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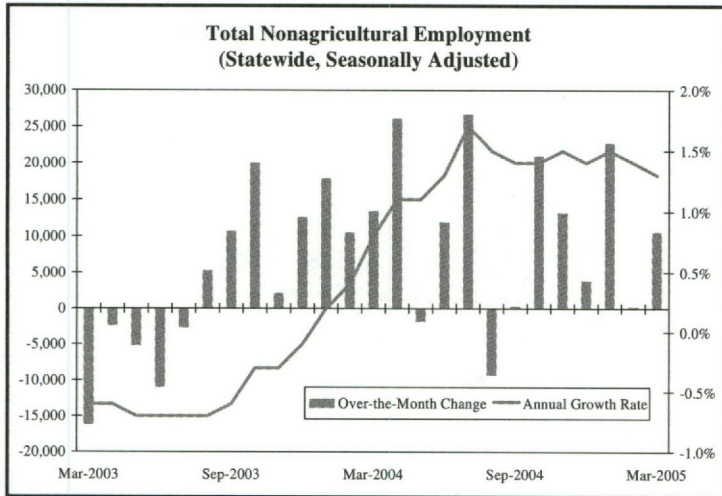
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## Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment expanded by 10,600 positions in March. Professional and Business Services again showed the largest over-the-month employment gain, while Government employment contracted slightly. Total Nonagricultural Employment has grown by 125,400 jobs since last March, for an annual gain of 1.3 percent.

first time annual growth has been positive in over three years. A total of 1,400 jobs have been added in Construction since March 2004.



Professional and Business Services added 4,800 jobs in March, following an increase of 5,800 jobs in February. This was the third straight monthly job gain this year. As a result, the annual growth rate rose to 2.9 percent, an increase of 31,600 jobs over the year.

Employment in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (TTU) rebounded from a small decrease in February with a gain of 1,600 jobs in March. TTU employment has increased by 20,500 jobs over the year, for an annual growth rate of 1.1 percent.

Following a gain of 1,700 jobs in February, Education and Health Services employment posted an increase of 2,500 jobs in March. This was the ninth consecutive month of job gains in this sector. The annual job growth rate held steady at 2.1 percent, a gain of 23,800 jobs over the year.

Following a month of unchanged employment, Natural Resources and Mining grew by 1,000 jobs in March. Annual growth remained at 2.9 percent, representing an over-the-year gain of 4,400 jobs.

Leisure and Hospitality employment increased by 1,900 jobs in March, following a gain of 700 jobs in February. Though the annual growth rate dropped from 2.2 percent in February to 2.1 percent in March, the industry experienced an increase of 18,600 jobs over the year.

Employment in Financial Activities grew for the tenth consecutive month with an increase of 700 positions, contributing to an over-the-year gain of 9,800 jobs in the sector. The annual growth rate rose slightly to 1.7 percent in March.

Construction recorded a gain of 1,800 jobs over the month, the first March gain since 2002. As a result, the annual growth rate grew from -0.4 percent in February to 0.3 percent in March. This marked the

Following a gain of 900 jobs in February, Manufacturing added an additional 300 jobs in March. Though the annual growth rate rose slightly over the month, total Manufacturing jobs are down by 700 from March 2004.

Government employment suffered a loss for the second straight month as it dropped by 2,100 jobs in March. This was the first time since July 2000 that Government experienced back-to-back monthly losses. Though down over the month, Government employment has expanded by 13,700 over the year.



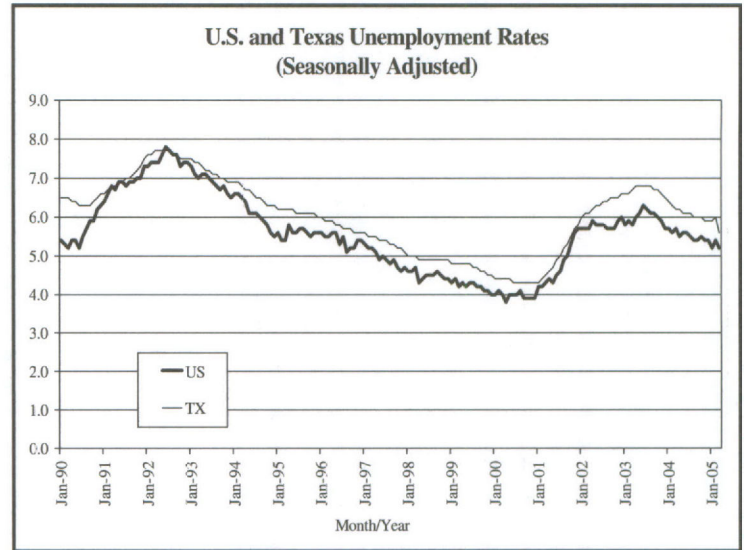
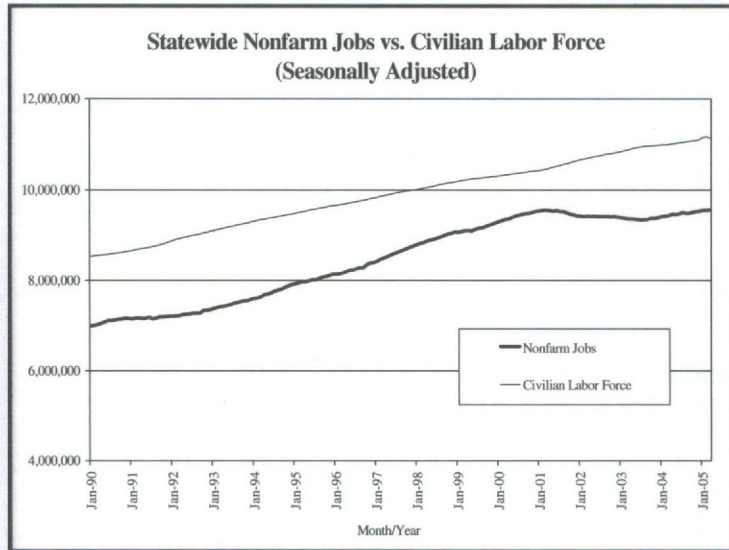
TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED\*

INDUSTRY TITLE	Mar. 2005*	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2004	Feb. '05 to Mar. '05		Mar. '04 to Mar. '05	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>TOTAL NONAG. W&amp;S EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>9,564,100</b>	<b>9,553,500</b>	<b>9,438,700</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>125,400</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>							
Natural Resources & Mining	155,600	154,600	151,200	1,000	0.6	4,400	2.9
Construction	544,700	542,900	543,300	1,800	0.3	1,400	0.3
Manufacturing	886,800	886,500	887,500	300	0.0	-700	-0.1
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,957,400	1,955,800	1,936,900	1,600	0.1	20,500	1.1
Financial Activities	601,000	600,300	591,200	700	0.1	9,800	1.7
Professional & Business Services	1,107,900	1,103,100	1,076,300	4,800	0.4	31,600	2.9
Education & Health Services	1,164,200	1,161,700	1,140,400	2,500	0.2	23,800	2.1
Leisure & Hospitality	895,800	893,900	877,200	1,900	0.2	18,600	2.1
Government	1,661,900	1,664,000	1,648,200	-2,100	-0.1	13,700	0.8

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

\*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
March 2005	11,093,600	10,478,300	615,300	5.5	147,745,000	139,759,000	7,986,000	5.4
February 2005	11,104,400	10,424,600	679,800	6.1	147,649,000	139,100,000	8,549,000	5.8
March 2004	10,961,300	10,263,800	697,500	6.4	146,525,000	137,691,000	8,834,000	6.0
Seasonally Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
March 2005	11,145,100	10,519,100	626,000	5.6	148,157,000	140,501,000	7,656,000	5.2
February 2005	11,164,800	10,500,400	664,400	6.0	148,132,000	140,144,000	7,988,000	5.4
March 2004	10,995,800	10,312,500	683,300	6.2	146,737,000	138,408,000	8,330,000	5.7

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

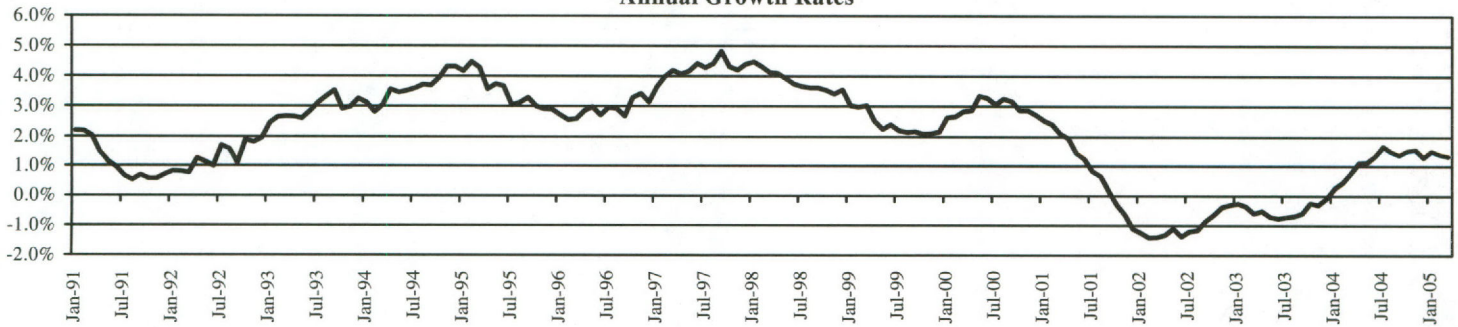
\*Source - Labor Market and Career Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)

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



Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

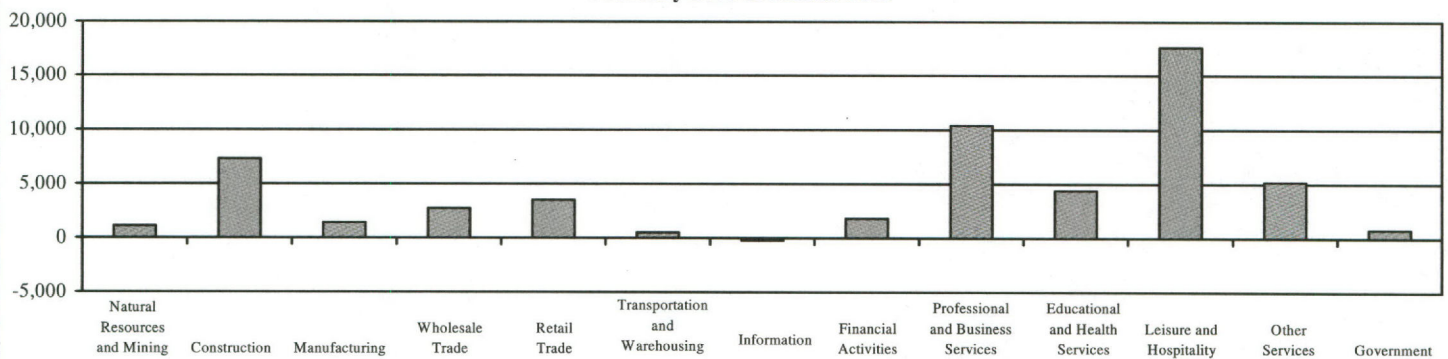
Annual Growth Rates



	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Feb '05 to Mar '05	Mar '04 to Mar '05	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	9,555,500	9,499,000	9,430,800	56,500	124,700	0.6%	1.3%		
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)</b>	7,864,200	7,808,500	7,754,700	55,700	109,500	0.7%	1.4%		
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	1,583,200	1,573,400	1,578,300	9,800	4,900	0.6%	0.3%		
<b>Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)</b>	154,700	153,600	150,700	1,100	4,000	0.7%	2.7%		
Mining (NAICS 21)	152,700	151,700	148,800	1,000	3,900	0.7%	2.6%		
Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)	63,100	63,000	63,600	100	-500	0.2%	-0.8%		
Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)	79,600	78,800	75,200	800	4,400	1.0%	5.9%		
<b>Construction (NAICS 23)</b>	543,400	536,100	542,100	7,300	1,300	1.4%	0.2%		
Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)	131,700	130,200	134,000	1,500	-2,300	1.2%	-1.7%		
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)	99,700	98,100	96,600	1,600	3,100	1.6%	3.2%		
Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)	312,000	307,800	311,500	4,200	500	1.4%	0.2%		
<b>Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)</b>	885,100	883,700	885,500	1,400	-400	0.2%	0.0%		
Durable Goods	561,200	560,600	554,900	600	6,300	0.1%	1.1%		
Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)	27,100	26,600	26,400	500	700	1.9%	2.7%		
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)	43,600	43,800	43,000	-200	600	-0.5%	1.4%		
Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)	25,600	25,600	24,100	0	1,500	0.0%	6.2%		
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)	109,000	109,200	105,000	-200	4,000	-0.2%	3.8%		
Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)	76,600	76,600	76,600	0	0	0.0%	0.0%		
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)	111,500	111,400	111,900	100	-400	0.1%	-0.4%		
Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)	17,600	17,600	17,800	0	-200	0.0%	-1.1%		
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)	85,400	84,800	84,900	600	500	0.7%	0.6%		
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)	30,400	30,400	30,900	0	-500	0.0%	-1.6%		
Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)	34,400	34,600	34,300	-200	100	-0.6%	0.3%		
Nondurable Goods	323,900	323,100	330,600	800	-6,700	0.2%	-2.0%		
Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)	89,100	89,600	90,000	-500	-900	-0.6%	-1.0%		
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)	10,100	10,200	10,200	-100	-100	-1.0%	-1.0%		
Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)	21,800	21,700	22,500	100	-700	0.5%	-3.1%		
Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)	36,300	36,200	37,500	100	-1,200	0.3%	-3.2%		
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324)	23,400	23,500	24,200	-100	-800	-0.4%	-3.3%		
Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325)	71,700	71,500	74,900	200	-3,200	0.3%	-4.3%		
Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)	45,100	44,900	44,300	200	800	0.4%	1.8%		

Statewide Over-the-Month Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

February 2005 to March 2005



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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Feb '05 to Mar '05	Mar '04 to Mar '05
				Change % Change	Change % Change
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	7,972,300	7,925,600	7,852,500	46,700 0.6%	119,800 1.5%
<b>Private Service Providing</b>	6,281,000	6,235,100	6,176,400	45,900 0.7%	104,600 1.7%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)</b>	1,941,000	1,934,300	1,919,200	6,700 0.3%	21,800 1.1%
<b>Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)</b>	466,900	464,200	458,200	2,700 0.6%	8,700 1.9%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)</i>	268,400	266,800	261,200	1,600 0.6%	7,200 2.8%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)</i>	153,700	153,100	152,500	600 0.4%	1,200 0.8%
<b>Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)</b>	1,079,000	1,075,500	1,067,900	3,500 0.3%	11,100 1.0%
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)</i>	149,300	148,500	149,700	800 0.5%	-400 -0.3%
<i>Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)</i>	41,200	41,300	40,200	-100 -0.2%	1,000 2.5%
<i>Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)</i>	41,800	42,100	41,000	-300 -0.7%	800 2.0%
<i>Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)</i>	87,300	85,600	83,400	1,700 2.0%	3,900 4.7%
<i>Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)</i>	190,000	190,500	188,800	-500 -0.3%	1,200 0.6%
<i>Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)</i>	56,800	56,600	56,000	200 0.4%	800 1.4%
<i>Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)</i>	67,200	67,100	68,100	100 0.1%	-900 -1.3%
<i>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)</i>	97,400	96,900	97,400	500 0.5%	0 0.0%
<i>Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)</i>	33,400	33,500	34,200	-100 -0.3%	-800 -2.3%
<i>General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)</i>	233,900	232,400	228,300	1,500 0.6%	5,600 2.5%
<i>Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)</i>	60,700	61,400	60,400	-700 -1.1%	300 0.5%
<i>Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)</i>	20,000	19,600	20,400	400 2.0%	-400 -2.0%
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)</b>	395,100	394,600	393,100	500 0.1%	2,000 0.5%
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	348,300	347,700	345,000	600 0.2%	3,300 1.0%
<i>Air Transportation (NAICS 481)</i>	62,400	62,300	65,700	100 0.2%	-3,300 -5.0%
<i>Rail Transportation (NAICS 482)</i>	16,800	16,800	16,200	0 0.0%	600 3.7%
<i>Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)</i>	101,600	101,100	100,300	500 0.5%	1,300 1.3%
<i>Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)</i>	11,700	11,700	12,400	0 0.0%	-700 -5.6%
<i>Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)</i>	61,500	61,800	59,400	-300 -0.5%	2,100 3.5%
<i>Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)</i>	35,800	35,600	35,500	200 0.6%	300 0.8%
<i>Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)</i>	37,400	37,400	34,300	0 0.0%	3,100 9.0%
Utilities (NAICS 22)	46,800	46,900	48,100	-100 -0.2%	-1,300 -2.7%
<b>Information (NAICS 51)</b>	226,200	226,400	227,400	-200 -0.1%	-1,200 -0.5%
<i>Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)</i>	49,800	49,600	49,100	200 0.4%	700 1.4%
<i>Telecommunications (NAICS 517)</i>	94,000	94,100	97,000	-100 -0.1%	-3,000 -3.1%
<i>Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518)</i>	36,100	36,100	35,800	0 0.0%	300 0.8%
<b>Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)</b>	598,500	596,700	588,900	1,800 0.3%	9,600 1.6%
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	428,300	427,100	421,300	1,200 0.3%	7,000 1.7%
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)</i>	220,300	219,900	214,700	400 0.2%	5,600 2.6%
<i>Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)</i>	39,400	39,100	38,100	300 0.8%	1,300 3.4%
<i>Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)</i>	157,800	157,500	158,900	300 0.2%	-1,100 -0.7%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	170,200	169,600	167,600	600 0.4%	2,600 1.6%
<i>Real Estate (NAICS 531)</i>	110,900	110,400	109,600	500 0.5%	1,300 1.2%
<i>Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)</i>	57,100	57,000	56,200	100 0.2%	900 1.6%
<b>Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)</b>	1,098,400	1,088,000	1,070,100	10,400 1.0%	28,300 2.6%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	465,500	464,800	465,200	700 0.2%	300 0.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	49,600	49,300	48,000	300 0.6%	1,600 3.3%
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	583,300	573,900	556,900	9,400 1.6%	26,400 4.7%
<i>Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)</i>	560,900	551,500	535,100	9,400 1.7%	25,800 4.8%
<b>Educational and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)</b>	1,165,400	1,161,000	1,141,100	4,400 0.4%	24,300 2.1%
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	137,900	138,800	137,100	-900 -0.6%	800 0.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,027,500	1,022,200	1,004,000	5,300 0.5%	23,500 2.3%
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)</i>	450,100	447,100	432,100	3,000 0.7%	18,000 4.2%
<i>Hospitals (NAICS 622)</i>	258,600	258,300	257,500	300 0.1%	1,100 0.4%
<i>Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)</i>	147,600	146,600	147,600	1,000 0.7%	0 0.0%
<i>Social Assistance (NAICS 624)</i>	171,200	170,200	166,800	1,000 0.6%	4,400 2.6%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)</b>	887,800	870,200	870,900	17,600 2.0%	16,900 1.9%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	99,100	95,200	93,900	3,900 4.1%	5,200 5.5%
<i>Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)</i>	69,800	66,300	65,900	3,500 5.3%	3,900 5.9%
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	788,700	775,000	777,000	13,700 1.8%	11,700 1.5%
<i>Accommodation (NAICS 721)</i>	93,200	90,600	90,900	2,600 2.9%	2,300 2.5%
<i>Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)</i>	695,500	684,400	686,100	11,100 1.6%	9,400 1.4%
<b>Other Services (NAICS 81)</b>	363,700	358,500	358,800	5,200 1.5%	4,900 1.4%
<i>Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)</i>	105,300	102,100	105,200	3,200 3.1%	100 0.1%
<i>Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)</i>	96,300	95,200	94,000	1,100 1.2%	2,300 2.4%
<i>Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)</i>	162,100	161,200	159,600	900 0.6%	2,500 1.6%
<b>Government</b>	1,691,300	1,690,500	1,676,100	800 0.0%	15,200 0.9%
Federal Government	181,800	182,200	179,500	-400 -0.2%	2,300 1.3%
State Government	344,100	343,500	345,100	600 0.2%	-1,000 -0.3%
Local Government	1,165,400	1,164,800	1,151,500	600 0.1%	13,900 1.2%

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

Total Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment in the MSAs increased by 49,200 jobs in March. This increase was slightly above the average March gain of 48,400 jobs registered over the previous 15 years. Leisure and Hospitality, Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction, and Professional and Business Services accounted for 63 percent of the increase in March. The March over-the-year gain was 1.7 percent, or 139,600 jobs.

Employment in Leisure and Hospitality grew by 15,100 jobs in March. Austin-Round Rock, Dallas-Plano-Irving MD\*, Fort Worth-Arlington MD, Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land, and San Antonio accounted for 74 percent of the job growth. This growth was fueled by seasonal hiring as well as by new job creation.

Employment in Construction increased by 8,000 jobs in March. Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land and Fort Worth-Arlington MD, triggered by gains in the Specialty Trade Contractors sector, were responsible for 61 percent of the growth.

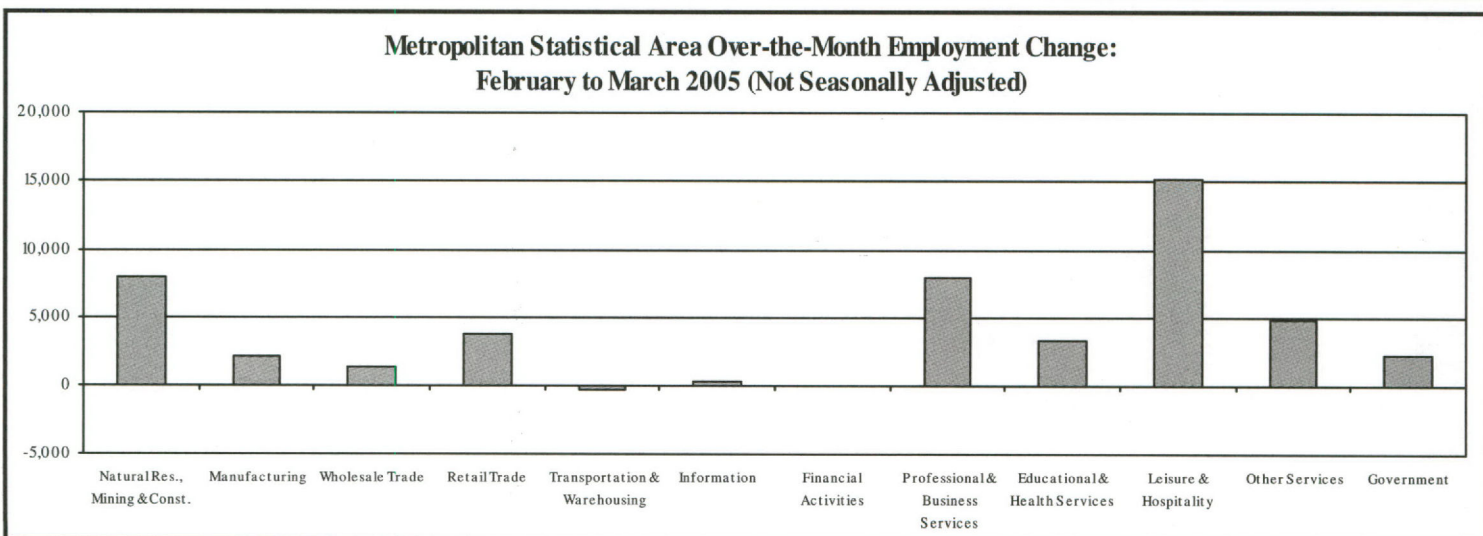
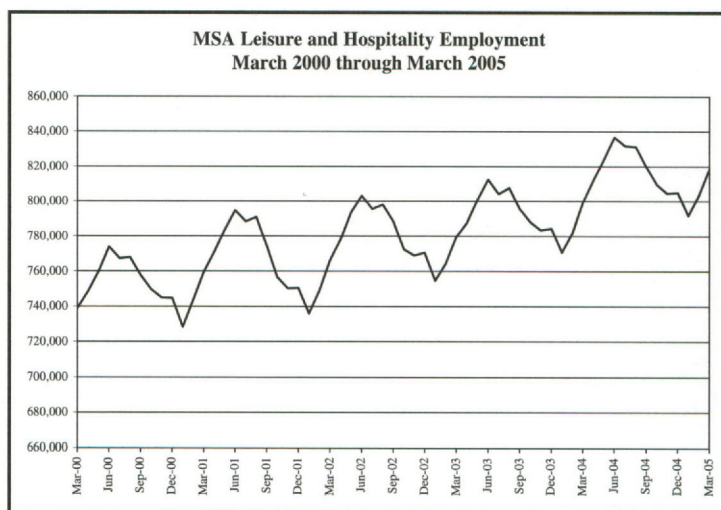
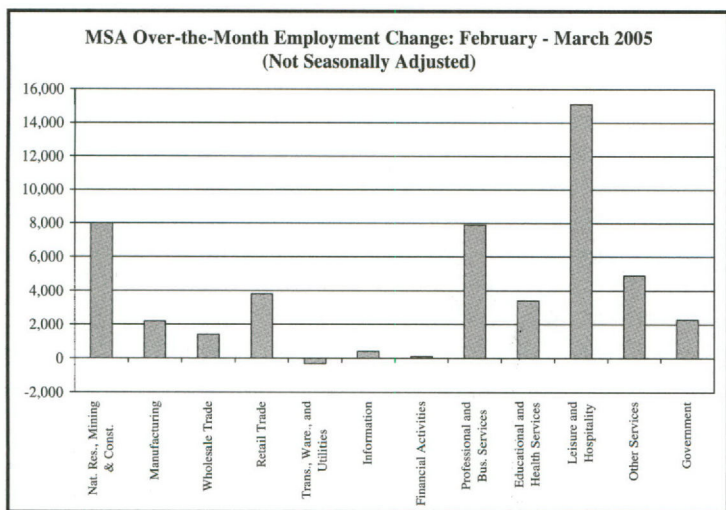
Manufacturing gained 2,200 jobs in the MSAs in March. Corpus Christi, Dallas-Plano-Irving MD, Fort Worth-Arlington MD, and

Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land accounted for 59 percent of the growth. Beaumont-Port Arthur and Tyler were the only two MSAs to see job reductions in this sector in March.

Retail Trade employment grew by 3,800 jobs in March, an increase consistent with historical patterns for this industry. This upward move followed the release of seasonal holiday positions during January and February. The San Antonio MSA contributed 700 positions to the total and has added 2,500 jobs over the year.

Building on a strong February gain, Professional and Business Services added 7,900 jobs in March. Employment in the El Paso MSA escalated by 700 jobs with the first March gain for the area since 2002.

Employment in Other Services rose by 4,900 jobs in March. Since the beginning of the year, this industry has added 7,800 positions within the MSAs. The Dallas-Plano-Irving MD supplied the largest majority of this growth with a boost of 2,300 positions, while the Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA contributed 1,300 additional jobs.



\*MD - Metropolitan Division. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA is comprised of the Dallas-Plano-Irving MD and the Fort Worth-Arlington MD.



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

	DALLAS-FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			DALLAS-PLANO-IRVING MD**			HOUSTON-BAYTOWN-SUGARLAND		
	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	2,719,300	2,705,600	2,672,700	1,922,600	1,913,000	1,887,900	2,306,800	2,292,600	2,279,600
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	452,600	450,200	446,000	303,700	302,800	298,900	441,300	437,100	440,700
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	157,500	155,700	153,700	106,600	106,000	104,300	235,400	231,700	233,000
<b>Manufacturing</b>	295,100	294,500	292,300	197,100	196,800	194,600	205,900	205,400	207,700
Durable Goods	208,100	207,500	205,100	138,200	137,900	135,500	124,100	123,800	122,500
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	-	-	-	20,400	20,300	19,300	39,000	38,900	37,800
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	53,800	53,700	53,100	46,800	46,700	46,300	18,500	18,600	18,900
Nondurable Goods	87,000	87,000	87,200	58,900	58,900	59,100	81,800	81,600	85,200
Food Manufacturing	-	-	-	16,000	16,000	15,900	12,400	12,400	12,800
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	2,266,700	2,255,400	2,226,700	1,618,900	1,610,200	1,589,000	1,865,500	1,855,500	1,838,900
Private Service Providing	1,908,500	1,896,800	1,880,300	1,375,200	1,366,800	1,352,800	1,521,400	1,512,000	1,498,500
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	159,100	158,500	158,500	121,300	120,800	121,400	118,700	117,900	117,800
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	93,100	92,600	92,600	70,300	69,900	70,300	71,000	70,700	70,900
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	48,400	48,400	48,500	37,000	36,900	37,000	37,600	37,500	36,500
<b>Retail Trade</b>	295,800	294,400	292,900	202,200	201,100	201,100	241,600	240,100	238,600
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	-	-	-	26,700	26,600	26,600	34,400	34,400	35,000
Bldg. Material and Garden Eqpmnt. and Supplies Dlr.	22,400	22,100	21,500	14,700	14,500	14,000	17,900	17,600	18,300
Food and Beverage Stores	47,100	46,900	46,800	32,100	32,000	31,900	47,800	47,900	47,900
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	-	-	-	21,300	21,100	20,800	23,100	22,800	23,100
General Merchandise Stores	64,300	63,700	61,500	44,100	43,600	42,900	52,900	52,500	50,400
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	134,100	134,300	131,900	77,700	77,700	73,600	110,000	110,300	110,600
Utilities	-	-	-	7,100	7,100	7,200	16,000	16,000	16,000
<b>Information</b>	93,100	92,700	96,100	75,700	75,300	78,300	37,900	37,900	37,600
Telecommunications	42,800	42,800	45,100	34,500	34,400	36,400	16,200	16,300	16,400
<b>Financial Activities</b>	215,800	216,600	212,700	170,100	170,700	167,700	135,600	135,300	135,500
Finance and Insurance	159,900	160,200	156,800	126,100	126,500	123,600	87,200	87,000	88,300
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	81,000	81,100	79,000	62,000	62,200	60,100	41,500	41,300	40,800
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	59,500	59,600	59,000	48,300	48,400	48,100	32,600	32,500	32,400
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-	-	-	44,000	44,200	44,100	48,400	48,300	47,200
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	374,400	371,000	360,500	288,900	287,000	278,100	314,400	312,800	307,700
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	157,900	157,400	154,700	128,300	127,900	124,900	149,900	149,800	149,000
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation	196,900	194,500	187,300	145,800	144,600	138,700	152,000	150,300	147,300
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	276,200	275,400	273,100	190,300	189,700	187,100	259,100	258,100	252,800
Health Care and Social Assistance	237,900	236,800	233,500	161,900	161,100	158,900	217,900	217,000	212,100
Ambulatory Health Care Services	-	-	-	74,800	74,300	71,600	89,500	89,200	87,000
Hospitals	62,200	62,200	62,300	40,200	40,000	40,800	63,700	63,300	62,200
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	250,200	246,400	245,600	172,800	170,600	169,100	207,100	203,900	201,500
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-	-	-	19,400	18,600	19,000	25,800	25,100	25,100
Accommodation and Food Services	221,700	219,200	217,100	153,400	152,000	150,100	181,300	178,800	176,400
Food Services and Drinking Places	192,900	190,600	190,000	132,400	131,200	129,400	161,500	159,300	156,700
<b>Other Services</b>	109,800	107,500	109,000	76,200	73,900	76,400	97,000	95,700	96,400
<b>Government</b>	358,200	358,600	346,400	243,700	243,400	236,200	344,100	343,500	340,400
Federal	45,300	45,400	44,800	29,900	29,900	29,900	28,200	28,100	27,500
State	40,700	40,700	40,300	30,900	30,900	30,400	68,700	68,400	68,200
Local	272,200	272,500	261,300	182,900	182,500	175,900	247,200	247,000	244,700
	AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON MD**			SAN ANTONIO		
	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	678,400	674,600	661,000	796,700	792,600	784,800	769,300	763,800	756,500
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	96,300	95,900	93,200	148,900	147,400	147,100	89,700	89,300	89,400
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	39,100	38,800	36,400	50,900	49,700	49,400	43,800	43,400	43,700
<b>Manufacturing</b>	57,200	57,100	56,800	98,000	97,700	97,700	45,900	45,900	45,700
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	582,100	578,700	567,800	647,800	645,200	637,700	679,600	674,500	667,100
Private Service Providing	432,300	429,500	419,700	533,300	530,000	527,500	533,900	528,700	522,900
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	37,100	37,000	34,800	37,800	37,700	37,100	27,200	27,300	27,000
<b>Retail Trade</b>	68,400	68,200	68,100	93,600	93,300	91,800	90,100	89,400	87,600
Food and Beverage Stores	14,000	14,000	13,400	15,000	14,900	14,900	14,800	14,700	14,400
General Merchandise Stores	11,500	11,400	11,200	20,200	20,100	18,600	17,600	17,200	17,100
<b>Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities</b>	11,000	11,000	10,600	56,400	56,600	58,300	20,700	20,600	20,400
<b>Information</b>	20,700	20,600	20,300	17,400	17,400	17,800	21,200	21,300	21,800
Telecommunications	4,900	4,900	5,000	8,300	8,400	8,700	7,100	7,100	7,600
<b>Financial Activities</b>	40,200	40,000	39,500	45,700	45,900	45,000	62,000	61,900	60,800
Finance and Insurance	28,600	28,500	28,200	33,800	33,700	33,200	47,800	47,700	47,500
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	11,700	11,700	11,500	19,000	18,900	18,900	21,700	21,500	21,300
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	14,100	14,000	14,100	11,200	11,200	10,900	21,500	21,700	21,600
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	90,800	90,200	87,100	85,500	84,000	82,400	91,100	90,400	88,700
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	44,900	44,500	44,200	29,600	29,500	29,800	35,500	35,500	34,400
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation Svcs	42,400	42,100	39,200	51,100	49,900	48,600	49,600	48,500	48,000
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	68,700	68,500	67,500	85,900	85,700	86,000	105,000	104,300	102,900
Health Care and Social Assistance	59,900	59,700	58,500	76,000	75,700	74,600	90,900	90,700	88,600
Hospitals	15,400	15,300	14,800	22,000	22,200	21,500	20,000	20,000	19,700
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	68,600	67,300	65,400	77,400	75,800	76,500	88,300	85,400	85,800
Accommodation and Food Services	60,600	59,400	58,100	68,300	67,200	67,000	77,600	76,100	76,100
<b>Other Services</b>	26,800	26,700	26,400	33,600	33,600	32,600	28,300	28,100	27,900
<b>Government</b>	149,800	149,200	148,100	114,500	115,200	110,200	145,700	145,800	144,200
Federal	11,000	11,000	10,800	15,400	15,400	14,900	28,800	28,900	28,800
State	68,500	68,500	67,200	9,800	9,800	9,900	16,400	16,400	15,600
Local	70,300	69,700	70,100	89,300	90,000	85,400	100,500	100,500	99,800

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

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04
TOTAL	64,500	64,200	62,700	109,300	108,800	106,700	157,600	156,300	155,600	119,600	118,100	116,800
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,400	4,300	3,600	7,400	7,300	6,200	14,800	14,300	15,200	4,700	4,600	4,600
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	2,900	12,000	11,900	11,600	18,800	18,900	18,900	7,900	7,800	7,800
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,300	5,700	5,700	5,400	4,400	4,400	4,100	3,600	3,600	3,600
Retail Trade	7,900	8,100	7,900	13,700	13,700	13,700	19,700	19,800	19,900	15,400	15,200	14,900
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,600	3,600	3,600	6,600	6,600	6,700	4,200	4,200	4,100
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,800	2,800	2,700	1,400	1,400	1,400
Financial Activities	3,100	3,100	3,100	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,800	6,700	6,100	4,800	4,700	4,600
Prof. & Business Services	4,300	4,200	4,400	8,200	8,200	7,900	13,300	13,100	12,300	7,600	7,600	7,300
Educ. & Health Services	13,900	13,800	13,500	14,900	14,900	15,000	23,300	23,300	22,900	26,500	26,400	26,000
Leisure & Hospitality	6,400	6,300	6,600	11,400	11,300	11,100	13,800	13,300	13,500	12,200	11,700	12,000
Other Services	3,200	3,100	3,000	4,800	4,700	4,700	6,000	6,000	6,200	4,000	4,000	3,600
Government	12,800	12,800	12,500	19,100	19,000	19,000	27,300	27,100	27,100	27,300	26,900	26,900
INDUSTRY	COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN			CORPUS CHRISTI			EL PASO			KILLEEN-TEMPLE-FORT HOOD		
	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04
TOTAL	89,500	88,500	88,100	167,200	165,600	168,200	257,500	255,900	256,000	114,300	114,000	111,300
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	6,000	5,900	5,900	16,500	16,300	17,100	11,600	11,500	11,300	5,800	5,800	5,500
Manufacturing	5,900	5,800	5,800	11,300	11,100	11,500	22,500	22,500	24,100	8,200	8,100	8,100
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,300	5,300	5,100	10,200	10,100	10,400	3,500	3,500	3,500
Retail Trade	9,600	9,600	9,200	18,900	18,900	18,900	33,200	32,800	32,800	13,100	13,100	13,100
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,300	5,300	5,200	12,800	12,900	12,400	3,900	3,900	4,100
Information	1,100	1,100	1,000	2,400	2,500	2,600	4,800	4,800	5,000	1,500	1,500	1,400
Financial Activities	3,600	3,600	3,600	8,000	7,900	7,700	11,700	11,600	11,600	5,800	5,900	5,500
Prof. & Business Services	5,400	5,300	5,100	15,700	15,400	16,800	27,200	26,500	26,100	9,000	9,100	8,600
Educ. & Health Services	8,900	8,900	8,800	25,700	25,800	25,300	30,600	30,500	29,400	16,300	16,300	15,800
Leisure & Hospitality	8,900	8,900	8,800	18,300	17,600	18,600	24,900	24,600	24,000	10,800	10,500	9,900
Other Services	2,800	2,700	2,800	7,000	6,900	6,700	7,700	7,600	7,900	4,700	4,600	4,500
Government	34,800	34,200	34,600	32,800	32,600	32,700	60,300	60,500	61,000	31,700	31,700	31,300
INDUSTRY	LAREDO			LONGVIEW			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-PHARR		
	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04
TOTAL	79,300	78,400	77,900	87,900	87,400	84,700	126,000	125,900	123,600	191,300	190,100	184,200
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,100	4,100	3,800	10,500	10,400	9,400	5,400	5,300	5,200	10,400	10,300	11,000
Manufacturing	1,700	1,600	1,500	11,200	11,100	11,000	5,400	5,300	5,400	8,400	8,400	9,100
Wholesale Trade	2,400	2,400	2,500	3,200	3,200	3,200	5,400	5,600	5,600	6,800	6,700	6,300
Retail Trade	10,700	10,700	11,000	11,400	11,300	10,900	15,400	15,500	15,000	27,200	27,200	26,900
Trans., Ware., & Util.	11,800	11,700	11,500	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,600	3,600	3,500	5,600	5,500	5,300
Information	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,800	5,900	5,800	5,700	3,000	2,900	2,500
Financial Activities	3,300	3,300	3,400	3,100	3,200	3,200	7,000	7,000	7,000	8,000	8,000	7,600
Prof. & Business Services	4,000	3,900	4,300	6,800	6,700	6,500	10,800	10,800	10,100	11,600	11,800	10,900
Educ. & Health Services	11,000	11,000	10,600	14,600	14,600	14,000	18,500	18,500	17,700	39,300	38,900	36,000
Leisure & Hospitality	8,200	7,900	8,200	7,300	7,100	7,200	14,300	14,300	14,200	16,800	16,300	16,800
Other Services	1,900	1,800	1,600	3,300	3,200	3,200	5,400	5,400	5,500	5,300	5,200	4,600
Government	19,500	19,300	18,800	11,700	11,800	11,500	28,900	28,800	28,700	48,900	48,900	47,200
INDUSTRY	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04
TOTAL	56,900	56,900	56,100	52,000	52,300	51,900	44,100	43,800	43,700	44,300	44,200	43,400
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	10,300	10,400	10,200	6,700	6,800	6,600	3,000	2,900	2,800	3,000	2,900	2,800
Manufacturing	2,100	2,100	1,900	4,000	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,800	3,800	6,600	6,600	6,200
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,900	3,900	3,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	900	900	900
Retail Trade	6,400	6,400	6,300	6,200	6,300	6,300	5,300	5,300	5,200	6,200	6,300	6,200
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,600	800	800	800	1,100	1,100	1,200
Information	1,800	1,800	1,800	600	600	600	1,800	1,800	2,000	500	500	600
Financial Activities	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,800	2,800	2,800
Prof. & Business Services	6,100	6,100	5,800	3,700	3,700	3,600	3,500	3,400	3,400	2,700	2,700	2,600
Educ. & Health Services	6,400	6,400	6,300	5,600	5,600	5,400	7,300	7,300	7,400	8,500	8,500	8,500
Leisure & Hospitality	5,600	5,600	5,400	5,000	5,000	5,400	4,200	4,200	4,300	4,100	4,100	3,800
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,600
Government	8,700	8,600	9,000	9,500	9,600	9,700	9,200	9,100	8,900	6,200	6,200	6,200
INDUSTRY	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04
TOTAL	54,600	54,500	53,600	88,300	88,100	86,600	47,300	47,200	46,600	103,400	102,800	102,200
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	2,500	2,500	2,500	4,900	4,900	4,700	6,200	6,100	5,900	5,700	5,600	5,800
Manufacturing	5,400	5,300	5,400	9,500	9,600	9,400	5,600	5,600	5,800	13,400	13,300	13,400
Wholesale Trade	2,400	2,400	2,400	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,800	3,800	3,800
Retail Trade	6,800	6,800	7,100	12,000	12,000	12,000	6,200	6,200	5,900	10,800	10,800	10,700
Trans., Ware., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,300	3,300	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,900	2,900	3,000
Information	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,000	700	700	700	1,800	1,900	1,800
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,200	4,200	4,100	4,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	6,200	6,200	6,200
Prof. & Business Services	3,200	3,200	3,400	6,700	6,700	6,600	2,800	2,800	2,700	8,600	8,400	8,300
Educ. & Health Services	9,000	9,000	8,900	17,300	17,300	17,000	6,300	6,300	6,100	19,200	19,100	18,400
Leisure & Hospitality	5,100	5,100	4,900	8,000	7,800	7,800	4,000	4,000	4,100	9,300	9,100	9,200
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,800	3,800	3,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	4,400	4,400	4,500
Government	12,800	12,800	11,700	12,900	12,900	12,500	8,700	8,700	8,600	17,300	17,300	17,100
INDUSTRY	WICHITA FALLS											
	Mar '05*	Feb '05	Mar '04									
TOTAL	61,300	61,200	60,700									
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	3,300	3,200	3,300									
Manufacturing	7,600	7,500	7,200									
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	1,800									
Retail Trade	7,700	7,800	7,700									
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,400	1,400	1,300									
Information	1,500	1,500	1,700									
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,300									
Prof. & Business Services	3,300	3,300	3,500									
Educ. & Health Services	9,900	9,900	9,700									
Leisure & Hospitality	5,700	5,700	5,500									
Other Services	3,300	3,300	3,200									
Government	13,500	13,500	13,500									

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Beginning with January 2005 estimates, definitions of the MSAs were updated to reflect the 2000 Census-based configurations. Please see [www.tracer2.com](http://www.tracer2.com) for details on these changes.



## Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

by Bryce Bayles

The Texas jobless rate decreased for the second straight month, dropping from February's 6.1 to 5.5 percent in March—the lowest rate since October 2001. March's rate was nine-tenths of a percentage point lower than last March's rate of 6.4 percent. The United States' jobless rate fell to 5.4 percent—the lowest March rate since 2001. The U.S. rate was six-tenths of a percentage point below last March's rate of 6.0 percent.

The number of jobholders in Texas climbed by 53,700, from 10,424,600 in February to 10,478,300 in March. This was the largest increase for the month since 1997. On average, employment rises by 46,100 workers in March. This year's first quarter employment gain of 64,200 was 27,100 larger than last year's gain of 37,100.

The number of Texas job seekers decreased for the second consecutive month, falling by 64,500 to 615,300 in March—the lowest level since December 2001. On average, unemployment falls by 20,300 in March. This March's decrease was the largest over-the-month reduction since October 1983.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits declined for the second straight month, decreasing by 5,500 to 103,000 in March. Of the twenty-five MSAs, only Abilene, Midland, Waco, and Wichita Falls recorded gains over the month. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA recorded the largest over-the-month reduction with 1,474 fewer claims. The largest claims reductions within the twenty-eight Workforce Development Areas (WDAs) occurred in the Gulf Coast (-1,454), Dallas County (-672), Alamo (-605), and North Central (-449) areas.

## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Ranked by Unemployment Rate March 2005

1	College Station-Bryan	4.0
2 (tie)	Amarillo	4.1
	Midland	4.1
4	Lubbock	4.2
5 (tie)	Abilene	4.6
	Austin-Round Rock	4.6
	San Angelo	4.6
8	Tyler	4.8
9 (tie)	Waco	4.9
	Wichita Falls	4.9
11	Odessa	5.0
12	San Antonio	5.1
13	Victoria	5.2
14 (tie)	Longview	5.3
	Texarkana	5.3
16 (tie)	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	5.4
	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	5.4
	<b>Texas</b>	<b>5.5</b>
18 (tie)	Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	5.5
	Sherman-Denison	5.5
20 (tie)	Corpus Christi	6.0
	Laredo	6.0
22	Beaumont-Port Arthur	7.0
23	El Paso	7.7
24	Brownsville-Harlingen	8.0
25	McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	8.5

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

	March 2005*				February 2005				March 2004			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
State of Texas	11,093.6	10,478.3	615.3	5.5	11,104.4	10,424.6	679.8	6.1	10,961.3	10,263.8	697.5	6.4
Abilene	80.4	76.7	3.7	4.6	80.4	76.4	4.0	5.0	78.2	74.1	4.1	5.3
Amarillo	127.7	122.4	5.3	4.1	127.9	122.1	5.8	4.6	124.8	119.2	5.6	4.5
Austin-Round Rock	783.8	748.1	35.7	4.6	784.6	744.9	39.7	5.1	766.2	725.1	41.1	5.4
Beaumont-Port Arthur	181.6	168.8	12.8	7.0	182.0	167.6	14.4	7.9	181.1	165.9	15.2	8.4
Brownsville-Harlingen	144.4	132.8	11.6	8.0	143.9	131.1	12.8	8.9	142.4	129.1	13.3	9.3
College Station-Bryan	104.1	99.9	4.2	4.0	103.6	99.0	4.6	4.5	102.8	98.1	4.7	4.6
Corpus Christi	197.2	185.4	11.8	6.0	196.9	183.8	13.1	6.6	198.2	185.4	12.8	6.4
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	2,958.9	2,798.8	160.1	5.4	2,967.2	2,790.0	177.2	6.0	2,917.1	2,734.9	182.2	6.2
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	1,972.2	1,863.7	108.5	5.5	1,978.8	1,858.5	120.3	6.1	1,944.0	1,819.1	124.9	6.4
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	986.6	935.1	51.5	5.2	988.6	931.6	57.0	5.8	973.1	915.8	57.3	5.9
El Paso	291.5	269.1	22.4	7.7	292.5	267.8	24.7	8.5	289.6	266.2	23.4	8.1
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	2,639.2	2,494.3	144.9	5.5	2,643.1	2,482.5	160.6	6.1	2,618.5	2,451.6	166.9	6.4
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	146.0	138.1	7.9	5.4	146.5	137.7	8.8	6.0	142.2	133.6	8.6	6.1
Laredo	94.4	88.8	5.6	6.0	94.2	88.1	6.1	6.5	93.0	87.0	6.0	6.4
Longview	100.9	95.6	5.3	5.3	100.9	95.1	5.8	5.8	98.0	91.8	6.2	6.3
Lubbock	139.2	133.3	5.9	4.2	139.8	133.3	6.5	4.6	136.4	129.9	6.5	4.8
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	261.7	239.5	22.2	8.5	261.7	237.5	24.2	9.3	254.3	229.4	24.9	9.8
Midland	64.7	62.0	2.7	4.1	64.9	62.0	2.9	4.4	63.8	60.8	3.0	4.8
Odessa	61.5	58.4	3.1	5.0	62.0	58.5	3.5	5.6	61.6	57.7	3.9	6.3
San Angelo	52.6	50.2	2.4	4.6	52.5	49.9	2.6	5.0	52.2	49.6	2.6	5.0
San Antonio	893.0	847.2	45.8	5.1	892.3	841.6	50.7	5.7	879.6	828.2	51.4	5.8
Sherman-Denison	57.6	54.4	3.2	5.5	57.8	54.3	3.5	6.1	56.8	53.1	3.7	6.6
Texarkana	62.6	59.3	3.3	5.3	62.5	58.8	3.7	5.9	61.3	57.7	3.6	5.8
Tyler	95.2	90.6	4.6	4.8	95.4	90.3	5.1	5.3	93.3	88.2	5.1	5.5
Victoria	55.2	52.3	2.9	5.2	55.3	52.1	3.2	5.8	54.3	51.0	3.3	6.1
Waco	111.8	106.3	5.5	4.9	111.6	105.7	5.9	5.3	110.3	104.3	6.0	5.4
Wichita Falls	73.8	70.2	3.6	4.9	73.9	70.0	3.9	5.3	73.0	69.0	4.0	5.5

\*Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. Estimates reflect actual (not seasonally adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force (C.L.F.) includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Employment and Unemployment data are first rounded then added together to derive the rounded CLF total. Because of this rounding technique, this rounded total of the CLF may not agree with a rounding of the CLF total itself. Percent Unemployed is based upon unrounded Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment numbers. Estimates of the TWC are in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Beginning with January 2005 estimates, definitions of the MSAs were updated to reflect the 2000 Census-based configurations. Please see [www.tracer2.com](http://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.



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County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	19,953	18,629	1,324	6.6	Gillespie	11,721	11,342	379	3.2	Moore	10,099	9,634	465	4.6
Andrews	6,213	5,925	288	4.6	Glasscock	586	557	29	4.9	Morris	5,689	5,292	397	7.0
Angelina	40,356	37,991	2,365	5.9	Goliad	3,318	3,151	167	5.0	Motley	629	600	29	4.6
Aransas	10,650	10,047	603	5.7	Gonzales	9,046	8,632	414	4.6	Nacogdoches	31,164	29,616	1,548	5.0
Archer	5,170	4,993	177	3.4	Gray	9,731	9,230	501	5.1	Navarro	19,937	18,646	1,291	6.5
Armstrong	1,099	1,053	46	4.2	Grayson	57,551	54,395	3,156	5.5	Newton	5,758	5,230	528	9.2
Atascosa	19,080	18,060	1,020	5.3	Gregg	59,966	56,872	3,094	5.2	Nolan	7,290	6,895	395	5.4
Austin	12,960	12,376	584	4.5	Grimes	9,936	9,314	622	6.3	Nueces	157,067	147,947	9,120	5.8
Baylor	3,351	3,136	215	6.4	Guadalupe	50,522	48,110	2,412	4.8	Ochiltree	4,815	4,642	173	3.6
Bandera	9,664	9,247	417	4.3	Hale	16,357	15,387	970	5.9	Oldham	1,027	982	45	4.4
Bastrop	33,319	31,709	1,610	4.8	Hall	1,455	1,349	106	7.3	Orange	41,597	38,601	2,996	7.2
Baylor	1,861	1,752	109	5.9	Hamilton	4,066	3,884	182	4.5	Palo Pinto	13,488	12,806	682	5.1
Bee	11,069	10,249	820	7.4	Hansford	2,448	2,350	98	4.0	Panola	10,949	10,365	584	5.3
Bell	111,007	105,170	5,837	5.3	Hardeman	2,018	1,910	108	5.4	Parker	49,575	47,197	2,378	4.8
Bexar	717,369	679,878	37,491	5.2	Hardin	24,746	23,194	1,552	6.3	Parmer	4,516	4,304	212	4.7
Blanco	4,588	4,402	186	4.1	Harris	1,873,301	1,768,863	104,438	5.6	Pecos	6,884	6,487	397	5.8
Borden	452	432	20	4.4	Harrison	32,002	30,204	1,798	5.6	Polk	16,590	15,527	1,063	6.4
Bosque	8,124	7,722	402	4.9	Hartley	2,161	2,064	97	4.5	Potter	57,218	54,483	2,735	4.8
Bowie	43,014	40,636	2,378	5.5	Haskell	2,879	2,748	131	4.6	Presidio	3,274	2,838	436	13.3
Brazoria	133,285	125,614	7,671	5.8	Hays	63,451	60,772	2,679	4.2	Rains	5,039	4,789	250	5.0
Brazos	88,281	84,815	3,466	3.9	Hemphill	2,267	2,194	73	3.2	Randall	65,856	63,493	2,363	3.6
Brewster	5,655	5,455	200	3.5	Henderson	35,052	32,993	2,059	5.9	Reagan	1,544	1,483	61	4.0
Briscoe	665	618	47	7.1	Hidalgo	261,638	239,485	22,153	8.5	Real	1,270	1,203	67	5.3
Brooks	3,032	2,807	225	7.4	Hill	14,723	13,728	995	6.8	Red River	6,247	5,820	427	6.8
Brown	17,630	16,751	879	5.0	Hockley	11,560	11,029	531	4.6	Reeves	3,954	3,564	390	9.9
Burleson	8,463	8,105	358	4.2	Hood	23,475	22,364	1,111	4.7	Refugio	3,821	3,614	207	5.4
Burnet	19,114	18,300	814	4.3	Hopkins	16,719	15,871	848	5.1	Roberts	493	474	19	3.9
Caldwell	16,071	15,235	836	5.2	Houston	8,810	8,267	543	6.2	Robertson	7,389	7,014	375	5.1
Calhoun	9,088	8,499	589	6.5	Howard	13,615	12,826	789	5.8	Rockwall	28,695	27,393	1,302	4.5
Callahan	6,782	6,498	284	4.2	Hudspeth	1,303	1,208	95	7.3	Runnels	4,750	4,496	254	5.3
Cameron	144,420	132,806	11,614	8.0	Hunt	38,934	36,564	2,370	6.1	Rusk	22,545	21,267	1,278	5.7
Camp	5,722	5,401	321	5.6	Hutchinson	11,337	10,764	573	5.1	Sabine	3,789	3,443	346	9.1
Carson	3,558	3,416	142	4.0	Irion	942	911	31	3.3	San Augustine	3,613	3,366	247	6.8
Cass	13,718	12,853	865	6.3	Jack	3,625	3,434	191	5.3	San Jacinto	10,394	9,708	686	6.6
Castro	3,550	3,339	211	5.9	Jackson	6,527	6,186	341	5.2	San Patricio	29,528	27,428	2,100	7.1
Chambers	14,311	13,455	856	6.0	Jasper	15,762	14,509	1,253	7.9	San Saba	2,499	2,373	126	5.0
Cherokee	20,676	19,551	1,125	5.4	Jeff Davis	1,315	1,268	47	3.6	Schleicher	1,380	1,321	59	4.3
Childress	3,057	2,881	176	5.8	Jefferson	115,242	107,012	8,230	7.1	Scurry	7,257	6,905	352	4.9
Clay	6,231	5,989	242	3.9	Jim Hogg	2,682	2,548	134	5.0	Shackelford	2,053	1,994	59	2.9
Cochran	1,517	1,398	119	7.8	Jim Wells	19,577	18,409	1,168	6.0	Shelby	11,130	10,465	665	6.0
Coke	1,401	1,330	71	5.1	Johnson	70,858	67,188	3,670	5.2	Sherman	1,436	1,373	63	4.4
Coleman	4,075	3,871	204	5.0	Jones	8,023	7,552	471	5.9	Smith	95,165	90,553	4,612	4.8
Collin	340,325	324,524	15,801	4.6	Karnes	5,622	5,267	355	6.3	Somervell	3,924	3,760	164	4.2
Collingsworth	1,547	1,469	78	5.0	Kaufman	40,586	38,232	2,354	5.8	Starr	21,691	18,162	3,529	16.3
Colorado	9,837	9,377	460	4.7	Kendall	13,524	12,980	544	4.0	Stephens	4,044	3,834	210	5.2
Comal	46,247	44,128	2,119	4.6	Kenedy	240	230	10	4.2	Sterling	806	777	29	3.6
Comanche	6,457	6,152	305	4.7	Kent	431	411	20	4.6	Stonewall	783	747	36	4.6
Concho	1,248	1,164	84	6.7	Kerr	21,006	20,134	872	4.2	Sutton	2,497	2,410	87	3.5
Cooke	19,157	18,312	845	4.4	Kimble	1,963	1,867	96	4.9	Swisher	3,598	3,395	203	5.6
Coryell	25,220	23,574	1,646	6.5	King	251	244	7	2.8	Tarrant	838,832	794,619	44,213	5.3
Cottle	823	766	57	6.9	Kinney	1,487	1,392	95	6.4	Taylor	65,549	62,625	2,924	4.5
Crane	1,514	1,419	95	6.3	Kleberg	16,279	15,350	929	5.7	Terrell	463	438	25	5.4
Crockett	1,911	1,827	84	4.4	Knox	1,898	1,799	99	5.2	Terry	5,322	4,956	366	6.9
Crosby	2,953	2,783	170	5.8	Lamar	22,971	21,447	1,524	6.6	Throckmorton	903	868	35	3.9
Culberson	1,442	1,360	82	5.7	Lamb	6,996	6,569	427	6.1	Titus	14,615	13,886	729	5.0
Dallam	3,020	2,898	122	4.0	Lampasas	9,797	9,356	441	4.5	Tom Green	51,691	49,302	2,389	4.6
Dallas	1,161,938	1,092,459	69,479	6.0	La Salle	2,150	1,994	156	7.3	Travis	502,099	478,947	23,152	4.6
Dawson	5,249	4,844	405	7.7	Lavaca	10,067	9,684	383	3.8	Trinity	5,573	5,227	346	6.2
Deaf Smith	7,468	7,042	426	5.7	Lee	8,448	8,072	376	4.5	Tyler	7,994	7,402	592	7.4
Delta	2,481	2,320	161	6.5	Leon	7,338	6,917	421	5.7	Upshur	18,406	17,446	960	5.2
Denton	295,922	282,355	13,567	4.6	Liberty	32,522	30,377	2,145	6.6	Upton	1,558	1,478	80	5.1
De Witt	8,925	8,485	440	4.9	Limestone	10,617	10,078	539	5.1	Uvalde	11,785	11,022	763	6.5
Dickens	1,028	964	64	6.2	Lipscomb	1,817	1,757	60	3.3	Val Verde	19,142	17,716	1,426	7.4
Dimmit	3,994	3,656	338	8.5	Live Oak	4,775	4,496	279	5.8	Van Zandt	24,309	23,061	1,248	5.1
Donley	1,768	1,684	84	4.8	Llano	7,523	7,146	377	5.0	Victoria	42,761	40,641	2,120	5.0
Duval	5,134	4,782	352	6.9	Loving	49	46	3	6.1	Walker	25,936	24,568	1,368	5.3
Eastland	8,803	8,373	430	4.9	Lubbock	136,228	130,525	5,703	4.2	Waller	16,645	15,692	953	5.7
Ector	61,517	58,411	3,106	5.0	Lynn	2,765	2,574	191	6.9	Ward	4,283	4,018	265	6.2
Edwards	1,066	1,020	46	4.3	Mc Culloch	3,638	3,434	204	5.6	Washington	15,320	14,624	696	4.5
Ellis	63,329	59,847	3,482	5.5	Mc Lennan	111,780	106,288	5,492	4.9	Webb	94,409	88,785	5,624	6.0
El Paso	291,446	269,061	22,385	7.7	Mc Mullen	391	370	21	5.4	Wharton	20,367	19,227	1,140	5.6
Erath	18,175	17,472	703	3.9	Madison	4,811	4,512	299	6.2	Wheeler	2,634	2,521	113	4.3
Falls	7,497	7,016	481	6.4	Marion	4,728	4,426	302	6.4	Wichita	62,361	59,181	3,180	5.1
Fannin	13,511	12,636	875	6.5	Martin	1,997	1,888	109	5.5	Wilbarger	5,722	5,420	302	5.3
Fayette	11,345	10,904	441	3.9	Mason	1,901	1,831	70	3.7	Willacy	6,946	6,132	814	11.7
Fisher	1,888	1,797	91	4.8	Matagorda	16,546	15,194	1,352	8.2	Williamson	168,887	161,417	7,470	4.4
Floyd	3,147	2,932	215	6.8	Maverick	19,760	16,267	3,493	17.7	Wilson	17,184	16,370	814	4.7
Foard	605	571	34	5.6	Medina	19,436	18,458	978	5.0	Winkler	2,965	2,800	165	5.6
Fort Bend	224,122	212,932	11,190	5.0	Menard	1,054	1,002	52	4.9	Wise	27,352	26,067	1,285	4.7
Franklin	5,079	4,826	253	5.0	Midland	64,693	62,040	2,653	4.1	Wood	17,459	16,527	932	5.3
Freestone	9,748	9,327	421	4.3	Milam	11,290	10,653	637	5.6	Yoakum	3,240	3,061	179	5.5
Frio	6,092	5,669	423	6.9	Mills	2,664	2,563	101	3.8	Young	8,616	8,201	415	4.8
Gaines	6,411	6,046	365	5.7	Mitchell	3,151	2,923	228	7.2	Zapata	5,171	4,809	362	7.0
Galveston	139,649	131,796	7,853	5.6	Montague	9,174	8,726	448	4.9	Zavala	3,888	3,384	504	13.0
Garza	2,227	2,115	112	5.0	Montgomery	181,950	173,448	8,502	4.7					

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City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Abilene	56,811	54,158	2,653	4.7	Fort Worth	281,781	265,849	15,932	5.7	Missouri City	36,124	34,381	1,743	4.8
Allen	34,232	32,819	1,413	4.1	Friendswood	18,047	17,246	801	4.4	Nacogdoches	16,160	15,379	781	4.8
Amarillo	98,211	94,160	4,051	4.1	Frisco	31,113	29,907	1,206	3.9	New Braunfels	22,359	21,417	942	4.2
Arlington	199,398	189,265	10,133	5.1	Galveston	27,452	25,841	1,611	5.9	North Richland Hills	34,627	32,975	1,652	4.8
Austin	397,266	379,234	18,032	4.5	Garland	114,326	107,545	6,781	5.9	Odessa	45,903	43,571	2,332	5.1
Baytown	32,449	30,061	2,388	7.4	Georgetown	16,932	16,181	751	4.4	Paris	11,718	10,831	887	7.6
Beaumont	54,863	51,303	3,560	6.5	Grand Prairie	69,689	65,861	3,828	5.5	Pasadena	68,755	64,519	4,236	6.2
Bedford	31,000	29,470	1,530	4.9	Grapevine	27,960	26,704	1,256	4.5	Pearland	27,776	26,614	1,162	4.2
Big Spring	9,385	8,804	581	6.2	Greenville	11,561	10,891	670	5.8	Pharr	21,489	20,159	1,330	6.2
Brownsville	60,250	55,398	4,852	8.1	Haltom City	21,495	20,377	1,118	5.2	Plano	138,745	131,956	6,789	4.9
Bryan	36,987	35,462	1,525	4.1	Harlingen	25,232	23,530	1,702	6.7	Port Arthur	23,450	21,283	2,167	9.2
Burleson	14,197	13,581	616	4.3	Houston	1,013,817	955,509	58,308	5.8	Richardson	56,562	53,871	2,691	4.8
Carrollton	69,069	65,703	3,366	4.9	Huntsville	14,507	13,764	743	5.1	Rosenberg	13,865	13,146	719	5.2
Cedar Hill	21,740	20,631	1,109	5.1	Hurst	20,505	19,515	990	4.8	Round Rock	43,794	42,035	1,759	4.0
Cedar Park	23,256	22,543	713	3.1	Irving	111,976	106,151	5,825	5.2	Rowlett	27,934	26,474	1,460	5.2
Cleburne	13,359	12,672	687	5.1	Keller	18,103	17,397	706	3.9	San Angelo	43,490	41,458	2,032	4.7
College Station	40,176	38,678	1,498	3.7	Killeen	38,968	36,834	2,134	5.5	San Antonio	590,126	560,124	30,002	5.1
Conroe	20,430	19,521	909	4.4	Kingsville	13,046	12,326	720	5.5	San Juan	11,509	10,538	971	8.4
Coppell	21,301	20,417	884	4.2	Lake Jackson	14,196	13,471	725	5.1	San Marcos	24,333	23,467	866	3.6
Copperas Cove	12,913	12,240	673	5.2	Lancaster	13,813	12,794	1,019	7.4	Sherman	17,514	16,499	1,015	5.8
Corpus Christi	140,892	133,023	7,869	5.6	La Porte	18,831	17,743	1,088	5.8	Socorro	10,400	9,479	921	8.9
Corsicana	10,156	9,484	672	6.6	Laredo	88,888	83,851	5,037	5.7	Sugar Land	38,966	37,286	1,680	4.3
Dallas	595,170	559,041	36,129	6.1	League City	31,696	30,385	1,311	4.1	Temple	28,253	26,877	1,376	4.9
Deer Park	16,501	15,654	847	5.1	Lewisville	53,578	51,320	2,258	4.2	Texarkana	16,340	15,424	916	5.6
Del Rio	14,970	13,909	1,061	7.1	Longview	38,729	36,618	2,111	5.5	Texas City	20,799	19,305	1,494	7.2
Denton	52,240	50,162	2,078	4.0	Lubbock	112,992	108,383	4,609	4.1	The Colony	20,024	19,185	839	4.2
DeSoto	23,123	21,803	1,320	5.7	Lufkin	16,490	15,498	992	6.0	Tyler	45,855	43,662	2,193	4.8
Duncanville	18,949	17,827	1,122	5.9	McAllen	56,147	52,944	3,203	5.7	Victoria	30,801	29,265	1,536	5.0
Edinburg	25,189	23,908	1,281	5.1	McKinney	40,762	39,180	1,582	3.9	Waco	54,484	51,509	2,975	5.5
El Paso	249,269	231,524	17,745	7.1	Mansfield	18,229	17,400	829	4.5	Weslaco	12,600	11,640	960	7.6
Eules	30,654	29,231	1,423	4.6	Mesquite	71,076	67,011	4,065	5.7	Wichita Falls	47,242	44,714	2,528	5.4
Farmers Branch	14,911	14,135	776	5.2	Midland	52,975	50,800	2,175	4.1					
Flower Mound	32,534	31,250	1,284	3.9	Mission	22,755	21,265	1,490	6.5					

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Labor Force Estimates for Workforce Development Areas March 2005				
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Alamo	937,467	889,643	47,824	5.1
Brazos Valley	141,538	135,301	6,237	4.4
Cameron County	144,420	132,806	11,614	8.0
Capital Area	502,099	478,947	23,152	4.6
Central Texas	166,543	157,573	8,970	5.4
Coastal Bend	261,563	245,729	15,834	6.1
Concho Valley	71,976	68,659	3,317	4.6
Dallas	1,161,938	1,092,459	69,479	6.0
Deep East Texas	160,933	150,751	10,182	6.3
East Texas	371,971	352,084	19,887	5.3
Golden Crescent	89,732	85,278	4,454	5.0
Gulf Coast	2,701,431	2,552,919	148,512	5.5
Heart Of Texas	162,489	154,159	8,330	5.1
Lower Rio Grande Valley	290,275	263,779	26,496	9.1
Middle Rio Grande	64,542	57,654	6,888	10.7
North Central Texas	1,034,575	984,415	50,160	4.8
North East Texas	130,533	122,951	7,582	5.8
North Texas	106,206	100,943	5,263	5.0
Panhandle	208,640	199,409	9,231	4.4
Permian Basin	182,403	173,219	9,184	5.0
Rural Capital	332,746	317,957	14,789	4.4
South East Texas	181,585	168,807	12,778	7.0
South Plains	197,571	188,273	9,298	4.7
South Texas	102,262	96,142	6,120	6.0
Tarrant County	838,832	794,619	44,213	5.3
Texoma	90,219	85,343	4,876	5.4
Upper Rio Grande	304,435	281,190	23,245	7.6
West Central Texas	154,646	147,239	7,407	4.8

Hours and Earnings for Texas and Selected Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas & Metro Divisions									
Area	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar '05	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05	Feb '05	Mar '04	Mar '05	Feb '05	Mar '04
<b>Texas</b>									
Manufacturing	\$553.82	\$547.06	\$557.00	39.7	39.3	39.9	\$13.95	\$13.92	\$13.96
Durable Goods	\$568.43	\$560.03	\$553.32	42.2	41.7	41.2	\$13.47	\$13.43	\$13.43
Nondurable Goods	\$533.16	\$526.88	\$561.30	36.0	35.6	37.9	\$14.81	\$14.80	\$14.81
<b>Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington MSA</b>									
Manufacturing	\$596.52	\$592.18	\$575.79	39.4	39.4	38.8	\$15.14	\$15.03	\$14.84
Durable Goods	\$666.25	\$659.31	\$638.80	41.0	40.9	39.9	\$16.25	\$16.12	\$16.01
Nondurable Goods	\$466.82	\$472.51	\$467.15	36.3	36.8	36.9	\$12.86	\$12.84	\$12.66
<b>Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA</b>									
Manufacturing	\$725.92	\$706.06	\$724.67	41.6	40.3	41.6	\$17.45	\$17.52	\$17.42
Durable Goods	\$617.95	\$590.96	\$599.87	42.5	40.7	41.6	\$14.54	\$14.52	\$14.42
Nondurable Goods	\$873.04	\$860.30	\$900.22	40.4	39.7	41.6	\$21.61	\$21.67	\$21.64
<b>San Antonio MSA</b>									
Manufacturing	\$413.88	\$423.45	\$416.05	38.5	39.1	38.1	\$10.75	\$10.83	\$10.92
Durable Goods	\$443.39	\$441.98	\$416.81	41.4	41.0	38.1	\$10.71	\$10.78	\$10.94
Nondurable Goods	\$381.24	\$401.84	\$414.20	35.3	36.9	38.0	\$10.80	\$10.89	\$10.90
<b>Dallas-Plano-Irving MD*</b>									
Manufacturing	\$512.50	\$514.46	\$517.34	37.3	37.8	37.9	\$13.74	\$13.61	\$13.65
Durable Goods	\$546.43	\$540.93	\$544.01	38.4	38.5	38.5	\$14.23	\$14.05	\$14.13
Nondurable Goods	\$459.60	\$471.77	\$471.41	35.6	36.6	36.8	\$12.91	\$12.89	\$12.81
<b>Ft. Worth-Arlington MD*</b>									
Manufacturing	\$761.24	\$749.86	\$700.94	43.4	42.8	40.8	\$17.54	\$17.52	\$17.18
Durable Goods	\$875.52	\$863.67	\$827.53	45.6	45.1	42.7	\$19.20	\$19.15	\$19.38
Nondurable Goods	\$485.90	\$472.07	\$458.30	38.2	37.2	37.2	\$12.72	\$12.69	\$12.32

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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”

### Valero Distribution Center Opens

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Express-News—Vicki Vaughan)—Valero Energy Corp has opened its first retail distribution center adding 200 jobs to the area's economy. The facility is in Schertz, just northeast of San Antonio, and stretches the length of two football fields having 2.6 million cubic feet of storage space.

According to Valero CEO Bill Greehey, “This is our first distribution center and I can't think of a better place to do it than this community.” The center will deliver to the company's Diamond Shamrock Corner Stores in Texas utilizing radio-frequency technology to track thousand of items. It is expected the new technology will save Valero about \$4.5 million a year and eliminate 300,000 store deliveries.

### Gasoline Prices Fall Slightly

IRVING, TX (AAA Texas)—For the first time in six weeks, pump prices in some Texas cities declined during the week of April 15 after reaching record high prices the previous week. In Texas, the average price of \$2.164 per gallon was a penny less than the week before, but still 50 cents higher than last year's average price of \$1.662 per gallon.

“After weeks of record-setting gasoline prices, fuel prices retreated from their all-time highs,” said Rose Rougeau, spokesperson for AAA Texas. “Whether the uptrend in gas prices is over depends on crude oil prices which dropped

to \$50 a barrel this week on news that U.S. inventories of crude oil and gasoline are up.” The national average for regular self-serve gasoline is \$2.251 per gallon.

### Insurance Office to Open in Austin

AUSTIN, TX (Dallas Business Journal)—Insurance Brokerage McQueary Henry Bowles Troy L.L.P. (MHBT) is opening a new office in Austin. The office will employ 17 people who will handle employee benefits needs, according to the Dallas-based company.

MHBT should grow rapidly over the next six months according to company officials, expanding into a full-service office that will offer property and casualty insurance, risk management and financial services practices.

### Report Indicates Continued Growth in Houston Economy

HOUSTON, TX (Houston Business Journal)—Houston's economy grew in March for the 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive month, according to a business report produced by the National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM)-Houston Inc.

In March, Houston posted a Purchasing Managers Index of 58.2, slightly less than February's mark of 59. A reading above the break-even point of 50 indicates the Houston economy is generally expanding. Key to March's growth was a significant surge in new purchases of goods and services.



## INDICATORS

### Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
MAR	2005	5.5%	MAR	2005	5.6%
FEB	2005	6.1%	FEB	2005	6.0%
MAR	2004	6.4%	MAR	2004	6.2%

### U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
MAR	2005	5.4%	MAR	2005	5.2%
FEB	2005	5.8%	FEB	2005	5.4%
MAR	2004	6.0%	MAR	2004	5.7%

### Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
MAR	2005	9,555,500	MAR	2005	9,564,100
FEB	2005	9,499,000	FEB	2005	9,553,500
MAR	2004	9,430,800	MAR	2004	9,438,700
OTM Change		56,500	OTM Change		10,600
OTY Change		124,700	OTY Change		125,400

### Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
MAR	2005	72,582	MAR	2005	587,014
FEB	2005	58,031	FEB	2005	548,543
MAR	2004	83,434	MAR	2004	808,892

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change			
U.S.	MAR 2005	3.1%	
Dallas-Fort Worth	MAR 2005	2.0%	
Houston-Galveston	FEB 2005	3.6%	

### Help Wanted Index

MAR	2005	60.8
FEB	2005	62.7
MAR	2004	58.5

### West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

MAR	2005	\$ 54.31	OTM Change	\$ 6.34
FEB	2005	\$ 47.97	OTY Change	\$ 17.55
MAR	2004	\$ 36.76		

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