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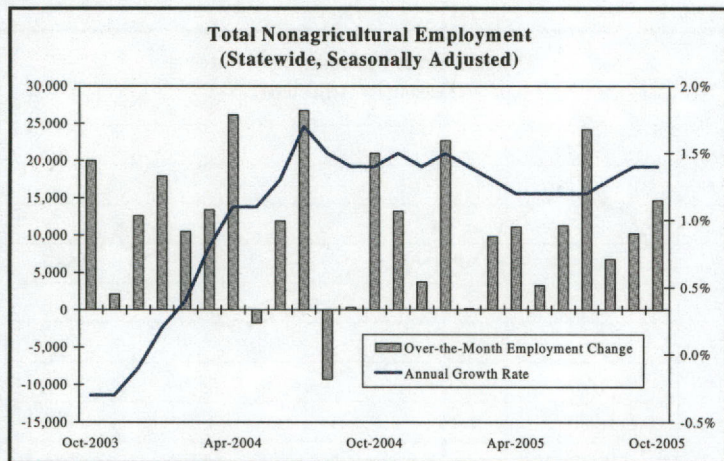
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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

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Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas expanded for the fourteenth consecutive month in October with a gain of 14,700 jobs. Most of the major industry sectors showed employment growth over the month, the largest being an increase of 5,300 jobs in Professional and Business Services. Total Nonagricultural Employment increased by 131,300 positions from October 2004 to October 2005, for an annual growth rate of 1.4 percent.

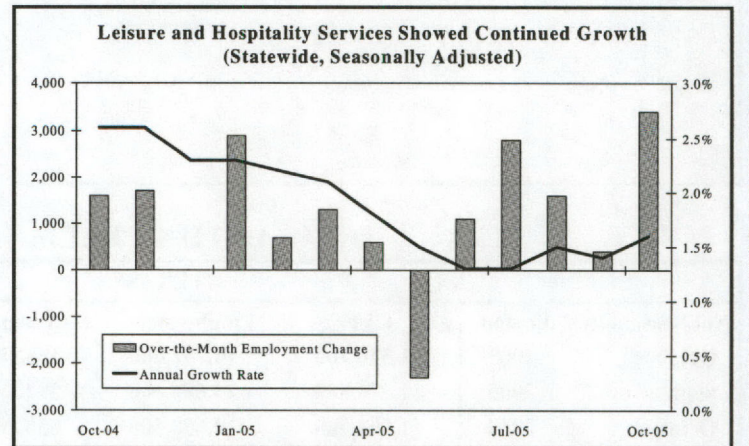
Following a gain of 2,100 jobs in September, Financial Activities employment increased by 2,000 positions in October. It was the largest October employment expansion recorded since 1998. Increased hiring by insurance companies in response to damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita could have contributed to the boost in employment. As a result, the annual growth rate rose to 1.5 percent for an over-the-year gain of 8,800 jobs. Since the beginning of the year, Financial Activities has added 6,800 jobs.



Employment in Education and Health Services gained 2,300 jobs in October, following an increase of 500 jobs in September. The annual growth rate dropped to 2.2 percent, which is an increase of 25,700 jobs over the year.

Following a gain of 400 positions in September, employment in Leisure and Hospitality increased by 3,400 jobs in October, continuing a five-month streak of positive over-the-month change. This was also the largest over the month gain since October 2003. The annual growth rate rose to 1.6 percent from 1.4 percent in September, an increase of 14,200 jobs over the year.

After an increase of 2,500 jobs in September, employment in Professional and Business Services posted a boost of 5,300 positions in October. This was the largest over-the-month increase since February 2005. As a result, the annual growth rate rose from 1.5 percent in September to 2.0 percent in October. This was the largest over-the-year change since April 2005.



Construction employment posted an over-the-month increase of 1,200 jobs in October, following a gain of 3,100 jobs in September. The annual growth rate was 2.9 percent, maintaining the positive growth trend recorded in the sector over the past eight months. Since October 2004, a total of 15,800 jobs have been added in Construction.

Natural Resources and Mining employment decreased by 500 jobs during the month of October after three consecutive months of job gains. It was only the second monthly decline so far in 2005. Since January, 2,200 positions have been created in Natural Resources and Mining. The annual growth rate improved to 2.3 percent in October, up from 1.9 percent in September, for an over-the-year increase of 3,500 jobs.

Employment in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (TTU) rebounded from a small decrease in September with a gain of 2,800 jobs in October. Monthly employment in the sector has increased eight times in 2005 and declined only twice. TTU employment has increased by 21,500 jobs over the year, for an annual growth rate of 1.1 percent.

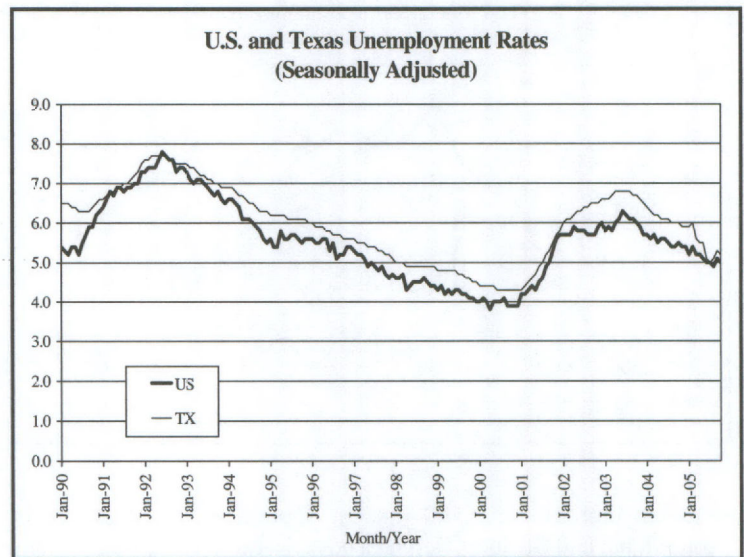
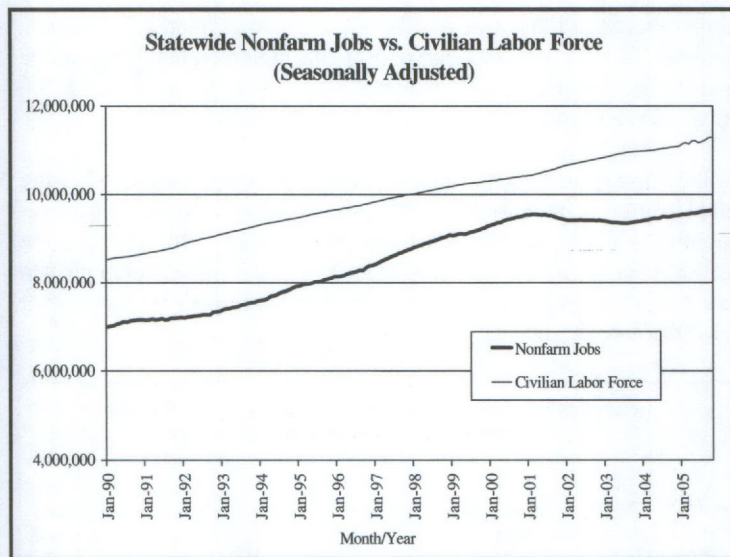
TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

INDUSTRY TITLE	Oct. 2005*	Sept. 2005	Oct. 2004	Sept. '05 to Oct. '05		Oct. '04 to Oct. '05	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	9,644,900	9,630,200	9,513,600	14,700	0.2	131,300	1.4
GOODS PRODUCING							
Natural Resources & Mining	156,800	157,300	153,300	-500	-0.3	3,500	2.3
Construction	558,300	557,100	542,500	1,200	0.2	15,800	2.9
Manufacturing	891,800	892,300	890,900	-500	-0.1	900	0.1
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,971,800	1,969,000	1,950,300	2,800	0.1	21,500	1.1
Financial Activities	606,700	604,700	597,900	2,000	0.3	8,800	1.5
Professional & Business Services	1,115,400	1,110,100	1,093,200	5,300	0.5	22,200	2.0
Education & Health Services	1,177,000	1,174,700	1,151,300	2,300	0.2	25,700	2.2
Leisure & Hospitality	902,800	899,400	888,600	3,400	0.4	14,200	1.6
Government	1,671,000	1,671,300	1,661,200	-300	0.0	9,800	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									
October	2005	11,310,700	10,742,600	568,100	5.0	150,304,000	143,340,000	6,964,000	4.6
September	2005	11,276,800	10,684,600	592,200	5.3	149,838,000	142,579,000	7,259,000	4.8
October	2004	11,094,700	10,458,500	636,200	5.7	147,978,000	140,447,000	7,531,000	5.1
Seasonally Adjusted									
October	2005	11,294,400	10,703,600	590,800	5.2	150,079,000	142,646,000	7,433,000	5.0
September	2005	11,276,600	10,684,200	592,400	5.3	150,093,000	142,432,000	7,661,000	5.1
October	2004	11,073,000	10,412,600	660,400	6.0	147,893,000	139,827,000	8,066,000	5.5

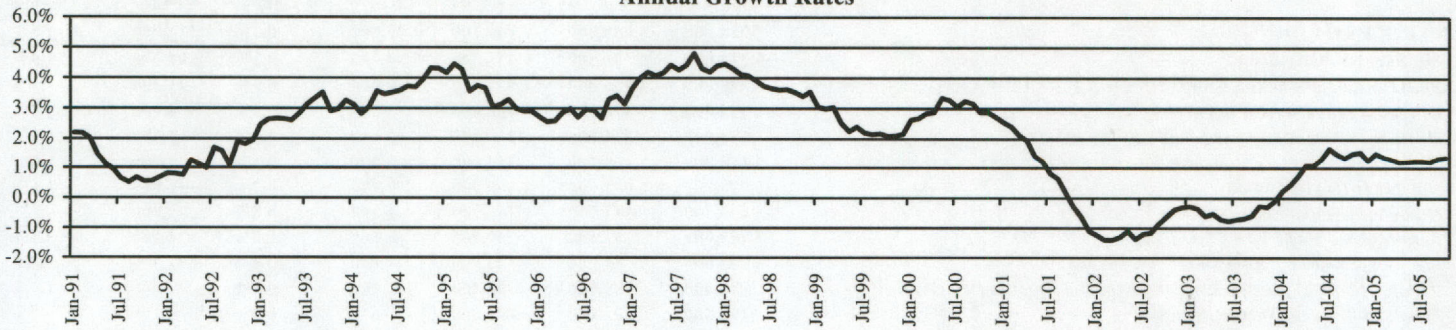
Note: Only the actual series estimates for Texas and the U.S. are comparable to sub-state estimates. Current month estimates for Texas are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. In seasonally adjusted estimates, all elements of seasonality are factored out to achieve an estimate which reflects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

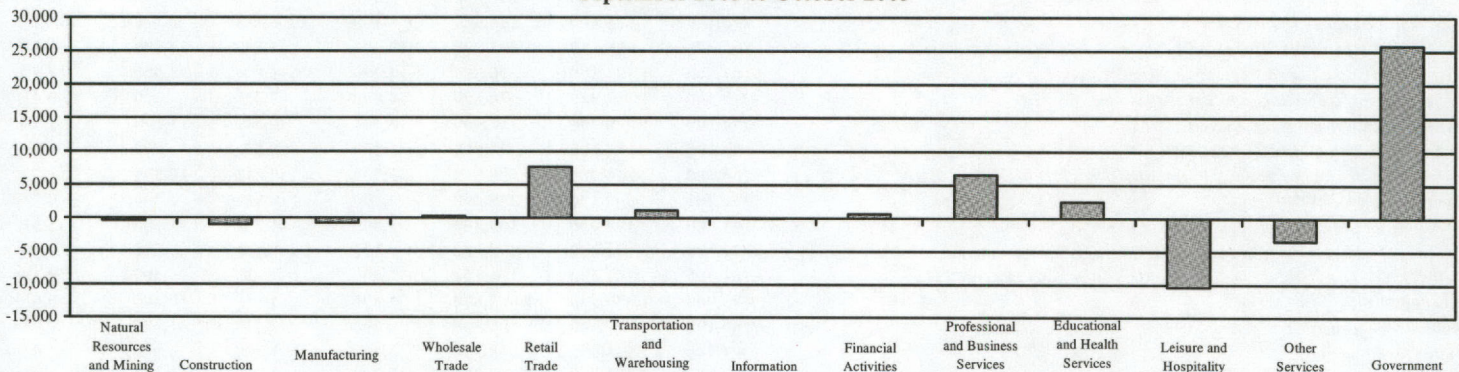
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Annual Growth Rates



	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
	Sep '05 to Oct '05		Oct '04 to Oct '05				
TOTAL NONFARM	9,678,700	9,650,400	9,546,700	28,300	0.3%	132,000	1.4%
TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)	7,982,800	7,980,300	7,861,100	2,500	0.0%	121,700	1.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	1,609,800	1,612,000	1,589,600	-2,200	-0.1%	20,200	1.3%
Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)	157,300	157,700	153,800	-400	-0.3%	3,500	2.3%
Mining (NAICS 21)	155,700	156,100	151,900	-400	-0.3%	3,800	2.5%
Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)	63,300	63,800	63,400	-500	-0.8%	-100	-0.2%
Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)	82,800	82,900	78,400	-100	-0.1%	4,400	5.6%
Construction (NAICS 23)	559,800	560,800	543,900	-1,000	-0.2%	15,900	2.9%
Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)	132,400	132,200	131,200	200	0.2%	1,200	0.9%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)	105,300	105,200	98,300	100	0.1%	7,000	7.1%
Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)	322,100	323,400	314,400	-1,300	-0.4%	7,700	2.4%
Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)	892,700	893,500	891,900	-800	-0.1%	800	0.1%
Durable Goods	569,600	569,200	563,400	400	0.1%	6,200	1.1%
Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)	27,600	27,900	27,200	-300	-1.1%	400	1.5%
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)	43,800	43,600	43,600	200	0.5%	200	0.5%
Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)	26,200	26,200	25,300	0	0.0%	900	3.6%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)	112,800	112,700	109,100	100	0.1%	3,700	3.4%
Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)	78,700	78,100	77,400	600	0.8%	1,300	1.7%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)	111,300	111,600	113,600	-300	-0.3%	-2,300	-2.0%
Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)	18,400	18,300	17,400	100	0.5%	1,000	5.7%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)	87,000	86,800	84,800	200	0.2%	2,200	2.6%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)	30,200	30,400	31,000	-200	-0.7%	-800	-2.6%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)	33,600	33,600	34,000	0	0.0%	-400	-1.2%
Nondurable Goods	323,100	324,300	328,500	-1,200	-0.4%	-5,400	-1.6%
Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)	89,900	90,200	91,600	-300	-0.3%	-1,700	-1.9%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)	10,500	10,400	10,400	100	1.0%	100	1.0%
Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)	20,900	21,000	21,900	-100	-0.5%	-1,000	-4.6%
Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)	36,600	36,300	37,200	300	0.8%	-600	-1.6%
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	72,400	73,500	0	0.0%	-1,100	-1.5%
Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)	45,400	45,400	44,900	0	0.0%	500	1.1%

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



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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

			Sep '05 to Oct '05		Oct '04 to Oct '05		
	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
SERVICE PROVIDING	8,068,900	8,038,400	7,957,100	30,500	0.4%	111,800	1.4%
Private Service Providing	6,373,000	6,368,300	6,271,500	4,700	0.1%	101,500	1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)	1,975,000	1,966,000	1,953,500	9,000	0.5%	21,500	1.1%
Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)	474,400	474,200	466,400	200	0.0%	8,000	1.7%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)</i>	271,800	271,800	266,200	0	0.0%	5,600	2.1%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)</i>	155,900	156,300	154,400	-400	-0.3%	1,500	1.0%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	1,098,700	1,091,000	1,086,900	7,700	0.7%	11,800	1.1%
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)</i>	150,700	151,900	149,700	-1,200	-0.8%	1,000	0.7%
<i>Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)</i>	42,600	42,100	40,900	500	1.2%	1,700	4.2%
<i>Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)</i>	42,000	41,000	43,100	1,000	2.4%	-1,100	-2.6%
<i>Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)</i>	85,800	85,700	84,400	100	0.1%	1,400	1.7%
<i>Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)</i>	193,500	192,900	191,800	600	0.3%	1,700	0.9%
<i>Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)</i>	57,100	56,600	56,600	500	0.9%	500	0.9%
<i>Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)</i>	67,800	68,700	67,900	-900	-1.3%	-100	-0.1%
<i>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)</i>	98,500	97,700	97,700	800	0.8%	800	0.8%
<i>Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)</i>	35,100	34,300	36,000	800	2.3%	-900	-2.5%
<i>General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)</i>	241,800	237,700	237,100	4,100	1.7%	4,700	2.0%
<i>Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)</i>	62,600	61,800	61,400	800	1.3%	1,200	2.0%
<i>Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)</i>	21,200	20,600	20,300	600	2.9%	900	4.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)	401,900	400,800	400,200	1,100	0.3%	1,700	0.4%
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	355,000	354,400	353,100	600	0.2%	1,900	0.5%
<i>Air Transportation (NAICS 481)</i>	62,100	62,200	65,800	-100	-0.2%	-3,700	-5.6%
<i>Rail Transportation (NAICS 482)</i>	17,400	17,400	16,700	0	0.0%	700	4.2%
<i>Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)</i>	104,200	104,400	103,200	-200	-0.2%	1,000	1.0%
<i>Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)</i>	11,100	11,100	11,800	0	0.0%	-700	-5.9%
<i>Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)</i>	63,100	63,100	60,700	0	0.0%	2,400	4.0%
<i>Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)</i>	36,300	36,200	36,700	100	0.3%	-400	-1.1%
<i>Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)</i>	37,400	37,400	37,000	0	0.0%	400	1.1%
Utilities (NAICS 22)	46,900	46,400	47,100	500	1.1%	-200	-0.4%
Information (NAICS 51)	229,100	229,200	222,600	-100	0.0%	6,500	2.9%
<i>Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)</i>	50,800	51,000	49,000	-200	-0.4%	1,800	3.7%
<i>Telecommunications (NAICS 517)</i>	91,900	91,900	92,600	0	0.0%	-700	-0.8%
<i>Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518)</i>	36,600	36,200	35,300	400	1.1%	1,300	3.7%
Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)	606,900	606,300	598,200	600	0.1%	8,700	1.5%
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	434,600	433,800	427,200	800	0.2%	7,400	1.7%
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)</i>	224,500	224,200	219,100	300	0.1%	5,400	2.5%
<i>Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)</i>	39,600	39,400	38,800	200	0.5%	800	2.1%
<i>Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)</i>	158,700	158,800	159,200	-100	-0.1%	-500	-0.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	172,300	172,500	171,000	-200	-0.1%	1,300	0.8%
<i>Real Estate (NAICS 531)</i>	113,500	113,400	111,100	100	0.1%	2,400	2.2%
<i>Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)</i>	58,500	58,600	57,900	-100	-0.2%	600	1.0%
Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)	1,123,900	1,117,400	1,101,100	6,500	0.6%	22,800	2.1%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	462,100	458,600	467,300	3,500	0.8%	-5,200	-1.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	50,000	49,100	48,000	900	1.8%	2,000	4.2%
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	611,800	609,700	585,800	2,100	0.3%	26,000	4.4%
<i>Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)</i>	588,500	586,500	563,800	2,000	0.3%	24,700	4.4%
Educational and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)	1,181,700	1,179,200	1,156,100	2,500	0.2%	25,600	2.2%
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	139,700	137,300	138,600	2,400	1.7%	1,100	0.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,042,000	1,041,900	1,017,500	100	0.0%	24,500	2.4%
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)</i>	459,800	458,800	443,600	1,000	0.2%	16,200	3.7%
<i>Hospitals (NAICS 622)</i>	259,100	260,000	257,700	-900	-0.3%	1,400	0.5%
<i>Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)</i>	149,000	148,600	147,300	400	0.3%	1,700	1.2%
<i>Social Assistance (NAICS 624)</i>	174,100	174,500	168,900	-400	-0.2%	5,200	3.1%
Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)	895,700	906,100	881,700	-10,400	-1.1%	14,000	1.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	101,600	105,800	98,800	-4,200	-4.0%	2,800	2.8%
<i>Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)</i>	70,400	74,400	70,100	-4,000	-5.4%	300	0.4%
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	794,100	800,300	782,900	-6,200	-0.8%	11,200	1.4%
<i>Accommodation (NAICS 721)</i>	93,500	94,000	92,600	-500	-0.5%	900	1.0%
<i>Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)</i>	700,600	706,300	690,300	-5,700	-0.8%	10,300	1.5%
Other Services (NAICS 81)	360,700	364,100	358,300	-3,400	-0.9%	2,400	0.7%
<i>Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)</i>	101,800	103,600	103,400	-1,800	-1.7%	-1,600	-1.5%
<i>Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)</i>	97,600	98,300	93,800	-700	-0.7%	3,800	4.1%
<i>Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)</i>	161,300	162,200	161,100	-900	-0.6%	200	0.1%
Government	1,695,900	1,670,100	1,685,600	25,800	1.5%	10,300	0.6%
Federal Government	180,100	179,200	181,300	900	0.5%	-1,200	-0.7%
State Government	341,700	336,000	348,300	5,700	1.7%	-6,600	-1.9%
Local Government	1,174,100	1,154,900	1,156,000	19,200	1.7%	18,100	1.6%

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

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the MSAs increased by 17,700 jobs in October, due primarily to seasonal gains in the Government sector. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area posted the largest gain, adding 6,800 jobs, followed by Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land and Austin-Round Rock which added 3,700 and 3,200 jobs, respectively. Most of October's job losses in the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA were the result of Hurricane Rita, which reduced employment in the area by 6,400 jobs.

Government employment in the MSAs grew by 1.4 percent, or 20,500 jobs over the month, reflective of previous October gains seen over the last decade. The five largest MSAs were responsible for the bulk of the gain, adding 12,400 jobs combined. Most other MSAs recorded slight gains or held steady over the month. The annual growth rate for Government employment in the MSAs rose to 1.7 percent, the highest October annual growth rate for this industry since 2002.

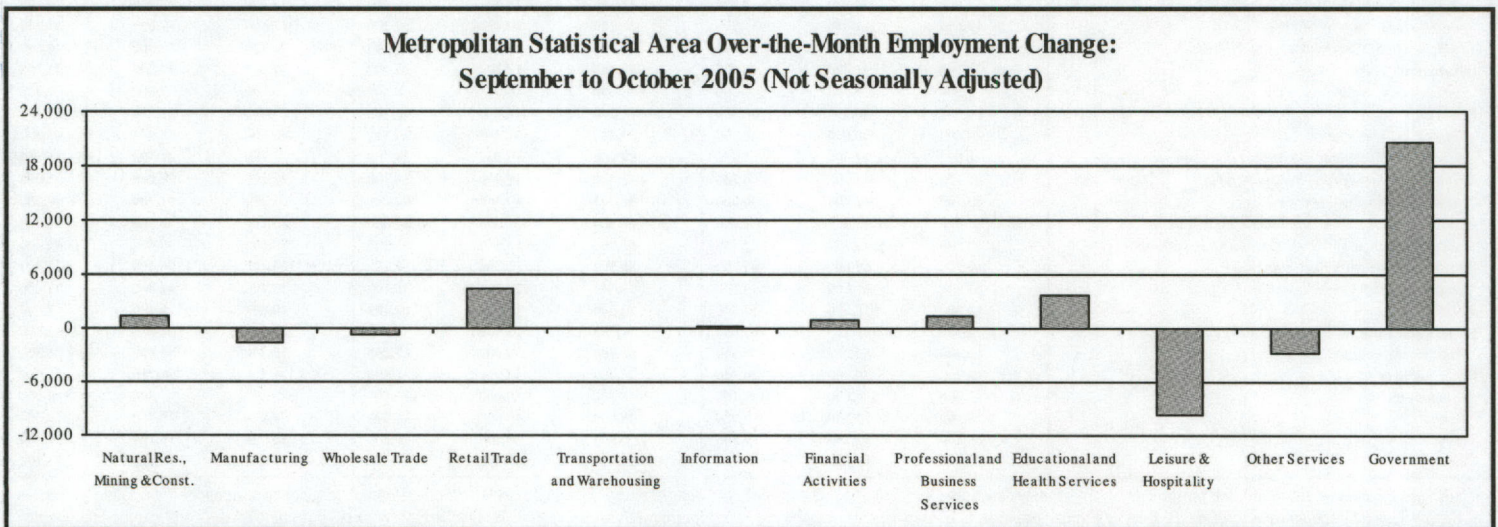
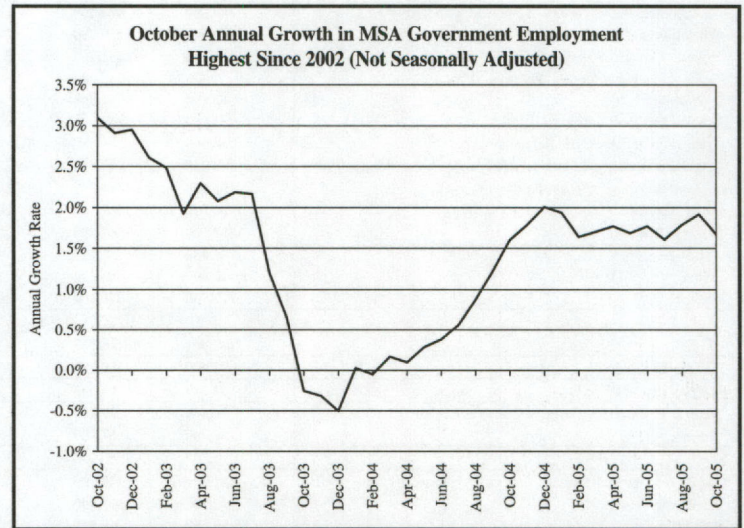
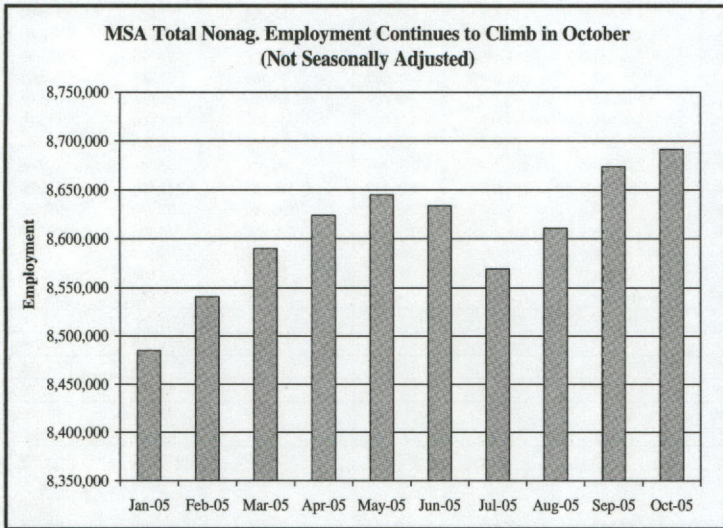
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction grew by 1,400 jobs in October, the ninth consecutive month of employment gains in this industry group. The Houston and Corpus Christi areas led the employment growth, with the Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA

posting the largest increase with a gain of 1,700 workers. This industry group has grown by 22,300 positions in the MSAs since October of 2004.

Retail Trade employment grew by 4,300 jobs in October as retailers prepared for the upcoming holiday shopping season. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area added 1,500 Retail Trade jobs in October. The largest drop in Retail Trade employment in October was seen in the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA, which was related to Hurricane Rita.

Following normal seasonal patterns, employment in the Leisure and Hospitality industry fell by 9,800 jobs in October as amusement parks and other recreation-related businesses reduced staff for the off season. However, the Dallas-Plano-Irving area saw a gain of 1,300 jobs during October, due mostly to the annual State Fair in Dallas.

Employment in Educational and Health Services grew by 3,800 jobs in October, the third month of gains in this industry. Since October 2004, 21,600 jobs have been added across the MSAs. Over the month, the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA added 400 jobs, while the Longview and McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr MSAs added 300 jobs each.



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

	DALLAS-FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			DALLAS-PLANO-IRVING MD**			HOUSTON-BAYTOWN-SUGARLAND		
	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04
TOTAL NONFARM	2,752,500	2,743,800	2,719,900	1,945,500	1,924,200	1,924,200	2,338,500	2,334,800	2,297,700
GOODS PRODUCING	456,700	456,900	453,000	306,200	306,300	305,100	451,300	449,500	439,300
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	161,100	161,200	158,300	109,000	109,300	107,700	242,800	241,100	231,500
Manufacturing	295,600	295,700	294,700	197,200	197,000	197,400	208,500	208,400	207,800
Durable Goods	208,200	208,200	207,400	138,100	137,800	138,200	126,800	126,600	124,400
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	-	-	-	20,700	20,700	20,100	40,000	40,100	38,700
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	53,000	52,900	54,100	46,000	45,800	47,000	18,300	18,400	19,200
Nondurable Goods	87,400	87,500	87,300	59,100	59,200	59,200	81,700	81,800	83,400
Food Manufacturing	-	-	-	15,600	15,700	16,100	12,600	12,500	12,300
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,295,800	2,286,900	2,266,900	1,639,300	1,632,400	1,619,100	1,887,200	1,885,300	1,858,400
Private Service Providing	1,928,500	1,924,400	1,911,900	1,388,800	1,384,300	1,377,600	1,539,800	1,541,400	1,514,700
Wholesale Trade	160,200	160,300	159,400	121,600	121,700	121,700	120,300	120,600	119,200
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	93,100	93,200	93,300	70,300	70,300	70,400	72,000	72,000	71,900
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	48,400	48,600	48,300	37,000	37,200	36,800	38,000	38,000	37,200
Retail Trade	300,100	297,700	300,200	205,300	203,800	205,800	247,000	246,100	242,200
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	-	-	-	27,200	27,000	27,100	34,600	34,800	34,500
Bldg. Material and Garden Eqpmnt. and Supplies Dlr.	22,200	22,300	21,800	14,300	14,400	14,300	18,000	17,900	18,200
Food and Beverage Stores	47,300	47,300	47,400	32,200	32,100	32,000	48,300	48,500	47,900
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	-	-	-	21,800	21,600	21,200	23,000	23,100	23,100
General Merchandise Stores	66,600	65,500	65,200	45,900	45,100	44,900	55,100	54,300	53,200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	134,500	134,600	136,700	77,800	77,900	77,500	111,000	111,000	110,500
Utilities	-	-	-	6,900	6,900	7,000	15,800	15,400	15,500
Information	93,400	93,300	92,100	76,200	76,100	74,700	37,000	37,100	37,300
Telecommunications	43,000	42,900	42,200	35,000	34,900	33,900	16,000	16,100	16,200
Financial Activities	217,700	217,700	215,800	171,500	171,600	170,500	137,900	137,500	135,900
Finance and Insurance	161,800	161,800	159,600	127,400	127,500	126,300	88,500	88,200	87,500
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	80,800	80,900	80,800	61,600	61,800	62,100	42,100	42,000	41,400
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	61,100	61,000	59,600	49,700	49,600	48,500	32,700	32,600	32,800
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-	-	-	44,100	44,100	44,200	49,400	49,300	48,400
Professional and Business Services	381,900	380,600	371,700	293,000	291,400	287,100	320,200	319,400	314,700
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	157,700	157,000	154,300	127,900	127,900	125,700	152,000	151,500	150,000
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation	204,800	204,200	198,200	149,800	149,400	147,000	155,200	155,000	154,000
Education and Health Services	280,800	279,200	277,900	193,900	192,800	191,700	261,300	260,400	256,300
Health Care and Social Assistance	242,100	241,400	237,700	164,500	164,100	162,100	220,400	219,900	215,200
Ambulatory Health Care Services	-	-	-	76,400	76,200	74,000	91,700	91,400	89,000
Hospitals	63,000	62,800	62,700	40,700	40,700	40,600	64,800	64,500	63,000
Leisure and Hospitality	253,900	253,900	251,900	176,900	175,600	175,200	208,500	211,600	203,500
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-	-	-	21,500	20,900	20,800	27,100	28,300	26,900
Accommodation and Food Services	223,400	223,800	221,600	155,400	154,700	154,400	181,400	183,300	176,600
Food Services and Drinking Places	193,600	194,200	192,500	134,100	133,600	133,100	161,700	163,500	157,300
Other Services	106,000	107,100	106,200	72,600	73,400	73,400	96,600	97,700	95,100
Government	367,300	362,500	355,000	250,500	248,100	241,500	347,400	343,900	343,700
Federal	45,400	45,200	46,600	29,600	29,600	30,800	28,300	28,300	27,900
State	42,400	41,200	40,500	32,500	31,800	30,700	68,700	68,000	69,600
Local	279,500	276,100	267,900	188,400	186,700	180,000	250,400	247,600	246,200
	AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON MD**			SAN ANTONIO		
	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04
TOTAL NONFARM	687,400	684,200	673,800	807,000	805,100	795,700	777,600	777,600	764,400
GOODS PRODUCING	97,100	97,300	96,000	150,500	150,600	147,900	91,400	91,500	90,500
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	39,500	39,800	38,500	52,100	51,900	50,600	45,800	46,000	44,600
Manufacturing	57,600	57,500	57,500	98,400	98,700	97,300	45,600	45,500	45,900
SERVICE PROVIDING	590,300	586,900	577,800	656,500	654,500	647,800	686,200	686,100	673,900
Private Service Providing	441,100	440,100	430,700	539,700	540,100	534,300	540,700	542,300	529,700
Wholesale Trade	37,500	37,500	35,900	38,600	37,700	37,700	27,700	27,800	27,500
Retail Trade	70,200	69,500	69,500	94,800	93,900	94,400	92,000	91,500	90,200
Food and Beverage Stores	14,500	14,400	13,900	15,100	15,200	15,400	14,900	14,900	14,900
General Merchandise Stores	11,600	11,400	11,800	20,700	20,400	20,300	17,800	17,600	17,500
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,300	11,400	11,200	56,700	56,700	59,200	20,800	20,800	20,600
Information	20,900	21,000	20,400	17,200	17,200	17,400	21,400	21,400	21,700
Telecommunications	4,900	4,900	4,800	8,000	8,000	8,300	6,900	7,000	7,200
Financial Activities	40,200	40,200	40,300	46,200	46,100	45,300	62,800	62,600	62,100
Finance and Insurance	28,600	28,600	28,700	34,400	34,300	33,300	48,400	48,200	48,000
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	11,600	11,600	11,800	19,200	19,100	18,700	21,500	21,500	21,500
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	14,100	14,100	14,100	11,400	11,400	11,100	22,100	22,000	22,000
Professional and Business Services	93,100	92,700	90,600	88,900	89,200	84,600	91,900	91,700	90,600
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	45,500	45,400	44,400	29,800	29,500	28,600	35,700	35,500	34,600
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation Svcs	43,900	43,900	42,300	55,000	54,800	51,200	50,600	50,400	49,200
Education and Health Services	69,700	69,600	68,700	86,900	86,400	86,200	106,800	106,400	103,900
Health Care and Social Assistance	61,100	61,000	59,700	77,600	77,300	75,600	92,400	92,400	90,400
Hospitals	15,500	15,500	15,200	22,300	22,100	22,100	20,400	20,400	19,900
Leisure and Hospitality	71,300	71,100	67,800	77,000	78,300	76,700	88,800	91,400	85,300
Accommodation and Food Services	62,300	62,200	59,600	68,000	69,100	67,200	79,300	80,100	76,500
Other Services	26,900	26,900	26,300	33,400	33,700	32,800	28,500	28,700	27,800
Government	149,200	146,800	147,100	116,800	114,400	113,500	145,500	143,800	144,200
Federal	10,300	10,300	9,800	15,800	15,600	15,800	28,900	29,000	28,800
State	68,500	67,700	68,100	9,900	9,900	9,800	16,200	16,100	16,300
Local	70,400	68,800	69,200	91,100	89,400	87,900	100,400	98,700	99,100

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

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04	Oct '05*	Sep '05	Oct '04
TOTAL	65,400	65,500	64,100	109,100	109,100	107,500	148,700	155,100	155,200	120,200	119,100	116,600
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,600	4,600	4,200	7,700	7,700	7,200	13,100	13,400	13,700	4,900	4,700	4,600
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,100	11,900	11,900	11,700	18,100	18,500	19,000	7,700	7,800	7,900
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,800	5,800	5,800	4,300	4,400	4,200	3,700	3,600	3,700
Retail Trade	8,200	8,200	8,000	13,800	13,800	13,600	17,400	19,900	19,900	15,900	15,700	14,900
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,500	3,500	3,500	6,600	6,600	6,600	4,500	4,400	4,200
Information	1,300	1,300	1,200	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,400
Financial Activities	3,200	3,100	3,100	5,900	5,900	6,000	7,100	6,900	6,300	4,800	4,800	4,500
Prof. & Business Services	4,200	4,200	4,200	8,300	8,300	8,000	11,200	13,400	12,800	7,500	7,500	7,400
Educ. & Health Services	14,400	14,400	13,900	15,000	15,100	14,900	22,800	23,600	23,400	27,300	26,900	26,100
Leisure & Hospitality	6,300	6,500	6,400	11,300	11,400	11,300	12,700	13,600	13,200	11,300	11,800	11,000
Other Services	3,100	3,200	3,200	4,700	4,800	4,700	5,900	5,900	6,000	4,000	4,000	3,900
Government	12,700	12,600	12,600	18,700	18,400	18,400	26,700	26,100	27,300	27,200	26,500	27,000
INDUSTRY	COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN			CORPUS CHRISTI			EL PASO			KILLEEN-TEMPLE-FORT HOOD		
TOTAL	90,300	89,500	88,900	167,400	167,400	167,100	267,900	267,400	258,900	115,800	115,200	114,000
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	6,400	6,400	6,000	16,700	16,300	16,300	12,400	12,400	11,600	6,100	6,100	5,900
Manufacturing	5,900	6,000	5,800	11,400	11,500	11,300	22,700	23,400	23,900	8,300	8,300	8,200
Wholesale Trade	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,500	5,500	5,300	10,200	10,200	10,300	3,600	3,600	3,600
Retail Trade	9,900	9,800	9,700	19,100	18,900	19,100	35,500	34,800	33,000	13,500	13,400	13,300
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,500	5,500	5,200	13,200	13,200	12,600	3,800	3,800	3,900
Information	1,100	1,100	1,000	2,100	2,100	2,600	4,800	4,700	4,800	1,600	1,600	1,500
Financial Activities	3,800	3,800	3,600	8,000	8,100	8,000	11,900	11,900	11,400	6,200	6,100	5,900
Prof. & Business Services	5,500	5,500	5,200	16,200	16,300	16,200	31,700	31,200	28,000	8,900	9,000	9,200
Educ. & Health Services	9,100	9,000	8,900	25,500	25,600	25,700	31,700	31,700	30,500	16,200	16,200	16,100
Leisure & Hospitality	9,000	9,200	9,200	18,000	18,700	17,800	24,900	25,200	24,600	10,500	10,700	10,300
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,700	6,900	7,000	7,100	8,000	7,900	7,600	4,700	4,700	4,600
Government	34,300	33,400	34,300	32,500	31,900	32,500	60,900	60,800	60,600	32,400	31,700	31,500
INDUSTRY	LAREDO			LONGVIEW			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-PHARR		
TOTAL	80,800	80,200	78,200	89,300	88,600	86,900	126,100	126,000	125,600	194,700	192,800	186,100
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,500	4,400	4,000	10,600	10,500	9,900	5,700	5,700	5,300	10,400	10,600	10,600
Manufacturing	1,700	1,800	1,700	11,400	11,400	11,100	5,400	5,400	5,400	8,400	8,400	8,300
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,400	3,200	3,200	3,300	5,500	5,500	5,700	6,600	6,500	6,300
Retail Trade	11,000	10,900	11,100	11,400	11,500	11,100	15,300	15,500	15,100	27,700	27,300	26,500
Trans., Ware., & Util.	11,700	11,700	11,700	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,600	3,500	3,600	5,800	5,800	5,400
Information	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,800	6,100	6,000	5,700	3,100	3,100	2,800
Financial Activities	3,500	3,500	3,200	3,100	3,100	3,300	7,100	7,100	7,000	8,300	8,300	7,900
Prof. & Business Services	4,200	4,200	4,100	7,000	6,900	6,700	11,000	10,900	11,100	12,000	11,900	11,700
Educ. & Health Services	11,500	11,500	10,800	15,200	14,900	14,500	18,400	18,600	18,200	40,900	40,600	37,700
Leisure & Hospitality	8,300	8,300	7,600	7,500	7,400	7,500	14,000	14,500	14,600	16,500	16,900	16,000
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,800	3,300	3,300	3,200	5,400	5,500	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,000
Government	19,300	18,800	19,100	11,900	11,700	11,600	28,600	27,800	28,500	49,600	48,000	47,900
INDUSTRY	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	57,700	57,200	57,000	52,700	52,500	52,400	44,900	45,000	43,300	45,400	45,300	44,300
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	10,600	10,500	10,500	7,100	7,100	7,000	3,100	3,100	2,900	3,200	3,200	2,900
Manufacturing	2,100	2,100	2,100	4,100	4,100	4,000	3,900	3,900	3,700	6,600	6,600	6,700
Wholesale Trade	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,900	3,900	3,900	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,000	1,000	900
Retail Trade	6,400	6,300	6,500	6,300	6,200	6,400	5,100	5,100	5,200	6,500	6,400	6,300
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	1,800	1,700	600	600	600	1,800	1,800	1,700	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	6,200	6,100	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,700	2,700	2,700
Educ. & Health Services	6,600	6,500	6,300	5,800	5,700	5,500	7,600	7,500	7,400	8,600	8,600	8,400
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	5,900	5,700	5,000	5,100	5,100	4,300	4,400	4,200	4,300	4,400	4,000
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,700	1,700	1,700
Government	8,300	8,200	8,500	9,400	9,300	9,400	9,600	9,700	8,700	6,300	6,200	6,300
INDUSTRY	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	55,400	54,800	54,000	90,000	89,700	88,500	48,200	47,900	47,400	103,800	103,700	102,900
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	2,700	2,700	2,500	5,200	5,200	4,900	6,600	6,600	6,300	6,000	6,100	5,600
Manufacturing	5,400	5,500	5,400	9,500	9,600	9,900	5,500	5,500	5,500	13,600	13,600	13,500
Wholesale Trade	2,400	2,400	2,500	3,600	3,700	3,600	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,900	3,900	3,900
Retail Trade	7,300	7,100	6,900	12,000	12,000	12,200	6,500	6,500	6,200	10,800	10,800	10,800
Trans., Ware., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,200	3,200	3,200	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	1,800	1,800
Financial Activities	2,300	2,300	2,300	4,300	4,300	3,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	6,200	6,200	6,100
Prof. & Business Services	3,300	3,200	3,200	6,800	6,800	7,100	2,900	2,800	2,800	8,300	8,400	8,400
Educ. & Health Services	9,300	9,100	8,900	17,900	17,700	16,900	6,500	6,400	6,300	18,600	18,600	18,900
Leisure & Hospitality	5,200	5,300	5,100	8,400	8,400	8,200	4,100	4,100	4,100	9,800	9,600	9,400
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,900	3,900	3,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	4,500	4,500	4,400
Government	12,400	12,100	12,100	13,100	12,800	12,800	8,400	8,400	8,700	17,400	17,400	17,200
INDUSTRY	WICHITA FALLS											
TOTAL	61,700	61,400	60,800									
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	3,500	3,500	3,200									
Manufacturing	7,600	7,700	7,500									
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	1,800									
Retail Trade	7,800	7,500	7,600									
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	3,200	3,200	3,200									
Educ. & Health Services	10,100	10,000	9,900									
Leisure & Hospitality	5,800	5,900	5,800									
Other Services	3,300	3,400	3,300									
Government	13,300	13,100	13,400									

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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 for details on these changes.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas jobless rate fell over the month, dropping to 5.0 percent in October—the lowest since May 2001’s rate of 4.5 percent. The rate has fallen by seven-tenths of a percentage point since last October and has remained lower than the previous year’s rate for twenty-four consecutive months—a first since April 1997. Nationally, the United States’ jobless rate’s continued to decline for a third straight month, dipping to 4.6 percent in October. October’s rate was the lowest recorded for the nation since May 2001’s 4.1 percent. In addition, the U.S. rate was also five-tenths of a percentage point lower than last October’s rate of 5.1 percent.

The number of jobholders in Texas rose for a second straight month in October, climbing by 58,000 to 10,742,600. October’s addition was the largest for the month since 2003’s gain of 62,600. This increase was aided by an increase in demand for seasonal workers as retailers began hiring for the upcoming holiday season.

The number of Texans seeking work declined over the month, dropping by 24,100 to 568,100 job seekers. October’s unemployment level was the lowest for the state since October 2001’s 567,600. This decrease was aided by the typical August-to-October increase in staff hiring by local schools and universities as they finish adding workers for the current school year. Unemployment has declined by 119,000 job seekers since the beginning of the year.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits increased over the month, growing by 5,000 to 126,600 in October—the highest level this year. The majority of October’s increase can be attributed to an additional 38,000 claims filed by relocated Louisiana residents following Hurricane Katrina. Of the twenty-five MSAs, seventeen saw decreases or no change in their claims levels, while the remaining eight MSAs registered gains. As a result of Hurricane Rita, the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA saw the largest increase in claims in October, growing by 6,500 over the month. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA reported the largest reduction with 600 fewer claims.

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

1	Midland	3.4
2	Amarillo	3.5
3	Lubbock	3.6
4	Abilene	3.7
5	College Station-Bryan	3.8
6	San Angelo	3.9
7	Austin-Round Rock	4.0
8	Wichita Falls	4.1
9	Odessa	4.2
10	Victoria	4.4
11 (tie)	Longview	4.5
	San Antonio	4.5
	Tyler	4.5
	Waco	4.5
	United States	4.6
15	Sherman-Denison	4.6
16	Texarkana	4.7
17	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	4.8
	Texas	5.0
18	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	5.0
19 (tie)	Corpus Christi	5.1
	Laredo	5.1
21	Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	5.5
22 (tie)	Brownsville-Harlingen	6.2
	El Paso	6.2
24	McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	6.4
25	Beaumont-Port Arthur	11.3

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

	October 2005*				September 2005				October 2004			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	150,304.0	143,340.0	6,964.0	4.6	149,838.0	142,579.0	7,259.0	4.8	147,978.0	140,447.0	7,531.0	5.1
State of Texas	11,310.7	10,742.6	568.1	5.0	11,276.8	10,684.6	592.2	5.3	11,094.7	10,458.5	636.2	5.7
Abilene	83.5	80.4	3.1	3.7	83.4	80.1	3.3	4.0	81.6	77.9	3.7	4.5
Amarillo	131.1	126.6	4.5	3.5	130.8	125.9	4.9	3.7	128.8	123.4	5.4	4.2
Austin-Round Rock	807.3	774.8	32.5	4.0	801.4	766.8	34.6	4.3	785.9	748.3	37.6	4.8
Beaumont-Port Arthur	181.5	161.0	20.5	11.3	180.3	167.3	13.0	7.2	179.4	165.2	14.2	7.9
Brownsville-Harlingen	145.5	136.5	9.0	6.2	144.4	134.8	9.6	6.7	142.4	130.9	11.5	8.1
College Station-Bryan	106.5	102.4	4.1	3.8	105.4	101.1	4.3	4.1	104.2	99.9	4.3	4.1
Corpus Christi	197.8	187.7	10.1	5.1	198.1	187.1	11.0	5.5	198.2	185.4	12.8	6.4
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,040.8	2,895.4	145.4	4.8	3,028.1	2,873.9	154.2	5.1	2,987.8	2,820.9	166.9	5.6
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,037.7	1,938.9	98.8	4.8	2,027.0	1,922.3	104.7	5.2	2,003.6	1,889.1	114.5	5.7
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,003.1	956.5	46.6	4.6	1,001.1	951.7	49.4	4.9	984.2	931.8	52.4	5.3
El Paso	301.9	283.2	18.7	6.2	301.3	281.8	19.5	6.5	292.2	270.5	21.7	7.4
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	2,648.9	2,502.3	146.6	5.5	2,647.2	2,492.2	155.0	5.9	2,583.7	2,429.1	154.6	6.0
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	151.8	144.2	7.6	5.0	150.7	142.7	8.0	5.3	148.0	140.0	8.0	5.4
Laredo	86.6	82.2	4.4	5.1	86.0	81.3	4.7	5.4	83.9	78.7	5.2	6.2
Longview	103.6	99.0	4.6	4.5	103.1	98.2	4.9	4.8	101.1	95.5	5.6	5.6
Lubbock	143.1	138.0	5.1	3.6	142.7	137.2	5.5	3.8	141.9	135.8	6.1	4.3
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	263.2	246.5	16.7	6.4	261.6	243.5	18.1	6.9	254.7	234.3	20.4	8.0
Midland	65.6	63.3	2.3	3.4	65.0	62.6	2.4	3.7	64.7	62.0	2.7	4.2
Odessa	62.2	59.6	2.6	4.2	61.9	59.2	2.7	4.4	62.2	58.7	3.5	5.6
San Angelo	55.2	53.1	2.1	3.9	55.1	52.9	2.2	4.1	53.1	50.6	2.5	4.7
San Antonio	905.0	864.7	40.3	4.5	905.5	862.5	43.0	4.7	887.6	840.0	47.6	5.4
Sherman-Denison	58.9	56.2	2.7	4.6	58.8	55.9	2.9	4.9	58.0	54.6	3.4	5.8
Texarkana	63.6	60.6	3.0	4.7	63.4	60.1	3.3	5.1	61.4	58.1	3.3	5.4
Tyler	97.3	92.9	4.4	4.5	97.0	92.4	4.6	4.8	95.4	90.7	4.7	5.0
Victoria	57.2	54.7	2.5	4.4	57.0	54.3	2.7	4.7	56.5	53.4	3.1	5.5
Waco	112.4	107.4	5.0	4.5	112.4	107.2	5.2	4.7	110.9	105.4	5.5	5.0
Wichita Falls	76.0	72.9	3.1	4.1	75.4	72.1	3.3	4.4	74.7	71.1	3.6	4.8

*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.

Employment and Unemployment Estimates for Texas Counties - October 2005

County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	20,929	19,757	1,172	5.6	Gillespie	12,517	12,171	346	2.8	Moore	10,291	9,922	369	3.6
Andrews	6,377	6,124	253	4.0	Glasscock	655	631	24	3.7	Morris	5,875	5,565	310	5.3
Angelina	40,989	38,968	2,021	4.9	Goliad	3,447	3,297	150	4.4	Motley	716	693	23	3.2
Aransas	10,679	10,170	509	4.8	Gonzales	9,774	9,414	360	3.7	Nacogdoches	32,600	31,111	1,489	4.6
Archer	5,352	5,190	162	3.0	Gray	10,263	9,845	418	4.1	Navarro	21,510	20,443	1,067	5.0
Armstrong	1,132	1,089	43	3.8	Grayson	58,907	56,212	2,695	4.6	Newton	5,908	5,185	723	12.2
Atascosa	19,254	18,432	822	4.3	Gregg	61,659	58,883	2,776	4.5	Nolan	7,395	7,064	331	4.5
Austin	12,940	12,416	524	4.0	Grimes	10,250	9,681	569	5.6	Nueces	157,643	149,759	7,884	5.0
Bailey	3,559	3,407	152	4.3	Guadalupe	51,100	49,100	2,000	3.9	Ochiltree	5,176	5,027	149	2.9
Bandera	9,792	9,437	355	3.6	Hale	17,170	16,375	795	4.6	Oldham	1,057	1,014	43	4.1
Bastrop	34,233	32,842	1,391	4.1	Hall	1,600	1,520	80	5.0	Orange	41,812	36,814	4,998	12.0
Baylor	2,072	1,988	84	4.1	Hamilton	4,411	4,259	152	3.4	Palo Pinto	13,602	13,039	563	4.1
Bee	11,039	10,342	697	6.3	Hansford	2,681	2,593	88	3.3	Panola	11,402	10,876	526	4.6
Bell	115,499	109,811	5,688	4.9	Hardeman	2,124	2,025	99	4.7	Parker	50,329	48,278	2,051	4.1
Bexar	727,167	693,868	33,299	4.6	Hardin	24,293	22,120	2,173	8.9	Parmer	5,010	4,836	174	3.5
Blanco	4,933	4,771	162	3.3	Harris	1,883,028	1,774,568	108,460	5.8	Pecos	7,172	6,856	316	4.4
Borden	549	535	14	2.6	Harrison	32,294	30,596	1,698	5.3	Polk	17,329	16,348	981	5.7
Bosque	8,609	8,239	370	4.3	Hartley	2,385	2,295	90	3.8	Potter	58,730	56,353	2,377	4.0
Bowie	43,820	41,645	2,175	5.0	Haskell	3,075	2,966	109	3.5	Presidio	3,256	3,013	243	7.5
Brazoria	132,833	126,020	6,813	5.1	Hays	65,362	62,942	2,420	3.7	Rains	5,107	4,890	217	4.2
Brazos	90,298	86,888	3,410	3.8	Hemphill	2,343	2,285	58	2.5	Randall	67,676	65,672	2,004	3.0
Brewster	5,876	5,701	175	3.0	Henderson	35,131	33,465	1,666	4.7	Reagan	1,582	1,527	55	3.5
Briscoe	745	710	35	4.7	Hidalgo	263,207	246,460	16,747	6.4	Real	1,449	1,394	55	3.8
Brooks	3,237	3,039	198	6.1	Hill	15,178	14,376	802	5.3	Red River	6,425	6,102	323	5.0
Brown	18,074	17,309	765	4.2	Hockley	12,181	11,736	445	3.7	Reeves	4,060	3,769	291	7.2
Burleson	8,621	8,303	318	3.7	Hood	24,006	23,042	964	4.0	Refugio	4,165	4,001	164	3.9
Burnet	20,787	20,076	711	3.4	Hopkins	17,651	16,921	730	4.1	Roberts	522	506	16	3.1
Caldwell	16,538	15,779	759	4.6	Houston	9,489	8,975	514	5.4	Robertson	7,543	7,185	358	4.7
Calhoun	9,390	8,893	497	5.3	Howard	13,482	12,824	658	4.9	Rockwall	29,610	28,498	1,112	3.8
Callahan	7,059	6,813	246	3.5	Hudspeth	1,353	1,230	123	9.1	Runnels	5,102	4,879	223	4.4
Cameron	145,459	136,463	8,996	6.2	Hunt	39,886	38,039	1,847	4.6	Rusk	23,069	22,019	1,050	4.6
Camp	6,084	5,811	273	4.5	Hutchinson	10,617	10,137	480	4.5	Sabine	3,990	3,638	352	8.8
Carson	3,653	3,533	120	3.3	Irion	989	963	26	2.6	San Augustine	3,802	3,571	231	6.1
Cass	13,733	12,988	745	5.4	Jack	3,865	3,703	162	4.2	San Jacinto	10,261	9,739	522	5.1
Castro	3,661	3,477	184	5.0	Jackson	6,768	6,458	310	4.6	San Patricio	29,499	27,764	1,735	5.9
Chambers	14,479	13,498	981	6.8	Jasper	16,401	14,635	1,766	10.8	San Saba	2,765	2,657	108	3.9
Cherokee	21,246	20,045	1,201	5.7	Jeff Davis	1,431	1,393	38	2.7	Scheicher	1,471	1,420	51	3.5
Childress	3,255	3,103	152	4.7	Jefferson	115,343	102,057	13,286	11.5	Scurry	7,342	7,017	325	4.4
Clay	6,442	6,225	217	3.4	Jim Hogg	2,848	2,738	110	3.9	Shackelford	2,149	2,095	54	2.5
Cochran	1,581	1,502	79	5.0	Jim Wells	20,407	19,431	976	4.8	Shelby	12,069	11,459	610	5.1
Coke	1,438	1,377	61	4.2	Johnson	71,669	68,727	2,942	4.1	Sherman	1,559	1,500	59	3.8
Coleman	4,179	3,996	183	4.4	Jones	8,305	7,917	388	4.7	Smith	97,276	92,893	4,383	4.5
Collin	351,740	337,616	14,124	4.0	Karnes	5,852	5,539	313	5.3	Somervell	4,028	3,874	154	3.8
Collingsworth	1,715	1,651	64	3.7	Kaufman	41,807	39,775	2,032	4.9	Starr	21,681	19,638	2,043	9.4
Colorado	10,284	9,849	435	4.2	Kendall	13,738	13,247	491	3.6	Stephens	4,005	3,824	181	4.5
Comal	46,834	45,036	1,798	3.8	Kenedy	242	235	7	2.9	Sterling	827	803	24	2.9
Comanche	6,835	6,562	273	4.0	Kent	455	436	19	4.2	Stonewall	860	832	28	3.3
Concho	1,367	1,281	86	6.3	Kerr	21,211	20,445	766	3.6	Sutton	2,727	2,658	69	2.5
Cooke	19,485	18,727	758	3.9	Kimble	2,132	2,054	78	3.7	Swisher	3,783	3,624	159	4.2
Coryell	26,136	24,614	1,522	5.8	King	281	275	6	2.1	Tarrant	853,396	812,813	40,583	4.8
Cottle	867	831	36	4.2	Kinney	1,582	1,517	65	4.1	Taylor	68,148	65,655	2,493	3.7
Crane	1,488	1,412	76	5.1	Kleberg	16,425	15,671	754	4.6	Terrell	468	444	24	5.1
Crockett	2,059	1,984	75	3.6	Knox	1,917	1,844	73	3.8	Terry	5,713	5,417	296	5.2
Crosby	3,019	2,881	138	4.6	Lamar	23,555	22,328	1,227	5.2	Throckmorton	959	930	29	3.0
Culberson	1,513	1,449	64	4.2	Lamb	7,494	7,188	306	4.1	Titus	15,319	14,705	614	4.0
Dallam	3,322	3,220	102	3.1	Lampasas	10,125	9,769	356	3.5	Tom Green	54,267	52,165	2,102	3.9
Dallas	1,200,970	1,136,529	64,441	5.4	La Salle	2,408	2,273	135	5.6	Travis	517,487	496,049	21,438	4.1
Dawson	5,630	5,307	323	5.7	Lavaca	10,431	10,099	332	3.2	Trinity	6,047	5,720	327	5.4
Deaf Smith	7,864	7,492	372	4.7	Lee	8,914	8,571	343	3.8	Tyler	8,491	7,746	745	8.8
Delta	2,529	2,413	116	4.6	Leon	8,035	7,671	364	4.5	Upshur	18,856	18,063	793	4.2
Denton	305,826	293,745	12,081	4.0	Liberty	32,483	30,475	2,008	6.2	Upton	1,588	1,528	60	3.8
DeWitt	9,384	9,005	379	4.0	Limestone	10,797	10,327	470	4.4	Uvalde	12,160	11,537	623	5.1
Dickens	1,095	1,047	48	4.4	Lipscomb	1,910	1,861	49	2.6	Val Verde	19,620	18,503	1,117	5.7
Dimmit	4,049	3,759	290	7.2	Live Oak	5,114	4,875	239	4.7	Van Zandt	25,651	24,562	1,089	4.2
Donley	1,917	1,849	68	3.5	Llano	7,615	7,292	323	4.2	Victoria	44,401	42,522	1,879	4.2
Duval	5,229	4,936	293	5.6	Loving	46	43	3	6.5	Walker	26,343	25,064	1,279	4.9
Eastland	8,970	8,599	371	4.1	Lubbock	140,062	135,116	4,946	3.5	Waller	16,571	15,743	828	5.0
Ector	62,210	59,614	2,596	4.2	Lynn	2,995	2,847	148	4.9	Ward	4,312	4,085	227	5.3
Edwards	1,089	1,050	39	3.6	McCulloch	3,940	3,772	168	4.3	Washington	16,018	15,331	687	4.3
Ellis	65,270	62,261	3,009	4.6	McLennan	112,489	107,449	5,040	4.5	Webb	86,610	82,216	4,394	5.1
El Paso	301,899	283,208	18,691	6.2	McMullen	427	409	18	4.2	Wharton	21,601	20,623	978	4.5
Erath	18,859	18,241	618	3.3	Madison	5,067	4,815	252	5.0	Wheeler	2,756	2,656	100	3.6
Falls	7,712	7,239	473	6.1	Marion	4,904	4,624	280	5.7	Wichita	64,286	61,516	2,770	4.3
Fannin	14,130	13,301	829	5.9	Martin	2,148	2,056	92	4.3	Wilbarger	5,941	5,669	272	4.6
Fayette	12,069	11,667	402	3.3	Mason	2,012	1,954	58	2.9	Willacy	7,135	6,526	609	8.5
Fisher	2,049	1,973	76	3.7	Matagorda	17,037	15,840	1,197	7.0	Williamson	173,680	167,181	6,499	3.7
Floyd	3,441	3,277	164	4.8	Maverick	18,827	16,883	1,944	10.3	Wilson	17,407	16,707	700	4.0
Foard	617	592	25	4.1	Medina	19,673	18,838	835	4.2	Winkler	3,016	2,871	145	4.8
Fort Bend	224,782	213,618	11,164	5.0	Menard	1,095	1,050	45	4.1	Wise	27,723	26,664	1,059	3.8
Franklin	5,313	5,092	221	4.2	Midland	65,579	63,323	2,256	3.4	Wood	17,344	16,558	786	4.5
Freestone	10,070	9,695	375	3.7	Milam	11,791	11,239	552	4.7	Yoakum	3,385	3,247	138	4.1
Frio	6,354	6,007	347	5.5	Mills	2,852	2,771	81	2.8	Young	9,296	8,959	337	3.6
Gaines	6,656	6,380	276	4.1	Mitchell	3,274	3,091	183	5.6	Zapata	5,421	5,133	288	5.3
Galveston	139,791	132,221	7,570	5.4	Montague	9,749	9,374	375	3.8	Zavala	3,942	3,516	426	10.8
Garza	2,382	2,288	94	3.9	Montgomery	181,697	174,008	7,689	4.2	Texas	11,310,719	10,742,646	568,073	5.0

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City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate
Abilene	59,041	56,778	2,263	3.8	Fort Worth	291,685	277,046	14,639	5.0	Missouri City	36,353	34,490	1,863	5.1
Allen	35,425	34,143	1,282	3.6	Friendswood	18,026	17,301	725	4.0	Nacogdoches	16,881	16,155	726	4.3
Amarillo	100,828	97,392	3,436	3.4	Frisco	32,304	31,114	1,190	3.7	New Braunfels	22,644	21,858	786	3.5
Arlington	206,919	197,237	9,682	4.7	Galveston	27,647	25,924	1,723	6.2	North Richland Hills	35,803	34,363	1,440	4.0
Austin	409,508	392,775	16,733	4.1	Garland	117,885	111,883	6,002	5.1	Odessa	46,452	44,469	1,983	4.3
Baytown	32,454	30,158	2,296	7.1	Georgetown	17,413	16,760	653	3.8	Paris	11,980	11,276	704	5.9
Beaumont	54,773	48,927	5,846	10.7	Grand Prairie	72,292	68,547	3,745	5.2	Pasadena	68,534	64,727	3,807	5.6
Bedford	31,999	30,712	1,287	4.0	Grapevine	28,895	27,829	1,066	3.7	Pearland	27,947	26,699	1,248	4.5
Big Spring	9,298	8,802	496	5.3	Greenville	11,849	11,331	518	4.4	Pharr	21,878	20,746	1,132	5.2
Brownsville	60,677	56,926	3,751	6.2	Haltom City	22,232	21,235	997	4.5	Plano	143,071	137,278	5,793	4.0
Bryan	37,810	36,329	1,481	3.9	Harlingen	25,578	24,178	1,400	5.5	Port Arthur	23,641	20,284	3,357	14.2
Burleson	14,167	13,672	495	3.5	Houston	1,020,080	958,591	61,489	6.0	Richardson	58,469	56,045	2,424	4.1
Carrollton	71,272	68,358	2,914	4.1	Huntsville	14,756	14,042	714	4.8	Rosenberg	13,794	13,189	605	4.4
Cedar Hill	22,680	21,464	1,216	5.4	Hurst	21,269	20,337	932	4.4	Round Rock	45,114	43,536	1,578	3.5
Cedar Park	24,007	23,349	658	2.7	Irving	116,015	110,433	5,582	4.8	Rowlett	28,746	27,542	1,204	4.2
Cleburne	13,485	12,943	542	4.0	Keller	18,737	18,130	607	3.2	San Angelo	45,685	43,865	1,820	4.0
College Station	41,076	39,623	1,453	3.5	Killeen	40,653	38,460	2,193	5.4	San Antonio	598,071	571,650	26,421	4.4
Conroe	20,391	19,582	809	4.0	Kingsville	13,161	12,584	577	4.4	San Juan	11,540	10,845	695	6.0
Coppell	22,061	21,242	819	3.7	Lake Jackson	14,160	13,515	645	4.6	San Marcos	25,086	24,305	781	3.1
Copperas Cove	13,419	12,780	639	4.8	Lancaster	14,358	13,310	1,048	7.3	Sherman	17,925	17,055	870	4.9
Corpus Christi	141,521	134,652	6,869	4.9	La Porte	18,758	17,800	958	5.1	Socorro	10,703	9,978	725	6.8
Corsicana	10,984	10,398	586	5.3	Laredo	81,563	77,647	3,916	4.8	Sugar Land	39,029	37,406	1,623	4.2
Dallas	615,114	581,595	33,519	5.4	League City	31,811	30,484	1,327	4.2	Temple	29,314	28,062	1,252	4.3
Deer Park	16,545	15,705	840	5.1	Lewisville	55,404	53,397	2,007	3.6	Texarkana	16,683	15,807	876	5.3
Del Rio	15,361	14,527	834	5.4	Longview	39,729	37,896	1,833	4.6	Texas City	20,671	19,368	1,303	6.3
Denton	53,975	52,193	1,782	3.3	Lubbock	116,212	112,195	4,017	3.5	The Colony	20,716	19,961	755	3.6
DeSoto	24,051	22,682	1,369	5.7	Lufkin	16,750	15,897	853	5.1	Tyler	46,961	44,791	2,170	4.6
Duncanville	19,629	18,546	1,083	5.5	McAllen	57,049	54,485	2,564	4.5	Victoria	31,987	30,619	1,368	4.3
Edinburg	25,710	24,605	1,105	4.3	McKinney	42,263	40,761	1,502	3.6	Waco	54,799	52,071	2,728	5.0
El Paso	258,558	243,697	14,861	5.7	Mansfield	18,906	18,115	791	4.2	Weslaco	12,783	11,979	804	6.3
Eules	31,819	30,462	1,357	4.3	Mesquite	73,441	69,710	3,731	5.1	Wichita Falls	48,645	46,479	2,166	4.5
Farmers Branch	15,383	14,705	678	4.4	Midland	53,712	51,850	1,862	3.5					
Flower Mound	34,325	33,135	1,190	3.5	Mission	22,983	21,885	1,098	4.8					

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	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Alamo	950,899	908,827	42,072	4.4
Brazos Valley	145,832	139,874	5,958	4.1
Cameron County	145,459	136,463	8,996	6.2
Capital Area	517,487	496,049	21,438	4.1
Central Texas	173,579	165,120	8,459	4.9
Coastal Bend	264,106	250,632	13,474	5.1
Concho Valley	75,906	73,008	2,898	3.8
Dallas	1,200,970	1,136,529	64,441	5.4
Deep East Texas	167,376	157,095	10,281	6.1
East Texas	380,952	363,042	17,910	4.7
Golden Crescent	93,595	89,688	3,907	4.2
Gulf Coast	2,713,869	2,563,943	149,926	5.5
Heart Of Texas	164,855	157,325	7,530	4.6
Lower Rio Grande Valley	292,023	272,624	19,399	6.6
Middle Rio Grande	65,126	60,432	4,694	7.2
North Central Texas	1,065,865	1,022,242	43,623	4.1
North East Texas	134,220	127,759	6,461	4.8
North Texas	110,611	106,072	4,539	4.1
Panhandle	215,623	207,770	7,853	3.6
Permian Basin	185,436	177,802	7,634	4.1
Rural Capital	344,131	331,121	13,010	3.8
South East Texas	181,448	160,991	20,457	11.3
South Plains	205,074	197,296	7,778	3.8
South Texas	94,879	90,087	4,792	5.1
Tarrant County	853,396	812,813	40,583	4.8
Texoma	92,522	88,240	4,282	4.6
Upper Rio Grande	315,328	295,994	19,334	6.1
West Central Texas	160,152	153,802	6,350	4.0

Hours and Earnings for Texas and Selected Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas & Metro Divisions									
Area	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. '05	Sept. '05	Oct. '04	Oct. '05	Sept. '05	Oct. '04	Oct. '05	Sept. '05	Oct. '04
Texas									
Manufacturing	\$578.28	\$565.60	\$552.61	41.1	40.4	39.5	\$14.07	\$14.00	\$13.99
Durable Goods	\$568.16	\$566.39	\$549.58	41.9	41.8	40.8	\$13.56	\$13.55	\$13.47
Nondurable Goods	\$593.42	\$565.31	\$556.13	39.8	38.3	37.5	\$14.91	\$14.76	\$14.83
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington MSA									
Manufacturing	\$608.30	\$613.26	\$582.51	39.5	39.9	39.2	\$15.40	\$15.37	\$14.86
Durable Goods	\$679.32	\$694.28	\$643.59	40.8	41.9	40.3	\$16.65	\$16.57	\$15.97
Nondurable Goods	\$477.48	\$462.64	\$477.81	37.1	36.2	37.3	\$12.87	\$12.78	\$12.81
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA									
Manufacturing	\$739.88	\$730.08	\$719.55	42.4	41.6	41.0	\$17.45	\$17.55	\$17.55
Durable Goods	\$635.54	\$616.97	\$597.18	43.0	41.8	41.1	\$14.78	\$14.76	\$14.53
Nondurable Goods	\$896.31	\$901.28	\$887.94	41.4	41.4	40.9	\$21.65	\$21.77	\$21.71
San Antonio MSA									
Manufacturing	\$417.02	\$404.58	\$428.67	38.4	37.6	39.4	\$10.86	\$10.76	\$10.88
Durable Goods	\$449.36	\$435.09	\$448.62	41.0	40.1	41.5	\$10.96	\$10.85	\$10.81
Nondurable Goods	\$377.34	\$369.21	\$405.89	35.2	34.7	37.0	\$10.72	\$10.64	\$10.97
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD*									
Manufacturing	\$520.98	\$519.30	\$515.44	38.0	38.1	37.9	\$13.71	\$13.63	\$13.60
Durable Goods	\$541.95	\$553.18	\$542.57	38.3	39.4	38.7	\$14.15	\$14.04	\$14.02
Nondurable Goods	\$487.50	\$465.12	\$475.82	37.5	36.0	36.8	\$13.00	\$12.92	\$12.93
Ft. Worth-Arlington MD*									
Manufacturing	\$775.07	\$796.49	\$726.60	42.4	43.5	42.0	\$18.28	\$18.31	\$17.30
Durable Goods	\$902.49	\$921.21	\$832.85	44.9	45.9	43.4	\$20.10	\$20.07	\$19.19
Nondurable Goods	\$451.61	\$458.30	\$485.39	36.1	36.9	38.8	\$12.51	\$12.42	\$12.51

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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”

Jet Factory to Create Jobs

GRAND PRAIRIE, Tex (Dallas Business Journal—Margaret Allen)—Hampson Aerospace Inc., whose parent company is United Kingdom-based Hampson Industries P.L.C., expects to hire up to 135 machinists, engineers and assemblers over the next two years. The manufacturing group is investing up to \$7 million for the startup plant in Grand Prairie to make the tail section for the Eclipse 500 Very Light Jet. The Eclipse is a six-seat, twin-engine jet priced far below the cost of traditional business jets.

The workforce at the plant could grow even larger, according to Scott Wargo, general manager of Hampson. “But there’s going to be a lot of other work. This will be a big hub in the Hampson aerospace industry,” Wargo said. Hampson estimates the average pay at the new factory will be \$45,000, according to Tony Jones, business manager for the economic development department at the city of Grand Prairie.

Toyota Site to Add More Jobs

SAN ANTONIO, Tex (The Wright Review: Texas Business Report)—On-site suppliers at Toyota Manufacturing in San Antonio expects to employ 4,100 when the production of the Tundra pickup trucks begins in late 2006. The suppliers anticipate employing about 600 more than previously estimated. Three new suppliers have announced they will build facilities at the site.

The most recent list of new suppliers include Kautex, Inc., a division of Textron Inc. that makes fuel tanks; MetoKote Corporation, a producer of coatings for automobiles and other products; and Tokai Rika Co. Ltd., a manufacturer of seat belts and other automotive components.

Gas Prices Drop Again

HOUSTON, Tex (AAA Texas)—Texas motorists saw gasoline prices drop for the fifth consecutive week. The statewide average price for a gallon of regular self-serve was \$2.273, down 11 cents from the previous week. The AAA Texas price survey was conducted for the week including November 11. Beaumont had the highest average price at \$2.395, while Corpus Christi had the lowest average price in Texas at \$2.109 a gallon. “Gasoline prices are falling steadily throughout the nation due to reduced demand and rising inventories,” said Rose Rougeau, spokesperson for AAA. Prices are expected to decline through the Thanksgiving holiday.

Company Reopens Former Plant

LONGVIEW, Tex (Wright Review: Texas Business Report)—MicroMetl has started production in the former Zimmerman Sign Co. building in Longview. The Indianapolis-based manufacturer of sheet metal components for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems already has 45 employees and anticipates hiring more than the 100 employees originally planned. The Longview facility will mainly serve Carrier plants in Tyler and Mexico.

INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
OCT	2005	5.0%	OCT	2005	5.2%
SEPT	2005	5.3%	SEPT	2005	5.3%
OCT	2004	5.7%	OCT	2004	6.0%

U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
OCT	2005	4.6%	OCT	2005	5.0%
SEPT	2005	4.8%	SEPT	2005	5.1%
OCT	2004	5.1%	OCT	2004	5.5%

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
OCT	2005	9,678,700	OCT	2005	9,644,900
SEPT	2005	9,650,400	SEPT	2005	9,630,200
OCT	2004	9,546,700	OCT	2004	9,513,600
OTM Change		28,300	OTM Change		14,700
OTY Change		132,000	OTY Change		131,300

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
OCT	2005	95,197	OCT	2005	656,550
SEPT	2005	85,182	SEPT	2005	516,387
OCT	2004	75,845	OCT	2004	582,733

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change

U.S.			Help Wanted Index - Texas			
	OCT	2005	4.3%	OCT	2005	61.5
Dallas-Fort Worth	SEPT	2005	5.1%	SEPT	2005	58.1
Houston-Galveston	OCT	2005	4.3%	OCT	2004	58.4

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

OCT	2005	\$ 62.37	OTM Change	-\$ 3.20
SEPT	2005	\$ 65.57	OTY Change	\$ 9.24
OCT	2004	\$ 53.13		

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