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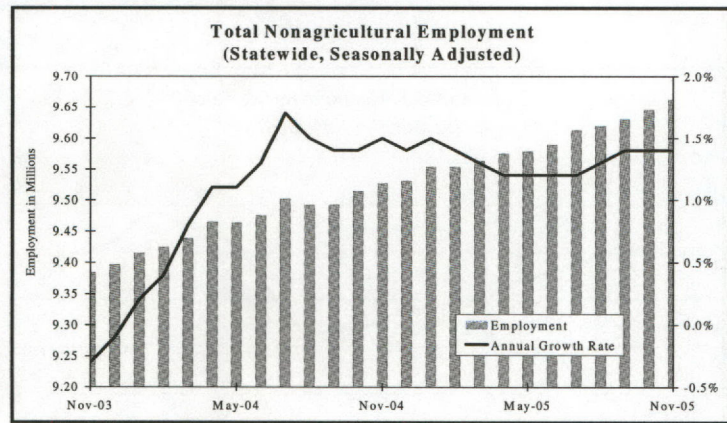
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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Employment recorded an increase of 17,300 positions in November. This was the largest monthly employment increase since July. A slight decline in employment in the Manufacturing sector was more than offset by job growth in all of the other major industry sectors. Total Nonagricultural Employment increased by 136,400 positions from November 2004 to November 2005, for an annual growth rate of 1.4 percent.

9,200 jobs over the year. Since January 2005, 7,800 jobs have been added in Financial Activities.

Professional and Business Services posted a significant gain of 5,900 jobs in November, following an increase of 5,700 positions in October. This was the largest increase since January 2005. The annual growth rate rose from 2.1 percent in October to 2.5 percent in November. This was the highest annual growth rate in this industry since March 2005. Over the year, the sector grew by 27,100 jobs.



Following an increase of 2,800 jobs in October, Education and Health Services employment increased by 100 positions in November. This marks the lowest monthly change since June 2005. The annual growth rate was 2.0 percent, an increase of 23,600 jobs over the year.

Leisure and Hospitality employment improved by 3,900 jobs in November, following a gain of 4,400 positions in October. These increases contributed to a rise in the annual growth rate from 1.7 percent in October to 2.0 percent in November, an expansion of 17,400 jobs over the year. This was the highest annual growth rate in this industry since March 2005.

Following a decrease of 100 jobs in October, Natural Resources and Mining employment grew by 800 jobs in November, contributing to an over-the-year gain of 4,100 jobs. The annual growth rate improved slightly from 2.5 percent in October to 2.7 percent in November, and has remained in positive territory since April 2003.


Government employment recorded an over-the-month increase of 1,900 jobs in November. However, the annual growth rate dipped slightly to 0.6 percent, the lowest growth rate experienced in the sector since June 2004. A total of 10,800 jobs have been added in Government since November 2004.

Employment within Construction increased by 1,200 jobs in November, continuing a nine-month streak of positive monthly growth for the sector. Annual growth rose to a rate of 3.0 percent, representing an increase of 16,400 jobs since November 2004. A total of 15,900 jobs have been added in Construction since the beginning of the year.

Manufacturing recorded its sixth drop of the year in November with a loss of 1,400 jobs. The industry is up by 4,300 jobs since January 2005 and up 600 jobs since November 2004. Annual growth rose slightly to 0.1 percent.

Employment in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (TTU) sector expanded by 2,100 positions in November, the second straight month of employment growth in the sector. Employment in TTU has increased nine times in 2005 and has declined only twice. The annual growth rate for TTU was unchanged in November at 1.0 percent, representing an increase of 19,200 jobs over the year.

Employment in Financial Activities grew for a fifth consecutive month with the addition of 900 jobs in November. The annual growth rate for the sector was unchanged at 1.5 percent, resulting in an increase of



Happy Holidays

The Labor Market and Career Information Department would like to extend our best wishes to all of our customers during the holiday season. We also want to thank you for continuing to support our efforts to improve our products and the services we provide. We look forward to serving you during the coming new year.



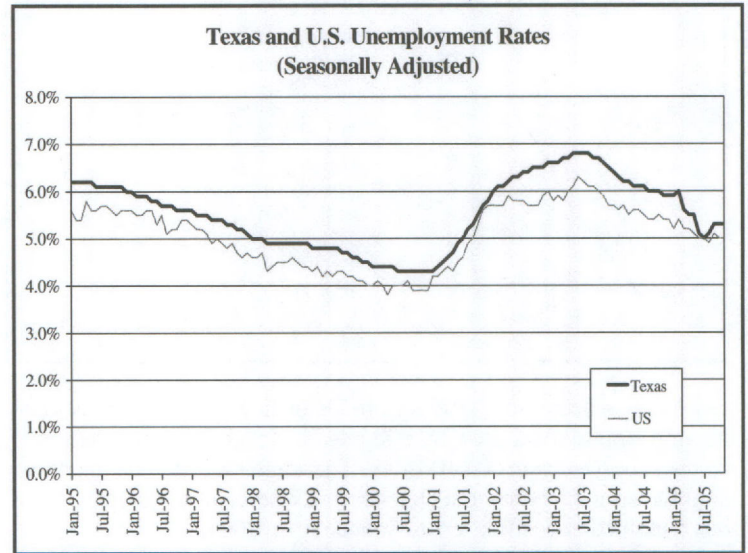
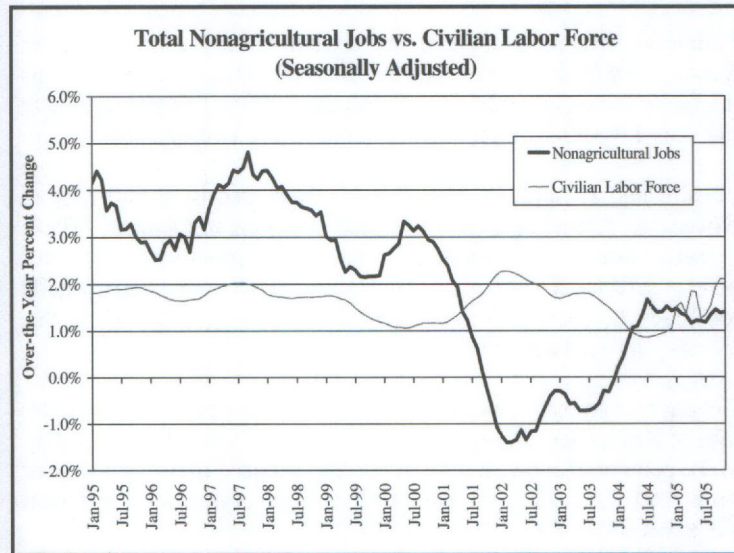
**TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED⁺**

INDUSTRY TITLE	Nov. 2005*	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2004	Oct. '05 to Nov. '05		Nov. '04 to Nov. '05	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	9,663,200	9,645,900	9,526,800	17,300	0.2	136,400	1.4
GOODS PRODUCING							
Natural Resources & Mining	158,000	157,200	153,900	800	0.5	4,100	2.7
Construction	559,300	558,100	542,900	1,200	0.2	16,400	3.0
Manufacturing	889,900	891,300	889,300	-1,400	-0.2	600	0.1
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,972,500	1,970,400	1,953,300	2,100	0.1	19,200	1.0
Financial Activities	607,700	606,800	598,500	900	0.1	9,200	1.5
Professional & Business Services	1,121,700	1,115,800	1,094,600	5,900	0.5	27,100	2.5
Education & Health Services	1,177,600	1,177,500	1,154,000	100	0.0	23,600	2.0
Leisure & Hospitality	907,700	903,800	890,300	3,900	0.4	17,400	2.0
Government	1,674,300	1,672,400	1,663,500	1,900	0.1	10,800	0.6

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**			
		CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
Not Seasonally Adjusted									
November	2005	11,330,900	10,739,100	591,800	5.2	150,239,000	142,968,000	7,271,000	4.8
October	2005	11,321,000	10,745,200	575,800	5.1	150,304,000	143,340,000	6,964,000	4.6
November	2004	11,120,500	10,468,100	652,400	5.9	148,246,000	140,581,000	7,665,000	5.2
Seasonally Adjusted									
November	2005	11,318,000	10,715,100	602,900	5.3	150,176,000	142,594,000	7,582,000	5.0
October	2005	11,305,300	10,706,100	599,200	5.3	150,079,000	142,646,000	7,433,000	5.0
November	2004	11,082,800	10,425,900	656,900	5.9	148,313,000	140,293,000	8,020,000	5.4

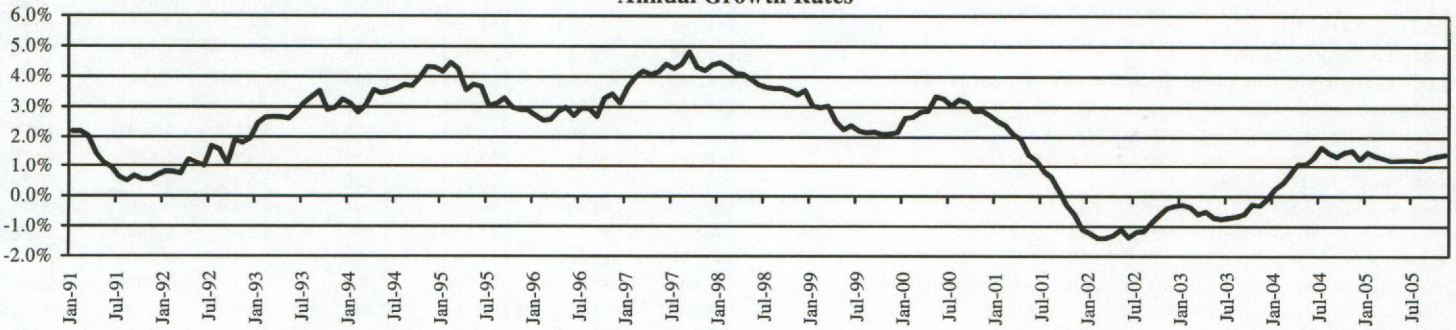
Note: Only the actual series estimates for Texas and the U.S. are comparable to sub-state estimates. Current month estimates for Texas are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. In seasonally adjusted estimates, all elements of seasonality are factored out to achieve an estimate which reflects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

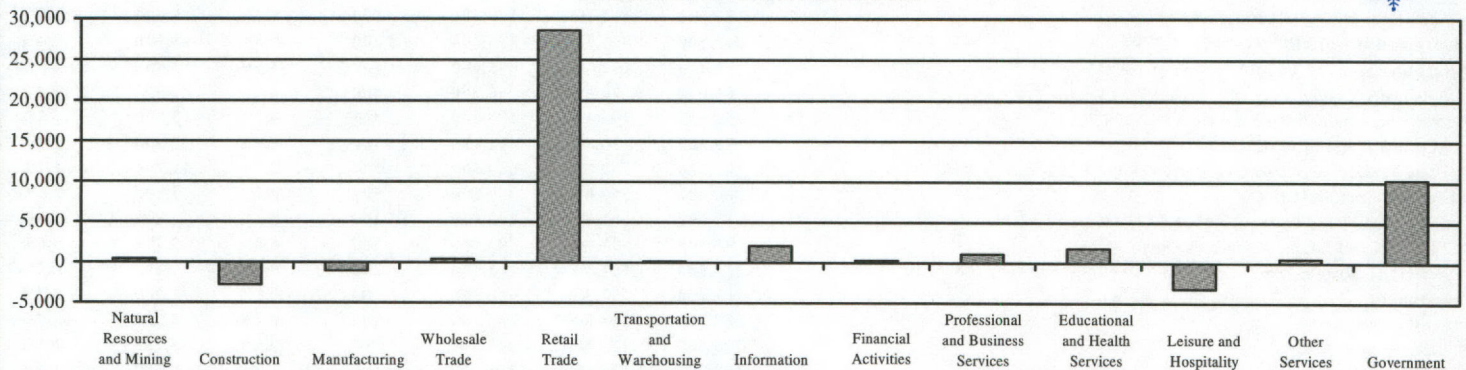
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Annual Growth Rates




	Oct '05 to Nov '05		Nov '04 to Nov '05				
	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	9,718,300	9,679,700	9,580,100	38,600	0.4%	138,200	1.4%
TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)	8,010,700	7,982,400	7,883,800	28,300	0.4%	126,900	1.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	1,606,100	1,609,500	1,584,900	-3,400	-0.2%	21,200	1.3%
Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)							
Mining (NAICS 21)	158,100	157,700	154,000	400	0.3%	4,100	2.7%
Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)	63,500	63,400	63,400	100	0.2%	100	0.2%
Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)	83,000	82,900	78,500	100	0.1%	4,500	5.7%
Construction (NAICS 23)	556,800	559,600	540,300	-2,800	-0.5%	16,500	3.1%
Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)	131,600	132,600	130,100	-1,000	-0.8%	1,500	1.2%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)	104,900	105,200	97,500	-300	-0.3%	7,400	7.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)	320,300	321,800	312,700	-1,500	-0.5%	7,600	2.4%
Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)	891,200	892,200	890,600	-1,000	-0.1%	600	0.1%
Durable Goods	568,100	568,300	562,400	-200	0.0%	5,700	1.0%
Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)	27,600	27,600	27,000	0	0.0%	600	2.2%
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)	43,600	43,800	43,400	-200	-0.5%	200	0.5%
Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)	26,400	26,200	25,400	200	0.8%	1,000	3.9%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)	112,200	112,200	109,400	0	0.0%	2,800	2.6%
Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)	78,200	78,300	77,500	-100	-0.1%	700	0.9%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)	111,000	111,100	113,000	-100	-0.1%	-2,000	-1.8%
Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)	18,400	18,300	17,300	100	0.5%	1,100	6.4%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)	87,300	87,100	84,600	200	0.2%	2,700	3.2%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)	30,000	30,200	30,800	-200	-0.7%	-800	-2.6%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)	33,400	33,500	34,000	-100	-0.3%	-600	-1.8%
Nondurable Goods	323,100	323,900	328,200	-800	-0.2%	-5,100	-1.6%
Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)	91,000	90,000	92,300	1,000	1.1%	-1,300	-1.4%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)	10,600	10,500	10,500	100	1.0%	100	1.0%
Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)	21,200	20,900	21,900	300	1.4%	-700	-3.2%
Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)	36,000	36,300	37,200	-300	-0.8%	-1,200	-3.2%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324)	23,700	23,600	23,500	100	0.4%	200	0.9%
Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325)	72,400	72,200	73,200	200	0.3%	-800	-1.1%
Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)	45,400	45,400	45,000	0	0.0%	400	0.9%

Statewide Over-the-Month Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
October 2005 to November 2005



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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Oct '05 to Nov '05		Nov '04 to Nov '05	
				Change	% Change	Change	% Change
SERVICE PROVIDING	8,112,200	8,070,200	7,995,200	42,000	0.5%	117,000	1.5%
Private Service Providing	6,404,600	6,372,900	6,298,900	31,700	0.5%	105,700	1.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)	2,002,700	1,973,600	1,983,200	29,100	1.5%	19,500	1.0%
Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)	474,400	474,000	465,700	400	0.1%	8,700	1.9%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)	272,200	271,600	267,100	600	0.2%	5,100	1.9%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)	155,200	155,800	153,600	-600	-0.4%	1,600	1.0%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	1,126,300	1,097,700	1,118,100	28,600	2.6%	8,200	0.7%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)	149,500	150,600	150,200	-1,100	-0.7%	-700	-0.5%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)	44,500	42,700	43,400	1,800	4.2%	1,100	2.5%
Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)	43,300	42,000	44,700	1,300	3.1%	-1,400	-3.1%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)	86,400	85,900	84,500	500	0.6%	1,900	2.2%
Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)	194,800	193,600	193,400	1,200	0.6%	1,400	0.7%
Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)	58,200	56,700	57,700	1,500	2.6%	500	0.9%
Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)	67,800	68,000	67,700	-200	-0.3%	100	0.1%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)	104,100	97,900	104,400	6,200	6.3%	-300	-0.3%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)	37,400	35,100	38,200	2,300	6.6%	-800	-2.1%
General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)	255,400	241,400	251,700	14,000	5.8%	3,700	1.5%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)	63,500	62,600	61,900	900	1.4%	1,600	2.6%
Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)	21,400	21,200	20,300	200	0.9%	1,100	5.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)	402,000	401,900	399,400	100	0.0%	2,600	0.7%
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	355,400	355,100	352,600	300	0.1%	2,800	0.8%
Air Transportation (NAICS 481)	62,300	62,200	65,600	100	0.2%	-3,300	-5.0%
Rail Transportation (NAICS 482)	17,400	17,400	16,700	0	0.0%	700	4.2%
Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)	104,400	104,500	102,900	-100	-0.1%	1,500	1.5%
Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)	11,000	11,000	11,800	0	0.0%	-800	-6.8%
Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)	63,300	63,100	60,900	200	0.3%	2,400	3.9%
Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)	36,400	36,300	36,500	100	0.3%	-100	-0.3%
Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)	37,400	37,400	37,000	0	0.0%	400	1.1%
Utilities (NAICS 22)	46,600	46,800	46,800	-200	-0.4%	-200	-0.4%
Information (NAICS 51)	231,200	229,100	225,300	2,100	0.9%	5,900	2.6%
Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)	52,600	51,000	49,400	1,600	3.1%	3,200	6.5%
Telecommunications (NAICS 517)	91,500	91,900	92,900	-400	-0.4%	-1,400	-1.5%
Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518)	36,400	36,300	34,600	100	0.3%	1,800	5.2%
Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)	607,300	607,000	598,200	300	0.0%	9,100	1.5%
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	435,200	434,700	427,900	500	0.1%	7,300	1.7%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)	225,100	224,600	219,900	500	0.2%	5,200	2.4%
Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)	39,500	39,600	38,800	-100	-0.3%	700	1.8%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)	159,000	159,100	159,000	-100	-0.1%	0	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	172,100	172,300	170,300	-200	-0.1%	1,800	1.1%
Real Estate (NAICS 531)	113,700	113,600	110,900	100	0.1%	2,800	2.5%
Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)	58,300	58,500	57,600	-200	-0.3%	700	1.2%
Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)	1,125,400	1,124,300	1,098,200	1,100	0.1%	27,200	2.5%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	462,400	462,100	467,100	300	0.1%	-4,700	-1.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	49,800	49,900	48,100	-100	-0.2%	1,700	3.5%
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	613,200	612,300	583,000	900	0.1%	30,200	5.2%
Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)	589,800	588,800	560,800	1,000	0.2%	29,000	5.2%
Educational and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)	1,184,000	1,182,200	1,160,500	1,800	0.2%	23,500	2.0%
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	139,600	139,900	139,100	-300	-0.2%	500	0.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,044,400	1,042,300	1,021,400	2,100	0.2%	23,000	2.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)	461,500	459,900	446,100	1,600	0.3%	15,400	3.5%
Hospitals (NAICS 622)	259,300	259,100	258,100	200	0.1%	1,200	0.5%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)	149,300	149,200	147,900	100	0.1%	1,400	0.9%
Social Assistance (NAICS 624)	174,300	174,100	169,300	200	0.1%	5,000	3.0%
Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)	893,500	896,700	876,000	-3,200	-0.4%	17,500	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	99,000	102,600	95,400	-3,600	-3.5%	3,600	3.8%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)	66,400	70,800	66,700	-4,400	-6.2%	-300	-0.4%
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	794,500	794,100	780,600	400	0.1%	13,900	1.8%
Accommodation (NAICS 721)	93,300	93,400	91,100	-100	-0.1%	2,200	2.4%
Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)	701,200	700,700	689,500	500	0.1%	11,700	1.7%
Other Services (NAICS 81)	360,500	360,000	357,500	500	0.1%	3,000	0.8%
Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)	101,700	101,600	102,500	100	0.1%	-800	-0.8%
Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)	97,300	97,100	93,900	200	0.2%	3,400	3.6%
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)	161,500	161,300	161,100	200	0.1%	400	0.2%
Government	1,707,600	1,697,300	1,696,300	10,300	0.6%	11,300	0.7%
Federal Government	180,500	180,100	182,200	400	0.2%	-1,700	-0.9%
State Government	343,400	343,100	348,600	300	0.1%	-5,200	-1.5%
Local Government	1,183,700	1,174,100	1,165,500	9,600	0.8%	18,200	1.6%

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

Total Nonagricultural Employment for the MSAs climbed 0.5 percent in November, adding 42,200 jobs, the largest November gain since 1997. The five largest MSAs, along with the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA, added the bulk of the monthly gain. The Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA led with a 9,600-job increase, followed by the Dallas-Plano-Irving area with an increase of 7,000 jobs. The most job growth was observed in the Government sector and in the Retail Trade sector, as seasonal holiday hiring continued. The annual job growth rate remained positive, reaching 1.7 percent, the highest growth rate for November since 2000.

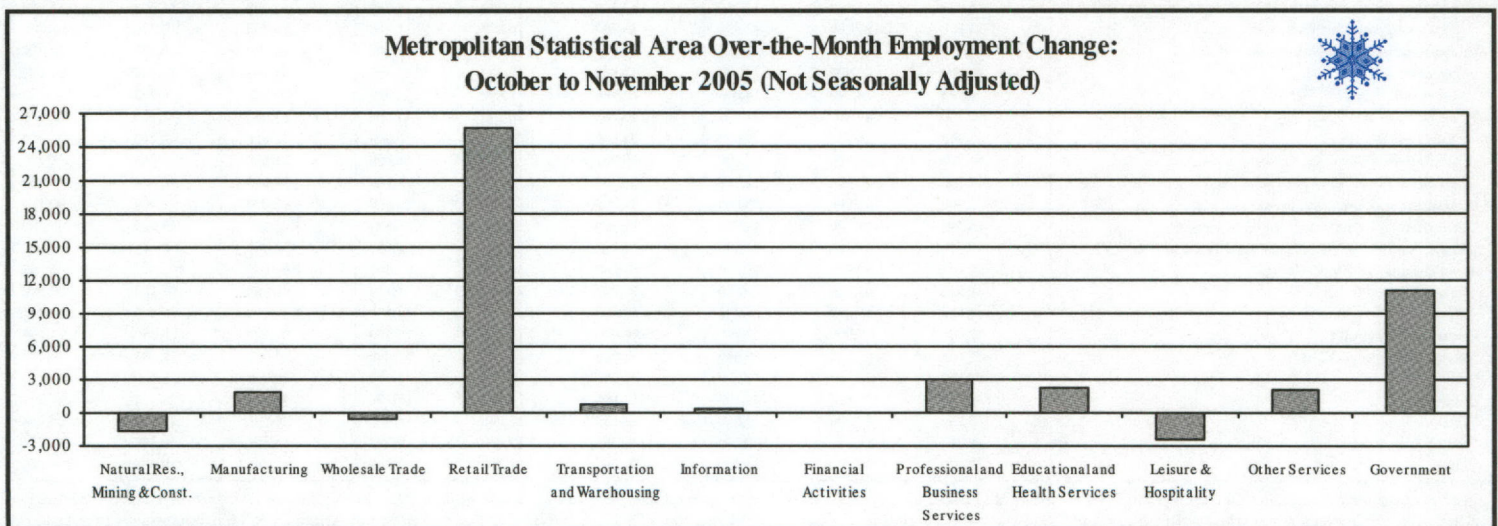
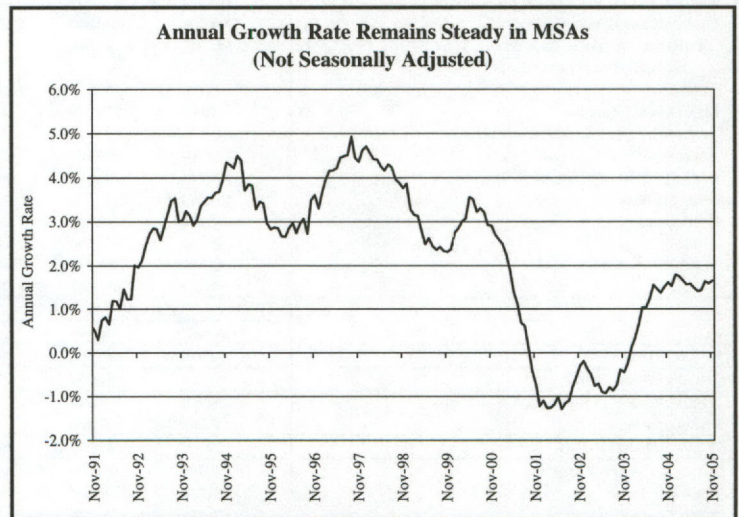
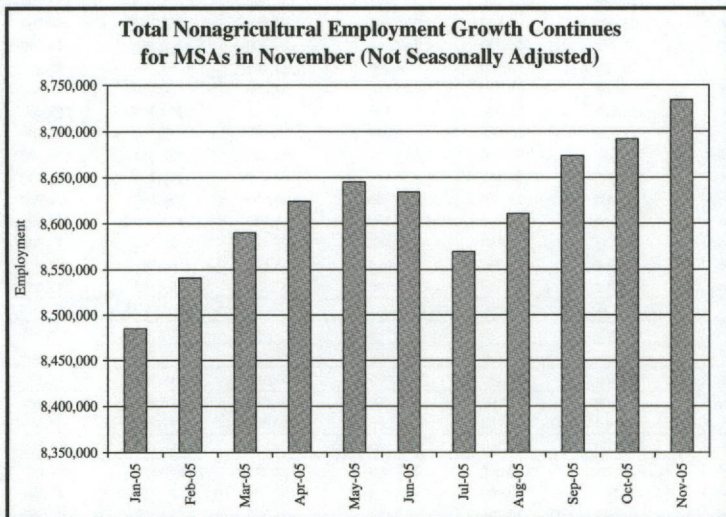
Total Government employment in the MSAs grew by 11,000 jobs in November while the annual growth rate held steady at 1.7 percent. The five largest MSAs were responsible for seventy-one percent of the monthly increase. The gains were observed in the Local Government sector, which added 10,000 jobs, an increase comparable to previous November gains in this sector for the past four years.

Retail Trade employment grew by 25,600 in November as stores in all of the MSAs added staff for the holiday season. Since the beginning of the year, the MSAs have added 37,200 jobs in this sector, a growth of 3.9 percent.

Employment in the Natural Resources, Mining and Construction industries fell by 1,700 jobs in November. This contraction was only the second over-the-month decrease in 2005. Since the beginning of the year, Natural Resources, Mining and Construction has gained 28,200 jobs. In addition, the annual growth rate increased to 3.7 percent.

Total Nonagricultural Employment gains in several of the larger MSAs were augmented by small increases in Healthcare and Social Assistance Services. This sector of the health care industry normally trims personnel at this time of year, but because of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, staff was added to handle the increased workload. The MSAs with the most significant gains were Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land, and San Antonio.

Seasonal declines continued in Leisure and Hospitality in November, with the San Antonio MSA contributing the most to the reduction with a decrease of 1200 jobs. The second largest decline occurred in the Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA which lost 700 positions. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA usually experiences significant seasonal job losses during this time of year, but these were offset this year by several sporting events in the area.




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

	DALLAS-FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			DALLAS-PLANO-IRVING MD**			HOUSTON-BAYTOWN-SUGARLAND		
	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04
TOTAL NONFARM	2,762,300	2,752,900	2,730,400	1,953,200	1,946,200	1,930,300	2,348,400	2,338,800	2,305,900
GOODS PRODUCING	456,900	456,800	452,400	306,500	306,400	304,800	451,200	451,300	438,600
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	160,400	161,100	157,700	108,900	109,400	107,300	242,600	242,800	230,800
Manufacturing	296,500	295,700	294,700	197,600	197,000	197,500	208,600	208,500	207,800
Durable Goods	208,700	208,200	207,200	138,200	137,900	138,100	127,000	126,800	124,500
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	-	-	-	20,700	20,700	20,100	40,200	40,000	38,700
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	53,200	52,900	54,000	46,200	45,900	46,900	18,300	18,300	19,200
Nondurable Goods	87,800	87,500	87,500	59,400	59,100	59,400	81,600	81,700	83,300
Food Manufacturing	-	-	-	15,800	15,600	16,300	12,700	12,600	12,300
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,305,400	2,296,100	2,278,000	1,646,700	1,639,800	1,625,500	1,897,200	1,887,500	1,867,300
Private Service Providing	1,935,200	1,928,700	1,919,600	1,394,300	1,389,200	1,382,300	1,548,100	1,540,100	1,522,900
Wholesale Trade	160,200	160,400	159,200	121,600	121,800	121,500	120,300	120,300	119,200
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	93,100	93,100	93,400	70,300	70,300	70,500	72,000	71,900	72,100
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	48,100	48,300	48,300	36,600	36,900	36,800	38,000	38,000	37,200
Retail Trade	306,600	300,000	307,500	209,600	205,300	210,300	254,000	247,000	249,200
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	-	-	-	26,900	27,100	26,900	34,500	34,600	34,600
Bldg. Material and Garden Eqpmnt. and Supplies Dir.	22,500	22,300	21,900	14,600	14,400	14,400	17,900	18,000	18,000
Food and Beverage Stores	47,800	47,400	47,700	32,500	32,200	32,200	48,500	48,300	47,800
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	-	-	-	23,100	21,700	22,600	24,500	23,000	24,200
General Merchandise Stores	70,300	66,800	68,900	48,000	46,000	47,200	57,900	55,000	56,100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	134,900	134,500	137,100	78,100	77,800	77,900	111,000	110,900	110,400
Utilities	-	-	-	6,900	6,900	7,000	15,700	15,800	15,400
Information	93,300	93,300	92,200	76,000	76,100	74,800	37,300	37,000	37,500
Telecommunications	42,900	43,000	42,300	35,000	35,100	34,000	16,100	16,100	16,300
Financial Activities	217,800	217,900	215,900	171,600	171,700	170,500	137,900	138,000	135,200
Finance and Insurance	162,100	162,000	159,700	127,500	127,600	126,400	88,500	88,500	87,000
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	81,100	80,800	81,000	61,800	61,600	62,100	42,200	42,100	41,100
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	60,800	61,200	59,700	49,500	49,800	48,600	32,600	32,600	32,800
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-	-	-	44,100	44,100	44,100	49,400	49,500	48,200
Professional and Business Services	382,800	382,100	373,700	294,000	293,300	288,600	321,400	320,600	315,000
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	158,900	158,600	155,300	129,000	128,800	126,400	152,300	151,900	150,300
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation	204,800	204,900	198,500	150,100	149,900	147,000	156,000	155,700	153,700
Education and Health Services	280,700	280,400	278,300	193,800	193,500	191,900	261,400	261,100	258,100
Health Care and Social Assistance	242,400	241,900	238,200	164,700	164,300	162,500	220,700	220,300	217,000
Ambulatory Health Care Services	-	-	-	76,800	76,500	74,500	92,200	91,700	89,600
Hospitals	63,100	63,000	63,000	40,700	40,700	40,900	64,800	64,800	63,200
Leisure and Hospitality	252,600	254,000	249,000	176,600	177,000	173,100	208,000	208,700	203,400
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-	-	-	21,000	21,500	20,000	25,800	27,300	25,900
Accommodation and Food Services	223,900	223,600	220,500	155,600	155,500	153,100	182,200	181,400	177,500
Food Services and Drinking Places	194,100	193,800	191,300	134,300	134,100	131,900	162,400	161,700	158,100
Other Services	106,300	106,100	106,700	73,000	72,700	73,700	96,800	96,500	94,900
Government	370,200	367,400	358,400	252,400	250,600	243,200	349,100	347,400	344,400
Federal	45,500	45,500	46,400	29,700	29,700	30,600	28,400	28,300	27,900
State	42,400	42,300	40,800	32,600	32,500	30,900	68,600	68,700	69,300
Local	282,300	279,600	271,200	190,100	188,400	181,700	252,100	250,400	247,200
	AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON MD**			SAN ANTONIO		
	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04
TOTAL NONFARM	690,400	687,100	677,500	809,100	806,700	800,100	780,100	777,800	766,800
GOODS PRODUCING	96,900	97,200	95,800	150,400	150,400	147,600	91,300	91,500	90,300
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	39,400	39,600	38,300	51,500	51,700	50,400	45,600	45,800	44,400
Manufacturing	57,500	57,600	57,500	98,900	98,700	97,200	45,700	45,700	45,900
SERVICE PROVIDING	593,500	589,900	581,700	658,700	656,300	652,500	688,800	686,300	676,500
Private Service Providing	442,200	440,800	432,600	540,900	539,500	537,300	542,200	540,800	531,200
Wholesale Trade	37,100	37,500	36,100	38,600	38,600	37,700	27,700	27,700	27,500
Food and Beverage Stores	72,200	70,300	71,500	97,000	94,700	97,200	94,000	92,100	92,200
General Merchandise Stores	14,600	14,400	14,000	15,300	15,200	15,500	14,900	14,900	15,000
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,400	11,400	11,100	56,800	56,700	59,200	20,900	20,800	20,500
Information	20,900	20,900	20,500	17,300	17,200	17,400	21,300	21,400	21,800
Telecommunications	4,900	4,900	4,800	7,900	7,900	8,300	6,800	6,900	7,100
Financial Activities	40,300	40,200	40,300	46,200	46,200	45,400	63,000	62,800	62,200
Finance and Insurance	28,700	28,600	28,600	34,600	34,400	33,300	48,600	48,400	48,000
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	11,700	11,600	11,800	19,300	19,200	18,900	21,600	21,500	21,500
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	14,200	14,100	14,200	11,300	11,400	11,100	22,000	22,000	21,900
Professional and Business Services	92,600	92,900	90,300	88,800	88,800	85,100	91,900	91,900	90,500
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	45,500	45,500	44,300	29,800	29,800	28,900	35,600	35,600	34,700
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation Svcs	43,400	43,600	42,000	54,700	55,000	51,500	50,600	50,600	49,000
Education and Health Services	69,700	69,800	68,800	86,900	86,900	86,400	106,900	106,800	104,300
Health Care and Social Assistance	61,000	61,100	59,800	77,700	77,600	75,700	92,800	92,500	90,800
Hospitals	15,500	15,500	15,300	22,400	22,300	22,100	20,500	20,400	20,100
Leisure and Hospitality	70,900	70,900	67,700	76,000	77,000	75,900	87,600	88,800	84,100
Accommodation and Food Services	62,100	62,200	59,600	68,300	68,100	67,400	79,000	79,400	76,000
Other Services	27,100	26,900	26,300	33,300	33,400	33,000	28,900	28,500	28,100
Government	151,300	149,100	149,100	117,800	116,800	115,200	146,600	145,500	145,300
Federal	10,200	10,200	9,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	28,900	29,000	28,700
State	68,700	68,500	68,200	9,800	9,800	9,900	16,300	16,200	16,300
Local	72,400	70,400	71,100	92,200	91,200	89,500	101,400	100,300	100,300



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

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04
TOTAL	66,200	65,800	64,500	110,000	109,100	108,100	151,600	149,100	156,100	120,800	119,700	117,300
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,700	4,700	4,200	7,700	7,700	7,200	12,900	13,100	13,600	4,700	4,700	4,500
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,100	11,900	11,800	11,700	18,200	18,400	18,900	7,800	7,700	7,900
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,800	5,800	5,800	4,500	4,400	4,300	3,600	3,700	3,600
Retail Trade	8,600	8,400	8,300	14,200	13,800	13,900	17,600	16,900	20,600	16,400	15,700	15,400
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,500	3,500	3,600	6,300	6,400	6,600	4,500	4,500	4,200
Information	1,200	1,300	1,200	2,600	2,500	2,400	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,400
Financial Activities	3,200	3,200	3,100	5,900	5,900	6,000	6,800	6,900	6,400	4,900	4,800	4,600
Prof. & Business Services	4,300	4,200	4,200	8,300	8,300	8,100	12,600	11,500	12,900	7,500	7,500	7,500
Educ. & Health Services	14,500	14,400	14,100	15,200	15,100	15,000	23,200	23,000	23,400	27,300	27,200	26,200
Leisure & Hospitality	6,400	6,400	6,300	11,400	11,300	11,200	13,800	13,000	13,200	11,400	11,300	11,000
Other Services	3,200	3,100	3,100	4,700	4,700	4,600	5,900	5,900	6,000	4,100	4,000	3,900
Government	12,700	12,700	12,700	18,800	18,700	18,600	27,000	26,800	27,400	27,200	27,200	27,100
INDUSTRY	COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN			CORPUS CHRISTI			EL PASO			KILLEEN-TEMPLE-FORT HOOD		
	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04
TOTAL	90,600	90,200	89,000	167,500	166,800	167,800	269,300	268,100	258,600	116,300	115,600	114,300
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	6,400	6,400	5,900	16,600	16,700	16,400	12,400	12,400	11,500	6,000	6,000	5,900
Manufacturing	6,000	5,900	5,800	11,600	11,600	11,200	22,500	22,800	22,600	8,400	8,200	8,100
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,400	5,400	5,400	10,300	10,200	10,100	3,500	3,600	3,600
Retail Trade	10,000	9,900	9,900	19,200	18,800	19,500	36,800	35,400	34,400	13,800	13,400	13,700
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,500	5,500	5,300	13,100	13,100	12,700	3,900	3,800	3,900
Information	1,100	1,100	1,000	2,100	2,100	2,600	4,800	4,800	4,900	1,600	1,600	1,500
Financial Activities	3,800	3,800	3,600	8,000	8,000	8,000	11,900	12,000	11,300	6,100	6,100	5,900
Prof. & Business Services	5,600	5,500	5,200	16,300	16,200	16,100	31,700	31,900	27,900	8,800	8,900	9,200
Educ. & Health Services	9,200	9,100	8,900	25,600	25,500	25,800	31,700	31,700	30,300	16,000	16,100	16,000
Leisure & Hospitality	9,000	9,000	9,100	17,500	17,600	17,700	24,800	24,900	24,400	10,900	10,800	10,400
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,700	6,900	6,900	7,000	8,100	8,000	7,600	4,800	4,700	4,500
Government	34,200	34,200	34,400	32,800	32,500	32,800	61,200	60,900	60,900	32,500	32,400	31,600
INDUSTRY	LAREDO			LONGVIEW			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-PHARR		
	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04
TOTAL	81,500	80,500	78,900	89,600	89,100	87,200	128,200	126,800	127,100	197,900	194,900	189,200
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,300	4,400	4,000	10,700	10,700	10,000	5,700	5,700	5,300	10,500	10,400	10,800
Manufacturing	1,800	1,700	1,700	11,500	11,300	11,100	5,500	5,400	5,400	8,500	8,300	8,300
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,400	3,200	3,200	3,300	5,400	5,400	5,700	6,700	6,600	6,400
Retail Trade	11,300	10,900	11,300	11,500	11,300	11,400	15,900	15,400	15,700	28,600	27,700	27,500
Trans., Ware., & Util.	11,700	11,700	11,700	2,900	2,800	2,900	3,600	3,600	3,600	5,900	5,800	5,500
Information	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,800	6,100	6,100	5,700	3,200	3,100	2,800
Financial Activities	3,500	3,500	3,300	3,000	3,100	3,200	7,100	7,100	7,000	8,400	8,300	7,900
Prof. & Business Services	4,200	4,200	4,100	7,000	7,000	6,600	11,100	11,000	11,300	12,300	12,100	11,900
Educ. & Health Services	11,600	11,500	10,800	15,200	15,100	14,600	18,700	18,700	18,300	41,300	40,900	38,200
Leisure & Hospitality	8,500	8,300	7,800	7,400	7,600	7,400	14,200	14,200	14,600	16,600	16,700	16,000
Other Services	1,900	1,800	1,800	3,300	3,300	3,200	5,600	5,500	5,300	5,500	5,400	5,100
Government	19,500	19,300	19,300	12,000	11,800	11,700	29,300	28,700	29,200	50,400	49,600	48,800
INDUSTRY	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04
TOTAL	57,500	57,500	57,200	53,100	52,600	52,400	45,300	45,000	43,700	45,400	45,200	44,500
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	10,600	10,600	10,500	7,100	7,100	7,000	3,100	3,100	2,800	3,200	3,200	2,900
Manufacturing	2,100	2,100	2,100	4,100	4,000	4,000	3,900	3,800	3,800	6,700	6,600	6,600
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,900	3,900	3,900	1,400	1,400	1,400	900	900	900
Retail Trade	6,400	6,400	6,600	6,400	6,300	6,600	5,100	5,100	5,400	6,500	6,400	6,500
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	800	800	800	1,100	1,100	1,100
Information	1,900	1,900	1,800	600	600	600	1,800	1,800	1,800	600	600	500
Financial Activities	3,100	3,100	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,800	2,800	2,800
Prof. & Business Services	6,300	6,300	6,100	3,800	3,700	3,600	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,700	2,700	2,700
Educ. & Health Services	6,600	6,600	6,300	5,800	5,800	5,600	7,600	7,500	7,400	8,600	8,600	8,500
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	5,800	5,600	5,100	5,000	5,000	4,300	4,300	4,100	4,400	4,400	4,000
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,800	2,800	2,700	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,700
Government	8,200	8,200	8,600	9,500	9,400	9,400	10,000	9,900	8,900	6,200	6,200	6,300
INDUSTRY	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04
TOTAL	55,600	55,200	54,300	90,800	89,900	89,200	48,600	48,300	47,500	104,700	104,100	103,200
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	2,700	2,700	2,400	5,200	5,200	4,900	6,500	6,600	6,200	6,000	6,000	5,600
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,300	9,400	9,500	9,900	5,500	5,500	5,500	13,600	13,500	13,500
Wholesale Trade	2,400	2,400	2,400	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,900	3,900	3,900
Retail Trade	7,500	7,200	7,200	12,700	12,000	12,600	6,800	6,500	6,500	10,900	10,800	11,100
Trans., Ware., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,800	2,800	2,900
Information	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,000	700	700	600	1,900	1,900	1,800
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,200	4,300	4,300	3,900	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,200	6,200	6,200
Prof. & Business Services	3,300	3,300	3,200	6,700	6,700	7,100	2,900	2,900	2,800	8,800	8,500	8,400
Educ. & Health Services	9,300	9,300	9,000	18,100	17,900	17,000	6,600	6,500	6,300	18,700	18,700	18,900
Leisure & Hospitality	5,200	5,200	5,100	8,300	8,400	8,300	4,100	4,100	4,000	9,700	9,700	9,400
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,200	3,900	3,800	3,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	4,500	4,500	4,300
Government	12,300	12,300	12,500	13,300	13,200	12,900	8,500	8,500	8,700	17,700	17,600	17,200
INDUSTRY	WICHITA FALLS			<p>Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. The number of nonagricultural jobs in each MSA is without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of the TWC are in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.</p> <p>Beginning with January 2005 estimates, definitions of the MSAs were updated to reflect the 2000 Census-based configurations. Please see www.tracer2.com for details on these changes.</p> 								
	Nov '05*	Oct '05	Nov '04									
TOTAL	62,100	61,500	61,100									
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	3,500	3,500	3,200									
Manufacturing	7,700	7,600	7,500									
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	1,800									
Retail Trade	8,000	7,700	8,000									
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,400	1,400	1,400									
Information	1,600	1,600	1,500									
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,200									
Prof. & Business Services	3,300	3,300	3,200									
Educ. & Health Services	10,100	10,000	9,900									
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	5,800	5,700									
Other Services	3,400	3,300	3,200									
Government	13,200	13,200	13,500									

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas jobless rate nudged upward over the month, rising to 5.2 percent in November. This month's increase fell in line with the average increase of one-tenth of a percentage point that typically occurs from October to November. The rate has fallen by seven-tenths of a percentage point since last November. The United States jobless rate rose for the first time in the past three months, increasing to 4.8 percent in November. This month's rate was four-tenths of a percentage point lower than last November's rate of 5.2 percent.

➔ The number of jobholders in the state slipped after rising for the past two months. Employment dipped by 6,100 to 10,739,100 workers in November. Even though employment fell in November, nearly 271,000 more Texans are employed this year over last. This year-over-year gain may suggest that the number of jobholders added for the year is returning to levels not seen since 1997. In addition, the number of employed has risen by 325,000 since the beginning of the year.

➔ The number of Texans seeking work rose over the month, increasing by 16,000 to 591,800 job seekers. This month's gain was larger than the average addition of 12,100 that usually occurs between October and November. Even with this month's increase in the number of unemployed, Texas' level was still the lowest for the month since 2000. Unemployment has declined by 95,300 job seekers since the beginning of this year.

➔ The number of people receiving unemployment benefits decreased by 8,400 to 123,600 in November, after rising for the past two months. The claims level for Texas still continues to be elevated due to claims being filed by relocated residents of Louisiana to Texas. Of the twenty-five Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), seventeen observed decreases in their claims over the month, while the remaining eight MSA's registered gains. The McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr MSA recorded the largest over-the-month gain with 600 additional claims. The Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA reported the largest reduction with 5,200 fewer claims. The largest decreases in claims within the twenty-eight Workforce Development Areas (WDA) occurred in the South East Texas WDA (5,200), and Deep East Texas WDA (900). The Lower Rio Grande Valley and Middle Rio Grande WDA's recorded the largest gains for the month with 900 and 300 more claims respectively.

MSAs Ranked by Unemployment Rate November 2005 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

1 (tie)	Amarillo	3.6
	Midland	3.6
3	Lubbock	3.7
4	Abilene	3.8
5	San Angelo	4.0
6	College Station-Bryan	4.1
7 (tie)	Austin-Round Rock	4.2
	Odessa	4.2
9	Wichita Falls	4.3
10 (tie)	Tyler	4.5
	Victoria	4.5
12	Waco	4.6
13 (tie)	Longview	4.7
	San Antonio	4.7
	Sherman-Denison	4.7
16	Texarkana	4.8
17	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	5.0
	Texas	5.2
18	Laredo	5.2
19 (tie)	Corpus Christi	5.3
	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	5.3
21	Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	5.9
22	El Paso	6.3
23	Brownsville-Harlingen	6.5
24	McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	6.8
25	Beaumont-Port Arthur	8.6

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



	November 2005*				October 2005				November 2004			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	150,239	142,968	7,271	4.8	150,304	143,340	6,964	4.6	148,246	140,581	7,665	5.2
State of Texas	11,330.9	10,739.1	591.8	5.2	11,321.0	10,745.2	575.8	5.1	11,120.5	10,468.1	652.4	5.9
Abilene	84.3	81.1	3.2	3.8	83.9	80.8	3.1	3.7	81.6	77.9	3.7	4.6
Amarillo	131.6	126.9	4.7	3.6	131.3	126.7	4.6	3.5	128.6	123.2	5.4	4.2
Austin-Round Rock	809.9	775.6	34.3	4.2	807.1	774.3	32.8	4.1	788.1	749.8	38.3	4.9
Beaumont-Port Arthur	178.6	163.3	15.3	8.6	182.5	161.3	21.2	11.6	180.6	165.9	14.7	8.1
Brownsville-Harlingen	146.3	136.8	9.5	6.5	145.0	136.0	9.0	6.2	143.3	131.0	12.3	8.6
College Station-Bryan	106.4	102.0	4.4	4.1	106.4	102.3	4.1	3.9	104.1	99.7	4.4	4.2
Corpus Christi	197.4	186.9	10.5	5.3	197.3	187.1	10.2	5.2	198.5	185.6	12.9	6.5
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,049.6	2,896.5	153.1	5.0	3,043.2	2,896.1	147.1	4.8	2,995.2	2,824.3	170.9	5.7
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,045.6	1,941.2	104.4	5.1	2,039.7	1,939.7	100.0	4.9	2,006.3	1,889.2	117.1	5.8
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,004.1	955.4	48.7	4.9	1,003.5	956.4	47.1	4.7	989.0	935.2	53.8	5.4
El Paso	302.7	283.5	19.2	6.3	302.3	283.5	18.8	6.2	292.2	269.8	22.4	7.7
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	2,658.4	2,502.4	156.0	5.9	2,653.1	2,502.9	150.2	5.7	2,591.6	2,434.4	157.2	6.1
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	152.1	144.0	8.1	5.3	151.8	144.1	7.7	5.1	147.9	139.8	8.1	5.5
Laredo	87.2	82.6	4.6	5.2	86.4	82.0	4.4	5.1	84.7	79.4	5.3	6.3
Longview	103.6	98.7	4.9	4.7	103.6	98.9	4.7	4.5	101.4	95.7	5.7	5.7
Lubbock	144.9	139.6	5.3	3.7	143.9	138.8	5.1	3.5	142.7	136.6	6.1	4.3
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	266.4	248.2	18.2	6.8	263.5	246.7	16.8	6.4	259.4	236.8	22.6	8.7
Midland	65.6	63.3	2.3	3.6	65.5	63.2	2.3	3.5	64.6	61.9	2.7	4.2
Odessa	62.3	59.7	2.6	4.2	62.3	59.7	2.6	4.2	62.1	58.7	3.4	5.5
San Angelo	55.6	53.4	2.2	4.0	55.5	53.4	2.1	3.8	53.1	50.6	2.5	4.8
San Antonio	905.8	863.4	42.4	4.7	905.7	865.1	40.6	4.5	890.0	841.6	48.4	5.4
Sherman-Denison	58.8	56.0	2.8	4.7	58.8	56.1	2.7	4.6	58.1	54.7	3.4	5.9
Texarkana	64.2	61.1	3.1	4.8	63.5	60.5	3.0	4.7	62.3	58.8	3.5	5.6
Tyler	97.8	93.4	4.4	4.5	97.4	93.0	4.4	4.5	95.9	91.1	4.8	5.0
Victoria	57.4	54.8	2.6	4.5	57.4	54.9	2.5	4.4	56.4	53.2	3.2	5.6
Waco	113.1	107.9	5.2	4.6	112.9	107.8	5.1	4.5	111.3	105.6	5.7	5.2
Wichita Falls	76.3	73.0	3.3	4.3	75.9	72.7	3.2	4.2	74.7	71.0	3.7	4.9

*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 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	20,774	19,564	1,210	5.8	Gillespie	12,449	12,092	357	2.9	Moore	10,194	9,820	374	3.7
Andrews	6,334	6,075	259	4.1	Glasscock	625	601	24	3.8	Morris	5,841	5,516	325	5.6
Angelina	40,830	38,802	2,028	5.0	Goliad	3,463	3,305	158	4.6	Motley	692	668	24	3.5
Aransas	10,648	10,124	524	4.9	Gonzales	9,721	9,343	378	3.9	Nacogdoches	32,376	30,837	1,539	4.8
Archer	5,369	5,192	177	3.3	Gray	10,296	9,860	436	4.2	Navarro	21,324	20,236	1,088	5.1
Armstrong	1,132	1,091	41	3.6	Grayson	58,818	56,035	2,783	4.7	Newton	5,737	5,172	565	9.8
Atascosa	19,242	18,404	838	4.4	Gregg	61,633	58,725	2,908	4.7	Newton	7,400	7,056	344	4.6
Austin	12,962	12,416	546	4.2	Grimes	10,169	9,570	599	5.9	Nueces	157,314	149,094	8,220	5.2
Bailey	3,478	3,332	146	4.2	Guadalupe	51,078	49,026	2,052	4.0	Ochiltree	5,105	4,946	159	3.1
Bandera	9,805	9,423	382	3.9	Hale	16,857	16,042	815	4.8	Oldham	1,023	982	41	4.0
Bastrop	34,298	32,875	1,423	4.1	Hall	1,539	1,453	86	5.6	Orange	40,906	37,345	3,561	8.7
Baylor	2,070	1,991	79	3.8	Hamilton	4,404	4,236	168	3.8	Palo Pinto	13,556	12,934	622	4.6
Bee	10,993	10,260	733	6.7	Hansford	2,585	2,494	91	3.5	Panola	11,345	10,798	547	4.8
Bell	115,856	109,690	6,166	5.3	Hardeman	2,113	2,011	102	4.8	Parker	50,302	48,221	2,081	4.1
Bexar	727,906	692,818	35,088	4.8	Hardin	24,088	22,439	1,649	6.8	Parmer	4,900	4,724	176	3.6
Blanco	4,882	4,712	170	3.5	Harris	1,891,599	1,774,646	116,953	6.2	Pecos	7,095	6,768	327	4.6
Borden	539	526	13	2.4	Harrison	32,146	30,396	1,750	5.4	Polk	17,289	16,270	1,019	5.9
Bosque	8,527	8,145	382	4.5	Hartley	2,338	2,239	99	4.2	Potter	58,889	56,454	2,435	4.1
Bowie	43,921	41,690	2,231	5.1	Haskell	3,063	2,952	111	3.6	Presidio	3,257	2,982	275	8.4
Brazoria	132,999	126,025	6,974	5.2	Hays	65,489	63,006	2,483	3.8	Rains	5,064	4,849	215	4.2
Brazos	90,185	86,550	3,635	4.0	Hemphill	2,287	2,228	59	2.6	Randall	67,884	65,789	2,095	3.1
Brewster	5,860	5,678	182	3.1	Henderson	34,827	33,089	1,738	5.0	Reagan	1,577	1,517	60	3.8
Briscoe	724	688	36	5.0	Hidalgo	266,411	248,180	18,231	6.8	Real	1,445	1,389	56	3.9
Brooks	3,211	3,006	205	6.4	Hill	15,112	14,290	822	5.4	Red River	6,356	6,022	334	5.3
Brown	18,090	17,311	779	4.3	Hockley	12,081	11,620	461	3.8	Reeves	4,075	3,786	289	7.1
Burleson	8,613	8,271	342	4.0	Hood	23,865	22,836	1,029	4.3	Refugio	4,130	3,955	175	4.2
Burnet	20,709	19,948	761	3.7	Hopkins	17,449	16,684	765	4.4	Roberts	523	507	16	3.1
Caldwell	16,561	15,795	766	4.6	Houston	9,409	8,868	541	5.7	Robertson	7,550	7,157	393	5.2
Calhoun	9,388	8,914	474	5.0	Howard	13,478	12,780	698	5.2	Rockwall	29,704	28,532	1,172	3.9
Callahan	7,134	6,875	259	3.6	Hudspeth	1,385	1,258	127	9.2	Runnels	5,071	4,838	233	4.6
Cameron	146,308	136,809	9,499	6.5	Hunt	40,035	38,084	1,951	4.9	Rusk	23,078	21,960	1,118	4.8
Camp	5,976	5,690	286	4.8	Hutchinson	10,581	10,086	495	4.7	Sabine	3,911	3,597	314	8.0
Carson	3,665	3,539	126	3.4	Irion	996	968	28	2.8	San Augustine	3,748	3,521	227	6.1
Cass	13,709	12,926	783	5.7	Jack	3,827	3,660	167	4.4	San Jacinto	10,293	9,739	554	5.4
Castro	3,537	3,353	184	5.2	Jackson	6,746	6,427	319	4.7	San Patricio	29,417	27,641	1,776	6.0
Chambers	14,324	13,499	825	5.8	Jasper	15,880	14,585	1,295	8.2	San Saba	2,744	2,636	108	3.9
Cherokee	21,003	19,878	1,125	5.4	Jeff Davis	1,388	1,348	40	2.9	Schleicher	1,458	1,406	52	3.6
Childress	3,208	3,048	160	5.0	Jefferson	113,660	103,528	10,132	8.9	Scurry	7,326	6,989	337	4.6
Clay	6,458	6,229	229	3.5	Jim Hogg	2,912	2,796	116	4.0	Shackelford	2,155	2,096	59	2.7
Cochran	1,526	1,448	78	5.1	Jim Wells	20,363	19,370	993	4.9	Shelby	11,977	11,358	619	5.2
Coke	1,426	1,365	61	4.3	Johnson	71,743	68,646	3,097	4.3	Sherman	1,504	1,444	60	4.0
Coleman	4,129	3,943	186	4.5	Jones	8,398	7,990	408	4.9	Smith	97,833	93,410	4,423	4.5
Collin	352,824	338,013	14,811	4.2	Karnes	5,876	5,539	337	5.7	Somervell	4,014	3,839	175	4.4
Collingsworth	1,661	1,598	63	3.8	Kaufman	41,908	39,822	2,086	5.0	Starr	22,100	19,592	2,508	11.3
Colorado	10,163	9,717	446	4.4	Kendall	13,741	13,227	514	3.7	Stephens	3,983	3,803	180	4.5
Comal	46,834	44,968	1,866	4.0	Kenedy	240	233	7	2.9	Sterling	829	804	25	3.0
Comanche	6,734	6,456	278	4.1	Kent	443	424	19	4.3	Stonewall	854	825	29	3.4
Concho	1,354	1,267	87	6.4	Kerr	21,023	20,234	789	3.8	Sutton	2,697	2,626	71	2.6
Cooke	19,425	18,650	775	4.0	Kimble	2,139	2,056	83	3.9	Swisher	3,680	3,521	159	4.3
Coryell	26,171	24,587	1,584	6.1	King	267	260	7	2.6	Tarrant	854,345	811,856	42,489	5.0
Cottle	871	831	40	4.6	Kinney	1,554	1,486	68	4.4	Taylor	68,832	66,259	2,573	3.7
Crane	1,488	1,406	82	5.5	Kleberg	16,341	15,554	787	4.8	Terrell	455	428	27	5.9
Crockett	2,042	1,966	76	3.7	Knox	1,842	1,767	75	4.1	Terry	5,585	5,288	297	5.3
Crosby	3,054	2,914	140	4.6	Lamar	23,535	22,226	1,309	5.6	Throckmorton	952	921	31	3.3
Culberson	1,490	1,423	67	4.5	Lamb	7,463	7,160	303	4.1	Titus	15,269	14,631	638	4.2
Dallam	3,239	3,142	97	3.0	Lampasas	10,141	9,759	382	3.8	Tom Green	54,592	52,413	2,179	4.0
Dallas	1,206,442	1,137,868	68,574	5.7	La Salle	2,404	2,270	134	5.6	Travis	519,237	496,557	22,680	4.4
Dawson	5,529	5,206	323	5.8	Lavaca	10,345	10,000	345	3.3	Trinity	5,979	5,657	322	5.4
Deaf Smith	7,744	7,359	385	5.0	Lee	8,823	8,470	353	4.0	Tyler	8,382	7,738	644	7.7
Delta	2,542	2,416	126	5.0	Leon	8,062	7,678	384	4.8	Upshur	18,864	18,014	850	4.5
Denton	306,650	294,091	12,559	4.1	Liberty	32,435	30,476	1,959	6.0	Upton	1,568	1,507	61	3.9
DeWitt	9,345	8,947	398	4.3	Limestone	10,740	10,263	477	4.4	Uvalde	12,114	11,463	651	5.4
Dickens	1,067	1,018	49	4.6	Lipscomb	1,882	1,831	51	2.7	Val Verde	19,758	18,555	1,203	6.1
Dimmit	4,021	3,727	294	7.3	Live Oak	5,057	4,816	241	4.8	Van Zandt	25,450	24,303	1,147	4.5
Donley	1,884	1,814	70	3.7	Llano	7,485	7,144	341	4.6	Victoria	44,606	42,625	1,981	4.4
Duval	5,214	4,905	309	5.9	Loving	46	43	3	6.5	Walker	26,427	25,076	1,351	5.1
Eastland	8,955	8,550	405	4.5	Lubbock	141,820	136,667	5,153	3.6	Waller	16,575	15,743	832	5.0
Ector	62,363	59,720	2,643	4.2	Lynn	2,940	2,797	143	4.9	Ward	4,272	4,041	231	5.4
Edwards	1,070	1,029	41	3.8	McCulloch	3,893	3,719	174	4.5	Washington	15,868	15,158	710	4.5
Ellis	65,454	62,335	3,119	4.8	McLennan	113,162	107,917	5,245	4.6	Webb	87,147	82,580	4,567	5.2
El Paso	302,711	283,535	19,176	6.3	McMullen	426	409	17	4.0	Wharton	21,536	20,525	1,011	4.7
Erath	18,621	17,975	646	3.5	Madison	5,007	4,746	261	5.2	Wheeler	2,701	2,595	106	3.9
Falls	7,607	7,173	434	5.7	Marion	4,869	4,580	289	5.9	Wichita	64,397	61,549	2,848	4.4
Fannin	14,060	13,192	868	6.2	Martin	2,086	1,991	95	4.6	Wilbarger	5,887	5,606	281	4.8
Fayette	12,076	11,648	428	3.5	Mason	2,031	1,971	60	3.0	Willacy	7,155	6,491	664	9.3
Fisher	2,035	1,953	82	4.0	Matagorda	16,950	15,651	1,299	7.7	Williamson	174,327	167,352	6,975	4.0
Floyd	3,301	3,137	164	5.0	Maverick	19,340	16,941	2,399	12.4	Wilson	17,405	16,682	723	4.2
Foard	609	580	29	4.8	Medina	19,734	18,810	924	4.7	Winkler	2,984	2,834	150	5.0
Fort Bend	225,227	213,628	11,599	5.1	Menard	1,074	1,029	45	4.2	Wise	27,713	26,632	1,081	3.9
Franklin	5,243	5,018	225	4.3	Midland	65,599	63,265	2,334	3.6	Wood	17,233	16,412	821	4.8
Freestone	9,956	9,566	390	3.9	Milam	11,675	11,098	577	4.9	Yoakum	3,317	3,175	142	4.3
Frio	6,314	5,950	364	5.8	Mills	2,798	2,712	86	3.1	Young	9,050	8,704	346	3.8
Gaines	6,523	6,248	275	4.2	Mitchell	3,258	3,062	196	6.0	Zapata	5,455	5,148	307	5.6
Galveston	139,960	132,227	7,733	5.5	Montague	9,637	9,232	405	4.2	Zavala	3,925	3,491	434	11.1
Garza	2,368	2,268	100	4.2	Montgomery	182,051	174,015	8,036	4.4	Texas	11,330,878	10,739,055	591,823	5.2



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City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate
Abilene	59,633	57,299	2,334	3.9	Fort Worth	292,014	276,720	15,294	5.2	Missouri City	36,387	34,492	1,895	5.2
Allen	35,563	34,183	1,380	3.9	Friendswood	18,046	17,301	745	4.1	Nacogdoches	16,766	16,013	753	4.5
Amarillo	101,151	97,565	3,586	3.5	Frisco	32,406	31,151	1,255	3.9	New Braunfels	22,643	21,825	818	3.6
Arlington	207,154	197,005	10,149	4.9	Galveston	27,758	25,926	1,832	6.6	North Richland Hills	35,839	34,323	1,516	4.2
Austin	410,846	393,177	17,669	4.3	Garland	118,321	112,015	6,306	5.3	Odessa	46,533	44,547	1,986	4.3
Baytown	32,570	30,159	2,411	7.4	Georgetown	17,495	16,777	718	4.1	Paris	11,965	11,225	740	6.2
Beaumont	54,203	49,632	4,571	8.4	Grand Prairie	72,459	68,586	3,873	5.3	Pasadena	68,715	64,729	3,986	5.8
Bedford	32,018	30,676	1,342	4.2	Grapevine	28,904	27,796	1,108	3.8	Pearland	27,986	26,700	1,286	4.6
Big Spring	9,304	8,772	532	5.7	Greenville	11,950	11,344	606	5.1	Pharr	22,097	20,891	1,206	5.5
Brownsville	61,080	57,070	4,010	6.6	Haltom City	22,274	21,210	1,064	4.8	Plano	143,484	137,440	6,044	4.2
Bryan	37,809	36,188	1,621	4.3	Harlingen	25,675	24,240	1,435	5.6	Port Arthur	23,109	20,577	2,532	11.0
Burleson	14,187	13,657	530	3.7	Houston	1,025,838	958,634	67,204	6.6	Richardson	58,676	56,111	2,565	4.4
Carrollton	71,454	68,438	3,016	4.2	Huntsville	14,791	14,049	742	5.0	Rosenberg	13,811	13,189	622	4.5
Cedar Hill	22,737	21,489	1,248	5.5	Hurst	21,315	20,313	1,002	4.7	Round Rock	45,296	43,580	1,716	3.8
Cedar Park	24,097	23,373	724	3.0	Irving	116,500	110,563	5,937	5.1	Rowlett	28,846	27,574	1,272	4.4
Cleburne	13,477	12,927	550	4.1	Keller	18,749	18,109	640	3.4	San Angelo	45,964	44,074	1,890	4.1
College Station	40,985	39,469	1,516	3.7	Killeen	40,766	38,418	2,348	5.8	San Antonio	598,757	570,785	27,972	4.7
Conroe	20,430	19,583	847	4.1	Kingsville	13,114	12,490	624	4.8	San Juan	11,662	10,921	741	6.4
Coppell	22,133	21,266	867	3.9	Lake Jackson	14,180	13,516	664	4.7	San Marcos	25,105	24,329	776	3.1
Copperas Cove	13,480	12,766	714	5.3	Lancaster	14,447	13,326	1,121	7.8	Sherman	17,893	17,001	892	5.0
Corpus Christi	141,232	134,054	7,178	5.1	La Porte	18,867	17,801	1,066	5.7	Socorro	10,710	9,989	721	6.7
Corsicana	10,900	10,293	607	5.6	Laredo	82,058	77,990	4,068	5.0	Sugar Land	39,073	37,407	1,666	4.3
Dallas	618,246	582,281	35,965	5.8	League City	31,793	30,485	1,308	4.1	Temple	29,382	28,031	1,351	4.6
Deer Park	16,569	15,705	864	5.2	Lewisville	55,558	53,460	2,098	3.8	Texarkana	16,738	15,824	914	5.5
Del Rio	15,475	14,567	908	5.9	Longview	39,710	37,791	1,919	4.8	Texas City	20,723	19,369	1,354	6.5
Denton	54,049	52,254	1,795	3.3	Lubbock	117,654	113,483	4,171	3.5	The Colony	20,740	19,985	755	3.6
DeSoto	24,183	22,709	1,474	6.1	Lufkin	16,689	15,830	859	5.1	Tyler	47,258	45,040	2,218	4.7
Duncanville	19,736	18,568	1,168	5.9	McAllen	57,560	54,866	2,694	4.7	Victoria	32,127	30,694	1,433	4.5
Edinburg	25,879	24,776	1,103	4.3	McKinney	42,357	40,809	1,548	3.7	Waco	55,143	52,298	2,845	5.2
El Paso	259,287	243,979	15,308	5.9	Mansfield	18,896	18,094	802	4.2	Weslaco	12,950	12,063	887	6.8
Eules	31,848	30,426	1,422	4.5	Mesquite	73,731	69,793	3,938	5.3	Wichita Falls	48,743	46,504	2,239	4.6
Farmers Branch	15,425	14,722	703	4.6	Midland	53,733	51,803	1,930	3.6					
Flower Mound	34,372	33,174	1,198	3.5	Mission	23,238	22,037	1,201	5.2					

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	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Alamo	951,407	907,173	44,234	4.6
Brazos Valley	145,454	139,130	6,324	4.3
Cameron County	146,308	136,809	9,499	6.5
Capital Area	519,237	496,557	22,680	4.4
Central Texas	173,789	164,718	9,071	5.2
Coastal Bend	263,354	249,367	13,987	5.3
Concho Valley	76,108	73,107	3,001	3.9
Dallas	1,206,442	1,137,868	68,574	5.7
Deep East Texas	165,811	156,144	9,667	5.8
East Texas	380,095	361,668	18,427	4.8
Golden Crescent	93,614	89,561	4,053	4.3
Gulf Coast	2,723,208	2,563,644	159,564	5.9
Heart Of Texas	165,104	157,354	7,750	4.7
Lower Rio Grande Valley	295,666	274,263	21,403	7.2
Middle Rio Grande	65,631	60,351	5,280	8.0
North Central Texas	1,067,713	1,022,196	45,517	4.3
North East Texas	133,865	127,129	6,736	5.0
North Texas	110,288	105,585	4,703	4.3
Panhandle	214,705	206,605	8,100	3.8
Permian Basin	185,059	177,225	7,834	4.2
Rural Capital	344,650	330,950	13,700	4.0
South East Texas	178,654	163,312	15,342	8.6
South Plains	205,816	197,794	8,022	3.9
South Texas	95,514	90,524	4,990	5.2
Tarrant County	854,345	811,856	42,489	5.0
Texoma	92,303	87,877	4,426	4.8
Upper Rio Grande	316,091	296,224	19,867	6.3
West Central Texas	160,654	154,070	6,584	4.1

Hours and Earnings for Texas and Selected Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas & Metro Divisions									
Area	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '05	Oct. '05	Nov. '04	Nov. '05	Oct. '05	Nov. '04	Nov. '05	Oct. '05	Nov. '04
Texas									
Manufacturing	\$576.22	\$566.00	\$550.59	41.1	40.4	39.3	\$14.02	\$14.01	\$14.01
Durable Goods	\$572.65	\$560.14	\$549.70	42.2	41.4	40.9	\$13.57	\$13.53	\$13.44
Nondurable Goods	\$579.38	\$572.76	\$551.66	39.2	38.7	36.9	\$14.78	\$14.80	\$14.95
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington MSA									
Manufacturing	\$618.85	\$618.18	\$583.30	39.9	39.5	39.2	\$15.51	\$15.65	\$14.88
Durable Goods	\$684.78	\$697.75	\$646.79	40.4	40.9	40.5	\$16.95	\$17.06	\$15.97
Nondurable Goods	\$502.04	\$473.77	\$474.71	39.1	37.1	37.0	\$12.84	\$12.77	\$12.83
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA									
Manufacturing	\$720.33	\$712.91	\$699.68	42.1	41.4	39.8	\$17.11	\$17.22	\$17.58
Durable Goods	\$634.43	\$620.76	\$583.14	43.1	42.0	40.3	\$14.72	\$14.78	\$14.47
Nondurable Goods	\$876.76	\$877.97	\$856.91	40.2	40.2	39.2	\$21.81	\$21.84	\$21.86
San Antonio MSA									
Manufacturing	\$416.80	\$412.87	\$427.67	38.7	38.3	39.2	\$10.77	\$10.78	\$10.91
Durable Goods	\$456.71	\$459.48	\$445.52	41.9	42.0	41.1	\$10.90	\$10.94	\$10.84
Nondurable Goods	\$374.18	\$361.15	\$408.10	35.3	34.2	37.1	\$10.60	\$10.56	\$11.00
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD*									
Manufacturing	\$518.76	\$519.08	\$518.09	38.2	38.0	37.9	\$13.58	\$13.66	\$13.67
Durable Goods	\$523.32	\$541.95	\$545.80	37.3	38.3	38.6	\$14.03	\$14.15	\$14.14
Nondurable Goods	\$511.63	\$482.25	\$475.09	39.6	37.5	36.8	\$12.92	\$12.86	\$12.91
Ft. Worth-Arlington MD*									
Manufacturing	\$822.00	\$808.78	\$721.56	43.4	42.5	42.0	\$18.94	\$19.03	\$17.18
Durable Goods	\$968.95	\$948.15	\$829.27	45.9	45.0	43.9	\$21.11	\$21.07	\$18.89
Nondurable Goods	\$472.50	\$451.61	\$474.89	37.5	36.1	37.6	\$12.60	\$12.51	\$12.63

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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”

Plant in Panhandle to Bring Many Jobs

DALHART, Tex (Amarillo Globe-News)—Hilmar Cheese Co., a California-based company, plans to locate a \$190 million cheese plant in Dalhart. The plant will process 5 million pounds of milk a day with the capacity to double output and bring 350 new families to Dalhart and some 2,000 jobs to the Panhandle over the next decade, according to Texas Governor Rick Perry.

“This is absolutely the premier, No. 1, biggest, largest deal that the state of Texas has ever been involved in agricultural value-added process,” according to Amarillo Mayor Debra McCartt. To supply the plant, area dairy production will grow from two dairies now to 10 farms within 10 years, said David Moore, executive director of the High Plains Dairy Council.

November Rig Count Rises

HOUSTON, Tex (The Houston Business Journal)—The number of rigs that searched for oil and gas worldwide in November climbed 17 percent since November of 2004, according to oil services firm Baker Hughes, Inc. In the United States, the total number of rigs in operations rose from 1,262 in November 2004 to 1,486 in November 2005.

Rig counts tally the number of drilling rigs actively exploring for or developing oil or natural gas in the United States, Canada, and international markets. Houston-based Baker Hughes has been issuing rotary rig counts as a service to the petroleum industry since 1944.

Texas Hurricane Aid Tops \$500 Million

DALLAS, Tex (Dallas Business Journal)—The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded more than \$544.1 million to date to 311,113 individuals in Texas affected by Hurricane Rita. As of December 3, some 476,051 individuals and families had registered for assistance since President Bush’s September 24 disaster declaration. The federal agency has also disbursed more than \$2.27 million in unemployment assistance.

FEMA officials say the deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance is now over. However, other services are still available, including programs and services to pay for temporary housing, minor home repairs, and other hurricane-related expenses not covered by insurance.

Company Reopens Former Plant

SAN ANTONIO, Tex (Wright Review: Texas Business Report)—Copasba, a Puebla, Mexico-based manufacturer is planning to build a \$42 million recycled paper plant in either San Antonio or Seguin. The location would supply raw material to a sister operation in Mexico. The Texas facility would initially create at least 150 jobs, including engineering positions, and supply recycled paper to complete finished products such as toilet paper, napkins and paper towels.





INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
NOV	2005	5.2%	NOV	2005	5.3%
OCT	2005	5.1%	OCT	2005	5.3%
NOV	2004	5.9%	NOV	2004	5.9%

U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
NOV	2005	4.8%	NOV	2005	5.0%
OCT	2005	4.6%	OCT	2005	5.0%
NOV	2004	5.2%	NOV	2004	5.4%

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
NOV	2005	9,663,200	NOV	2005	9,718,300
OCT	2005	9,645,900	OCT	2005	9,679,700
NOV	2004	9,526,800	NOV	2004	9,580,100
OTM Change		17,300	OTM Change		38,600
OTY Change		136,400	OTY Change		138,200

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
NOV	2005	66,595	NOV	2005	622,691
OCT	2005	95,197	OCT	2005	656,550
NOV	2004	82,407	NOV	2004	621,225

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change

U.S.	NOV 2005	3.5%	NOV	2005	61.2
Dallas-Fort Worth	NOV 2005	4.4%	OCT	2005	61.5
Houston-Galveston	OCT 2005	4.3%	NOV	2004	59.1

Help Wanted Index - Texas

NOV	2005	61.2
OCT	2005	61.5
NOV	2004	59.1

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

NOV	2005	\$ 58.30	OTM Change	-\$ 4.07
OCT	2005	\$ 62.37	OTY Change	\$ 9.84
NOV	2004	\$ 48.46		

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