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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Employment grew for the nineteenth consecutive month, gaining 4,400 jobs in April 2006. All industry groups in the Goods-Producing sector added jobs, while increases and decreases in the Service-Providing sector partially offset one another, leaving the sector down over the month. The annual growth rate for Total Nonagricultural employment in Texas remained strong at 2.5 percent.

Employment in the Manufacturing sector grew by 1,200 jobs in April, following a gain of 1,100 in March. The annual growth rate of 0.9 percent represents an addition of 8,500 jobs since April 2005.

Employment in Education and Health Services observed a modest gain of 500 jobs in April, following a significant increase of 3,100 positions in March. As a result, the annual growth rate dropped from 3.1 percent in March to 2.9 percent in April, an over-the-year increase of 33,600 positions.

Following a decrease of 1,500 jobs in March, Leisure and Hospitality Services employment rebounded with a gain of 1,100 positions in April. However, the annual growth rate decreased from 2.2 percent in March to 1.5 percent in April, an increase of 14,000 jobs over the year.

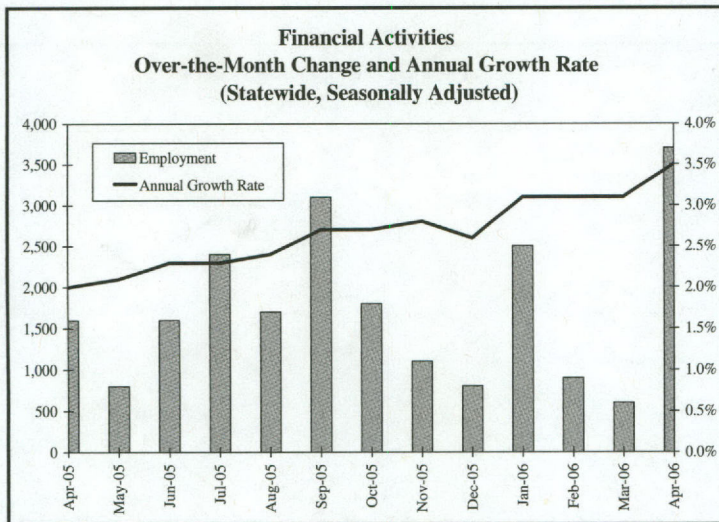
Government employment grew for the fourth month in a row but only recorded a modest increase of 300 jobs in April. As a result, the annual growth rate dipped slightly from 1.5 percent in March to 1.4 percent in April. A total of 23,200 jobs have been added in Government since April 2005.

After a sizeable addition of jobs in March, Trade, Transportation and Utilities employment dropped for the first time this year, recording a modest loss of 1,000 jobs in April. Annual growth remained strong at 2.4 percent, up from 2.0 percent in April 2005.

Following a gain of 800 positions in March, employment in Information lost 3,000 jobs in April. Subsequently, the annual growth rate dropped to -1.6 percent, a decrease of 3,500 positions over the year. This was only the second time the annual growth rate has been in negative territory since August 2005.

Following an increase of 3,600 jobs in March, employment in Professional and Business Services posted a loss of 1,700 positions for the month of April. This was the first over-the-month drop in employment since September 2004. As a result, the annual growth rate dropped from 6.1 percent in March to 5.2 percent in April. This industry has gained 59,400 jobs over the year.

Employment in Other Services decreased by 500 jobs in April, following a small loss in March. The annual growth for this group dropped from 1.0 percent in March to 0.6 percent in April, an increase of 2,100 jobs over the year. This was the smallest annual growth rate this year.



Financial Activities employment posted an over-the-month gain of 3,700 positions in April, the biggest monthly job gain recorded in the group since July 1999. The annual growth rate improved to 3.5 percent and has stayed positive for over a decade. Financial Activities employment has grown by 21,000 jobs since April 2005.

Natural Resources and Mining employment grew for the third consecutive month, increasing by 1,200 jobs in April. However, the annual growth rate decreased, dropping from 6.5 percent in March to 5.7 percent in April. A total of 9,300 jobs have been added in Natural Resources and Mining since April 2005.

Employment in Construction gained 2,600 jobs in April, following an increase of 5,000 jobs in March. Since last April, 29,100 jobs were created in Construction. Consequently, the annual growth rate was 5.2 percent in April and has remained positive for the past eighteen months.

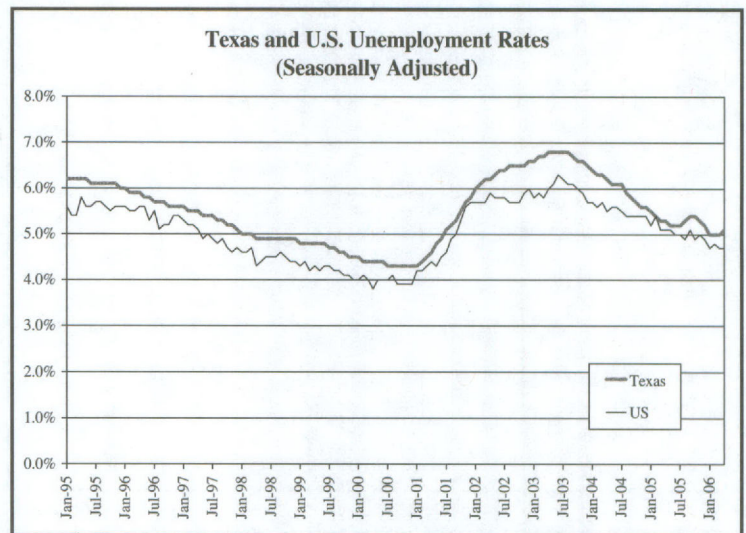
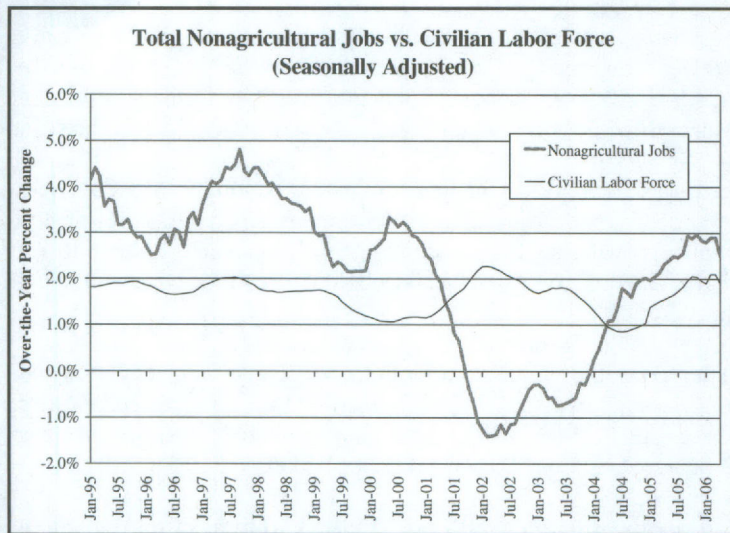
TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED⁺

INDUSTRY TITLE	Apr. 2006*	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2005	Mar. '06 to Apr. '06		Apr. '05 to Apr. '06	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	9,928,100	9,923,700	9,683,700	4,400	0.0	244,400	2.5
GOODS PRODUCING							
Natural Resources & Mining	172,200	171,000	162,900	1,200	0.7	9,300	5.7
Construction	593,100	590,500	564,000	2,600	0.4	29,100	5.2
Manufacturing	903,600	902,400	895,100	1,200	0.1	8,500	0.9
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,028,500	2,029,500	1,980,800	-1,000	0.0	47,700	2.4
Information	219,800	222,800	223,300	-3,000	-1.3	-3,500	-1.6
Financial Activities	626,000	622,300	605,000	3,700	0.6	21,000	3.5
Professional & Business Services	1,201,500	1,203,200	1,142,100	-1,700	-0.1	59,400	5.2
Education & Health Services	1,210,600	1,210,100	1,177,000	500	0.0	33,600	2.9
Leisure & Hospitality	922,400	921,300	908,400	1,100	0.1	14,000	1.5
Other Services	351,200	351,700	349,100	-500	-0.1	2,100	0.6
Government	1,699,200	1,698,900	1,676,000	300	0.0	23,200	1.4

Note: The number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas is without reference to place of residence of workers. Total Nonagricultural employment is additive by summing the individual sectors.

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

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



TEXAS AND U.S. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

TEXAS*					UNITED STATES**			
Not Seasonally Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
April 2006	11,345,400	10,797,100	548,300	4.8	150,209,000	143,405,000	6,804,000	4.5
March 2006	11,354,700	10,790,900	563,800	5.0	150,027,000	142,772,000	7,255,000	4.8
April 2005	11,151,000	10,578,000	573,000	5.1	148,274,000	140,939,000	7,335,000	4.9
Seasonally Adjusted	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
April 2006	11,390,900	10,812,200	578,700	5.1	150,811,000	143,688,000	7,123,000	4.7
March 2006	11,397,200	10,828,500	568,700	5.0	150,652,000	143,641,000	7,011,000	4.7
April 2005	11,176,300	10,587,100	589,200	5.3	148,839,000	141,196,000	7,644,000	5.1

Note: Only the actual series estimates for Texas and the U.S. are comparable to sub-state estimates. All estimates are subject to revision.

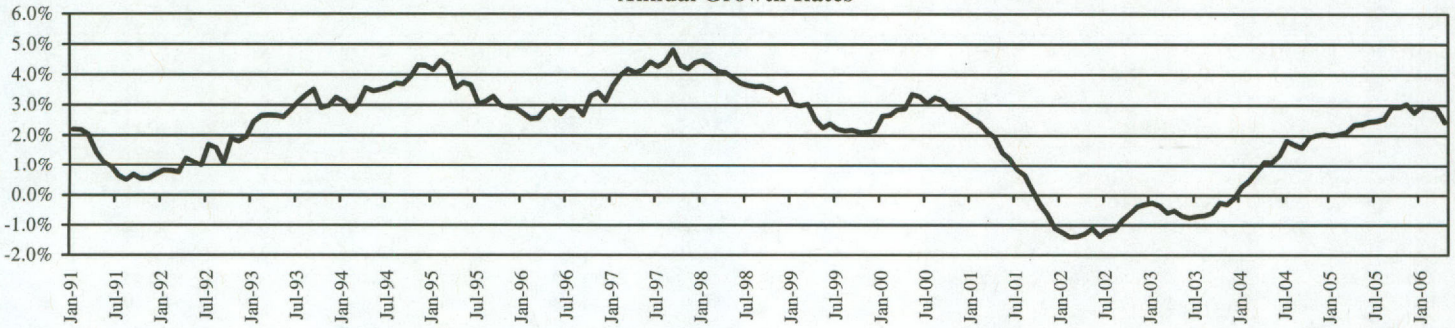
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*Source - Labor Market and Career Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)

**Source - Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (Current Population Survey)

Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

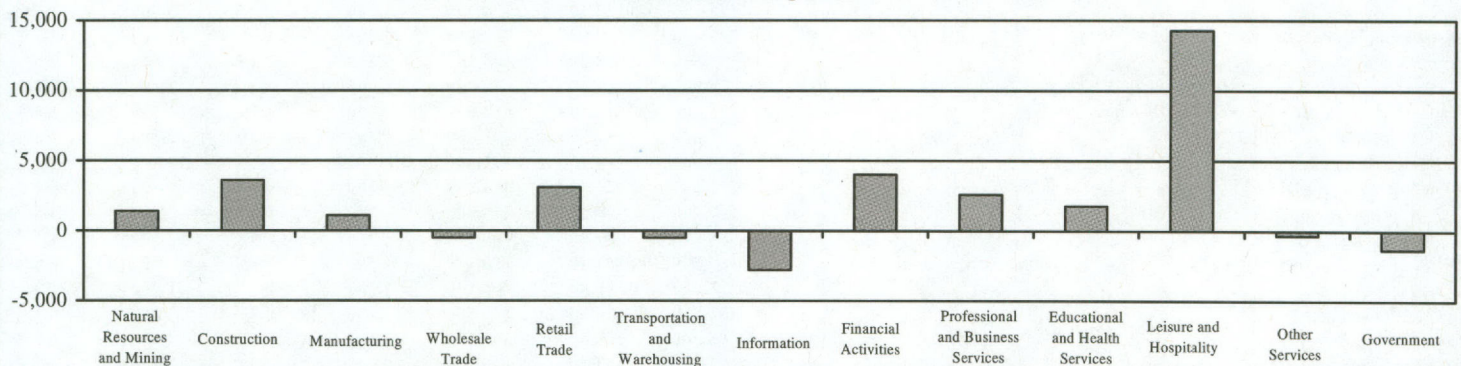
Annual Growth Rates



	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Change	% Change	Apr '05 to Apr '06	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	9,939,800	9,913,300	9,703,100	26,500	0.3%	236,700	2.4%
TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)	8,214,300	8,186,500	7,999,500	27,800	0.3%	214,800	2.7%
GOODS PRODUCING	1,665,300	1,659,200	1,619,400	6,100	0.4%	45,900	2.8%
Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)							
Mining (NAICS 21)	171,500	170,100	161,800	1,400	0.8%	9,700	6.0%
Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)	169,300	167,900	159,800	1,400	0.8%	9,500	5.9%
Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)	66,300	66,600	65,000	-300	-0.5%	1,300	2.0%
Construction (NAICS 23)	95,700	94,100	85,600	1,600	1.7%	10,100	11.8%
Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)	591,800	588,200	565,000	3,600	0.6%	26,800	4.7%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)	140,200	141,800	136,600	-1,600	-1.1%	3,600	2.6%
Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)	111,600	110,800	105,000	800	0.7%	6,600	6.3%
Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)	340,000	335,600	323,400	4,400	1.3%	16,600	5.1%
Durable Goods	902,000	900,900	892,600	1,100	0.1%	9,400	1.1%
Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)	576,000	574,700	567,300	1,300	0.2%	8,700	1.5%
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)	27,500	27,100	27,100	400	1.5%	400	1.5%
Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)	44,300	43,900	43,100	400	0.9%	1,200	2.8%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)	24,100	24,400	24,400	-300	-1.2%	-300	-1.2%
Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)	116,700	115,900	112,100	800	0.7%	4,600	4.1%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)	83,100	82,600	79,100	500	0.6%	4,000	5.1%
Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)	107,100	107,600	112,500	-500	-0.5%	-5,400	-4.8%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)	18,000	18,100	17,600	-100	-0.6%	400	2.3%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)	90,500	90,300	87,700	200	0.2%	2,800	3.2%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)	32,000	32,000	30,700	0	0.0%	1,300	4.2%
Nondurable Goods	32,700	32,800	33,000	-100	-0.3%	-300	-0.9%
Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)	326,000	326,200	325,300	-200	-0.1%	700	0.2%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)	89,300	90,000	90,000	-700	-0.8%	-700	-0.8%
Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)	10,900	10,900	10,300	0	0.0%	600	5.8%
Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)	21,300	21,200	21,800	100	0.5%	-500	-2.3%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324)	35,300	35,800	36,200	-500	-1.4%	-900	-2.5%
Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325)	23,000	23,000	22,700	0	0.0%	300	1.3%
Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)	72,600	72,700	73,600	-100	-0.1%	-1,000	-1.4%
	45,500	45,000	45,800	500	1.1%	-300	-0.7%

Statewide Over-the-Month Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

March 2006 to April 2006



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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Mar '06 to Apr '06		Apr '05 to Apr '06	
				Change	% Change	Change	% Change
SERVICE PROVIDING	8,274,500	8,254,100	8,083,700	20,400	0.2%	190,800	2.4%
Private Service Providing	6,549,000	6,527,300	6,380,100	21,700	0.3%	168,900	2.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)	2,013,700	2,011,600	1,965,600	2,100	0.1%	48,100	2.4%
Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)	487,500	488,000	472,600	-500	-0.1%	14,900	3.2%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)</i>	281,000	278,600	269,200	2,400	0.9%	11,800	4.4%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)</i>	154,000	154,300	154,600	-300	-0.2%	-600	-0.4%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	1,116,700	1,113,600	1,091,000	3,100	0.3%	25,700	2.4%
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)</i>	153,800	152,000	150,300	1,800	1.2%	3,500	2.3%
<i>Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)</i>	44,400	44,100	41,200	300	0.7%	3,200	7.8%
<i>Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)</i>	43,400	44,500	42,900	-1,100	-2.5%	500	1.2%
<i>Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)</i>	92,700	90,500	88,700	2,200	2.4%	4,000	4.5%
<i>Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)</i>	189,700	188,900	189,300	800	0.4%	400	0.2%
<i>Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)</i>	58,100	58,600	55,200	-500	-0.9%	2,900	5.3%
<i>Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)</i>	66,900	67,000	67,900	-100	-0.1%	-1,000	-1.5%
<i>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)</i>	101,800	101,900	97,500	-100	-0.1%	4,300	4.4%
<i>Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)</i>	34,900	35,600	34,400	-700	-2.0%	500	1.5%
<i>General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)</i>	250,300	249,100	243,400	1,200	0.5%	6,900	2.8%
<i>Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)</i>	60,400	60,500	60,200	-100	-0.2%	200	0.3%
<i>Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)</i>	20,300	20,900	20,000	-600	-2.9%	300	1.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)	409,500	410,000	402,000	-500	-0.1%	7,500	1.9%
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	363,900	364,300	355,800	-400	-0.1%	8,100	2.3%
<i>Air Transportation (NAICS 481)</i>	61,500	62,100	62,300	-600	-1.0%	-800	-1.3%
<i>Rail Transportation (NAICS 482)</i>	17,800	17,800	17,000	0	0.0%	800	4.7%
<i>Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)</i>	109,300	109,000	106,500	300	0.3%	2,800	2.6%
<i>Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)</i>	11,700	11,800	11,900	-100	-0.8%	-200	-1.7%
<i>Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)</i>	65,500	64,900	62,900	600	0.9%	2,600	4.1%
<i>Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)</i>	35,200	35,100	36,200	100	0.3%	-1,000	-2.8%
<i>Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)</i>	39,200	39,600	37,600	-400	-1.0%	1,600	4.3%
Utilities (NAICS 22)	45,600	45,700	46,200	-100	-0.2%	-600	-1.3%
Information (NAICS 51)	219,400	222,200	222,800	-2,800	-1.3%	-3,400	-1.5%
<i>Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)</i>	49,400	50,000	49,500	-600	-1.2%	-100	-0.2%
<i>Telecommunications (NAICS 517)</i>	90,900	92,100	93,400	-1,200	-1.3%	-2,500	-2.7%
<i>Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518)</i>	35,300	35,400	34,500	-100	-0.3%	800	2.3%
Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)	623,900	619,900	603,400	4,000	0.6%	20,500	3.4%
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	447,600	443,900	430,900	3,700	0.8%	16,700	3.9%
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)</i>	234,000	232,900	223,700	1,100	0.5%	10,300	4.6%
<i>Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)</i>	41,500	41,600	39,700	-100	-0.2%	1,800	4.5%
<i>Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)</i>	160,900	160,700	157,400	200	0.1%	3,500	2.2%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	176,300	176,000	172,500	300	0.2%	3,800	2.2%
<i>Real Estate (NAICS 531)</i>	116,700	115,600	112,200	1,100	1.0%	4,500	4.0%
<i>Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)</i>	59,200	59,200	58,400	0	0.0%	800	1.4%
Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)	1,197,500	1,194,900	1,146,100	2,600	0.2%	51,400	4.5%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	510,700	511,400	493,200	-700	-0.1%	17,500	3.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	55,300	55,000	51,700	300	0.5%	3,600	7.0%
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	631,500	628,500	601,200	3,000	0.5%	30,300	5.0%
<i>Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)</i>	606,400	603,700	577,800	2,700	0.4%	28,600	4.9%
Educational and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)	1,213,000	1,211,200	1,177,700	1,800	0.1%	35,300	3.0%
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	146,300	145,600	144,100	700	0.5%	2,200	1.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,066,700	1,065,600	1,033,600	1,100	0.1%	33,100	3.2%
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)</i>	474,200	473,700	452,200	500	0.1%	22,000	4.9%
<i>Hospitals (NAICS 622)</i>	261,500	261,500	258,100	0	0.0%	3,400	1.3%
<i>Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)</i>	152,900	153,000	148,600	-100	-0.1%	4,300	2.9%
<i>Social Assistance (NAICS 624)</i>	178,100	177,400	174,700	700	0.4%	3,400	1.9%
Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)	928,900	914,600	913,600	14,300	1.6%	15,300	1.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	103,300	98,200	100,700	5,100	5.2%	2,600	2.6%
<i>Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)</i>	69,900	67,600	71,800	2,300	3.4%	-1,900	-2.6%
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	825,600	816,400	812,900	9,200	1.1%	12,700	1.6%
<i>Accommodation (NAICS 721)</i>	97,600	97,300	95,300	300	0.3%	2,300	2.4%
<i>Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)</i>	728,000	719,100	717,600	8,900	1.2%	10,400	1.4%
Other Services (NAICS 81)	352,600	352,900	350,900	-300	-0.1%	1,700	0.5%
<i>Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)</i>	107,700	108,400	105,000	-700	-0.6%	2,700	2.6%
<i>Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)</i>	88,200	89,100	89,700	-900	-1.0%	-1,500	-1.7%
<i>Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)</i>	156,700	155,400	156,200	1,300	0.8%	500	0.3%
Government	1,725,500	1,726,800	1,703,600	-1,300	-0.1%	21,900	1.3%
Federal Government	181,800	181,100	182,000	700	0.4%	-200	-0.1%
State Government	356,300	358,400	353,500	-2,100	-0.6%	2,800	0.8%
Local Government	1,187,400	1,187,300	1,168,100	100	0.0%	19,300	1.7%

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

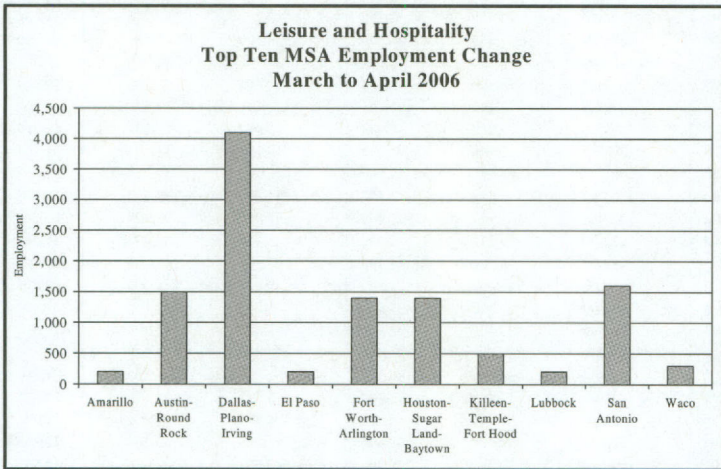
Total Nonagricultural Employment in the MSAs increased by 19,700 jobs in April. The Midland MSA posted the largest percentage in job growth in April with 1.0 percent, or 600 jobs. The greatest over-the-month employment gains were in the Dallas-Plano-Irving area, which added 4,500 jobs, and the Fort Worth-Arlington area, which gained 3,800 jobs. Monthly employment gains were also recorded in the Austin-Round Rock MSA, the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA, and the San Antonio MSA, which added 3,200, 3,000, and 2,900 jobs, respectively. The majority of April's job growth was due to continued seasonal hiring in the Leisure and Hospitality sector.

Professional and Business Services employment increased by 2,700 jobs across the MSAs in April. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area accounted for over fifty percent of the growth, adding 1,400 jobs. Over the year, the Amarillo MSA employment grew by 8.9 percent, representing 800 jobs and the largest percentage growth rate of any MSA in this industry. The Odessa and Midland MSAs followed with an annual growth rate of 8.1 percent and 7.8 percent, respectively.

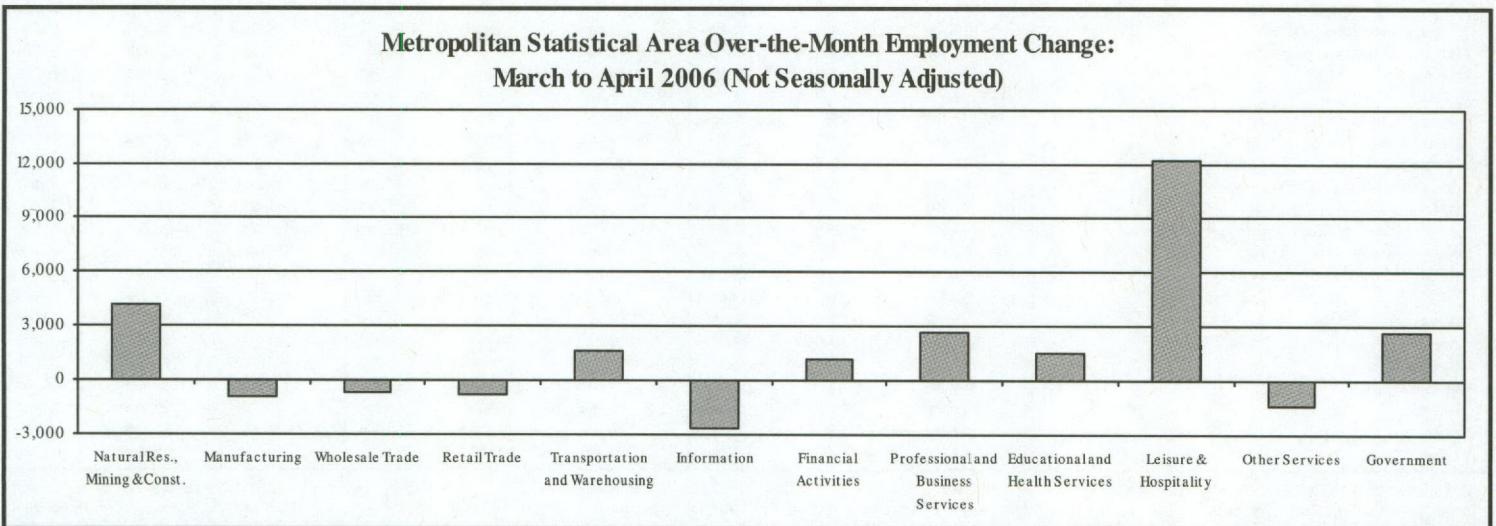
Financial Activities employment added 1,200 jobs in April, the third consecutive month of positive growth. The major contributors, the Dallas-Plano-Irving area and the San Antonio MSA, generated 500 jobs each and the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA was a close second with 400 jobs. The Texarkana MSA held an impressive spot, with the highest percentage growth both in over-the-month and over-the-year, at 4.0 percent and 13.0 percent, respectively. Overall, employment in Financial Activities for all of the MSAs posted a 2.8 percent annual growth rate.

Employment in Government experienced an increase of 2,700 jobs. Local government contributed to the majority of the increase with 2,400 jobs. The Fort Worth-Arlington area led with an addition of 1,000 positions, followed by the San Antonio MSA, with an increase of 800 jobs. The Austin-Round Rock MSA followed closely with an increase of 700 jobs. The Victoria MSA logged the highest percentage growth rate in April at 2.3 percent. The second highest percentage growth rate for April was seen in the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA at 1.1 percent.

After two previous months of notable job growth, Manufacturing reported a decline of 900 jobs. While the majority of the MSAs posted employment declines, three MSAs recorded April job gains. After nine consecutive months of no job growth in Manufacturing, the College Station-Bryan MSA had the largest monthly percentage of job growth at 1.6 percent. The El Paso MSA had an over-the-month job gain of 0.5 percent, or 100 jobs. The San Antonio MSA posted the largest monthly employment gain in Manufacturing by adding 400 jobs. This job increase can be attributed to the recent hiring activity for a new automobile manufacturing plant.



Employment in the Leisure and Hospitality industry increased by 12,200 jobs in April, following a gain of 15,400 in March. This marks the third consecutive month of growth for the MSAs. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA led in the creation of jobs, with 5,500 positions, but the Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood MSA had the greatest percentage increase in employment at 4.9 percent. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area contributed 4,100 jobs to the industry growth followed by the San Antonio MSA, which added 1,600 jobs. The highest annual growth rate for the Leisure and Hospitality industry was in the Sherman-Denison MSA at 7.1 percent. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area posted an annual growth rate of 2.3 percent and had the highest over-the-year change with 4,200 positions.



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

	DALLAS-FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			DALLAS-PLANO-IRVING MD**			HOUSTON-SUGAR LAND-BAYTOWN		
	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05
TOTAL NONFARM	2,829,500	2,821,200	2,748,300	1,999,100	1,994,600	1,938,500	2,398,700	2,395,700	2,334,800
GOODS PRODUCING	467,400	466,700	453,900	316,100	315,900	306,800	464,100	462,800	448,700
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	174,000	172,600	162,900	118,200	117,400	110,600	248,200	246,700	238,800
Manufacturing	293,400	294,100	291,000	197,900	198,500	196,200	215,900	216,100	209,900
Durable Goods	204,200	204,600	202,000	136,500	136,900	135,400	134,300	133,700	128,100
<i>Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing</i>	-	-	-	20,200	20,600	20,200	44,000	43,700	40,700
<i>Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing</i>	48,100	48,100	49,200	43,200	43,200	44,600	19,300	19,300	19,100
Nondurable Goods	89,200	89,500	89,000	61,400	61,600	60,800	81,600	82,400	81,800
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,362,100	2,354,500	2,294,400	1,683,000	1,678,700	1,631,700	1,934,600	1,932,900	1,886,100
Private Service Providing	1,990,800	1,984,300	1,936,300	1,429,800	1,425,600	1,388,500	1,584,900	1,583,600	1,542,900
Wholesale Trade	162,700	163,400	159,300	124,000	124,500	121,100	123,500	123,400	121,800
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods</i>	95,600	95,400	92,200	72,700	72,300	69,600	74,600	74,200	73,600
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods</i>	48,900	49,400	48,300	37,100	37,500	36,600	38,200	38,100	37,600
Retail Trade	306,300	305,800	300,200	207,100	207,000	204,800	243,500	244,900	241,300
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers</i>	-	-	-	27,200	26,900	26,400	34,000	33,900	33,500
<i>Bldg. Material and Garden Eqmmt. and Supplies Dtrs.</i>	23,700	23,000	22,800	15,800	15,300	14,800	19,100	18,700	19,000
<i>Food and Beverage Stores</i>	49,800	49,500	47,400	34,100	34,000	32,500	46,300	45,600	46,700
<i>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores</i>	-	-	-	23,000	23,200	20,900	24,300	24,400	23,300
<i>General Merchandise Stores</i>	68,200	68,800	66,300	47,600	48,000	46,300	57,300	57,300	53,800
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	133,400	133,600	132,100	72,900	73,100	72,700	119,100	117,100	114,000
Utilities	-	-	-	5,700	5,800	6,100	15,000	15,100	15,200
Information	91,000	92,100	92,300	74,400	75,300	75,300	35,100	35,700	36,200
Telecommunications	41,000	41,300	41,800	33,200	33,500	33,600	14,500	14,700	15,000
Financial Activities	226,600	226,200	218,500	178,200	178,300	171,500	141,300	140,900	137,300
Finance and Insurance	169,100	168,600	162,600	135,000	134,900	129,300	91,900	91,400	89,500
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities</i>	86,700	86,600	83,600	67,200	67,100	64,500	43,200	43,000	41,700
<i>Insurance Carriers and Related Activities</i>	-	-	-	48,400	48,500	48,200	32,900	32,600	32,400
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-	-	-	43,200	43,400	42,200	49,400	49,500	47,800
Professional and Business Services	399,500	398,000	382,600	307,300	305,900	293,400	348,700	348,600	330,900
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	169,500	168,100	164,300	136,900	135,400	132,000	162,500	161,500	155,300
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation	214,800	210,900	199,900	159,200	156,500	146,400	170,800	171,900	162,500
Education and Health Services	296,000	295,000	283,100	205,400	204,700	196,100	267,700	267,500	259,900
Health Care and Social Assistance	252,800	252,500	241,600	174,100	173,800	165,500	225,500	225,400	217,700
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services</i>	-	-	-	82,500	81,900	76,500	95,900	95,800	91,000
Hospitals	64,700	64,400	61,600	42,100	42,100	40,500	63,200	63,200	61,800
Leisure and Hospitality	266,400	260,900	261,200	183,600	179,500	179,400	210,500	209,100	207,900
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-	-	-	22,500	21,500	21,300	25,900	25,400	25,400
Accommodation and Food Services	231,800	228,000	228,700	161,100	158,000	158,100	184,600	183,700	182,500
<i>Food Services and Drinking Places</i>	199,700	197,000	199,200	138,100	135,100	136,600	165,400	164,400	163,000
Other Services	108,900	109,300	107,000	76,900	77,300	74,200	95,500	96,400	93,600
Government	371,300	370,200	358,100	253,200	253,100	243,200	349,700	349,300	343,200
Federal	46,700	46,400	45,400	30,100	29,900	30,000	28,200	28,200	27,900
State	45,200	45,300	43,200	35,100	35,300	33,000	69,300	69,400	68,900
Local	279,400	278,500	269,500	188,000	187,900	180,200	252,200	251,700	246,400
	AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON MD**			SAN ANTONIO		
	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05
TOTAL NONFARM	713,800	710,600	691,300	830,400	826,600	809,800	792,700	789,800	778,300
GOODS PRODUCING	98,800	98,500	96,400	151,300	150,800	147,100	96,200	95,200	93,800
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	42,100	41,700	39,300	55,800	55,200	52,300	49,400	48,800	48,000
Manufacturing	56,700	56,800	57,100	95,500	95,600	94,800	46,800	46,400	45,800
SERVICE PROVIDING	615,000	612,100	594,900	679,100	675,800	662,700	696,500	694,600	684,500
Private Service Providing	456,900	454,700	442,900	561,000	558,700	547,800	549,100	548,000	538,900
Wholesale Trade	37,200	37,300	37,100	38,700	38,900	38,200	26,800	26,900	26,700
Retail Trade	73,700	73,400	70,600	99,200	98,800	95,400	90,200	90,800	90,800
<i>Food and Beverage Stores</i>	14,700	14,600	14,300	15,700	15,500	14,900	14,700	14,700	15,500
<i>General Merchandise Stores</i>	12,600	12,700	12,300	20,600	20,800	20,000	18,100	18,000	18,200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,600	11,600	11,500	60,500	60,500	59,400	21,100	21,200	20,500
Information	21,800	22,100	21,200	16,600	16,800	17,000	19,800	20,000	20,200
Telecommunications	4,800	4,800	5,100	7,800	7,800	8,200	6,300	6,400	6,900
Financial Activities	41,400	41,500	40,600	48,400	47,900	47,000	62,500	62,000	61,600
Finance and Insurance	29,000	29,100	28,500	34,100	33,700	33,300	47,700	47,600	47,300
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities</i>	12,600	12,700	12,400	19,500	19,500	19,100	21,300	21,200	20,500
Professional and Business Services	97,000	96,400	93,200	92,200	92,100	89,200	99,500	99,100	97,000
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	47,500	47,700	46,500	32,600	32,700	32,300	36,600	36,600	36,300
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation Svcs	44,600	44,000	43,000	55,600	54,400	53,500	56,300	55,500	53,900
Education and Health Services	73,800	73,300	71,700	90,600	90,300	87,000	108,900	109,400	105,000
Health Care and Social Assistance	64,200	63,700	62,000	78,700	78,700	76,100	95,200	94,900	90,800
Hospitals	16,000	16,000	15,600	22,600	22,300	21,100	20,300	20,200	19,600
Leisure and Hospitality	73,000	71,500	70,300	82,800	81,400	81,800	92,500	90,900	90,000
Accommodation and Food Services	64,000	62,900	61,900	70,700	70,000	70,600	81,800	80,900	79,600
Other Services	27,400	27,600	26,700	32,000	32,000	32,800	27,800	27,700	27,100
Government	158,100	157,400	152,000	118,100	117,100	114,900	147,400	146,600	145,600
Federal	11,200	11,100	10,900	16,600	16,500	15,400	29,500	29,400	28,800
State	72,800	72,700	70,300	10,100	10,000	10,200	16,700	16,700	16,600
Local	74,100	73,600	70,800	91,400	90,600	89,300	101,200	100,500	100,200

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

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05
TOTAL	65,500	65,300	63,500	110,500	110,100	107,100	153,400	154,000	156,300	120,200	120,200	117,100
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	5,200	5,100	4,100	6,800	6,800	6,500	15,100	15,400	14,100	4,500	4,500	4,600
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,100	12,100	12,200	12,000	17,200	17,600	19,500	7,200	7,200	7,300
Wholesale Trade	2,300	2,300	2,200	5,600	5,600	5,400	4,400	4,400	4,300	3,300	3,300	3,300
Retail Trade	8,500	8,500	8,000	13,900	13,800	13,400	18,700	18,900	19,800	15,600	15,400	15,400
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,400	1,400	1,600	3,500	3,600	3,600	6,700	6,700	6,600	4,000	4,000	4,000
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,200	1,200	1,200
Financial Activities	3,200	3,200	3,200	6,000	6,000	5,900	5,900	5,900	5,600	4,700	4,700	4,700
Prof. & Business Services	4,100	4,100	4,100	9,800	9,700	9,000	12,300	12,400	13,500	8,200	8,100	7,800
Educ. & Health Services	14,200	14,200	13,800	15,000	15,000	14,700	23,700	23,500	23,100	27,900	27,900	26,600
Leisure & Hospitality	6,600	6,500	6,600	11,100	10,900	10,700	13,500	13,600	13,700	12,300	12,500	11,600
Other Services	3,100	3,100	3,000	5,000	5,000	4,800	5,900	5,900	5,900	3,500	3,500	3,400
Government	12,600	12,600	12,600	19,900	19,700	19,300	27,300	27,000	27,400	27,800	27,900	27,200
INDUSTRY	COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN			CORPUS CHRISTI			EL PASO			KILLEEN-TEMPLE-FORT HOOD		
	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05
TOTAL	91,800	91,600	90,500	171,500	172,000	172,700	264,300	263,900	260,000	119,000	118,800	117,300
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	6,100	6,100	5,900	17,800	18,300	19,200	13,300	13,300	11,700	5,800	5,700	5,900
Manufacturing	6,300	6,200	6,200	11,000	11,000	10,400	22,200	22,100	23,100	8,500	8,500	8,400
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,500	5,300	5,300	5,400	10,500	10,400	10,200	3,700	3,700	3,300
Retail Trade	9,600	9,600	9,400	20,000	20,000	19,800	33,700	33,300	31,900	14,100	14,200	14,200
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,100	1,100	1,000	5,000	5,000	5,100	13,400	13,500	13,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Information	1,100	1,100	1,100	2,400	2,500	2,500	4,500	4,700	4,800	2,500	2,500	2,400
Financial Activities	3,600	3,600	3,500	7,900	7,900	7,700	11,900	11,900	11,400	6,200	6,200	6,300
Prof. & Business Services	5,500	5,400	5,500	16,500	16,400	16,300	26,400	26,200	26,100	8,800	8,800	9,000
Educ. & Health Services	9,400	9,400	9,100	26,700	26,800	26,400	34,000	34,100	32,500	15,800	16,000	15,900
Leisure & Hospitality	9,900	9,800	9,500	19,500	19,400	20,400	25,600	25,400	25,700	10,700	10,200	10,200
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	6,400	6,300	6,500	7,900	8,000	7,800	5,500	5,500	5,100
Government	34,500	34,900	35,000	33,000	33,100	33,000	60,900	61,000	61,800	33,400	33,500	32,600
INDUSTRY	LAREDO			LONGVIEW			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05
TOTAL	85,000	84,800	79,900	92,200	91,700	90,000	127,200	127,400	126,000	203,900	203,900	196,000
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,200	4,200	4,000	11,300	11,100	11,000	5,600	5,500	5,100	10,900	10,800	10,600
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,700	13,600	13,600	13,200	5,200	5,200	5,300	8,400	8,400	8,200
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,800	3,800	3,500	5,600	5,600	5,700	7,100	7,100	6,900
Retail Trade	11,400	11,600	11,100	11,200	11,000	10,800	15,200	15,100	15,100	29,300	29,300	28,100
Trans., Ware., & Util.	12,600	12,500	12,100	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,800	3,900	3,900	6,000	6,000	5,700
Information	700	700	700	1,800	1,800	1,900	6,100	6,200	6,300	3,000	3,000	2,800
Financial Activities	3,700	3,600	3,400	3,600	3,600	3,500	6,700	6,700	6,800	8,400	8,500	8,100
Prof. & Business Services	4,100	4,100	4,000	7,100	7,000	6,800	10,300	10,600	10,900	13,000	13,300	12,900
Educ. & Health Services	12,100	12,100	11,200	14,700	14,700	14,400	18,700	18,700	18,300	45,600	45,200	41,600
Leisure & Hospitality	8,600	8,500	8,100	7,400	7,400	7,300	14,800	14,600	14,900	17,500	17,500	17,600
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,700	3,300	3,300	3,200	5,500	5,500	5,300	5,000	4,900	4,800
Government	21,500	21,400	19,400	11,600	11,600	11,600	29,700	29,800	29,300	49,700	49,900	48,700
INDUSTRY	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05
TOTAL	61,800	61,200	58,500	55,200	55,400	52,700	43,800	43,800	43,900	44,800	44,500	44,100
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	13,100	12,600	11,500	8,700	8,800	7,300	3,200	3,200	3,000	3,100	3,000	2,800
Manufacturing	2,400	2,400	2,300	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,500	6,200	6,200	6,300
Wholesale Trade	2,700	2,700	2,500	4,300	4,300	4,100	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,000	1,000	1,000
Retail Trade	7,500	7,500	6,900	6,500	6,600	6,600	5,400	5,400	5,400	6,300	6,400	6,200
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,700	1,700	1,600	700	700	800	1,200	1,100	1,200
Information	1,700	1,700	1,900	700	700	700	1,900	2,000	1,900	600	600	600
Financial Activities	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,700	2,700	2,700
Prof. & Business Services	6,900	6,800	6,400	4,000	4,000	3,700	3,800	3,800	3,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Educ. & Health Services	6,300	6,300	6,000	5,600	5,500	5,300	7,200	7,200	7,300	8,300	8,200	8,500
Leisure & Hospitality	6,200	6,100	5,900	5,600	5,600	5,500	4,300	4,200	4,200	4,500	4,400	4,200
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,500
Government	8,100	8,200	8,400	9,300	9,400	9,200	8,600	8,600	9,100	6,600	6,600	6,300
INDUSTRY	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05
TOTAL	55,900	55,800	54,400	90,900	91,100	90,000	49,800	49,500	48,700	106,600	106,100	105,200
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	2,500	2,500	2,300	5,200	5,200	4,900	6,700	6,700	6,400	5,900	5,900	5,400
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	9,400	9,400	9,400	5,700	5,700	5,600	15,800	15,800	15,700
Wholesale Trade	2,600	2,600	2,400	3,800	3,800	3,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	4,200	4,200	4,100
Retail Trade	7,000	7,100	7,100	12,300	12,300	12,200	6,500	6,400	6,300	11,200	11,100	11,100
Trans., Ware., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,400	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,100	3,100	3,000
Information	500	500	500	2,200	2,100	2,100	600	600	600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Financial Activities	2,600	2,500	2,300	4,000	4,100	4,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	6,400	6,400	6,200
Prof. & Business Services	3,300	3,300	3,200	7,500	7,600	7,500	3,600	3,600	3,600	7,900	6,900	7,900
Educ. & Health Services	9,100	9,100	8,900	18,300	18,400	17,800	6,800	6,800	6,500	19,300	19,300	18,700
Leisure & Hospitality	5,300	5,200	5,100	8,600	8,500	8,400	4,100	4,000	4,200	10,200	9,900	9,800
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,100	3,800	3,800	3,800	1,500	1,600	1,500	4,200	4,200	4,200
Government	12,800	12,800	12,600	12,700	12,800	12,900	9,000	8,800	8,700	17,500	17,500	17,300
INDUSTRY	WICHITA FALLS			Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. The number of nonagricultural jobs in each MSA 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.								
	Apr '06*	Mar '06	Apr '05									
TOTAL	62,400	62,300	61,600									
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	3,800	3,800	3,500									
Manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,600									
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,800									
Retail Trade	7,800	7,800	7,600									
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600									
Information	1,500	1,500	1,600									
Financial Activities	2,200	2,200	2,300									
Prof. & Business Services	3,100	3,100	3,300									
Educ. & Health Services	10,300	10,300	10,000									
Leisure & Hospitality	5,500	5,400	5,600									
Other Services	3,200	3,200	3,100									
Government	13,900	13,900	13,600									

Estimates for the current month are preliminary. All estimates are subject to revision. The number of nonagricultural jobs in each MSA 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.

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Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate declined for a third consecutive month, dropping 0.2 percentage points to 4.8 percent in April 2006. This month's unemployment rate decline is 0.1 percent less than the average decline of 0.3 percent that usually occurs from March to April. The current rate is the lowest so far in 2006 and is 0.3 percentage points lower than April 2005. The United States' jobless rate dropped for a second month in a row by 0.3 percentage points to 4.5 percent. This decline is typical for the United States unemployment rate between March and April and is the lowest April rate since 1999. In addition, the April rate is four-tenths of a percentage point lower than the year-ago level.

The number of Texas jobholders increased slightly by 6,200 from March to April. This month's gain is below the historical average increase of 40,200 that is normally observed between March and April. The rise brought the state employment total to 10,797,100. Over the year, employment has increased by 219,100 workers.

The number of Texans seeking employment continued to edge downward over the month, decreasing by 15,500 to total 548,300 job seekers. This is the lowest March-to-April decline since 2002 and is less than the historical average decline of 25,500 job seekers occurring between March and April. Since January, the number of unemployed has dropped by 45,100 job seekers.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits dropped over the month by 7,000 to 80,900 in April. All but three of the twenty-five Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) observed a claim count decrease over the month. The Lubbock MSA recorded the largest percentage decline at 44.4 percent fewer claims, while the Victoria MSA registered the largest increase, a 2.5 percent rise in claims for unemployment benefits.

Twenty-one of the state's twenty-five MSAs recorded a drop in their unemployment rate between March and April 2006. The Midland MSA continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in Texas, at 3.4 percent, a position they have held since January 2005.

MSAs Ranked by Unemployment Rate April 2006 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

1	Midland	3.4
2	Amarillo	3.6
3	College Station-Bryan	3.7
4	Lubbock	3.8
5	Austin-Round Rock	3.9
6 (tie)	Abilene	4.1
	San Angelo	4.1
8 (tie)	Odessa	4.2
	Tyler	4.2
10	Wichita Falls	4.3
11 (tie)	San Antonio	4.4
	Victoria	4.4
	United States	4.5
13	Longview	4.5
14	Waco	4.6
15 (tie)	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	4.7
	Sherman-Denison	4.7
	Texas	4.8
17	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	4.9
18	Texarkana	5.0
19 (tie)	Corpus Christi	5.1
	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	5.1
21	Laredo	5.5
22	Beaumont-Port Arthur	6.3
23	Brownsville-Harlingen	6.6
24	El Paso	6.8
25	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7.0

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

	April 2006				March 2006				April 2005			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	150,209.0	143,405.0	6,804.0	4.5	150,027	142,772	7,255.0	4.8	148,274.0	140,939.0	7,335.0	4.9
State of Texas	11,345.4	10,797.1	548.3	4.8	11,354.7	10,790.9	563.8	5.0	11,151.0	10,578.0	573.0	5.1
Abilene	82.2	78.8	3.4	4.1	82.3	78.8	3.5	4.3	80.0	76.6	3.4	4.3
Amarillo	130.5	125.7	4.8	3.6	130.7	125.7	5.0	3.8	127.4	122.5	4.9	3.9
Austin-Round Rock	822.8	790.7	32.1	3.9	820.6	787.1	33.5	4.1	800.2	766.6	33.6	4.2
Beaumont-Port Arthur	173.9	163.0	10.9	6.3	175.7	164.3	11.4	6.5	178.3	166.2	12.1	6.8
Brownsville-Harlingen	143.4	134.0	9.4	6.6	143.8	134.1	9.7	6.7	142.1	131.3	10.8	7.6
College Station-Bryan	106.2	102.2	4.0	3.7	106.8	102.7	4.1	3.8	104.9	101.0	3.9	3.7
Corpus Christi	199.2	189.0	10.2	5.1	200.6	190.3	10.3	5.1	201.6	190.6	11.0	5.5
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,072.0	2,928.7	143.3	4.7	3,072.2	2,925.3	146.9	4.8	2,997.0	2,846.6	150.4	5.0
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,057.2	1,960.2	97.0	4.7	2,056.8	1,957.3	99.5	4.8	2,004.4	1,902.4	102.0	5.1
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,014.8	968.5	46.3	4.6	1,015.4	968.0	47.4	4.7	992.6	944.2	48.4	4.9
El Paso	295.4	275.4	20.0	6.8	296.0	276.1	19.9	6.7	291.8	271.0	20.8	7.1
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,657.7	2,527.3	130.4	4.9	2,666.5	2,533.2	133.3	5.0	2,597.2	2,462.1	135.1	5.2
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	153.3	145.5	7.8	5.1	153.2	145.2	8.0	5.2	150.9	143.5	7.4	4.9
Laredo	90.0	85.0	5.0	5.5	90.1	85.1	5.0	5.6	85.3	80.1	5.2	6.0
Longview	104.6	99.9	4.7	4.5	104.6	99.8	4.8	4.6	103.0	98.0	5.0	4.9
Lubbock	142.0	136.5	5.5	3.8	142.8	136.6	6.2	4.3	141.5	135.9	5.6	3.9
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	270.4	251.5	18.9	7.0	271.7	252.1	19.6	7.2	263.7	244.1	19.6	7.4
Midland	69.3	66.9	2.4	3.4	68.7	66.3	2.4	3.5	65.8	63.4	2.4	3.7
Odessa	64.5	61.8	2.7	4.2	64.8	62.1	2.7	4.2	61.9	59.0	2.9	4.6
San Angelo	53.0	50.8	2.2	4.1	52.9	50.7	2.2	4.2	53.4	51.1	2.3	4.2
San Antonio	907.8	867.4	40.4	4.4	909.8	867.9	41.9	4.6	895.1	853.0	42.1	4.7
Sherman-Denison	57.5	54.8	2.7	4.7	57.5	54.7	2.8	4.9	57.0	54.1	2.9	5.1
Texarkana	63.7	60.5	3.2	5.0	64.0	60.8	3.2	5.0	62.2	59.1	3.1	5.0
Tyler	96.4	92.4	4.0	4.2	97.0	92.8	4.2	4.3	96.1	91.7	4.4	4.6
Victoria	58.1	55.5	2.6	4.4	57.6	55.0	2.6	4.5	57.3	54.6	2.7	4.6
Waco	113.9	108.7	5.2	4.6	114.3	108.8	5.5	4.8	112.6	107.3	5.3	4.7
Wichita Falls	75.7	72.5	3.2	4.3	75.6	72.2	3.4	4.5	74.9	71.5	3.4	4.5

All estimates are subject to revision. Estimates reflect actual (not seasonally adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force (C.L.F.) includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Employment and Unemployment data are first rounded then added together to derive the rounded CLF total. Because of this rounding technique, this rounded total of the CLF may not agree with a rounding of the CLF total itself. Percent Unemployed is based upon unrounded Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment numbers. Estimates of the TWC are in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Beginning with January 2005 estimates, definitions of the MSAs were updated to reflect the 2000 Census-based configurations. Please see www.tracer2.com for details on these changes. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA is comprised of the Dallas-Plano-Irving Metropolitan Division (MD) and the Fort Worth-Arlington MD.

Employment and Unemployment Estimates for Texas Counties - April 2006

County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	20,224	19,000	1,224	6.1	Gillespie	13,338	12,980	358	2.7	Moore	10,238	9,845	393	3.8
Andrews	6,556	6,298	258	3.9	Glasscock	618	587	31	5.0	Morris	6,177	5,869	308	5.0
Angelina	38,780	36,838	1,942	5.0	Goliad	3,471	3,323	148	4.3	Motley	652	626	26	4.0
Arañas	10,859	10,368	491	4.5	Gonzales	9,566	9,167	399	4.2	Nacogdoches	30,698	29,330	1,368	4.5
Archer	5,439	5,271	168	3.1	Gray	11,027	10,593	434	3.9	Navarro	21,312	20,179	1,133	5.3
Armstrong	1,159	1,124	35	3.0	Grayson	57,543	54,821	2,722	4.7	Newton	5,561	5,136	425	7.6
Atascosa	19,375	18,514	861	4.4	Gregg	62,116	59,333	2,783	4.5	Nolan	7,500	7,138	362	4.8
Austin	13,210	12,649	561	4.2	Grimes	10,326	9,773	553	5.4	Nueces	158,807	150,807	8,000	5.0
Bailey	3,181	3,007	174	5.5	Guadalupe	51,757	49,618	2,139	4.1	Ochiltree	5,088	4,924	164	3.2
Bandera	9,867	9,491	376	3.8	Hale	16,858	15,935	923	5.5	Oldham	995	947	48	4.8
Bastrop	34,860	33,450	1,410	4.0	Hall	1,542	1,437	105	6.8	Orange	39,812	37,390	2,422	6.1
Baylor	1,802	1,717	85	4.7	Hamilton	3,616	3,455	161	4.5	Palo Pinto	14,422	13,795	627	4.3
Bee	10,813	10,097	716	6.6	Hansford	2,354	2,263	91	3.9	Panola	11,759	11,251	508	4.3
Bell	116,275	110,515	5,760	5.0	Hardeman	2,225	2,129	96	4.3	Parker	51,512	49,327	2,185	4.2
Bexar	726,944	693,821	33,123	4.6	Hardin	23,988	22,659	1,329	5.5	Parmer	4,547	4,357	190	4.2
Blanco	4,695	4,524	171	3.6	Harris	1,874,263	1,779,324	94,939	5.1	Pecos	6,696	6,359	337	5.0
Borden	483	463	20	4.1	Harrison	31,011	29,424	1,587	5.1	Polk	16,553	15,599	954	5.8
Bosque	8,532	8,149	383	4.5	Hartley	2,213	2,120	93	4.2	Potter	58,168	55,752	2,416	4.2
Bowie	43,346	41,090	2,256	5.2	Haskell	3,170	3,044	126	4.0	Presidio	3,126	2,786	340	10.9
Brazoria	134,936	128,468	6,468	4.8	Hays	67,956	65,514	2,442	3.6	Rains	5,301	5,082	219	4.1
Brazos	89,599	86,303	3,296	3.7	Hemphill	2,265	2,205	60	2.6	Randall	67,591	65,419	2,172	3.2
Brewster	5,347	5,172	175	3.3	Henderson	34,551	32,880	1,671	4.8	Reagan	2,305	2,235	70	3.0
Briscoe	732	693	39	5.3	Hidalgo	270,413	251,482	18,931	7.0	Real	1,093	1,027	66	6.0
Brooks	3,032	2,825	207	6.8	Hill	15,266	14,453	813	5.3	Red River	6,268	5,915	353	5.6
Brown	18,583	17,808	775	4.2	Hockley	11,021	10,529	492	4.5	Reeves	4,207	3,915	292	6.9
Burleson	8,812	8,492	320	3.6	Hood	22,688	21,681	1,007	4.4	Refugio	3,891	3,717	174	4.5
Burnet	20,240	19,498	742	3.7	Hopkins	17,727	16,984	743	4.2	Roberts	593	576	17	2.9
Caldwell	16,841	16,122	719	4.3	Houston	8,218	7,720	498	6.1	Robertson	7,786	7,439	347	4.5
Calhoun	9,536	9,028	508	5.3	Howard	13,108	12,392	716	5.5	Rockwall	31,338	30,103	1,235	3.9
Callahan	7,047	6,785	262	3.7	Hudspeth	1,396	1,273	123	8.8	Runnels	4,421	4,192	229	5.2
Cameron	143,429	134,010	9,419	6.6	Hunt	40,096	38,029	2,067	5.2	Rusk	23,319	22,310	1,009	4.3
Camp	5,287	5,018	269	5.1	Hutchinson	9,836	9,344	492	5.0	Sabine	3,403	3,099	304	8.9
Carson	3,581	3,448	133	3.7	Irion	957	917	40	4.2	San Augustine	3,538	3,313	225	6.4
Cass	13,360	12,579	781	5.8	Jack	3,954	3,773	181	4.6	San Jacinto	10,522	9,942	580	5.5
Castro	3,288	3,104	184	5.6	Jackson	6,567	6,254	313	4.8	San Patricio	29,473	27,811	1,662	5.6
Chambers	14,373	13,668	705	4.9	Jasper	15,396	14,377	1,019	6.6	San Saba	2,561	2,446	115	4.5
Cherokee	20,540	19,452	1,088	5.3	Jeff Davis	1,081	1,033	48	4.4	Schleicher	1,320	1,266	54	4.1
Childress	3,116	2,947	169	5.4	Jefferson	110,047	102,906	7,141	6.5	Scurry	7,082	6,748	334	4.7
Clay	6,531	6,277	254	3.9	Jim Hogg	2,692	2,563	129	4.8	Shackelford	1,927	1,863	64	3.3
Cochran	1,525	1,418	107	7.0	Jim Wells	19,764	18,794	970	4.9	Shelby	11,373	10,802	571	5.0
Coke	1,320	1,256	64	4.8	Johnson	73,527	70,352	3,175	4.3	Sherman	1,281	1,221	60	4.7
Coleman	4,245	4,057	188	4.4	Jones	8,235	7,786	449	5.5	Smith	96,421	92,389	4,032	4.2
Collin	365,719	351,646	14,073	3.8	Karnes	5,471	5,137	334	6.1	Somervell	3,745	3,591	154	4.1
Collingsworth	1,568	1,494	74	4.7	Kaufman	42,992	41,041	1,951	4.5	Starr	21,505	18,916	2,589	12.0
Colorado	10,383	9,929	454	4.4	Kendall	14,073	13,565	508	3.6	Stephens	4,217	4,042	175	4.1
Comal	48,235	46,393	1,842	3.8	Kenedy	256	249	7	2.7	Sterling	1,014	985	29	2.9
Comanche	6,240	5,967	273	4.4	Kent	449	433	16	3.6	Stonewall	850	816	34	4.0
Concho	1,412	1,336	76	5.4	Kerr	23,573	22,725	848	3.6	Sutton	2,821	2,742	79	2.8
Cooke	20,368	19,601	767	3.8	Kimble	2,268	2,188	80	3.5	Swisher	3,635	3,463	172	4.7
Coryell	26,223	24,574	1,649	6.3	King	148	139	9	6.1	Tarrant	861,581	821,793	39,788	4.6
Cottle	807	766	41	5.1	Kinney	1,425	1,342	83	5.8	Taylor	66,954	64,274	2,680	4.0
Crane	1,557	1,474	83	5.3	Kleberg	17,358	16,594	764	4.4	Terrell	359	331	28	7.8
Crockett	2,025	1,942	83	4.1	Knox	1,740	1,655	85	4.9	Terry	5,858	5,518	340	5.8
Crosby	2,992	2,804	188	6.3	Lamar	22,978	21,699	1,279	5.6	Throckmorton	952	915	37	3.9
Culberson	1,636	1,575	61	3.7	Lamb	7,281	6,907	374	5.1	Titus	14,829	14,188	641	4.3
Dallam	3,013	2,900	113	3.8	Lampasas	10,804	10,429	375	3.5	Tom Green	52,009	49,860	2,149	4.1
Dallas	1,192,892	1,130,943	61,949	5.2	La Salle	2,801	2,668	133	4.7	Travis	522,017	501,267	20,750	4.0
Dawson	5,188	4,821	367	7.1	Lavaca	10,816	10,429	387	3.6	Trinity	5,773	5,441	332	5.8
Deaf Smith	8,477	8,093	384	4.5	Lee	8,719	8,383	336	3.9	Tyler	8,321	7,791	530	6.4
Delta	2,550	2,414	136	5.3	Leon	7,725	7,367	358	4.6	Upshur	19,111	18,242	869	4.5
Denton	314,444	302,229	12,215	3.9	Liberty	32,196	30,439	1,757	5.5	Upton	1,700	1,633	67	3.9
DeWitt	9,241	8,823	418	4.5	Limestone	10,625	10,114	511	4.8	Uvalde	11,654	10,978	676	5.8
Dickens	1,006	951	55	5.5	Lipscomb	1,674	1,611	63	3.8	Val Verde	20,167	18,899	1,268	6.3
Dimmit	3,862	3,568	294	7.6	Live Oak	5,130	4,879	251	4.9	Van Zandt	25,631	24,531	1,100	4.3
Donley	1,814	1,737	77	4.2	Llano	8,078	7,739	339	4.2	Victoria	45,400	43,121	1,919	4.3
Duval	5,257	4,944	313	6.0	Loving	35	31	4	11.4	Walker	25,815	24,559	1,256	4.9
Eastland	8,352	7,975	377	4.5	Lubbock	138,951	133,679	5,272	3.8	Waller	16,550	15,656	894	5.4
Ector	64,482	61,802	2,680	4.2	Lynn	2,724	2,544	180	6.6	Ward	4,489	4,254	235	5.2
Edwards	1,001	954	47	4.7	McCulloch	3,705	3,531	174	4.7	Washington	16,381	15,759	622	3.8
Ellis	67,187	63,800	3,387	5.0	McLennan	113,857	108,651	5,206	4.6	Webb	89,977	84,988	4,989	5.5
El Paso	295,392	275,436	19,956	6.8	McMullen	368	349	19	5.2	Wharton	20,861	19,839	1,022	4.9
Erath	17,851	17,194	657	3.7	Madison	4,900	4,642	258	5.3	Wheeler	2,546	2,445	101	4.0
Falls	7,296	6,839	457	6.3	Marion	5,096	4,827	269	5.3	Wichita	63,781	60,970	2,811	4.4
Fannin	13,925	13,142	783	5.6	Martin	2,075	1,968	107	5.2	Willbarger	7,404	7,128	276	3.7
Fayette	12,064	11,645	419	3.5	Mason	2,383	2,316	67	2.8	Willacy	7,754	6,970	784	10.1
Fisher	1,953	1,874	79	4.0	Matagorda	16,247	15,064	1,183	7.3	Williamson	181,144	174,349	6,795	3.8
Floyd	3,255	3,027	228	7.0	Maverick	20,296	17,200	3,096	15.3	Wilson	17,825	17,148	677	3.8
Foard	649	620	29	4.5	Medina	19,744	18,876	868	4.4	Winkler	3,009	2,866	143	4.8
Fort Bend	232,875	222,862	10,013	4.3	Menard	1,084	1,040	44	4.1	Wise	28,112	26,989	1,123	4.0
Franklin	5,153	4,944	209	4.1	Midland	69,254	66,871	2,383	3.4	Wood	17,611	16,800	811	4.6
Freestone	10,266	9,879	387	3.8	Milam	12,301	11,742	559	4.5	Yoakum	3,335	3,169	166	5.0
Frio	6,389	6,033	356	5.6	Mills	2,559	2,466	93	3.6	Young	9,355	8,978	377	4.0
Gaines	6,579	6,252	327	5.0	Mitchell	3,367	3,160	207	6.1	Zapata	5,359	5,046	313	5.8
Galveston	140,169	133,259	6,910	4.9	Montague	9,969	9,564	405	4.1	Zavala	3,950	3,496	454	11.5
Garza	2,433	2,326	107	4.4	Montgomery	188,603	180,998	7,605	4.0	Texas	11,345,376	10,797,062	548,314	4.8

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City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate
Abilene	58,037	55,564	2,473	4.3	Friendswood	17,961	17,234	727	4.0	New Braunfels	23,488	22,657	831	3.5
Allen	37,252	36,003	1,249	3.4	Frisco	36,036	34,876	1,160	3.2	North Richland Hills	35,695	34,271	1,424	4.0
Amarillo	100,352	96,723	3,629	3.6	Galveston	27,348	25,931	1,417	5.2	Odessa	48,322	46,310	2,012	4.2
Arlington	207,388	198,372	9,016	4.3	Garland	116,305	110,388	5,917	5.1	Paris	11,645	10,925	720	6.2
Austin	412,878	396,658	16,220	3.9	Georgetown	18,228	17,480	748	4.1	Pasadena	67,653	63,887	3,766	5.6
Baytown	31,892	29,852	2,040	6.4	Grand Prairie	73,150	69,725	3,425	4.7	Pearland	29,910	28,876	1,034	3.5
Beaumont	52,558	49,341	3,217	6.1	Grapevine	28,947	27,857	1,090	3.8	Pflugerville	15,689	15,207	482	3.1
Bedford	31,702	30,408	1,294	4.1	Greenville	11,986	11,364	622	5.2	Pharr	22,511	21,319	1,192	5.3
Big Spring	9,016	8,482	534	5.9	Haltom City	21,911	20,913	998	4.6	Plano	144,020	138,081	5,939	4.1
Brownsville	60,202	56,366	3,836	6.4	Harlingen	24,997	23,504	1,493	6.0	Port Arthur	22,129	20,362	1,767	8.0
Bryan	37,512	36,119	1,393	3.7	Houston	1,002,568	949,161	53,407	5.3	Richardson	57,820	55,386	2,434	4.2
Burleson	15,479	14,942	537	3.5	Huntsville	14,536	13,827	709	4.9	Rockwall	15,020	14,511	509	3.4
Carrollton	71,368	68,407	2,961	4.1	Hurst	21,530	20,609	921	4.3	Rosenberg	14,440	13,828	612	4.2
Cedar Hill	22,848	21,763	1,085	4.7	Irving	114,645	109,437	5,208	4.5	Round Rock	47,258	45,632	1,626	3.4
Cedar Park	26,072	25,426	646	2.5	Keller	19,157	18,519	638	3.3	Rowlett	29,411	28,165	1,246	4.2
Cleburne	13,827	13,228	599	4.3	Killeen	40,952	38,795	2,157	5.3	San Angelo	43,759	41,919	1,840	4.2
College Station	40,957	39,521	1,436	3.5	Kingsville	13,900	13,297	603	4.3	San Antonio	599,356	573,061	26,295	4.4
Conroe	21,945	21,079	866	3.9	Lake Jackson	14,005	13,381	624	4.5	San Juan	11,834	10,990	844	7.1
Coppell	21,878	21,041	837	3.8	Lancaster	15,311	14,365	946	6.2	San Marcos	25,877	25,085	792	3.1
Copperas Cove	13,474	12,791	683	5.1	La Porte	18,577	17,599	978	5.3	Sherman	17,516	16,665	851	4.9
Corpus Christi	142,529	135,560	6,969	4.9	Laredo	84,839	80,357	4,482	5.3	Socorro	10,390	9,556	834	8.0
Corsicana	10,857	10,222	635	5.8	League City	33,061	31,877	1,184	3.6	Sugar Land	40,014	38,525	1,489	3.7
Dallas	609,736	577,290	32,446	5.3	Lewisville	56,301	54,175	2,126	3.8	Temple	29,124	27,838	1,286	4.4
Deer Park	16,229	15,421	808	5.0	Longview	39,783	37,993	1,790	4.5	Texarkana	16,526	15,631	895	5.4
Del Rio	15,807	14,855	952	6.0	Lubbock	115,758	111,468	4,290	3.7	Texas City	20,561	19,272	1,289	6.3
Denton	56,581	54,447	2,134	3.8	Lufkin	15,899	15,078	821	5.2	The Colony	21,202	20,430	772	3.6
DeSoto	24,529	23,193	1,336	5.4	McAllen	58,592	55,592	3,000	5.1	Tyler	46,519	44,589	1,930	4.1
Duncanville	19,255	18,204	1,051	5.5	McKinney	46,361	44,700	1,661	3.6	Victoria	32,463	31,047	1,416	4.4
Edinburg	27,001	25,600	1,401	5.2	Mansfield	19,639	18,896	743	3.8	Waco	55,416	52,559	2,857	5.2
El Paso	253,592	237,538	16,054	6.3	Mesquite	72,815	69,283	3,532	4.9	Weslaco	12,883	12,051	832	6.5
Euless	31,866	30,533	1,333	4.2	Midland	56,782	54,798	1,984	3.5	Wichita Falls	48,316	46,131	2,185	4.5
Farmers Branch	15,092	14,393	699	4.6	Mission	24,153	22,804	1,349	5.6	Wylie	14,259	13,773	486	3.4
Flower Mound	34,949	33,720	1,229	3.5	Missouri City	37,937	36,320	1,617	4.3					
Fort Worth	298,112	283,530	14,582	4.9	Nacogdoches	15,930	15,166	764	4.8					

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates for WDAs				
April 2006				
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Alamo	956,591	914,301	42,290	4.4
Brazos Valley	145,529	139,775	5,754	4.0
Cameron County	143,429	134,010	9,419	6.6
Capital Area	522,017	501,267	20,750	4.0
Central Texas	174,339	165,627	8,712	5.0
Coastal Bend	265,008	251,434	13,574	5.1
Concho Valley	74,623	71,614	3,009	4.0
Dallas	1,192,892	1,130,943	61,949	5.2
Deep East Texas	158,136	149,388	8,748	5.5
East Texas	377,978	360,539	17,439	4.6
Golden Crescent	94,237	90,145	4,092	4.3
Gulf Coast	2,720,481	2,586,714	133,767	4.9
Heart Of Texas	165,842	158,085	7,757	4.7
Lower Rio Grande Valley	299,672	277,368	22,304	7.4
Middle Rio Grande	66,249	60,132	6,117	9.2
North Central Texas	1,094,945	1,049,956	44,989	4.1
North East Texas	132,388	125,682	6,706	5.1
North Texas	111,916	107,193	4,723	4.2
Panhandle	212,341	204,062	8,279	3.9
Permian Basin	190,395	182,317	8,078	4.2
Rural Capital	354,597	341,224	13,373	3.8
South East Texas	173,847	162,955	10,892	6.3
South Plains	201,220	192,579	8,641	4.3
South Texas	98,028	92,597	5,431	5.5
Tarrant County	861,581	821,793	39,788	4.6
Texoma	91,836	87,564	4,272	4.7
Upper Rio Grande	307,978	287,275	20,703	6.7
West Central Texas	157,284	150,532	6,752	4.3

Hours and Earnings for Texas									
and Selected Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas & Metro Divisions									
Area	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. '06	Mar. '06	Apr. '05	Apr. '06	Mar. '06	Apr. '05	Apr. '06	Mar. '06	Apr. '05
Texas									
Manufacturing	\$557.20	\$569.16	\$561.60	40.0	40.8	40.0	\$13.93	\$13.95	\$14.04
Durable Goods	\$561.50	\$566.07	\$553.91	41.5	41.9	41.0	\$13.53	\$13.51	\$13.51
Nondurable Goods	\$552.64	\$573.30	\$572.54	37.8	39.0	38.4	\$14.62	\$14.70	\$14.91
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington MSA									
Manufacturing	\$601.59	\$608.54	\$581.27	39.5	39.8	38.7	\$15.23	\$15.29	\$15.02
Durable Goods	\$645.43	\$654.80	\$640.00	39.5	40.0	39.9	\$16.34	\$16.37	\$16.04
Nondurable Goods	\$522.72	\$524.56	\$480.40	39.6	39.5	36.7	\$13.20	\$13.28	\$13.09
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA									
Manufacturing	\$670.32	\$666.36	\$712.12	39.2	38.9	40.6	\$17.10	\$17.13	\$17.54
Durable Goods	\$587.72	\$570.51	\$604.40	40.2	39.4	40.7	\$14.62	\$14.48	\$14.85
Nondurable Goods	\$799.88	\$817.76	\$870.75	37.5	38.0	40.5	\$21.33	\$21.52	\$21.50
San Antonio MSA									
Manufacturing	\$452.07	\$463.40	\$419.00	39.9	40.9	38.3	\$11.33	\$11.33	\$10.94
Durable Goods	\$484.08	\$497.95	\$451.41	42.5	43.3	41.0	\$11.39	\$11.50	\$11.01
Nondurable Goods	\$409.90	\$417.72	\$381.57	36.5	37.7	35.2	\$11.23	\$11.08	\$10.84
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD*									
Manufacturing	\$522.77	\$524.92	\$503.45	37.8	37.9	37.1	\$13.83	\$13.85	\$13.57
Durable Goods	\$521.17	\$519.40	\$517.62	37.2	37.1	37.4	\$14.01	\$14.00	\$13.84
Nondurable Goods	\$524.00	\$532.93	\$482.02	38.7	39.1	36.6	\$13.54	\$13.63	\$13.17
Ft. Worth-Arlington MD*									
Manufacturing	\$747.25	\$761.67	\$738.01	42.7	43.4	42.1	\$17.50	\$17.55	\$17.53
Durable Goods	\$841.31	\$868.81	\$846.43	43.1	44.6	44.2	\$19.52	\$19.48	\$19.15
Nondurable Goods	\$517.92	\$505.85	\$475.82	41.6	40.5	37.0	\$12.45	\$12.49	\$12.86

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GLOSSARY OF LABOR MARKET TERMS

Actual or Not Seasonally Adjusted - This term is used to describe data series not subject to the seasonal adjustment process. In other words, the effects of regular, or seasonal, patterns have not been removed from these series.

Civilian Labor Force (CLF) - Is that portion of the population age 16 and older who are employed or unemployed. To be considered unemployed, a person has to be not working but willing and able to work and actively seeking work.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) - Is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. The CPI provides a way for consumers to compare what the market basket of goods and services costs this month with what the same market basket cost a month or a year ago.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) - A monthly survey of nonfarm business establishments used to collect wage and salary employment, workers hours, and payroll, by industry and area. It is sometimes known as Nonagricultural Employment.

Employed (Emp) - Persons 16 years and over in the civilian noninstitutional population who, during the reference week, (a) did any work at all (at least 1 hour) as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family, and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute, job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) - The Federal/State cooperative program which produces employment and unemployment

estimates for states and local areas. These estimates are developed by State Employment Security Agencies in accordance with Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) definitions and procedures. Data is used for planning and budgetary purposes as an indication of need for employment and training services programs. Estimates are also used to allocate Federal funds.

Metropolitan Division (MD) - A Metropolitan Statistical Area which contains a single core with a population of 2.5 million or more may be subdivided into smaller groupings of counties referred to as Metropolitan Divisions. Titles of Metropolitan Divisions are typically based on principal city names. Texas has two Metropolitan Divisions, the Dallas-Plano-Irving MD and the Fort Worth-Arlington MD, which combine to form the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - A geographic area that contains at least one urbanized area of 50,000 or more population plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core urban area. An MSA in Texas is made up of one or more counties. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget defines metropolitan areas according to published standards that are applied to Census Bureau data. Texas has 25 MSAs and two Metropolitan Divisions (MD).

Seasonally Adjusted (SA) - Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year. These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other non-seasonal movements in a data series.

Unemployed (Unemp) - Persons 16 years and over who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

“HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE”

Samsung Plant Construction Begins

AUSTIN, TX (Austin American-Statesman—Kirk Ladendorf)—South Korean computer chip maker, Samsung, has begun construction of a second chip factory in Austin, which is expected to be three to four times larger than the existing plant in Austin. The factory is expected to employ around 900 workers, including both Samsung employees and those of supply companies who will work in the factory.

Local and state officials think it is the largest-ever investment by a foreign company in a U.S. plant. The price tag is estimated at \$3.5 billion to \$4 billion. Construction is expected to be done by late 2007 with the factory beginning production of advanced computer memory chips in late 2007 or early 2008. Samsung expects that it will take several years to completely outfit the factory.

Firm to Hire Up to 800

FORT WORTH, TX (Fort Worth Star-Telegram—Aman Batheja)—DigiSource, a manufacturer of printing materials for cellular manufacturers, plans on doubling its workforce at a facility in north Fort Worth this year, according to a recruiting firm hired by the company.

DigiSource plans to hire as many as 200 people immediately and as many as 600 additional people in the next few months, said Andy Wimpee, a spokesman for Dallas-based HumCap Staffing, a human resources firm recruiting for

DigiSource. HumCap will hold four job fairs to fill the positions at DigiSource's offices on Alliance Gateway Freeway.

Sunoco Relocates to Sugar Land

SUGARLAND, TX (City of Sugar Land Economic Development)—The Western Division Headquarters of Sunoco Logistics has started operations in Sugar Land. In relocating from Tulsa to Sugar Land, Sunoco will invest over \$3.7 million in facility improvements and bring over 150 new jobs to the city. Of these, an estimated 85 jobs will be filled locally with an average annual salary of \$65,000 before benefits. “We are extremely excited that the City's economic development program continues to attract quality companies like Sunoco to our community,” said Joe Esch, Sugar Land's Executive Director for Business and Intergovernmental Relations.

120 Workers added to Tyson

SHERMAN, TX (Sherman-Denison Herald Democrat)—Tyson Foods has moved closer to fulfilling the promise of 1,600 new jobs in Sherman by the end of the year. After a recent tour of the newly opened Sherman plant, CEO John Tyson announced the addition of 120 workers to its current 830 member staff. “I'm pleased with the progress this plant has made since beginning production six weeks ago. Our Sherman team has done a great job preparing this facility and the growing workforce for a successful start of operations,” said Tyson.

INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
APR	2006	4.8%	APR	2006	5.1%
MAR	2006	5.0%	MAR	2006	5.0%
APR	2005	5.1%	APR	2005	5.3%

U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
APR	2006	4.5%	APR	2006	4.7%
MAR	2006	4.8%	MAR	2006	4.7%
APR	2005	4.9%	APR	2005	5.1%

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
APR	2006	9,939,800	APR	2006	9,928,100
MAR	2006	9,913,300	MAR	2006	9,923,700
APR	2005	9,703,100	APR	2005	9,683,700
OTM Change		26,500	OTM Change		4,400
OTY Change		236,700	OTY Change		244,400

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
APR	2006	51,758	APR	2006	424,313
MAR	2006	57,297	MAR	2006	501,365
APR	2005	68,504	APR	2005	491,642

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change				Help Wanted Index - Texas			
U.S.	APR	2006	3.5%	APR	2006		62.0
Dallas-Fort Worth	MAR	2006	3.9%	MAR	2006		62.9
Houston-Galveston	APR	2006	3.5%	APR	2005		60.8

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

APR	2006	\$ 69.69	OTM Change	\$ 6.79
MAR	2006	\$ 62.90	OTY Change	\$ 16.65
APR	2005	\$ 53.04		

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