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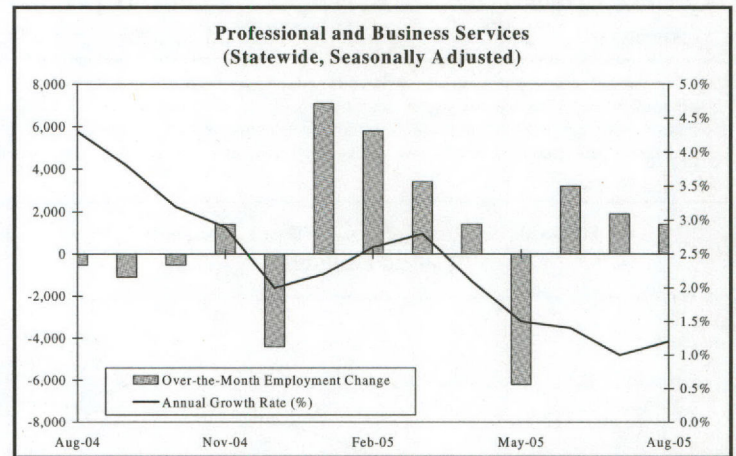
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

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Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas expanded for the twelfth consecutive month with a gain of 6,900 jobs in August. This easily exceeded the five-year average employment gain for August of 3,800 positions. A moderate decline in employment in the Manufacturing sector was more than offset by job growth in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities and Construction sectors, among others. Total Nonagricultural Employment increased by 127,800 over the year, for an annual growth rate of 1.3 percent.

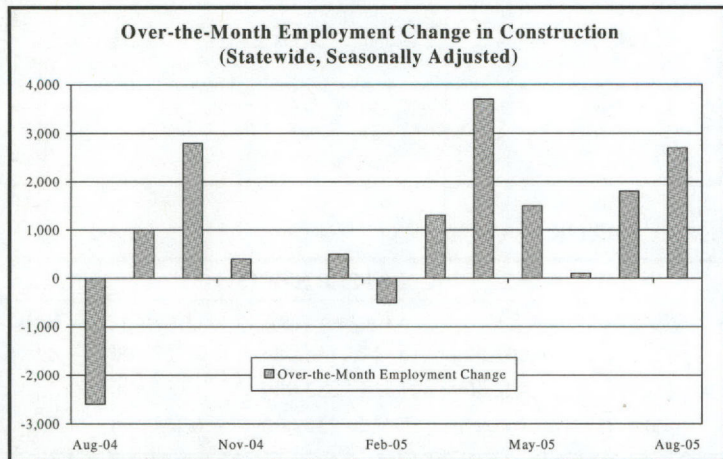
a three-month streak of positive change. Over the year, 13,400 jobs have been added in this industry.

Employment in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (TTU) sector expanded by 4,500 positions in August, nearly matching a gain of 5,200 jobs in July. Employment in TTU has expanded for six straight months. Over the year, 24,400 jobs have been added in the sector.



Construction posted gains for the sixth straight month with the addition of 2,700 jobs in August. As a result, the annual growth rate climbed from 1.8 percent in July to 2.8 percent in August. This was the highest annual growth rate recorded in Construction since May 2001. A total of 15,300 jobs have been added in Construction since August 2004.

Financial Activities employment increased by 800 jobs in August, the largest over-the-month gain in the industry since May 2005. A total of 7,000 jobs were added over the year as the annual growth rate remained at 1.2 percent for a second consecutive month.



Employment within Natural Resources and Mining increased for a second consecutive month with the addition of 800 jobs in August. The annual growth rate improved from 2.1 percent in July to 2.4 percent in August, a gain of 3,700 jobs over the year. Since January, 2,900 jobs have been added in Natural Resources and Mining.

Employment in Education and Health Services gained 1,700 jobs in August, following an increase of 2,000 positions in July. The annual growth rate for the sector remained constant at 2.4 percent, an increase of 28,000 jobs over the year.

Following an increase of 2,800 positions in July, employment in Leisure and Hospitality added 700 jobs in August. This was the third consecutive month of job growth. Consequently, the annual growth rate rose to 1.4 percent, a gain of 12,400 jobs over the year.

Following an increase of 1,900 jobs in July, employment in Professional and Business Services gained 1,400 positions in August, continuing

Manufacturing shed 1,000 jobs in August, the third employment drop in this sector in the past four months. However, Manufacturing has recorded a net gain of 5,100 jobs year to date.

Following a drop of 2,600 jobs in July, Government employment grew by 1,600 jobs in August. The annual growth rate remained at 0.9 percent, a gain of 15,100 positions over the year.

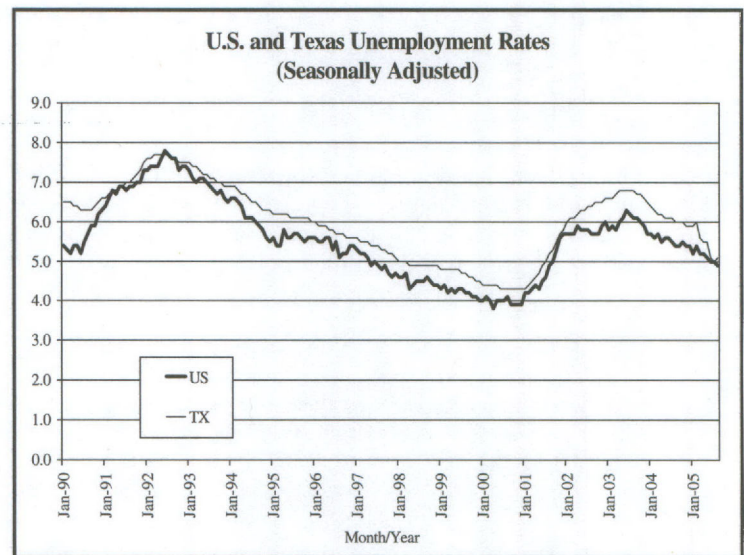
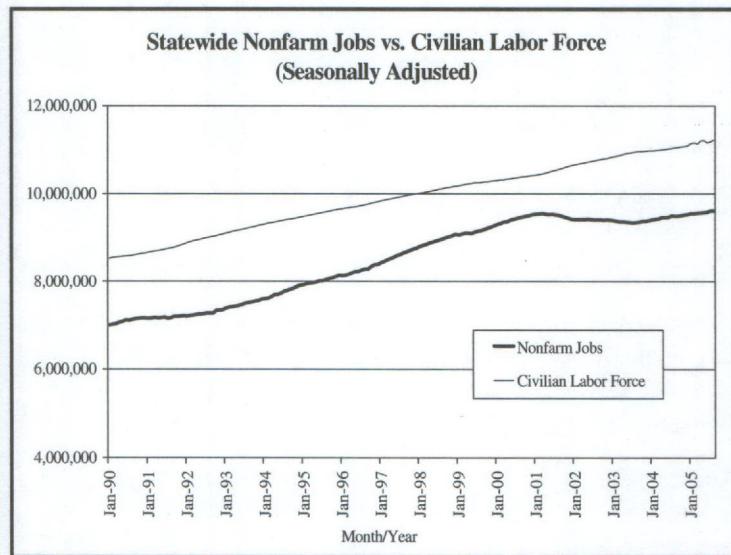
TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

INDUSTRY TITLE	Aug. 2005*	Jul. 2005	Aug. 2004	Jul. '05 to Aug. '05		Aug. '04 to Aug. '05	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	9,620,100	9,613,200	9,492,300	6,900	0.1	127,800	1.3
GOODS PRODUCING							
Natural Resources & Mining	157,500	156,700	153,800	800	0.5	3,700	2.4
Construction	554,000	551,300	538,700	2,700	0.5	15,300	2.8
Manufacturing	890,700	891,700	890,500	-1,000	-0.1	200	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,972,700	1,968,200	1,948,300	4,500	0.2	24,400	1.3
Financial Activities	602,300	601,500	595,300	800	0.1	7,000	1.2
Professional & Business Services	1,108,200	1,106,800	1,094,800	1,400	0.1	13,400	1.2
Education & Health Services	1,173,000	1,171,300	1,145,000	1,700	0.1	28,000	2.4
Leisure & Hospitality	898,100	897,400	885,700	700	0.1	12,400	1.4
Government	1,672,400	1,670,800	1,657,300	1,600	0.1	15,100	0.9

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

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

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



TEXAS AND U.S. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

TEXAS*					UNITED STATES**			
Not Seasonally Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
August 2005	11,260,100	10,680,100	580,000	5.2	150,469,000	143,142,000	7,327,000	4.9
July 2005	11,290,800	10,700,500	590,300	5.2	151,122,000	143,283,000	7,839,000	5.2
August 2004	11,044,900	10,380,700	664,200	6.0	148,166,000	140,226,000	7,940,000	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
August 2005	11,222,600	10,653,500	569,100	5.1	149,841,000	142,449,000	7,391,000	4.9
July 2005	11,187,900	10,624,300	563,600	5.0	149,573,000	142,076,000	7,497,000	5.0
August 2004	11,052,400	10,385,600	666,800	6.0	147,676,000	139,658,000	8,018,000	5.4

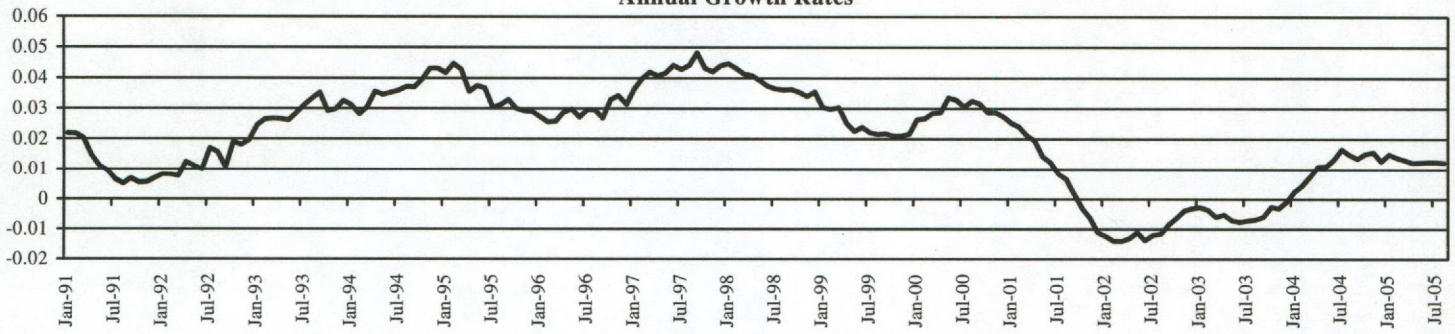
Note: Only the actual series estimates for Texas and the U.S. are comparable to sub-state estimates. Current month estimates for Texas are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. In seasonally adjusted estimates, all elements of seasonality are factored out to achieve an estimate which reflects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

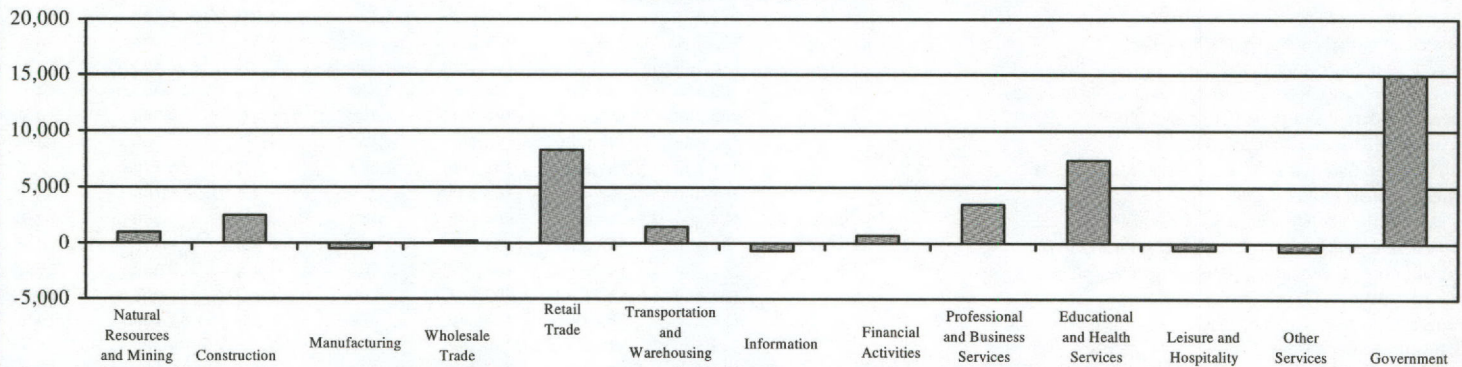
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Annual Growth Rates



				July '05 to Aug '05		Aug '04 to Aug '05	
	Aug '05*	July '05	Aug '04	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	9,592,200	9,554,600	9,476,200	37,600	0.4%	116,000	1.2%
TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)	7,995,600	7,973,000	7,892,300	22,600	0.3%	103,300	1.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	1,611,800	1,608,800	1,596,400	3,000	0.2%	15,400	1.0%
Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)	158,500	157,500	155,000	1,000	0.6%	3,500	2.3%
Mining (NAICS 21)	156,500	155,600	153,000	900	0.6%	3,500	2.3%
Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)	64,300	64,200	64,300	100	0.2%	0	0.0%
Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)	82,600	81,700	78,500	900	1.1%	4,100	5.2%
Construction (NAICS 23)	560,800	558,300	547,400	2,500	0.4%	13,400	2.4%
Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)	131,800	131,300	130,300	500	0.4%	1,500	1.2%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)	104,900	104,400	98,700	500	0.5%	6,200	6.3%
Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)	324,100	322,600	318,400	1,500	0.5%	5,700	1.8%
Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)	892,500	893,000	894,000	-500	-0.1%	-1,500	-0.2%
Durable Goods	568,000	567,300	563,700	700	0.1%	4,300	0.8%
Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)	27,400	27,200	27,700	200	0.7%	-300	-1.1%
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)	43,700	43,800	43,300	-100	-0.2%	400	0.9%
Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)	26,100	26,100	25,000	0	0.0%	1,100	4.4%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)	111,600	111,200	107,700	400	0.4%	3,900	3.6%
Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)	78,000	77,900	77,400	100	0.1%	600	0.8%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)	112,100	112,000	113,500	100	0.1%	-1,400	-1.2%
Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)	18,300	18,300	17,700	0	0.0%	600	3.4%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)	86,400	86,400	85,600	0	0.0%	800	0.9%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)	30,800	30,600	31,300	200	0.7%	-500	-1.6%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)	33,600	33,800	34,500	-200	-0.6%	-900	-2.6%
Nondurable Goods	324,500	325,700	330,300	-1,200	-0.4%	-5,800	-1.8%
Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)	89,400	88,300	91,200	1,100	1.2%	-1,800	-2.0%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)	10,400	10,300	10,400	100	1.0%	0	0.0%
Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)	21,300	21,300	22,000	0	0.0%	-700	-3.2%
Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)	36,400	36,600	37,000	-200	-0.5%	-600	-1.6%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324)	23,600	23,800	24,400	-200	-0.8%	-800	-3.3%
Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325)	72,100	72,400	74,200	-300	-0.4%	-2,100	-2.8%
Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)	45,800	46,100	44,900	-300	-0.7%	900	2.0%

Statewide Over-the-Month Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
July 2005 to August 2005



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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

			July '05 to Aug '05		Aug '04 to Aug '05		
	Aug '05*	July '05	Aug '04	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
SERVICE PROVIDING	7,980,400	7,945,800	7,879,800	34,600	0.4%	100,600	1.3%
Private Service Providing	6,383,800	6,364,200	6,295,900	19,600	0.3%	87,900	1.4%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)	1,974,100	1,964,100	1,953,000	10,000	0.5%	21,100	1.1%
Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)	473,900	473,700	466,600	200	0.0%	7,300	1.6%
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)	271,700	272,000	266,300	-300	-0.1%	5,400	2.0%
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)	156,900	156,400	154,500	500	0.3%	2,400	1.6%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	1,099,700	1,091,400	1,087,500	8,300	0.8%	12,200	1.1%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)	152,900	152,300	151,400	600	0.4%	1,500	1.0%
Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)	42,000	41,700	40,200	300	0.7%	1,800	4.5%
Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)	41,200	40,900	41,000	300	0.7%	200	0.5%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)	87,400	87,800	84,600	-400	-0.5%	2,800	3.3%
Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)	192,300	191,700	190,600	600	0.3%	1,700	0.9%
Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)	56,500	56,200	55,800	300	0.5%	700	1.3%
Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)	69,100	68,600	69,000	500	0.7%	100	0.1%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)	103,000	98,900	102,500	4,100	4.1%	500	0.5%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)	33,800	33,300	35,000	500	1.5%	-1,200	-3.4%
General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)	239,200	238,300	237,100	900	0.4%	2,100	0.9%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)	62,000	61,400	60,400	600	1.0%	1,600	2.6%
Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)	20,300	20,300	19,900	0	0.0%	400	2.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)	400,500	399,000	398,900	1,500	0.4%	1,600	0.4%
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	353,700	351,900	351,800	1,800	0.5%	1,900	0.5%
Air Transportation (NAICS 481)	62,200	62,200	66,300	0	0.0%	-4,100	-6.2%
Rail Transportation (NAICS 482)	17,600	17,600	16,700	0	0.0%	900	5.4%
Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)	104,500	104,000	103,800	500	0.5%	700	0.7%
Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)	11,200	11,300	11,900	-100	-0.9%	-700	-5.9%
Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)	63,300	62,800	61,600	500	0.8%	1,700	2.8%
Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)	36,200	36,200	35,000	0	0.0%	1,200	3.4%
Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)	37,400	37,300	36,000	100	0.3%	1,400	3.9%
Utilities (NAICS 22)	46,800	47,100	47,100	-300	-0.6%	-300	-0.6%
Information (NAICS 51)	229,200	229,900	225,000	-700	-0.3%	4,200	1.9%
Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)	49,800	50,400	49,300	-600	-1.2%	500	1.0%
Telecommunications (NAICS 517)	93,100	93,400	93,500	-300	-0.3%	-400	-0.4%
Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518)	36,300	36,600	35,600	-300	-0.8%	700	2.0%
Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)	605,900	605,200	599,200	700	0.1%	6,700	1.1%
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	432,600	432,100	426,900	500	0.1%	5,700	1.3%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)	223,400	222,600	219,000	800	0.4%	4,400	2.0%
Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)	39,800	39,700	38,700	100	0.3%	1,100	2.8%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)	157,700	157,900	159,400	-200	-0.1%	-1,700	-1.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	173,300	173,100	172,300	200	0.1%	1,000	0.6%
Real Estate (NAICS 531)	113,300	113,200	111,800	100	0.1%	1,500	1.3%
Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)	59,200	58,700	58,500	500	0.9%	700	1.2%
Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)	1,117,700	1,114,200	1,105,400	3,500	0.3%	12,300	1.1%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	461,600	461,300	466,300	300	0.1%	-4,700	-1.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	49,000	49,100	48,700	-100	-0.2%	300	0.6%
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	607,100	603,800	590,400	3,300	0.5%	16,700	2.8%
Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)	584,100	580,600	568,300	3,500	0.6%	15,800	2.8%
Educational and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)	1,170,500	1,163,100	1,144,200	7,400	0.6%	26,300	2.3%
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	130,100	128,600	126,300	1,500	1.2%	3,800	3.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,040,400	1,034,500	1,017,900	5,900	0.6%	22,500	2.2%
Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)	459,700	456,700	443,300	3,000	0.7%	16,400	3.7%
Hospitals (NAICS 622)	259,900	260,200	258,100	-300	-0.1%	1,800	0.7%
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)	147,300	147,400	148,600	-100	-0.1%	-1,300	-0.9%
Social Assistance (NAICS 624)	173,500	170,200	167,900	3,300	1.9%	5,600	3.3%
Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)	919,000	919,600	906,800	-600	-0.1%	12,200	1.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	110,700	114,000	109,400	-3,300	-2.9%	1,300	1.2%
Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)	80,500	83,300	80,800	-2,800	-3.4%	-300	-0.4%
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	808,300	805,600	797,400	2,700	0.3%	10,900	1.4%
Accommodation (NAICS 721)	96,500	97,800	96,300	-1,300	-1.3%	200	0.2%
Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)	711,800	707,800	701,100	4,000	0.6%	10,700	1.5%
Other Services (NAICS 81)	367,400	368,100	362,300	-700	-0.2%	5,100	1.4%
Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)	104,300	104,400	104,100	-100	-0.1%	200	0.2%
Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)	99,100	98,200	94,500	900	0.9%	4,600	4.9%
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)	164,000	165,500	163,700	-1,500	-0.9%	300	0.2%
Government	1,596,600	1,581,600	1,583,900	15,000	0.9%	12,700	0.8%
Federal Government	179,600	180,200	180,700	-600	-0.3%	-1,100	-0.6%
State Government	322,500	323,900	328,800	-1,400	-0.4%	-6,300	-1.9%
Local Government	1,094,500	1,077,500	1,074,400	17,000	1.6%	20,100	1.9%

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

Total Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment within the MSAs increased by 40,100 jobs in August. The bulk of the growth occurred as a result of seasonal increases in Government and Retail Trade, with the addition of 17,800 and 8,400 jobs, respectively. Over the year, the MSAs gained 120,400 jobs, maintaining an annual growth rate of 1.4 percent.

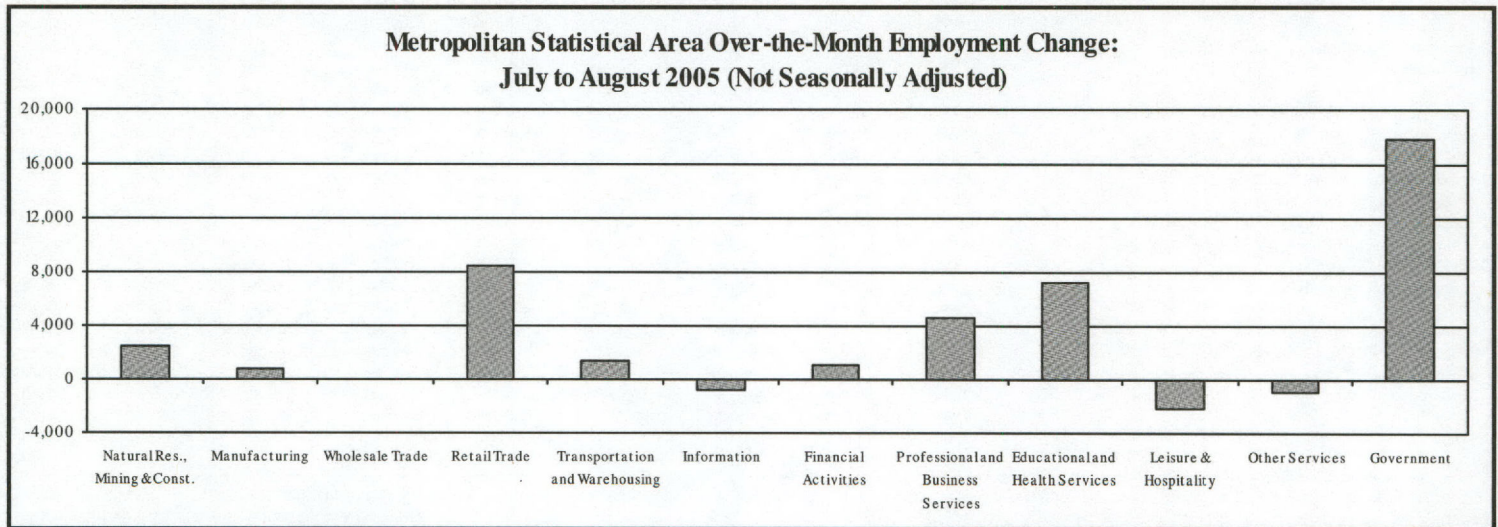
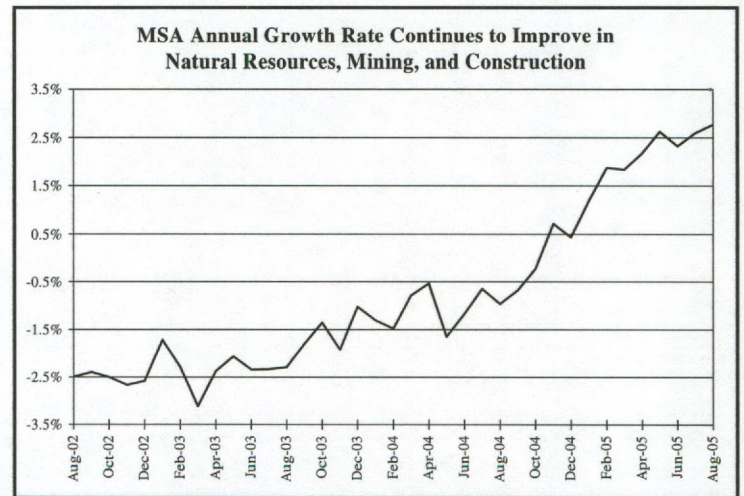
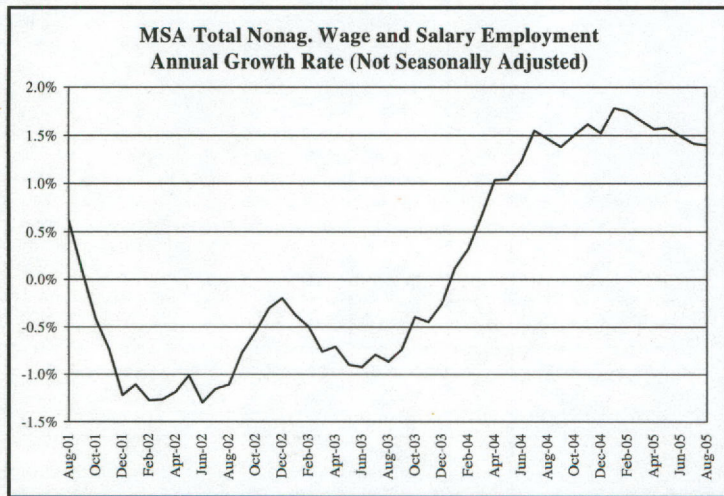
Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction employment increased by 2,400 positions in August, surpassing last year's gain of 1,300 jobs for the month. The majority of the MSAs experienced over-the-month employment gains. However, the Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land and Beaumont-Port Arthur MSAs showed the largest gains, adding 400 and 300 positions, respectively. Over the year, Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction registered a gain of 17,200 jobs, the largest over-the-year growth since May 2001.

Employment in Retail Trade rose by 8,400 jobs in August as stores prepared for back-to-school and tax-free shopping. The employment growth was consistent with August gains posted in previous years. Almost half of the employment increase occurred in the Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land and Dallas-Plano-Irving areas, which recorded gains of 2,600 and 1,500 jobs, respectively.

Following two consecutive months of job losses, Education and Health Services added 7,300 jobs in August. The increase was mainly due to private schools and colleges increasing staff for the new school year. The Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA alone gained 2,700 jobs over the month. The San Antonio and Dallas-Plano-Irving areas followed, posting gains of 1,600 and 1,500 jobs, respectively.

Employment in Leisure and Hospitality fell by 2,100 jobs as the summer vacation season came to a close. The San Antonio MSA experienced the largest employment decrease with a loss of 1,000 jobs, followed by a 400-job loss in the Fort Worth-Arlington area. Despite over-the-month losses, Leisure and Hospitality has gained 15,000 jobs over the year, an annual growth rate of 1.8 percent.

Local Government employment grew by 20,200 positions in August. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area led the growth with 5,300 jobs. The Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land and Austin-Round Rock MSAs followed with an addition of 3,400 and 3,100 jobs, respectively. The increase can be mainly attributed to school districts hiring for the new school year. The annual growth rate for Local Government increased to 2.4 percent, an improvement to last August, when the annual growth rate was 0.9 percent.



Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

by Bryce Bayles

The Texas jobless rate remained unchanged for a second straight month, holding at 5.2 percent in August—the lowest rate since May 2001. Typically, the rate declines by an average of two-tenths of a percentage point. Nationally, the United States' jobless rate dropped to 4.9 percent in August after holding at 5.2 percent for the last two months. August's rate was the lowest in almost four years. In addition, the U.S. rate was five-tenths of a percentage point lower than last August's rate of 5.4 percent.

Following normal seasonal patterns, the number of jobholders in the state decreased by 20,400 to 10,680,100 workers in August. This loss was significantly less than the average July-to-August decrease of 33,100 workers, making it the smallest reduction for the month since 2002. Employment has risen by 266,000 jobholders since the beginning of this year.

The number of Texans seeking work declined for the second straight month in August, falling by 10,300 to 580,000—the lowest level since October 2001. This reduction was smaller than the average decrease of 21,100 that typically occurs between July and August. In August, unemployment typically decreases as local schools and colleges add staff in preparation for the coming school year. August's unemployment level was 84,200 below last year's level of 664,200. Unemployment has declined by 107,100 job seekers since the beginning of this year.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits decreased over the month, slipping by 9,000 to 96,700 in August. Of the twenty-five MSAs, only Abilene, College Station-Bryan, and El Paso saw increases in claims over the month, while all other MSAs registered reductions. The Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA recorded the largest over-the-month reduction with 1,600 fewer claims. The largest decreases in claims within the twenty-eight WDAs occurred in the Gulf Coast (1,700), East Texas (1,100), and Alamo (1,000) areas. The Upper Rio Grande WDA recorded the only gain for the month with 100 more claims.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas Ranked by Unemployment Rate August 2005

1 (tie)	Amarillo	3.9
	Midland	3.9
3	Lubbock	4.1
4	College Station-Bryan	4.2
5 (tie)	Abilene	4.3
	Austin-Round Rock	4.3
	San Angelo	4.3
8 (tie)	Tyler	4.7
	Wichita Falls	4.7
10 (tie)	Odessa	4.8
	San Antonio	4.8
12 (tie)	Longview	4.9
	Sherman-Denison	4.9
	Texarkana	4.9
	Victoria	4.9
	Waco	4.9
17	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	5.0
	Texas	5.2
18 (tie)	Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	5.2
	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	5.2
20 (tie)	Corpus Christi	5.8
	Laredo	5.8
22 (tie)	Brownsville-Harlingen	6.9
	El Paso	6.9
24	Beaumont-Port Arthur	7.0
25	McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	7.3

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

	August 2005*				July 2005				August 2004			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
State of Texas	11,260.1	10,680.1	580.0	5.2	11,290.8	10,700.5	590.3	5.2	11,044.9	10,380.7	664.2	6.0
Abilene	82.9	79.4	3.5	4.3	83.6	80.1	3.5	4.2	79.3	75.5	3.8	4.8
Amarillo	131.7	126.5	5.2	3.9	132.3	127.2	5.1	3.9	128.5	122.9	5.6	4.4
Austin-Round Rock	806.0	771.2	34.8	4.3	805.5	771.0	34.5	4.3	779.5	740.6	38.9	5.0
Beaumont-Port Arthur	180.2	167.5	12.7	7.0	180.4	167.6	12.8	7.1	178.6	163.4	15.2	8.5
Brownsville-Harlingen	145.4	135.4	10.0	6.9	147.0	136.4	10.6	7.2	141.5	129.8	11.7	8.3
College Station-Bryan	101.0	96.8	4.2	4.2	101.5	97.5	4.0	4.0	98.5	94.0	4.5	4.6
Corpus Christi	197.6	186.1	11.5	5.8	198.7	187.0	11.7	5.9	197.0	183.5	13.5	6.9
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,032.3	2,881.1	151.2	5.0	3,033.7	2,881.1	152.6	5.0	2,966.3	2,794.1	172.2	5.8
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,030.9	1,928.7	102.2	5.0	2,032.5	1,929.8	102.7	5.1	1,987.0	1,869.2	117.8	5.9
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,001.4	952.4	49.0	4.9	1,001.2	951.3	49.9	5.0	979.3	924.9	54.4	5.6
El Paso	297.8	277.3	20.5	6.9	296.1	275.6	20.5	6.9	287.7	265.7	22.0	7.6
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land	2,622.6	2,485.3	137.3	5.2	2,619.7	2,480.5	139.2	5.3	2,571.5	2,409.3	162.2	6.3
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	150.8	142.9	7.9	5.2	151.3	143.5	7.8	5.2	146.5	138.2	8.3	5.6
Laredo	85.2	80.3	4.9	5.8	85.2	79.9	5.3	6.2	82.4	76.9	5.5	6.7
Longview	103.1	98.1	5.0	4.9	103.4	98.1	5.3	5.2	100.6	94.8	5.8	5.8
Lubbock	142.6	136.7	5.9	4.1	143.4	137.2	6.2	4.3	140.4	133.8	6.6	4.7
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	259.7	240.8	18.9	7.3	259.6	239.5	20.1	7.7	252.3	230.2	22.1	8.8
Midland	65.6	63.0	2.6	3.9	65.9	63.3	2.6	3.9	64.2	61.3	2.9	4.5
Odessa	62.0	59.0	3.0	4.8	62.0	59.0	3.0	4.8	61.7	58.0	3.7	6.0
San Angelo	54.8	52.4	2.4	4.3	55.2	52.9	2.3	4.3	53.2	50.5	2.7	5.0
San Antonio	906.3	862.5	43.8	4.8	906.7	861.9	44.8	4.9	887.1	837.7	49.4	5.6
Sherman-Denison	58.9	56.0	2.9	4.9	59.1	56.2	2.9	5.0	56.9	53.5	3.4	5.9
Texarkana	63.1	60.0	3.1	4.9	63.2	60.0	3.2	5.1	61.0	57.5	3.5	5.7
Tyler	96.8	92.3	4.5	4.7	96.8	91.6	5.2	5.4	94.5	89.6	4.9	5.2
Victoria	57.4	54.6	2.8	4.9	57.7	54.9	2.8	4.9	56.4	53.1	3.3	5.9
Waco	113.2	107.6	5.6	4.9	113.7	108.0	5.7	5.0	110.2	104.3	5.9	5.4
Wichita Falls	75.4	71.9	3.5	4.7	76.3	72.8	3.5	4.6	73.7	69.9	3.8	5.2

*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 Cities - August 2005

City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate
Abilene	58,596	56,055	2,541	4.3	Fort Worth	291,187	275,870	15,317	5.3	Missouri City	35,867	34,256	1,611	4.5
Allen	35,300	33,964	1,336	3.8	Friendswood	17,919	17,183	736	4.1	Nacogdoches	16,902	16,098	804	4.8
Amarillo	101,224	97,285	3,939	3.9	Frisco	32,104	30,951	1,153	3.6	New Braunfels	22,647	21,804	843	3.7
Arlington	205,939	196,400	9,539	4.6	Galveston	27,383	25,748	1,635	6.0	North Richland Hills	35,802	34,217	1,585	4.4
Austin	408,697	390,952	17,745	4.3	Garland	117,433	111,297	6,136	5.2	Odessa	46,278	44,047	2,231	4.8
Baytown	32,444	29,953	2,491	7.7	Georgetown	17,410	16,682	728	4.2	Paris	12,157	11,361	796	6.5
Beaumont	54,550	50,896	3,654	6.7	Grand Prairie	71,857	68,206	3,651	5.1	Pasadena	68,476	64,286	4,190	6.1
Bedford	31,968	30,582	1,386	4.3	Grapevine	28,779	27,711	1,068	3.7	Pearland	27,732	26,518	1,214	4.4
Big Spring	9,346	8,786	560	6.0	Greenville	11,863	11,272	591	5.0	Pharr	21,505	20,268	1,237	5.8
Brownsville	60,634	56,499	4,135	6.8	Haltom City	22,266	21,145	1,121	5.0	Plano	142,727	136,560	6,167	4.3
Bryan	35,863	34,359	1,504	4.2	Harlingen	25,586	23,997	1,589	6.2	Port Arthur	23,142	21,100	2,042	8.8
Burleson	14,202	13,614	588	4.1	Houston	1,006,956	952,070	54,886	5.5	Richardson	58,328	55,751	2,577	4.4
Carrollton	71,115	68,000	3,115	4.4	Huntsville	14,885	14,105	780	5.2	Rosenberg	13,747	13,099	648	4.7
Cedar Hill	22,437	21,352	1,085	4.8	Hurst	21,196	20,250	946	4.5	Round Rock	44,958	43,334	1,624	3.6
Cedar Park	23,898	23,240	658	2.8	Irving	115,197	109,855	5,342	4.6	Rowlett	28,703	27,398	1,305	4.5
Cleburne	13,576	12,888	688	5.1	Keller	18,718	18,053	665	3.6	San Angelo	45,228	43,229	1,999	4.4
College Station	38,979	37,474	1,505	3.9	Killeen	40,277	38,110	2,167	5.4	San Antonio	599,044	570,235	28,809	4.8
Conroe	20,322	19,449	873	4.3	Kingsville	12,447	11,774	673	5.4	San Juan	11,370	10,595	775	6.8
Coppell	22,073	21,130	943	4.3	Lake Jackson	14,203	13,423	780	5.5	San Marcos	25,068	24,191	877	3.5
Copperas Cove	13,339	12,664	675	5.1	Lancaster	14,165	13,240	925	6.5	Sherman	17,918	17,002	916	5.1
Corpus Christi	141,077	133,503	7,574	5.4	La Porte	18,671	17,679	992	5.3	Socorro	10,557	9,770	787	7.5
Corsicana	11,083	10,444	639	5.8	Laredo	80,210	75,853	4,357	5.4	Sugar Land	38,692	37,151	1,541	4.0
Dallas	612,754	578,549	34,205	5.6	League City	31,617	30,276	1,341	4.2	Temple	29,113	27,807	1,306	4.5
Deer Park	16,448	15,598	850	5.2	Lewisville	55,259	53,117	2,142	3.9	Texarkana	16,430	15,599	831	5.1
Del Rio	15,666	14,748	918	5.9	Longview	39,446	37,555	1,891	4.8	Texas City	20,691	19,236	1,455	7.0
Denton	54,002	51,919	2,083	3.9	Lubbock	115,745	111,105	4,640	4.0	The Colony	20,672	19,857	815	3.9
DeSoto	23,849	22,563	1,286	5.4	Lufkin	16,669	15,768	901	5.4	Tyler	46,658	44,495	2,163	4.6
Duncanville	19,536	18,449	1,087	5.6	McAllen	56,135	53,229	2,906	5.2	Victoria	32,033	30,543	1,490	4.7
Edinburg	25,249	24,037	1,212	4.8	McKinney	42,161	40,547	1,614	3.8	Waco	55,213	52,137	3,076	5.6
El Paso	255,464	238,624	16,840	6.6	Mansfield	18,851	18,038	813	4.3	Weslaco	12,637	11,703	934	7.4
Eules	31,758	30,333	1,425	4.5	Mesquite	73,126	69,345	3,781	5.2	Wichita Falls	48,232	45,801	2,431	5.0
Farmers Branch	15,362	14,628	734	4.8	Midland	53,699	51,596	2,103	3.9					
Flower Mound	34,252	32,961	1,291	3.8	Mission	22,632	21,380	1,252	5.5					

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates for WDAs August 2005				
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Alamo	953,049	907,229	45,820	4.8
Brazos Valley	140,175	133,965	6,210	4.4
Cameron County	145,409	135,438	9,971	6.9
Capital Area	516,399	493,746	22,653	4.4
Central Texas	172,534	163,642	8,892	5.2
Coastal Bend	262,965	247,668	15,297	5.8
Concho Valley	75,761	72,516	3,245	4.3
Dallas	1,195,969	1,130,577	65,392	5.5
Deep East Texas	166,281	156,419	9,862	5.9
East Texas	379,477	360,490	18,987	5.0
Golden Crescent	94,274	89,917	4,357	4.6
Gulf Coast	2,688,455	2,547,514	140,941	5.2
Heart Of Texas	165,921	157,585	8,336	5.0
Lower Rio Grande Valley	288,199	266,499	21,700	7.5
Middle Rio Grande	65,205	60,454	4,751	7.3
North Central Texas	1,064,333	1,016,846	47,487	4.5
North East Texas	134,127	127,093	7,034	5.2
North Texas	110,274	105,160	5,114	4.6
Panhandle	216,971	208,012	8,959	4.1
Permian Basin	185,676	176,969	8,707	4.7
Rural Capital	344,818	330,573	14,245	4.1
South East Texas	180,150	167,470	12,680	7.0
South Plains	204,974	195,961	9,013	4.4
South Texas	93,213	87,829	5,384	5.8
Tarrant County	851,290	809,362	41,928	4.9
Texoma	92,392	87,835	4,557	4.9
Upper Rio Grande	311,232	290,026	21,206	6.8
West Central Texas	160,562	153,328	7,234	4.5

Hours and Earnings for Texas and Selected Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas & Metro Divisions									
Area	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04	Aug '05	Jul '05	Aug '04
Texas									
Manufacturing	\$547.84	\$544.88	\$560.20	39.3	39.2	40.1	\$13.94	\$13.90	\$13.97
Durable Goods	\$560.73	\$556.08	\$559.42	41.2	41.1	41.5	\$13.61	\$13.53	\$13.48
Nondurable Goods	\$525.99	\$527.80	\$563.50	36.2	36.3	38.1	\$14.53	\$14.54	\$14.79
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington MSA									
Manufacturing	\$618.34	\$612.77	\$584.00	40.6	40.5	39.3	\$15.23	\$15.13	\$14.86
Durable Goods	\$697.89	\$690.36	\$648.38	43.0	42.8	40.6	\$16.23	\$16.13	\$15.97
Nondurable Goods	\$472.05	\$472.84	\$470.84	36.2	36.4	36.9	\$13.04	\$12.99	\$12.76
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA									
Manufacturing	\$735.49	\$747.86	\$702.95	41.6	42.3	40.1	\$17.68	\$17.68	\$17.53
Durable Goods	\$617.39	\$641.56	\$588.78	41.8	43.0	40.3	\$14.77	\$14.92	\$14.61
Nondurable Goods	\$906.25	\$895.69	\$856.50	41.4	41.2	39.8	\$21.89	\$21.74	\$21.52
San Antonio MSA									
Manufacturing	\$400.27	\$405.65	\$424.24	37.2	37.7	39.1	\$10.76	\$10.76	\$10.85
Durable Goods	\$452.19	\$458.29	\$420.33	41.6	42.2	39.1	\$10.87	\$10.86	\$10.75
Nondurable Goods	\$342.06	\$348.01	\$427.05	32.3	32.8	39.0	\$10.59	\$10.61	\$10.95
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD*									
Manufacturing	\$529.80	\$535.86	\$520.50	38.7	39.2	38.3	\$13.69	\$13.67	\$13.59
Durable Goods	\$571.43	\$581.26	\$549.36	40.7	41.4	39.1	\$14.04	\$14.04	\$14.05
Nondurable Goods	\$464.58	\$463.74	\$475.08	35.6	35.7	37.0	\$13.05	\$12.99	\$12.84
Ft. Worth-Arlington MD*									
Manufacturing	\$784.98	\$763.78	\$717.38	44.1	43.2	41.3	\$17.80	\$17.68	\$17.37
Durable Goods	\$900.31	\$868.63	\$834.33	46.6	45.1	43.5	\$19.32	\$19.26	\$19.18
Nondurable Goods	\$491.78	\$498.43	\$457.35	37.8	38.4	36.5	\$13.01	\$12.98	\$12.53

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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"

Supercenter to Open in North Texas

DALLAS, Tex (Dallas Business Journal)—Wal-Mart plans to build a supercenter in Midlothian that will bring 500 jobs to a 200,000-square-foot facility at the intersection of U.S. Highways 67 and 287. The store, scheduled to open in late 2006, will include a grocery section, garden center, auto center, and Murphy Oil gas station.

"Since many national retail and restaurant chains will follow Wal-Mart to a new market, we are expecting retail growth to really take off now that Wal-Mart has made the decision to come to town," said Frank Viso, executive director of the Corporation for the Economic Development of Midlothian. Wal-Mart is expected to bring about \$1 million in sales taxes to the city.

Information Technology Execs Expect to Add Employees

HOUSTON, Tex (Houston Business Journal)—Chief information officers surveyed in the Houston area expect to hire more information technology (IT) professionals in the fourth quarter according to a survey by Roberta Half Technology. Twelve percent of the executives surveyed plan to add staff during the quarter, while four percent anticipate reductions in staff.

The survey of companies in the Houston area with over 100 employees was developed by Robert Half Technology, a Menlo Park, California-based provider of IT professionals, which has been tracking IT hiring activity in the U.S. since 1995.

"Many companies are making new investments in technology and initiating IT projects to support business growth," notes Katherine Spencer Lee, executive director of Robert Half Technology. "As a result, managers at these firms are expanding their work forces once again, but they remain conservative when hiring, adding IT personnel gradually to meet specific staffing needs."

Company and City Plan for Plant Reopening

WACO, Tex (Wright Review: Texas Business Report)—Economic incentives by the City of Waco appear to be moving Caterpillar to refitting an idle manufacturing plant in the city. The approved incentive is contingent on the company employing 80 people at a minimum hourly payment of \$12 plus health benefits. Caterpillar plans to manufacture excavator buckets at its Waco facility. The company built the plant in 1998, but ceased operations as a dump truck assembly factory in 2003. Caterpillar could hire 30 people this fall, and could hit 80 employees within a year.

Fort Worth Plant to Expand

FORT WORTH, Tex (Wright Review: Texas Business Report)—Recaro Aircraft Seating, Inc. has received a contract that will result in the hiring of up to 60 employees at the Fort Worth Alliance Airport plant location. Production for the contract to produce "lie-flat" seats for American Airlines will begin between January and February of 2006. The seats will be installed in American Airlines' Boeing 767-300 and 777 aircraft.

INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
AUG	2005	5.2%	AUG	2005	5.1%
JUL	2005	5.2%	JUL	2005	5.0%
AUG	2004	6.0%	AUG	2004	6.0%

U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
AUG	2005	4.9%	AUG	2005	4.9%
JUL	2005	5.2%	JUL	2005	5.0%
AUG	2004	5.4%	AUG	2004	5.4%

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
AUG	2005	9,592,200	AUG	2005	9,620,100
JUL	2005	9,554,600	JUL	2005	9,613,200
AUG	2004	9,476,200	AUG	2004	9,492,300
OTM Change		37,600	OTM Change		6,900
OTY Change		116,000	OTY Change		127,800

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
AUG	2005	68,879	AUG	2005	560,974
JUL	2005	69,784	JUL	2005	532,054
AUG	2004	76,899	AUG	2004	725,962

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change			Help Wanted Index - Texas		
U.S.	AUG 2005	3.6%	JUL	2005	60.1
Dallas-Fort Worth	JUL 2005	2.9%	JUN	2005	59.9
Houston-Galveston	AUG 2005	3.8%	JUL	2004	57.8

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

AUG	2005	\$ 64.97	OTM Change	\$ 6.27
JUL	2005	\$ 58.70	OTY Change	\$ 20.03
AUG	2004	\$ 44.94		

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