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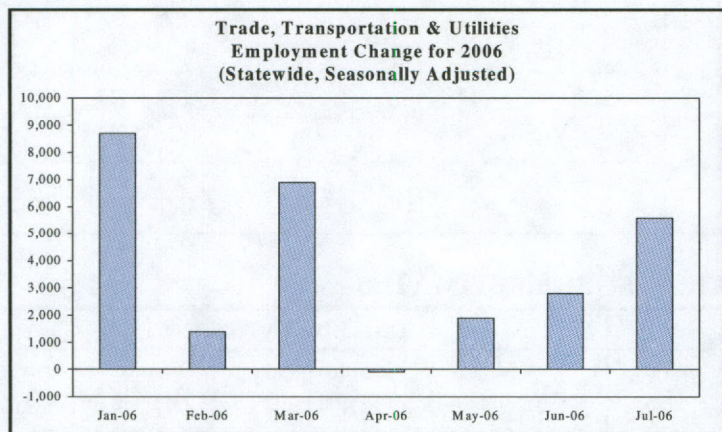
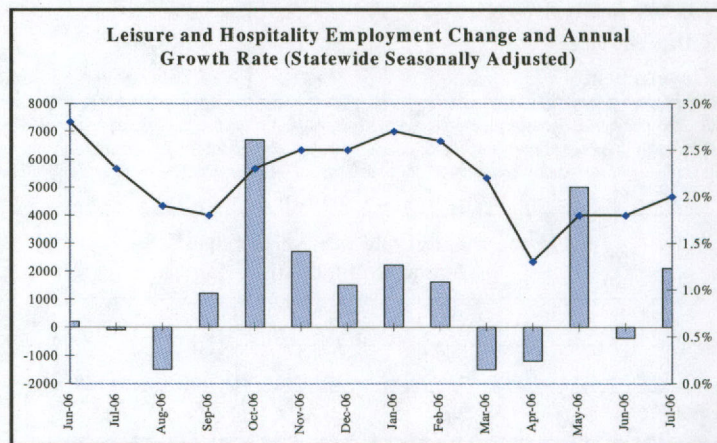
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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas expanded by 15,700 jobs in July. This employment series has recorded 22 consecutive months of employment growth. The Government and Construction industries generated the bulk of the monthly gain, with smaller increases and decreases noted throughout the remaining sectors of employment. The annual growth rate for Total Nonagricultural Employment dipped slightly from a rate of 2.5 percent in June 2006 to 2.4 percent in July 2006, which represents an addition of 230,300 jobs over the year. Nine of the eleven major industry groups added jobs since last July.

Construction employment continued its fourteen-month trend of job growth with the notable addition of 7,800 jobs in July. The over-the-month job gain was the largest July increase for Construction in over a decade. The annual growth rate climbed from 6.0 percent in June to 7.0 percent in July, for a total of 39,400 jobs gained in Construction since July 2005.

percent or higher for all of 2006. Since July 2005, 18,100 jobs have been added to Financial Activities employment.



Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 5,600 jobs in July 2006, a large increase when compared to the prior five-year-average July gain of 1,700 positions. A total of 43,000 jobs have been added since July 2005, while the annual growth rate remained steady at 2.2 percent.

Employment in Financial Activities rose modestly by 400 jobs over the month. The annual growth rate dipped slightly from 3.3 percent in June to 3.0 percent in July, yet growth has remained at a rate of 3.0

Employment in Leisure and Hospitality Services posted a gain of 2,100 jobs in July, following a loss of 400 positions in June. The annual growth rate rose from 1.8 percent in June to 2.0 percent in July, an increase of 18,400 positions since July 2005.

Natural Resources and Mining employment experienced its second monthly job decline in 2006 with the loss of 400 positions in July. The annual growth rate fell from 5.1 percent in June to 3.6 percent in July. A total of 6,100 jobs have been created in Natural Resources and Mining since July 2005.

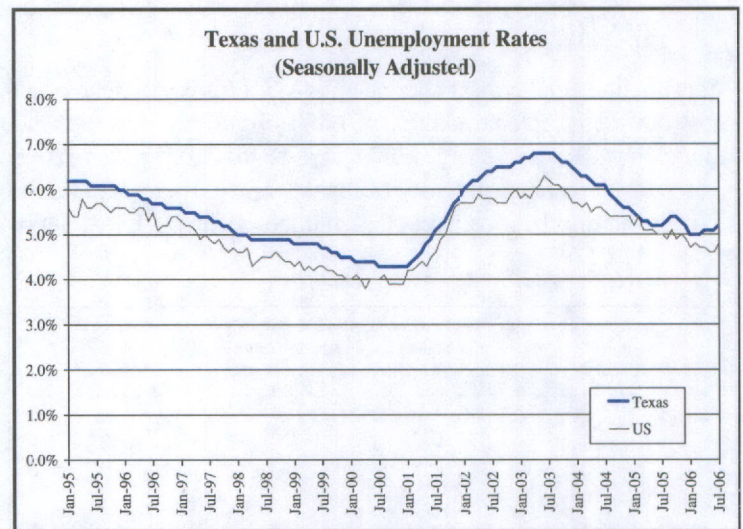
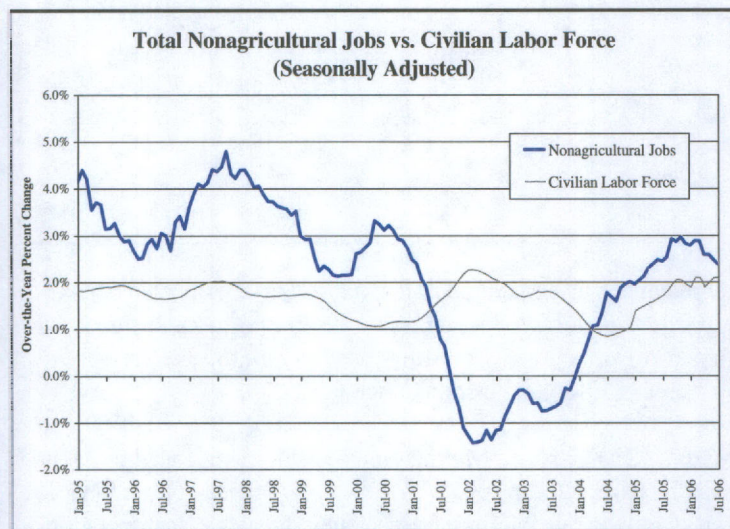
Employment in Professional and Business Services posted a loss of 3,100 employees in July, following a significant increase of 8,000 positions in June. This was the first over-the-month decrease since September 2004. The annual growth rate dropped from 6.0 percent in June to 5.3 percent in July, an increase of 60,800 jobs since July 2005.

Following a substantial loss of 5,200 jobs in June, Government employment expanded significantly with an increase of 10,500 positions in July. The last time Government employment experienced a July job boost of this magnitude was in 1997. The annual growth rate rose to 1.2 percent in July, bringing the overall number of jobs gained in Government since July 2005 to 20,100.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

INDUSTRY TITLE	July 2006*	June 2006	July 2005	June '06 to July '06		July '05 to July '06	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	9,975,800	9,960,100	9,745,500	15,700	0.2	230,300	2.4
GOODS PRODUCING							
Natural Resources & Mining	173,500	173,900	167,400	-400	-0.2	6,100	3.6
Construction	605,700	597,900	566,300	7,800	1.3	39,400	7.0
Manufacturing	902,500	904,500	900,800	-2,000	-0.2	1,700	0.2
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,039,700	2,034,100	1,996,700	5,600	0.3	43,000	2.2
Information	220,000	222,700	223,200	-2,700	-1.2	-3,200	-1.4
Financial Activities	627,900	627,500	609,800	400	0.1	18,100	3.0
Professional & Business Services	1,214,700	1,217,800	1,153,900	-3,100	-0.3	60,800	5.3
Education & Health Services	1,209,600	1,211,800	1,183,000	-2,200	-0.2	26,600	2.2
Leisure & Hospitality	926,800	924,700	908,400	2,100	0.2	18,400	2.0
Other Services	348,700	349,000	349,400	-300	-0.1	-700	-0.2
Government	1,706,700	1,696,200	1,686,600	10,500	0.6	20,100	1.2

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



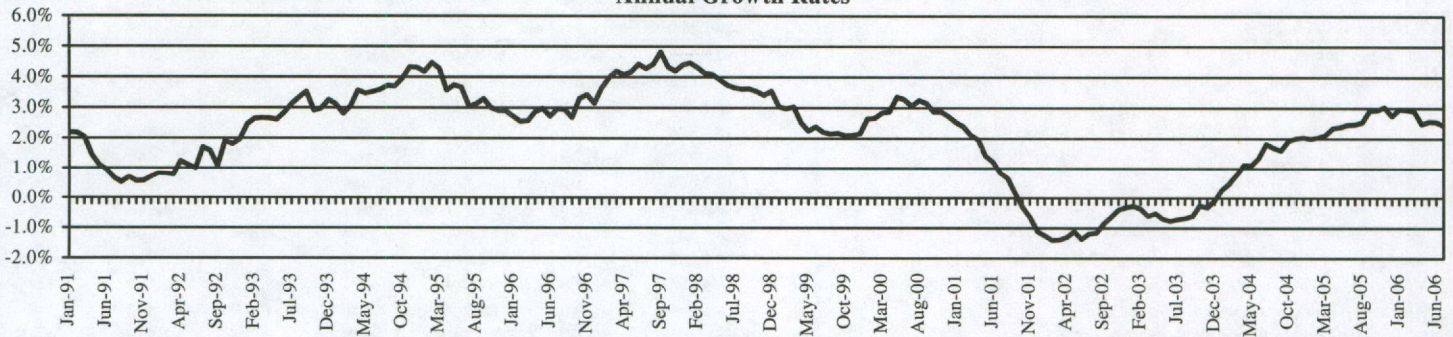
TEXAS AND U.S. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

		TEXAS*				UNITED STATES**			
		CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
Not Seasonally Adjusted	July 2006	11,579,500	10,945,000	634,500	5.5	153,208,000	145,606,000	7,602,000	5.0
	June 2006	11,542,100	10,905,900	636,300	5.5	152,557,000	145,216,000	7,341,000	4.8
	July 2005	11,294,800	10,684,600	610,100	5.4	151,122,000	143,283,000	7,839,000	5.2
Seasonally Adjusted	July 2006	11,467,500	10,867,000	600,600	5.2	151,534,000	144,329,000	7,205,000	4.8
	June 2006	11,442,800	10,863,600	579,200	5.1	151,321,000	144,363,000	6,957,000	4.6
	July 2005	11,229,900	10,642,900	587,000	5.2	149,605,000	142,111,000	7,494,000	5.0

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)

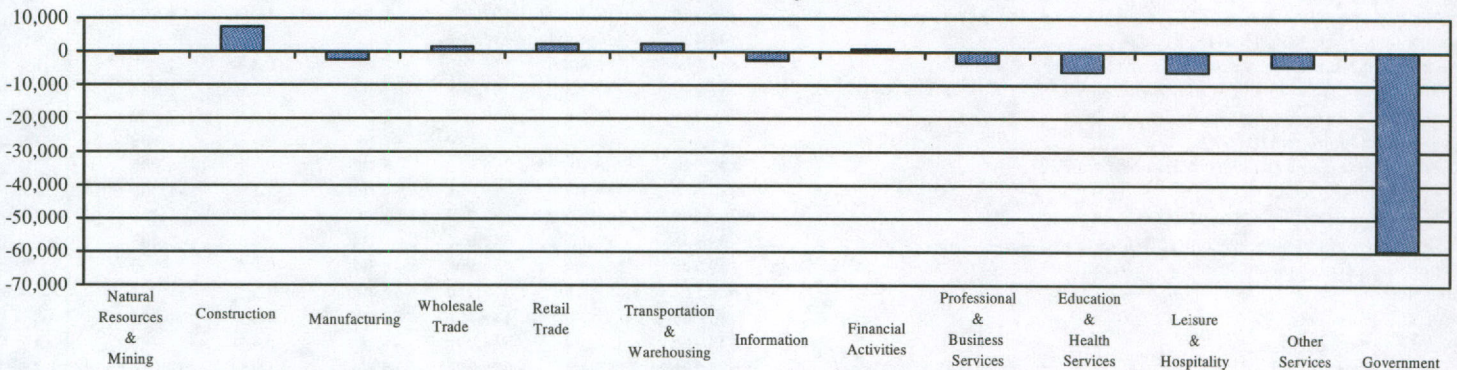
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Annual Growth Rates



	July '06*	June '06	July '05	June '06 to July '06		July '05 to July '06	
				Change	% Change	Change	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	9,921,000	9,990,500	9,684,900	-69,500	-0.7%	236,100	2.4%
TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)	8,304,200	8,314,100	8,087,900	-9,900	-0.1%	216,300	2.7%
GOODS PRODUCING	1,690,900	1,686,100	1,643,800	4,800	0.3%	47,100	2.9%
Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)	174,300	174,900	168,200	-600	-0.3%	6,100	3.6%
Mining (NAICS 21)	171,000	171,600	166,200	-600	-0.3%	4,800	2.9%
Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)	68,500	68,100	67,000	400	0.6%	1,500	2.2%
Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)	98,200	97,000	89,500	1,200	1.2%	8,700	9.7%
Construction (NAICS 23)	611,900	604,300	571,700	7,600	1.3%	40,200	7.0%
Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)	146,800	144,000	134,400	2,800	1.9%	12,400	9.2%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)	111,000	110,500	106,500	500	0.5%	4,500	4.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)	354,100	349,800	330,800	4,300	1.2%	23,300	7.0%
Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)	904,700	906,900	903,900	-2,200	-0.2%	800	0.1%
Durable Goods	577,200	579,600	577,200	-2,400	-0.4%	0	0.0%
Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)	27,300	27,500	27,400	-200	-0.7%	-100	-0.4%
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)	44,400	44,000	43,700	400	0.9%	700	1.6%
Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)	24,200	24,200	24,300	0	0.0%	-100	-0.4%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)	117,900	117,700	114,400	200	0.2%	3,500	3.1%
Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)	83,400	83,400	80,800	0	0.0%	2,600	3.2%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)	106,400	107,700	115,400	-1,300	-1.2%	-9,000	-7.8%
Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)	18,000	18,000	18,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)	90,200	91,400	88,700	-1,200	-1.3%	1,500	1.7%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)	32,300	32,300	31,500	0	0.0%	800	2.5%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)	33,100	33,400	33,000	-300	-0.9%	100	0.3%
Nondurable Goods	327,500	327,300	326,700	200	0.1%	800	0.2%
Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)	90,700	91,300	90,200	-600	-0.7%	500	0.6%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)	11,300	11,100	10,800	200	1.8%	500	4.6%
Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)	20,900	21,100	21,700	-200	-0.9%	-800	-3.7%
Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)	34,800	35,200	36,100	-400	-1.1%	-1,300	-3.6%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324)	23,100	23,200	23,200	-100	-0.4%	-100	-0.4%
Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325)	72,900	72,700	73,600	200	0.3%	-700	-1.0%
Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)	45,500	45,800	46,400	-300	-0.7%	-900	-1.9%

Statewide Over-the-Month Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
June 2006 to July 2006



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	July '06*	June '06	July '05	June '06 to July '06		July '05 to July '06	
				Change	% Change	Change	% Change
SERVICE PROVIDING	8,230,100	8,304,400	8,041,100	-74,300	-0.9%	189,000	2.4%
Private Service Providing	6,613,300	6,628,000	6,444,100	-14,700	-0.2%	169,200	2.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)	2,036,000	2,030,000	1,990,400	6,000	0.3%	45,600	2.3%
Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)	494,500	493,100	478,000	1,400	0.3%	16,500	3.5%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)</i>	282,800	282,600	273,000	200	0.1%	9,800	3.6%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)</i>	154,800	154,500	155,400	300	0.2%	-600	-0.4%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	1,123,600	1,121,400	1,106,200	2,200	0.2%	17,400	1.6%
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)</i>	155,800	155,200	151,900	600	0.4%	3,900	2.6%
<i>Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)</i>	43,800	44,100	41,800	-300	-0.7%	2,000	4.8%
<i>Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)</i>	42,300	42,400	42,600	-100	-0.2%	-300	-0.7%
<i>Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)</i>	91,400	91,900	86,900	-500	-0.5%	4,500	5.2%
<i>Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)</i>	192,700	192,000	189,900	700	0.4%	2,800	1.5%
<i>Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)</i>	59,300	59,700	56,800	-400	-0.7%	2,500	4.4%
<i>Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)</i>	68,200	68,400	69,100	-200	-0.3%	-900	-1.3%
<i>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)</i>	106,800	103,500	103,700	3,300	3.2%	3,100	3.0%
<i>Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)</i>	34,100	34,700	36,100	-600	-1.7%	-2,000	-5.5%
<i>General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)</i>	249,100	249,700	247,300	-600	-0.2%	1,800	0.7%
<i>Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)</i>	59,900	59,800	60,300	100	0.2%	-400	-0.7%
<i>Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)</i>	20,200	20,000	19,800	200	1.0%	400	2.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)	417,900	415,500	406,200	2,400	0.6%	11,700	2.9%
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	371,900	369,500	360,900	2,400	0.6%	11,000	3.0%
<i>Air Transportation (NAICS 481)</i>	60,800	61,000	62,700	-200	-0.3%	-1,900	-3.0%
<i>Rail Transportation (NAICS 482)</i>	18,100	18,100	17,200	0	0.0%	900	5.2%
<i>Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)</i>	112,800	110,700	109,600	2,100	1.9%	3,200	2.9%
<i>Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)</i>	11,600	11,700	12,200	-100	-0.9%	-600	-4.9%
<i>Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)</i>	67,100	67,100	64,500	0	0.0%	2,600	4.0%
<i>Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)</i>	35,600	35,100	37,100	500	1.4%	-1,500	-4.0%
<i>Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)</i>	40,600	39,900	38,200	700	1.8%	2,400	6.3%
Utilities (NAICS 22)	46,000	46,000	45,300	0	0.0%	700	1.5%
Information (NAICS 51)	221,200	223,600	223,800	-2,400	-1.1%	-2,600	-1.2%
<i>Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)</i>	49,600	49,800	49,600	-200	-0.4%	0	0.0%
<i>Telecommunications (NAICS 517)</i>	90,900	91,600	92,100	-700	-0.8%	-1,200	-1.3%
<i>Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518)</i>	35,100	34,800	34,900	300	0.9%	200	0.6%
Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)	631,300	630,600	613,500	700	0.1%	17,800	2.9%
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	453,700	453,300	437,600	400	0.1%	16,100	3.7%
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)</i>	236,700	236,900	228,400	-200	-0.1%	8,300	3.6%
<i>Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)</i>	42,600	42,300	40,700	300	0.7%	1,900	4.7%
<i>Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)</i>	162,500	161,500	158,100	1,000	0.6%	4,400	2.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	177,600	177,300	175,900	300	0.2%	1,700	1.0%
<i>Real Estate (NAICS 531)</i>	116,900	117,200	114,800	-300	-0.3%	2,100	1.8%
<i>Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)</i>	60,800	60,100	59,100	700	1.2%	1,700	2.9%
Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)	1,223,200	1,226,200	1,157,700	-3,000	-0.2%	65,500	5.7%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	518,200	516,900	490,000	1,300	0.3%	28,200	5.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	56,400	56,000	52,800	400	0.7%	3,600	6.8%
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	648,600	653,300	614,900	-4,700	-0.7%	33,700	5.5%
<i>Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)</i>	623,700	628,400	590,800	-4,700	-0.7%	32,900	5.6%
Education and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)	1,201,200	1,207,100	1,174,900	-5,900	-0.5%	26,300	2.2%
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	132,400	135,500	130,900	-3,100	-2.3%	1,500	1.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,068,800	1,071,600	1,044,000	-2,800	-0.3%	24,800	2.4%
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)</i>	472,400	475,300	461,900	-2,900	-0.6%	10,500	2.3%
<i>Hospitals (NAICS 622)</i>	265,900	263,900	261,200	2,000	0.8%	4,700	1.8%
<i>Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)</i>	154,800	155,000	151,700	-200	-0.1%	3,100	2.0%
<i>Social Assistance (NAICS 624)</i>	175,700	177,400	169,200	-1,700	-1.0%	6,500	3.8%
Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)	948,400	954,400	930,100	-6,000	-0.6%	18,300	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	114,700	115,600	113,500	-900	-0.8%	1,200	1.1%
<i>Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)</i>	81,500	82,000	85,500	-500	-0.6%	-4,000	-4.7%
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	833,700	838,800	816,600	-5,100	-0.6%	17,100	2.1%
<i>Accommodation (NAICS 721)</i>	100,800	100,700	99,700	100	0.1%	1,100	1.1%
<i>Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)</i>	732,900	738,100	716,900	-5,200	-0.7%	16,000	2.2%
Other Services (NAICS 81)	352,000	356,100	353,700	-4,100	-1.2%	-1,700	-0.5%
<i>Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)</i>	103,800	105,900	104,200	-2,100	-2.0%	-400	-0.4%
<i>Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)</i>	89,000	89,700	89,600	-700	-0.8%	-600	-0.7%
<i>Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)</i>	159,200	160,500	159,900	-1,300	-0.8%	-700	-0.4%
Government	1,616,800	1,676,400	1,597,000	-59,600	-3.6%	19,800	1.2%
Federal Government	183,300	182,700	181,900	600	0.3%	1,400	0.8%
State Government	335,300	336,600	334,900	-1,300	-0.4%	400	0.1%
Local Government	1,098,200	1,157,100	1,080,200	-58,900	-5.1%	18,000	1.7%

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

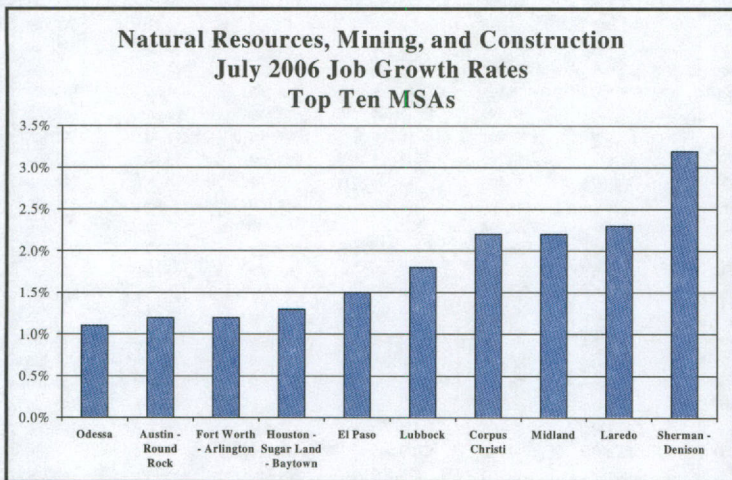
Total Nonagricultural Employment in the MSAs lost 62,300 jobs in July. Eighty-five percent of the total MSA decrease was due to seasonal drops in Government employment, which experienced its smallest July loss since 1998. Not all MSAs lost employment in July. The College Station-Bryan MSA and the Laredo MSA posted employment gains between June and July 2006 with increases of 0.8 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively. The Odessa MSA Total Nonagricultural Employment remained unchanged from month-ago levels. Over the year, Total Nonagricultural Employment in the MSAs added 212,400 jobs for a gain of 2.4 percent. The MSAs with the largest over-the-year percentage gains (job growth rates) were McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Laredo, and Midland, with annual gains of 7.2 percent, 5.5 percent, and 5.1 percent, respectively.

the largest over-the-year July increase in more than a decade. The Odessa, Abilene, Midland, El Paso, and Waco MSAs led this gain with annual job growth rates of 16.7 percent, 15.2 percent, 14.0 percent, 11.3 percent, and 10.9 percent, respectively.

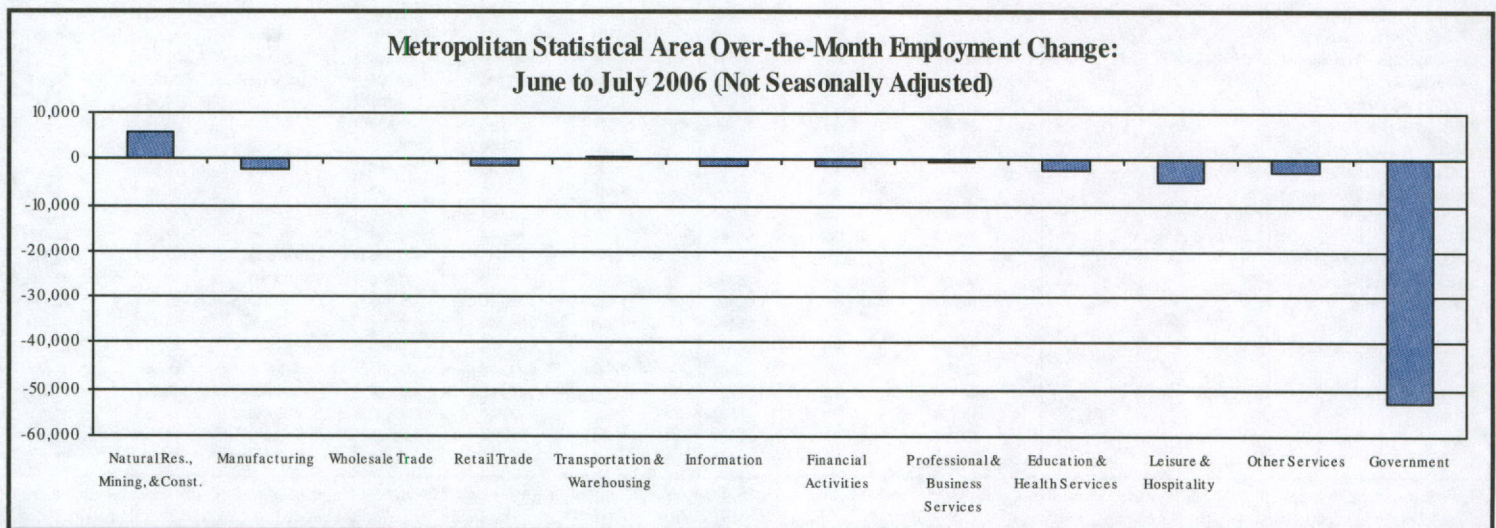
The Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities Group gained 700 jobs across the MSAs in July, continuing a five-month positive trend. The San Angelo MSA added 100 jobs for July, which resulted in a 14.0 percent monthly job growth rate. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission and Longview MSAs also gained 100 positions for July. The rest of the growth came in the larger MSAs. The Austin-Round Rock MSA added 200 jobs, while the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA contributed 700 positions. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA gained 400 new jobs in this industry group. The annual growth rate moved to 2.5 percent and has remained positive for over two years. A total of 8,900 jobs have been added to this group in the past twelve months.

Wholesale Trade employment grew by 200 jobs in July and has not experienced a decline since a seasonal dip in January of this year. The Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA, Midland MSA, and Sherman-Denison MSA all added 100 positions for July. The rest of the job gains were concentrated in the Austin-Round Rock MSA with 400 jobs, and the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA, which added 300 jobs for the month. The annual job growth rate increased to 1.8 percent, and has remained positive for the past 27 months. A total of 7,800 jobs have been added in the past twelve months.

Government employment, as a result of the continued seasonal reduction of staff levels within school districts, lost 52,800 jobs. Two MSAs bucked this trend and posted employment gains for July in the Government sector. MSAs adding jobs were the College Station-Bryan MSA and the Laredo MSA. Over the year, employment in Government increased by 2.2 percent (29,900 jobs) throughout the MSAs. The MSAs with the largest over-the-year additions in Government employment were McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Laredo, Odessa, and Amarillo, with increases of 12.4 percent, 9.8 percent, 5.9 percent, and 5.7 percent, respectively.



The Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction Group added 6,000 jobs in July, the largest July gain since 1998. The MSAs with the highest over-the-month percentage gains were Sherman-Denison (3.2 percent), Laredo (2.3 percent), Corpus Christi (2.2 percent), Midland (2.2 percent), and Lubbock (1.8 percent). Over the year, Natural Resources, Mining, and Construction gained 43,000 jobs. This was



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

	DALLAS-FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			DALLAS-PLANO-IRVING MD**			HOUSTON-SUGAR LAND-BAYTOWN		
	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05
TOTAL NONFARM	2,830,200	2,852,200	2,758,400	2,004,200	2,017,700	1,951,600	2,402,900	2,414,700	2,343,900
GOODS PRODUCING	471,600	471,500	464,600	317,300	317,700	314,700	475,100	471,900	453,900
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	178,200	177,600	168,600	120,400	120,500	114,200	256,400	253,200	239,500
Manufacturing	293,400	293,900	296,000	196,900	197,200	200,500	218,700	218,700	214,400
Durable Goods	203,400	204,100	206,700	135,000	135,600	139,300	136,400	136,100	131,000
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	-	-	-	20,200	20,200	20,500	44,300	44,000	41,800
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	48,000	48,600	51,600	43,000	43,700	46,900	18,500	19,300	19,200
Nondurable Goods	90,000	89,800	89,300	61,900	61,600	61,200	82,300	82,600	83,400
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,358,600	2,380,700	2,293,800	1,686,900	1,700,000	1,636,900	1,927,800	1,942,800	1,890,000
Private Service Providing	2,013,100	2,017,200	1,959,000	1,450,300	1,451,800	1,407,200	1,602,400	1,603,700	1,565,300
Wholesale Trade	164,400	164,900	161,500	125,200	125,800	122,900	125,200	124,900	122,700
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	95,700	95,900	93,500	72,300	72,600	70,500	75,700	75,400	74,500
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	49,100	49,000	49,000	37,300	37,200	37,200	38,300	38,300	37,700
Retail Trade	306,200	306,800	305,300	207,100	207,200	208,000	243,500	243,500	245,300
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	-	-	-	27,300	27,500	26,700	34,400	34,200	33,900
Bldg. Material and Garden Eqpmnt. and Supplies Dlr.	22,900	23,300	22,000	15,400	15,600	14,400	18,500	18,800	18,600
Food and Beverage Stores	49,900	50,300	48,300	34,200	34,300	32,900	46,200	46,500	46,800
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	-	-	-	24,200	23,800	22,100	25,000	24,400	25,100
General Merchandise Stores	69,200	69,000	67,500	48,600	48,300	47,400	58,000	57,500	55,200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	135,000	134,800	133,600	74,700	74,300	73,800	121,200	120,500	115,800
Utilities	-	-	-	5,500	5,500	5,800	14,900	14,900	15,100
Information	90,100	90,900	92,700	73,700	74,300	75,700	34,900	35,200	36,400
Telecommunications	40,400	40,500	41,400	32,900	32,900	33,300	14,200	14,400	14,900
Financial Activities	227,600	227,800	224,000	179,100	179,800	176,200	143,200	142,800	139,600
Finance and Insurance	169,600	170,300	166,500	135,400	136,500	133,000	92,600	92,600	90,600
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	87,500	87,600	85,500	67,400	67,900	66,200	43,400	43,400	42,400
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	-	-	-	48,800	48,700	48,300	33,000	33,100	32,500
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-	-	-	43,700	43,300	43,200	50,600	50,200	49,000
Professional and Business Services	413,800	412,000	387,000	322,200	318,700	297,800	351,500	352,800	335,900
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	170,600	170,400	163,200	138,500	138,500	131,900	161,400	162,400	156,300
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation	222,000	220,400	204,700	167,300	164,400	150,200	174,400	174,600	166,100
Education and Health Services	298,800	299,200	283,700	209,700	209,700	197,100	268,800	269,300	260,600
Health Care and Social Assistance	257,400	256,700	246,300	178,200	177,400	168,800	227,600	228,200	220,600
Ambulatory Health Care Services	-	-	-	84,500	83,900	78,500	97,600	96,700	93,100
Hospitals	66,000	65,200	62,900	43,500	42,700	41,200	64,300	64,100	62,700
Leisure and Hospitality	270,200	272,200	263,400	183,400	185,600	180,700	216,200	216,800	212,900
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-	-	-	23,700	24,500	22,900	28,900	29,100	29,400
Accommodation and Food Services	232,300	233,600	228,600	159,700	161,100	157,800	187,300	187,700	183,500
Food Services and Drinking Places	199,300	201,000	198,800	136,700	137,800	136,100	167,600	168,000	163,500
Other Services	107,000	108,600	107,800	75,200	76,400	75,000	97,900	97,900	96,100
Government	345,500	363,500	334,800	236,600	248,200	229,700	325,400	339,100	324,700
Federal	46,400	46,700	45,400	29,900	30,200	30,000	28,700	28,100	28,100
State	42,500	43,900	41,200	33,100	34,100	31,900	65,900	66,500	65,900
Local	256,600	272,900	248,200	173,600	183,900	167,800	230,800	244,200	230,700
	AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON MD**			SAN ANTONIO		
	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05
TOTAL NONFARM	709,100	714,500	690,600	826,000	834,500	806,800	793,900	800,300	778,900
GOODS PRODUCING	99,600	100,100	98,500	154,300	153,800	149,900	98,100	97,600	94,800
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	43,500	43,000	41,000	57,800	57,100	54,400	51,000	50,600	48,500
Manufacturing	56,100	57,100	57,500	96,500	96,700	95,500	47,100	47,000	46,300
SERVICE PROVIDING	609,500	614,400	592,100	671,700	680,700	656,900	695,800	702,700	684,100
Private Service Providing	460,900	461,700	448,200	562,800	565,400	551,800	557,300	558,900	547,000
Wholesale Trade	37,700	37,300	38,000	39,200	39,100	38,600	26,900	27,000	26,900
Retail Trade	74,200	74,300	72,900	99,100	99,600	97,300	91,200	90,900	91,800
Food and Beverage Stores	14,600	14,600	14,400	15,700	16,000	15,400	14,900	14,900	15,500
General Merchandise Stores	12,300	12,300	12,800	20,600	20,700	20,100	18,200	18,000	18,400
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,900	11,700	11,300	60,300	60,500	59,800	20,900	21,200	20,900
Information	22,300	22,100	21,600	16,400	16,600	17,000	20,400	20,200	20,700
Telecommunications	4,800	4,800	5,000	7,500	7,600	8,100	6,300	6,300	6,700
Financial Activities	41,600	41,900	41,000	48,500	48,000	47,800	63,400	63,600	62,900
Finance and Insurance	29,100	29,400	28,800	34,200	33,800	33,500	48,300	48,500	48,200
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	12,900	13,000	12,500	20,100	19,700	19,300	21,300	21,300	21,100
Professional and Business Services	98,000	98,400	95,000	91,600	93,300	89,200	101,200	102,400	96,300
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	48,100	48,600	46,900	32,100	31,900	31,300	36,400	36,600	36,100
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation Svcs	45,400	45,200	44,000	54,700	56,000	54,500	56,500	57,500	53,600
Education and Health Services	73,400	73,500	70,700	89,100	89,500	86,600	107,800	108,400	104,700
Health Care and Social Assistance	64,600	64,700	62,200	79,200	79,300	77,500	94,500	95,000	92,300
Hospitals	16,300	16,100	15,800	22,500	22,500	21,700	20,400	20,300	20,100
Leisure and Hospitality	73,800	74,500	70,600	86,800	86,600	82,700	97,200	96,900	95,000
Accommodation and Food Services	64,700	65,300	61,700	72,600	72,500	70,800	84,000	83,500	82,000
Other Services	28,000	28,000	27,100	31,800	32,200	32,800	28,300	28,300	27,800
Government	148,600	152,700	143,900	108,900	115,300	105,100	138,500	143,800	137,100
Federal	10,100	10,400	10,000	16,500	16,500	15,400	29,600	29,600	29,400
State	69,700	69,300	68,000	9,400	9,800	9,300	15,900	15,900	15,900
Local	68,800	73,000	65,900	83,000	89,000	80,400	93,000	98,300	91,800

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

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05
TOTAL	64,800	65,500	63,300	110,000	110,200	106,200	153,100	155,400	154,200	119,800	121,200	115,800
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	5,300	5,300	4,600	7,000	7,000	6,700	15,200	15,300	14,400	4,600	4,600	4,400
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,100	12,300	12,400	11,900	18,200	18,100	19,200	7,200	7,200	7,300
Wholesale Trade	2,300	2,300	2,200	5,600	5,600	5,400	4,500	4,400	4,300	3,300	3,300	3,200
Retail Trade	8,100	8,300	8,200	13,800	13,900	13,800	18,500	19,000	19,900	16,400	16,300	15,600
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,400	1,400	1,600	3,600	3,600	3,500	6,600	6,700	6,700	4,100	4,100	4,100
Information	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700	1,200	1,200	1,300
Financial Activities	3,200	3,200	3,200	6,000	6,000	5,900	6,100	6,100	5,600	4,600	4,700	4,800
Prof. & Business Services	4,100	4,200	4,100	9,800	9,700	8,700	12,700	12,800	13,600	8,300	8,300	7,500
Educ. & Health Services	14,100	14,200	13,500	14,900	14,900	14,800	23,800	23,800	23,200	27,900	27,900	26,900
Leisure & Hospitality	6,700	6,800	6,600	11,700	11,600	11,200	13,500	13,900	13,500	12,500	12,800	12,200
Other Services	3,100	3,100	3,100	5,000	5,100	5,000	5,900	6,000	6,000	3,500	3,600	3,400
Government	12,200	12,400	11,900	18,500	18,600	17,500	25,400	26,600	25,100	26,200	27,200	25,100
INDUSTRY	COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN			CORPUS CHRISTI			EL PASO			KILLEEN-TEMPLE-FORT HOOD		
	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05
TOTAL	87,200	86,500	85,800	169,700	171,900	169,400	264,200	264,500	258,700	118,100	119,100	117,100
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	6,300	6,300	6,000	18,500	18,100	17,300	13,800	13,600	12,400	6,000	6,000	6,000
Manufacturing	6,300	6,300	6,300	11,000	11,000	10,600	22,100	22,200	22,800	8,500	8,600	8,500
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,600	1,500	5,400	5,400	5,500	10,500	10,500	10,100	3,700	3,700	3,500
Retail Trade	9,500	9,500	9,400	20,000	20,000	20,000	34,000	33,800	32,300	14,300	14,300	14,100
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,100	1,100	1,100	5,000	5,100	4,900	13,700	13,700	13,200	4,100	4,100	4,100
Information	1,100	1,100	1,100	2,400	2,400	2,500	4,500	4,500	4,800	2,500	2,600	2,500
Financial Activities	3,800	3,800	3,500	7,800	7,900	7,900	12,000	12,000	11,600	6,200	6,200	6,500
Prof. & Business Services	5,300	5,300	5,700	16,400	16,500	15,900	27,000	26,500	26,800	8,500	8,900	8,900
Educ. & Health Services	9,300	9,300	9,100	26,700	26,800	26,600	34,700	34,600	33,300	15,700	15,700	15,700
Leisure & Hospitality	10,000	10,000	9,400	19,600	20,000	21,000	25,600	26,000	26,000	10,900	10,900	10,500
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,700	6,400	6,500	6,700	7,900	8,000	7,900	5,600	5,600	5,500
Government	30,100	29,400	30,000	30,500	32,200	30,500	58,400	59,100	57,500	32,100	32,500	31,300
INDUSTRY	LAREDO			LONGVIEW			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05
TOTAL	85,000	84,800	80,600	91,200	92,000	90,100	125,400	125,700	123,400	200,800	203,600	187,400
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,400	4,300	4,100	11,100	11,000	10,900	5,800	5,700	5,500	10,900	10,900	10,600
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,700	13,600	13,700	13,400	5,200	5,200	5,300	8,300	8,300	8,000
Wholesale Trade	2,600	2,600	2,500	3,800	3,800	3,600	5,300	5,400	5,800	7,100	7,200	6,600
Retail Trade	11,600	11,500	11,500	11,100	11,200	11,000	14,900	15,200	14,900	29,100	28,900	28,000
Trans., Ware., & Util.	12,400	12,500	12,000	2,900	2,800	2,800	3,900	3,900	3,700	6,100	6,000	5,900
Information	600	600	700	1,800	1,900	1,900	6,200	6,200	6,100	3,000	3,100	2,900
Financial Activities	3,700	3,700	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,500	6,600	6,700	6,800	8,500	8,600	8,200
Prof. & Business Services	4,200	4,200	3,900	7,200	7,200	6,700	11,200	10,500	10,300	13,500	13,200	12,700
Educ. & Health Services	12,000	12,100	11,500	14,600	14,700	14,100	18,500	18,600	18,300	45,700	45,400	42,100
Leisure & Hospitality	8,700	8,700	8,000	7,500	7,500	7,600	15,200	15,100	14,600	17,600	17,800	16,700
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,800	3,300	3,300	3,300	5,500	5,500	5,300	4,900	5,000	4,700
Government	21,200	21,000	19,300	10,700	11,300	11,300	27,100	27,700	26,800	46,100	49,200	41,000
INDUSTRY	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05
TOTAL	62,400	62,500	59,400	55,600	55,600	53,000	43,500	44,000	43,400	44,500	44,800	43,500
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	13,800	13,500	12,100	9,100	9,000	7,800	3,300	3,300	3,100	3,200	3,100	2,900
Manufacturing	2,400	2,400	2,400	3,600	3,700	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,700	6,300	6,300	6,300
Wholesale Trade	2,800	2,700	2,600	4,300	4,300	4,200	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,100	1,000	1,000
Retail Trade	7,400	7,500	7,200	6,600	6,600	6,700	5,300	5,200	5,300	6,200	6,200	6,200
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,600	800	700	800	1,100	1,200	1,200
Information	1,700	1,700	1,800	700	700	700	1,900	2,000	1,900	600	600	600
Financial Activities	3,100	3,300	3,200	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,800	2,800	2,700
Prof. & Business Services	6,900	7,000	6,500	4,100	4,100	3,700	3,800	3,900	3,700	2,800	2,800	2,700
Educ. & Health Services	6,300	6,300	6,100	5,500	5,500	5,400	7,100	7,200	7,200	8,100	8,200	8,100
Leisure & Hospitality	6,400	6,400	6,100	5,800	5,800	5,600	4,300	4,400	4,100	4,600	4,600	4,300
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,900	2,900	2,900	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,600
Government	7,800	7,900	7,700	9,000	9,000	8,500	8,300	8,600	8,400	6,000	6,300	5,900
INDUSTRY	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05	July '06*	June '06	July '05
TOTAL	55,000	55,800	54,000	91,300	92,100	89,700	49,600	50,000	48,600	106,200	106,900	102,900
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	2,600	2,600	2,400	5,300	5,300	5,000	6,900	6,900	6,300	6,100	6,100	5,500
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,600	9,700	9,700	9,500	5,600	5,700	5,600	15,800	15,800	15,800
Wholesale Trade	2,600	2,600	2,400	3,900	3,900	3,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	4,200	4,200	4,000
Retail Trade	7,000	7,100	7,100	12,500	12,400	12,200	6,600	6,600	6,600	10,500	10,600	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	2,100	2,100	2,100	600	600	600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Financial Activities	2,600	2,600	2,500	3,900	4,000	4,200	2,100	2,100	2,100	6,400	6,400	6,200
Prof. & Business Services	3,400	3,400	3,300	7,800	7,700	7,400	3,700	3,700	3,500	7,300	7,300	7,600
Educ. & Health Services	9,000	9,100	9,000	18,500	18,600	18,000	6,800	6,800	6,600	19,200	19,200	17,200
Leisure & Hospitality	5,400	5,400	5,200	9,000	9,000	9,000	4,200	4,200	4,300	10,500	10,500	9,500
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,200	4,000	4,100	4,100	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,200	4,300	4,100
Government	11,700	12,300	11,400	11,500	12,200	11,400	8,200	8,500	8,200	17,100	17,600	17,100
INDUSTRY	WICHITA FALLS											
	July '06*	June '06	July '05									
TOTAL	62,300	63,000	61,400									
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	3,900	3,900	3,600									
Manufacturing	7,700	7,800	7,700									
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,800									
Retail Trade	7,900	8,100	7,600									
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500									
Information	1,500	1,500	1,500									
Financial Activities	2,200	2,200	2,300									
Prof. & Business Services	3,300	3,300	3,200									
Educ. & Health Services	10,300	10,300	10,000									
Leisure & Hospitality	5,600	5,700	5,900									
Other Services	3,200	3,300	3,200									
Government	13,300	13,500	13,100									

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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.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate remained unchanged for a second straight month, holding at 5.5 percent in July. The last time the rate remained constant over the month was August to September 2005 and, prior to that, January to February 2005. The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points since July of last year. The United States' jobless rate increased over the month by 0.2 percentage points to 5.0 percent, a slightly higher than normal movement for the unemployment rate during the month of July.

The number of Texas jobholders increased over the month, a mark up of 39,100 employed. The rise brought the state employment total to 10,945,000. This month's employment gain is below the historical average increase of 48,600 that is normally observed between June and July. Since last July, the number of Texas jobholders rose by 260,400. This is the highest July over-the-year employment gain since 1984.

The number of Texans seeking employment in July decreased by 1,800 to total 634,500 job seekers. Unemployment normally declines during the month of July. This month's decrease is less than the historical average decrease of 24,400 job seekers occurring between June and July.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits in Texas rose by 5,600 to total 91,600 claims in July. Twenty-one Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) observed claims count increases over the month. The Longview MSA recorded the largest increase with 36.5 percent more claims, while the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA registered the smallest increase, a 0.3 percent rise in claims for unemployment benefits. The Abilene MSA realized an 8.2 percent drop in claims for the month of July.

Twenty-three of the state's twenty-five MSAs recorded either the same or a decrease in their unemployment rate from June to July 2006. The Midland MSA continues to have the lowest MSA unemployment rate in Texas, at 4.0 percent, a position they have held for 19 consecutive months.

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

1	Midland	4.0
2	Amarillo	4.3
3	Austin-Round Rock	4.4
4	College Station-Bryan	4.5
5 (tie)	Abilene	4.7
	Odessa	4.7
7 (tie)	Lubbock	4.8
	Tyler	4.8
9	Victoria	4.9
	United States	5.0
10 (tie)	San Angelo	5.0
11	Wichita	5.0
12 (tie)	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	5.3
	San Antonio	5.3
	Sherman-Denison	5.3
15	Waco	5.4
	Texas	5.5
16	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	5.5
17	Longview	5.6
18	Texarkana	5.8
19	Corpus Christi	5.9
20	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	6.0
21	Laredo	6.1
22	Beaumont-Port Arthur	7.0
23	Brownsville-Harlingen	7.3
24	El Paso	7.5
25	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7.8

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

	July 2006				June 2006				July 2005			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	153,208.0	145,606.0	7,602.0	5.0	152,557.0	145,216.0	7,341.0	4.8	151,122.0	143,283.0	7,839.0	5.2
State of Texas	11,579.5	10,945.0	634.5	5.5	11,542.2	10,905.9	636.3	5.5	11,294.7	10,684.6	610.1	5.4
Abilene	84.4	80.4	4.0	4.7	83.9	79.8	4.1	4.9	81.4	77.8	3.6	4.4
Amarillo	133.7	128.0	5.7	4.3	132.3	126.6	5.7	4.3	128.5	123.2	5.3	4.1
Austin-Round Rock	837.3	800.3	37.0	4.4	834.2	797.3	36.9	4.4	811.7	776.1	35.6	4.4
Beaumont-Port Arthur	177.1	164.6	12.5	7.0	176.5	164.0	12.5	7.1	179.0	165.8	13.2	7.4
Brownsville-Harlingen	147.3	136.6	10.7	7.3	146.8	135.8	11.0	7.5	142.7	131.8	10.9	7.6
College Station-Bryan	103.4	98.8	4.6	4.5	101.9	97.2	4.7	4.6	101.2	97.0	4.2	4.1
Corpus Christi	201.1	189.3	11.8	5.9	201.9	190.0	11.9	5.9	200.9	188.8	12.1	6.0
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,137.9	2,972.5	165.4	5.3	3,127.7	2,962.8	164.9	5.3	3,045.6	2,887.9	157.7	5.2
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,109.7	1,998.7	111.0	5.3	2,098.3	1,987.2	111.1	5.3	2,044.0	1,937.9	106.1	5.2
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,028.3	973.8	54.5	5.3	1,029.3	975.6	53.7	5.2	1,001.6	950.0	51.6	5.2
El Paso	300.3	277.7	22.6	7.5	298.9	276.2	22.7	7.6	292.9	271.7	21.2	7.2
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,703.1	2,554.4	148.7	5.5	2,693.6	2,544.0	149.6	5.6	2,634.3	2,490.5	143.8	5.5
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	156.8	147.4	9.4	6.0	156.5	147.1	9.4	6.0	153.3	145.2	8.1	5.3
Laredo	91.5	85.9	5.6	6.1	90.8	85.0	5.8	6.4	87.0	81.6	5.4	6.3
Longview	106.3	100.4	5.9	5.6	105.9	100.4	5.5	5.2	104.7	99.2	5.5	5.3
Lubbock	144.5	137.5	7.0	4.8	142.7	135.8	6.9	4.9	141.4	135.0	6.4	4.5
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	273.4	252.1	21.3	7.8	274.3	252.9	21.4	7.8	257.4	236.7	20.7	8.0
Midland	71.7	68.8	2.9	4.0	70.6	67.7	2.9	4.1	67.6	65.0	2.6	3.9
Odessa	65.8	62.7	3.1	4.7	65.5	62.3	3.2	4.8	62.8	59.7	3.1	4.9
San Angelo	54.6	51.9	2.7	5.0	54.5	51.8	2.7	5.0	53.7	51.3	2.4	4.5
San Antonio	926.5	877.8	48.7	5.3	925.1	876.1	49.0	5.3	907.2	860.9	46.3	5.1
Sherman-Denison	58.4	55.3	3.1	5.3	58.6	55.5	3.1	5.3	57.2	54.2	3.0	5.3
Texarkana	64.1	60.4	3.7	5.8	64.8	61.2	3.6	5.6	62.8	59.5	3.3	5.3
Tyler	98.5	93.7	4.8	4.8	98.1	93.3	4.8	4.9	97.7	92.3	5.4	5.5
Victoria	59.3	56.4	2.9	4.9	59.1	56.1	3.0	5.1	58.1	55.2	2.9	5.0
Waco	115.6	109.4	6.2	5.4	115.8	109.6	6.2	5.4	112.1	106.2	5.9	5.3
Wichita Falls	78.1	74.2	3.9	5.0	77.7	73.8	3.9	5.0	76.2	72.5	3.7	4.8

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 - July 2006

County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	20,673	19,278	1,395	6.7	Gillespie	14,056	13,631	425	3.0	Moore	10,555	10,085	470	4.5
Andrews	6,689	6,383	306	4.6	Glasscock	698	659	39	5.6	Morris	6,456	6,026	430	6.7
Angelina	39,546	37,384	2,162	5.5	Goliad	3,539	3,381	158	4.5	Motley	789	759	30	3.8
Aransas	10,929	10,383	546	5.0	Gonzales	10,079	9,614	465	4.6	Nacogdoches	31,883	30,151	1,732	5.4
Archer	5,585	5,389	196	3.5	Gray	11,413	10,907	506	4.4	Navarro	22,254	20,908	1,346	6.0
Armstrong	1,193	1,144	49	4.1	Grayson	58,401	55,317	3,084	5.3	Newton	5,718	5,217	501	8.8
Atascosa	19,820	18,735	1,085	5.5	Gregg	63,237	59,649	3,588	5.7	Nolan	7,749	7,350	399	5.1
Austin	13,432	12,784	648	4.8	Grimes	10,634	9,971	663	6.2	Nueces	160,381	151,028	9,353	5.8
Bailey	3,544	3,336	208	5.9	Guadalupe	52,701	50,210	2,491	4.7	Ochiltree	5,394	5,201	193	3.6
Bandera	10,059	9,604	455	4.5	Hale	17,653	16,518	1,135	6.4	Oldham	1,087	1,030	57	5.2
Bastrop	35,524	33,855	1,669	4.7	Hall	1,667	1,570	97	5.8	Orange	40,631	37,775	2,856	7.0
Baylor	1,897	1,799	98	5.2	Hamilton	3,935	3,746	189	4.8	Palo Pinto	14,906	14,173	733	4.9
Bee	11,093	10,223	870	7.8	Hansford	2,584	2,472	112	4.3	Panola	12,229	11,590	639	5.2
Bell	118,789	111,951	6,838	5.8	Hardeman	2,396	2,268	128	5.3	Parker	52,250	49,600	2,650	5.1
Bexar	742,166	702,096	40,070	5.4	Hardin	24,439	22,893	1,546	6.3	Parmer	4,854	4,632	222	4.6
Blanco	4,992	4,799	193	3.9	Harris	1,905,848	1,798,412	107,436	5.6	Pecos	7,019	6,612	407	5.8
Borden	530	508	22	4.2	Harrison	31,765	29,759	2,006	6.3	Polk	17,075	16,009	1,066	6.2
Bosque	8,920	8,466	454	5.1	Hartley	2,391	2,271	120	5.0	Potter	59,706	56,754	2,952	4.9
Bowie	43,685	40,995	2,690	6.2	Haskell	3,412	3,272	140	4.1	Presidio	3,326	2,880	446	13.4
Brazoria	137,496	129,846	7,650	5.6	Hays	69,264	66,308	2,956	4.3	Rains	5,144	4,899	245	4.8
Brazos	87,180	83,374	3,806	4.4	Hemphill	2,655	2,581	74	2.8	Randall	69,155	66,595	2,560	3.7
Brewster	5,302	5,101	201	3.8	Henderson	35,475	33,536	1,939	5.5	Reagan	2,385	2,305	80	3.4
Briscoe	807	768	39	4.8	Hidalgo	273,423	252,140	21,283	7.8	Real	1,420	1,338	82	5.8
Brooks	3,206	2,938	268	8.4	Hill	15,824	14,908	916	5.8	Red River	6,504	6,108	396	6.1
Brown	19,188	18,232	956	5.0	Hockley	11,144	10,576	568	5.1	Reeves	4,365	4,026	339	7.8
Burleson	8,584	8,204	380	4.4	Hood	23,014	21,854	1,160	5.0	Refugio	4,010	3,802	208	5.2
Burnet	21,276	20,403	873	4.1	Hopkins	18,264	17,425	839	4.6	Roberts	610	593	17	2.8
Caldwell	17,272	16,318	954	5.5	Houston	8,649	8,078	571	6.6	Robertson	7,612	7,187	425	5.6
Calhoun	9,760	9,184	576	5.9	Howard	13,286	12,444	842	6.3	Rockwall	32,069	30,694	1,375	4.3
Callahan	7,230	6,915	315	4.4	Hudspeth	1,466	1,357	109	7.4	Runnels	4,805	4,412	393	8.2
Cameron	147,301	136,571	10,730	7.3	Hunt	41,133	38,775	2,358	5.7	Rusk	23,798	22,429	1,369	5.8
Camp	5,420	5,099	321	5.9	Hutchinson	9,922	9,274	648	6.5	Sabine	3,490	3,175	315	9.0
Carson	3,671	3,510	161	4.4	Irion	975	937	38	3.9	San Augustine	3,850	3,590	260	6.8
Cass	13,599	12,689	910	6.7	Jack	4,219	4,021	198	4.7	San Jacinto	10,755	10,049	706	6.6
Castro	3,556	3,349	207	5.8	Jackson	6,803	6,431	372	5.5	San Patricio	29,713	27,852	1,861	6.3
Chambers	14,660	13,814	846	5.8	Jasper	15,434	14,295	1,139	7.4	San Saba	2,664	2,529	135	5.1
Cherokee	21,184	19,948	1,236	5.8	Jeff Davis	1,197	1,145	52	4.3	Schleicher	1,426	1,359	67	4.7
Childress	3,282	3,099	183	5.6	Jefferson	112,030	103,965	8,065	7.2	Scurry	7,193	6,762	431	6.0
Clay	6,713	6,418	295	4.4	Jim Hogg	2,742	2,580	162	5.9	Shackelford	2,044	1,973	71	3.5
Cochran	1,647	1,522	125	7.6	Jim Wells	20,517	19,359	1,158	5.6	Shelby	11,900	11,192	708	5.9
Coke	1,403	1,321	82	5.8	Johnson	74,562	70,742	3,820	5.1	Sherman	1,470	1,393	77	5.2
Coleman	4,465	4,237	228	5.1	Jones	8,446	7,935	511	6.1	Smith	98,440	93,670	4,770	4.8
Collin	374,444	358,550	15,894	4.2	Karnes	5,683	5,250	433	7.6	Somervell	3,808	3,619	189	5.0
Collingsworth	1,723	1,637	86	5.0	Kaufman	44,157	41,847	2,310	5.2	Starr	21,700	19,166	2,534	11.7
Colorado	11,160	10,614	546	4.9	Kendall	14,312	13,727	585	4.1	Stephens	4,329	4,119	210	4.9
Comal	49,050	46,946	2,104	4.3	Kenedy	253	244	9	3.6	Sterling	1,076	1,037	39	3.6
Comanche	6,640	6,289	351	5.3	Kent	507	488	19	3.7	Stonewall	1,048	1,008	40	3.8
Concho	1,499	1,407	92	6.1	Kerr	24,749	23,800	949	3.8	Sutton	3,109	3,006	103	3.3
Cooke	20,887	20,005	882	4.2	Kimble	2,437	2,343	94	3.9	Swisher	3,983	3,781	202	5.1
Coryell	26,913	24,894	2,019	7.5	King	171	162	9	5.3	Tarrant	872,975	826,347	46,628	5.3
Cottle	876	825	51	5.8	Kinney	1,489	1,410	79	5.3	Taylor	68,651	65,505	3,146	4.6
Crane	1,612	1,520	92	5.7	Kleberg	17,230	16,305	925	5.4	Terrell	390	366	24	6.2
Crockett	2,219	2,127	92	4.1	Knox	1,853	1,755	98	5.3	Terry	6,141	5,778	363	5.9
Crosby	3,017	2,825	192	6.4	Lamar	23,646	22,195	1,451	6.1	Throckmorton	1,034	994	40	3.9
Culberson	1,721	1,651	70	4.1	Lamb	7,775	7,366	409	5.3	Titus	15,322	14,559	763	5.0
Dallam	3,239	3,106	133	4.1	Lampasas	11,063	10,565	498	4.5	Tom Green	53,656	50,956	2,700	5.0
Dallas	1,224,225	1,153,147	71,078	5.8	La Salle	2,952	2,780	172	5.8	Travis	531,291	507,342	23,949	4.5
Dawson	5,476	5,034	442	8.1	Lavaca	11,155	10,730	425	3.8	Trinity	6,005	5,632	373	6.2
Deaf Smith	8,990	8,542	448	5.0	Lee	9,090	8,688	402	4.4	Tyler	8,499	7,891	608	7.2
Delta	2,624	2,462	162	6.2	Leon	7,666	7,230	436	5.7	Upshur	19,320	18,339	981	5.1
Denton	322,276	308,163	14,113	4.4	Liberty	32,955	30,766	2,189	6.6	Upton	1,830	1,747	83	4.5
DeWitt	9,667	9,193	474	4.9	Limestone	10,737	10,170	567	5.3	Uvalde	12,209	11,405	804	6.6
Dickens	1,108	1,047	61	5.5	Lipscomb	1,739	1,669	70	4.0	Val Verde	21,088	19,189	1,899	9.0
Dimmit	3,777	3,416	361	9.6	Live Oak	5,341	5,047	294	5.5	Van Zandt	26,540	25,289	1,251	4.7
Donley	1,901	1,810	91	4.8	Llano	8,672	8,287	385	4.4	Victoria	46,068	43,867	2,201	4.8
Duval	5,367	4,994	373	6.9	Loving	37	33	4	10.8	Walker	25,830	24,316	1,514	5.9
Eastland	8,604	8,136	468	5.4	Lubbock	141,436	134,676	6,760	4.8	Waller	16,890	15,824	1,066	6.3
Ector	65,848	62,727	3,121	4.7	Lynn	2,945	2,750	195	6.6	Ward	4,650	4,357	293	6.3
Edwards	1,063	1,009	54	5.1	McCulloch	3,936	3,732	204	5.2	Washington	16,641	15,892	749	4.5
Ellis	68,715	65,053	3,662	5.3	McLennan	115,613	109,418	6,195	5.4	Webb	91,415	85,865	5,550	6.1
El Paso	300,329	277,717	22,612	7.5	McMullen	387	365	22	5.7	Wharton	21,774	20,559	1,215	5.6
Erath	18,173	17,367	806	4.4	Madison	5,075	4,766	309	6.1	Wheeler	2,662	2,543	119	4.5
Falls	7,511	6,979	532	7.1	Marion	5,291	4,961	330	6.2	Wichita	65,745	62,345	3,400	5.2
Fannin	14,466	13,571	895	6.2	Martin	2,245	2,130	115	5.1	Wilbarger	7,695	7,341	354	4.6
Fayette	12,495	12,019	476	3.8	Mason	2,620	2,534	86	3.3	Willacy	7,939	7,111	828	10.4
Fisher	2,063	1,972	91	4.4	Matagorda	16,955	15,508	1,447	8.5	Williamson	183,963	176,462	7,501	4.1
Floyd	3,489	3,259	230	6.6	Maverick	19,259	17,031	2,228	11.6	Wilson	18,271	17,352	919	5.0
Foard	688	649	39	5.7	Medina	20,092	19,101	991	4.9	Winkler	3,078	2,916	162	5.3
Fort Bend	236,328	225,252	11,076	4.7	Menard	1,151	1,099	52	4.5	Wise	28,532	27,138	1,394	4.9
Franklin	5,356	5,109	247	4.6	Midland	71,621	68,757	2,864	4.0	Wood	17,993	17,035	958	5.3
Freestone	10,353	9,898	455	4.4	Milam	12,768	12,103	665	5.2	Yoakum	3,523	3,348	175	5.0
Frio	6,734	6,272	462	6.9	Mills	2,740	2,621	119	4.3	Young	9,772	9,330	442	4.5
Gaines	6,957	6,588	369	5.3	Mitchell	3,417	3,191	226	6.6	Zapata	5,208	4,859	349	6.7
Galveston	143,139	134,688	8,451	5.9	Montague	10,289	9,830	459	4.5	Zavala	3,901	3,336	565	14.5
Garza	2,545	2,429	116	4.6	Montgomery	191,532	182,940	8,592	4.5	Texas	11,579,494	10,944,998	634,496	5.5

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City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate	City	CLF	Emp.	Unemp	Rate
Abilene	59,503	56,628	2,875	4.8	Friendswood	18,240	17,418	822	4.5	New Braunfels	23,865	22,927	938	3.9
Allen	38,041	36,710	1,331	3.5	Frisco	36,784	35,561	1,223	3.3	North Richland Hills	36,164	34,461	1,703	4.7
Amarillo	102,815	98,462	4,353	4.2	Galveston	28,032	26,209	1,823	6.5	Odessa	49,371	47,011	2,360	4.8
Arlington	210,193	199,471	10,722	5.1	Garland	119,263	112,556	6,707	5.6	Paris	11,966	11,175	791	6.6
Austin	420,138	401,465	18,673	4.4	Georgetown	18,522	17,692	830	4.5	Pasadena	69,143	64,572	4,571	6.6
Baytown	32,713	30,172	2,541	7.8	Grand Prairie	75,053	70,837	4,216	5.6	Pearland	30,362	29,186	1,176	3.9
Beaumont	53,454	49,848	3,606	6.7	Grapevine	29,218	28,011	1,207	4.1	Pflugerville	15,929	15,391	538	3.4
Bedford	32,043	30,576	1,467	4.6	Greenville	12,250	11,587	663	5.4	Pharr	22,771	21,375	1,396	6.1
Big Spring	9,151	8,518	633	6.9	Haltom City	22,315	21,029	1,286	5.8	Plano	147,437	140,792	6,645	4.5
Brownsville	61,871	57,443	4,428	7.2	Harlingen	25,641	23,953	1,688	6.6	Port Arthur	22,595	20,571	2,024	9.0
Bryan	36,529	34,893	1,636	4.5	Houston	1,019,681	959,343	60,338	5.9	Richardson	59,216	56,473	2,743	4.6
Burleson	15,673	15,025	648	4.1	Huntsville	14,548	13,690	858	5.9	Rockwall	15,355	14,796	559	3.6
Carrollton	73,002	69,750	3,252	4.5	Hurst	21,777	20,723	1,054	4.8	Rosenberg	14,684	13,976	708	4.8
Cedar Hill	23,451	22,191	1,260	5.4	Irving	117,418	111,586	5,832	5.0	Round Rock	47,976	46,185	1,791	3.7
Cedar Park	26,469	25,734	735	2.8	Keller	19,398	18,622	776	4.0	Rowlett	30,101	28,717	1,384	4.6
Cleburne	14,029	13,302	727	5.2	Killeen	42,020	39,299	2,721	6.5	San Angelo	45,128	42,840	2,288	5.1
College Station	39,880	38,180	1,700	4.3	Kingsville	13,787	13,066	721	5.2	San Antonio	611,971	579,895	32,076	5.2
Conroe	22,250	21,305	945	4.2	Lake Jackson	14,274	13,525	749	5.2	San Juan	11,944	11,019	925	7.7
Coppell	22,354	21,454	900	4.0	Lancaster	15,698	14,647	1,051	6.7	San Marcos	26,398	25,389	1,009	3.8
Copperas Cove	13,762	12,958	804	5.8	La Porte	18,876	17,788	1,088	5.8	Sherman	17,787	16,816	971	5.5
Corpus Christi	143,934	135,758	8,176	5.7	Laredo	86,100	81,186	4,914	5.7	Socorro	10,676	9,635	1,041	9.8
Corsicana	11,318	10,591	727	6.4	League City	33,578	32,219	1,359	4.0	Sugar Land	40,604	38,939	1,665	4.1
Dallas	626,175	588,625	37,550	6.0	Lewisville	57,715	55,238	2,477	4.3	Temple	29,631	28,200	1,431	4.8
Deer Park	16,506	15,586	920	5.6	Longview	40,620	38,200	2,420	6.0	Texarkana	16,664	15,595	1,069	6.4
Del Rio	16,516	15,083	1,433	8.7	Lubbock	117,801	112,299	5,502	4.7	Texas City	21,091	19,479	1,612	7.6
Denton	58,005	55,516	2,489	4.3	Lufkin	16,196	15,301	895	5.5	The Colony	21,713	20,831	882	4.1
DeSoto	25,127	23,649	1,478	5.9	McAllen	58,992	55,737	3,255	5.5	Tyler	47,464	45,208	2,256	4.8
Duncanville	19,757	18,561	1,196	6.1	McKinney	47,566	45,578	1,988	4.2	Victoria	33,130	31,584	1,546	4.7
Edinburg	27,325	25,667	1,658	6.1	Mansfield	19,862	19,003	859	4.3	Waco	56,363	52,931	3,432	6.1
El Paso	257,587	239,506	18,081	7.0	Mesquite	74,656	70,643	4,013	5.4	Weslaco	13,152	12,083	1,069	8.1
Eules	32,132	30,702	1,430	4.5	Midland	58,712	56,343	2,369	4.0	Wichita Falls	49,867	47,172	2,695	5.4
Farmers Branch	15,486	14,676	810	5.2	Mission	24,327	22,864	1,463	6.0	Wylie	14,583	14,045	538	3.7
Flower Mound	35,813	34,382	1,431	4.0	Missouri City	38,496	36,709	1,787	4.6					
Fort Worth	302,067	285,106	16,961	5.6	Nacogdoches	16,581	15,590	991	6.0					

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates for WDAs July 2006				
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Alamo	977,693	926,724	50,969	5.2
Brazos Valley	143,392	136,624	6,768	4.7
Cameron County	147,301	136,571	10,730	7.3
Capital Area	531,291	507,342	23,949	4.5
Central Texas	178,872	168,409	10,463	5.8
Coastal Bend	268,427	252,540	15,887	5.9
Concho Valley	77,892	74,163	3,729	4.8
Dallas	1,224,225	1,153,147	71,078	5.8
Deep East Texas	162,804	152,663	10,141	6.2
East Texas	386,509	365,481	21,028	5.4
Golden Crescent	97,071	92,400	4,671	4.8
Gulf Coast	2,767,999	2,615,323	152,676	5.5
Heart Of Texas	168,958	159,839	9,119	5.4
Lower Rio Grande Valley	303,062	278,417	24,645	8.1
Middle Rio Grande	67,158	60,914	6,244	9.3
North Central Texas	1,120,293	1,068,483	51,810	4.6
North East Texas	135,456	127,568	7,888	5.8
North Texas	115,875	110,215	5,660	4.9
Panhandle	220,209	210,316	9,893	4.5
Permian Basin	196,331	186,807	9,524	4.9
Rural Capital	362,548	347,139	15,409	4.3
South East Texas	177,100	164,633	12,467	7.0
South Plains	206,927	196,351	10,576	5.1
South Texas	99,365	93,304	6,061	6.1
Tarrant County	872,975	826,347	46,628	5.3
Texoma	93,754	88,893	4,861	5.2
Upper Rio Grande	313,341	289,851	23,490	7.5
West Central Texas	162,678	154,545	8,133	5.0

Hours and Earnings for Texas and Selected Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas & Metro Divisions									
Area	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jul '06	Jun '06	Jul '05	Jul '06	Jun '06	Jul '05	Jul '06	Jun '06	Jul '05
Texas									
Manufacturing	\$550.20	\$559.60	\$553.34	39.3	40.0	39.3	\$13.99	\$14.00	\$14.08
Durable Goods	\$554.06	\$564.51	\$554.88	40.8	41.6	40.8	\$13.57	\$13.58	\$13.60
Nondurable Goods	\$543.91	\$551.63	\$552.04	36.9	37.5	37.0	\$14.71	\$14.74	\$14.92
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington MSA									
Manufacturing	\$610.87	\$618.93	\$604.23	39.9	40.4	39.7	\$15.32	\$15.31	\$15.22
Durable Goods	\$651.08	\$666.65	\$658.53	39.7	40.6	40.5	\$16.42	\$16.40	\$16.26
Nondurable Goods	\$534.26	\$528.28	\$503.48	40.2	39.9	38.2	\$13.24	\$13.29	\$13.18
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA									
Manufacturing	\$700.45	\$691.60	\$698.52	40.7	40.0	40.4	\$17.29	\$17.21	\$17.29
Durable Goods	\$614.88	\$601.64	\$601.96	41.8	40.9	41.4	\$14.71	\$14.71	\$14.54
Nondurable Goods	\$839.46	\$833.14	\$844.52	38.9	38.5	38.9	\$21.64	\$21.58	\$21.71
San Antonio MSA									
Manufacturing	\$456.40	\$471.55	\$423.62	40.0	41.4	38.9	\$11.39	\$11.41	\$10.89
Durable Goods	\$501.27	\$510.86	\$474.05	43.4	44.5	42.9	\$11.48	\$11.55	\$11.05
Nondurable Goods	\$393.18	\$417.00	\$364.23	35.2	37.1	34.2	\$11.24	\$11.17	\$10.65
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD*									
Manufacturing	\$531.74	\$528.69	\$526.05	38.2	38.2	37.9	\$13.84	\$13.92	\$13.88
Durable Goods	\$524.81	\$527.80	\$539.60	37.3	37.7	38.0	\$14.00	\$14.07	\$14.20
Nondurable Goods	\$543.89	\$528.65	\$504.05	39.7	38.9	37.7	\$13.59	\$13.70	\$13.37
Ft. Worth-Arlington MD*									
Manufacturing	\$751.61	\$781.88	\$761.67	42.9	44.4	43.4	\$17.61	\$17.52	\$17.55
Durable Goods	\$850.86	\$886.37	\$868.05	43.5	45.2	45.0	\$19.61	\$19.56	\$19.29
Nondurable Goods	\$511.70	\$529.58	\$503.32	41.4	42.4	39.6	\$12.49	\$12.36	\$12.71

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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”

\$1 Billion Contract Awarded for LNG Terminal

BEAUMONT, TX (Beaumont Enterprise)—Construction of the \$1 billion Gold Pass liquefied natural gas terminal near Sabine Pass is among myriad indicators of the region's rebirth as a petrochemical superpower, according to Southeast Texas leaders. “We're almost getting into a second Spindletop,” declared Kathleen Jackson, a Golden Pass LNG spokeswoman.

The plant is expected to permanently employ up to 75 people, said Tom Burger, Golden Pass LNG vice president. Construction is expected to create some 1,000 temporary jobs. The Golden Pass project will take about three years to complete, opening in 2009, and be able to process 2 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day, according to Burger.

Sysco Plans New Distribution Center

LONGVIEW, TX (Longview News)—Food supplier Sysco plans to open a distribution center in 2008 in Gregg County that will serve customers in East Texas and parts of Louisiana and Arkansas. The facility is expected to bring hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars of investment to the region.

“We're really looking forward to getting a facility out here” in East Texas that will be closer to Sysco's customers, said Ted Murray, senior vice president of Sysco Food Service of Dallas. The facility will be located on land south of Interstate 20 and just outside the Longview city limits.

Budget Adding 60 Jobs

WICHITA FALLS, TX (Wichita Times Record)—Budget Truck and Avis Car rental services is planning to hire at least 60 new employees by the end of the year, says Rob Hortwood, Wichita Falls site director with the company. In 2006, Budget has added 159 new employees, Hortwood said, making for “a pretty good year for Wichita Falls” and the call center in general. The current staff stands at about 330 strong, he said.

“Having Budget return to the 300 employment level is an outstanding accomplishment for them and a testament to the quality of our local workforce,” said local Bureau of Commerce and Industry President Tim Chase.

Manufacturing Firm Relocates to Elgin

ELGIN, TX (Austin Business Journal—A. J. Mistretta)—Accurate Elastomer Products (AEP) Inc. is relocating from San Diego, California to Elgin, about 20 miles east of Austin. AEP will hire at least 50 employees for its company, which manufactures small rubber components for everything from cars to dishwashers. Elgin beat out other Texas cities including San Antonio, El Paso and McAllen. The company will occupy a 41,000-square-foot building on U.S. Hwy 290 in the Elgin Business Park.

INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
JULY	2006	5.5%	JULY	2006	5.2%
JUNE	2006	5.5%	JUNE	2006	5.1%
JULY	2005	5.4%	JULY	2005	5.2%

U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
JULY	2006	5.0%	JULY	2006	4.8%
JUNE	2006	4.8%	JUNE	2006	4.6%
JULY	2005	5.2%	JULY	2005	5.0%

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
JULY	2006	9,921,000	JULY	2006	9,975,800
JUNE	2006	9,990,500	JUNE	2006	9,960,100
JULY	2005	9,684,900	JULY	2005	9,745,500
OTM Change		-69,500	OTM Change		15,700
OTY Change		236,100	OTY Change		230,300

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
JULY	2006	60,204	JULY	2006	482,834
JUNE	2006	62,043	JUNE	2006	437,177
JULY	2005	69,784	JULY	2005	532,054

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change			Help Wanted Index - Texas		
U.S.	JULY 2006	4.1%	JULY	2006	58.2
Dallas-Fort Worth	JULY 2006	4.0%	JUNE	2006	60.3
Houston-Galveston	JUNE 2006	4.7%	JULY	2005	60.3

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

JULY	2006	\$ 74.40	OTM Change	\$ 3.44
JUNE	2006	\$ 70.96	OTY Change	\$ 15.70
JULY	2005	\$ 58.70		

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