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Statewide Unemployment Rate Rises for Third Month (Seasonally Adjusted)

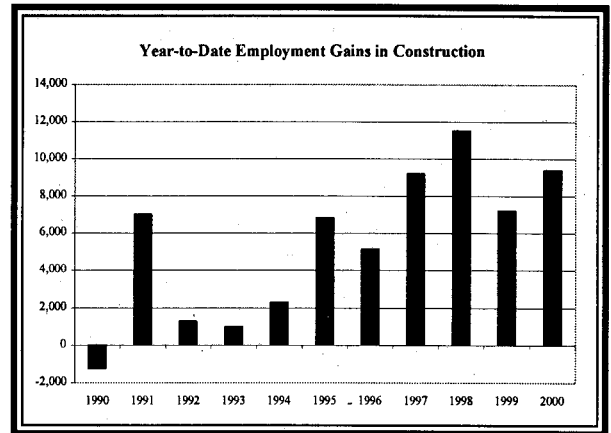
The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point over the month, from 4.5 percent in February to 4.6 percent in March, the third straight monthly increase. At 4.6 percent, the unemployment rate remained unchanged from last March.

Monthly Statewide Job Growth Largest Since September 1998 (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Employment grew by 45,000 jobs during March, the largest over-the-month gain since September 1998 and the largest advance for March in the past ten years. The year-to-date addition of 86,600 jobs far outpaced last March's gain of 50,100. The annual job growth rate increased from 2.3 percent in February to 2.5 percent in March, the highest rate since last July.

Mining employment grew by 800 jobs in March, offsetting the 800 jobs lost in February. Annual job growth climbed to -4.1 percent, up from February's -5.7 percent last March's -11.6 percent.

Construction gained 2,300 jobs in March, down from February's 6,100 addition. More than 80 percent of this growth was in *Special Trade Contractors* as strong demand for new home construction continued across the state. Year to date, Construction has added 9,400 jobs, the largest year-to-date build-up of the past ten years, with the exception of 1998. Annual growth remained steady at a robust 5.0 percent.



Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (FIRE) added 2,500 jobs during March, the largest increase so far this year. Continued demand for construction loans and home mortgages, as well as the need for real estate workers, contributed to a sustained annual growth rate for FIRE of 3.6 percent.

Federal Government employment was boosted by the addition of 4,300 workers in March, the largest monthly increase for this sector since May 1990. Hiring by the U.S. Census Bureau was heavy in March and accounted for a majority of the gain.

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

Total Nonagricultural Employment within the MSAs increased by 53,600 jobs in March. Three MSAs, Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, Bryan-College Station, and Laredo, experienced over-the-month growth exceeding 1.0 percent.

Federal Government employment grew by 4,000 jobs in March, primarily the result of Census-related hiring. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA alone accounted for 700 new federal positions, with the Austin-San Marcos MSA following at 600. The bulk of the growth in the Austin-San Marcos MSA, however, was due to Internal Revenue Service hiring for the tax season.

Retail Trade employment within the MSAs grew by 12,200 jobs. The Corpus Christi and Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito MSAs each contributed 600 jobs, many related to additional hiring for Spring Break.

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Texas Unemployment Rate		Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment	
Actual Series	Seasonally Adjusted	Actual Series	Seasonally Adjusted
4.4%	4.6%	9,319,000	9,351,500

1998 Occupational Wages in Texas

By Julio Aleman and Mark Dermit

How much does a Computer Programmer make in Austin? Have you asked that or a similar question lately? In order to help answer that and many other questions concerning wages, the Labor Market Information Department of the Texas Workforce Commission has released its 1998 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) data for the state and each metropolitan statistical area (MSA). This survey of more than 750 occupations was conducted during the latter half of 1998 and edited and compiled during 1999. A comprehensive survey of this type would not have been possible if it weren't for the cooperation of the more than 25,000 Texas employers who were surveyed. Their valued participation and detailed wage information helps ensure that the data presented here and in the upcoming publication, *1998 Occupational Employment Statistics*, are the most reliable and comprehensive found anywhere. This article will highlight some of the data produced from the OES survey and show how wages in Texas compared to the nation and across metropolitan areas within the state.

Texas versus National Wages

One of the first questions to be examined using the newly available 1998 wage data was how wages for various occupations in Texas compared to national averages. The first step in this analysis involved locating all of the occupations for which comparable data was available. Of the 608 occupations for which a direct comparison was possible, Texas had the same or higher wages in 115 of them. Of even more interest, 88 of these 115 occupations were at the upper end of the wage spectrum. Is this significant? On the surface, what begins to emerge is that the highest paying occupations in Texas had wages that exceeded the national average. The next step in this analysis included a comparison of the top twenty highest paying occupations in Texas, seeing how the wages for these occupations ranked against the national figures. It was found that only four of the top twenty occupations (Dentists, Actuaries, Aerospace Engineers, and

Chiropractors) had wages that were lower than the wages for the same occupations at the national level.

What about the occupations that employ the most Texans? Do these jobs follow a pattern similar to the ones that pay the most? First of all, what types of jobs are these? These occupations consist of positions such as Registered Nurses, Truck Drivers, Janitors and Cleaners, Secretaries, Cashiers, Retail Salespersons, General Office Clerks, Nursing Aides and Orderlies, and Waiters and Waitresses. Many of the positions in this category require minimal levels of education and training. When wages for these occupations were compared against the national data, wages in Texas lagged behind the national averages in each occupation.

MSA Comparisons

Another part of the analysis involved comparing Texas' highest paying occupations against the highest paying occupations in each of its MSAs. Looking at this, it was found that five occupations (Physicians, Dentists, Lawyers, Engineers/Natural Scientists/Computer and Information System Managers, and Physical Therapists) from the statewide list were found in 20 or more of the 27 MSAs in Texas, with physicians appearing in every MSA. In fact, eight of the top paying occupations were found in the Health Services sector. For those occupations that employed the most people, Dallas was the place to be. Eight of those occupations (General Managers, Office/Admin. Support, Secretaries, Elementary School Teachers, Retail Salespersons, Other Sales Reps, General Office Clerks, and Nursing Aides and Orderlies) paid the highest wages of any other MSA in the state.

The Web...

One area of particular interest has been those occupations related to the Internet and World Wide Web. In the OES survey, these occupations are listed as Systems Analysts, Database Administrators, Computer Support Specialists, Computer Programmers, Computer Programmer Aides, and Numerical Tool/Process Control Programmers. The 1998 survey showed that Texas paid Systems Analysts an average hourly wage of \$25.40 and Numerical Tool/Process Control Programmers \$19.99 an hour, both above the national wage. However, wages for all of the other computer-related occupations lagged behind the national averages. Of the MSAs, Dallas appeared to be the best paying area, with wages there exceeding both national and state wages for those working as Database Administrators, Computer Support Specialists, Computer Programmers, and Computer Programmer Aides. In contrast, Austin had higher wages in only two of these occupations: Systems Analysts and Numerical Tool/Process Control Programmers.

It should be noted, however, that the computer industry is continuously evolving and capturing the many newly created occupational titles is difficult. Therefore, for the time being, occupations such as Webmaster or Server Technician will be classified under the old categories, for example Database Administrator. Fortunately, the OES survey is

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Occupation	Tx Mean Wage	Natl Mean Wage	Difference
Physicians	52.04	49.05	2.99
Dentists	43.52	44.40	-0.88
Lawyers	37.89	36.49	1.40
Mining & Related Managers	36.21	30.30	5.91
Geologists/Geophysists/Oceanogrphrs	36.13	27.50	8.63
Petroleum Engineers	35.23	33.70	1.53
Engr/Nat Sci/Comp/Info Sys Mgrs	35.05	34.54	0.51
Optometrists	34.29	31.47	2.82
Actuaries	31.61	31.86	-0.25
Chemical Engineers	31.13	29.44	1.69
Medical Scientists	31.04	27.44	3.60
Air Traffic Controllers	30.16	28.51	1.65
Electrical & Electronics Engis	29.55	28.69	0.86
Aerospace Engineers	29.31	30.26	-0.95
Adver/Mrkt/Promo/PR/Sales Mgrs	29.19	28.85	0.34
Physical Therapists	29.07	27.49	1.58
Pharmacists	29.04	28.89	0.15
Chiropractors	29.03	32.41	-3.38
Mechanical Engineers	28.67	26.23	2.44
Sales Engineers	28.16	27.51	0.65

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designed to capture new and emerging occupations so that both the occupation and its accompanying data can at least attempt to keep pace with our ever-changing economy.

So, what can be said about wages in Texas based upon the data now available from the OES survey? First, that the salaries of the highest paying occupations in Texas are outpacing their national counterparts. Secondly, of those occupations that employ the most people in Texas, wages have fallen behind the national pay

levels. Is this an omen or just merely how the data shaped up for one year? Since there is no time series for wage data available, this question cannot yet be answered either empirically or emphatically. Only time and the continued cooperation of Texas' employers to provide the necessary data for the OES survey will conclusively answer that question.

For more information regarding the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, call (512) 491-4922, or e-mail at lmi@twc.state.tx.us.



Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Seasonally Adjusted⁺

INDUSTRY TITLE	Mar. 2000*	Feb. 2000	Mar. 1999	Feb. '00 to Mar. '00		Mar. '99 to Mar. '00	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	9,351,500	9,306,500	9,125,900	45,000	0.5	225,600	2.5
GOODS PRODUCING	1,777,100	1,773,200	1,766,300	3,900	0.2	10,800	0.6
Mining	144,500	143,700	150,700	800	0.6	-6,200	-4.1
Construction	548,000	545,700	521,900	2,300	0.4	26,100	5.0
Manufacturing	1,084,600	1,083,800	1,093,700	800	0.1	-9,100	-0.8
Durable Goods	662,100	661,000	664,700	1,100	0.2	-2,600	-0.4
Nondurable Goods	422,500	422,800	429,000	-300	-0.1	-6,500	-1.5
SERVICE PRODUCING	7,574,400	7,533,300	7,359,600	41,100	0.5	214,800	2.9
Transportation, Comm., Utilities	576,800	575,200	559,000	1,600	0.3	17,800	3.2
Trade	2,232,700	2,218,800	2,163,800	13,900	0.6	68,900	3.2
Wholesale Trade	545,000	542,300	529,100	2,700	0.5	15,900	3.0
Retail Trade	1,687,700	1,676,500	1,634,700	11,200	0.7	53,000	3.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	533,000	530,500	514,700	2,500	0.5	18,300	3.6
Services	2,654,700	2,641,400	2,582,900	13,300	0.5	71,800	2.8
Government	1,577,200	1,567,400	1,539,200	9,800	0.6	38,000	2.5

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

TEXAS*					UNITED STATES**			
Actual	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
Mar '00	10,315,800	9,860,500	455,300	4.4	140,501,000	134,494,000	6,007,000	4.3
Feb '00	10,297,600	9,827,200	470,400	4.6	140,185,000	133,954,000	6,231,000	4.4
Mar '99	10,088,100	9,639,600	448,500	4.4	138,418,000	132,299,000	6,119,000	4.4
Seas. Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
Mar '00	10,396,200	9,920,000	476,200	4.6	140,867,000	135,159,000	5,708,000	4.1
Feb '00	10,401,300	9,936,500	464,800	4.5	141,166,000	135,362,000	5,804,000	4.1
Mar '99	10,162,700	9,694,400	468,300	4.6	138,804,000	132,976,000	5,828,000	4.2

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 from February's revised 4.6 percent to 4.4 percent in March. While the unemployment rate in the actual series normally decreases from February to March, this was the smallest decline since 1986. It was the first time since 1978 that there was no over-the-year change in the unemployment rate for March.

📍 The number of employed Texans increased over the month by 33,300 from 9,827,200 in February to 9,860,500 in March. March's employment gain marks the lowest February to March gain since 1974. The over-the-month change in employment was below the average increase for February to March during the past twenty-two years.

📍 The number of unemployed Texans decreased by 15,100 over the month from 470,400 in February to 455,300 in March. This is the lowest February to March decrease in unemployment since 1985. This is the first time that the number of Total Unemployed has increased over-the-year since 1992.

📍 The number of claims for unemployment benefits without earnings decreased 6,500 over the month from 99,500 in February to 93,000 in March. This is the largest over the month decline in claims since September 1999 and the lowest number of claims since October 1998. This month's number of claims for benefits was far less than last March's claim level of 117,200. This is the largest February to March decrease in number of Continued Claims since March of 1992.

📍 All the major industries saw a decrease in claims for unemployment benefits over the month with the exception of Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities (TCPU) and Trade. March's claims were the lowest level for the major industries since August of 1998. With the exception of FIRE, all major industries had fewer claims than a year ago.

**Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Ranked by Unemployment Rate
March 2000**

1	Bryan-College Station	1.6
2	Austin-San Marcos	2.1
3	Lubbock	3.0
4 (tie)	Dallas	3.1
	Fort Worth-Arlington	3.1
	Waco	3.1
7 (tie)	Killeen-Temple	3.3
	San Angelo	3.3
9 (tie)	San Antonio	3.4
	Victoria	3.4
11	Tyler	3.5
12 (tie)	Abilene	3.6
	Sherman-Denison	3.6
14	Amarillo	3.7
15	Houston	4.3
	Texas	4.4
16	Wichita Falls	4.6
17	Texarkana	5.1
18	Galveston-Texas City	5.9
19	Longview-Marshall	6.0
20 (tie)	Corpus Christi	6.4
	Odessa-Midland	6.4
22	Brazoria	6.5
23	Laredo	7.7
24	Beaumont-Port Arthur	8.2
25	El Paso	8.4
26	Brownsville-Harlingen	9.8
27	McAllen-Edinburg-Mis.	14.4

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

	March 2000*				February 2000				March 1999			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
State of Texas	10,315.8	9,860.5	455.3	4.4	10,297.6	9,827.2	470.4	4.6	10,088.1	9,639.6	448.5	4.4
Abilene	60.0	57.8	2.2	3.6	60.2	58.0	2.2	3.7	59.2	57.0	2.2	3.7
Amarillo	113.6	109.4	4.2	3.7	113.8	109.5	4.3	3.8	111.6	108.6	3.0	2.7
Austin-San Marcos	729.5	714.5	15.0	2.1	726.8	711.5	15.3	2.1	694.8	680.0	14.8	2.1
Beaumont-Port Arthur	177.5	163.0	14.5	8.2	177.7	163.4	14.3	8.0	181.2	166.7	14.5	8.0
Brazoria	103.3	96.5	6.8	6.5	104.0	96.9	7.1	6.8	103.1	96.9	6.2	6.0
Brownsville-Harlingen	129.9	117.2	12.7	9.8	129.1	115.7	13.4	10.4	124.7	112.3	12.4	10.0
Bryan-College Station	77.8	76.6	1.2	1.6	77.2	76.0	1.2	1.6	76.2	75.1	1.1	1.5
Corpus Christi	175.6	164.3	11.3	6.4	174.6	163.0	11.6	6.6	174.2	163.9	10.3	5.9
Dallas	1,945.9	1,885.7	60.2	3.1	1,937.8	1,876.7	61.1	3.2	1,885.1	1,831.5	53.6	2.8
El Paso	286.3	262.3	24.0	8.4	287.7	262.5	25.2	8.8	283.8	257.8	26.0	9.1
Fort Worth-Arlington	913.3	884.7	28.6	3.1	906.9	877.9	29.0	3.2	881.4	855.4	26.0	2.9
Galveston-Texas City	121.0	113.9	7.1	5.9	121.2	114.2	7.0	5.8	121.3	114.2	7.1	5.9
Houston	2,168.8	2,075.5	93.3	4.3	2,170.6	2,074.5	96.1	4.4	2,127.0	2,041.8	85.2	4.0
Killeen-Temple	115.8	112.0	3.8	3.3	115.6	111.5	4.1	3.5	113.9	110.2	3.7	3.3
Laredo	73.3	67.6	5.7	7.7	73.2	67.2	6.0	8.2	71.9	65.3	6.6	9.2
Longview-Marshall	102.4	96.3	6.1	6.0	102.5	96.0	6.5	6.3	102.8	95.9	6.9	6.7
Lubbock	125.7	121.9	3.8	3.0	124.9	121.6	3.3	2.6	121.0	117.7	3.3	2.7
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	206.0	176.4	29.6	14.4	204.9	172.5	32.4	15.8	197.3	166.8	30.5	15.4
Odessa-Midland	117.3	109.8	7.5	6.4	118.2	110.4	7.8	6.6	122.1	111.1	11.0	9.0
San Angelo	49.6	48.0	1.6	3.3	49.6	47.9	1.7	3.4	49.8	47.6	2.2	4.4
San Antonio	775.2	749.1	26.1	3.4	779.3	752.1	27.2	3.5	755.2	733.3	21.9	2.9
Sherman-Denison	50.9	49.1	1.8	3.6	50.9	48.9	2.0	3.9	50.0	47.7	2.3	4.6
Texarkana	56.5	53.6	2.9	5.1	56.4	53.3	3.1	5.5	55.2	52.2	3.0	5.5
Tyler	90.2	87.0	3.2	3.5	89.9	86.7	3.2	3.6	88.5	84.8	3.7	4.2
Victoria	43.3	41.8	1.5	3.4	43.2	41.7	1.5	3.6	42.2	40.5	1.7	3.9
Waco	102.4	99.2	3.2	3.1	102.4	99.2	3.2	3.1	100.1	96.9	3.2	3.2
Wichita Falls	64.3	61.3	3.0	4.6	63.7	60.6	3.1	4.8	63.8	61.2	2.6	4.0

*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 - March 2000

County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	19,385	1,003	4.9	Donley	1,541	47	3.0	Kaufman	32,199	1,289	3.8	Real	1,255	30	2.3
Andrews	4,559	336	6.9	Duval	4,128	445	9.7	Kendall	13,615	282	2.0	Red River	5,656	278	4.7
Angelina	33,549	1,844	5.2	Eastland	8,399	352	4.0	Kenedy	234	7	2.9	Reeves	6,205	763	11.0
Aransas	9,087	602	6.2	Ector	53,928	4,363	7.5	Kent	467	12	2.5	Refugio	2,589	135	5.0
Archer	3,958	125	3.1	Edwards	768	35	4.4	Kerr	16,741	355	2.1	Roberts	397	6	1.5
Armstrong	1,007	16	1.6	Ellis	54,065	1,808	3.2	Kimble	2,265	58	2.5	Robertson	5,802	257	4.2
Atascosa	16,616	698	4.0	El Paso	262,267	24,019	8.4	King	135	5	3.6	Rockwall	21,690	478	2.2
Austin	13,320	481	3.5	Erath	16,500	350	2.1	Kinney	1,013	117	10.4	Runnels	4,646	296	6.0
Bailey	3,052	201	6.2	Falls	7,081	285	3.9	Kleberg	12,923	754	5.5	Rusk	18,916	1,017	5.1
Bandera	6,769	184	2.6	Fannin	12,435	597	4.6	Knox	1,633	91	5.3	Sabine	3,692	334	8.3
Bastrop	28,143	618	2.1	Fayette	10,863	257	2.3	Lamar	20,584	1,176	5.4	San Augustine	3,015	149	4.7
Baylor	1,714	103	5.7	Fisher	1,563	54	3.3	Lamb	5,785	1,097	15.9	San Jacinto	8,404	338	3.9
Bee	10,496	567	5.1	Floyd	2,650	196	6.9	Lampasas	7,720	217	2.7	San Patricio	27,957	1,915	6.4
Bell	90,312	3,051	3.3	Foard	858	16	1.8	La Salle	2,739	184	6.3	San Saba	2,506	79	3.1
Bexar	654,252	23,607	3.5	Fort Bend	179,338	5,683	3.1	Lavaca	9,287	168	1.8	Schleicher	1,456	61	4.0
Blanco	3,907	84	2.1	Franklin	4,225	172	3.9	Lee	7,083	194	2.7	Scurry	6,731	355	5.0
Borden	370	4	1.1	Freestone	7,020	369	5.0	Leon	6,367	303	4.5	Shackelford	1,255	35	2.7
Bosque	7,300	247	3.3	Frio	5,815	387	6.2	Liberty	27,263	1,922	6.6	Shelby	7,425	532	6.7
Bowie	36,901	2,121	5.4	Gaines	5,939	306	4.9	Limestone	8,788	385	4.2	Sherman	1,333	23	1.7
Brazoria	96,543	6,751	6.5	Galveston	113,888	7,120	5.9	Lipscomb	1,440	37	2.5	Smith	86,994	3,162	3.5
Brazos	76,635	1,213	1.6	Garza	1,716	96	5.3	Live Oak	4,193	152	3.5	Somervell	1,471	142	8.8
Brewster	5,285	119	2.2	Gillespie	10,174	373	3.5	Llano	5,280	103	1.9	Starr	16,640	6,165	27.0
Briscoe	834	30	3.5	Glasscock	677	19	2.7	Loving	95	7	6.9	Stephens	3,831	177	4.4
Brooks	2,743	238	8.0	Goliad	2,522	93	3.6	Lubbock	121,922	3,811	3.0	Sterling	627	23	3.5
Brown	16,697	688	4.0	Gonzales	7,305	243	3.2	Lynn	2,630	128	4.6	Stonewall	604	35	5.5
Burleson	6,399	275	4.1	Gray	8,473	507	5.6	Mc Culloch	3,405	189	5.3	Sutton	1,799	79	4.2
Burnet	13,685	366	2.6	Grayson	49,148	1,830	3.6	Mc Lennan	99,222	3,185	3.1	Swisher	3,169	119	3.6
Caldwell	16,538	581	3.4	Gregg	54,824	3,696	6.3	Mc Mullen	268	9	3.2	Tarrant	766,445	24,317	3.1
Calhoun	9,393	441	4.5	Grimes	8,204	539	6.2	Madison	4,168	126	2.9	Taylor	57,752	2,170	3.6
Callahan	5,785	247	4.1	Guadalupe	41,891	1,206	2.8	Marion	3,485	343	9.0	Terrell	686	12	1.7
Cameron	117,161	12,709	9.8	Hale	15,512	917	5.6	Martin	1,602	86	5.1	Terry	4,791	334	6.5
Camp	5,009	222	4.2	Hall	1,412	84	5.6	Mason	1,481	19	1.3	Throckmorton	729	19	2.5
Carson	3,017	96	3.1	Hamilton	3,950	93	2.3	Matagorda	15,003	1,384	8.4	Titus	11,888	570	4.6
Cass	13,678	859	5.9	Hansford	2,383	63	2.6	Maverick	14,562	5,416	27.1	Tom Green	48,037	1,622	3.3
Castro	3,252	154	4.5	Hardeman	1,741	72	4.0	Medina	15,918	623	3.8	Travis	472,469	10,151	2.1
Chambers	11,472	571	4.7	Hardin	21,011	1,605	7.1	Menard	981	28	2.8	Trinity	4,735	243	4.9
Cherokee	20,556	730	3.4	Harris	1,709,807	79,437	4.4	Midland	55,834	3,104	5.3	Tyler	6,010	541	8.3
Childress	2,836	91	3.1	Harrison	25,734	1,622	5.9	Milam	9,016	322	3.4	Upshur	15,701	805	4.9
Clay	5,479	154	2.7	Hartley	2,965	47	1.6	Mills	2,224	26	1.2	Upton	1,408	100	6.6
Cochran	1,096	140	11.3	Haskell	2,592	100	3.7	Mitchell	3,163	131	4.0	Uvalde	10,769	777	6.7
Coke	1,451	28	1.9	Hays	52,538	1,347	2.5	Montague	7,125	485	6.4	Val Verde	17,235	1,482	7.9
Coleman	2,946	147	4.8	Hemphill	1,741	47	2.6	Montgomery	135,376	4,967	3.5	Van Zandt	21,378	667	3.0
Collin	267,424	5,708	2.1	Henderson	29,582	1,131	3.7	Moore	9,022	278	3.0	Victoria	41,827	1,470	3.4
Collingsworth	1,371	19	1.4	Hidalgo	176,386	29,643	14.4	Morris	5,693	424	6.9	Walker	24,354	464	1.9
Colorado	7,882	301	3.7	Hill	15,864	625	3.8	Motley	498	9	1.8	Waller	12,197	683	5.3
Comal	37,868	935	2.4	Hockley	9,787	572	5.5	Nacogdoches	25,724	926	3.5	Ward	3,657	371	9.2
Comanche	6,780	205	2.9	Hood	16,671	588	3.4	Navarro	20,510	1,169	5.4	Washington	14,377	376	2.5
Concho	1,494	56	3.6	Hopkins	15,057	560	3.6	Newton	5,001	572	10.3	Webb	67,639	5,680	7.7
Cooke	16,865	499	2.9	Houston	8,799	324	3.6	Nolan	6,503	350	5.1	Wharton	17,957	922	4.9
Coryell	21,640	762	3.4	Howard	12,740	607	4.5	Nueces	136,330	9,351	6.4	Wheeler	2,589	114	4.2
Cottle	827	51	5.8	Hudspeth	1,420	44	3.0	Ochiltree	5,179	154	2.9	Wichita	57,327	2,825	4.7
Crane	1,700	121	6.6	Hunt	35,864	1,563	4.2	Oldham	1,132	28	2.4	Wilbarger	7,552	196	2.5
Crockett	1,853	82	4.2	Hutchinson	8,055	574	6.7	Orange	36,589	3,614	9.0	Willacy	5,664	1,169	17.1
Crosby	2,362	163	6.5	Irion	640	16	2.4	Palo Pinto	11,710	434	3.6	Williamson	144,800	2,281	1.6
Culberson	1,174	154	11.6	Jack	3,249	119	3.5	Panola	6,851	635	8.5	Wilson	15,109	393	2.5
Dallam	3,662	102	2.7	Jackson	8,056	219	2.6	Parker	41,451	1,447	3.4	Winkler	2,600	224	7.9
Dallas	1,201,890	42,781	3.4	Jasper	12,918	1,519	10.5	Parmer	4,240	133	3.0	Wise	24,364	628	2.5
Dawson	5,086	383	7.0	Jeff Davis	1,290	28	2.1	Pecos	6,087	413	6.4	Wood	13,061	635	4.6
Deaf Smith	7,119	439	5.8	Jefferson	105,396	9,263	8.1	Polk	14,187	814	5.4	Yoakum	2,805	282	9.1
Delta	3,685	119	3.1	Jim Hogg	2,136	182	7.9	Potter	52,242	3,402	6.1	Young	7,598	560	6.9
Denton	242,952	5,481	2.2	Jim Wells	14,610	1,319	8.3	Presidio	3,069	985	24.3	Zapata	4,018	436	9.8
De Witt	7,743	310	3.8	Johnson	60,175	2,213	3.5	Rains	3,570	131	3.5	Zavala	3,644	728	16.7
Dickens	824	40	4.6	Jones	9,322	364	3.8	Randall	57,130	817	1.4				
Dimmit	3,200	532	14.3	Karnes	5,423	212	3.8	Reagan	1,662	65	3.8				

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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

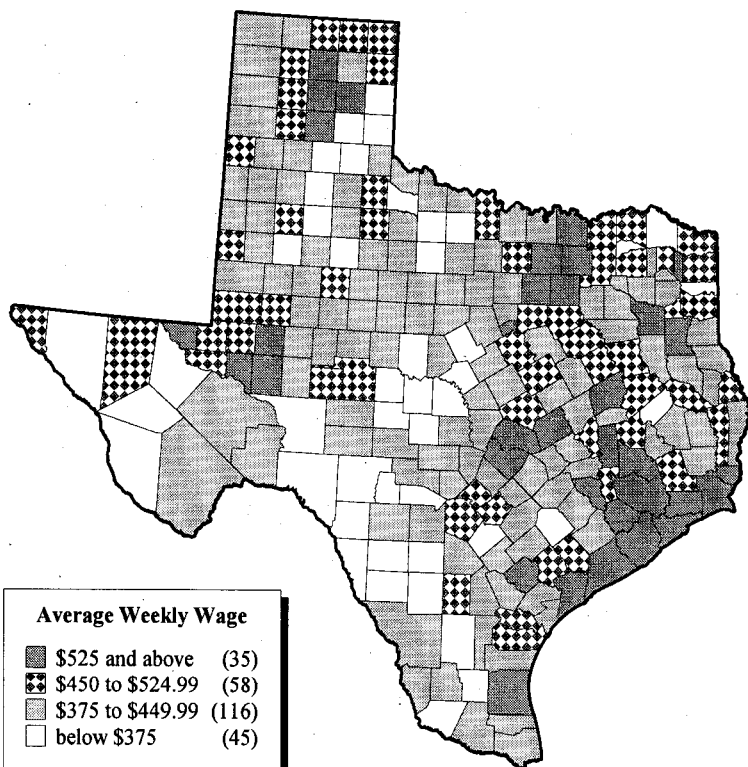
				Feb.'00 to Mar.'00		Mar. '99 to Mar. '00	
	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
TOTAL NONAG. W & S EMPLOYMENT	9,319,000	9,253,400	9,097,300	65,600	0.7	221,700	2.4
GOODS PRODUCING	1,768,600	1,762,200	1,759,700	6,400	0.4	8,900	0.5
Mining	143,800	143,800	150,300	0	0.0	-6,500	-4.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	134,800	134,700	141,500	100	0.1	-6,700	-4.7
Construction	544,500	539,200	518,600	5,300	1.0	25,900	5.0
Manufacturing	1,080,300	1,079,200	1,090,800	1,100	0.1	-10,500	-1.0
Durable Goods	660,100	659,000	663,800	1,100	0.2	-3,700	-0.6
Lumber & Wood Products	49,000	48,900	48,800	100	0.2	200	0.4
Lumber Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,200	7,300	7,600	-100	-1.4	-400	-5.3
Furniture & Fixtures	20,600	20,500	20,300	100	0.5	300	1.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	45,300	45,400	44,800	-100	-0.2	500	1.1
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Products	23,300	23,200	22,100	100	0.4	1,200	5.4
Primary Metal Industries	31,000	30,900	30,400	100	0.3	600	2.0
Fabricated Metal Industries	104,500	104,700	104,000	-200	-0.2	500	0.5
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	56,800	57,100	55,900	-300	-0.5	900	1.6
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	138,500	137,600	141,300	900	0.7	-2,800	-2.0
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	23,900	23,800	27,700	100	0.4	-3,800	-13.7
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	130,800	130,600	127,600	200	0.2	3,200	2.5
Transportation Equipment	82,700	82,800	83,900	-100	-0.1	-1,200	-1.4
Aircraft & Parts	44,400	44,500	45,300	-100	-0.2	-900	-2.0
Instruments & Related Products	37,100	37,000	41,700	100	0.3	-4,600	-11.0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	20,600	20,600	21,000	0	0.0	-400	-1.9
Non-durable Goods	420,200	420,200	427,000	0	0.0	-6,800	-1.6
Food & Kindred Products	97,500	98,000	97,500	-500	-0.5	0	0.0
Meat Products	35,300	35,300	35,300	0	0.0	0	0.0
Dairy Products	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	0.0	200	4.1
Bakery Products	8,600	8,600	8,700	0	0.0	-100	-1.1
Malt Beverages	2,000	2,000	2,300	0	0.0	-300	-13.0
Textile Mill Products	4,000	3,900	4,100	100	2.6	-100	-2.4
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	43,800	43,200	48,500	600	1.4	-4,700	-9.7
Paper & Allied Products	28,600	28,600	29,100	0	0.0	-500	-1.7
Printing & Publishing	75,300	75,400	75,600	-100	-0.1	-300	-0.4
Newspapers, Periodicals, Books, & Miscellaneous	34,300	34,300	34,100	0	0.0	200	0.6
Chemicals & Allied Products	83,200	83,200	84,300	0	0.0	-1,100	-1.3
Petroleum & Coal Products	25,000	25,100	25,900	-100	-0.4	-900	-3.5
Petroleum Refining	21,300	21,500	22,300	-200	-0.9	-1,000	-4.5
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	57,200	57,100	55,700	100	0.2	1,500	2.7
Leather & Leather Products	5,700	5,700	6,200	0	0.0	-500	-8.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	7,550,400	7,491,200	7,337,600	59,200	0.8	212,800	2.9
Transportation, Communications, Utilities	574,500	572,900	555,100	1,600	0.3	19,400	3.5
Transportation	360,300	359,600	347,200	700	0.2	13,100	3.8
Railroad Transportation	16,400	16,400	17,600	0	0.0	-1,200	-6.8
Transportation by Air	121,400	121,600	112,700	-200	-0.2	8,700	7.7
Communications	142,100	141,300	135,500	800	0.6	6,600	4.9
Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Services	72,100	72,000	72,400	100	0.1	-300	-0.4
Electric Services	32,800	32,700	32,500	100	0.3	300	0.9
Gas Production & Distribution	22,500	22,400	23,000	100	0.4	-500	-2.2
Trade	2,210,300	2,188,500	2,142,000	21,800	1.0	68,300	3.2
Wholesale Trade	543,900	540,500	527,500	3,400	0.6	16,400	3.1
Retail Trade	1,666,400	1,648,000	1,614,500	18,400	1.1	51,900	3.2
Building Materials & Gardening Supplies	67,600	64,500	64,500	3,100	4.8	3,100	4.8
General Merchandise Stores	214,700	211,300	208,000	3,400	1.6	6,700	3.2
Food Stores	254,000	254,200	247,900	-200	-0.1	6,100	2.5
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	170,100	168,800	166,000	1,300	0.8	4,100	2.5
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,300	81,800	81,400	500	0.6	900	1.1
Home Furniture, Furnishings, & Equipment Stores	79,200	78,700	75,100	500	0.6	4,100	5.5
Eating & Drinking Places	617,700	607,200	597,200	10,500	1.7	20,500	3.4
Other Retail Trade	180,800	181,500	174,400	-700	-0.4	6,400	3.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	530,600	528,000	511,700	2,600	0.5	18,900	3.7
Depository Institutions Including Banks	132,900	132,400	128,900	500	0.4	4,000	3.1
Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers, & Service	169,200	168,900	163,800	300	0.2	5,400	3.3
Other Finance Insurance & Real Estate	228,500	226,700	219,000	1,800	0.8	9,500	4.3
Services	2,638,600	2,614,300	2,571,800	24,300	0.9	66,800	2.6
Hotel & Other Lodging Places	91,700	91,100	92,700	600	0.7	1,000	1.1
Personal Services	93,300	93,800	94,200	-500	-0.5	-900	-1.0
Business Services	699,000	688,500	663,500	10,500	1.5	35,500	5.4
Auto Repair Services	92,500	91,900	88,700	600	0.7	3,800	4.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	31,300	31,500	31,500	-200	-0.6	-200	-0.6
Amusement & Recreation, including Motion Pictures	113,400	111,000	118,000	2,400	2.2	-4,600	-3.9
Health Services	685,100	681,700	681,600	3,400	0.5	3,500	0.5
Legal Services	68,600	68,600	67,500	0	0.0	1,100	1.6
Educational Services	117,800	118,200	111,900	-400	-0.3	5,900	5.3
Social Services	188,900	187,800	181,000	1,100	0.6	7,900	4.4
Membership Organizations	141,300	139,900	138,600	1,400	1.0	2,700	1.9
Engineering & Management Services	250,700	249,000	242,100	1,700	0.7	8,600	3.6
Agricultural Services	54,200	50,900	51,200	3,300	6.3	3,000	5.9
Government	1,596,400	1,587,500	1,557,000	8,900	0.6	39,400	2.5
Federal	188,600	185,900	182,000	-4,700	-2.6	-400	-0.2
State	341,200	340,600	332,200	600	0.2	9,000	2.7
Local	1,066,600	1,061,000	1,042,800	3,600	0.3	30,300	3.0

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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		
	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99
TOTAL	57.0	56.8	55.6	98.8	98.2	97.4	656.1	652.1	624.2	156.5	156.7	160.0	74.4	74.1	74.4
Mining	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.4
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.3	5.5	5.5	4.9	38.4	38.0	35.3	15.4	15.3	17.1	10.0	10.0	9.5
Manufacturing-Dur.	1.8	1.8	1.7	3.5	3.5	3.3	69.2	69.3	66.2	8.4	8.6	9.6	3.7	3.6	5.0
Manufacturing-NonDur.	1.8	1.8	1.9	5.4	5.4	6.0	12.8	12.9	12.5	14.9	14.9	15.1	9.9	9.8	10.2
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2.6	2.6	2.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	22.9	22.8	20.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.7	6.4	6.4	6.3	35.2	35.4	31.6	5.1	5.1	4.9	2.5	2.5	2.5
Retail Trade	12.0	12.0	11.9	20.5	20.3	20.6	110.1	108.8	105.8	31.1	31.2	31.3	13.0	13.1	12.6
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	2.5	2.5	2.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	34.6	34.4	32.8	5.3	5.3	5.3	2.0	2.0	2.0
Services	20.3	20.2	19.6	28.2	28.0	27.7	193.1	191.2	183.5	40.4	40.3	41.1	14.6	14.3	14.0
Federal Government	1.6	1.5	1.4	2.1	2.0	1.9	11.4	10.8	11.1	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.6	0.5	0.5
State Government	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.9	4.9	4.9	65.5	65.9	65.6	6.3	6.3	6.1	2.9	2.9	2.9
Local Government	6.5	6.4	6.4	10.8	10.7	10.5	61.6	61.3	57.9	17.9	17.9	17.9	11.2	11.4	11.1
INDUSTRY	BROWNSVILLE-HARL.			BRYAN-COLL. STA.			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS			EL PASO		
	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99
TOTAL	106.4	105.0	102.0	77.1	76.1	75.2	159.7	157.4	158.2	1941.1	1927.9	1885.7	254.7	252.9	248.8
Mining	**	**	**	0.7	0.7	0.8	2.0	2.0	2.2	9.8	9.8	10.2	**	**	**
Construction	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	12.9	12.8	12.8	103.4	101.3	95.3	13.5	13.2	12.3
Manufacturing-Dur.	5.3	5.3	5.4	3.0	2.9	2.7	5.2	5.2	5.1	171.8	171.0	174.5	16.1	16.1	16.6
Manufacturing-NonDur.	7.3	7.0	7.0	2.4	2.4	2.1	8.0	8.0	8.1	76.6	76.5	76.8	22.7	22.6	22.8
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5.3	5.3	5.1	1.6	1.6	1.6	6.8	6.8	6.6	131.9	131.3	128.4	15.7	15.6	14.3
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	152.9	152.2	148.7	13.0	12.9	13.3
Retail Trade	22.4	21.8	21.2	14.1	14.0	13.9	30.9	30.3	30.7	315.6	313.0	306.4	46.2	45.9	45.3
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	3.8	3.8	3.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	6.2	6.1	6.2	158.1	157.1	155.0	9.9	9.9	9.9
Services	29.7	29.6	28.3	16.7	16.6	16.1	49.5	49.1	49.7	603.0	598.3	579.7	61.0	60.3	59.1
Federal Government	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	31.3	31.1	31.1	8.9	8.7	8.5
State Government	3.7	3.7	3.8	23.1	22.6	22.7	4.3	4.3	4.4	27.6	27.4	27.2	8.7	8.6	8.6
Local Government	18.7	18.6	18.1	6.8	6.7	6.8	21.1	21.1	20.7	159.1	158.9	152.4	39.0	39.1	38.1
INDUSTRY	FT. WORTH-ARL.			GALVESTON-TX. CITY			HOUSTON			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99
TOTAL	782.0	775.3	755.8	88.9	88.8	89.0	2066.7	2050.8	2073.3	103.1	102.5	101.1	66.9	66.1	64.2
Mining	3.9	4.0	4.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	62.4	62.3	65.5	**	**	**	0.9	0.9	1.2
Construction	42.0	41.4	39.4	4.6	4.7	4.7	153.0	150.7	145.6	4.8	4.6	4.5	2.6	2.5	2.3
Manufacturing-Dur.	75.6	75.2	75.0	2.3	2.3	2.4	122.2	121.7	129.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	1.2	1.2	1.0
Manufacturing-NonDur.	36.6	36.6	36.3	5.7	5.7	6.0	83.1	83.1	84.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Trans., Comm. & Util.	77.1	76.4	73.4	3.6	3.6	3.6	148.7	149.1	146.2	3.5	3.5	3.4	12.2	12.1	11.4
Wholesale Trade	43.4	43.1	41.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	130.0	129.1	131.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.3
Retail Trade	150.4	148.9	145.4	18.5	18.5	17.9	343.0	339.8	325.4	20.2	20.1	19.9	14.1	14.0	13.8
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	37.3	36.8	35.7	5.8	5.8	6.4	116.4	115.4	111.8	4.7	4.7	4.2	2.7	2.7	2.4
Services	214.2	212.0	207.2	20.3	20.2	19.6	631.4	625.1	617.8	28.3	28.2	27.6	13.3	13.1	12.6
Federal Government	14.5	14.1	14.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	26.7	26.3	26.1	8.2	8.2	8.3	2.2	2.1	1.9
State Government	9.3	9.3	9.2	11.5	11.6	12.1	48.7	48.4	46.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	1.5	1.5	1.6
Local Government	77.7	77.5	73.9	12.9	12.8	12.8	290.5	199.8	193.7	16.2	16.1	16.2	11.9	11.8	11.9
INDUSTRY	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDIN.-MIS.			ODESSA-MIDLAND			SAN ANGELO		
	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99
TOTAL	90.8	90.5	90.7	120.8	120.4	118.3	153.4	152.1	145.3	99.6	99.2	100.0	43.5	43.2	43.1
Mining	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	10.8	10.9	10.9	0.6	0.6	0.5
Construction	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.3	8.3	8.3	7.2	4.9	4.9	5.8	2.2	2.1	2.0
Manufacturing-Dur.	12.8	12.9	13.0	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.4	2.7	2.7	2.7
Manufacturing-NonDur.	5.2	5.2	5.9	3.2	3.2	3.1	9.0	9.2	9.2	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4.1	4.0	4.0	6.6	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.1	5.4	3.9	3.9	3.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Wholesale Trade	4.2	4.2	4.4	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.8	7.7	7.5	6.4	6.4	6.5	1.7	1.7	1.8
Retail Trade	18.4	18.4	18.4	25.6	25.4	24.9	33.6	33.4	32.5	20.6	20.5	20.4	8.4	8.3	8.4
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	22.5	22.5	21.9	37.1	37.1	34.5	36.1	35.9	34.0	23.6	23.3	23.6	12.3	12.2	12.1
Federal Government	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.3	1.2	1.2	3.6	2.9	2.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.4
State Government	0.6	0.6	0.6	13.3	13.2	13.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.4	2.4
Local Government	10.9	10.9	10.7	11.9	11.8	11.7	33.3	33.2	31.9	16.2	16.2	16.1	5.4	5.4	5.4
INDUSTRY	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99
TOTAL	714.1	711.9	695.6	46.1	45.9	44.6	52.6	52.3	51.8	81.7	81.3	79.5	36.9	36.9	35.7
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	**	**	**	**	**	**	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.6
Construction	38.4	38.3	37.6	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.6	3.5	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.4
Manufacturing-Dur.	30.3	30.3	29.0	7.4	7.4	7.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	7.7	7.8	7.3	0.9	0.9	1.0
Manufacturing-NonDur.	24.0	24.0	24.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	2.1	2.1	2.1
Trans., Comm. & Util.	34.8	34.8	33.5	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	31.6	31.5	30.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	4.1	4.1	4.0	1.8	1.8	1.8
Retail Trade	140.8	140.3	136.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	10.9	10.8	11.0	18.1	18.0	17.4	7.9	7.8	7.7
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	50.9	51.0	47.5	2.9	2.9	2.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	4.0	4.0	3.9	1.4	1.5	1.5
Services	227.0	225.5	218.3	12.5	12.4	11.9	14.8	14.7	14.4	23.7	23.5	23.6	10.2	10.2	9.6
Federal Government	33.5	33.4	35.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.4	0.4	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	85.7	85.7	85.4	5.6	5.6	5.5	6.3	6.2	6.2	7.9	7.9	7.6	5.9	5.9	5.8
INDUSTRY	WACO			WICHITA FALLS											
	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99	Mar. '00	Feb. '00	Mar. '99									
TOTAL	101.5	101.3	99.1	59.0	58.5	59.6									
Mining	**	**	**	0.9	0.9	0.9									
Construction	5.5	5.4	5.0	2.1	2.1	2.3									
Manufacturing-Dur.	9.0	9.0	9.1	6.4	6.4	6.8									
Manufacturing-NonDur.	7.4	7.4	7.4	1.6	1.6	2.1									
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4.6	4.6	4.2	2.5	2.5	2.5									
Wholesale Trade	4.7	4.7													

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