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)</i>	91,100	90,900	90,500	200	0.2%	600	0.7%
<i>Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)</i>	11,400	11,300	10,900	100	0.9%	500	4.6%
<i>Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)</i>	19,800	19,700	20,700	100	0.5%	-900	-4.3%
<i>Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)</i>	34,200	34,300	35,000	-100	-0.3%	-800	-2.3%
<i>Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324)</i>	23,600	23,800	22,600	-200	-0.8%	1,000	4.4%
<i>Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325)</i>	73,000	73,100	72,900	-100	-0.1%	100	0.1%
<i>Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)</i>	46,900	47,200	46,500	-300	-0.6%	400	0.9%

Statewide Over-the-Month Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
March 2007 to April 2007



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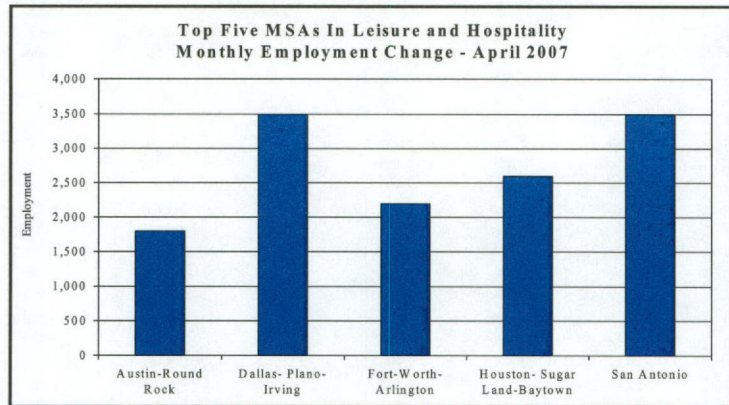
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06	Mar '07 to Apr '07		Apr '06 to Apr '07	
				Change	% Change	Change	% Change
SERVICE PROVIDING	8,509,900	8,464,700	8,321,200	45,200	0.5%	188,700	2.3%
Private Service Providing	6,748,800	6,706,200	6,589,700	42,600	0.6%	159,100	2.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)	2,054,300	2,047,700	2,027,000	6,600	0.3%	27,300	1.3%
Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)	500,300	496,500	493,100	3,800	0.8%	7,200	1.5%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)</i>	292,300	291,900	283,600	400	0.1%	8,700	3.1%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)</i>	157,600	157,000	156,900	600	0.4%	700	0.4%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	1,131,200	1,130,400	1,118,400	800	0.1%	12,800	1.1%
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)</i>	155,500	154,200	152,300	1,300	0.8%	3,200	2.1%
<i>Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)</i>	43,900	43,500	43,100	400	0.9%	800	1.9%
<i>Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)</i>	44,900	45,800	45,900	-900	-2.0%	-1,000	-2.2%
<i>Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)</i>	99,800	97,100	95,000	2,700	2.8%	4,800	5.1%
<i>Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)</i>	194,800	195,000	191,700	-200	-0.1%	3,100	1.6%
<i>Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)</i>	59,700	60,200	57,100	-500	-0.8%	2,600	4.6%
<i>Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)</i>	64,400	64,800	67,000	-400	-0.6%	-2,600	-3.9%
<i>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)</i>	109,000	109,100	104,800	-100	-0.1%	4,200	4.0%
<i>Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)</i>	34,500	34,300	35,300	200	0.6%	-800	-2.3%
<i>General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)</i>	247,400	248,900	246,900	-1,500	-0.6%	500	0.2%
<i>Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)</i>	59,900	59,800	59,700	100	0.2%	200	0.3%
<i>Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)</i>	17,400	17,700	19,600	-300	-1.7%	-2,200	-11.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)	422,800	420,800	415,500	2,000	0.5%	7,300	1.8%
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	378,300	375,900	371,200	2,400	0.6%	7,100	1.9%
<i>Air Transportation (NAICS 481)</i>	63,400	63,300	62,500	100	0.2%	900	1.4%
<i>Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)</i>	114,800	114,900	111,900	-100	-0.1%	2,900	2.6%
<i>Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)</i>	13,400	13,600	12,400	-200	-1.5%	1,000	8.1%
<i>Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)</i>	68,200	68,300	67,300	-100	-0.1%	900	1.3%
<i>Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)</i>	35,700	35,000	36,400	700	2.0%	-700	-1.9%
<i>Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)</i>	41,200	40,900	40,500	300	0.7%	700	1.7%
Utilities (NAICS 22)	44,500	44,900	44,300	-400	-0.9%	200	0.5%
Information (NAICS 51)	218,000	220,200	222,500	-2,200	-1.0%	-4,500	-2.0%
<i>Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)</i>	50,300	50,400	49,900	-100	-0.2%	400	0.8%
<i>Telecommunications (NAICS 517)</i>	86,100	87,400	89,500	-1,300	-1.5%	-3,400	-3.8%
<i>Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518)</i>	35,700	36,400	36,400	-700	-1.9%	-700	-1.9%
Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)	634,400	633,300	621,700	1,100	0.2%	12,700	2.0%
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	455,300	455,600	446,300	-300	-0.1%	9,000	2.0%
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)</i>	243,700	244,600	237,300	-900	-0.4%	6,400	2.7%
<i>Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)</i>	44,300	44,100	41,900	200	0.5%	2,400	5.7%
<i>Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)</i>	157,200	157,000	156,800	200	0.1%	400	0.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	179,100	177,700	175,400	1,400	0.8%	3,700	2.1%
<i>Real Estate (NAICS 531)</i>	117,200	115,700	113,800	1,500	1.3%	3,400	3.0%
<i>Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)</i>	60,600	60,600	59,400	0	0.0%	1,200	2.0%
Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)	1,276,200	1,260,200	1,218,700	16,000	1.3%	57,500	4.7%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	530,100	529,900	519,600	200	0.0%	10,500	2.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	61,300	60,700	55,300	600	1.0%	6,000	10.8%
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	684,800	669,600	643,800	15,200	2.3%	41,000	6.4%
<i>Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)</i>	659,900	644,700	619,000	15,200	2.4%	40,900	6.6%
Education and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)	1,237,700	1,234,100	1,211,200	3,600	0.3%	26,500	2.2%
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	148,500	147,400	147,200	1,100	0.7%	1,300	0.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,089,200	1,086,700	1,064,000	2,500	0.2%	25,200	2.4%
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)</i>	486,900	484,900	473,700	2,000	0.4%	13,200	2.8%
<i>Hospitals (NAICS 622)</i>	266,500	267,000	261,200	-500	-0.2%	5,300	2.0%
<i>Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)</i>	156,000	155,300	150,800	700	0.5%	5,200	3.4%
<i>Social Assistance (NAICS 624)</i>	179,800	179,500	178,300	300	0.2%	1,500	0.8%
Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)	978,000	961,400	939,500	16,600	1.7%	38,500	4.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	103,800	98,700	103,000	5,100	5.2%	800	0.8%
<i>Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)</i>	76,900	72,600	74,600	4,300	5.9%	2,300	3.1%
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	874,200	862,700	836,500	11,500	1.3%	37,700	4.5%
<i>Accommodation (NAICS 721)</i>	99,700	98,500	96,700	1,200	1.2%	3,000	3.1%
<i>Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)</i>	774,500	764,200	739,800	10,300	1.3%	34,700	4.7%
Other Services (NAICS 81)	350,200	349,300	349,100	900	0.3%	1,100	0.3%
<i>Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)</i>	107,200	106,100	106,500	1,100	1.0%	700	0.7%
<i>Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)</i>	92,700	93,100	91,200	-400	-0.4%	1,500	1.6%
<i>Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)</i>	150,300	150,100	151,400	200	0.1%	-1,100	-0.7%
Government	1,761,100	1,758,500	1,731,500	2,600	0.1%	29,600	1.7%
Federal Government	183,700	183,300	185,600	400	0.2%	-1,900	-1.0%
State Government	365,400	364,000	360,700	1,400	0.4%	4,700	1.3%
Local Government	1,212,000	1,211,200	1,185,200	800	0.1%	26,800	2.3%

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

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) increased by 38,700 jobs in April 2007. Since January, the MSAs have added 161,500 positions, and gained 274,500 jobs over the year. Annual employment in the MSAs has remained positive since January 2004. The Sherman-Denison MSA grew by the highest percentage in over-the-month employment at 1.1 percent, representing 500 jobs. The Midland MSA and the Fort Worth-Arlington area followed, each with a 0.9 percent growth rate. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area and the Fort Worth-Arlington area added the largest numbers of jobs with 14,300 and 7,400, respectively.



Leisure and Hospitality employment increased by 16,200 jobs in April, marking the third consecutive month of positive growth across the MSAs. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area and the San Antonio MSA were the top two contributors, each adding 3,500 positions over the month. The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA added 2,600 jobs over the month. The Fort Worth-Arlington area followed with an increase of 2,200 jobs, along with the Austin-Round Rock MSA which expanded by 1,800 jobs. The Tyler MSA registered the strongest annual growth rate for this industry at 13.6 percent.

Employment in Professional and Business Services increased for the third consecutive month by adding 11,400 jobs in April. Since April 2006, 53,900 jobs have been added with an annual growth rate of 4.7 percent. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area had the highest over-the-month

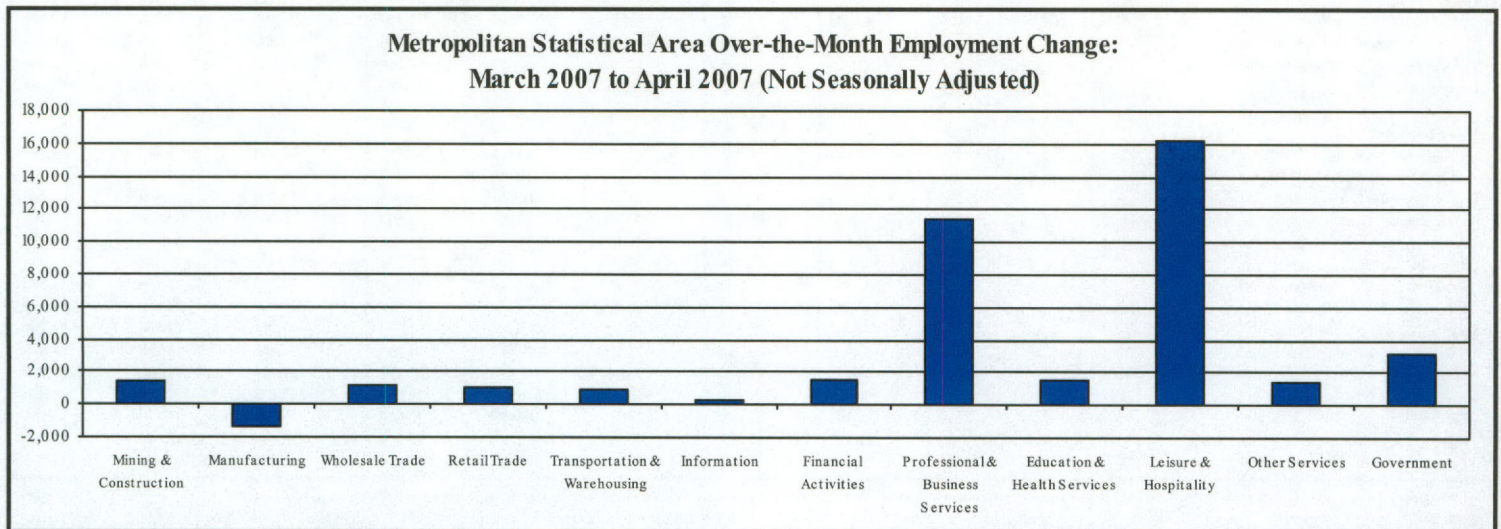
gain, adding 5,000 jobs, or 1.5 percent. The Fort Worth-Arlington area posted the second highest increase with 2,800 jobs for a rate of 2.9 percent. The Abilene MSA had the highest percentage increase in employment for April with a 4.5 percent gain. The Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood MSA followed closely with a 4.3 percent over-the-month gain, representing 400 jobs.

Government employment continued to grow, recording an increase of 3,200 jobs in April. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area was the major contributor, adding 1,100 jobs, followed by the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA adding 1,000 jobs in April. The annual growth rate for Government across all MSAs in April was 2.3 percent, up slightly from March's rate of 2.2 percent. A total of 33,600 jobs have been added in Government since April 2006.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 3,100 jobs in April. This marks the thirty-eighth consecutive month of over-the-year growth. The San Angelo MSA earned the highest annual growth rate at 3.9 percent, representing 300 jobs. The Fort Worth-Arlington area and the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA were major contributors to April gains, adding 1,300 and 900 jobs, respectively.

Financial Activities employment added 1,600 jobs in April, the third consecutive month of positive growth. Since January, 5,700 jobs have been added to the MSAs. The Sherman-Denison MSA had the greatest percentage increase in employment at 3.8 percent, representing 100 jobs. However, the Dallas-Plano-Irving area led in actual job increase, adding 1,500 positions. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA experienced the highest annual growth rate at 9.8 percent, representing 800 jobs. Five MSAs experienced growth rates of 5.7 percent or greater.

Education and Health Services employment in the MSAs increased by 1,500 jobs in April. Since January, the MSAs have added 14,700 positions in this industry. Since April 2006, this industry gained 30,500 jobs across the MSAs. The Texarkana MSA grew by the highest percentage with a 1.1 percent increase, representing 100 jobs. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area added the largest amount with 1,000 jobs. Laredo achieved the highest annual growth rate at 6.9 percent, representing 800 jobs.



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

	DALLAS-FT. WORTH-ARLINGTON			DALLAS-PLANO-IRVING MD**			HOUSTON-SUGAR LAND-BAYTOWN		
	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06
TOTAL NONFARM	2,935,400	2,913,700	2,843,000	2,080,700	2,066,400	2,010,200	2,504,600	2,501,800	2,419,700
GOODS PRODUCING	482,100	481,100	469,800	324,200	323,600	315,700	494,200	496,300	471,900
Mining & Construction	179,500	179,000	171,800	120,600	120,200	115,600	270,800	271,200	252,400
Manufacturing	302,600	302,100	298,000	203,600	203,400	200,100	223,400	225,100	219,500
Durable Goods	211,200	211,100	209,500	140,800	140,900	139,700	142,600	143,400	138,600
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,600	47,600	45,700
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	49,300	49,500	48,300	44,400	44,600	43,400	18,100	18,100	18,200
Nondurable Goods	91,400	91,000	88,500	62,800	62,500	60,400	80,800	81,700	80,900
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,453,300	2,432,600	2,373,200	1,756,500	1,742,800	1,694,500	2,010,400	2,005,500	1,947,800
Private Service Providing	2,078,300	2,058,600	2,007,200	1,500,100	1,487,500	1,444,400	1,650,100	1,646,200	1,597,400
Wholesale Trade	169,500	168,800	164,000	128,800	128,500	125,000	131,600	131,400	127,500
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	98,900	99,000	95,800	74,800	75,100	72,400	80,600	80,200	78,200
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	49,200	49,300	49,000	37,300	37,400	37,200	39,000	38,800	38,500
Retail Trade	306,400	305,800	307,200	210,100	210,000	208,200	252,800	251,900	248,500
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	-	-	-	27,400	27,200	26,700	35,400	35,300	34,300
Blng. Material and Garden Eqpmnt. and Supplies Dlr.	23,700	23,200	24,100	15,500	15,100	15,500	20,700	20,200	20,000
Food and Beverage Stores	48,600	48,400	48,200	33,100	32,900	32,800	52,800	52,800	47,500
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	-	-	-	25,000	25,000	22,600	24,400	24,900	23,800
General Merchandise Stores	66,500	67,000	68,100	46,600	46,700	46,600	56,000	56,100	55,200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	138,800	138,000	135,400	76,000	75,600	74,500	120,000	120,200	117,800
Utilities	-	-	-	5,800	5,800	5,600	14,400	14,200	14,200
Information	93,300	93,100	92,200	77,300	77,200	75,400	35,400	35,200	35,700
Telecommunications	39,300	39,000	39,800	32,300	32,100	32,300	14,200	14,000	14,400
Financial Activities	237,200	236,000	228,600	189,100	187,600	181,100	142,000	141,800	139,300
Finance and Insurance	178,600	178,100	171,600	144,300	143,600	137,900	92,000	92,100	90,700
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	94,700	94,300	91,400	74,700	74,400	72,300	44,600	44,600	43,100
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	-	-	-	49,000	48,600	48,300	32,800	32,200	32,100
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-	-	-	44,800	44,000	43,200	50,000	49,700	48,600
Professional and Business Services	434,200	426,400	409,900	335,100	330,100	317,300	364,600	364,300	350,100
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	175,500	176,600	170,300	142,200	143,000	137,800	171,200	170,000	164,500
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation	235,200	226,700	218,500	173,100	168,000	161,900	177,300	178,100	172,000
Education and Health Services	308,100	306,400	297,600	212,900	211,900	205,300	279,800	279,600	270,400
Health Care and Social Assistance	262,800	262,100	253,200	181,600	180,500	174,000	235,200	235,100	227,100
Ambulatory Health Care Services	-	-	-	82,800	83,500	82,000	99,200	99,500	96,200
Hospitals	65,200	65,400	63,700	42,600	42,600	41,200	66,500	67,200	63,700
Leisure and Hospitality	280,200	274,500	264,800	193,800	190,300	182,400	225,500	222,900	215,300
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-	-	-	26,200	24,900	23,000	25,300	24,800	25,000
Accommodation and Food Services	242,500	238,800	230,600	167,600	165,400	159,400	200,200	198,100	190,300
Food Services and Drinking Places	211,700	208,000	201,100	145,200	142,900	138,100	180,100	177,900	170,500
Other Services	110,600	109,600	107,500	77,000	76,300	75,200	98,400	98,900	92,800
Government	375,000	374,000	366,000	256,400	255,300	250,100	360,300	359,300	350,400
Federal	46,900	46,900	47,300	30,200	30,200	30,300	28,100	27,900	27,800
State	45,800	45,200	45,400	36,000	35,400	35,100	72,300	72,100	70,000
Local	282,300	281,900	273,300	190,200	189,700	184,700	259,900	259,300	252,600
	AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON MD**			SAN ANTONIO		
	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06
TOTAL NONFARM	747,200	743,000	715,500	854,700	847,300	832,800	829,500	823,700	809,300
GOODS PRODUCING	107,900	107,400	101,300	157,900	157,500	154,100	102,000	101,200	98,300
Mining & Construction	48,100	47,600	43,400	58,900	58,800	56,200	52,200	51,700	50,500
Manufacturing	59,800	59,800	57,900	99,000	98,700	97,900	49,800	49,500	47,800
SERVICE PROVIDING	639,300	635,600	614,200	696,800	689,800	678,700	727,500	722,500	711,000
Private Service Providing	478,500	475,400	459,800	578,200	571,100	562,800	577,400	572,400	563,200
Wholesale Trade	39,600	39,600	37,600	40,700	40,300	39,000	28,500	28,400	27,700
Retail Trade	76,900	76,600	74,500	96,300	95,800	99,000	92,100	92,300	92,300
Food and Beverage Stores	14,600	14,400	14,700	15,500	15,500	15,400	15,600	15,600	15,500
General Merchandise Stores	12,400	12,600	12,300	19,900	20,300	21,500	18,400	18,500	18,600
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	13,000	12,900	12,300	62,800	62,400	60,900	22,400	22,400	22,000
Information	21,600	21,600	21,800	16,000	15,900	16,800	20,100	20,100	20,400
Telecommunications	5,200	5,200	5,400	7,000	6,900	7,500	5,800	5,800	6,300
Financial Activities	44,400	44,300	42,400	48,100	48,400	47,500	65,000	64,900	63,700
Finance and Insurance	31,100	31,300	29,900	34,300	34,500	33,700	50,200	50,200	49,100
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	13,100	13,400	12,800	20,000	19,900	19,100	22,500	22,700	21,900
Professional and Business Services	100,800	100,400	97,200	99,100	96,300	92,600	107,700	106,500	104,100
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	52,100	52,000	50,100	33,300	33,600	32,500	38,000	37,900	37,100
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation Svcs	44,100	44,000	42,800	62,100	58,700	56,600	65,400	64,100	60,400
Education and Health Services	74,900	74,800	72,800	95,200	94,500	92,300	113,900	113,900	110,200
Health Care and Social Assistance	64,500	64,800	63,300	81,200	81,600	79,200	98,300	98,400	95,300
Hospitals	16,300	16,300	16,000	22,600	22,800	22,500	21,600	21,600	21,000
Leisure and Hospitality	78,000	76,200	73,900	86,400	84,200	82,400	98,300	94,800	94,700
Accommodation and Food Services	68,700	67,000	65,300	74,900	73,400	71,200	84,600	83,800	83,600
Other Services	29,300	29,000	27,300	33,600	33,300	32,300	29,300	29,100	28,100
Government	160,800	160,200	154,400	118,600	118,700	115,900	150,100	150,100	147,800
Federal	12,200	12,100	11,000	16,700	16,700	17,000	29,300	29,200	29,600
State	72,100	72,100	69,800	9,800	9,800	10,300	18,300	18,300	16,700
Local	76,500	76,000	73,600	92,100	92,200	88,600	102,500	102,600	101,500

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

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

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06	Apr '07*	Mar '07	Apr '06
TOTAL	66,600	66,100	65,200	111,900	111,600	110,200	163,500	163,900	160,300	123,000	122,800	121,600
Mining & Construction	5,200	5,200	4,600	7,500	7,500	6,900	18,000	18,100	16,200	4,600	4,600	4,700
Manufacturing	3,300	3,300	3,300	12,900	12,900	12,800	20,500	20,600	20,600	7,600	7,700	7,700
Wholesale Trade	2,400	2,300	2,200	5,500	5,500	5,500	4,300	4,300	4,400	3,400	3,400	3,300
Retail Trade	8,300	8,400	8,400	13,900	13,800	14,000	20,200	20,200	20,000	16,000	16,200	15,800
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,700	3,700	3,700	6,700	6,700	6,800	4,700	4,600	4,500
Information	1,100	1,100	1,200	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,500	2,600	2,600	1,300	1,300	1,300
Financial Activities	3,300	3,300	3,200	6,300	6,300	6,100	5,700	5,700	5,500	4,900	4,900	4,800
Prof. & Business Services	4,600	4,400	4,500	9,600	9,400	8,900	16,100	16,000	15,700	8,200	8,200	8,200
Educ. & Health Services	13,600	13,600	13,500	15,300	15,300	15,100	22,200	22,200	21,500	28,500	28,400	27,800
Leisure & Hospitality	7,000	6,900	7,000	11,100	11,100	11,400	13,900	14,100	13,900	12,100	11,900	12,200
Other Services	3,000	3,000	2,900	4,800	4,800	4,800	6,300	6,300	6,100	3,300	3,300	3,200
Government	13,200	13,000	12,800	19,500	19,500	19,200	27,100	27,100	27,000	28,400	28,300	28,100
INDUSTRY	COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN			CORPUS CHRISTI			EL PASO			KILLEEN-TEMPLE-FORT HOOD		
TOTAL	92,300	92,000	91,800	177,900	177,900	173,800	267,900	267,800	263,900	119,900	119,100	118,200
Mining & Construction	6,300	6,300	6,200	20,000	20,600	18,400	13,200	13,100	12,500	5,700	5,500	5,800
Manufacturing	6,200	6,200	6,300	11,200	11,200	11,100	20,700	20,900	21,900	8,300	8,300	8,500
Wholesale Trade	1,700	1,700	1,600	5,900	5,900	5,300	10,400	10,400	10,500	3,800	3,800	3,700
Retail Trade	9,800	9,800	9,700	20,200	20,200	20,000	34,900	34,600	33,400	14,100	14,100	14,000
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,200	1,200	1,200	5,500	5,400	5,300	13,300	13,400	13,400	4,300	4,300	4,100
Information	1,100	1,100	1,000	2,400	2,400	2,600	4,700	4,700	4,600	2,600	2,600	2,600
Financial Activities	3,700	3,700	3,500	7,900	8,000	7,800	11,100	11,100	10,600	6,300	6,200	6,100
Prof. & Business Services	5,500	5,500	5,400	17,700	17,500	16,900	29,800	30,100	28,600	9,800	9,400	8,900
Educ. & Health Services	9,300	9,300	9,200	25,700	26,300	25,800	32,300	32,500	33,300	16,000	15,900	16,200
Leisure & Hospitality	9,500	9,400	9,400	21,900	21,200	20,800	26,600	26,200	25,800	10,700	10,500	10,500
Other Services	2,900	2,800	2,900	6,400	6,300	6,400	7,800	7,700	7,600	4,900	4,900	5,000
Government	35,100	35,000	35,400	33,100	32,900	33,400	63,100	63,100	61,700	33,400	33,600	32,800
INDUSTRY	LAREDO			LONGVIEW			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	86,600	86,500	83,400	92,500	92,100	91,200	132,500	132,100	127,900	208,900	208,700	203,500
Mining & Construction	4,400	4,400	4,200	11,300	11,000	10,700	5,500	5,500	5,500	11,200	11,200	10,700
Manufacturing	1,400	1,400	1,600	13,900	13,900	13,800	5,300	5,300	5,400	7,500	7,500	8,300
Wholesale Trade	2,700	2,700	2,600	3,800	3,800	3,700	6,000	6,100	6,000	7,100	7,000	7,000
Retail Trade	12,900	12,200	11,700	11,000	11,100	11,100	15,700	15,800	15,200	29,600	29,800	29,000
Trans., Ware., & Util.	12,100	12,100	12,000	3,000	3,000	2,900	3,900	3,900	3,800	6,800	6,900	6,400
Information	600	600	600	1,800	1,800	1,800	6,400	6,400	6,200	3,100	3,100	3,000
Financial Activities	4,200	4,200	3,900	3,600	3,600	3,500	7,400	7,300	6,900	9,000	8,900	8,200
Prof. & Business Services	5,300	5,200	4,700	7,200	7,200	7,200	11,200	10,900	10,600	13,600	13,400	13,500
Educ. & Health Services	12,400	12,400	11,600	14,400	14,300	14,300	19,300	19,200	18,700	46,100	46,100	44,200
Leisure & Hospitality	8,200	8,100	8,200	7,400	7,300	7,100	15,600	15,600	15,000	17,600	17,700	17,900
Other Services	2,000	2,000	1,900	3,400	3,400	3,300	5,300	5,300	5,200	5,100	5,100	4,900
Government	21,300	21,200	20,400	11,700	11,700	11,800	30,900	30,800	29,400	52,200	52,000	50,400
INDUSTRY	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	65,300	64,700	62,500	59,000	59,200	56,400	45,300	45,200	44,800	45,500	45,000	44,300
Mining & Construction	14,400	14,100	12,900	10,500	10,500	9,300	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,900	2,900	2,800
Manufacturing	2,700	2,700	2,600	4,000	4,000	3,700	3,600	3,600	3,600	6,300	6,300	6,300
Wholesale Trade	2,900	2,800	2,800	4,800	4,800	4,500	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,300
Retail Trade	7,400	7,300	7,400	6,400	6,500	6,700	5,600	5,600	5,400	6,400	6,400	6,300
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,700	800	800	800	1,200	1,200	1,200
Information	1,600	1,600	1,800	800	800	700	1,900	1,900	2,000	600	600	600
Financial Activities	3,400	3,400	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,300	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,700	2,600	2,600
Prof. & Business Services	7,500	7,500	7,000	4,000	4,000	3,900	4,000	4,000	3,800	2,700	2,600	2,700
Educ. & Health Services	6,500	6,500	6,300	5,500	5,500	5,500	7,200	7,200	7,200	8,200	8,200	8,000
Leisure & Hospitality	6,100	6,000	5,900	6,100	6,000	5,700	4,600	4,500	4,300	4,700	4,500	4,400
Other Services	2,400	2,400	2,400	3,200	3,200	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,500	1,500	1,500
Government	8,700	8,700	8,400	9,400	9,600	9,400	8,900	8,900	9,200	6,900	6,800	6,600
INDUSTRY	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	56,100	55,800	56,100	92,500	92,700	91,300	51,400	51,200	49,800	107,300	107,200	105,000
Mining & Construction	2,600	2,600	2,400	6,200	6,200	5,900	7,700	7,700	7,100	5,700	5,600	5,500
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,600	9,100	9,100	9,400	6,200	6,200	5,800	15,500	15,600	15,500
Wholesale Trade	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	1,700	1,700	1,700	4,300	4,300	4,200
Retail Trade	7,000	7,000	6,900	12,900	13,000	12,600	6,800	6,900	6,600	10,900	10,800	11,000
Trans., Ware., & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,200	3,200	3,100
Information	500	500	800	2,000	2,000	2,100	600	600	600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Financial Activities	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,000	4,100	4,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	5,900	6,000	6,000
Prof. & Business Services	3,200	3,200	3,300	7,900	7,900	7,700	3,300	3,200	3,200	8,800	8,700	8,000
Educ. & Health Services	9,200	9,100	9,100	18,000	18,100	18,200	6,600	6,600	6,500	19,400	19,500	18,800
Leisure & Hospitality	5,300	5,200	5,300	10,000	9,800	8,800	4,400	4,300	4,100	10,300	10,200	9,700
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,100	3,800	3,800	3,500	1,700	1,700	1,600	4,300	4,200	4,200
Government	12,800	12,800	12,700	12,400	12,500	12,800	8,700	8,600	8,900	17,200	17,300	17,200
INDUSTRY	WICHITA FALLS			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.								
TOTAL	63,200	63,300	62,600									
Mining & Construction	4,100	4,100	3,800									
Manufacturing	7,900	7,900	8,100									
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,800									
Retail Trade	7,900	7,900	7,600									
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600									
Information	1,400	1,400	1,600									
Financial Activities	2,500	2,600	2,600									
Prof. & Business Services	3,900	3,900	3,300									
Educ. & Health Services	10,200	10,200	10,300									
Leisure & Hospitality	5,900	5,900	5,600									
Other Services	3,100	3,100	3,100									
Government	12,800	12,800	13,200									

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate dropped three-tenths of a percentage point to 3.9 percent in April 2007. This was the lowest rate since the beginning of the year and the lowest April rate since 1979. The rate dropped by one full percentage point since April of last year's 4.9 percent unemployment rate. The Texas unemployment rate has remained at or below 5.0 percent since August of 2006. The United States' jobless rate slipped to 4.3 percent in April from 4.5 percent in March. The national unemployment rate was two-tenths of a percentage point lower than last year's rate of 4.5 percent.

The number of Texas jobholders increased over the month, an addition of 6,500 employed. The rise brought the state employment total to 11,045,100. This was the second consecutive increase this year coming off a two-month decline in January and February. Since last April, the number of Texas jobholders rose by 197,500. This was the lowest year-over-year employment gain since November 2005.

Over the month, Texans seeking employment declined by 36,500 to total 451,700 job seekers. Unemployment historically decreases during the month of April by an average of 25,800. The above-average drop in the number of unemployed coupled with a gain in the number of employed was partially responsible for the improved unemployment rate. Since April of last year, unemployment declined by 110,300.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits in Texas rose by 9,900 to total 70,200 claims in April. Twenty-one Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) observed claims count increases over the month, while four MSAs realized a decrease in claims. The Amarillo MSA recorded a claims increase of 47.7 percent. The Midland MSA posted a 28.0 percent increase in claims. The Lubbock MSA recorded the largest decline with a 52.6 percent decrease for the month of April.

All of the state's twenty-five MSAs saw a decline in their unemployment rate between March and April 2007. The largest drop was in the Lubbock MSA with six-tenths of a percentage point decline for an April rate of 3.1 percent. The Midland MSA continued to have the lowest MSA unemployment rate in Texas at 2.7 percent.

MSAs Ranked by Unemployment Rate April 2007 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

1	Midland	2.7
2	Odessa	3.0
3	Lubbock	3.1
4 (tie)	Amarillo	3.2
	Austin-Round Rock	3.2
	College Station-Bryan	3.2
7 (tie)	Abilene	3.3
	San Angelo	3.3
	Victoria	3.3
10 (tie)	Longview	3.6
	San Antonio	3.6
12	Wichita Falls	3.7
13 (tie)	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	3.8
	Tyler	3.8
	Waco	3.8
	Texas	3.9
16	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3.9
17 (tie)	Corpus Christi	4.0
	Sherman-Denison	4.0
19	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	4.2
	United States	4.3
20	Laredo	4.4
21	Texarkana	4.5
22	Beaumont-Port Arthur	4.8
23	Brownsville-Harlingen	5.5
24	El Paso	5.6
25	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	6.1

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

	April 2007				March 2007				April 2006			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	151,829.0	145,297.0	6,532.0	4.3	152,236.0	145,323.0	6,913.0	4.5	150,209.0	143,405.0	6,804.0	4.5
State of Texas	11,496.8	11,045.1	451.7	3.9	11,526.8	11,038.6	488.2	4.2	11,409.6	10,847.6	562.0	4.9
Abilene	81.5	78.8	2.7	3.3	81.8	78.9	2.9	3.6	81.9	78.5	3.4	4.1
Amarillo	130.1	125.9	4.2	3.2	130.3	125.9	4.4	3.4	129.9	125.1	4.8	3.7
Austin-Round Rock	843.3	816.5	26.8	3.2	843.0	813.5	29.5	3.5	825.0	790.7	34.3	4.2
Beaumont-Port Arthur	180.1	171.4	8.7	4.8	181.2	172.2	9.0	4.9	180.3	169.5	10.8	6.0
Brownsville-Harlingen	143.3	135.4	7.9	5.5	143.8	135.4	8.4	5.8	144.9	135.2	9.7	6.7
College Station-Bryan	105.0	101.6	3.4	3.2	105.2	101.5	3.7	3.5	106.2	101.9	4.3	4.1
Corpus Christi	201.2	193.1	8.1	4.0	202.4	193.7	8.7	4.3	200.7	190.7	10.0	5.0
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,118.6	2,998.4	120.2	3.9	3,117.3	2,988.6	128.7	4.1	3,081.9	2,935.1	146.8	4.8
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,093.3	2,012.6	80.7	3.9	2,092.7	2,006.7	86.0	4.1	2,065.3	1,966.1	99.2	4.8
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,025.3	985.8	39.5	3.9	1,024.6	981.9	42.7	4.2	1,016.6	969.1	47.5	4.7
El Paso	291.9	275.5	16.4	5.6	293.0	275.9	17.1	5.8	293.9	274.0	19.9	6.8
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,708.3	2,604.4	103.9	3.8	2,720.8	2,609.3	111.5	4.1	2,676.2	2,543.2	133.0	5.0
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	150.9	144.6	6.3	4.2	150.9	144.1	6.8	4.5	151.8	144.1	7.7	5.1
Laredo	89.6	85.7	3.9	4.4	90.0	85.8	4.2	4.7	88.4	83.3	5.1	5.7
Longview	103.1	99.4	3.7	3.6	103.5	99.4	4.1	4.0	103.7	99.0	4.7	4.6
Lubbock	144.5	140.0	4.5	3.1	145.6	140.1	5.5	3.7	142.4	136.8	5.6	3.9
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	271.0	254.5	16.5	6.1	272.1	254.5	17.6	6.5	270.3	250.5	19.8	7.3
Midland	71.6	69.7	1.9	2.7	71.4	69.3	2.1	2.9	69.7	67.3	2.4	3.4
Odessa	67.1	65.1	2.0	3.0	67.5	65.3	2.2	3.3	65.5	62.9	2.6	4.0
San Angelo	53.5	51.7	1.8	3.3	53.7	51.8	1.9	3.6	53.9	51.7	2.2	4.1
San Antonio	929.0	895.5	33.5	3.6	930.5	892.9	37.6	4.0	924.7	882.7	42.0	4.5
Sherman-Denison	57.4	55.1	2.3	4.0	57.5	55.0	2.5	4.4	57.2	54.4	2.8	5.0
Texarkana	62.6	59.8	2.8	4.5	62.9	59.9	3.0	4.8	63.0	59.8	3.2	5.1
Tyler	96.6	93.0	3.6	3.8	97.7	93.7	4.0	4.1	97.0	92.7	4.3	4.4
Victoria	58.1	56.2	1.9	3.3	58.5	56.4	2.1	3.6	57.7	55.2	2.5	4.4
Waco	112.2	107.9	4.3	3.8	112.8	108.1	4.7	4.2	112.3	106.8	5.5	4.9
Wichita Falls	75.4	72.6	2.8	3.7	75.7	72.7	3.0	4.0	75.7	72.5	3.2	4.3

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Employment and Unemployment Estimates for Texas Cities - April 2007

City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate
Abilene	57,531	55,610	1,921	3.3	Friendswood	18,149	17,599	550	3.0	North Richland Hills	35,806	34,565	1,241	3.5
Allen	39,142	37,799	1,343	3.4	Frisco	41,144	39,789	1,355	3.3	Odessa	50,293	48,773	1,520	3.0
Amarillo	100,122	96,955	3,167	3.2	Galveston	27,395	26,230	1,165	4.3	Paris	11,983	11,405	578	4.8
Arlington	207,398	199,840	7,558	3.6	Garland	115,000	110,463	4,537	3.9	Pasadena	67,286	64,396	2,890	4.3
Austin	415,911	403,290	12,621	3.0	Georgetown	19,473	18,785	688	3.5	Pearland	32,650	31,561	1,089	3.3
Baytown	32,351	30,620	1,731	5.4	Grand Prairie	74,767	71,864	2,903	3.9	Pflugerville	16,696	16,226	470	2.8
Beaumont	54,239	51,661	2,578	4.8	Grapevine	28,808	27,916	892	3.1	Pharr	22,848	21,712	1,136	5.0
Bedford	31,351	30,333	1,018	3.2	Greenville	12,154	11,637	517	4.3	Plano	146,491	141,592	4,899	3.3
Big Spring	9,177	8,788	389	4.2	Haltom City	21,592	20,740	852	3.9	Port Arthur	22,888	21,394	1,494	6.5
Brownsville	61,623	58,166	3,457	5.6	Harlingen	24,766	23,624	1,142	4.6	Richardson	57,553	55,620	1,933	3.4
Bryan	36,932	35,830	1,102	3.0	Houston	999,536	960,797	38,739	3.9	Rockwall	16,591	16,006	585	3.5
Burleson	16,342	15,777	565	3.5	Huntsville	14,829	14,170	659	4.4	Rosenberg	14,885	14,383	502	3.4
Carrollton	71,809	69,395	2,414	3.4	Hurst	21,368	20,611	757	3.5	Round Rock	49,710	48,218	1,492	3.0
Cedar Hill	23,506	22,589	917	3.9	Irving	113,392	109,424	3,968	3.5	Rowlett	29,822	28,759	1,063	3.6
Cedar Park	27,881	27,101	780	2.8	Keller	19,502	18,903	599	3.1	San Angelo	44,200	42,694	1,506	3.4
Cleburne	13,854	13,345	509	3.7	Killeen	41,156	39,287	1,869	4.5	San Antonio	611,040	589,706	21,334	3.5
College Station	40,665	39,319	1,346	3.3	Kingsville	13,205	12,731	474	3.6	San Juan	11,872	11,159	713	6.0
Conroe	23,918	23,098	820	3.4	Lake Jackson	14,171	13,684	487	3.4	San Marcos	26,791	25,986	805	3.0
Coppell	21,687	21,007	680	3.1	Lancaster	16,140	15,347	793	4.9	Schertz	14,111	13,685	426	3.0
Copperas Cove	13,302	12,763	539	4.1	La Porte	18,435	17,710	725	3.9	Sherman	17,407	16,704	703	4.0
Corpus Christi	143,839	138,325	5,514	3.8	Laredo	84,780	81,268	3,512	4.1	Socorro	10,738	10,006	732	6.8
Corsicana	10,416	9,916	500	4.8	League City	35,213	34,122	1,091	3.1	Sugar Land	41,306	40,020	1,286	3.1
Dallas	606,798	581,709	25,089	4.1	Lewisville	57,087	55,237	1,850	3.2	Temple	28,724	27,737	987	3.4
Deer Park	16,366	15,767	599	3.7	Longview	39,127	37,744	1,383	3.5	Texarkana	16,320	15,505	815	5.0
Del Rio	15,776	14,961	815	5.2	Lubbock	118,371	114,774	3,597	3.0	Texas City	20,818	19,788	1,030	4.9
Denton	60,179	58,045	2,134	3.5	Lufkin	16,587	15,889	698	4.2	The Colony	22,302	21,490	812	3.6
DeSoto	25,253	24,165	1,088	4.3	McAllen	58,353	55,855	2,498	4.3	Tyler	46,827	45,045	1,782	3.8
Duncanville	18,968	18,184	784	4.1	McKinney	51,054	49,135	1,919	3.8	Victoria	32,585	31,545	1,040	3.2
Eagle Pass	11,670	9,890	1,780	15.3	Mesfield	21,430	20,673	757	3.5	Waco	55,133	52,771	2,362	4.3
Edinburg	28,172	26,965	1,207	4.3	Mesquite	72,432	69,698	2,734	3.8	Waxahachie	12,736	12,269	467	3.7
El Paso	250,475	237,404	13,071	5.2	Midland	58,819	57,262	1,557	2.6	Westlaco	12,632	11,964	668	5.3
Eules	31,924	30,869	1,055	3.3	Mission	24,552	23,283	1,269	5.2	Wichita Falls	48,023	46,141	1,882	3.9
Farmers Branch	14,848	14,340	508	3.4	Missouri City	40,031	38,570	1,461	3.6	Wylie	16,247	15,645	602	3.7
Flower Mound	35,735	34,642	1,093	3.1	Nacogdoches	16,061	15,420	641	4.0					
Fort Worth	305,165	292,562	12,603	4.1	New Braunfels	24,892	24,100	792	3.2					

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates for WDAs April 2007					Hours and Earnings for Texas and Selected Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas & Metro Divisions									
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			
					Apr. '07	Mar. '07	Apr. '06	Apr. '07	Mar. '07	Apr. '06	Apr. '07	Mar. '07	Apr. '06	
Alamo	976,255	941,183	35,072	3.6										
Brazos Valley	144,341	139,477	4,864	3.4										
Cameron County	143,280	135,384	7,896	5.5										
Capital Area	530,427	513,909	16,518	3.1										
Central Texas	171,956	164,842	7,114	4.1										
Coastal Bend	267,682	256,814	10,868	4.1										
Concho Valley	75,063	72,622	2,441	3.3										
Dallas	1,189,246	1,141,241	48,005	4.0										
Deep East Texas	160,675	153,245	7,430	4.6										
East Texas	377,543	362,916	14,627	3.9										
Golden Crescent	93,946	90,749	3,197	3.4										
Gulf Coast	2,770,743	2,664,181	106,562	3.8										
Heart Of Texas	163,626	157,286	6,340	3.9										
Lower Rio Grande Valley	300,742	281,342	19,400	6.5										
Middle Rio Grande	65,780	60,573	5,207	7.9										
North Central Texas	1,136,827	1,095,533	41,294	3.6										
North East Texas	132,242	126,645	5,597	4.2										
North Texas	113,360	109,353	4,007	3.5										
Panhandle	212,138	205,130	7,008	3.3										
Permian Basin	195,758	189,585	6,173	3.2										
Rural Capital	368,114	356,021	12,093	3.3										
South East Texas	180,100	171,423	8,677	4.8										
South Plains	203,809	196,853	6,956	3.4										
South Texas	97,490	93,241	4,249	4.4										
Tarrant County	870,140	836,315	33,825	3.9										
Texoma	92,481	88,770	3,711	4.0										
Upper Rio Grande	305,292	288,328	16,964	5.6										
West Central Texas	157,695	152,130	5,565	3.5										
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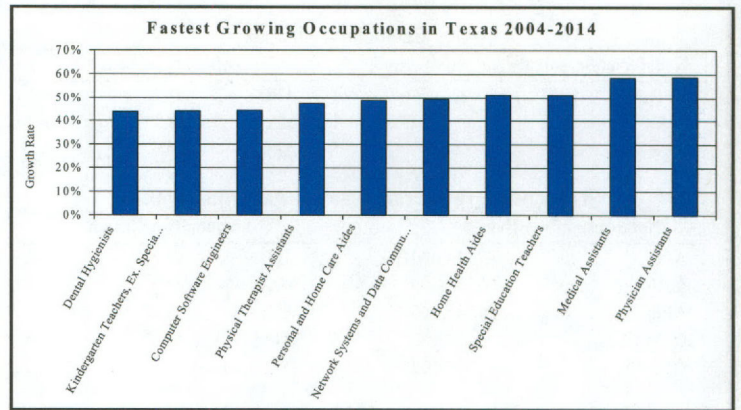
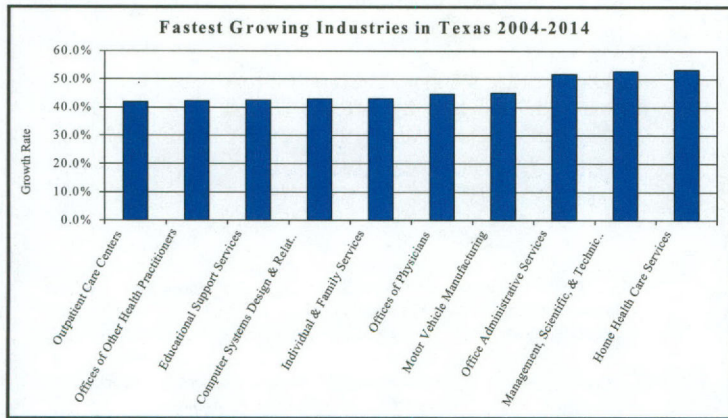
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2004 - 2014 Industry and Occupational Projections Now Available!

The LMCI department is pleased to announce the release of the 2004-2014 employment projections! The new projections can be found on our website (www.tracer2.com) on "The Future" page or from the Data Link section. These projections are a key component in determining the allocation of training dollars in labor markets throughout Texas. Learn which industry is projected to grow and see what the occupational demands will be for the next ten years.

Projections are generated every two years for a ten-year period. The data are used as a primary input in targeting demand occupations and economic planning for Workforce Development Areas (WDAs) and the State of Texas. The process of making employment projections depends on two main ingredients: industry employment and occupational employment within each industry (staffing patterns).

Administrative Services. The top ten fastest growing industries are all projected to experience growth rates in excess of 41.0 percent.



Statewide and WDA industry employment estimates were developed for 2004 and projected to the year 2014. For this period of projections, Texas is expected to see dramatic growth in the industries of Home Health Care Services, Management, Scientific, & Technical Consulting Services, and Office

Each industry has a unique occupational structure. The growth and decline of individual industries impact the growth and decline of occupations needed to staff these industries. Understanding the occupational make-up of an industry is critical when determining the occupational demands for the projection period. Statewide occupational growth is projected to be the greatest in healthcare- and education-related occupations. The top ten fastest growing occupations are projected to experience growth over 43.0 percent, with the fastest reaching 59.0 percent growth.

Users should view the employment estimates as indicators of relative magnitude and probably direction rather than as estimates of absolute values. Therefore, consider these projections a starting point when studying future industry and occupational employment.

For an explanation of the national methodology for developing employment projections, please refer to bls.gov/emp/home.htm.

“HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE”

Nearly 1,000 Employees Expected at New Office

LEWISVILLE, TX (Dallas Business Journal—Bill Hethcock)—Fidelity Investments has leased 160,000 square feet for as many as 1,000 employees in Lewisville in a move that will make the investment services giant one of the city's top employers. The Lewisville jobs are part of an expansion Fidelity promised in Texas, company spokeswoman Anne Crowley said.

The Boston-based company announced plans to invest more than \$200 million in its Texas operations, creating 1,535 new jobs. The company received an \$8.5 million Texas Enterprise Fund grant for the expansion. Fidelity is the largest mutual-fund company in the United States and the nation's No. 1 provider of 401 (k) retirement savings plans.

Semiconductor Company Expanding in Irving

IRVING, TX (Denton Record-Chronicle)—Maxim Integrated Products Inc. announced that it has acquired a wafer fabrication plant in Irving. Maxim's plans for that location are expected to generate 1,000 jobs and \$200 million in capital investment over the next seven years, according to Texas Governor Rick Perry and the Irving Economic Development Partnership.

The Texas Enterprise Fund will grant \$5 million to the California company that already has plants in Dallas and San Antonio, and 7,900 employees

worldwide. The city of Irving and Dallas County are also expected to offer incentives, although details are not final, said Chris Wallace, president and chief executive officer of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce.

Marble Falls to Get First Hospital

MARBLE FALLS, TX (Austin American-Statesman—Mary Ann Roser)—An acute care hospital will be built in Marble Falls, the city's first hospital, which should be completed in 2009. The project will be a partnership of two non-profit health systems, Scott & White and Llano Memorial Healthcare System. Scott & White will manage the hospital and contribute to more than half of the cost. The hospital, when fully operational, is expected to have 120 beds and employ 400 to 500 workers. It will offer major services including full cardiology care, labor and delivery, and trauma services.

Ground Broken for New Manufacturing Plant

LAREDO, TX (Laredo Reporter-News)—Ground has been broken for Eagle Copper Tube, a copper manufacturing plant, in what will be a \$100 million, 500,000-square-foot facility in Laredo. In addition to Grupo IUSA owner Carlos Peralta's investment in the community, the workforce that will be needed at Eagle Copper Tube is expected to provide additional economic benefits. Approximately 260 highly skilled workers will be needed at the plant, which will produce copper tubing for commercial and plumbing uses.

INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
APR	2007	3.9%	APR	2007	4.2%
MAR	2007	4.2%	MAR	2007	4.3%
APR	2006	4.9%	APR	2006	5.0%

U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
APR	2007	4.3%	APR	2007	4.5%
MAR	2007	4.5%	MAR	2007	4.4%
APR	2006	4.5%	APR	2006	4.7%

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
APR	2007	10,254,600	APR	2007	10,239,100
MAR	2007	10,211,500	MAR	2007	10,215,600
APR	2006	10,015,500	APR	2006	9,998,300
OTM Change		43,100	OTM Change		23,500
OTY Change		239,100	OTY Change		240,800

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
APR	2007	54,688	APR	2007	420,513
MAR	2007	55,806	MAR	2007	399,484
APR	2006	51,758	APR	2006	424,313

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change			Help Wanted Index - Texas		
U.S.	APR 2007	2.6%	APR	2007	54.5
Dallas-Fort Worth	MAR 2007	0.9%	MAR	2007	56.4
Houston-Galveston	APR 2007	1.6%	APR	2006	61.5

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

APR	2007	\$ 63.97	OTM Change	\$ 3.41
MAR	2007	\$ 60.56	OTY Change	-\$ 5.72
APR	2006	\$ 69.69		

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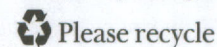
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