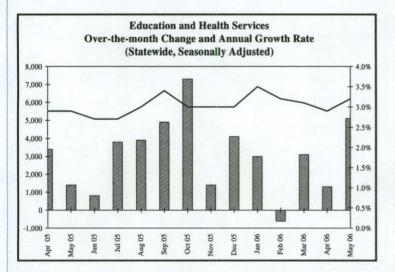
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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

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Total Nonagricultural Employment added 14,800 jobs from April to May 2006, for a total of 70,700 jobs gained thus far during 2006. Education and Health Services led the over-the-month growth with 5,100 new positions, followed by Trade, Transportation and Utilities with 4,800 new jobs. The annual growth rate for Total Nonagricultural Employment remained unchanged from April at 2.6 percent, representing a substantial over-the-year gain of 251,500 jobs.



Following a gain of 1,300 jobs in April, Education and Health Services employment displayed an increase of 5,100 positions in May. This was the largest over-the-month increase since October 2005. The annual growth rate rose from 2.9 percent in April to 3.2 percent in May, a gain of 38,100 positions since May 2005.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities employment added 4,800 jobs in May 2006. This was a sizeable increase when compared to the fiveyear-average May increase of 2,400 jobs. A total of 13,000 positions have been created this year and a total of 48,600 since May 2005. The annual growth rate has remained above 2.0 percent since April 2005, and the rate for May 2006 was 2.4 percent.

Employment in Leisure and Hospitality posted a boost of 2,600 positions in May, following a decrease of 1,200 jobs in April. This was the largest over-the-month employment gain since November 2005. The annual growth rate rose from 1.3 percent in April to 1.6 percent in May, an increase of 14,400 positions since May 2005.

Employment in Construction grew by 1,900 jobs in May. Since the beginning of the year, 13,800 jobs have been created in Construction. The annual growth rate for May reached 5.4 percent while maintaining its positive status for nineteen straight months.

Financial Activities employment added 1,600 jobs in May and has not experienced a monthly job decline since January 2005. The annual growth rate has remained positive for well over a decade and it continued to climb in May, reaching 3.7 percent. Employment in Financial Activities has expanded by 22,200 jobs since May 2005.

Employment in Government posted a moderate increase of 900 jobs in May and has exhibited five months of consecutive job growth in 2006. A total of 23,600 jobs have been added to the Government sector since May 2005. The annual growth rate dipped slightly to 1.4 percent in May, but Government employment has posted growth rates of over 1.0 percent since August 2004.

Following a gain of 1,200 positions in April, Natural Resources and Mining employment grew significantly less in May, adding only 300 jobs. Since January, employment rose by 4,900 jobs. The annual growth rate dropped from 5.7 percent in April to 5.2 percent in May, an increase of 8,500 jobs since May 2005.

Manufacturing employment remained unchanged from April to May 2006. The industry is up 100 jobs so far during 2006, and is up 6,600 jobs since May of 2005. The annual growth rate, which has remained positive for the last 20 months, dipped slightly to 0.7 percent.

Employment in Professional and Business Services decreased slightly in May, following a large increase of 4,000 positions in April. This was the first decrease in over-the-month employment since September 2004. The annual growth rate dropped from 5.7 percent in April to 5.6 percent in May, an increase of 63,500 jobs since May 2005.

Employment in Information posted a loss of 800 jobs in May, following a decrease of 3,200 in April. The annual growth rate dropped from -1.7 percent in April to -1.8 percent in May. This sector lost 4,100 jobs since May 2005.

Following a decrease of 1,200 jobs in April, Other Services employment lost 1,500 positions in May. The annual growth rate dropped from 0.4 percent in April to -0.1 percent in May, a loss of 400 jobs since May 2005.

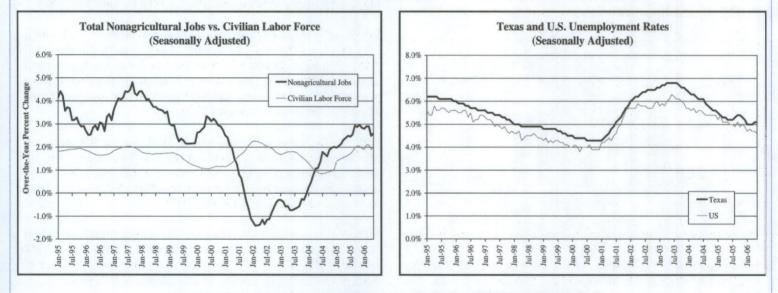


TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED⁺

| | | | | Apr. '06 to | o May '06 | May '05 to | May '06 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| INDUSTRY TITLE | May 2006* | Apr. 2006 | May 2005 | Absolute Change | Percent Change | Absolute Change | Percent Change |
| TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT | 9,947,600 | 9,932,800 | 9,696,100 | 14,800 | 0.1 | 251,500 | 2.6 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | | | | | | | |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 172,500 | 172,200 | 164,000 | 300 | 0.2 | 8,500 | 5.2 |
| Construction | 594,100 | 592,200 | 563,600 | 1,900 | 0.3 | 30,500 | 5.4 |
| Manufacturing | 902,700 | 902,700 | 896,100 | 0 | 0.0 | 6,600 | 0.7 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | 1 | | 1 | | | | |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | 2,034,200 | 2,029,400 | 1,985,600 | 4,800 | 0.2 | 48,600 | 2.4 |
| Information | 218,800 | 219,600 | 222,900 | -800 | -0.4 | -4,100 | -1.8 |
| Financial Activities | 628,000 | 626,400 | 605,800 | 1,600 | 0.3 | 22,200 | 3.7 |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,207,100 | 1,207,200 | 1,143,600 | -100 | 0.0 | 63,500 | 5.6 |
| Education & Health Services | 1,216,500 | 1,211,400 | 1,178,400 | 5,100 | 0.4 | 38,100 | 3.2 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 922,700 | 920,100 | 908,300 | 2,600 | 0.3 | 14,400 | 1.6 |
| Other Services | 349,000 | 350,500 | 349,400 | -1,500 | -0.4 | -400 | -0.1 |
| Government | 1,702,000 | 1,701,100 | 1,678,400 | 900 | 0.1 | 23,600 | 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

| | le en en en el el | | TEXAS* | | | UNITED STATE | ES** | | |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|------------|---------|------|--------------|-------------|-----------|------|
| Not Seasonal | ly Adjusted | CLF | Employment | Unemp. | Rate | CLF | Employment | Unemp. | Rate |
| May | 2006 | 11,382,100 | 10,820,300 | 561,800 | 4.9 | 150,696,000 | 144,041,000 | 6,655,000 | 4.4 |
| April | 2006 | 11,345,400 | 10,797,100 | 548,300 | 4.8 | 150,209,000 | 143,405,000 | 6,804,000 | 4.5 |
| May | 2005 | 11,165,900 | 10,587,400 | 578,600 | 5.2 | 148,878,000 | 141,591,000 | 7,287,000 | 4.9 |
| Seasonally A | djusted | CLF | Employment | Unemp. | Rate | CLF | Employment | Unemp. | Rate |
| May | 2006 | 11,418,100 | 10,835,900 | 582,100 | 5.1 | 150,991,000 | 143,976,000 | 7,015,000 | 4.6 |
| April | 2006 | 11,390,900 | 10,812,200 | 578,700 | 5.1 | 150,811,000 | 143,688,000 | 7,123,000 | 4.7 |
| May | 2005 | 11,192,300 | 10,606,400 | 585,900 | 5.2 | 149,201,000 | 141,571,000 | 7,629,000 | 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.

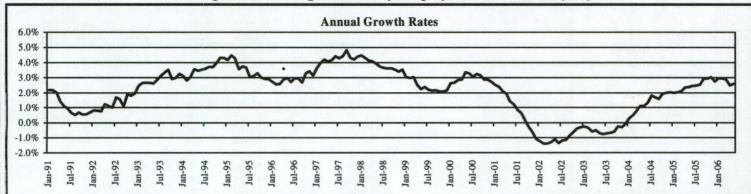
In seasonally adjusted estimates, all elements of seasonality are factored out to achieve an estimate which reflects the basic underlying trend. *Source - Labor Market and Career Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)

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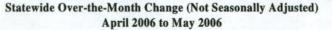
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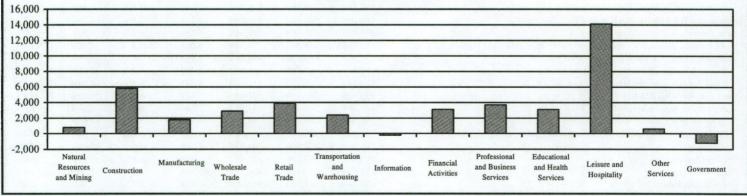
WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



| | | | 1. | Apr '0 | 6 to May '06 | May '0 | 5 to May '06 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | Change | % Change | Change | % Change |
| TOTAL NONFARM | 9,985,400 | 9,944,600 | 9,733,700 | 40,800 | 0.4% | 251,700 | 2.6% |
| TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government) | 8,259,100 | 8,217,100 | 8,028,400 | 42,000 | 0.5% | 230,700 | 2.9% |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 1,671,900 | 1,663,500 | 1,624,300 | 8,400 | 0.5% | 47,600 | 2.9% |
| Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21) | 172,300 | 171,500 | 163,300 | 800 | 0.5% | 9,000 | 5.5% |
| Mining (NAICS 21) | 170,100 | 169,300 | 161,300 | 800 | 0.5% | 8,800 | 5.5% |
| Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211) | 66,100 | 66,700 | 65,400 | -600 | -0.9% | 700 | 1.1% |
| Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213) | 96,600 | 96,100 | 86,500 | 500 | 0.5% | 10,100 | 11.7% |
| Construction (NAICS 23) | 596,700 | 590,900 | 566,000 | 5,800 | 1.0% | 30,700 | 5.4% |
| Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236) | 143,700 | 142,700 | 135,100 | 1,000 | 0.7% | 8,600 | 6.4% |
| Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237) | 110,100 | 109,100 | 105,100 | 1,000 | 0.9% | 5,000 | 4.8% |
| Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238) | 342,900 | 339,100 | 325,800 | 3,800 | 1.1% | 17,100 | 5.2% |
| Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33) | 902,900 | 901,100 | 895,000 | 1,800 | 0.2% | 7,900 | 0.9% |
| Durable Goods | 576,100 | 575,500 | 569,500 | 600 | 0.1% | 6,600 | 1.2% |
| Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321) | 27,600 | 27,500 | 27,200 | 100 | 0.4% | 400 | 1.5% |
| Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327) | 44,300 | 44,100 | 43,400 | 200 | 0.5% | 900 | 2.1% |
| Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331) | 24,000 | 24,000 | 24,500 | 0 | 0.0% | -500 | -2.0% |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332) | 117,300 | 116,600 | 112,800 | 700 | 0.6% | 4,500 | 4.0% |
| Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333) | 82,900 | 82,600 | 79,600 | 300 | 0.4% | 3,300 | 4.1% |
| Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334) | 106,500 | 107,700 | 112,500 | -1,200 | -1.1% | -6,000 | -5.3% |
| Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335) | 17,900 | 18,100 | 17,700 | -200 | -1.1% | 200 | 1.1% |
| Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336) | 90,200 | 90,000 | 88,100 | 200 | 0.2% | 2,100 | 2.4% |
| Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337) | 32,300 | 31,900 | 30,800 | 400 | 1.3% | 1,500 | 4.9% |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339) | 33,100 | 33,000 | 32,900 | 100 | 0.3% | 200 | 0.6% |
| Nondurable Goods | 326,800 | 325,600 | 325,500 | 1,200 | 0.4% | 1,300 | 0.4% |
| Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311) | 90,700 | 90,100 | 89,800 | 600 | 0.7% | 900 | 1.0% |
| Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312) | 11,100 | 10,900 | 10,500 | 200 | 1.8% | 600 | 5.7% |
| Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322) | 20,900 | 21,200 | 21,700 | -300 | -1.4% | -800 | -3.7% |
| Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323) | 35,100 | 35,300 | 36,200 | -200 | -0.6% | -1,100 | -3.0% |
| Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324) | 23,000 | 23,000 | 22,700 | 0 | 0.0% | 300 | 1.3% |
| Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325) | 72,500 | 72,600 | 73,700 | -100 | -0.1% | -1,200 | -1.6% |
| Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326) | 45,100 | 44,700 | 45,900 | 400 | 0.9% | -800 | -1.7% |





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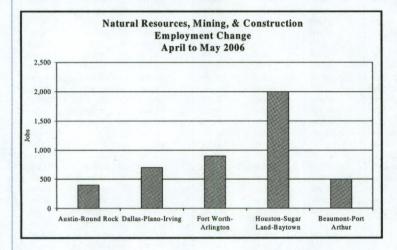
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

| | | 10.000 | | | | to May '06 | | 5 to May '0 |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| SERVICE PROVIDING | | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | | % Change | Change 204 100 | |
| | | 8,313,500 | 8,281,100 | 8,109,400 | 32,400 | 0.4% | 204,100 | 2.5% |
| Private Service Providing | | 6,587,200 | 6,553,600 | 6,404,100 | 33,600 | 0.5% | 183,100 | 2.99 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22) Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42) | | 2,023,800 | 2,014,600 | 1,974,600 | 9,200 | 0.5% | 49,200 | 2.59 |
| | | 490,900 | 488,000 | 474,500 | 2,900 | 0.6% | 16,400 | 3.59 |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423) | | 282,200 | 280,400 | 270,300 | 1,800 | 0.6% | 11,900 | 4.49 |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424) Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45) | | 154,500 | 153,900 | 154,900 | 600 | 0.4% | -400 | -0.39 |
| Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441) | | 1,118,800 153,900 | 1,114,900 153,200 | 1,096,300 150,700 | 3,900 700 | 0.3% 0.5% | 22,500 | 2.19 |
| Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442) | | 44,200 | 44,100 | 41,400 | 100 | 0.3% | 3,200 2,800 | 2.19 |
| Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 442) | | 43,500 | 43,500 | 42,300 | 0 | 0.2% | 1,200 | 2.89 |
| Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS | 444) | 92,100 | 92,600 | 88,100 | -500 | -0.5% | 4,000 | 4.59 |
| Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445) | | 192,200 | 190,400 | 190,000 | 1,800 | 0.9% | 2,200 | 1.29 |
| Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446) | | 59,000 | 58,300 | 55,800 | 700 | 1.2% | 3,200 | 5.7 |
| Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447) | and the second second | 67,500 | 66,800 | 68,600 | 700 | 1.0% | -1,100 | -1.64 |
| Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448) | | 101,900 | 102,000 | 98,200 | -100 | -0.1% | 3,700 | 3.8 |
| Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451) | | 35,300 | 35,000 | 35,600 | 300 | 0.9% | -300 | -0.84 |
| General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452) | | 248,200 | 248,900 | 244,900 | -700 | -0.3% | 3,300 | 1.3 |
| Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453) | | 61,000 | 59,800 | 61,000 | 1,200 | 2.0% | 0 | 0.0 |
| Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454) | | 20,000 | 20,300 | 19,700 | -300 | -1.5% | 300 | 1.5 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22) | | 414,100 | 411,700 | 403,800 | 2,400 | 0.6% | 10,300 | 2.6 |
| Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49) | | 367,800 | 365,600 | 358,000 | 2,200 | 0.6% | 9,800 | 2.7 |
| Air Transportation (NAICS 481) | 17 19 4 | 60,000 | 61,200 | 62,500 | -1,200 | -2.0% | -2,500 | -4.0 |
| Rail Transportation (NAICS 482) | | 17,900 | 17,900 | 17,100 | 0 | 0.0% | 800 | 4.7 |
| Truck Transportation (NAICS 484) | | 109,700 | 109,300 | 107,000 | 400 | 0.4% | 2,700 | 2.5 |
| Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486) | | 11,900 | 11,700 | 12,000 | 200 | 1.7% | -100 | -0.8 |
| Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488) | | 67,000 | 66,600 | 63,400 | 400 | 0.6% | 3,600 | 5.7 |
| Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492) | | 35,600 | 35,400 | 36,700 | 200 | 0.6% | -1,100 | -3.0 |
| Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493) | | 39,700 | 39,400 | 37,900 | 300 | 0.8% | 1,800 | 4.7 |
| Utilities (NAICS 22) | | 46,300 | 46,100 | 45,800 | 200 | 0.4% | 500 | 1.1 |
| Information (NAICS 51) | | 219,000 | 219,200 | 223,200 | -200 | -0.1% | -4,200 | -1.9 |
| Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511) | | 49,100 | 49,200 | 49,400 | -100 | -0.2% | -300 | -0.6 |
| Telecommunications (NAICS 517) | | 90,900 | 91,000 | 93,200 | -100 | -0.1% | -2,300 | -2.5 |
| Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518) | | 35,100 | 35,300 | 34,600 | -200 | -0.6% | 500 | 1.4 |
| Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53) | | 627,400 | 624,300 | 605,100 | 3,100 | 0.5% | 22,300 | 3.7 |
| Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52) | | 449,900 | 448,500 | 431,800 | 1,400 | 0.3% | 18,100 | 4.2 |
| Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522) | | 235,400 | 234,100 | 224,500 | 1,300 | 0.6% | 10,900 | 4.9 |
| Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAIC | S 523) | 41,800 | 42,100 | 39,800 | -300 | -0.7% | 2,000 | 5.0 |
| Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524) | | 160,900 | 160,300 | 157,400 | 600 | 0.4% | 3,500 | 2.2 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53) | | 177,500 | 175,800 | 173,300 | 1,700 | 1.0% | 4,200 | 2.4 |
| Real Estate (NAICS 531) | | 116,900 | 116,000 | 112,900 | 900 | 0.8% | 4,000 | 3.5 |
| | | 60,300 | 59,400 | 58,400 | 900 | 1.5% | 1,900 | 3.3 |
| | | 1,206,900 | 1,203,200 | 1,143,400 | 3,700 | 0.3% | 63,500 | 5.6 |
| | | 512,000 | 514,400 | 483,800 | -2,400 | -0.5% | 28,200 | 5.8 |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55) | | 55,300 | 55,200 | 51,900 | 100 | 0.2% | 3,400 | 6.6 |
| Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56 |)) | 639,600 | 633,600 | 607,700 | 6,000 | 0.9% | 31,900 | 5.2 |
| Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561) | | 614,700 | 608,700 | 584,300 | 6,000 | 1.0% | 30,400 | 5.2 |
| Educational and Health Services (NAICS 61,62) Educational Services (NAICS 61) | | 1,216,900 | 1,213,800 | 1,179,300 | 3,100 | 0.3% | 37,600 | 3.2 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62) | | 144,100 | 146,300 | 141,800 | -2,200 | -1.5% | 2,300 | 1.6 |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 62) | | 1,072,800 | 1,067,500 | 1,037,500 | 5,300 | 0.5% | 35,300 | 3.4 |
| Hospitals (NAICS 622) | State Pres | 475,600 262,100 | 473,000 261,600 | 454,200 258,500 | 2,600 500 | 0.5% 0.2% | 21,400 3,600 | 4.7 |
| Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623) | | 154,900 | 154,400 | 149,100 | 500 | 0.2% | 5,800 | 1.4 |
| Social Assistance (NAICS 624) | | 180,200 | 178,500 | 175,700 | 1,700 | 1.0% | 4,500 | 2.6 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72) | | 940,700 | 926,600 | 926,500 | 14,100 | 1.5% | 14,200 | 1.5 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71) | | 108,700 | 102,700 | 107,400 | 6,000 | 5.8% | 1,300 | 1.2 |
| Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713) | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 75,300 | 70,300 | 78,200 | 5,000 | 7.1% | -2,900 | -3.7 |
| Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72) | | 832,000 | 823,900 | 819,100 | 8,100 | 1.0% | 12,900 | 1.6 |
| Accommodation (NAICS 721) | | 98,900 | 97,700 | 96,400 | 1,200 | 1.2% | 2,500 | 2.6 |
| Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722) | | 733,100 | 726,200 | 722,700 | 6,900 | 1.0% | 10,400 | 1.4 |
| Other Services (NAICS 81) | | 352,500 | 351,900 | 352,000 | 600 | 0.2% | 500 | 0.1 |
| Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811) | | 106,600 | 107,400 | 104,800 | -800 | -0.7% | 1,800 | 1.7 |
| Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812) | | 88,700 | 88,300 | 90,300 | 400 | 0.5% | -1,600 | -1.8 |
| Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813 |) | 157,200 | 156,200 | 156,900 | 1,000 | 0.6% | 300 | 0.2 |
| Government | | 1,726,300 | 1,727,500 | 1,705,300 | -1,200 | -0.1% | 21,000 | 1.2 |
| Federal Government | | 182,400 | 182,200 | 181,600 | 200 | 0.1% | 800 | 0.4 |
| State Government | | 355,500 | 357,800 | 351,700 | -2,300 | -0.6% | 3,800 | 1.19 |
| Local Government | | 1,188,400 | 1,187,500 | 1,172,000 | 900 | 0.1% | 16,400 | 1.4 |

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

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the MSAs added 30,700 jobs in May. The Victoria MSA posted the largest percentage of monthly job growth with 0.8 percent or 400 jobs. The Sherman-Denison MSA followed with a job growth percentage of 0.7 percent or 300 jobs. The MSAs that had the greatest monthly employment gains were in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA, which gained 10,100 jobs, the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA, which added 9,500 jobs, the San Antonio MSA, which added 2,400 jobs, and the Austin-Round Rock MSA, which gained 1,700 jobs in May. The majority of May's job growth was due to increased hiring activity in Leisure and Hospitality; Professional and Business Services; and Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction.

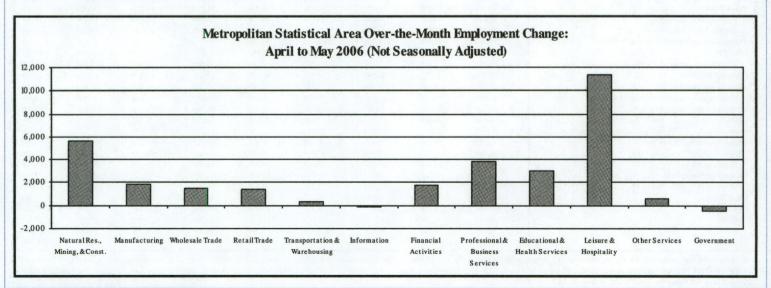


Employment in Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction experienced an increase of 5,600 jobs across the MSAs in May. The more populated metropolitan areas added the largest number of jobs. The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA contributed an increase of 2,000 jobs over the month. The Fort Worth-Arlington area added 900 jobs over the month. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area followed with a 700-job increase. Over the year, this industry grew by a respectable 5.4 percent, or 30,700 jobs. The highest annual growth rate for the Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction industry was in the Abilene MSA at 26.8 percent. Professional and Business Services employment expanded over the month by adding 3,800 jobs across the MSAs in May. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area was the major contributor, adding 2,100 jobs, the strongest growth for May since 1996. However, the Texarkana MSA reported the highest percent increase in employment this month at 3.0 percent, followed by the Victoria MSA with 2.8 percent. The Odessa MSA registered the largest annual growth rate for this industry at 10.8 percent.

Leisure and Hospitality employment experienced an increase of 11,400 in May, marking the fourth consecutive month of growth across the MSAs. The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA was the top contributor, adding 4,100 jobs, which followed the 1,600-job increase in April. The Waco MSA demonstrated the greatest percent increase in employment over the month with 4.0 percent, while it also held an impressive second place for an over-the-year job growth rate of 7.1 percent. The Brownsville-Harlingen MSA and the Midland MSA both tied for the highest over-the-year job growth rate with an impressive 8.6 percent each.

Education and Health Services employment posted an increase of 3,000 jobs throughout the MSAs. The majority of the increase occurred in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA, adding 1,500 jobs. Over the year, the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA employment grew by 9.1 percent, representing 3,800 jobs, the highest annual growth rate of all the MSAs for this industry. The Midland and Waco MSAs followed with annual growth rates of 8.5 percent and 8.3 percent, respectively.

After job losses in April, Manufacturing had a turn-around by adding 1,900 jobs in May. The majority of the employment gain occurred in the Dallas-Plano-Irving area adding 1,200 jobs. Other areas contributing to the growth were the San Antonio MSA, which gained 300 jobs, the Fort Worth-Arlington area, which added 200 jobs, and the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA, which gained 200 jobs. The largest percentage of job growth occurred in the Sherman-Denison MSA, which grew by 1.6 percent in May. This was followed by the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA, both with a monthly job growth rate of 1.1 percent.



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

| | DALLAS-FT | WORTH-ARL | INGTON | DALLAS-F | PLANO-IRVING | G MD** | HOUSTON-S | UGAR LAND-E | BAYTOWN |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--|-----------|-------------|----------|
| | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '(|
| TOTAL NONFARM | 2,846,100 | 2,836,600 | 2,757,100 | 2,014,000 | 2,007,200 | 1,943,100 | 2,410,900 | 2,400,800 | 2,342,90 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 470,300 | 467,300 | 456,700 | 317,800 | 315,900 | 308,500 | 466,300 | 464,200 | 448,40 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction | 175,500 | 173,900 | 164,900 | 118,800 | 118,100 | 111,700 | 249,800 | 247,800 | 237,40 |
| Manufacturing | 294,800 | 293,400 | 291,800 | 199,000 | 197,800 | 196,800 | 216,500 | 216,400 | 211,00 |
| Durable Goods | 206,000 | 204,700 | 202,900 | 138,000 | 136,700 | 136,000 | 134,500 | 134,500 | 128,90 |
| Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing | | | - | 20,200 | 20,200 | 20,300 | 44,200 | 44,000 | 41,00 |
| Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing | 48,900 | 48,400 | 49,300 | 43,900 | 43,500 | 44,700 | 19,300 | 19,300 | 19,20 |
| Nondurable Goods | 88,800 | 88,700 | 88,900 | 61,000 | 61,100 | 60,800 | 82,000 | 81,900 | 82,10 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | 2,375,800 | 2,369,300 | | | 1,691,300 | | | 1,936,600 | |
| | | | 2,300,400 | 1,696,200 | | 1,634,600 | 1,944,600 | | 1,894,50 |
| Private Service Providing | 2,005,000 | 1,999,400 | 1,941,300 | 1,442,100 | 1,437,800 | 1,390,700 | 1,595,800 | 1,587,100 | 1,551,50 |
| Wholesale Trade | 163,700 | 163,200 | 159,800 | 124,800 | 124,300 | 121,500 | 124,300 | 123,800 | 122,1 |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods | 95,200 | 95,100 | 92,600 | 72,200 | 72,100 | 69,900 | 75,300 | 74,700 | 73,7 |
| Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods | 49,000 | 48,900 | 48,500 | 37,100 | 37,100 | 36,700 | 38,300 | 38,200 | 37,8 |
| Retail Trade | 306,900 | 306,700 | 301,800 | 207,800 | 207,400 | 205,500 | 243,500 | 243,500 | 242,4 |
| Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers | Statistics . | 40 | | 27,300 | 27,200 | 26,500 | 34,100 | 34,200 | 33,6 |
| Bldng. Material and Garden Eqpmnt. and Supplies Dlrs. | 23,500 | 23,700 | 22,600 | 15,700 | 15,800 | 14,700 | 19,000 | 19,100 | 18,7 |
| Food and Beverage Stores | 50,100 | 50,000 | 47,900 | 34,300 | 34,300 | 32,800 | 46,000 | 46,100 | 46,9 |
| Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores | | - | - | 23,500 | 23,400 | 21,000 | 24,400 | 24,300 | 23,5 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 68,300 | 68,500 | 66,800 | 47,800 | 47,900 | 46,800 | 57,500 | 57,400 | 54,0 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 134,200 | 134,000 | 132,700 | 73,800 | 73,700 | 73,000 | 118,500 | 118,600 | 114,7 |
| Utilities | | - | | 5,700 | 5,700 | 6,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,2 |
| Information | 91,400 | 91,300 | 92,300 | 74,700 | 74,600 | 75,300 | 35,300 | 35,400 | 36,3 |
| Telecommunications | 41,100 | 41,000 | 41,800 | 33,300 | 33,200 | 33,500 | 14,500 | 14,600 | 15,0 |
| Financial Activities | | | | | | | | | |
| | 227,200 | 226,000 | 218,700 | 179,200 | 178,400 | 171,300 | 141,800 | 141,500 | 137,5 |
| Finance and Insurance | 169,400 | 168,700 | 162,500 | 135,900 | 135,200 | 129,100 | 92,100 | 91,900 | 89,4 |
| Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 87,300 | 87,000 | 83,400 | 67,600 | 67,200 | 64,300 | 43,400 | 43,100 | 41,7 |
| Insurance Carriers and Related Activities | - | - | | 48,700 | 48,400 | 48,200 | 32,900 | 32,900 | 32,2 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 1 | | - | 43,300 | 43,200 | 42,200 | 49,700 | 49,600 | 48,1 |
| Professional and Business Services | 407,700 | 405,900 | 381,200 | 315,600 | 313,500 | 292,300 | 350,800 | 349,100 | 331,4 |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 169,800 | 169,900 | 161,100 | 138,100 | 137,700 | 130,100 | 160,900 | 162,200 | 153,0 |
| Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation | 218,100 | 215,000 | 201,600 | 161,900 | 159,900 | 147,100 | 174,700 | 171,600 | 164,0 |
| Education and Health Services | 297,300 | 297,300 | 283,200 | 207,100 | 206,900 | 196,100 | 269,500 | 268,000 | 261,0 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 254,000 | 253,400 | 242,600 | 175,100 | 174,600 | 166,100 | 227,200 | 225,700 | 218,9 |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services | 1 | 1 | | 82,700 | 82,700 | 76,900 | 96,400 | 95,300 | 91,7 |
| Hospitals | 64,200 | 64,100 | 61,700 | 42,000 | 41,800 | 40,500 | 63,300 | 63,200 | 61,9 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 269,000 | 266,900 | 263,800 | 183,600 | 182,800 | 180,900 | 214,800 | 210,700 | 212,0 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | and the second second | | | 23,100 | 22,700 | 22,500 | 28,600 | 26,000 | 27,7 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 232,600 | 230,700 | 229,600 | 160,500 | 160,100 | 158,400 | 186,200 | 184,700 | 184,3 |
| Food Services and Drinking Places | 200,000 | 199,000 | 200,100 | 137,400 | 137,200 | 136,700 | 166,800 | 165,300 | 164,5 |
| Other Services | 107,600 | 108,100 | 107,800 | 75,500 | 76,200 | 74,800 | 97,300 | 96,500 | 94,1 |
| Government | 370,800 | 369,900 | 359,100 | 254,100 | 253,500 | 243,900 | 348,800 | 349,500 | 343,0 |
| Federal | 46,700 | | | | | | | | |
| | | 46,600 | 45,200 | 30,200 | 30,100 | 29,900 | 28,200 | 28,200 | 27,9 |
| State | 45,100 | 45,100 | 43,500 | 35,200 | 35,200 | 33,400 | 68,700 | 69,100 | 68,3 |
| Local | 279,000 | 278,200 | 270,400 | 188,700 | 188,200 | 180,600 | 251,900 | 252,200 | 246,8 |
| | | IN-ROUND RO | | | TH-ARLINGTO | | | AN ANTONIO | |
| | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May |
| TOTAL NONFARM | 715,900 | 714,200 | 693,600 | 832,100 | 829,400 | 814,000 | 796,700 | 794,300 | 782,9 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 99,200 | 99,000 | 96,600 | 152,500 | 151,400 | 148,200 | 96,400 | 96,000 | 94,0 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction | 42,500 | 42,100 | 39,700 | 56,700 | 55,800 | 53,200 | 49,800 | 49,700 | 48,2 |
| Manufacturing | 56,700 | 56,900 | 56,900 | 95,800 | 95,600 | 95,000 | 46,600 | 46,300 | 45,8 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | 616,700 | 615,200 | 597,000 | 679,600 | 678,000 | 665,800 | 700,300 | 698,300 | 688,9 |
| Private Service Providing | 458,800 | 457,100 | 444,900 | 562,900 | 561,600 | 550,600 | 553,100 | 551,200 | 543,3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 37,200 | 37,100 | 37,300 | 38,900 | 38,900 | 38,300 | 26,900 | 26,800 | 26,8 |
| Retail Trade | 74,000 | 73,600 | 71,400 | 99,100 | 99,300 | 96,300 | 90,500 | 90,300 | 20,0 |
| Food and Beverage Stores | 14,600 | 14,500 | 14,200 | 15,800 | 15,700 | 15,100 | 14,800 | 14,600 | 15,5 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 12,600 | 12,500 | 12,700 | 20,500 | | 20,000 | | 18,000 | |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | | | | | 20,600 | and the second | 18,300 | | 18,3 |
| | 11,800 | 11,700 | 11,500 | 60,400 | 60,300 | 59,700 | 21,200 | 21,100 | 20,7 |
| Information | 21,800 | 21,900 | 21,400 | 16,700 | 16,700 | 17,000 | 19,800 | 19,800 | 20,4 |
| Telecommunications | 4,700 | 4,800 | 5,100 | 7,800 | 7,800 | 8,300 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,9 |
| Financial Activities | 41,500 | 41,400 | 40,800 | 48,000 | 47,600 | 47,400 | 62,700 | 62,600 | 61,9 |
| Finance and Insurance | 29,100 | 29,000 | 28,600 | 33,500 | 33,500 | 33,400 | 47,800 | 47,800 | 47, |
| Credit Intermediation and Related Activities | 12,800 | 12,600 | 12,400 | 19,700 | 19,800 | 19,100 | 21,200 | 21,300 | 20, |
| Professional and Business Services | 97,200 | 97,000 | 93,200 | 92,100 | 92,400 | 88,900 | 100,100 | 100,600 | 97, |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 48,000 | 48,000 | 46,300 | 31,700 | 32,200 | 31,000 | 36,300 | 36,500 | 35, |
| Admin Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation Svcs | 44,700 | 44,600 | 43,100 | 56,200 | 55,100 | 54,500 | 56,500 | 55,800 | 54, |
| Education and Health Services | 74,300 | 74,000 | 71,900 | 90,200 | 90,400 | 87,100 | 109,600 | 109,600 | 105, |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 64,600 | 64,300 | 62,300 | 78,900 | 78,800 | 76,500 | 95,200 | 94,800 | 91, |
| Hospitals | 16,100 | 16,000 | 15,700 | 22,200 | 22,300 | 21,200 | 20,300 | 20,300 | 19, |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 73,600 | 73,000 | 70,800 | 85,400 | 84,100 | 82,900 | 94,500 | 92,600 | 92, |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 64,600 | 64,000 | 62,400 | 72,100 | 70,600 | 71,200 | 82,100 | 81,900 | 81, |
| | 27,400 | 27,400 | 26,600 | | | 33,000 | 27,800 | 27,800 | |
| | | 21,400 | 20,000 | 32,100 | 31,900 | | | | 27, |
| Other Services | | | 152 100 | 11/ 700 | | | | | |
| Other Services Government | 157,900 | 158,100 | 152,100 | 116,700 | 116,400 | 115,200 | 147,200 | 147,100 | 145,0 |
| Other Services Government Federal | 157,900 11,000 | 158,100 11,200 | 10,800 | 16,500 | 16,500 | 15,300 | 29,500 | 29,500 | 28, |
| Other Services Government | 157,900 | 158,100 | | | | | | | |

*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. **Metropolitan Division (MD). The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA is comprised of the Dallas-Plano-Irving MD and the Fort Worth-Arlington MD.

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| INDUSTRY | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '(|
| TOTAL | 65,700 | 65,500 | 63,100 | 111,000 | 110,600 | 107,700 | 155,100 | 154,200 | 156,700 | 120,700 | 120,600 | 116,80 |
| Nat. Res., Mining, & Const. | 5,200 | 5,200 | 4,100 | 6,900 | 6,800 | 6,600 | 16,000 | 15,500 | 14,200 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,40 |
| Manufacturing | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 12,300 | 12,200 | 12,000 | 17,900 | 17,700 | 19,600 | 7,200 | 7,200 | 7,2 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,200 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,400 | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,3 |
| Retail Trade | 8,400 | 8,500 | 8,000 | 14,000 | 14,000 | 13,500 | 18,800 | 18,700 | 19,900 | 15,900 | 15,700 | 15,4 |
| Frans., Ware., & Util. | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 6,600 | 6,700 | 6,700 | 4,100 | 4,000 | 4,1 |
| Information | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,800 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,3 |
| Financial Activities | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 5,900 | 6,000 | 5,900 | 6,100 | 6,000 | 5,500 | 4,600 | 4,700 | 4,6 |
| Prof. & Business Services | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,000 | 9,800 | 9,800 | 9,100 | 12,100 | 12,200 | 13,300 | 8,300 | 8,200 | 7,6 |
| Educ. & Health Services | 14,300 | 14,200 | 13,500 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 14,800 | 23,600 | 23,700 | 23,100 | 28,000 | 27,900 | 26,8 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 6,700 | 6,600 | 6,700 | 11,300 | 11,000 | 10,900 | 13,600 | 13,500 | 13,800 | 12,600 | 12,500 | 11,6 |
| Other Services | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,800 | 6,000 | 5,900 | 6,000 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,4 |
| Government | 12,700 | 12,600 | 12,500 | 19,800 | 19,800 | 19,300 | 27,300 | 27,200 | 27,500 | 27,500 | 27,900 | 27,1 |
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| INDUSTRY | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May |
| TOTAL | 92,400 | 92,000 | 90,500 | 172,200 | 171,900 | 172,300 | 264,800 | 264,300 | 260,900 | 119,600 | 119,200 | 117,7 |
| Nat. Res., Mining, & Const. | 6,200 | 6,100 | 5,900 | 17,900 | 17,900 | 18,500 | 13,400 | 13,300 | 12,000 | 5,900 | 5,800 | 5,9 |
| Manufacturing | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,200 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 10,500 | 22,000 | 22,200 | 23,300 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 8, |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,600 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,400 | 10,500 | 10,400 | 10,200 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,4 |
| Retail Trade | 9,600 | 9,600 | 9,400 | 20,100 | 20,000 | 19,900 | 33,900 | 33,800 | 31,900 | 14,200 | 14,200 | 14,2 |
| Frans., Ware., & Util. | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 5,000 | 5,100 | 5,000 | 13,400 | 13,500 | 13,100 | 4,100 | 4,000 | 4,1 |
| information | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 2,400 7,900 | 2,400 | 2,600 | 4,600 | 4,500 | 4,800 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,4 |
| Financial Activities Prof. & Business Services | 3,800 | 3,700 | 3,500 | | 7,800 | 7,700 | 11,800 | 11,900 | 11,500 | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,4 |
| Educ. & Health Services | 5,400 9,400 | 5,300 9,400 | 5,500 9,100 | 16,500 26,700 | 16,600 26,600 | 15,900 26,500 | 26,400 34,100 | 26,200 33,900 | 25,700 | 8,800 15,800 | 8,800 15,800 | 8, |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 10,000 | 9,900 | 9,500 | 19,800 | 19,600 | 20,800 | 25,700 | 25,500 | 32,600 25,900 | 10,800 | 10,700 | 15, |
| Other Services | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,700 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6,600 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 7,900 | 5,600 | 5,500 | 5, |
| Government | 35,100 | 35,100 | 35,000 | 33,200 | 33,200 | 32,900 | 61,000 | 61,100 | 62,000 | 33,500 | 33,500 | 32,0 |
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| INDUSTRY | May '06* | | May 105 | | | Man 105 | | | Man 105 | | | |
| TOTAL | May '06* 85,200 | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May |
| | | 84,700 | 80,200 | 92,200 11,200 | 92,000 | 90,000 11,000 | 127,600 | 127,100 | 126,300 | 203,400 | 203,300 | 195,4 |
| Nat. Res., Mining, & Const. Manufacturing | 4,300 1,700 | 4,200 1,700 | 4,000 1,700 | 13,600 | 11,200 13,600 | 13,200 | 5,600 5,200 | 5,600 5,200 | 5,200 5,300 | 10,700 | 10,700 | 10, |
| Wholesale Trade | 2,600 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,500 | 5,500 | 5,200 | 5,800 | 8,400 7,100 | 8,400 7,100 | 8, |
| Retail Trade | 11,500 | 11,400 | 11,200 | 11,200 | 11,200 | 10,900 | 15,300 | 15,100 | 15,100 | 29,000 | 29,100 | 6, 28, |
| Frans., Ware., & Util. | 12,600 | 12,500 | 12,000 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 3,900 | 3,900 | 3,800 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 5,8 |
| Information | 600 | 600 | 700 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,900 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,300 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,8 |
| Financial Activities | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,500 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,500 | 6,600 | 6,700 | 6,800 | 8,400 | 8,400 | 8,0 |
| Prof. & Business Services | 4,200 | 4,100 | 4,000 | 7,200 | 7,100 | 6,800 | 10,500 | 10,300 | 10,000 | 13,000 | 13,200 | 12,0 |
| Educ. & Health Services | 12,100 | 12,100 | 11,300 | 14,800 | 14,700 | 14,300 | 18,800 | 18,700 | 18,400 | 45,500 | 45,200 | 41,7 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 8,600 | 8,500 | 8,100 | 7,500 | 7,400 | 7,300 | 14,900 | 14,800 | 14,900 | 17,500 | 17,400 | 17,3 |
| Other Services | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,700 | 3,200 | 3,300 | 3,200 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,300 | 5,000 | 4,900 | 4,9 |
| Government | 21,400 | 21,500 | 19,500 | 11,500 | 11,500 | 11,600 | 29,700 | 29,700 | 29,400 | 49,800 | 49,900 | 48,7 |
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| INDUSTRY | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May ' |
| TOTAL | 62,300 | 61,900 | 58,400 | 55,600 | 55,300 | 52,900 | 43,600 | 43,700 | 43,800 | 45,000 | 44,700 | 44,2 |
| Nat. Res., Mining, & Const. | 13,200 | 13,200 | 11,700 | 8,800 | 8,700 | 7,300 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,000 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 2,5 |
| Manufacturing | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 6,300 | 6,200 | 6,3 |
| Wholesale Trade | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,600 | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,0 |
| Retail Trade | 7,500 | 7,500 | 6,900 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 6,600 | 5,300 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 6,400 | 6,300 | 6,3 |
| Trans., Ware., & Util. | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,400 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,600 | 700 | 700 | 800 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,2 |
| Information | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,800 | 700 | 700 | 700 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 600 | 600 | (|
| Financial Activities | 3,200 | 3,100 | 3,200 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,800 | 2,700 | 2,3 |
| Prof. & Business Services | 6,900 | 6,900 | 6,300 | 4,100 | 4,000 | 3,700 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,700 | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,1 |
| Educ. & Health Services | 6,400 | 6,300 | 5,900 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,300 | 7,200 | 7,200 | 7,300 | 8,200 | 8,300 | 8,2 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 6,300 | 6,200 | 5,800 | 5,700 | 5,600 | 5,500 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 4,100 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 4,4 |
| Other Services | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,200 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,800 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,800 | 1,500 | 1,600 | 1,5 |
| Government | 8,200 | 8,100 | 8,300 | 9,400 | 9,400 | 9,300 | 8,500 | 8,600 | 8,800 | 6,700 | 6,600 | 6,3 |
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| INDUSTRY | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | May '06* | Apr '06 | May |
| TOTAL | 56,000 | 55,800 | 54,700 | 91,400 | 91,100 | 90,000 | 50,200 | 49,800 | 49,300 | 107,300 | 106,700 | 104,5 |
| Nat. Res., Mining, & Const. | 2,600 | 2,500 | 2,400 | 5,300 | 5,200 | 5,000 | 6,800 | 6,700 | 6,400 | 6,000 | 5,900 | 5,5 |
| Manufacturing | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,600 | 9,500 | 9,400 | 9,400 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 15,800 | 15,800 | 15, |
| Wholesale Trade | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,400 | 3,900 | 3,800 | 3,700 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4, |
| Retail Trade | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,200 | 12,400 | 12,400 | 12,200 | 6,600 | 6,600 | 6,500 | 10,900 | 10,900 | 11,0 |
| Trans., Ware., & Util. | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,300 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,1 |
| Information | 500 | 500 | 500 | 2,100 | 2,200 | 2,100 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1, |
| Financial Activities | 2,600 | 2,600 | 2,300 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,100 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 6,400 | 6,400 | 6, |
| Prof. & Business Services | 3,400 | 3,300 | 3,200 | 7,500 | 7,600 | 7,400 | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,500 | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7; |
| Educ. & Health Services | 9,100 | 9,100 | 9,000 | 18,500 | 18,300 | 17,800 | 6,800 | 6,800 | 6,500 | 19,600 | 19,500 | 18, |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 5,300 | 5,200 | 5,200 | 8,700 | 8,600 | 8,600 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,300 | 10,500 | 10,100 | 9, |
| Other Services | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,100 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 1,600 | 1,500 | 1,600 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 4, |
| Government | 12,700 | 12,800 | 12,500 | 12,600 | 12,700 | 12,800 | 8,900 | 8,800 | 8,800 | 17,400 | 17,500 | 17, |
| | | HITA FALLS | | | | | | | | | | |
| NDUSTRY | May '06* | Apr '06 | May '05 | | 1. 1. 1. 1. | | | | | S. 1. 5 | Destroyer | |
| TOTAL | 62,700 | 62,600 | 61,900 | Estir | nates for th | e current n | nonth are pro | eliminary. A | All estimate | s are subject | to revision. | and the |
| Nat. Res., Mining, & Const. | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,500 | The | number of | nonagricult | ural jobs in | each MSA is | s without re | ference to pl | ace of | |
| Manufacturing | 7,700 | 7,700 | 7,600 | | | - | | | | n with the Bu | | |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,800 | | | | | | cooper atto | a with the Di | ai cau 01 | |
| Retail Trade | 7,900 | 7,900 | 7,700 | Labo | or Statistics | , U.S. Depa | rtment of La | bor. | | | | |
| Frans., Ware., & Util. | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,600 | | | | | | | | | |
| nformation | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,600 | Rost | nning with | Iannary 20 | 05 estimator | definition | of the ME | c wore und | tod to matt- | et |
| Financial Activities | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,300 | | - | | | | | As were upda | | |
| Prof. & Business Services | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,300 | the 2 | 000 Census | s-based con | figurations. | Please see w | ww.tracer | 2.com for det | ails on thes | e |
| Educ. & Health Services | 10,300 | 10,300 | 10,000 | chan | ges. | | | | | | | |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 5,600 | 5,500 | 5,800 | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Services | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,100 | | | | | | | | | |
| Government | 13,900 | 13,900 | 13,600 | | | | | | | | | |

TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

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Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The unemployment rate inched upward over the month, rising 0.1 percentage point to 4.9 percent in May. This month's unemployment rate increase is equal to the average increase that normally occurs in May. The current unemployment rate is the lowest May rate since 2001 and is 0.3 percentage points lower than May of last year. The United States' jobless rate dipped over the month by 0.1 percentage point to 4.4 percent, a normal movement for the United States jobless rate in May. The current United States rate is five-tenths of a percentage point lower than last year's rate of 4.9 percent.

The number of Texas jobholders increased over the month, a gain of 23,200 employed. This month's employment gain is well above the historical average increase of 4,200 that is normally observed between April and May. The rise brought the state employment total to 10,820,300. Over the year, the state added 232,900 workers.

• Over the month, Texans seeking employment increased by 13,500 to total 561,800 job seekers. This is the largest rise since January 2006 and may be recording some early summer job seekers. With an improved economy going into the summer months, this may encourage more people to seek summer job opportunities. This month's increase is more than the historical average increase of 9,200 job seekers occurring during the month of May.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits in Texas dropped by 1,300 to total 79,500 claims in May. Ten of the twenty-five Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) observed claims count decreases over the month. The San Angelo MSA realized a 23.7 percent drop in claims for the month of May. The El Paso MSA was second as claims for unemployment benefits declined by 5.6 percent.

Twenty of the state's twenty-five MSA's recorded a decrease in their unemployment rate between May 2005 and May 2006. The Midland MSA has the lowest unemployment rate among all MSA's in Texas at 3.5 percent.

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

| 1 | | Midland | 3.5 |
|----|-------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 2 | | Amarillo | 3.8 |
| 3 | (tie) | Austin-Round Rock | 4.0 |
| | | College Station-Bryan | 4.0 |
| | | Lubbock | 4.0 |
| 6 | (tie) | Abilene | 4.3 |
| | | Odessa | 4.3 |
| | | United States | 4.4 |
| 8 | (tie) | San Angelo | 4.4 |
| | | Tyler | 4.4 |
| 10 | (tie) | Victoria | 4.5 |
| | | Wichita | 4.5 |
| 12 | | San Antonio | 4.6 |
| 13 | (tie) | Longview | 4.7 |
| | | Waco | 4.7 |
| 15 | (tie) | Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington | 4.8 |
| | | Sherman-Denison | 4.8 |
| | | Texas | 4.9 |
| 17 | | Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown | 5.0 |
| 18 | | Texarkana | 5.1 |
| 19 | (tie) | Corpus Christi | 5.2 |
| | | Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood | 5.2 |
| 21 | | Laredo | 5.6 |
| 22 | | Beaumont-Port Arthur | 6.3 |
| 23 | | Brownsville-Harlingen | 6.6 |
| 24 | | El Paso | 6.9 |
| 25 | | McAllen-Edinburg-Mission | 7.0 |

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

| | | May 2006 | | | | April 2006 | i | | | May 2005 | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------|-----------|------------|---------|------|-----------|-----------|---------|------|
| | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
| United States | 150,696.0 | 144,041.0 | 6,655.0 | 4.4 | 150,209.0 | 143,405.0 | 6,804.0 | 4.5 | 148,878.0 | 141,591.0 | 7,287.0 | 4. |
| State of Texas | 11,382.1 | 10,820.3 | 561.8 | 4.9 | 11,345.4 | 10,797.1 | 548.3 | 4.8 | 11,166.0 | 10,587.4 | 578.6 | 5. |
| Abilene | 82.6 | 79.1 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 82.2 | 78.8 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 79.8 | 76.3 | 3.5 | 4. |
| Amarillo | 131.3 | 126.3 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 130.5 | 125.7 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 127.9 | 122.9 | 5.0 | 3. |
| Austin-Round Rock | 826.2 | 793.2 | 33.0 | 4.0 | 822.8 | 790.7 | 32.1 | 3.9 | 802.9 | 768.7 | 34.2 | 4. |
| Beaumont-Port Arthur | 175.2 | 164.1 | 11.1 | 6.3 | 173.9 | 163.0 | 10.9 | 6.3 | 178.5 | 166.2 | 12.3 | 6. |
| Brownsville-Harlingen | 144.0 | 134.6 | 9.4 | 6.6 | 143.4 | 134.0 | 9.4 | 6.6 | 141.0 | 130.4 | 10.6 | 7. |
| College Station-Bryan | 106.5 | 102.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 106.2 | 102.2 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 104.9 | 100.9 | 4.0 | 3. |
| Corpus Christi | 199.2 | 188.8 | 10.4 | 5.2 | 199.2 | 189.0 | 10.2 | 5.1 | 200.8 | 189.6 | 11.2 | 5. |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington | 3,089.9 | 2,942.6 | 147.3 | 4.8 | 3,072.0 | 2,928.7 | 143.3 | 4.7 | 3,005.0 | 2,853.8 | 151.2 | 5. |
| Dallas-Plano-Irving MD | 2,073.7 | 1,974.1 | 99.6 | 4.8 | 2,057.2 | 1,960.2 | 97.0 | 4.7 | 2,008.6 | 1,906.2 | 102.4 | 5. |
| Fort Worth-Arlington MD | 1,016.1 | 968.4 | 47.7 | 4.7 | 1,014.8 | 968.5 | 46.3 | 4.6 | 996.3 | 947.5 | 48.8 | 4. |
| El Paso | 295.3 | 274.8 | 20.5 | 6.9 | 295.4 | 275.4 | 20.0 | 6.8 | 292.3 | 271.4 | 20.9 | 7. |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown | 2,665.6 | 2,532.2 | 133.4 | 5.0 | 2,657.7 | 2,527.3 | 130.4 | 4.9 | 2,605.0 | 2,467.4 | 137.6 | 5. |
| Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood | 154.1 | 146.0 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 153.3 | 145.5 | 7.8 | 5.1 | 151.4 | 143.7 | 7.7 | 5. |
| Laredo | 89.9 | 84.9 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 90.0 | 85.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 85.4 | 80.2 | 5.2 | 6. |
| Longview | 104.5 | 99.6 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 104.6 | 99.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 102.9 | 97.8 | 5.1 | 4. |
| Lubbock | 142.3 | 136.6 | 5.7 | 4.0 | 142.0 | 136.5 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 141.3 | 135.7 | 5.6 | 4. |
| McAllen-Edinburg-Mission | 268.8 | 250.0 | 18.8 | 7.0 | 270.4 | 251.5 | 18.9 | 7.0 | 261.4 | 242.1 | 19.3 | 7.4 |
| Midland | 69.8 | 67.3 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 69.3 | 66.9 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 65.9 | 63.4 | 2.5 | 3. |
| Odessa | 64.7 | 61.9 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 64.5 | 61.8 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 62.1 | 59.2 | 2.9 | 4. |
| San Angelo | 53.2 | 50.8 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 53.0 | 50.8 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 53.0 | 50.7 | 2.3 | 4. |
| San Antonio | 910.5 | 868.9 | 41.6 | 4.6 | 907.8 | 867.4 | 40.4 | 4.4 | 898.8 | 856.2 | 42.6 | 4. |
| Sherman-Denison | 57.8 | 55.0 | 2.8 | 4.8 | 57.5 | 54.8 | 2.7 | 4.7 | 56.8 | 53.9 | 2.9 | 5. |
| Texarkana | 63.8 | 60.5 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 63.7 | 60.5 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 62.3 | 59.1 | 3.2 | 5. |
| Tyler | 96.6 | 92.4 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 96.4 | 92.4 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 96.1 | 91.5 | 4.6 | 4. |
| Victoria | 58.2 | 55.6 | 2.6 | 4.5 | 58.1 | 55.5 | 2.6 | 4.4 | 57.6 | 54.9 | 2.7 | 4. |
| Waco | 114.2 | 108.9 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 113.9 | 108.7 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 112.0 | 106.6 | 5.4 | 4. |
| Wichita Falls | 76.3 | 72.9 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 75.7 | 72.5 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 75.3 | 71.9 | 3.4 | 4. |

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.

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| | Employment and | Unemployment] | Estimates for I | Texas Counties | - May 2006 | |
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|--|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--|

| County | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | County | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | County | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Anderson | 20,386 | 19,128 | 1,258 | 6.2 | Gillespie | 13,473 | 13,092 | 381 | 2.8 | Moore | 10,231 | 9,827 | 404 | 3.9 |
| Andrews | 6,633 | 6,364 | 269 | 4.1 | Glasscock | 604 | 572 | 32 | 5.3 | Morris | 6,224 | 5,893 | 331 | 5.3 |
| Angelina | 38,797 | 36,824 | 1,973 | 5.1 | Goliad | 3,475 | 3,334 | 141 | 4.1 | Motley | 682 | 653 | 29 | 4.3 |
| Aransas | 10,861 | 10,360 | 501 | 4.6 | Gonzales | 9,529 | 9,102 | 427 | 4.5 | Nacogdoches | 30,843 | 29,423 | 1,420 | 4.6 |
| Archer | 5,468 | 5,295 | 173 | 3.2 | Gray | 11,044 | 10,581 | 463 | 4.2 | Navarro | 21,363 | 20,202 | 1,161 | 5.4 |
| Armstrong | 1,167 | 1,129 | 38 | 3.3 | Grayson | 57,757 | 54,993 | 2,764 | 4.8 | Newton | 5,558 | 5,132 | 426 | 7.7 |
| Atascosa | 19,444 | 18,546 | 898 | 4.6 | Gregg | 62,029 | 59,137 | 2,892 | 4.7 | Nolan | 7,477 | 7,122 | 355 | 4.7 |
| Austin | 13,241 | 12,673 | 568 | 4.3 | Grimes | 10,337 | 9,762 | 575 | 5.6 | Nueces | 158,930 | 150,689 | 8,241 | 5.2 |
| Bailey | 3,199 | 3,017 | 182 | 5.7 | Guadalupe | 51,902 | 49,701 | 2,201 | 4.2 | Ochiltree | 5,075 | 4,906 | 169 | 3.3 |
| Bandera | 9,898 | 9,507 | 391 | 4.0 | Hale | 16,780 | 15,831 | 949 | 5.7 | Oldham | 988 | 941 | 47 | 4.8 |
| Bastrop | 35,038 | 33,554 | 1,484 | 4.2 | Hall | 1,502 | 1,412 | 90 | 6.0 | Orange | 40,139 | 37,644 | 2,495 | 6.2 |
| Baylor | 1,789 | 1,709 | 80 | 4.5 | Hamilton | 3,600 | 3,431 | 169 | 4.7 | Palo Pinto | 14,504 | 13,874 | 630 | 4.3 |
| Bee | 10,753 | 9,986 | 767 | 7.1 | Hansford | 2,351 | 2,255 | 96 | 4.1 | Panola | 11,798 | 11,256 | 542 | 4.6 |
| Bell | 116,843 | 110,899 | 5,944 | 5.1 | Hardeman | 2,220 | 2,117 | 103 | 4.6 | Parker | 51,577 | 49,324 | 2,253 | 4.4 |
| Bexar | 729,072 | 694,990 | 34,082 | 4.7 | Hardin | 24,169 | 22,813 | 1,356 | 5.6 | Parmer | 4,482 | 4,287 | 195 | 4.4 |
| Blanco | 4,727 | 4,548 | 179 | 3.8 | Harris | 1,879,506 | 1,782,772 | 96,734 | 5.1 | Pecos | 6,629 | 6,272 | 357 | 5.4 |
| Borden | 474 | 451 | 23 | . 4.9 | Harrison | 31,055 | 29,390 | 1,665 | 5.4 | Polk | 16,710 | 15,733 | 977 | 5.8 |
| Bosque | 8,571 | 8,187 | 384 | 4.5 | Hartley | 2,188 | 2,087 | 101 | 4.6 | Potter | 58,526 | 56,001 | 2,525 | 4.3 |
| Bowie | 43,507 | 41,088 | 2,419 | 5.6 | Haskell | 3,117 | 2,992 | 125 | 4.0 | Presidio | 3,133 | 2,759 | 374 | 11.9 |
| Brazoria | 135,482 | 128,717 | 6,765 | 5.0 | Hays | 68,259 | 65,717 | 2,542 | 3.7 | Rains | 5,183 | 4,947 | 236 | 4.6 |
| Brazos | 89,851 | 86,375 | 3,476 | 3.9 | Hemphill | 2,314 | 2,248 | 66 | 2.9 | Randall | 67,993 | 65,711 | 2,282 | 3.4 |
| Brewster | 5,252 | 5,070 | 182 | 3.5 | Henderson | 34,694 | 32,970 | 1,724 | 5.0 | Reagan | 2,287 | 2,215 | 72 | 3.1 |
| Briscoe | 705 | 669 | 36 | 5.1 | Hidalgo | 268,777 | 249,960 | 18,817 | 7.0 | Real | 1,180 | 1,108 | 72 | 6.1 |
| Brooks | 3,039 | 2,836 | 203 | 6.7 | Hill | 15,321 | 14,499 | 822 | 5.4 | Red River | 6,209 | 5,845 | 364 | 5.9 |
| Brown | 18,542 | 17,730 | 812 | 4.4 | Hockley | 10,962 | 10,455 | 507 | 4.6 | Reeves | 4,174 | 3,872 | 302 | 7.2 |
| Burleson | 8,853 | 8,499 | 354 | 4.0 | Hood | 22,844 | 21,776 | 1,068 | 4.7 | Refugio | 3,890 | 3,705 | 185 | 4.8 |
| Burnet | 20,283 | 19,514 | 769 | 3.8 | Hopkins | 17,666 | 16,907 | 759 | 4.3 | Roberts | 593 | 576 | 17 | 2.9 |
| Caldwell | 16,915 | 16,172 | 743 | 4.4 | Houston | 8,223 | 7,706 | 517 | 6.3 | Robertson | 7,827 | 7,445 | 382 | 4.9 |
| Calhoun | 9,587 | 9,056 | 531 | 5.5 | Howard | 13,063 | 12,325 | 738 | 5.6 | Rockwall | 31,560 | 30,317 | 1,243 | 3.9 |
| Callahan | 7,086 | 6,810 | 276 | 3.9 | Hudspeth | 1,387 | 1,274 | 113 | 8.1 | Runnels | 4,428 | 4,180 | 248 | 5.6 |
| Cameron | 144,059 | 134,610 | 9,449 | 6.6 | Hunt | 40,383 | 38,299 | 2,084 | 5.2 | Rusk | 23,327 | 22,237 | 1,090 | 4.7 |
| Camp | 5,301 | 5,024 | 277 | 5.2 | Hutchinson | 9,887 | 9,365 | 522 | 5.3 | Sabine | 3,394 | 3,092 | 302 | 8.9 |
| Carson | 3,598 | 3,463 | 135 | 3.8 | Irion | 957 | 916 | 41 | 4.3 | San Augustine | 3,563 | 3,332 | 231 | 6.5 |
| Cass | 13,357 | 12,549 | 808 | 6.0 | Jack | 3,991 | 3,803 | 188 | 4.7 | San Jacinto | 10,560 | 9,961 | 599 | 5.7 |
| Castro | 3,229 | 3,038 | 191 | 5.9 | Jackson | 6,507 | 6,176 | 331 | 5.1 | San Patricio | 29,466 | 27,789 | 1,677 | 5.7 |
| Chambers | 14,429 | 13,694 | 735 | 5.1 | Jasper | 15,395 | 14,362 | 1,033 | 6.7 | San Saba | 2,571 | 2,451 | 120 | 4.7 |
| Cherokee | 20,484 | 19,371 | 1,113 | 5.4 | Jeff Davis | 1,090 | 1,043 | 47 | 4.3 | Schleicher | 1,318 | 1,261 | 57 | 4.3 |
| Childress | 3,099 | 2,928 | 171 | 5.5 | Jefferson | 110,816 | 103,603 | 7,213 | 6.5 | Scurry | 7,083 | 6,735 | 348 | 4.9 |
| Clay | 6,564 | 6,306 | 258 | 3.9 | Jim Hogg | 2,693 | 2,557 | 136 | 5.1 | Shackelford | 1,926 | 1,864 | 62 | 3.2 |
| Cochran | 1,517 | 1,417 | 100 | 6.6 | Jim Wells | 19,880 | 18,878 | 1,002 | 5.0 | Shelby | 11,270 | 10,678 | 592 | 5.3 |
| Coke | 1,305 | 1,235 | 70 | 5.4 | Johnson | 73,639 | 70,349 | 3,290 | 4.5 | Sherman | 1,275 | 1,212 | 63 | 4.9 |
| Coleman | 4,267 | 4,081 | 186 | 4.4 | Jones | 8,275 | 7,814 | 461 | 5.6 | Smith | 96,626 | 92,421 | 4,205 | 4.4 |
| Collin | 368,537 | 354,147 | 14,390 | 3.9 | Karnes | 5,505 | 5,157 | 348 | 6.3 | Somervell | 3,766 | 3,606 | 160 | 4.2 |
| Collingsworth | 1,554 | 1,478 | 76 | 4.9 | Kaufman | 43,381 | 41,333 | 2,048 | 4.7 | Starr | 20,914 | 18,584 | 2,330 | 11.1 |
| Colorado | 10,479 | 10,013 | 466 | 4.4 | Kendall | 14,111 | 13,588 | 523 | 3.7 | Stephens | 4,211 | 4,026 | 185 | 4.4 |
| Comal | 48,342 | 46,471 | 1,871 | 3.9 | Kenedy | 254 | 247 | 7 | 2.8 | Sterling | 1,026 | 996 | 30 | 2.9 |
| Comanche | 6,269 | 5,984 | 285 | 4.5 | Kent | 448 | 431 | 17 | 3.8 | Stonewall | 941 | 907 | 34 | 3.6 |
| Concho | 1,410 | 1,333 | 77 | 5.5 | Kerr | 23,389 | 22,518 | 871 | 3.7 | Sutton | 2,847 | 2,764 | 83 | 2.9 |
| Cooke | 20,418 | 19,627 | 791 | 3.9 | Kimble | 2,251 | 2,171 | 80 7 | 3.6 | Swisher | 3,608 | 3,437 | 171 | 4.7 |
| Coryell Cottle | 26,373 790 | 24,660 753 | 1,713 37 | 6.5 4.7 | King | 148 | 141 1,352 | 82 | 4.7 | Tarrant | 862,760 | 821,751 | 41,009 | 4.8 |
| Crane | 1,566 | 1,477 | 89 | 5.7 | Kinney Kleberg | 1,434 17,338 | 16,520 | 818 | 4.7 | Taylor Terrell | 67,298 354 | 64,506 331 | 2,792 | 4.1 6.5 |
| Crockett | 2,051 | 1,966 | 85 | 4.1 | Knox | 1,736 | 1,656 | 80 | 4.6 | Terry | | | 23 | 5.6 |
| Crosby | 3,010 | | 203 | 6.7 | | | | | | | 5,765 948 | 5,440 | 325 | |
| Culberson | 1,644 | 2,807 1,582 | 203 62 | 3.8 | Lamar Lamb | 23,071 7,104 | 21,786 6,743 | 1,285 361 | 5.6 5.1 | Throckmorton Titus | 14,898 | 911 14,246 | 37 652 | 3.9 4.4 |
| Dallam | 2,974 | 2,853 | 121 | 4.1 | Lampasas | 10,867 | 10,466 | 401 | 3.7 | Tom Green | 52,156 | 49,843 | | 4.4 |
| Dallas | 1,202,660 | 1,138,988 | 63,672 | 5.3 | La Salle | 2,815 | 2,666 | 149 | 5.3 | Travis | | 49,843 | 2,313 21,327 | 4.4 |
| Dawson | 5,172 | 4,795 | 377 | 7.3 | Lavaca | 10,716 | 10,328 | 388 | 3.6 | Trinity | 524,150 5,760 | 5,428 | 332 | 5.8 |
| Deaf Smith | 8,440 | 8,047 | 393 | 4.7 | Lavaca | 8,746 | 8,406 | 340 | 3.9 | Tyler | 8,256 | 5,428 | 532 | 5.8 6.5 |
| Delta | 2,572 | 2,431 | 141 | 5.5 | Leon | 7,665 | 7,287 | 378 | 4.9 | Upshur | 19,056 | 18,182 | 874 | 0.5 4.6 |
| Denton | 317,025 | 304,379 | 12,646 | 4.0 | Liberty | 32,407 | 30,498 | 1,909 | 5.9 | Upton | 1,726 | 1,654 | 72 | 4.0 |
| DeWitt | 9,282 | 8,839 | 443 | 4.8 | Limestone | 10,623 | 10,114 | 509 | 4.8 | Uvalde | 11,703 | 1,054 | 666 | 4.2 |
| Dickens | 1,009 | 956 | 53 | 5.3 | Lipscomb | 1,654 | 1,592 | 62 | 3.7 | Val Verde | 20,226 | 18,988 | 1,238 | 5./ 6.1 |
| Dimmit | 3,842 | 3,560 | 282 | 7.3 | Live Oak | 5,130 | 4,874 | 256 | 5.0 | Van Zandt | 25,698 | 24,565 | 1,133 | 4.4 |
| Donley | 1,816 | 1,734 | 82 | 4.5 | Llano | 8,149 | 7,801 | 348 | 4.3 | Victoria | 45,220 | 43,253 | 1,967 | 4.4 |
| Duval | 5,272 | 4,944 | 328 | 6.2 | Loving | 31 | 27 | 4 | 12.9 | Walker | 25,781 | 24,438 | 1,343 | 5.2 |
| Eastland | 8,406 | 8,011 | 395 | 4.7 | Lubbock | 139,368 | 133,841 | 5,527 | 4.0 | Waller | 16,602 | 15,686 | 916 | 5.5 |
| Ector | 64,641 | 61,881 | 2,760 | 4.3 | Lynn | 2,693 | 2,511 | 182 | 6.8 | Ward | 4,517 | 4,276 | 241 | 5.3 |
| Edwards | 998 | 948 | 50 | 5.0 | McCulloch | 3,648 | 3,467 | 181 | 5.0 | Washington | 16,437 | 15,798 | 639 | 3.9 |
| Ellis | 67,643 | 64,254 | 3,389 | 5.0 | McLennan | 114,275 | 108,948 | 5,327 | 4.7 | Webb | 89,901 | 84,905 | 4,996 | 5.6 |
| El Paso | 295,322 | 274,810 | 20,512 | 6.9 | McMullen | 367 | 347 | 20 | 5.4 | Wharton | 20,777 | 19,734 | 1,043 | 5.0 |
| Erath | 17,975 | 17,287 | 688 | 3.8 | Madison | 4,876 | 4,605 | 271 | 5.6 | Wheeler | 2,555 | 2,455 | 100 | 3.9 |
| Falls | 7,286 | 6,806 | 480 | 6.6 | Marion | 5,111 | 4,852 | 259 | 5.1 | Wichita | 64,219 | 61,251 | 2,968 | 4.6 |
| Fannin | 13,951 | 13,153 | 798 | 5.7 | Martin | 2,070 | 1,967 | 103 | 5.0 | Wilbarger | 7,409 | 7,112 | 297 | 4.0 |
| Fayette | 11,960 | 11,522 | 438 | 3.7 | Mason | 2,364 | 2,294 | 70 | 3.0 | Willacy | 7,712 | 6,934 | 778 | 10.1 |
| Fisher | 1,948 | 1,868 | 80 | 4.1 | Matagorda | 16,296 | 15,052 | 1,244 | 7.6 | Williamson | 181,834 | 174,891 | 6,943 | 3.8 |
| Floyd | 3,184 | 2,972 | 212 | 6.7 | Maverick | 19,764 | 17,221 | 2,543 | 12.9 | Wilson | 17,919 | 17,177 | 742 | 4.1 |
| Foard | 644 | 614 | 30 | 4.7 | Medina | 19,780 | 18,908 | 872 | 4.4 | Winkler | 2,990 | 2,842 | 148 | 4.9 |
| Fort Bend | 233,402 | 223,294 | 10,108 | 4.3 | Menard | 1,059 | 1,013 | 46 | 4.3 | Wise | 28,150 | 26,987 | 1,163 | 4.1 |
| Franklin | 5,193 | 4,978 | 215 | 4.1 | Midland | 69,810 | 67,340 | 2,470 | 3.5 | Wood | 17,650 | 16,805 | 845 | 4.8 |
| Freestone | 10,263 | 9,858 | 405 | 3.9 | Milam | 12,332 | 11,750 | 582 | 4.7 | Yoakum | 3,339 | 3,181 | 158 | 4.0 |
| A A COSTONC | 6,386 | 6,012 | 374 | 5.9 | Mills | 2,550 | 2,453 | 582 97 | 3.8 | Young | 9,456 | 9,063 | 158 393 | 4.7 |
| | | | 7/4 | 3.7 | 11711113 | 4.3.31 | | 71 | 3.0 | | 7,420 | | 141 | 4.4 |
| Frio | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6,549 140,753 | 6,222 133,517 | 327 7,236 | 5.0 5.1 | Mitchell Montague | 3,343 9,990 | 3,134 9,572 | 209 418 | 6.3 4.2 | Zapata Zavala | 5,334 3,962 | 5,035 3,541 | 299 421 | 5.6 10.6 |

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TEXAS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Employment and Unemployment Estimates for Texas Cities - May 2006

| City | CLF | Emp. | Unemp | Rate | City | CLF | Emp. | Unemp | Rate | City | CLF | Emp. | Unemp | Rate |
|------------------------|---------|---------|--------|------|----------------------|-----------|---------|--------|------|----------------------|---------|---------|--------|------|
| Abilene | 58,321 | 55,764 | 2,557 | 4.4 | Friendswood | 18,001 | 17,268 | 733 | 4.1 | New Braunfels | 23,520 | 22,695 | 825 | 3.5 |
| Allen | 37,500 | 36,259 | 1,241 | 3.3 | Frisco | 36,232 | 35,124 | 1,108 | 3.1 | North Richland Hills | 35,779 | 34,270 | 1,509 | 4.2 |
| Amarillo | 100,973 | 97,155 | 3,818 | 3.8 | Galveston | 27,498 | 25,981 | 1,517 | 5.5 | Odessa | 48,449 | 46,372 | 2,077 | 4.3 |
| Arlington | 207,671 | 198,362 | 9,309 | 4.5 | Garland | 117,200 | 111,174 | 6,026 | 5.1 | Paris | 11,706 | 10,969 | 737 | 6.3 |
| Austin | 414,649 | 397,889 | 16,760 | 4.0 | Georgetown | 18,274 | 17,534 | 740 | 4.0 | Pasadena | 67,843 | 64,011 | 3,832 | 5.6 |
| Baytown | 31,964 | 29,909 | 2,055 | 6.4 | Grand Prairie | 73,718 | 70,091 | 3,627 | 4.9 | Pearland | 30,010 | 28,932 | 1,078 | 3.6 |
| Beaumont | 52,976 | 49,675 | 3,301 | 6.2 | Grapevine | 28,987 | 27,855 | 1,132 | 3.9 | Pflugerville | 15,741 | 15,254 | 487 | 3.1 |
| Bedford | 31,730 | 30,406 | 1,324 | 4.2 | Greenville | 12,025 | 11,445 | 580 | 4.8 | Pharr | 22,380 | 21,190 | 1,190 | 5.3 |
| Big Spring | 8,995 | 8,436 | 559 | 6.2 | Haltom City | 21,969 | 20,912 | 1,057 | 4.8 | Plano | 145,160 | 139,063 | 6,097 | 4.2 |
| Brownsville | 60,475 | 56,619 | 3,856 | 6.4 | Harlingen | 25,102 | 23,609 | 1,493 | 5.9 | Port Arthur | 22,247 | 20,500 | 1,747 | 7.9 |
| Bryan | 37,623 | 36,149 | 1,474 | 3.9 | Houston | 1,005,525 | 951,001 | 54,524 | 5.4 | Richardson | 58,297 | 55,780 | 2,517 | 4.3 |
| Burleson | 15,501 | 14,941 | 560 | 3.6 | Huntsville | 14,522 | 13,759 | 763 | 5.3 | Rockwall | 15,118 | 14,614 | 504 | 3.3 |
| Carrollton | 71,932 | 68,894 | 3,038 | 4.2 | Hurst | 21,549 | 20,607 | 942 | 4.4 | Rosenberg | 14,468 | 13,855 | 613 | 4.2 |
| Cedar Hill | 23,040 | 21,918 | 1,122 | 4.9 | Irving | 115,612 | 110,216 | 5,396 | 4.7 | Round Rock | 47,433 | 45,774 | 1,659 | 3.5 |
| Cedar Park | 26,175 | 25,505 | 670 | 2.6 | Keller | 19,214 | 18,518 | 696 | 3.6 | Rowlett | 29,646 | 28,365 | 1,281 | 4.3 |
| Cleburne | 13,860 | 13,228 | 632 | 4.6 | Killeen | 41,147 | 38,930 | 2,217 | 5.4 | San Angelo | 43,884 | 41,904 | 1,980 | 4.5 |
| College Station | 41,062 | 39,554 | 1,508 | 3.7 | Kingsville | 13,884 | 13,238 | 646 | 4.7 | San Antonio | 601,235 | 574,026 | 27,209 | 4.5 |
| Conroe | 21,994 | 21,120 | 874 | 4.0 | Lake Jackson | 14,084 | 13,407 | 677 | 4.8 | San Juan | 11,751 | 10,924 | 827 | 7.0 |
| Coppell | 22,024 | 21,190 | 834 | 3.8 | Lancaster | 15,399 | 14,467 | 932 | 6.1 | San Marcos | 26,000 | 25,163 | 837 | 3.2 |
| Copperas Cove | 13,531 | 12,835 | 696 | 5.1 | La Porte | 18,605 | 17,633 | 972 | 5.2 | Sherman | 17,567 | 16,717 | 850 | 4.8 |
| Corpus Christi | 142,678 | 135,454 | 7,224 | 5.1 | Laredo | 84,766 | 80,278 | 4,488 | 5.3 | Socorro | 10,408 | 9,534 | 874 | 8.4 |
| Corsicana | 10,873 | 10,234 | 639 | 5.9 | League City | 33,153 | 31,939 | 1,214 | 3.7 | Sugar Land | 40,116 | 38,600 | 1,516 | 3.8 |
| Dallas | 614,973 | 581,397 | 33,576 | 5.5 | Lewisville | 56,779 | 54,560 | 2,219 | 3.9 | Temple | 29,271 | 27,935 | 1,336 | 4.6 |
| Deer Park | 16,279 | 15,451 | 828 | 5.1 | Longview | 39,767 | 37,869 | 1,898 | 4.8 | Texarkana | 16,578 | 15,631 | 947 | 5.7 |
| Del Rio | 15,876 | 14,925 | 951 | 6.0 | Lubbock | 116,134 | 111,603 | 4,531 | 3.9 | Texas City | 20,660 | 19,310 | 1,350 | 6.5 |
| Denton | 57,064 | 54,835 | 2,229 | 3.9 | Lufkin | 15,898 | 15,072 | 826 | 5.2 | The Colony | 21,397 | 20,576 | 821 | 3.8 |
| DeSoto | 24,728 | 23,358 | 1,370 | 5.5 | McAllen | 58,240 | 55,255 | 2,985 | 5.1 | Tyler | 46,598 | 44,605 | 1,993 | 4.3 |
| Duncanville | 19,430 | 18,333 | 1,097 | 5.6 | McKinney | 46,669 | 45,018 | 1,651 | 3.5 | Victoria | 32,566 | 31,142 | 1,424 | 4.4 |
| Edinburg | 26,846 | 25,445 | 1,401 | 5.2 | Mansfield | 19,669 | 18,897 | 772 | 3.9 | Waco | 55,591 | 52,703 | 2,888 | 5.2 |
| El Paso | 253,544 | 236,999 | 16,545 | 6.5 | Mesquite | 73,358 | 69,776 | 3,582 | 4.9 | Weslaco | 12,861 | 11,979 | 882 | 6.9 |
| Euless | 31,857 | 30,531 | 1,326 | 4.2 | Midland | 57,225 | 55,182 | 2,043 | 3.6 | Wichita Falls | 48,664 | 46,344 | 2,320 | |
| Farmers Branch | 15,229 | 14,496 | 733 | 4.8 | Mission | 24,033 | 22,666 | 1,367 | 5.7 | Wylie | 14,362 | 13,871 | 491 | 3.4 |
| Flower Mound | 35,211 | 33,960 | 1,251 | 3.6 | Missouri City | 38,034 | 36,390 | 1,644 | 4.3 | | | | | |
| Fort Worth | 298,435 | 283,517 | 14,918 | 5.0 | Nacogdoches | 15,973 | 15,214 | 759 | 4.8 | the state of the | | | | |

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| Civilian Labor Force Estimates for WDAs | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| | May 2006 | í | | in also | | | |
| | CLF | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | | | |
| Alamo | 959,221 | 915,667 | 43,554 | 4.5 | | | |
| Brazos Valley | 145,846 | 139,771 | 6,075 | 4.2 | | | |
| Cameron County | 144,059 | 134,610 | 9,449 | 6.6 | | | |
| Capital Area | 524,150 | 502,823 | 21,327 | 4.1 | | | |
| Central Texas | 175,136 | 166,110 | 9,026 | 5.2 | | | |
| Coastal Bend | 265,180 | 251,175 | 14,005 | 5.3 | | | |
| Concho Valley | 74,679 | 71,474 | 3,205 | 4.3 | | | |
| Dallas | 1,202,660 | 1,138,988 | 63,672 | 5.3 | | | |
| Deep East Texas | 158,329 | 149,390 | 8,939 | 5.6 | | | |
| East Texas | 378,398 | 360,285 | 18,113 | 4.8 | | | |
| Golden Crescent | 94,316 | 90,088 | 4,228 | 4.5 | | | |
| Gulf Coast | 2,728,364 | 2,591,437 | 136,927 | 5.0 | | | |
| Heart Of Texas | 166,339 | 158,412 | 7,927 | 4.8 | | | |
| Lower Rio Grande Valley | 297,403 | 275,478 | 21,925 | 7.4 | | | |
| Middle Rio Grande | 65,924 | 60,421 | 5,503 | 8.3 | | | |
| North Central Texas | 1,102,347 | 1,056,134 | 46,213 | 4.2 | | | |
| North East Texas | 132,697 | 125,723 | 6,974 | 5.3 | | | |
| North Texas | 112,540 | 107,595 | 4,945 | 4.4 | | | |
| Panhandle | 212,848 | 204,232 | 8,616 | 4.0 | | | |
| Permian Basin | 191,003 | 182,668 | 8,335 | 4.4 | | | |
| Rural Capital | 355,911 | 342,125 | 13,786 | 3.9 | | | |
| South East Texas | 175,124 | 164,060 | 11,064 | 6.3 | | | |
| South Plains | 201,206 | 192,302 | 8,904 | 4.4 | | | |
| South Texas | 97,928 | 92,497 | 5,431 | 5.5 | | | |
| Tarrant County | 862,760 | 821,751 | 41,009 | 4.8 | | | |
| Texoma | 92,126 | 87,773 | 4,353 | 4.7 | | | |
| Upper Rio Grande | 307,828 | 286,538 | 21,290 | 6.9 | | | |
| West Central Texas | 157,749 | 150,762 | 6,987 | 4.4 | | | |

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|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Area | | Weekly Ea | | ge Weekly | | Divisions Average Hourly Earnings | | | |
| | May '06 | Apr. '06 | May '05 | May '06 | Apr. '06 | May '05 | May '06 | Apr. '06 | May '0 |
| Texas | | 1.1 | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | \$565.20 | \$554.80 | \$573.46 | 40.4 | 39.6 | 40.7 | \$13.99 | \$14.01 | \$14.09 |
| Durable Goods | \$560.67 | \$552.43 | \$567.23 | 41.5 | 40.8 | 41.8 | \$13.51 | \$13.54 | \$13.57 |
| Nondurable Goods | \$570.19 | \$559.44 | \$580.45 | 38.5 | 37.8 | 38.8 | \$14.81 | \$14.80 | \$14.96 |
| Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlingt | on MSA | 1. 1. 1. 1. | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | \$630.44 | \$618.89 | \$597.64 | 40.7 | 39.8 | 39.5 | \$15.49 | \$15.55 | \$15.13 |
| Durable Goods | \$677.91 | \$665.58 | \$666.58 | 40.4 | 39.5 | 41.3 | \$16.78 | \$16.85 | \$16.14 |
| Nondurable Goods | \$540.47 | \$535.92 | \$476.48 | 41.1 | 40.6 | 36.4 | \$13.15 | \$13.20 | \$13.09 |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Ba | ytown MSA | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | \$657.78 | \$678.32 | \$712.66 | 38.0 | 39.3 | 40.7 | \$17.31 | \$17.26 | \$17.51 |
| Durable Goods | \$558.80 | \$583.20 | \$598.44 | 38.3 | 40.0 | 40.6 | \$14.59 | \$14.58 | \$14.74 |
| Nondurable Goods | \$815.92 | \$829.32 | \$875.98 | 37.6 | 38.2 | 40.8 | \$21.70 | \$21.71 | \$21.47 |
| San Antonio MSA | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | \$458.10 | \$445.61 | \$421.83 | 39.8 | 39.4 | 38.7 | \$11.51 | \$11.31 | \$10.90 |
| Durable Goods | \$491.49 | \$486.63 | \$462.84 | 41.9 | 42.5 | 42.0 | \$11.73 | \$11.45 | \$11.02 |
| Nondurable Goods | \$410.69 | \$390.37 | \$374.83 | 36.8 | 35.2 | 34.9 | \$11.16 | \$11.09 | \$10.74 |
| Dallas-Plano-Irving MD* | | 2.0 | | | 1 | | | | |
| Manufacturing | \$531.30 | \$523.78 | \$518.00 | 38.5 | 37.9 | 37.7 | \$13.80 | \$13.82 | \$13.74 |
| Durable Goods | \$526.29 | \$519.77 | \$545.14 | 37.7 | 37.1 | 38.8 | \$13.96 | \$14.01 | \$14.05 |
| Nondurable Goods | \$541.04 | \$530.77 | \$477.60 | 39.9 | 39.2 | 36.1 | \$13.56 | \$13.54 | \$13.23 |
| Ft. Worth-Arlington MD | * | - | | 12 | | 1 | | | |
| Manufacturing | \$806.34 | \$794.65 | \$757.27 | 44.5 | 43.4 | 43.1 | \$18.12 | \$18.31 | \$17.57 |
| Durable Goods | \$916.35 | \$892.17 | \$872.69 | 44.7 | 43.1 | 45.5 | \$20.50 | \$20.70 | \$19.18 |
| Nondurable Goods | \$541.11 | \$548.68 | \$472.28 | 44.1 | 44.0 | 37.1 | \$12.27 | \$12.47 | \$12.73 |

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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"

New Headquarters Dedicated

DALLAS, TX (Fort Worth Star-Telegram—Sandra Baker)—Fluor Corporation has opened its new Irving headquarters. Fluor is moving its executive management functions from California. The new 26-acre campus headquarters will house 180 employees.

According to Fluor's chairman and chief executive Alan Boeckmann, "Fluor's move to Texas is not only a landmark event for the company, it's also for Texas." Fluor has more than 38,000 employees in 25 countries. The move makes Texas the state with the greatest number of Fortune 500 companies, Boeckmann said.

Computer Company to Open Four Centers in Texas

AUSTIN, TX (Wright Review: Texas Business Report)—Hewlett-Packard Co. (HP) is consolidating 85 global data centers into six centers, four of which will be located in Texas. Each city will have two physical sites within 15 miles of each other. HP expects to employ about 140 people at each site with all data centers expected to be completed in the next three years.

One Center will be located in east Austin at Ed Bluestein Blvd. and the other Austin location will be at HP's campus in Wells Branch. Two centers will be in Houston. HP selected the data center locations based on availability and affordability of space, power, and network bandwidth, as well as a low probability of natural disasters.

Brazilian Company Expands in Sugar Land

SUGARLAND, TX (Fort Bend Star)—Tramontina USA plans an expansion that will result in 60 new jobs in Sugar Land. Antonio J. Galafassi, president of Tramontina USA, says, "The favorable business climate in Sugar Land has assisted Tramontina in realizing opportunities for expansion and planned growth..." While many companies are outsourcing their operations off-shore, Tramontina has insourced its manufacturing operations to the US and chosen Fort Bend as its US Headquarters, added Barkley Peschel, Vice President Development of the Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council.

Oil Firm to Add Jobs

KILGORE, TX (Kilgore News Herald)—An oil field company plans to add 85 jobs in Kilgore, according to the Kilgore Economic Development Corporation. The company, whose name will be revealed at a later date, already has 107 employees in Kilgore and plans to relocate 85 jobs and hire 20 more in the next five years. According to Amanda Nobles, Kilgore Economic Development Corporation executive director, "We are extremely happy to have the company add 85 employees to Kilgore's workforce and know they will be an asset to the local economy."

| | | Texas U | nemploy | ment Rate | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---|------------|----------|--|
| Actual (Not Sea | sonally . | | nomproj | and the second se | lly Adjust | ed | |
| MAY | | | | MAY | 2006 | 5.19 | |
| APR | 2006 | 4.8% | | APR | 2006 | 5.19 | |
| MAY | 2005 | 5.2% | | MAY | 2005 | 5.29 | |
| | | U.S. Un | employn | nent Rate | | | |
| Actual (Not Sea | sonally | Adjusted) | | Seasonal | lly Adjust | ed | |
| MAY | 2006 | 4.4% | | MAY | 2006 | 4.69 | |
| APR | 2006 | 4.5% | | APR | 2006 | 4.79 | |
| MAY | 2005 | 4.9% | | MAY | 2005 | 5.19 | |
| Te | xas Noi | nagricultur | al Wage | & Salary Emplo | oyment | | |
| Not Season | | | | | lly Adjust | ed | |
| MAY | 2006 | 9,985,400 | | MAY | 2006 | 9,947,60 | |
| APR | 2006 | 9,944,600 | | APR | | 9,932,80 | |
| MAY | 2005 | 9,733,700 | MAY | | 2005 | 9,696,10 | |
| OTM Change | | 40,800 | | OTM Change | | 14,80 | |
| OTY Change | | 251,700 | | OTY Change | | 251,50 | |
| | 1 | Unemployn | nent Insu | rance Claims | | | |
| Initia | l Claims | | | Contin | ued Clain | IS | |
| MAY | 2006 | 63,607 | | MAY | 2006 | 463,60 | |
| APR | 2006 | 51,758 | | APR | 2006 | 424,31 | |
| MAY | 2005 | 74,448 | | MAY | 2005 | 540,86 | |
| Consume | r Price I | ndex (CPI) | | Help Wante | d Index - | Texas | |
| Annual Chang | e | | | | | | |
| U.S. |] | MAY 2006 | 4.2% | MAY | 2006 | 61. | |
| Dallas-Fort Wo | orth 1 | MAY 2006 | 4.2% | APR | 2006 | 62. | |
| Houston-Galve | ston . | APR 2006 | 3.5% | MAY | 2005 | 58. | |
| | West | Texas Inter | mediate C | crude Oil (\$/barro | el) | | |
| MAY | 2006 | \$ 70.94 | | OTM Change | | \$ 1.2 | |
| APR | 2006 | \$ 69.69 | | OTY Change | | \$ 21.1 | |
| MAY | 2005 | \$ 49.83 | | | | | |

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