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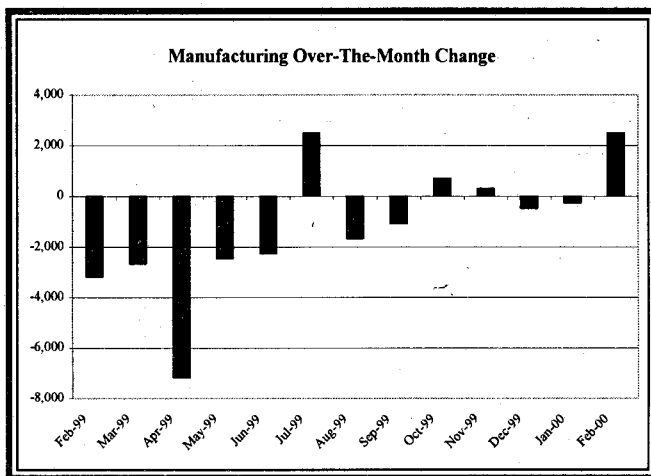
Statewide Unemployment Rate Rises Slightly in February (Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose over the month, from 4.3 percent in January to 4.4 percent in February. Although the rate rose over the month, the current rate is two-tenths of a percentage point below last February's figure of 4.6 percent.

Manufacturing Industry Sees Largest Gain Since July 1999 (Seasonally Adjusted)

Hiring activity was strong in February as the Texas labor market grew by 27,300 jobs. This was the largest over-the-month gain since September of last year. Both the Goods Producing and Service Producing Sectors enjoyed increases, with Mining being the only major division to lose employment.

After two months of employment declines, Manufacturing posted a sizeable gain of 2,500 jobs in February. This was only the fourth increase for this industry during the past 16 months and the largest over-the-month addition since July of last year. All of February's increase was in *Durable Goods Manufacturing*, while *Nondurable Goods Manufacturing* posted a slight drop over the month.



Employment in Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate rose by 2,200 jobs in February, its tenth consecutive monthly increase. February's growth brings the industry's annual gain to 20,200 jobs for an annual growth rate of 4.0 percent.

Despite rising oil prices, the Mining industry experienced a 1,000-job loss in February. The majority of this decline was found in *Oil and Gas Extraction* and may be attributable to the oil industry's lack of confidence in oil price stability. The -0.7 percent over-the-month change left Mining employment at 143,500 jobs statewide. West Texas Intermediate Crude (WTIC) priced out at \$29.40 per barrel, a \$2.10 increase over last month. The last time WTIC was at this level was during the Persian Gulf crisis in late 1990.

Services employment remained nearly flat in February at 2,643,300, or just 5,500 additional jobs over the month. At 2.7 percent, the annual growth rate for this industry was at its lowest level since late 1991. A downward trend in health services employment nationwide can be credited for much of the slowdown in the Services industry.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Employment (Non-Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural employment within Texas' MSAs grew over the month by 55,900 jobs, the smallest February increase since 1996. Gains in Government employment contributed over 36 percent of the monthly hike. Services added over 42 percent of February's growth and Construction provided an additional 13 percent.

Manufacturing employment in the MSAs grew by 400 jobs over the month despite a significant loss in *Durable Goods Manufacturing* employment in Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange. Fewer contracts resulted in layoffs costing the MSA 500 jobs in February. Employment in this MSA declined steadily throughout 1999 and by December had lost 900 jobs. This was the only annual loss posted since 1994.

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| Texas Unemployment Rate | | Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| Actual Series | Seasonally Adjusted | Actual Series | Seasonally Adjusted |
| 4.5% | 4.4% | 9,253,300 | 9,306,400 |

TLMR Reader Survey Results

By Monique Beausoleil

In August 1999 a customer survey was included with the Texas Labor Market Review (TLMR). Through your responses we wanted to find out what you liked about the TLMR and, more importantly, what we could do to continue to meet your data needs and make this a better publication. The feedback we received will be used in upcoming months to make the Texas Labor Market Review a more useful and interesting source of labor market statistics.

Every month people in almost all conceivable business activities use data from the TLMR. The specific breakout was as follows:

| <u>Business Activity</u> | <u>% of Respondents Engaged in Activity</u> |
|------------------------------|---|
| Government | 21.2 |
| Other | 16.6 |
| Education | 13.0 |
| Manufacturing | 10.6 |
| Consulting | 9.5 |
| Economic Development | 8.4 |
| Professional | 6.0 |
| Financial Services | 5.3 |
| Construction/Trades | 4.2 |
| Real Estate | 3.5 |
| Blank Response | 2.7 |
| Sales/Marketing | 2.7 |
| Retail Sales | 2.4 |
| Administrative | 2.2 |
| Media | 2.2 |
| Advertising/Communication/PR | 2.0 |
| Computer/Technical | 1.6 |
| Personal Use | 1.5 |
| Natural Resources/Oil/Gas | 1.1 |
| Agriculture/Farming/Ranching | 0.9 |
| Employment Services | 0.9 |
| Military | 0.7 |
| Telecommunications | 0.5 |
| Entertainment/Graphic Arts | 0.2 |

The percentage of responses does not sum to 100.0% because of customers who indicated that they engaged in more than one business activity.

Of those who answered the survey, out of state responses accounted for 4.6% of the total. A majority, or 76.5%, have received the TLMR for more than two years.

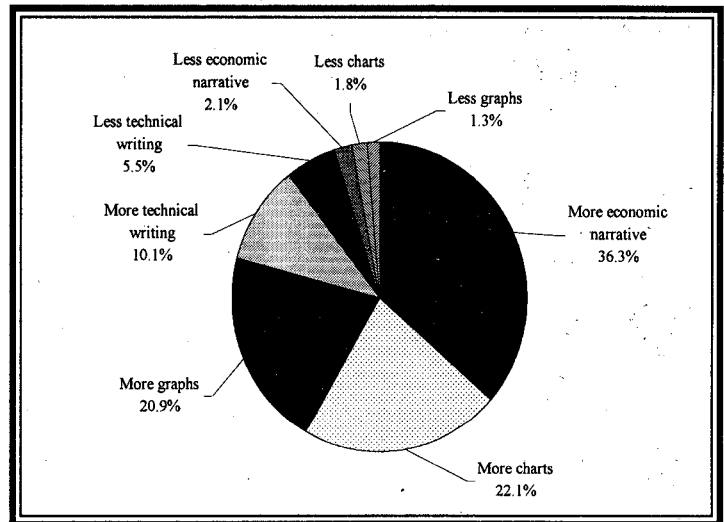
The TLMR is not, however, the only place where people look to find our data – we also disseminate information by phone, e-mail, Fax-on-Demand, and through our web site. Only 36.7% of respondents have utilized the electronic version of the TLMR on the Labor Market Information Department web site, while a mere 10.6% have ordered labor market data through our automated Fax-on-Demand system. In addition, many people indicated that they get information from sources other than LMI. Some of the other sources cited include the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Department of Labor web site, the Federal Reserve Banks, the Census Bureau, and local workforce development offices.

Since space in the TLMR is limited, we especially wanted to know which existing data items were most useful to our

customers. Over 50% of respondents indicated that they used the following:

- Statewide Employment Highlights - 70.9%
- Labor Force Estimates by County - 63.1%
- MSAs ranked by Unemployment Rate - 57.6%
- Labor Force Estimates by MSA - 56.7%

The general changes you said you would like us to make in the TLMR are represented by the following graph:



We also wanted more specific information about your data needs. The Labor Market Information Department produces many other publications and sources of data that aren't contained in the TLMR. Likewise, we have some new data resources that are currently in production. Therefore we wanted to find out which of these items would be most useful to you so that we may possibly include them in future issues of the TLMR.

| <u>Items</u> | <u>% of Respondents Who Want to See Item in TLMR</u> |
|---|--|
| Labor Force Estimates by City | 47.9 |
| Openings & Wages by Occupation | 47.7 |
| Average Hours & Earnings | 36.7 |
| Area Unemployment | 34.9 |
| Highlights/Analysis | |
| Industry/Occupation Projection Data | 34.4 |
| Occupational Employment Statistics | 26.9 |
| Labor Force Estimates by Workforce Development Area | 25.2 |
| Race and Gender Statistics | 23.0 |
| Historical Labor Force Estimates | 19.9 |
| Industrial Employment Profiles | 19.6 |
| Covered Employment and Wages | 19.0 |
| Unemployment Claims by Industry | 11.5 |

For those customers who might not be able to wait for the above data items to appear in the TLMR, the Labor Force Estimates by City, Industry/Occupation Projection Data, Occupational Employment Statistics, Labor Force Estimates by Workforce Development Area, Race and Gender Statistics, Historical Labor Force Estimates, and Covered Employment and Wages can be

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found on the LMI web site at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/lmi/lmi.html>. Labor Force Estimates by City, Occupational Employment Statistics, Race and Gender Statistics, and Historical Labor Force Estimates are also available on our automated Fax-on-Demand system by calling (512) 491-4939. Openings & Wages by Occupation and Average Hours & Earnings are contained in separate publications that can be mailed to you at your request. Industrial Employment Profiles, which were highlighted in the

November 1999 issue of the TLMR, and Area Unemployment Highlights/Analysis are just a few of the items that are currently being produced and should be available from LMI in the near future.

As always, if you have any questions or data requests you may call (512) 491-4922 to speak with a labor market analyst or you may e-mail us at lmi@twc.state.tx.us. We strive to provide you with the most up-to-date, useful labor market information available and your feedback has greatly assisted us in this endeavor.



Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Seasonally Adjusted⁺

| INDUSTRY TITLE | Feb. 2000* | Jan. 2000 | Feb. 1999 | Jan. '00 to Feb. '00 | | Feb. '99 to Feb. '00 | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | | | | Absolute Change | Percent Change | Absolute Change | Percent Change |
| TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT | 9,306,400 | 9,279,100 | 9,098,200 | 27,300 | 0.3 | 208,200 | 2.3 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 1,772,500 | 1,765,700 | 1,768,600 | 6,800 | 0.4 | 3,900 | 0.2 |
| Mining | 143,500 | 144,500 | 152,400 | -1,000 | -0.7 | -8,900 | -5.8 |
| Construction | 544,900 | 539,600 | 519,800 | 5,300 | 1.0 | 25,100 | 4.8 |
| Manufacturing | 1,084,100 | 1,081,600 | 1,096,400 | 2,500 | 0.2 | -12,300 | -1.1 |
| Durable Goods | 661,200 | 658,300 | 666,500 | 2,900 | 0.4 | -5,300 | -0.8 |
| Nondurable Goods | 422,900 | 423,300 | 429,900 | -400 | -0.1 | -7,000 | -1.6 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 7,533,900 | 7,513,400 | 7,329,600 | 20,500 | 0.3 | 204,300 | 2.8 |
| Transportation, Comm., Utilities | 575,900 | 574,400 | 558,000 | 1,500 | 0.3 | 17,900 | 3.2 |
| Trade | 2,217,100 | 2,209,500 | 2,153,300 | 7,600 | 0.3 | 63,800 | 3.0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 542,400 | 540,100 | 527,100 | 2,300 | 0.4 | 15,300 | 2.9 |
| Retail Trade | 1,674,700 | 1,669,400 | 1,626,200 | 5,300 | 0.3 | 48,500 | 3.0 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 530,900 | 528,700 | 510,700 | 2,200 | 0.4 | 20,200 | 4.0 |
| Services | 2,643,300 | 2,637,800 | 2,572,700 | 5,500 | 0.2 | 70,600 | 2.7 |
| Government | 1,566,700 | 1,563,000 | 1,534,900 | 3,700 | 0.2 | 31,800 | 2.1 |

Note: The number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas is without reference to place of residence of workers.
 *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

| Actual | TEXAS* | | | | UNITED STATES** | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | CLF | Employment | Unemp. | Rate | CLF | Employment | Unemp. | Rate |
| Feb '00 | 10,295,100 | 9,827,100 | 468,000 | 4.5 | 140,185,000 | 133,954,000 | 6,231,000 | 4.4 |
| Jan '00 | 10,279,400 | 9,793,900 | 485,500 | 4.7 | 139,621,000 | 133,357,000 | 6,264,000 | 4.5 |
| Feb '99 | 10,048,700 | 9,571,800 | 476,900 | 4.7 | 138,202,000 | 131,639,000 | 6,563,000 | 4.7 |
| Seas. Adjusted | CLF | Employment | Unemp. | Rate | CLF | Employment | Unemp. | Rate |
| Feb '00 | 10,398,800 | 9,936,400 | 462,400 | 4.4 | 141,166,000 | 135,362,000 | 5,804,000 | 4.1 |
| Jan '00 | 10,372,400 | 9,922,900 | 449,500 | 4.3 | 140,910,000 | 135,221,000 | 5,689,000 | 4.0 |
| Feb '99 | 10,150,800 | 9,680,200 | 470,600 | 4.6 | 139,137,000 | 133,029,000 | 6,108,000 | 4.4 |

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 Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)
 **Source - Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (Current Population Survey)

Highlights of Local Area Unemployment Statistics
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas actual series unemployment rate decreased by two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.5 percent in February. The decrease was not unexpected since the January to February unemployment rate has dropped every year for the past nine years. This was the lowest February unemployment rate since 1979.

- The number of employed Texans increased over the month by 33,200 from 9,793,900 in January to 9,827,100 in February. This increase was fueled by Government's need for seasonal workers and Construction's enjoyment of unseasonably warm temperatures. Government's gain was aided by the hiring of temporary workers in preparation for the annual tax filing period and the 2000 Census. Mild winter temperatures allowed the Construction industry to proceed with operations without the usual seasonal cutbacks. The over-the-month change in employment exceeded the average increase for January to February during the past twenty-two years.
- The number of unemployed Texans decreased by 17,500 over the month from 485,500 in January to 468,000 in February. This is the smallest January to February decrease in unemployment since 1992.
- The number of claims for unemployment benefits without earnings decreased 6,400 over the month from 103,600 in January to 97,200 in February. This is the largest over the month decline in claims since 1990 and the lowest number of claims for February since 1998. This month's number of claims for benefits was far less than last February's claim level of 119,400.
- All the major industries saw a decrease in claims for unemployment benefits over the month. This is the first time all major industries experienced an over-the-month decline in claims since 1997. With the exception of FIRE, all major industries had fewer claims than a year ago.

**Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Ranked by Unemployment Rate
February 2000**

| | | |
|----------|--------------------------|------|
| 1 | Bryan-College Station | 1.6 |
| 2 | Austin-San Marcos | 2.1 |
| 3 | Lubbock | 2.6 |
| 4 (tie) | Dallas | 3.2 |
| | Fort Worth-Arlington | 3.2 |
| | Waco | 3.2 |
| 7 | San Angelo | 3.4 |
| 8 (tie) | Killeen-Temple | 3.5 |
| | San Antonio | 3.5 |
| 10 (tie) | Tyler | 3.6 |
| | Victoria | 3.6 |
| 12 | Abilene | 3.7 |
| 13 | Amarillo | 3.8 |
| 14 | Sherman-Denison | 3.9 |
| 15 | Houston | 4.4 |
| 16 | Wichita Falls | 4.8 |
| 17 | Texarkana | 5.5 |
| 18 | Galveston-Texas City | 5.8 |
| 19 | Longview-Marshall | 6.4 |
| 20 (tie) | Corpus Christi | 6.6 |
| | Odessa-Midland | 6.6 |
| 22 | Brazoria | 6.8 |
| 23 (tie) | Beaumont-Port Arthur | 8.1 |
| | Laredo | 8.1 |
| 25 | El Paso | 8.7 |
| 26 | Brownsville-Harlingen | 10.2 |
| 27 | McAllen-Edinburg-Mission | 15.4 |

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

| | February 2000* | | | | January 2000 | | | | February 1999 | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------|--------|------|--------------|---------|--------|------|---------------|---------|--------|------|
| | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
| State of Texas | 10,295.1 | 9,827.1 | 468.0 | 4.5 | 10,279.4 | 9,793.9 | 485.5 | 4.7 | 10,048.7 | 9,571.8 | 476.9 | 4.7 |
| Abilene | 60.1 | 57.9 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 59.9 | 57.6 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 59.1 | 56.7 | 2.4 | 4.0 |
| Amarillo | 113.8 | 109.5 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 113.4 | 109.0 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 111.0 | 107.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| Austin-San Marcos | 726.6 | 711.4 | 15.2 | 2.1 | 721.7 | 705.5 | 16.2 | 2.2 | 690.5 | 674.4 | 16.1 | 2.3 |
| Beaumont-Port Arthur | 177.6 | 163.3 | 14.3 | 8.1 | 180.0 | 164.6 | 15.4 | 8.6 | 181.1 | 167.6 | 13.5 | 7.5 |
| Brazoria | 104.3 | 97.2 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 104.6 | 97.0 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 102.8 | 96.4 | 6.4 | 6.2 |
| Brownsville-Harlingen | 128.9 | 115.7 | 13.2 | 10.2 | 129.4 | 115.8 | 13.6 | 10.5 | 126.5 | 110.8 | 15.7 | 12.4 |
| Bryan-College Station | 77.3 | 76.1 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 74.4 | 73.1 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 75.7 | 74.4 | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| Corpus Christi | 174.5 | 162.9 | 11.6 | 6.6 | 174.8 | 163.3 | 11.5 | 6.6 | 173.5 | 162.7 | 10.8 | 6.2 |
| Dallas | 1,939.8 | 1,878.6 | 61.2 | 3.2 | 1,932.7 | 1,870.9 | 61.8 | 3.2 | 1,872.3 | 1,816.1 | 56.2 | 3.0 |
| El Paso | 287.2 | 262.2 | 25.0 | 8.7 | 287.6 | 261.8 | 25.8 | 9.0 | 285.4 | 257.1 | 28.3 | 9.9 |
| Fort Worth-Arlington | 906.7 | 877.8 | 28.9 | 3.2 | 903.3 | 873.6 | 29.7 | 3.3 | 877.2 | 850.0 | 27.2 | 3.1 |
| Galveston-Texas City | 121.1 | 114.0 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 121.4 | 114.0 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 121.4 | 114.1 | 7.3 | 6.0 |
| Houston | 2,169.4 | 2,073.5 | 95.9 | 4.4 | 2,165.4 | 2,066.1 | 99.3 | 4.6 | 2,114.0 | 2,027.1 | 86.9 | 4.1 |
| Killeen-Temple | 115.6 | 111.6 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 115.5 | 111.4 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 113.7 | 109.7 | 4.0 | 3.5 |
| Laredo | 73.1 | 67.2 | 5.9 | 8.1 | 73.6 | 67.3 | 6.3 | 8.6 | 72.2 | 64.9 | 7.3 | 10.1 |
| Longview-Marshall | 102.3 | 95.8 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 103.1 | 96.0 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 102.9 | 95.6 | 7.3 | 7.1 |
| Lubbock | 124.9 | 121.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 123.9 | 120.6 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 120.4 | 117.0 | 3.4 | 2.9 |
| McAllen-Edinburg-Mission | 203.4 | 172.1 | 31.3 | 15.4 | 205.3 | 171.6 | 33.7 | 16.4 | 198.1 | 163.2 | 34.9 | 17.6 |
| Odessa-Midland | 118.2 | 110.4 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 118.9 | 110.7 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 123.2 | 111.5 | 11.7 | 9.5 |
| San Angelo | 49.6 | 47.9 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 49.6 | 47.8 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 49.7 | 47.4 | 2.3 | 4.7 |
| San Antonio | 779.1 | 751.9 | 27.2 | 3.5 | 777.4 | 749.7 | 27.7 | 3.6 | 750.6 | 728.3 | 22.3 | 3.0 |
| Sherman-Denison | 51.0 | 49.0 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 51.0 | 48.9 | 2.1 | 4.1 | 49.8 | 47.3 | 2.5 | 5.1 |
| Texarkana | 56.5 | 53.4 | 3.1 | 5.5 | 56.4 | 53.3 | 3.1 | 5.5 | 55.3 | 52.0 | 3.3 | 5.9 |
| Tyler | 89.7 | 86.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 90.4 | 86.8 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 88.0 | 84.1 | 3.9 | 4.4 |
| Victoria | 43.0 | 41.5 | 1.5 | 3.6 | 43.1 | 41.5 | 1.6 | 3.6 | 41.9 | 40.1 | 1.8 | 4.3 |
| Waco | 102.2 | 99.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 102.1 | 98.8 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 99.8 | 96.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Wichita Falls | 63.7 | 60.6 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 63.8 | 60.6 | 3.2 | 5.1 | 64.4 | 60.9 | 3.5 | 5.5 |

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

Employment and Unemployment Estimates for Texas Counties - February 2000

| County | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | County | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | County | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | County | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
|---------------|-----------|--------|------|------------|-----------|--------|------|-------------|---------|--------|------|---------------|---------|--------|------|
| Anderson | 19,293 | 1,168 | 5.7 | Donley | 1,547 | 54 | 3.4 | Kaufman | 32,078 | 1,313 | 3.9 | Real | 1,237 | 33 | 2.6 |
| Andrews | 4,585 | 342 | 6.9 | Duval | 4,100 | 540 | 11.6 | Kendall | 13,441 | 302 | 2.2 | Red River | 5,625 | 251 | 4.3 |
| Angelina | 33,407 | 1,993 | 5.6 | Eastland | 8,348 | 340 | 3.9 | Kenedy | 235 | 6 | 2.5 | Reeves | 5,995 | 762 | 11.3 |
| Aransas | 8,899 | 633 | 6.6 | Ector | 54,239 | 4,537 | 7.7 | Kent | 459 | 12 | 2.5 | Refugio | 2,585 | 141 | 5.2 |
| Archer | 3,917 | 116 | 2.9 | Edwards | 741 | 38 | 4.9 | Kerr | 16,606 | 399 | 2.3 | Roberts | 395 | 10 | 2.5 |
| Armstrong | 993 | 16 | 1.6 | Ellis | 53,862 | 1,950 | 3.5 | Kimble | 2,286 | 52 | 2.2 | Robertson | 5,806 | 279 | 4.6 |
| Atascosa | 16,417 | 708 | 4.1 | El Paso | 262,230 | 25,028 | 8.7 | King | 127 | 5 | 3.8 | Rockwall | 21,609 | 530 | 2.4 |
| Austin | 13,098 | 492 | 3.6 | Erath | 16,451 | 354 | 2.1 | Kinney | 1,002 | 117 | 10.5 | Runnels | 4,709 | 321 | 6.4 |
| Bailey | 2,999 | 197 | 6.2 | Falls | 7,121 | 270 | 3.7 | Kleberg | 12,954 | 803 | 5.8 | Rusk | 18,703 | 1,128 | 5.7 |
| Bandera | 6,605 | 178 | 2.6 | Fannin | 12,445 | 624 | 4.8 | Knox | 1,653 | 87 | 5.0 | Sabine | 3,642 | 354 | 8.9 |
| Bastrop | 28,022 | 664 | 2.3 | Fayette | 10,814 | 279 | 2.5 | Lamar | 20,602 | 1,095 | 5.0 | San Augustine | 2,982 | 152 | 4.9 |
| Baylor | 1,682 | 84 | 4.8 | Fisher | 1,549 | 61 | 3.8 | Lamb | 5,729 | 464 | 7.5 | San Jacinto | 8,339 | 328 | 3.8 |
| Bee | 10,417 | 589 | 5.4 | Floyd | 2,564 | 227 | 8.1 | Lampasas | 7,609 | 244 | 3.1 | San Patricio | 27,718 | 2,052 | 6.9 |
| Bell | 89,988 | 3,195 | 3.4 | Foard | 839 | 19 | 2.2 | La Salle | 2,676 | 188 | 6.6 | San Saba | 2,475 | 91 | 3.5 |
| Bexar | 656,702 | 24,611 | 3.6 | Fort Bend | 179,172 | 5,800 | 3.1 | Lavaca | 9,221 | 159 | 1.7 | Schleicher | 1,393 | 73 | 5.0 |
| Blanco | 3,889 | 106 | 2.7 | Franklin | 4,194 | 168 | 3.9 | Lee | 7,124 | 218 | 3.0 | Scurry | 6,715 | 352 | 5.0 |
| Borden | 366 | 8 | 2.1 | Freestone | 7,024 | 368 | 5.0 | Leon | 6,298 | 342 | 5.2 | Shackelford | 1,259 | 47 | 3.6 |
| Bosque | 7,166 | 284 | 3.8 | Frio | 5,792 | 420 | 6.8 | Liberty | 27,238 | 1,943 | 6.7 | Shelby | 7,446 | 542 | 6.8 |
| Bowie | 36,807 | 2,228 | 5.7 | Gaines | 5,944 | 347 | 5.5 | Limestone | 8,683 | 427 | 4.7 | Sherman | 1,332 | 33 | 2.4 |
| Brazoria | 97,210 | 7,069 | 6.8 | Galveston | 114,016 | 7,060 | 5.8 | Lipscomb | 1,451 | 40 | 2.7 | Smith | 86,480 | 3,205 | 3.6 |
| Brazos | 76,068 | 1,236 | 1.6 | Garza | 1,688 | 98 | 5.5 | Live Oak | 4,192 | 148 | 3.4 | Somervell | 1,444 | 141 | 8.9 |
| Brewster | 5,184 | 117 | 2.2 | Gillespie | 10,117 | 387 | 3.7 | Llano | 5,161 | 124 | 2.3 | Starr | 16,630 | 6,936 | 29.4 |
| Briscoe | 819 | 26 | 3.1 | Glasscock | 672 | 19 | 2.7 | Loving | 96 | 7 | 6.8 | Stephens | 3,831 | 178 | 4.4 |
| Brooks | 2,717 | 237 | 8.0 | Goliad | 2,589 | 91 | 3.4 | Lubbock | 121,658 | 3,233 | 2.6 | Sterling | 631 | 23 | 3.5 |
| Brown | 16,630 | 713 | 4.1 | Gonzales | 7,088 | 258 | 3.5 | Lynn | 2,643 | 127 | 4.6 | Stonewall | 609 | 40 | 6.2 |
| Burleson | 6,429 | 302 | 4.5 | Gray | 8,428 | 511 | 5.7 | Mc Culloch | 3,404 | 192 | 5.3 | Sutton | 1,801 | 80 | 4.3 |
| Burnet | 13,281 | 347 | 2.5 | Grayson | 48,969 | 1,988 | 3.9 | Mc Lennan | 99,007 | 3,229 | 3.2 | Swisher | 3,209 | 129 | 3.9 |
| Caldwell | 16,467 | 595 | 3.5 | Gregg | 54,550 | 3,885 | 6.6 | Mc Mullen | 272 | 12 | 4.2 | Tarrant | 760,392 | 24,530 | 3.1 |
| Calhoun | 9,302 | 457 | 4.7 | Grimes | 8,142 | 539 | 6.2 | Madison | 4,140 | 162 | 3.8 | Taylor | 57,923 | 2,237 | 3.7 |
| Callahan | 5,746 | 267 | 4.4 | Guadalupe | 42,048 | 1,144 | 2.6 | Marion | 3,522 | 368 | 9.5 | Terrell | 684 | 16 | 2.3 |
| Cameron | 115,688 | 13,178 | 10.2 | Hale | 15,467 | 837 | 5.1 | Martin | 1,575 | 91 | 5.5 | Terry | 4,842 | 361 | 6.9 |
| Camp | 4,972 | 227 | 4.4 | Hall | 1,405 | 77 | 5.2 | Mason | 1,456 | 23 | 1.6 | Throckmorton | 713 | 19 | 2.6 |
| Carson | 3,039 | 98 | 3.1 | Hamilton | 3,897 | 89 | 2.2 | Matagorda | 14,914 | 1,501 | 9.1 | Titus | 11,799 | 597 | 4.8 |
| Cass | 13,508 | 929 | 6.4 | Hansford | 2,369 | 75 | 3.1 | Maverick | 14,653 | 5,677 | 27.9 | Tom Green | 47,896 | 1,676 | 3.4 |
| Castro | 3,213 | 157 | 4.7 | Hardeman | 1,741 | 80 | 4.4 | Medina | 15,801 | 671 | 4.1 | Travis | 470,439 | 10,404 | 2.2 |
| Chambers | 11,462 | 532 | 4.4 | Hardin | 21,050 | 1,513 | 6.7 | Menard | 981 | 35 | 3.4 | Trinity | 4,701 | 291 | 5.8 |
| Cherokee | 20,338 | 776 | 3.7 | Harris | 1,708,230 | 81,821 | 4.6 | Midland | 56,156 | 3,269 | 5.5 | Tyler | 5,899 | 490 | 7.7 |
| Childress | 2,830 | 91 | 3.1 | Harrison | 25,605 | 1,788 | 6.5 | Milam | 9,003 | 310 | 3.3 | Upton | 15,623 | 851 | 5.2 |
| Clay | 5,343 | 162 | 2.9 | Hartley | 2,935 | 44 | 1.5 | Mills | 2,222 | 38 | 1.7 | Uvalde | 1,442 | 101 | 6.5 |
| Cochran | 1,112 | 115 | 9.4 | Haskell | 2,587 | 115 | 4.3 | Mitchell | 3,161 | 134 | 4.1 | Val Verde | 10,685 | 858 | 7.4 |
| Coke | 1,470 | 30 | 2.0 | Hays | 52,312 | 1,276 | 2.4 | Montague | 7,150 | 408 | 5.4 | Van Zandt | 17,286 | 1,533 | 8.1 |
| Coleman | 2,871 | 152 | 5.0 | Hemphill | 1,728 | 52 | 2.9 | Montgomery | 135,251 | 5,083 | 3.6 | Victoria | 21,199 | 649 | 3.0 |
| Collin | 266,423 | 5,838 | 2.1 | Henderson | 29,471 | 1,111 | 3.6 | Moore | 9,066 | 295 | 3.2 | Walker | 41,545 | 1,543 | 3.6 |
| Collingsworth | 1,361 | 19 | 1.4 | Hidalgo | 172,134 | 31,333 | 15.4 | Morris | 5,650 | 466 | 7.6 | Waller | 24,226 | 434 | 1.8 |
| Colorado | 7,849 | 295 | 3.6 | Hill | 15,643 | 661 | 4.1 | Motley | 523 | 12 | 2.2 | Ward | 12,185 | 680 | 5.3 |
| Comal | 38,010 | 1,042 | 2.7 | Hockley | 9,604 | 481 | 4.8 | Nacogdoches | 25,446 | 947 | 3.6 | Washington | 3,659 | 394 | 9.7 |
| Comanche | 6,870 | 202 | 2.9 | Hood | 16,539 | 645 | 3.8 | Navarro | 20,307 | 1,315 | 6.1 | Washington | 14,262 | 394 | 2.7 |
| Concho | 1,487 | 56 | 3.6 | Hopkins | 14,836 | 591 | 3.8 | Newton | 4,997 | 640 | 11.4 | Webb | 67,201 | 5,935 | 8.1 |
| Cooke | 16,925 | 516 | 3.0 | Houston | 8,706 | 335 | 3.7 | Nolan | 6,607 | 352 | 5.1 | Webb | 17,862 | 936 | 5.0 |
| Coryell | 21,563 | 824 | 3.7 | Howard | 12,594 | 702 | 5.3 | Nueces | 135,162 | 9,547 | 6.6 | Wheeler | 2,551 | 122 | 4.6 |
| Cottle | 816 | 45 | 5.2 | Hudspeth | 1,357 | 45 | 3.2 | Ochiltree | 5,220 | 166 | 3.1 | Wichita | 56,729 | 2,958 | 5.0 |
| Crane | 1,737 | 127 | 6.8 | Hunt | 35,730 | 1,414 | 3.8 | Oldham | 1,123 | 23 | 2.0 | Wilbarger | 7,503 | 181 | 2.4 |
| Crockett | 1,878 | 94 | 4.8 | Hutchinson | 8,089 | 581 | 6.7 | Orange | 36,656 | 3,696 | 9.2 | Willacy | 5,667 | 1,196 | 17.4 |
| Crosby | 2,287 | 174 | 7.1 | Irion | 592 | 19 | 3.1 | Palo Pinto | 11,645 | 464 | 3.8 | Willamson | 144,178 | 2,281 | 1.6 |
| Culberson | 1,177 | 157 | 11.8 | Jack | 3,264 | 115 | 3.4 | Panola | 6,884 | 741 | 9.7 | Wilson | 15,165 | 382 | 2.5 |
| Dallam | 3,625 | 104 | 2.8 | Jackson | 8,062 | 239 | 2.9 | Parker | 41,123 | 1,431 | 3.4 | Winkler | 2,605 | 225 | 8.0 |
| Dallas | 1,197,392 | 43,682 | 3.5 | Jasper | 12,908 | 1,475 | 10.3 | Parmer | 4,141 | 131 | 3.1 | Wise | 24,153 | 635 | 2.6 |
| Dawson | 5,015 | 396 | 7.3 | Jeff Davis | 1,327 | 26 | 1.9 | Pecos | 6,161 | 434 | 6.6 | Wood | 12,986 | 614 | 4.5 |
| Deaf Smith | 6,978 | 422 | 5.7 | Jefferson | 105,590 | 9,124 | 8.0 | Polk | 14,028 | 849 | 5.7 | Yoakum | 2,873 | 281 | 8.9 |
| Delta | 3,679 | 115 | 3.0 | Jim Hogg | 2,150 | 211 | 8.9 | Potter | 52,318 | 3,428 | 6.1 | Young | 7,549 | 403 | 5.1 |
| Denton | 242,043 | 5,319 | 2.2 | Jim Wells | 14,510 | 1,284 | 8.1 | Presidio | 2,887 | 1,050 | 26.7 | Zapata | 4,001 | 509 | 11.3 |
| De Witt | 7,707 | 319 | 4.0 | Johnson | 59,700 | 2,340 | 3.8 | Rains | 3,521 | 129 | 3.5 | Zavala | 3,878 | 717 | 15.6 |
| Dickens | 789 | 47 | 5.6 | Jones | 9,392 | 375 | 3.8 | Randall | 57,214 | 872 | 1.5 | | | | |
| Dimmit | 3,180 | 511 | 13.8 | Karnes | 5,412 | 195 | 3.5 | Reagan | 1,679 | 68 | 3.9 | | | | |

Estimates reflect actual (not seasonally adjusted) data. Estimates are preliminary and subject to revision. To obtain the civilian labor force, add total employment to total unemployment. Estimates of the TWC are in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

| | | | | Jan. '00 to Feb. '00 | | Feb. '99 to Feb. '00 | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Change | % Change | Change | % Change |
| TOTAL NONAG. W & S EMPLOYMENT | 9,253,300 | 9,185,700 | 9,032,400 | 67,600 | 0.7 | 220,900 | 2.4 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 1,761,500 | 1,751,100 | 1,752,900 | 10,400 | 0.6 | 8,600 | 0.5 |
| Mining | 143,600 | 143,700 | 151,500 | -100 | -0.1 | -7,900 | -5.2 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 134,600 | 134,700 | 142,700 | -100 | -0.1 | -8,100 | -5.7 |
| Construction | 538,400 | 528,500 | 511,000 | 9,600 | 1.8 | 27,400 | 5.4 |
| Manufacturing | 1,079,500 | 1,078,600 | 1,090,400 | 900 | 0.1 | -10,900 | -1.0 |
| Durable Goods | 659,200 | 657,600 | 663,700 | 1,600 | 0.2 | -4,500 | -0.7 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 49,400 | 49,200 | 48,500 | 200 | 0.4 | 900 | 1.9 |
| Lumber Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7,500 | 0 | 0.0 | -200 | -2.7 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 20,500 | 20,400 | 20,200 | 100 | -0.5 | 300 | 1.5 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Products | 45,400 | 45,300 | 44,500 | 100 | 0.2 | 900 | 2.0 |
| Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Products | 23,300 | 23,100 | 22,000 | 200 | 0.9 | 1,300 | 5.9 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 30,900 | 30,900 | 30,600 | 0 | 0.0 | 300 | 1.0 |
| Fabricated Metal Industries | 104,900 | 104,300 | 104,600 | 600 | 0.6 | 300 | 0.3 |
| Fabricated Structural Metal Products | 57,400 | 56,900 | 56,100 | 500 | 0.9 | 1,300 | 2.3 |
| Industrial Machinery & Equipment | 137,300 | 136,700 | 141,400 | 600 | 0.4 | -4,100 | -2.9 |
| Oil & Gas Field Machinery | 23,900 | 23,900 | 28,100 | 0 | 0.0 | -4,200 | -14.9 |
| Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment | 130,500 | 130,300 | 127,000 | 200 | 0.2 | 3,500 | 2.8 |
| Transportation Equipment | 82,900 | 83,100 | 84,200 | -200 | -0.2 | -1,300 | -1.5 |
| Aircraft & Parts | 44,500 | 44,700 | 45,500 | -200 | -0.4 | -1,000 | -2.2 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 36,800 | 37,000 | 41,800 | -200 | -0.5 | -5,000 | -12.0 |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing | 20,600 | 20,400 | 20,900 | 200 | 1.0 | -300 | -1.4 |
| Nondurable Goods | 420,300 | 421,000 | 426,700 | -700 | -0.2 | -6,400 | -1.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 98,000 | 98,400 | 98,300 | -400 | -0.4 | -300 | -0.3 |
| Meat Products | 35,300 | 35,400 | 35,400 | -100 | -0.3 | -100 | -0.3 |
| Dairy Products | 5,100 | 5,000 | 4,800 | 100 | 2.0 | 300 | 6.3 |
| Bakery Products | 8,600 | 8,800 | 8,700 | -200 | -2.3 | -100 | -1.1 |
| Malt Beverages | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,300 | 0 | 0.0 | -300 | -13.0 |
| Textile Mill Products | 3,900 | 4,000 | 4,100 | -100 | -2.5 | -200 | -4.9 |
| Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products | 43,200 | 43,700 | 47,500 | -500 | -1.1 | -4,300 | -9.1 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 28,600 | 28,700 | 29,100 | -100 | -0.3 | -500 | -1.7 |
| Printing & Publishing | 75,400 | 75,300 | 75,500 | 100 | 0.1 | -100 | -0.1 |
| Newspapers, Periodicals, Books, & Miscellaneous | 34,300 | 34,200 | 34,200 | 100 | 0.3 | 100 | 0.3 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 83,200 | 83,200 | 84,300 | 0 | 0.0 | -1,100 | -1.3 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 25,100 | 25,200 | 25,700 | -100 | -0.4 | -600 | -2.3 |
| Petroleum Refining | 21,500 | 21,500 | 22,100 | 0 | 0.0 | -600 | -2.7 |
| Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics | 57,100 | 56,700 | 55,900 | 400 | 0.7 | 1,200 | 2.1 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 5,700 | 5,700 | 6,300 | 0 | 0.0 | -600 | -9.5 |
| SERVICE PRODUCING | 7,491,800 | 7,434,600 | 7,279,500 | 57,200 | 0.8 | 212,300 | 2.9 |
| Transportation, Communications, Utilities | 573,600 | 571,500 | 553,900 | 2,100 | 0.4 | 19,700 | 3.6 |
| Transportation | 360,200 | 358,400 | 347,100 | 1,800 | 0.5 | 13,100 | 3.8 |
| Railroad Transportation | 16,700 | 16,700 | 17,600 | 0 | 0.0 | -900 | -5.1 |
| Transportation by Air | 121,600 | 120,600 | 112,900 | 1,000 | 0.8 | 8,700 | 7.7 |
| Communications | 141,400 | 141,000 | 134,800 | 400 | 0.3 | 6,600 | 4.9 |
| Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Services | 72,000 | 72,100 | 72,000 | -100 | -0.1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Electric Services | 32,700 | 32,600 | 32,300 | 100 | 0.3 | 400 | 1.2 |
| Gas Production & Distribution | 22,400 | 22,500 | 23,000 | -100 | -0.4 | -600 | -2.6 |
| Trade | 2,186,800 | 2,186,700 | 2,118,500 | 100 | 0.0 | 68,300 | 3.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 540,600 | 537,600 | 524,000 | 3,000 | 0.6 | 16,600 | 3.2 |
| Retail Trade | 1,646,200 | 1,649,100 | 1,594,500 | -2,900 | -0.2 | 51,700 | 3.2 |
| Building Materials & Gardening Supplies | 64,500 | 63,200 | 61,700 | 1,300 | 2.1 | 2,800 | 4.5 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 211,300 | 217,200 | 204,500 | -5,900 | -2.7 | 6,800 | 3.3 |
| Food Stores | 253,700 | 254,000 | 248,100 | -300 | -0.1 | 5,600 | 2.3 |
| Automotive Dealers & Service Stations | 168,800 | 168,500 | 164,800 | 300 | 0.2 | 4,000 | 2.4 |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores | 81,800 | 84,800 | 80,800 | -3,000 | -3.5 | 1,000 | 1.2 |
| Home Furniture, Furnishings, & Equipment Stores | 78,600 | 79,400 | 74,500 | -800 | -1.0 | 4,100 | 5.5 |
| Eating & Drinking Places | 606,200 | 598,500 | 584,900 | 7,700 | 1.3 | 21,300 | 3.6 |
| Other Retail Trade | 181,300 | 183,500 | 175,200 | -2,200 | -1.2 | 6,100 | 3.5 |
| Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate | 528,400 | 526,200 | 507,200 | 2,200 | 0.4 | 21,200 | 4.2 |
| Depository Institutions Including Banks | 132,500 | 132,000 | 127,800 | 500 | 0.4 | 4,700 | 3.7 |
| Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers, & Service | 169,100 | 168,600 | 162,500 | 500 | 0.3 | 6,600 | 4.1 |
| Other Finance Insurance & Real Estate | 226,800 | 225,600 | 216,900 | 1,200 | 0.5 | 9,900 | 4.5 |
| Services | 2,616,200 | 2,591,200 | 2,546,800 | 25,000 | 1.0 | 69,400 | 2.7 |
| Hotel & Other Lodging Places | 92,200 | 90,700 | 91,400 | 1,500 | 1.7 | 800 | 0.9 |
| Personal Services | 93,800 | 93,200 | 94,900 | 600 | 0.6 | -1,100 | -1.2 |
| Business Services | 688,600 | 681,300 | 653,400 | 7,300 | 1.1 | 35,200 | 5.4 |
| Auto Repair Services | 91,700 | 90,900 | 88,000 | 800 | 0.9 | 3,700 | 4.2 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 31,500 | 31,000 | 32,200 | 500 | 1.6 | -700 | -2.2 |
| Amusement & Recreation, including Motion Pictures | 113,300 | 109,000 | 114,300 | 4,300 | 3.9 | -1,000 | -0.9 |
| Health Services | 680,800 | 681,600 | 679,000 | -800 | -0.1 | 1,800 | 0.3 |
| Legal Services | 68,600 | 68,400 | 67,200 | 200 | 0.3 | 1,400 | 2.1 |
| Educational Services | 116,900 | 112,600 | 111,900 | 4,300 | 3.8 | 5,000 | 4.5 |
| Social Services | 187,800 | 186,100 | 179,500 | 1,700 | 0.9 | 8,300 | 4.6 |
| Membership Organizations | 139,900 | 139,200 | 137,900 | 700 | 0.5 | 2,000 | 1.5 |
| Engineering & Management Services | 248,400 | 246,700 | 240,100 | 1,700 | 0.7 | 8,300 | 3.5 |
| Agricultural Services | 52,200 | 50,400 | 47,900 | 1,800 | 3.6 | 4,300 | 9.0 |
| Government | 1,586,800 | 1,559,900 | 1,553,100 | 27,800 | 1.8 | 33,700 | 2.2 |
| Federal | 182,900 | 182,000 | 187,300 | 900 | 0.5 | -4,400 | -2.3 |
| State | 341,100 | 331,600 | 332,400 | 9,500 | 2.9 | 8,700 | 2.6 |
| Local | 1,062,800 | 1,045,400 | 1,033,400 | 17,400 | 1.7 | 29,400 | 2.8 |

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Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands)

| INDUSTRY | ABILENE | | | AMARILLO | | | AUSTIN-SAN MARCOS | | | BMT.-PT. ARTHUR | | | BRAZORIA | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 |
| TOTAL | 56.7 | 56.1 | 55.6 | 98.0 | 97.3 | 96.5 | 651.6 | 643.8 | 619.0 | 156.4 | 157.0 | 160.8 | 74.6 | 74.3 | 74.2 |
| Mining | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Construction | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 38.0 | 37.6 | 34.8 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 18.0 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 9.4 |
| Manufacturing-Dur. | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 69.1 | 68.8 | 66.6 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 9.8 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 5.1 |
| Manufacturing-Nondur. | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.6 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 15.0 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 10.1 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 22.7 | 22.6 | 20.3 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 35.7 | 35.1 | 31.1 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Retail Trade | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.8 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 20.3 | 108.3 | 108.3 | 104.0 | 31.1 | 31.2 | 31.1 | 13.1 | 13.2 | 12.5 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Est. | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 34.3 | 34.3 | 32.4 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Services | 20.1 | 19.8 | 19.6 | 28.0 | 27.9 | 27.4 | 191.1 | 188.3 | 181.4 | 40.4 | 40.4 | 41.2 | 14.5 | 14.4 | 14.0 |
| Federal Government | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 10.8 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| State Government | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 66.0 | 64.1 | 66.1 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| Local Government | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 61.4 | 60.8 | 57.8 | 17.9 | 17.8 | 17.8 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 11.1 |
| INDUSTRY | BROWNSVILLE-HARL. | | | BRYAN-COLL. STA. | | | CORPUS CHRISTI | | | DALLAS | | | EL PASO | | |
| | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 |
| TOTAL | 105.1 | 104.8 | 100.8 | 76.2 | 72.9 | 74.6 | 157.2 | 157.1 | 156.8 | 1928.8 | 1914.8 | 1870.6 | 252.6 | 251.3 | 248.3 |
| Mining | ** | ** | ** | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 10.3 | ** | ** | ** |
| Construction | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 12.7 | 101.3 | 98.3 | 93.0 | 13.3 | 13.1 | 12.0 |
| Manufacturing-Dur. | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 170.7 | 170.3 | 173.9 | 15.9 | 16.0 | 16.6 |
| Manufacturing-Nondur. | 7.0 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 76.5 | 76.3 | 76.7 | 22.6 | 22.7 | 23.5 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 131.3 | 130.7 | 127.9 | 15.6 | 15.5 | 14.2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 152.2 | 151.3 | 147.9 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 13.2 |
| Retail Trade | 21.8 | 21.6 | 20.5 | 14.0 | 13.7 | 13.9 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 30.0 | 313.1 | 313.6 | 303.2 | 45.9 | 45.8 | 44.9 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Est. | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 157.3 | 156.3 | 153.6 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.9 |
| Services | 29.6 | 29.4 | 28.2 | 16.6 | 16.3 | 15.9 | 49.2 | 48.9 | 49.2 | 599.4 | 592.6 | 573.7 | 60.3 | 59.9 | 58.5 |
| Federal Government | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 30.6 | 30.9 | 31.2 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.5 |
| State Government | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 22.7 | 20.5 | 22.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 27.6 | 27.3 | 27.4 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.5 |
| Local Government | 18.7 | 18.6 | 18.1 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 20.9 | 20.6 | 20.7 | 159.0 | 157.4 | 151.8 | 39.0 | 38.2 | 38.5 |
| INDUSTRY | FT. WORTH-ARL. | | | GALVESTON-TX. CITY | | | HOUSTON | | | KILLEEN-TEMPLE | | | LAREDO | | |
| | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 |
| TOTAL | 774.5 | 768.0 | 750.4 | 88.7 | 88.3 | 88.6 | 2048.9 | 2036.1 | 2010.2 | 102.4 | 101.8 | 100.7 | 66.1 | 66.1 | 64.0 |
| Mining | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 62.2 | 62.2 | 65.9 | ** | ** | ** | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Construction | 41.4 | 40.5 | 38.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 150.3 | 147.2 | 143.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| Manufacturing-Dur. | 75.3 | 75.1 | 75.1 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 121.7 | 121.2 | 130.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Manufacturing-Nondur. | 36.6 | 36.8 | 36.5 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 83.1 | 83.2 | 84.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 76.4 | 76.0 | 73.0 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 149.4 | 148.5 | 146.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 11.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 43.1 | 42.8 | 41.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 129.0 | 128.6 | 130.3 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| Retail Trade | 148.5 | 149.3 | 143.6 | 18.5 | 18.2 | 17.5 | 339.7 | 340.9 | 322.5 | 20.0 | 20.1 | 19.6 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 13.7 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Est. | 36.8 | 36.6 | 35.4 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 115.5 | 115.0 | 110.5 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.4 |
| Services | 211.9 | 208.1 | 205.1 | 20.2 | 19.9 | 19.3 | 623.7 | 619.4 | 611.1 | 28.3 | 28.0 | 27.7 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 12.5 |
| Federal Government | 13.8 | 13.8 | 14.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 26.2 | 26.2 | 26.2 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| State Government | 9.3 | 9.0 | 9.2 | 11.5 | 11.6 | 12.4 | 48.2 | 47.1 | 45.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Local Government | 77.5 | 76.0 | 73.6 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 12.7 | 199.9 | 196.6 | 192.8 | 16.0 | 15.7 | 16.1 | 11.9 | 11.7 | 11.9 |
| INDUSTRY | LONGVIEW-MARSHALL | | | LUBBOCK | | | MCALLEN-EDIN.-MIS. | | | ODESSA-MIDLAND | | | SAN ANGELO | | |
| | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 |
| TOTAL | 90.3 | 90.1 | 90.4 | 120.4 | 118.9 | 115.4 | 151.7 | 151.2 | 144.0 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 100.6 | 43.3 | 43.1 | 42.8 |
| Mining | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 11.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Construction | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 7.2 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| Manufacturing-Dur. | 12.8 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Manufacturing-Nondur. | 5.2 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 8.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Retail Trade | 18.4 | 18.5 | 18.1 | 25.4 | 25.3 | 24.6 | 33.1 | 33.2 | 32.1 | 20.4 | 20.5 | 20.2 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.2 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Est. | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Services | 22.4 | 22.3 | 21.9 | 37.1 | 36.7 | 34.4 | 35.9 | 35.7 | 33.6 | 23.4 | 23.6 | 23.7 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.1 |
| Federal Government | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| State Government | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 13.3 | 12.5 | 13.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Local Government | 10.9 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 33.2 | 32.8 | 31.8 | 16.2 | 15.7 | 16.1 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| INDUSTRY | SAN ANTONIO | | | SHERMAN-DENISON | | | TEXARKANA | | | TYLER | | | VICTORIA | | |
| | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 |
| TOTAL | 711.5 | 707.4 | 691.1 | 46.0 | 45.6 | 44.1 | 52.5 | 52.3 | 51.5 | 81.1 | 81.2 | 78.8 | 36.5 | 36.5 | 35.2 |
| Mining | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | ** | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| Construction | 38.3 | 38.1 | 37.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| Manufacturing-Dur. | 30.3 | 30.2 | 28.9 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Manufacturing-Nondur. | 24.0 | 24.1 | 24.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 34.8 | 34.7 | 33.4 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 31.5 | 31.4 | 30.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Retail Trade | 140.3 | 140.5 | 135.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 18.0 | 18.1 | 17.0 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.5 |
| Fin., Ins., & Real Est. | 51.0 | 50.9 | 47.2 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Services | 225.4 | 222.9 | 216.7 | 12.4 | 12.5 | 11.7 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.3 | 23.5 | 23.5 | 23.5 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.6 |
| Federal Government | 33.3 | 33.3 | 35.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| State Government | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Local Government | 85.5 | 84.2 | 85.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| INDUSTRY | WACO | | | WICHITA FALLS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | Feb. '00 | Jan. '00 | Feb. '99 | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 101.2 | 100.7 | 98.3 | 58.5 | 58.2 | 59.2 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mining | ** | ** | ** | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Construction | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.3 | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing-Dur. | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.7 | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing-Nondur. | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Trans., Comm. & Util. | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | | | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale Trade | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4. | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**Annual Average Hours and Earnings for Texas
and Selected Metropolitan Statistical Areas***

| Area | Avg Wkly Erngs (\$) | | | Avg Wkly Hrs | | | Avg Hrly Erngs (\$) | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------------|------|------|---------------------|-------|-------|
| | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 |
| Texas | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 533.31 | 530.52 | 523.31 | 43.5 | 43.7 | 43.5 | 12.26 | 12.14 | 12.03 |
| Durable | 527.88 | 526.88 | 521.54 | 44.1 | 44.5 | 44.5 | 11.97 | 11.84 | 11.72 |
| Nondurable | 541.86 | 535.93 | 524.99 | 42.7 | 42.5 | 42.1 | 12.69 | 12.61 | 12.47 |
| Dallas | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 527.85 | 535.35 | 527.22 | 42.5 | 43.0 | 43.5 | 12.42 | 12.45 | 12.12 |
| Durable | 547.67 | 562.10 | 543.31 | 43.5 | 44.4 | 44.1 | 12.59 | 12.66 | 12.32 |
| Nondurable | 489.24 | 486.81 | 497.78 | 40.5 | 40.5 | 42.4 | 12.08 | 12.02 | 11.74 |
| Ft. Worth-Arlington | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 581.56 | 568.97 | 556.77 | 43.4 | 43.4 | 43.6 | 13.40 | 13.11 | 12.77 |
| Durable | 614.76 | 596.39 | 585.58 | 43.6 | 43.5 | 43.7 | 14.10 | 13.71 | 13.40 |
| Nondurable | 517.72 | 512.89 | 498.82 | 43.0 | 43.1 | 43.3 | 12.04 | 11.90 | 11.52 |
| Houston | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 637.14 | 648.17 | 642.12 | 44.4 | 45.2 | 45.8 | 14.35 | 14.34 | 14.02 |
| Durable | 546.23 | 568.10 | 566.14 | 44.7 | 46.3 | 47.1 | 12.22 | 12.27 | 12.02 |
| Nondurable | 778.35 | 774.69 | 755.99 | 43.9 | 43.4 | 43.8 | 17.73 | 17.85 | 17.26 |
| San Antonio | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 425.57 | 416.50 | 400.05 | 42.6 | 42.5 | 41.2 | 9.99 | 9.80 | 9.71 |
| Durable | 451.58 | 434.58 | 412.29 | 43.8 | 42.9 | 40.7 | 10.31 | 10.13 | 10.13 |
| Nondurable | 393.74 | 396.48 | 386.56 | 41.1 | 42.0 | 41.7 | 9.58 | 9.44 | 9.27 |

*Estimates are for nonsupervisory production workers only.
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What's New

Revised labor force data, including annual averages, are now available for 1998. Revised labor force figures for 1997 will be released on April 20th.

The new 1998 Occupational Employment Statistics wage survey is now available. The OES survey represents a combined effort between Texas employers and the TWC to accurately describe hourly wage rates for occupations employed in localities across the state. Each year, the OES program surveys approximately 25,000 establishments across Texas to gather data on employment and wages on more than 750 occupations. The establishments represent a cross-section of industries in Texas so that a fair and accurate picture of wages in Texas can be drawn.

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