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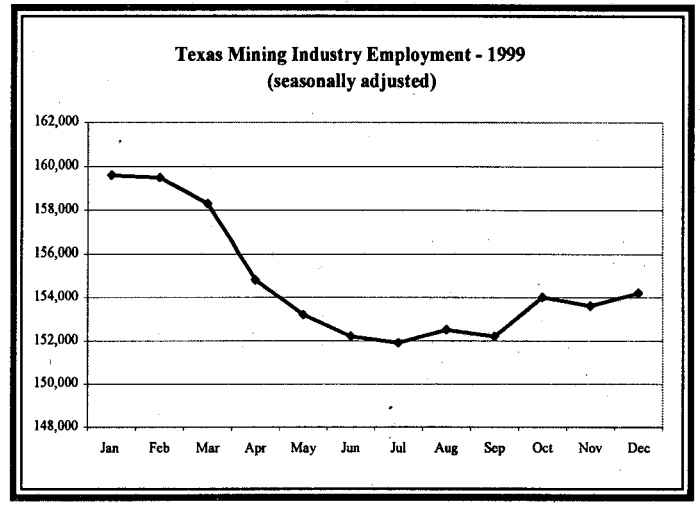
Statewide Unemployment Rate Rises to 4.6 in December (Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose over the month, from 4.4 percent in November to 4.6 percent in December. The December rate is two-tenths of a percentage point below last December's figure, and represents the lowest December rate since 1979.

Statewide Annual Job Growth Rate Remains Steady at 2.7 Percent (Seasonally Adjusted)

While job growth continued with the addition of 17,400 positions, December's over-the-month rise in Total Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment fell short of gains seen in October (+32,400) and November (+25,800) of this year. The annual growth rate, however, remained unchanged for the third consecutive month at 2.7 percent. Year to date, 247,100 jobs have been added to the Texas economy.

Hiring activity in Mining improved in December with the addition of 600 jobs. Most of this gain resulted from growth in *Oil and Gas Extraction*, which has benefited from continued strong crude oil prices. Mining's annual job growth, while still negative, rose to -4.9 percent.



All industries within the Service Producing Sector posted over-the-month job growth with the exception of Government. Overall, the sector added 15,300 jobs in December, accounting for over 80 percent of the monthly total Nonagricultural gain.

Total Government recorded its third over-the-month drop of the year, losing 2,400 jobs in December. All three government sectors posted declines with the majority of the loss concentrated in *State Government*. A total of 35,400 jobs were added during 1999, for an annual growth rate of 2.3 percent.

Nondurable Goods Manufacturing posted a gain of 500 jobs in December, marking the fourth over-the-month increase of the year. December's gain was concentrated in *Food & Kindred Products*. With more losses than gains, however, *Nondurable Goods* recorded an overall loss of 8,200 jobs during the past year.

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

December employment grew in the MSAs by 26,300 jobs. Seasonal hiring was largely responsible with 97 percent of the job growth occurring in *Retail Trade* to handle the holiday buying crunch. The Houston MSA accounted for over a third of the increase in *Retail Trade* with the addition of 9,500 jobs.

Holiday hiring also affected employment in *Transportation*, as air courier companies added extra staff to handle increased package delivery volume. The Dallas and Houston MSAs accounted for over 68 percent of the employment gains in Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities (TCPU).

The Austin-San Marcos MSA was responsible for 500 of the 600 Manufacturing jobs gained in the MSAs in December as high-tech industry employment continued to grow.

Texas Unemployment Rate		Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment	
Actual Series	Seasonally Adjusted	Actual Series	Seasonally Adjusted
4.2%	4.6%	9,383,600	9,311,000

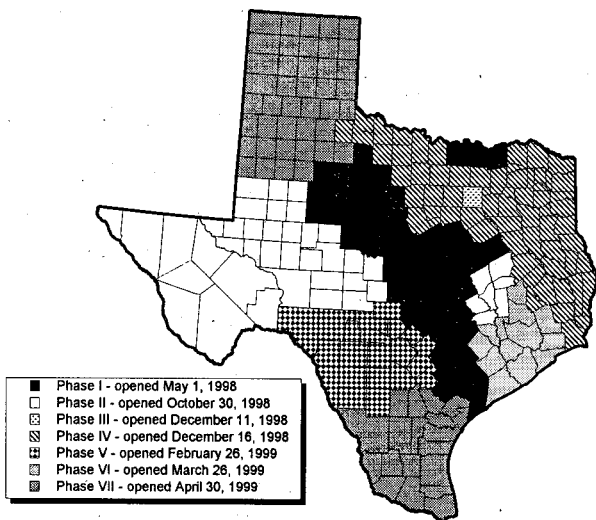
The Rise and Fall of Unemployment Claims

by Sandra Everett and Monique Beausoleil

In September 1998, the number of Unemployment Insurance claims filed across the state began to rise above the previous year's level, in contrast to the last two to three years when claims had shown a steady over-the-year decline. A few months before this happened, on May 1, 1998, the first in a series of new Unemployment Insurance Tele-Centers opened in the Austin area. It covered 49 counties and began a year long process of openings which, in seven phases, would eventually provide service to all 254 counties in the state. The occurrence of these two events within mere months of each other posed numerous questions. Did the opening of the Tele-Centers cause a subsequent increase in claims? If not, what was causing claims to rise to levels not seen since 1992? Finally, did the marked increase in claims foreshadow a downturn in the Texas economy?

For this article, an unemployment claim is defined as a claim filed by a claimant for unemployment benefit payment for a certified week of unemployment. The Unemployment Insurance Tele-Center project began in March 1997 and was designed to consolidate more than 100 "service locations" which required claimants to physically visit an average of two times to file unemployment claims, into seven automated service centers. From May 1, 1998 to April 30, 1999 each of the seven Tele-Centers opened and expanded Unemployment Insurance telephone service to a different part of the state.

Unemployment Insurance Tele-Center Openings

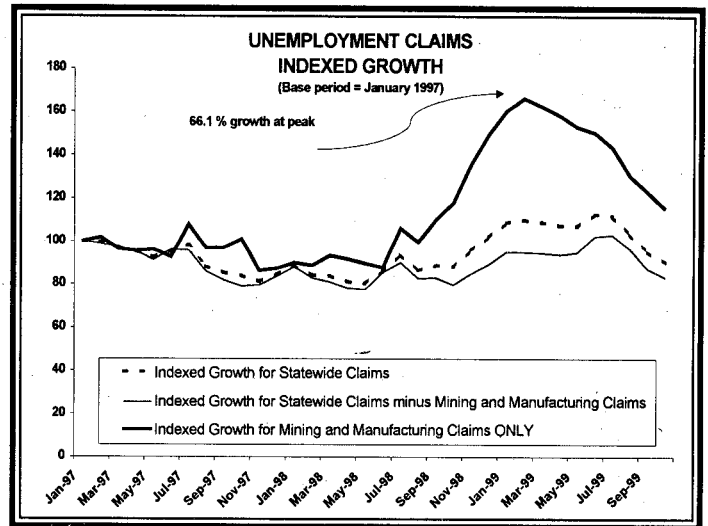


The opening of the Tele-Centers allowed individuals to file claim certifications or to get the status of their claim or unemployment check by telephone instead of in person. This new system allowed for a more efficient handling of claims, required less travel time for claimants, and provided more individualized and faster service. Since it was now easier to file claims, however, could there potentially be an increase in unemployment claims filed without any reflection on the state's economic conditions?

In order to determine whether the opening of the Tele-Centers contributed to the increase in claims, it was necessary to compare claims levels of the area covered by each Tele-Center before and after its opening. Given that unemployment claims data is available

for analysis before the openings of the Tele-Centers, we can examine trends in claims growth over the year for a certain geographical area. However, because the Tele-Center system has only been fully operational for about six months, an analysis of the effect of the openings on unemployment claims is limited.

After examining the available claims data, it cannot be stated that the opening of the Tele-Centers had any direct effect on the number of statewide claims filed. Additionally, individual Tele-Center openings had no observable upward push on claims levels in their area immediately after opening. Since the increase in claims in Texas can't be credited to the opening of the Tele-Centers, different interpretations were needed to explain the new level of statewide claims. Other possible causes that were examined include various external economic factors that affect claims levels within particular industries, without regard to geographic area.



Of the major industries, only Mining and Manufacturing exhibited any significant increases in claims during the period when statewide claims increased considerably. Indexed statewide claims growth without these two industries had actually decreased by about five percentage points from January 1997 to February 1999, while claims for the Mining and Manufacturing industries combined had grown by over 66 percent in the same time period. The accelerated growth in claims in these two industries began to push statewide claims up sharply around September 1998. In October 1999, claims growth in Mining and Manufacturing remained 15 percent higher than in January 1997.

One explanation for the increase in Mining claims during this period could be the downturn that the mining industry experienced beginning in 1998 due to the decline of oil prices. In March of 1998, unemployment claims for Mining began to increase and continued to grow at a faster and faster pace until they reversed course and started to decline in May of this year.

The influence of the price of oil can also be felt in other sectors of Texas industry, particularly in Manufacturing. In July of 1998 Manufacturing experienced a large increase in unemployment claims that didn't taper off until February of this year. Employment in Manufacturing and Mining are inter-related so it follows that price shocks that affect one industry will likely affect the other. A

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drop in the price of oil results in a decline in drilling activity which, in turn, causes a reduction in demand for oil and gas field machinery. For example, from October 1998 to October 1999, nonagricultural employment in the Goods Producing Sector, in which Mining and Manufacturing are included, both experienced significant decreases in employment in oil-related industries, such as *Oil & Gas Extraction* and *Petroleum Refining*.

Within Manufacturing also falls the troubled *Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products* which has experienced a decrease in employment and subsequent increase in claims that is not directly related to the oil price decline. To keep production costs low in this labor-intensive industry, domestic producers are utilizing beneficial trade agreements to move production or finishing to areas with less costly labor. Producers in this industry are also particularly subject

to import competition from products that are assembled for less in foreign countries. These two factors have contributed to numerous plant closures and the loss of apparel jobs throughout Texas.

However, it looks as if the marked increase in claims experienced during the past year may be coming to an end. As the price of oil has stabilized over the past few months, the number of unemployment claims filed have dropped to levels more in keeping with those of previous years. In September and October, claims were still higher than those recorded during the same months in 1998, but they weren't drastically higher. As the Texas economy continues to grow and become more diversified, these claims increases will become less pronounced. It appears as if this recent upward surge in claims was not due to a procedural change in claimstaking but was rather a temporary response to economic events which affected certain industries, and in no way foreshadowed an overall downturn in the Texas economy as a whole.



**Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
Seasonally Adjusted[†]**

INDUSTRY TITLE	Dec. 1999*	Nov. 1999	Dec. 1998	Nov. '99 to Dec. '99		Dec. '98 to Dec. '99	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	9,311,000	9,293,600	9,063,900	17,400	0.2	247,100	2.7
GOODS PRODUCING	1,790,100	1,788,000	1,777,600	2,100	0.1	12,500	0.7
Mining	154,200	153,600	162,100	600	0.4	-7,900	-4.9
Construction	535,300	534,500	508,800	800	0.1	26,500	5.2
Manufacturing	1,100,600	1,099,900	1,106,700	700	0.1	-6,100	-0.6
Durable Goods	679,200	679,000	677,100	200	0.0	2,100	0.3
Nondurable Goods	421,400	420,900	429,600	500	0.1	-8,200	-1.9
SERVICE PRODUCING	7,520,900	7,505,600	7,286,300	15,300	0.2	234,600	3.2
Transportation, Comm., Utilities	570,100	568,700	551,600	1,400	0.2	18,500	3.4
Trade	2,173,700	2,170,700	2,128,400	3,000	0.1	45,300	2.1
Wholesale Trade	539,400	537,700	526,200	1,700	0.3	13,200	2.5
Retail Trade	1,634,300	1,633,000	1,602,200	1,300	0.1	32,100	2.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	526,200	524,800	507,100	1,400	0.3	19,100	3.8
Services	2,685,600	2,673,700	2,569,300	11,900	0.4	116,300	4.5
Government	1,565,300	1,567,700	1,529,900	-2,400	-0.2	35,400	2.3

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
Dec '99	10,401,000	9,965,200	435,800	4.2	139,941,000	134,696,000	5,245,000	3.7
Nov '99	10,410,900	9,969,100	441,800	4.2	139,895,000	134,515,000	5,380,000	3.8
Dec '98	10,237,300	9,789,400	447,900	4.4	138,297,000	132,732,000	5,565,000	4.0
Seas. Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
Dec '99	10,404,400	9,925,500	478,900	4.6	140,108,000	134,420,000	5,688,000	4.1
Nov '99	10,387,700	9,929,400	458,300	4.4	139,834,000	134,098,000	5,736,000	4.1
Dec '98	10,240,200	9,749,900	490,300	4.8	138,545,000	132,517,000	6,028,000	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 remained steady at 4.2 percent in December with both employment and unemployment showing slight declines over the month.

- The number of employed Texans decreased by 3,900 over the month. This is the first time that the November-to-December Total Employment level has fallen since December 1985. The number of unemployed Texans decreased by 6,000 in December. This is a smaller decrease in unemployment than is normally experienced at this time of year, possibly reflecting a change in seasonal hiring patterns.
- Weekly claims for unemployment insurance increased from 95,300 in November to 98,200 in December, a change of 2,900. The annual average number of weekly claims for benefits was 108,000 in 1999.
- Of the major industries, claims in Mining and Government were down over the month, while the remaining industries saw increases—with Construction showing the greatest gain. Over the year, all major industries except FIRE experienced lower levels of unemployment claims.
- Of the state's 27 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), 22 had unemployment rates that either declined or remained unchanged over the month, while 5 experienced increases. Of Texas' 254 counties, 167 had unemployment rates that were lower or the same as their month-ago rate while 87 saw an increase in their rates.

**Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Ranked by Unemployment Rate
December 1999**

1	Bryan-College Station	1.5
2	Austin-San Marcos	2.0
3	Lubbock	2.3
4 (tie)	Dallas	2.8
	Fort Worth-Arlington	2.8
6	Waco	2.9
7	San Antonio	3.1
8	San Angelo	3.2
9	Killeen-Temple	3.3
10 (tie)	Abilene	3.4
	Victoria	3.4
12	Amarillo	3.6
13	Sherman-Denison	3.7
14	Houston	4.1
15 (tie)	Tyler	4.5
	Wichita Falls	4.5
17	Texarkana	4.8
18	Galveston-Texas City	5.7
19	Corpus Christi	6.1
20 (tie)	Longview-Marshall	6.2
	Odessa-Midland	6.2
22	Brazoria	6.3
23	Laredo	6.8
24	Beaumont-Port Arthur	7.7
25	El Paso	8.0
26	Brownsville-Harlingen	9.3
27	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	14.3

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

	December 1999*				November 1999				December 1998			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
State of Texas	10,401.0	9,965.2	435.8	4.2	10,410.9	9,969.1	441.8	4.2	10,237.3	9,789.4	447.9	4.4
Abilene	62.7	60.6	2.1	3.4	62.8	60.7	2.1	3.4	62.6	60.6	2.0	3.1
Amarillo	116.6	112.5	4.1	3.6	116.5	112.2	4.3	3.7	114.1	110.9	3.2	2.8
Austin-San Marcos	718.7	704.3	14.4	2.0	720.9	706.3	14.6	2.0	692.6	676.7	15.9	2.3
Beaumont-Port Arthur	188.9	174.3	14.6	7.7	189.7	174.9	14.8	7.8	185.8	173.3	12.5	6.7
Brazoria	106.1	99.4	6.7	6.3	106.2	99.4	6.8	6.4	105.7	100.0	5.7	5.4
Brownsville-Harlingen	124.0	112.5	11.5	9.3	124.0	112.6	11.4	9.2	128.3	112.1	16.2	12.6
Bryan-College Station	79.4	78.2	1.2	1.5	80.1	78.9	1.2	1.5	77.1	75.9	1.2	1.5
Corpus Christi	176.2	165.4	10.8	6.1	177.2	166.2	11.0	6.2	177.3	166.5	10.8	6.1
Dallas	1,943.4	1,888.6	54.8	2.8	1,946.1	1,889.1	57.0	2.9	1,894.6	1,842.6	52.0	2.7
El Paso	291.3	268.0	23.3	8.0	291.7	267.2	24.5	8.4	291.3	263.6	27.7	9.5
Fort Worth-Arlington	921.0	894.9	26.1	2.8	920.9	894.0	26.9	2.9	892.1	867.6	24.5	2.7
Galveston-Texas City	123.7	116.6	7.1	5.7	123.9	116.7	7.2	5.8	124.2	116.9	7.3	5.9
Houston	2,199.3	2,108.6	90.7	4.1	2,198.6	2,104.4	94.2	4.3	2,155.7	2,077.3	78.4	3.6
Killeen-Temple	116.3	112.5	3.8	3.3	116.5	112.5	4.0	3.4	115.4	111.4	4.0	3.4
Laredo	75.3	70.2	5.1	6.8	75.0	70.0	5.0	6.7	74.4	67.9	6.5	8.7
Longview-Marshall	106.6	100.0	6.6	6.2	106.8	100.1	6.7	6.3	106.8	99.5	7.3	6.9
Lubbock	126.3	123.4	2.9	2.3	126.7	123.7	3.0	2.4	124.7	121.9	2.8	2.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	195.7	167.7	28.0	14.3	192.5	166.5	26.0	13.5	199.1	163.4	35.7	17.9
Odessa-Midland	125.6	117.8	7.8	6.2	126.3	118.1	8.2	6.5	129.1	120.7	8.4	6.5
San Angelo	52.9	51.2	1.7	3.2	53.1	51.3	1.8	3.5	53.3	50.9	2.4	4.5
San Antonio	781.5	757.6	23.9	3.1	781.3	757.0	24.3	3.1	766.3	743.7	22.6	2.9
Sherman-Denison	51.6	49.7	1.9	3.7	51.9	49.9	2.0	3.9	51.4	49.0	2.4	4.7
Texarkana	56.3	53.6	2.7	4.8	56.5	54.0	2.5	4.4	56.7	53.3	3.4	6.0
Tyler	94.0	89.8	4.2	4.5	93.1	89.4	3.7	4.0	91.1	87.3	3.8	4.2
Victoria	43.7	42.2	1.5	3.4	43.9	42.3	1.6	3.7	43.4	41.7	1.7	4.0
Waco	103.8	100.8	3.0	2.9	104.3	101.2	3.1	3.0	101.6	98.3	3.3	3.2
Wichita Falls	66.0	63.0	3.0	4.5	66.0	62.9	3.1	4.7	66.8	63.6	3.2	4.7

*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 - December 1999

County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	20,008	1,173	5.5	Donley	1,546	52	3.3	Kaufman	32,180	1,244	3.7	Real	1,127	40	3.4
Andrews	5,232	370	6.6	Duval	4,634	557	10.7	Kendall	12,859	294	2.2	Red River	5,709	226	3.8
Angelina	34,404	1,863	5.1	Eastland	9,190	368	3.9	Kenedy	226	12	5.0	Reeves	5,360	751	12.3
Arañas	9,811	549	5.3	Ector	57,907	4,500	7.2	Kent	512	9	1.7	Refugio	2,889	143	4.7
Archer	4,043	94	2.3	Edwards	760	47	5.8	Kerr	17,329	336	1.9	Roberts	484	9	1.8
Armstrong	937	13	1.4	Ellis	54,007	1,821	3.3	Kimble	2,269	65	2.8	Robertson	5,850	282	4.6
Atascosa	17,336	623	3.5	El Paso	267,958	23,316	8.0	King	104	4	3.7	Rockwall	21,564	440	2.0
Austin	12,686	462	3.5	Erath	16,209	345	2.1	Kinney	1,081	94	8.0	Runnels	4,925	256	4.9
Bailey	3,539	121	3.3	Falls	6,930	265	3.7	Kleberg	12,817	817	6.0	Rusk	19,565	1,179	5.7
Bandera	6,075	179	2.9	Fannin	11,550	625	5.1	Knox	1,924	76	3.8	Sabine	3,605	374	9.4
Bastrop	27,872	639	2.2	Fayette	10,095	321	3.1	Lamar	18,596	1,027	5.2	San Augustine	3,192	141	4.2
Baylor	1,723	61	3.4	Fisher	1,773	58	3.2	Lamb	6,266	280	4.3	San Jacinto	7,072	314	4.3
Bee	10,832	520	4.6	Floyd	3,245	231	6.6	Lampasas	8,056	229	2.8	San Patricio	27,487	1,874	6.4
Bell	90,775	3,006	3.2	Foard	844	18	2.1	La Salle	2,972	193	6.1	San Saba	2,579	101	3.8
Bexar	663,305	21,718	3.2	Fort Bend	176,802	5,466	3.0	Lavaca	9,043	164	1.8	Schleicher	1,490	65	4.2
Blanco	3,736	87	2.3	Franklin	4,242	144	3.3	Lee	6,837	220	3.1	Scurry	8,293	388	4.5
Borden	401	11	2.7	Freestone	6,877	321	4.5	Leon	5,686	359	5.9	Shackelford	1,384	58	4.0
Bosque	6,382	307	4.6	Frio	6,013	392	6.1	Liberty	27,780	2,050	6.9	Shelby	8,770	637	6.8
Bowie	36,919	2,018	5.2	Gaines	6,848	274	3.8	Limestone	8,671	388	4.3	Sherman	1,351	20	1.5
Brazoria	99,369	6,681	6.3	Galveston	116,574	7,075	5.7	Lipscomb	1,620	38	2.3	Smith	89,778	4,208	4.5
Brazos	78,242	1,204	1.5	Garza	1,871	101	5.1	Live Oak	4,429	143	3.1	Somervell	1,706	110	6.1
Brewster	5,385	112	2.0	Gillespie	10,307	368	3.4	Llano	5,518	114	2.0	Starr	16,286	5,699	25.9
Briscoe	1,047	34	3.1	Glasscock	720	16	2.2	Loving	96	9	8.6	Stephens	3,863	143	3.6
Brooks	2,632	238	8.3	Goliad	2,747	105	3.7	Lubbock	123,413	2,930	2.3	Sterling	672	27	3.9
Brown	16,348	621	3.7	Gonzales	7,141	231	3.1	Lynn	3,371	112	3.2	Stonewall	677	45	6.2
Burleson	6,466	318	4.7	Gray	9,851	538	5.2	Mc Culloch	3,394	148	4.2	Sutton	2,191	99	4.3
Burnet	13,162	325	2.4	Grayson	49,741	1,924	3.7	Mc Lennan	100,797	2,959	2.9	Swisher	3,350	137	3.9
Caldwell	16,407	531	3.1	Gregg	57,068	4,017	6.6	Mc Mullen	280	13	4.4	Tarrant	776,735	22,362	2.8
Calhoun	8,552	498	5.5	Grimes	8,956	552	5.8	Madison	4,063	146	3.5	Taylor	60,616	2,107	3.4
Callahan	5,455	222	3.9	Guadalupe	41,780	913	2.1	Marion	3,329	350	9.5	Terrell	461	16	3.4
Cameron	112,521	11,519	9.3	Hale	16,033	634	3.8	Martin	1,559	105	6.3	Terry	4,478	336	7.0
Camp	5,084	279	5.2	Hall	1,732	76	4.2	Mason	1,353	47	3.4	Throckmorton	695	20	2.8
Carson	2,860	110	3.7	Hamilton	3,923	112	2.8	Matagorda	15,257	1,493	8.9	Titus	11,963	602	4.8
Cass	14,206	895	5.9	Hansford	2,455	58	2.3	Maverick	13,992	4,450	24.1	Tom Green	51,201	1,675	3.2
Castro	4,221	143	3.3	Hardeman	2,045	67	3.2	Medina	15,764	534	3.3	Travis	469,365	9,950	2.1
Chambers	11,797	512	4.2	Hardin	22,336	1,471	6.2	Menard	1,107	27	2.4	Trinity	4,451	309	6.5
Cherokee	20,047	1,002	4.8	Harris	1,746,494	77,362	4.2	Midland	59,939	3,317	5.2	Tyler	5,779	520	8.3
Childress	3,081	101	3.2	Harrison	26,792	1,616	5.7	Milam	9,202	294	3.1	Upshur	16,157	958	5.6
Clay	5,366	155	2.8	Hartley	2,870	30	1.0	Mills	2,298	40	1.7	Upton	1,421	96	6.3
Cochran	1,393	63	4.3	Haskell	2,538	114	4.3	Mitchell	3,391	155	4.4	Uvalde	10,929	747	6.4
Coke	1,414	34	2.3	Hays	52,113	1,258	2.4	Montague	6,888	379	5.2	Val Verde	17,015	1,453	7.9
Coleman	3,196	179	5.3	Hemphill	1,818	43	2.3	Montgomery	133,325	4,654	3.4	Van Zandt	18,484	630	3.3
Collin	257,519	5,146	2.0	Henderson	29,810	1,164	3.8	Moore	9,049	247	2.7	Victoria	42,224	1,480	3.4
Collingsworth	1,554	13	0.8	Hidalgo	167,720	27,985	14.3	Morris	5,745	468	7.5	Walker	23,364	457	1.9
Colorado	7,657	296	3.7	Hill	17,030	634	3.6	Motley	685	9	1.3	Walker	12,449	640	4.9
Comal	37,544	945	2.5	Hockley	10,220	417	3.9	Nacogdoches	25,121	854	3.3	Ward	4,479	388	8.0
Comanche	6,896	202	2.8	Hood	16,792	640	3.7	Navarro	20,234	962	4.5	Washington	14,638	404	2.7
Concho	1,680	61	3.5	Hopkins	15,141	596	3.8	Newton	5,062	814	13.9	Webb	70,237	5,111	6.8
Cooke	17,089	480	2.7	Houston	8,958	381	4.1	Nolan	7,153	343	4.6	Wharton	18,064	845	4.5
Coryell	21,712	778	3.5	Howard	14,216	758	5.1	Nueces	137,932	8,887	6.1	Wheeler	2,707	123	4.3
Cottle	800	43	5.1	Hudspeth	1,234	38	3.0	Ochiltree	4,836	148	3.0	Wichita	58,914	2,888	4.7
Crane	2,190	143	6.1	Hunt	36,074	1,373	3.7	Oldham	1,074	18	1.6	Wilbarger	7,052	155	2.2
Crockett	1,987	92	4.4	Hutchinson	8,946	569	6.0	Orange	39,062	4,021	9.3	Willacy	5,888	957	14.0
Crosby	2,803	123	4.2	Irion	684	18	2.6	Palo Pinto	12,365	435	3.4	Williamson	138,537	2,032	1.4
Culberson	1,091	135	11.0	Jack	3,344	110	3.2	Panola	6,980	771	9.9	Wilson	14,945	348	2.3
Dallam	3,402	96	2.7	Jackson	8,426	240	2.8	Parker	41,232	1,109	2.6	Winkler	2,973	224	7.0
Dallas	1,219,819	39,133	3.1	Jasper	12,826	1,403	9.9	Parmer	4,302	121	2.7	Wise	24,740	583	2.3
Dawson	5,713	309	5.1	Jeff Davis	1,608	40	2.4	Pecos	5,978	446	6.9	Wood	12,513	634	4.8
Deaf Smith	7,439	475	6.0	Jefferson	112,879	9,120	7.5	Polk	14,026	760	5.1	Yoakum	3,578	274	7.1
Delta	2,482	119	4.6	Jim Hogg	2,168	206	8.7	Potter	54,031	3,412	5.9	Young	7,474	370	4.7
Denton	237,612	4,462	1.8	Jim Wells	16,392	1,445	8.1	Presidio	2,680	1,072	28.6	Zapata	4,474	518	10.4
De Witt	8,449	323	3.7	Johnson	60,120	1,982	3.2	Rains	3,650	128	3.4	Zavala	3,555	697	16.4
Dickens	1,066	54	4.8	Jones	10,238	339	3.2	Randall	58,486	731	1.2				
Dimmit	3,239	527	14.0	Karnes	6,106	193	3.1	Reagan	1,878	85	4.3				

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

			Nov.'99 to Dec.'99		Dec. '98 to Dec. '99		
	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Change	% Change	Change	% Change
TOTAL NONAG. W & S EMPLOYMENT	9,383,600	9,353,000	9,127,200	30,600	0.3	256,400	2.8
GOODS PRODUCING	1,790,500	1,791,900	1,778,300	-1,400	-0.1	12,200	0.7
Mining	154,300	153,500	162,300	800	0.5	-8,000	-4.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	145,900	145,100	153,900	800	0.6	-8,000	-5.2
Construction	533,700	536,800	507,800	-3,100	-0.6	25,900	5.1
Manufacturing	1,102,500	1,101,600	1,108,200	900	0.1	-5,700	-0.5
Durable Goods	679,200	679,800	676,900	200	0.0	2,300	0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	48,400	48,400	47,600	0	0.0	800	1.7
Lumber Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0.0	0	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	19,800	19,800	19,400	0	0.0	400	2.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	44,500	44,600	43,700	-100	-0.2	800	1.8
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Products	22,500	22,600	21,300	-100	-0.4	1,200	5.6
Primary Metal Industries	30,200	30,200	30,600	0	0.0	-400	-1.3
Fabricated Metal Industries	104,800	104,900	105,800	-100	-0.1	-1,000	-0.9
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	56,300	56,300	55,700	0	0.0	600	1.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	151,200	150,800	150,700	400	0.3	500	0.3
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	29,200	28,900	31,500	300	1.0	-2,300	-7.3
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	133,000	132,700	130,400	300	0.2	2,600	2.0
Transportation Equipment	83,300	83,500	85,600	-200	-0.2	-300	-0.4
Aircraft & Parts	44,500	44,500	46,100	0	0.0	-1,600	-3.5
Instruments & Related Products	40,300	40,300	41,600	0	0.0	-1,300	-3.1
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	21,700	21,800	21,500	-100	-0.5	200	0.9
Nondurable Goods	423,300	422,600	431,300	700	0.2	-8,000	-1.9
Food & Kindred Products	98,800	98,400	99,300	400	0.4	-500	-0.5
Meat Products	34,300	34,200	34,000	100	0.3	300	0.9
Dairy Products	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	0.0	200	4.1
Bakery Products	10,000	10,100	10,100	-100	-1.0	-100	-1.0
Malt Beverages	2,000	2,100	2,200	-100	-4.8	-200	-9.1
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	0.0	100	2.5
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	43,700	43,800	49,900	-100	-0.2	-6,200	-12.4
Paper & Allied Products	28,400	28,300	29,600	100	0.4	-1,200	-4.1
Printing & Publishing	76,800	76,700	76,400	100	0.1	400	0.5
Newspapers, Periodicals, Books, & Miscellaneous	34,100	34,000	34,300	100	0.3	-200	-0.6
Chemicals & Allied Products	83,700	83,600	84,000	100	0.1	-300	-0.4
Petroleum & Coal Products	24,300	24,300	25,500	0	0.0	-1,200	-4.7
Petroleum Refining	20,500	20,500	21,700	0	0.0	-1,200	-5.5
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	57,300	57,200	55,800	100	0.2	1,500	2.7
Leather & Leather Products	6,100	6,100	6,700	0	0.0	-600	-9.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	7,593,100	7,561,100	7,348,900	32,000	0.4	244,200	3.3
Transportation, Communications, Utilities	574,700	571,000	556,200	3,700	0.6	18,500	3.3
Transportation	365,700	362,900	351,400	2,800	0.8	14,300	4.1
Railroad Transportation	17,000	17,000	17,400	0	0.0	-400	-2.3
Transportation by Air	122,000	119,100	115,300	2,900	2.4	6,700	5.8
Communications	139,100	138,300	134,100	800	0.6	5,000	3.7
Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Services	69,900	69,800	70,700	100	0.1	-800	-1.1
Electric Services	30,600	30,600	30,900	0	0.0	-300	-1.0
Gas Production & Distribution	23,000	23,000	23,800	0	0.0	-800	-3.4
Trade	2,225,100	2,195,400	2,171,600	29,700	1.4	53,500	2.5
Wholesale Trade	540,500	538,700	526,800	1,800	0.3	13,700	2.6
Retail Trade	1,684,600	1,656,700	1,644,800	27,900	1.7	39,800	2.4
Building Materials & Gardening Supplies	66,300	65,500	62,900	800	1.2	3,400	5.4
General Merchandise Stores	234,200	225,300	227,500	8,900	4.0	6,700	2.9
Food Stores	250,800	248,700	250,200	2,100	0.8	600	0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	167,600	167,800	164,800	-200	-0.1	2,800	1.7
Apparel & Accessory Stores	88,000	83,600	89,500	4,400	5.3	-1,500	-1.7
Home Furniture, Furnishings, & Equipment Stores	78,900	77,200	75,200	1,700	2.2	3,700	4.9
Eating & Drinking Places	611,200	608,100	589,700	3,100	0.5	21,500	3.6
Other Retail Trade	187,600	180,500	185,000	7,100	3.9	2,600	1.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	527,700	524,800	507,300	2,900	0.6	20,400	4.0
Depository Institutions including Banks	132,300	131,800	127,900	500	0.4	4,400	3.4
Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers, & Service	166,000	165,600	161,300	400	0.2	4,700	2.9
Other Finance Insurance & Real Estate	229,400	227,400	218,100	2,000	0.9	11,300	5.2
Services	2,678,800	2,676,000	2,564,300	2,800	0.1	114,500	4.5
Hotel & Other Lodging Places	93,600	93,600	91,900	0	0.0	1,700	1.8
Personal Services	87,500	86,200	88,300	1,300	1.5	-800	-0.9
Business Services	714,000	710,500	666,300	3,500	0.5	47,700	7.2
Auto Repair Services	89,000	89,000	86,000	0	0.0	3,000	3.5
Miscellaneous Repair Services	35,100	34,800	33,600	300	0.9	1,500	4.5
Amusement & Recreation, including Motion Pictures	119,900	121,700	115,300	-1,800	-1.5	4,600	4.0
Health Services	707,300	705,900	692,300	1,400	0.2	15,000	2.2
Legal Services	69,200	68,800	68,100	400	0.6	1,100	1.6
Educational Services	112,900	115,000	107,600	-2,100	-1.8	5,300	4.9
Social Services	188,700	188,800	179,300	-100	-0.1	9,400	5.2
Membership Organizations	143,700	143,600	138,100	100	0.1	5,600	4.1
Engineering & Management Services	255,100	254,400	238,800	700	0.3	16,300	6.8
Agricultural Services	51,400	52,500	48,600	-1,100	-2.1	2,800	5.8
Government	1,586,800	1,593,900	1,549,500	-7,100	-0.4	37,300	2.4
Federal	187,100	184,600	190,100	2,500	1.4	-3,000	-1.6
State	323,000	327,700	321,400	-4,700	-1.4	1,600	0.5
Local	1,076,700	1,081,600	1,038,000	-4,900	-0.5	38,700	3.7

*Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. The number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas is without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of the TWC are in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN-SAN MARCOS			BMT.-PT. ARTHUR			BRAZORIA		
	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98
TOTAL	59.2	59.0	58.6	100.5	100.2	97.8	643.2	642.9	612.6	166.2	166.7	164.4	76.0	75.9	75.7
Mining	1.0	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5
Construction	2.4	2.4	2.3	4.4	4.5	4.4	36.6	36.5	34.0	17.7	17.9	16.5	11.9	11.8	10.9
Manufacturing-Dur.	1.7	1.7	1.6	3.4	3.4	3.3	74.3	73.9	69.4	10.5	10.8	10.8	4.1	4.1	5.1
Manufacturing-Nondur.	1.8	1.8	1.9	5.8	5.8	6.2	12.4	12.3	12.6	15.1	15.2	15.6	9.9	9.8	10.2
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2.6	2.6	2.6	5.7	5.7	5.4	21.9	21.8	20.6	8.1	8.2	8.1	2.7	2.7	2.7
Wholesale Trade	3.1	3.0	2.9	6.7	6.7	6.4	30.5	30.1	26.6	5.3	5.3	5.5	2.3	2.3	2.3
Retail Trade	13.6	13.5	13.0	22.2	21.8	21.4	112.7	111.7	107.7	33.0	32.7	32.5	13.5	13.4	13.1
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	2.6	2.6	2.6	5.3	5.3	5.2	33.4	33.2	32.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	1.9	1.9	1.9
Services	20.3	20.3	20.0	28.7	28.6	27.6	188.1	187.7	178.7	43.2	43.1	42.5	13.6	13.7	13.6
Federal Government	1.8	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	9.4	9.4	9.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.5	0.5	0.4
State Government	2.2	2.2	2.2	5.1	5.1	4.9	62.6	64.0	62.6	6.6	6.7	6.2	2.9	2.9	2.9
Local Government	6.1	6.1	6.5	10.6	10.7	10.4	60.0	61.0	57.6	17.8	17.9	17.7	11.3	11.3	11.1
BROWNSVILLE-HARL.															
INDUSTRY	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98
TOTAL	101.9	101.6	100.6	78.0	78.5	75.0	158.4	158.6	157.7	1936.5	1930.5	1873.6	256.6	255.7	249.1
Mining	**	**	**	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.1	2.1	2.2	11.8	11.7	11.8	**	**	**
Construction	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.1	11.0	11.2	11.4	99.3	99.6	92.3	12.2	12.1	11.6
Manufacturing-Dur.	5.2	5.2	5.1	3.2	3.2	2.9	5.4	5.4	5.1	178.2	178.4	174.6	18.9	18.8	17.3
Manufacturing-Nondur.	6.6	6.6	7.0	2.2	2.2	1.8	8.1	8.2	8.3	78.3	78.4	78.6	23.4	23.3	24.2
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4.8	4.9	4.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	6.7	6.7	6.6	132.6	131.9	128.9	15.4	15.3	14.3
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.9	3.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	6.3	6.3	6.2	151.5	151.6	147.7	13.5	13.5	13.5
Retail Trade	21.1	20.8	20.5	14.6	14.7	14.2	38.3	38.2	38.4	317.4	312.9	309.8	48.1	47.5	46.8
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	3.7	3.7	3.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	6.3	6.3	6.3	160.8	159.9	154.4	9.9	9.9	9.8
Services	28.0	27.8	28.0	16.3	16.3	16.0	51.6	51.5	50.5	593.4	593.1	568.0	60.9	60.9	58.4
Federal Government	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.3	5.3	5.7	31.2	30.8	31.4	8.7	8.7	8.7
State Government	3.8	3.8	3.7	23.3	23.6	22.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	29.1	29.4	28.4	8.3	8.3	8.2
Local Government	18.8	18.9	18.2	7.3	7.3	6.8	20.8	20.8	20.6	152.9	152.8	147.7	37.3	37.4	36.3
BRYAN-COLL. STA.															
INDUSTRY	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98
TOTAL	78.5	78.5	75.0	90.5	90.2	89.8	2081.4	2072.1	2025.3	102.7	102.4	101.0	68.4	67.8	65.6
Mining	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	64.4	63.6	68.1	**	**	**	1.4	1.4	1.8
Construction	43.4	43.5	39.5	4.4	4.4	4.2	148.1	148.6	140.4	4.4	4.5	4.2	2.5	2.5	2.3
Manufacturing-Dur.	77.4	77.1	76.2	2.5	2.5	2.5	129.7	130.2	133.9	4.7	4.6	4.4	0.9	0.9	0.9
Manufacturing-Nondur.	36.3	36.5	35.8	5.6	5.6	5.8	83.2	83.0	85.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.8	0.8	0.9
Trans., Comm. & Util.	75.1	74.9	71.7	4.5	4.5	4.1	147.4	146.6	143.7	3.3	3.3	3.4	12.3	12.3	11.4
Wholesale Trade	42.4	42.4	41.1	2.3	2.3	2.2	134.6	134.1	133.4	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.4
Retail Trade	158.9	155.5	151.4	18.0	17.8	17.8	353.9	344.4	335.1	20.5	20.3	20.2	14.7	14.3	14.3
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	37.3	37.0	35.5	6.2	6.2	6.0	112.7	112.2	108.9	4.6	4.5	4.3	2.6	2.5	2.4
Services	212.2	212.2	203.2	19.9	19.7	19.4	639.9	638.5	618.0	28.0	28.0	27.6	13.9	13.7	13.1
Federal Government	14.2	14.1	14.4	1.0	1.0	0.9	26.5	25.9	26.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	1.9	1.9	1.8
State Government	8.8	8.9	8.8	12.2	12.2	13.3	47.1	47.8	44.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	1.5	1.5	1.6
Local Government	74.8	75.0	72.7	13.2	13.3	12.8	193.9	197.2	187.1	16.1	16.1	16.0	12.3	12.4	11.7
CORPUS CHRISTI															
INDUSTRY	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98
TOTAL	158.4	158.6	157.7	2081.4	2072.1	2025.3	102.7	102.4	101.0	68.4	67.8	65.6	1.4	1.4	1.8
Mining	2.1	2.1	2.2	64.4	63.6	68.1	4.4	4.5	4.2	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Construction	11.0	11.2	11.4	148.1	148.6	140.4	4.7	4.6	4.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9
Manufacturing-Dur.	5.4	5.4	5.1	129.7	130.2	133.9	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	12.3	12.3	11.4
Manufacturing-Nondur.	8.1	8.2	8.3	83.2	83.0	85.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.4
Trans., Comm. & Util.	6.7	6.7	6.6	147.4	146.6	143.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	13.9	13.7	13.1	1.9	1.9	1.8
Wholesale Trade	6.3	6.3	6.2	134.6	134.1	133.4	28.0	28.0	27.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
Retail Trade	38.3	38.2	38.4	353.9	344.4	335.1	4.6	4.5	4.3	2.6	2.5	2.4	1.9	1.9	1.8
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	6.3	6.3	6.3	112.7	112.2	108.9	8.4	8.4	8.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
Services	51.6	51.5	50.5	639.9	638.5	618.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
Federal Government	5.3	5.3	5.7	26.5	25.9	26.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
State Government	4.5	4.6	4.4	47.1	47.8	44.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
Local Government	20.8	20.8	20.6	193.9	197.2	187.1	16.1	16.1	16.0	12.3	12.4	11.7	1.4	1.4	1.8
DALLAS															
INDUSTRY	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98
TOTAL	1936.5	1930.5	1873.6	2081.4	2072.1	2025.3	102.7	102.4	101.0	68.4	67.8	65.6	1.4	1.4	1.8
Mining	11.8	11.7	11.8	64.4	63.6	68.1	4.4	4.5	4.2	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Construction	99.3	99.6	92.3	148.1	148.6	140.4	4.7	4.6	4.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9
Manufacturing-Dur.	178.2	178.4	174.6	129.7	130.2	133.9	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	12.3	12.3	11.4
Manufacturing-Nondur.	78.3	78.4	78.6	83.2	83.0	85.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.4
Trans., Comm. & Util.	132.6	131.9	128.9	147.4	146.6	143.7	3.8	3.8	3.7	13.9	13.7	13.1	1.9	1.9	1.8
Wholesale Trade	151.5	151.6	147.7	134.6	134.1	133.4	28.0	28.0	27.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
Retail Trade	317.4	312.9	309.8	353.9	344.4	335.1	4.6	4.5	4.3	2.6	2.5	2.4	1.9	1.9	1.8
Fin., Ins., & Real Est.	160.8	159.9	154.4	112.7	112.2	108.9	8.4	8.4	8.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
Services	593.4	593.1	568.0	639.9	638.5	618.0	3.8	3.8	3.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
Federal Government	31.2	30.8	31.4	26.5	25.9	26.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
State Government	29.1	29.4	28.4	47.1	47.8	44.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.3
Local Government	152.9	152.8	147.7	193.9	197.2	187.1	16.1	16.1	16.0	12.3	12.4	11.7	1.4	1.4	1.8
EL PASO															
INDUSTRY	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98	Dec. '99	Nov. '99	Dec. '98
TOTAL	256.6	255.7	249.1	2081.4	2072.1	2025.3	102.7	102.4	101.0	68.4	67.8	65.6	1.4	1.4	1.8
Mining	**	**	**	64.4	63.6	68.1	4.4	4.5	4.2	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Construction	11.0	11.2	11.4	148.1	148.6	140.4	4.7	4.6	4.4	0.9	0.9	0.9			

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