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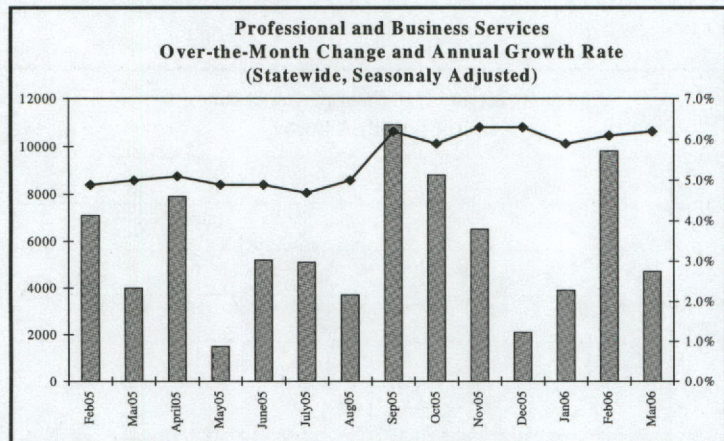
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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas recorded growth in March 2006, adding 23,200 jobs. Job gains were widely spread throughout the industry groups with only minimal decreases seen in Manufacturing, Leisure and Hospitality, and Other Services. Trade, Transportation and Utilities led the way with a gain of 5,200, followed by Professional and Business Services adding 4,700. The annual growth rate remained unchanged from the February level of 2.9 percent.

jobs. The annual growth rate remained positive, but dipped slightly from a rate of 1.0 percent in February 2006 to a rate of 0.8 percent in March.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities employment expanded for the third consecutive month, with a gain of 5,200 jobs in March 2006. Payroll additions throughout 2005 and 2006 contributed to a strong annual growth rate of 2.7 percent for March 2006.



Employment in Information rose by 1,200 jobs in March, following a decrease of 1,200 in February. This was the first positive over-the-month change since November 2005. The annual growth rate increased from -0.5 percent in February to 0.2 percent in March. This sector has gained 400 jobs since March 2005.

Financial Activities employment posted an increase of 2,000 jobs in March and has continued its upward growth trend for the past fourteen months. The annual growth rate climbed to 3.4 percent in March, its highest level since August 1999. Since March 2005, Financial Activities has expanded by 20,300 jobs.

Employment in Professional and Business Services posted a gain of 4,700 jobs in March, following a significant increase of 9,800 positions in February. The annual growth rate rose from 6.1 percent in February to 6.2 percent in March, an over-the-year increase of 70,100 jobs.

Following a loss of 600 jobs in February, Education and Health Services employment expanded by 4,500 positions in March. This was the largest over-the-month increase since October 2005. However, the annual growth rate remained constant at 3.2 percent, a gain of 37,900 positions since March 2005.

Natural Resources and Mining employment added 1,200 jobs in March, following a gain of 2,100 jobs in February. Consequently, the annual growth rate improved slightly, increasing to 6.4 percent and has remained in positive territory since April 2003. A total of 10,300 jobs have been created in Natural Resources and Mining since March 2005.

Employment in Leisure and Hospitality posted a loss of 200 positions in March, following a gain of 1,600 jobs in February. This was the first over-the-month employment loss since August 2005. Consequently, the annual growth rate dropped from 2.6 percent in February to 2.3 percent in March but still represents an over-the-year increase of 20,900 positions.

Employment in Construction gained 3,900 jobs in March, logging ten consecutive months of job growth. As a result, the annual growth rate edged upward to 5.8 percent, representing a gain of 32,100 jobs since March 2005.

Following a decrease of 300 jobs in February, employment in Other Services decreased by 400 positions in March. The annual growth rate dropped from 1.1 percent in February to 0.9 percent in March, accounting for a gain of 3,100 jobs since March 2005.

Manufacturing employment posted a modest decrease in March. The loss of 400 jobs was minimal and an improvement when compared to the most recent five-year average February to March change of -3,200

Government employment grew by 1,500 jobs in March, observing three straight months of job growth. The annual growth rate dipped marginally from 1.5 percent in February to 1.4 percent in March. A total of 23,700 jobs have been added in Government since March 2005.

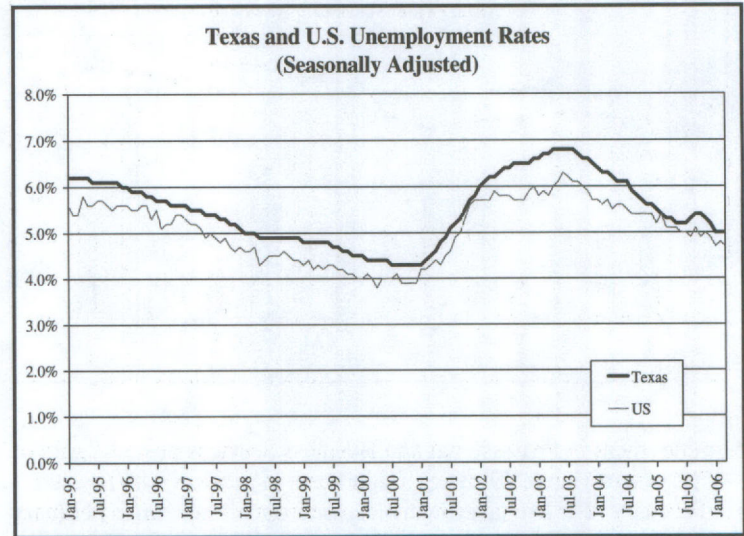
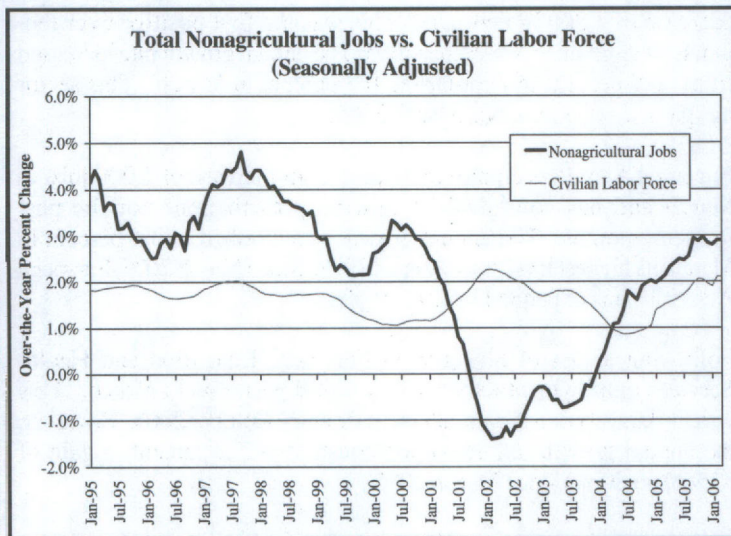
TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

INDUSTRY TITLE	Mar. 2006*	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2005	Feb. '06 to Mar. '06		Mar. '05 to Mar. '06	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAG. W&S EMPLOYMENT	9,923,700	9,900,500	9,644,300	23,200	0.2	279,400	2.9
GOODS PRODUCING							
Natural Resources & Mining	170,900	169,700	160,600	1,200	0.7	10,300	6.4
Construction	589,400	585,500	557,300	3,900	0.7	32,100	5.8
Manufacturing	900,900	901,300	893,800	-400	0.0	7,100	0.8
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,027,800	2,022,600	1,974,300	5,200	0.3	53,500	2.7
Information	223,200	222,000	222,800	1,200	0.5	400	0.2
Financial Activities	623,700	621,700	603,400	2,000	0.3	20,300	3.4
Professional & Business Services	1,204,300	1,199,600	1,134,200	4,700	0.4	70,100	6.2
Education & Health Services	1,211,500	1,207,000	1,173,600	4,500	0.4	37,900	3.2
Leisure & Hospitality	922,600	922,800	901,700	-200	0.0	20,900	2.3
Other Services	351,400	351,800	348,300	-400	-0.1	3,100	0.9
Government	1,698,000	1,696,500	1,674,300	1,500	0.1	23,700	1.4

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

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

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



TEXAS AND U.S. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

		TEXAS*				UNITED STATES**			
		CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Employment	Unemp.	Rate
Not Seasonally Adjusted									
March	2006	11,354,700	10,790,900	563,800	5.0	150,027,000	142,772,000	7,255,000	4.8
February	2006	11,329,500	10,742,900	586,600	5.2	149,686,000	141,994,000	7,692,000	5.1
March	2005	11,096,500	10,495,400	601,100	5.4	147,745,000	139,759,000	7,986,000	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted									
March	2006	11,397,200	10,828,500	568,700	5.0	150,652,000	143,641,000	7,011,000	4.7
February	2006	11,388,000	10,814,300	573,700	5.0	150,449,000	143,257,000	7,193,000	4.8
March	2005	11,161,700	10,567,000	594,700	5.3	148,217,000	140,601,000	7,616,000	5.1

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

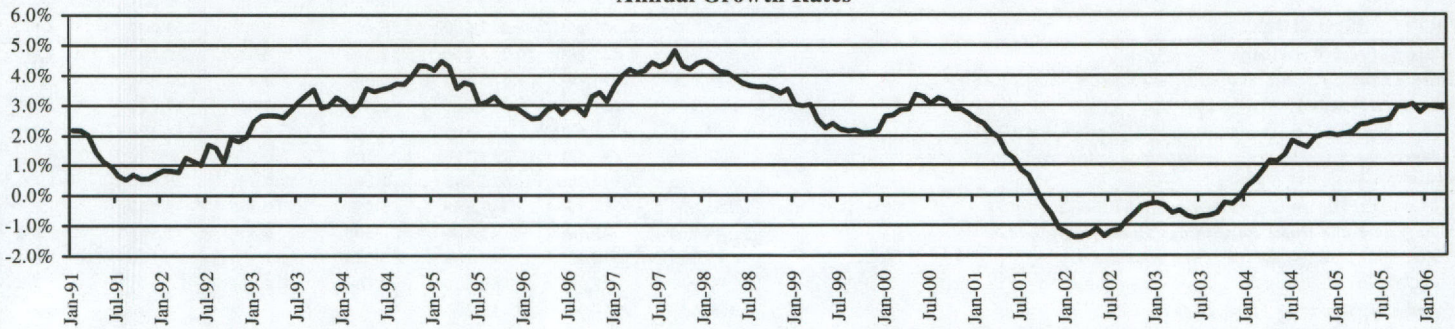
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*Source - Labor Market and Career Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (model-based methodology)

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

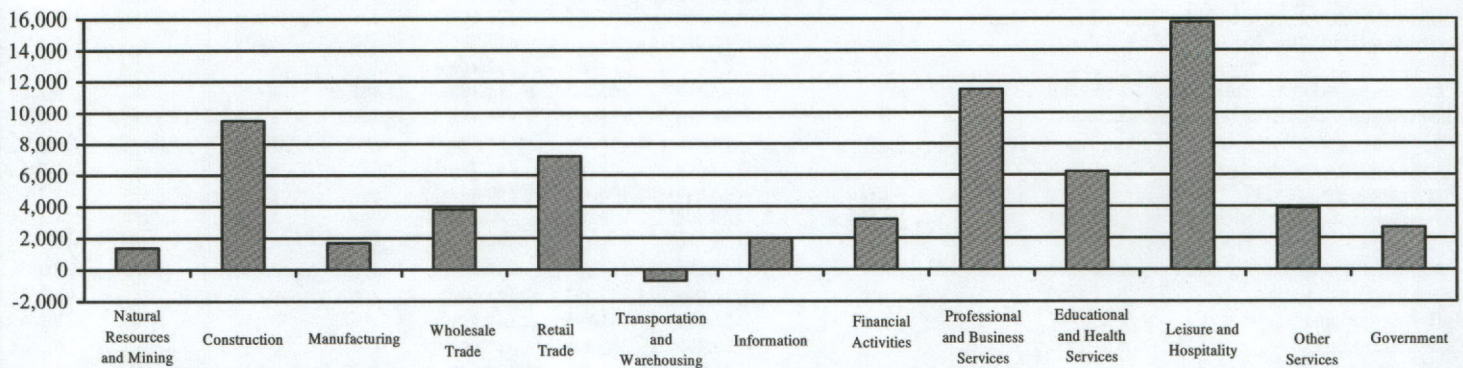
Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Annual Growth Rates



	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06	Mar '05 to Mar '06
				Change	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	9,913,300	9,845,100	9,634,000	68,200	0.7%
TOTAL PRIVATE (total nonfarm less government)	8,187,500	8,122,000	7,930,900	65,500	0.8%
GOODS PRODUCING	1,656,500	1,643,900	1,606,500	12,600	0.8%
Natural Resources and Mining (NAICS 1133 [logging], NAICS 21)	170,000	168,600	160,200	1,400	0.8%
Mining (NAICS 21)	167,900	166,400	158,300	1,500	0.9%
Oil and Gas Extraction (NAICS 211)	66,300	66,400	65,400	-100	-0.2%
Support Activities for Mining (NAICS 213)	94,300	92,900	83,600	1,400	1.5%
Construction (NAICS 23)	587,100	577,600	555,600	9,500	1.6%
Construction of Buildings (NAICS 236)	141,600	139,100	133,900	2,500	1.8%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (NAICS 237)	111,300	109,100	102,000	2,200	2.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors (NAICS 238)	334,200	329,400	319,700	4,800	1.5%
Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)	899,400	897,700	890,700	1,700	0.2%
Durable Goods	574,100	572,200	565,500	1,900	0.3%
Wood Product Manufacturing (NAICS 321)	27,300	27,100	26,700	200	0.7%
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing (NAICS 327)	43,800	43,600	43,400	200	0.5%
Primary Metal Manufacturing (NAICS 331)	24,200	24,100	24,500	100	0.4%
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing (NAICS 332)	115,700	115,600	111,000	100	0.1%
Machinery Manufacturing (NAICS 333)	82,400	81,800	78,700	600	0.7%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing (NAICS 334)	107,600	107,800	112,700	-200	-0.2%
Electric Equipment, Appliance, and Component Mfg (NAICS 335)	17,900	18,100	17,700	-200	-1.1%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing (NAICS 336)	90,500	90,000	87,000	500	0.6%
Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing (NAICS 337)	31,900	31,600	30,700	300	0.9%
Miscellaneous Manufacturing (NAICS 339)	32,800	32,500	33,100	300	0.9%
Nondurable Goods	325,300	325,500	325,200	-200	-0.1%
Food Manufacturing (NAICS 311)	90,200	90,300	90,600	-100	-0.1%
Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing (NAICS 312)	10,900	10,800	10,100	100	0.9%
Paper Manufacturing (NAICS 322)	21,100	21,400	22,000	-300	-1.4%
Printing and Related Support Manufacturing (NAICS 323)	35,800	35,600	35,900	200	0.6%
Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing (NAICS 324)	23,000	22,900	23,100	100	0.4%
Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS 325)	72,800	72,900	73,600	-100	-0.1%
Plastics and Rubber Manufacturing (NAICS 326)	45,000	45,300	45,400	-300	-0.7%

Statewide Over-the-Month Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
February 2006 to March 2006



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Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05	Feb '06 to Mar '06 Change	% Change	Mar '05 to Mar '06 Change	% Change
SERVICE PROVIDING	8,256,800	8,201,200	8,027,500	55,600	0.7%	229,300	2.9%
Private Service Providing	6,531,000	6,478,100	6,324,400	52,900	0.8%	206,600	3.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (NAICS 42,44,45,48,49,22)	2,010,000	1,999,700	1,955,800	10,300	0.5%	54,200	2.8%
Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42)	488,200	484,400	469,000	3,800	0.8%	19,200	4.1%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (NAICS 423)</i>	278,200	275,600	267,100	2,600	0.9%	11,100	4.2%
<i>Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods (NAICS 424)</i>	154,400	153,700	153,700	700	0.5%	700	0.5%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	1,111,900	1,104,700	1,086,100	7,200	0.7%	25,800	2.4%
<i>Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers (NAICS 441)</i>	152,000	151,500	149,500	500	0.3%	2,500	1.7%
<i>Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores (NAICS 442)</i>	44,000	43,700	41,500	300	0.7%	2,500	6.0%
<i>Electronics and Appliance Stores (NAICS 443)</i>	43,900	44,400	43,200	-500	-1.1%	700	1.6%
<i>Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies (NAICS 444)</i>	90,900	87,000	86,800	3,900	4.5%	4,100	4.7%
<i>Food and Beverage Stores (NAICS 445)</i>	189,100	188,900	188,200	200	0.1%	900	0.5%
<i>Health and Personal Care Stores (NAICS 446)</i>	58,100	57,800	55,400	300	0.5%	2,700	4.9%
<i>Gasoline Stations (NAICS 447)</i>	66,800	66,400	67,400	400	0.6%	-600	-0.9%
<i>Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores (NAICS 448)</i>	101,700	101,500	98,600	200	0.2%	3,100	3.1%
<i>Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores (NAICS 451)</i>	35,600	35,700	34,100	-100	-0.3%	1,500	4.4%
<i>General Merchandise Stores (NAICS 452)</i>	248,400	246,500	241,400	1,900	0.8%	7,000	2.9%
<i>Miscellaneous Store Retailers (NAICS 453)</i>	60,600	60,800	60,000	-200	-0.3%	600	1.0%
<i>Nonstore Retailers (NAICS 454)</i>	20,800	20,500	20,000	300	1.5%	800	4.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (NAICS 48-49,22)	409,900	410,600	400,700	-700	-0.2%	9,200	2.3%
Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48,49)	364,000	364,500	353,600	-500	-0.1%	10,400	2.9%
<i>Air Transportation (NAICS 481)</i>	62,500	61,600	62,300	900	1.5%	200	0.3%
<i>Rail Transportation (NAICS 482)</i>	17,600	17,600	17,000	0	0.0%	600	3.5%
<i>Truck Transportation (NAICS 484)</i>	109,000	108,300	105,500	700	0.6%	3,500	3.3%
<i>Pipeline Transportation (NAICS 486)</i>	11,700	11,800	11,800	-100	-0.8%	-100	-0.8%
<i>Support Activities for Transportation (NAICS 488)</i>	65,500	65,500	62,400	0	0.0%	3,100	5.0%
<i>Couriers and Messengers (NAICS 492)</i>	35,100	35,400	35,700	-300	-0.8%	-600	-1.7%
<i>Warehousing and Storage (NAICS 493)</i>	39,700	39,300	37,500	400	1.0%	2,200	5.9%
Utilities (NAICS 22)	45,900	46,100	47,100	-200	-0.4%	-1,200	-2.5%
Information (NAICS 51)	222,600	220,600	222,700	2,000	0.9%	-100	0.0%
<i>Publishing Industries (Except Internet) (NAICS 511)</i>	50,000	49,800	49,000	200	0.4%	1,000	2.0%
<i>Telecommunications (NAICS 517)</i>	92,200	91,300	93,400	900	1.0%	-1,200	-1.3%
<i>Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals (NAICS 518)</i>	35,200	35,100	34,800	100	0.3%	400	1.1%
Financial Activities (NAICS 52,53)	621,300	618,100	600,600	3,200	0.5%	20,700	3.4%
Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52)	445,100	443,200	430,200	1,900	0.4%	14,900	3.5%
<i>Credit Intermediation and Related Activities (NAICS 522)</i>	233,100	232,500	223,500	600	0.3%	9,600	4.3%
<i>Securities, Commodities Contracts, and Other Financial (NAICS 523)</i>	41,600	41,500	39,200	100	0.2%	2,400	6.1%
<i>Insurance Carriers and Related Activities (NAICS 524)</i>	160,700	159,900	157,400	800	0.5%	3,300	2.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53)	176,200	174,900	170,400	1,300	0.7%	5,800	3.4%
<i>Real Estate (NAICS 531)</i>	115,300	114,800	110,200	500	0.4%	5,100	4.6%
<i>Rental and Leasing Services (NAICS 532)</i>	59,000	58,400	58,200	600	1.0%	800	1.4%
Professional and Business Services (NAICS 54,55,56)	1,196,000	1,184,500	1,126,800	11,500	1.0%	69,200	6.1%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (NAICS 54)	510,800	508,400	490,400	2,400	0.5%	20,400	4.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55)	54,500	54,600	52,100	-100	-0.2%	2,400	4.6%
Admin and Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation (NAICS 56)	630,700	621,500	584,300	9,200	1.5%	46,400	7.9%
<i>Administrative and Support Services (NAICS 561)</i>	605,900	596,600	561,200	9,300	1.6%	44,700	8.0%
Educational and Health Services (NAICS 61,62)	1,212,600	1,206,400	1,174,200	6,200	0.5%	38,400	3.3%
Educational Services (NAICS 61)	146,200	145,600	142,300	600	0.4%	3,900	2.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62)	1,066,400	1,060,800	1,031,900	5,600	0.5%	34,500	3.3%
<i>Ambulatory Health Care Services (NAICS 621)</i>	473,700	471,200	450,600	2,500	0.5%	23,100	5.1%
<i>Hospitals (NAICS 622)</i>	262,000	261,000	259,100	1,000	0.4%	2,900	1.1%
<i>Nursing and Residential Care Facilities (NAICS 623)</i>	152,900	152,200	148,600	700	0.5%	4,300	2.9%
<i>Social Assistance (NAICS 624)</i>	177,800	176,400	173,600	1,400	0.8%	4,200	2.4%
Leisure and Hospitality (NAICS 71,72)	915,900	900,100	894,700	15,800	1.8%	21,200	2.4%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71)	97,900	94,000	95,100	3,900	4.1%	2,800	2.9%
<i>Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation (NAICS 713)</i>	68,200	65,200	68,100	3,000	4.6%	100	0.1%
Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72)	818,000	806,100	799,600	11,900	1.5%	18,400	2.3%
<i>Accommodation (NAICS 721)</i>	97,900	95,600	93,900	2,300	2.4%	4,000	4.3%
<i>Food Services and Drinking Places (NAICS 722)</i>	720,100	710,500	705,700	9,600	1.4%	14,400	2.0%
Other Services (NAICS 81)	352,600	348,700	349,600	3,900	1.1%	3,000	0.9%
<i>Repair and Maintenance (NAICS 811)</i>	108,400	105,700	104,000	2,700	2.6%	4,400	4.2%
<i>Personal and Laundry Services (NAICS 812)</i>	89,100	88,100	90,100	1,000	1.1%	-1,000	-1.1%
<i>Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Prof Organizations (NAICS 813)</i>	155,100	154,900	155,500	200	0.1%	-400	-0.3%
Government	1,725,800	1,723,100	1,703,100	2,700	0.2%	22,700	1.3%
Federal Government	180,900	181,000	181,400	-100	-0.1%	-500	-0.3%
State Government	358,400	357,800	355,100	600	0.2%	3,300	0.9%
Local Government	1,186,500	1,184,300	1,166,600	2,200	0.2%	19,900	1.7%

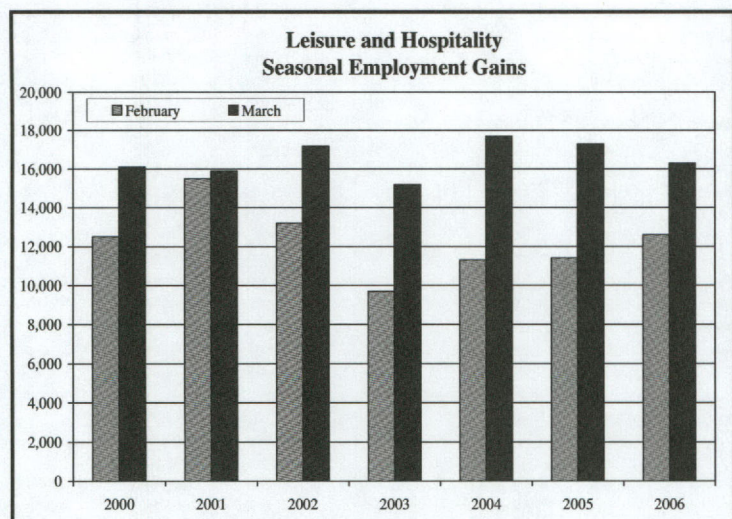
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Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the MSAs increased by 53,900 jobs in March, marking the second straight month of job growth. All of the MSAs in Texas recorded payroll additions over the month. The Dallas-Plano-Irving area posted the largest gain, adding 11,500 jobs, followed by the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA and the San Antonio MSA, which added 10,000 and 5,800 jobs, respectively. The Laredo MSA recorded the largest percentage of employment growth in March with 1.4 percent, or 1,200 jobs. The most job growth was observed in Leisure and Hospitality and Professional and Business Services industry sectors.

posted a sizeable growth of 22,600 jobs. The Sherman-Denison MSA reported the highest annual growth rate for this industry at 7.3 percent.

Professional and Business Services employment improved by 9,500 in March, following a gain of 12,800 positions in February. The San Angelo MSA had the greatest percentage increase of employment at 2.7 percent, but the Dallas-Plano-Irving area led in the creation of jobs, adding 2,700 positions. The Amarillo MSA registered the only over-the-month employment loss in this industry sector. However, the year-to-date growth rate for the Amarillo MSA remained positive at 11.5 percent for Professional and Business Services.

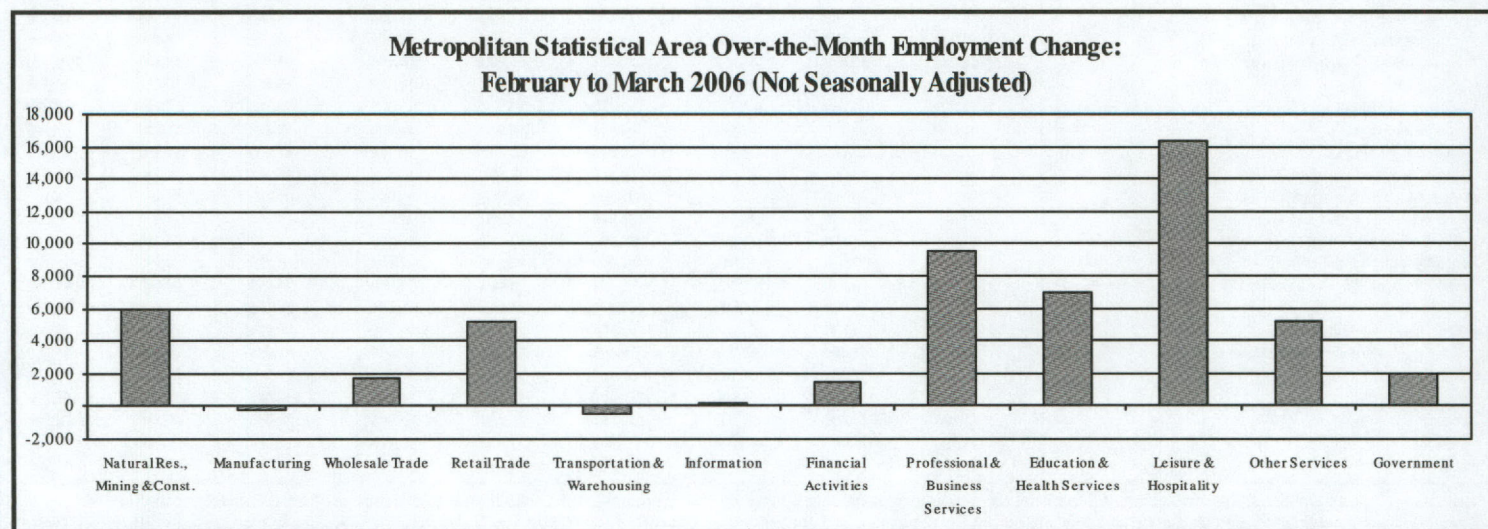


Employment in Education and Health Services increased by 7,000 jobs across the MSAs in March, the largest gain posted for March since 1997. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA led with an increase of 2,500 jobs. The Waco MSA reported the highest percentage increase in employment this month at 2.1 percent. The Tyler MSA was the only area that declined over the month. Overall, employment in Education and Health Services in all the MSAs posted a 3.8 percent annual growth rate.

Retail Trade employment saw its first increase of 2006 with an addition of 5,200 jobs following the traditional release of holiday positions in January and February. The majority of the gain came from the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA, with 2,100 jobs. The Odessa MSA grew 3.1 percent over the month, representing 200 jobs and the largest percent growth of any MSA in this industry.

Seasonal factors contributed to the gain of 16,300 jobs in the Leisure and Hospitality industry for March. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA added 4,200 jobs, mostly centered in the Dallas-Plano-Irving area with 2,400 jobs. The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA wasn't far behind with 3,700 jobs. The Brownsville-Harlingen MSA reported the highest percentage growth in Leisure and Hospitality employment with a 3.4 percent monthly increase. For the year, Leisure and Hospitality

Natural Resources, Mining and Construction employment grew by 6,000 jobs in March. The Wichita Falls MSA and the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA logged the highest percentage growth in March at 2.7 percent each. The Wichita Falls MSA had a gain of 100 jobs, while the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA recorded a gain of 400 jobs. The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA had a 0.9 percent increase and recorded the largest gain of employees with 2,100 positions. The Fort Worth-Arlington area followed with a gain of 800 jobs. Since the beginning of the year, Natural Resources, Mining and Construction has gained 38,300 jobs.



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

	DALLAS-FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			DALLAS-PLANO-IRVING MD**			HOUSTON-SUGAR LAND-BAYTOWN		
	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05
TOTAL NONFARM	2,818,300	2,801,300	2,725,500	1,992,000	1,980,500	1,919,400	2,393,700	2,383,700	2,322,600
GOODS PRODUCING	465,000	464,500	450,400	314,100	314,600	303,800	463,800	461,900	447,400
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	171,100	170,100	160,100	116,200	116,000	108,700	248,600	246,500	238,400
Manufacturing	293,900	294,400	290,300	197,900	198,600	195,100	215,200	215,400	209,000
Durable Goods	204,000	205,200	201,900	135,900	137,300	134,900	132,900	133,500	126,900
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	-	-	-	20,600	20,600	20,100	43,000	43,400	40,100
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	47,900	48,500	49,400	43,000	43,600	44,500	19,400	19,300	19,100
Nondurable Goods	89,900	89,200	88,400	62,000	61,300	60,200	82,300	81,900	82,100
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,353,300	2,336,800	2,275,100	1,677,900	1,665,900	1,615,600	1,929,900	1,921,800	1,875,200
Private Service Providing	1,983,600	1,966,200	1,916,800	1,424,700	1,412,500	1,371,500	1,580,700	1,572,900	1,532,600
Wholesale Trade	163,400	162,600	158,200	124,600	123,800	120,300	122,900	122,900	120,800
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	94,900	94,100	92,100	71,800	71,100	69,500	74,200	73,900	73,100
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	49,600	49,200	48,000	37,700	37,400	36,400	38,100	38,100	37,200
Retail Trade	306,900	304,800	299,000	207,500	206,200	203,600	243,600	243,600	238,300
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	-	-	-	26,900	26,800	26,300	33,700	33,700	33,500
Bldng. Material and Garden Eqpmnt. and Supplies Dlr.	22,900	21,800	22,300	15,200	14,500	14,600	18,700	18,100	18,700
Food and Beverage Stores	49,500	49,300	47,400	34,100	33,800	32,400	45,900	45,900	46,200
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	-	-	-	23,200	23,000	21,100	24,500	24,500	23,700
General Merchandise Stores	69,000	68,200	66,000	48,200	47,600	46,000	56,400	56,400	53,200
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	133,600	133,400	133,500	73,100	72,800	73,500	116,500	117,400	113,400
Utilities	-	-	-	5,800	5,700	6,500	15,100	15,100	15,500
Information	92,100	91,600	92,700	75,300	74,900	75,700	35,300	35,700	37,100
Telecommunications	41,400	41,000	42,100	33,500	33,100	33,800	14,600	14,800	14,800
Financial Activities	226,000	226,000	217,300	178,100	178,000	170,400	141,000	140,700	137,100
Finance and Insurance	168,600	168,500	162,400	135,000	134,900	128,700	91,400	91,200	89,500
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	86,400	86,600	83,300	66,900	67,000	63,900	43,000	42,600	42,000
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	-	-	-	48,500	48,300	48,400	32,600	32,600	32,400
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	-	-	-	43,100	43,100	41,700	49,600	49,500	47,600
Professional and Business Services	396,400	392,100	373,700	304,600	301,900	285,700	347,300	344,900	328,400
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	167,300	166,900	162,900	134,900	134,400	130,700	161,300	160,200	155,400
Admin. Support and Waste Mgmt. and Remediation	209,700	206,500	192,000	155,400	153,500	140,300	172,000	169,300	160,000
Education and Health Services	294,800	292,300	281,900	204,500	202,700	194,200	267,500	266,100	259,600
Health Care and Social Assistance	251,600	250,400	241,100	173,100	172,000	165,200	225,400	224,200	217,500
Ambulatory Health Care Services	-	-	-	81,900	81,000	75,900	95,800	95,300	90,700
Hospitals	64,500	64,000	61,900	42,100	42,000	40,800	63,100	63,000	62,100
Leisure and Hospitality	261,000	256,800	254,100	179,700	177,300	174,300	210,100	206,400	204,800
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-	-	-	21,500	20,800	19,900	25,400	24,800	24,600
Accommodation and Food Services	228,600	226,100	224,200	158,200	156,500	154,400	184,700	181,600	180,200
Food Services and Drinking Places	197,400	195,400	194,900	135,200	134,000	133,100	164,800	162,500	160,700
Other Services	109,400	106,600	106,400	77,300	74,900	73,800	96,500	95,200	93,100
Government	369,700	370,600	358,300	253,200	253,400	244,100	349,200	348,900	342,600
Federal	46,200	46,200	45,300	29,800	29,800	29,900	28,200	28,100	27,900
State	45,200	45,300	44,200	35,300	35,400	34,100	69,500	69,200	68,900
Local	278,300	279,100	268,800	188,100	188,000	180,100	251,500	251,600	245,800
	AUSTIN-TOWN ROCK			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON MD**			SAN ANTONIO		
	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05
TOTAL NONFARM	709,500	705,000	684,400	826,300	820,800	806,100	790,000	784,200	771,800
GOODS PRODUCING	98,400	98,200	96,000	150,900	149,900	146,600	95,600	95,000	92,300
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	41,600	41,300	38,800	54,900	54,100	51,400	49,200	48,500	46,700
Manufacturing	56,800	56,900	57,200	96,000	95,800	95,200	46,400	46,500	45,600
SERVICE PROVIDING	611,100	606,800	588,400	675,400	670,900	659,500	694,400	689,200	679,500
Private Service Providing	454,700	451,300	437,500	558,900	553,700	545,300	547,800	542,500	534,300
Wholesale Trade	37,300	37,200	36,800	38,800	38,800	37,900	26,700	26,700	26,500
Retail Trade	73,500	73,000	70,200	99,400	98,600	95,400	90,800	90,200	90,200
Food and Beverage Stores	14,600	14,700	14,200	15,400	15,500	15,000	14,800	14,900	15,300
General Merchandise Stores	12,800	12,800	12,100	20,800	20,600	20,000	18,000	17,900	17,900
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	11,600	11,600	11,600	60,500	60,600	60,000	21,100	21,100	20,400
Information	22,100	22,000	21,300	16,800	16,700	17,000	19,900	20,100	20,500
Telecommunications	4,800	4,800	5,100	7,900	7,900	8,300	6,300	6,400	6,900
Financial Activities	41,500	41,400	40,500	47,900	48,000	46,900	62,000	61,800	61,300
Finance and Insurance	29,100	29,000	28,500	33,600	33,600	33,700	47,600	47,400	47,400
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	12,700	12,700	12,400	19,500	19,600	19,400	21,200	21,100	20,700
Professional and Business Services	96,400	95,700	92,100	91,800	90,200	88,000	99,100	98,400	94,100
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	47,600	47,400	46,100	32,400	32,500	32,200	36,500	36,600	36,500
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt and Remediation Svcs	43,900	43,500	42,000	54,300	53,000	51,700	55,100	54,300	50,900
Education and Health Services	73,300	73,000	70,800	90,300	89,600	87,700	109,600	108,800	106,100
Health Care and Social Assistance	63,700	63,400	61,300	78,500	78,400	75,900	94,900	94,600	91,800
Hospitals	16,000	15,900	15,500	22,400	22,000	21,100	20,200	20,100	19,900
Leisure and Hospitality	71,400	70,000	68,000	81,300	79,500	79,800	90,900	88,000	88,400
Accommodation and Food Services	62,900	61,800	60,100	70,400	69,600	69,800	80,900	79,400	78,600
Other Services	27,600	27,400	26,200	32,100	31,700	32,600	27,700	27,400	26,800
Government	156,400	155,500	150,900	116,500	117,200	114,200	146,600	146,700	145,200
Federal	11,100	11,000	10,900	16,400	16,200	15,400	29,400	29,400	28,700
State	71,700	72,100	70,000	9,900	9,900	10,100	16,800	16,700	16,600
Local	73,600	72,400	70,000	90,200	91,100	88,700	100,400	100,600	99,900

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

INDUSTRY	ABILENE			AMARILLO			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05	Mar '06*	Feb '06	Mar '05
TOTAL	65,300	64,900	63,000	110,300	109,900	106,100	154,000	153,100	154,800	120,200	119,000	116,300
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	5,100	5,000	3,900	6,700	6,600	6,300	15,400	15,000	14,100	4,500	4,400	4,300
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,000	12,400	12,300	12,000	17,600	17,800	19,400	7,200	7,200	7,100
Wholesale Trade	2,300	2,300	2,300	5,600	5,600	5,400	4,400	4,300	4,300	3,300	3,300	3,400
Retail Trade	8,500	8,500	7,900	13,900	13,800	13,500	18,800	18,800	19,600	15,500	15,400	15,600
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,400	1,400	1,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	6,700	6,700	6,700	4,000	4,000	4,300
Information	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,200	1,200	1,200
Financial Activities	3,200	3,200	3,100	6,000	6,000	5,900	5,900	5,900	5,500	4,700	4,600	4,600
Prof. & Business Services	4,100	4,100	4,200	9,700	9,800	8,700	12,400	12,300	12,800	8,200	8,100	7,400
Educ. & Health Services	14,200	14,100	13,900	14,900	14,900	14,700	23,500	23,300	23,200	27,900	27,700	26,200
Leisure & Hospitality	6,500	6,400	6,400	10,900	10,700	10,400	13,800	13,400	13,400	12,200	11,800	11,500
Other Services	3,100	3,000	3,000	5,000	5,000	4,800	5,900	5,900	5,900	3,500	3,500	3,400
Government	12,600	12,600	12,600	19,800	19,800	19,000	26,900	27,000	27,100	28,000	27,800	27,300
INDUSTRY	COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN			CORPUS CHRISTI			EL PASO			KILLEEN-TEMPLE-FORT HOOD		
TOTAL	92,100	90,900	89,900	172,000	170,600	170,100	264,100	261,800	258,300	118,800	118,100	116,600
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	6,100	6,000	6,000	18,300	18,200	17,500	13,200	13,100	11,600	5,700	5,600	5,800
Manufacturing	6,200	6,200	6,200	10,900	10,900	10,600	22,200	21,500	23,000	8,500	8,500	8,400
Wholesale Trade	1,600	1,500	1,400	5,300	5,300	5,300	10,400	10,300	10,200	3,700	3,700	3,400
Retail Trade	9,600	9,600	9,400	20,000	19,800	19,800	33,400	33,000	31,600	14,200	14,000	13,700
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,100	1,100	1,100	5,000	5,000	5,000	13,500	13,500	13,100	4,000	4,000	3,900
Information	1,100	1,100	1,100	2,500	2,500	2,600	4,700	4,700	4,700	2,500	2,500	2,400
Financial Activities	3,600	3,600	3,500	7,900	7,800	7,700	12,100	12,000	11,300	6,200	6,200	6,100
Prof. & Business Services	5,400	5,300	5,400	16,300	16,300	16,300	26,300	26,000	25,900	8,800	8,800	8,800
Educ. & Health Services	9,400	9,400	9,100	26,900	26,800	26,200	34,100	33,900	32,300	16,000	15,900	16,300
Leisure & Hospitality	9,800	9,700	9,200	19,500	18,900	19,600	25,500	25,200	25,000	10,200	10,000	10,100
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,600	6,300	6,300	6,400	7,900	7,800	7,600	5,500	5,500	5,100
Government	35,400	34,600	34,900	33,100	32,800	33,100	60,800	60,800	62,000	33,500	33,400	32,600
INDUSTRY	LAREDO			LONGVIEW			LUBBOCK			MCALLEEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	84,800	83,600	79,200	91,500	90,900	89,100	127,300	126,700	126,100	203,800	202,500	193,500
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	4,200	4,200	4,000	11,100	11,100	10,800	5,500	5,500	5,100	10,800	10,600	10,500
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,600	13,500	13,500	13,200	5,100	5,100	5,200	8,400	8,400	8,500
Wholesale Trade	2,600	2,500	2,500	3,800	3,800	3,500	5,600	5,600	5,700	7,100	7,000	6,700
Retail Trade	11,500	11,300	11,200	11,000	10,900	10,900	15,200	15,300	15,300	29,300	29,200	27,300
Trans., Ware., & Util.	12,400	12,200	11,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	3,900	3,900	3,900	6,000	6,000	5,600
Information	700	700	700	1,800	1,800	1,900	6,200	6,100	6,200	3,000	3,000	2,700
Financial Activities	3,700	3,600	3,400	3,600	3,500	3,500	6,700	6,700	6,800	8,500	8,400	8,000
Prof. & Business Services	4,100	4,100	4,000	7,000	7,000	6,500	10,500	10,400	10,300	13,600	13,300	12,600
Educ. & Health Services	12,100	12,000	11,000	14,700	14,600	14,200	18,700	18,600	18,400	45,000	44,800	41,200
Leisure & Hospitality	8,500	8,300	8,000	7,400	7,200	7,100	14,500	14,400	14,600	17,400	17,100	17,000
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,100	5,500	5,400	5,200	4,900	4,900	4,700
Government	21,400	21,100	19,400	11,600	11,500	11,600	29,900	29,700	29,400	49,800	49,800	48,700
INDUSTRY	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	61,300	60,800	58,200	55,500	54,800	52,500	43,800	43,500	44,000	44,400	44,000	43,300
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	12,600	12,500	11,200	8,800	8,700	7,400	3,200	3,200	2,900	3,000	3,000	2,700
Manufacturing	2,400	2,400	2,300	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,600	3,500	6,200	6,200	6,300
Wholesale Trade	2,700	2,700	2,500	4,300	4,200	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	900
Retail Trade	7,500	7,400	6,900	6,600	6,400	6,500	5,300	5,300	5,400	6,300	6,200	6,100
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,700	1,700	1,600	700	700	800	1,100	1,100	1,100
Information	1,700	1,700	1,900	700	700	700	2,000	1,900	1,900	600	600	600
Financial Activities	3,100	3,000	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Prof. & Business Services	6,900	6,800	6,200	4,100	4,000	3,600	3,800	3,700	3,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Educ. & Health Services	6,300	6,300	6,000	5,600	5,500	5,300	7,200	7,200	7,200	8,200	8,100	8,300
Leisure & Hospitality	6,100	6,000	5,800	5,600	5,500	5,600	4,200	4,100	4,300	4,400	4,300	4,100
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,900	2,900	2,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,500
Government	8,200	8,200	8,700	9,300	9,300	9,300	8,700	8,700	9,200	6,600	6,600	6,300
INDUSTRY	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
TOTAL	55,700	55,300	54,100	90,900	90,400	90,100	49,500	49,200	48,100	106,300	105,400	104,900
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	2,500	2,500	2,400	5,200	5,100	4,900	6,700	6,600	6,300	5,900	5,800	5,500
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	9,400	9,400	9,600	5,700	5,700	5,800	15,800	15,700	15,800
Wholesale Trade	2,600	2,600	2,400	3,800	3,800	3,700	1,800	1,700	1,700	4,200	4,100	4,000
Retail Trade	7,100	7,000	6,800	12,300	12,200	12,200	6,300	6,300	6,200	11,100	11,100	11,100
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	2,900
Information	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,000	600	600	600	1,800	1,800	1,800
Financial Activities	2,500	2,500	2,300	4,100	4,100	4,200	2,100	2,000	2,100	6,400	6,300	6,100
Prof. & Business Services	3,300	3,300	3,100	7,600	7,400	7,300	3,600	3,600	3,000	7,000	7,000	7,800
Educ. & Health Services	9,100	9,000	8,900	18,300	18,400	18,000	6,800	6,800	6,400	19,500	19,100	18,700
Leisure & Hospitality	5,200	5,100	5,000	8,400	8,300	8,400	4,100	4,000	4,200	9,900	9,700	9,700
Other Services	2,200	2,100	2,100	3,800	3,700	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,100	4,100	4,200
Government	12,700	12,700	12,800	12,800	12,800	12,900	8,800	8,900	8,800	17,500	17,600	17,300
INDUSTRY	WICHITA FALLS											
TOTAL	62,300	61,900	61,100									
Nat. Res., Mining, & Const.	3,800	3,700	3,300									
Manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,600									
Wholesale Trade	1,900	1,900	1,700									
Retail Trade	7,900	7,800	7,600									
Trans., Ware., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500									
Information	1,500	1,500	1,600									
Financial Activities	2,200	2,200	2,200									
Prof. & Business Services	3,100	3,100	3,300									
Educ. & Health Services	10,300	10,300	9,900									
Leisure & Hospitality	5,400	5,300	5,600									
Other Services	3,100	3,100	3,200									
Government	13,900	13,800	13,600									

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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 declined over the month, dipping 0.2 percentage points to 5.0 percent in March 2006. This month's unemployment rate decline is smaller than the average decline that usually occurs from February to March. Since March 2005, the jobless rate has varied from a low of 4.8 percent in December 2005 to a high point of 5.6 percent in June 2005. The current rate is the lowest so far in 2006 and is 0.4 percentage points lower than March 2005. The United States' jobless rate dipped over the month by 0.3 percentage points to 4.8. This is a normal movement for the United States unemployment rate between February and March and is the lowest March rate since 2001. In addition, the March rate is six-tenths of a percentage point lower than the year-ago level.

The number of Texas jobholders increased from February to March, a mark up of 48,000 employed. This month's gain is above the historical average increase of 46,200 that is normally observed between February and March and is the largest over-the-month increase since October of 2005. The rise brought the state employment total to 10,790,900. Over the year, employment has increased by 295,500 workers.

The number of Texans seeking employment continued to edge downward over the month, decreasing by 22,800 to total 563,800 job seekers. This is the largest decline since December 2005 and is more than the historical average decline of 18,800 job seekers occurring between February and March.

The number of people receiving unemployment benefits dropped over the month by 11,100 to 87,900 in March. All but five of the twenty-five Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) observed claim count decreases over the month. The Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood MSA recorded the largest percentage decline with 27.6 percent fewer claims, while the Lubbock MSA registered the largest increase, a 44.1 percent rise in claims for unemployment benefits.

Twenty-one of the state's twenty-five Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded a drop in their unemployment rate between February and March 2006. Two MSA's saw no change in their rate over the month. The Midland MSA continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in Texas at 3.5 percent.

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

1	Midland	3.5
2 (tie)	Amarillo	3.8
	College Station-Bryan	3.8
4	Austin-Round Rock	4.1
5 (tie)	Odessa	4.2
	San Angelo	4.2
7 (tie)	Abilene	4.3
	Lubbock	4.3
	Tyler	4.3
10 (tie)	Victoria	4.5
	Wichita Falls	4.5
12 (tie)	Longview	4.6
	San Antonio	4.6
	United States	4.8
14 (tie)	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	4.8
	Waco	4.8
16	Sherman-Denison	4.9
	Texas	5.0
17 (tie)	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	5.0
	Texarkana	5.0
19	Corpus Christi	5.1
20	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	5.2
21	Laredo	5.6
22	Beaumont-Port Arthur	6.5
23 (tie)	Brownsville-Harlingen	6.7
	El Paso	6.7
25	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	7.2

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

	March 2006				February 2006				March 2005			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	150,027.0	142,772.0	7,255.0	4.8	149,686.0	141,994.0	7,692.0	5.1	147,745.0	139,759.0	7,986.0	5.4
State of Texas	11,354.7	10,790.9	563.8	5.0	11,329.5	10,742.9	586.6	5.2	11,096.5	10,495.4	601.1	5.4
Abilene	82.3	78.8	3.5	4.3	82.3	78.7	3.6	4.4	79.5	75.9	3.6	4.5
Amarillo	130.7	125.7	5.0	3.8	130.2	125.3	4.9	3.8	126.0	120.9	5.1	4.1
Austin-Round Rock	820.6	787.1	33.5	4.1	818.0	783.6	34.4	4.2	793.7	758.8	34.9	4.4
Beaumont-Port Arthur	175.7	164.3	11.4	6.5	175.2	163.3	11.9	6.8	177.2	164.7	12.5	7.1
Brownsville-Harlingen	143.8	134.1	9.7	6.7	143.0	133.1	9.9	6.9	141.0	129.6	11.4	8.1
College Station-Bryan	106.8	102.7	4.1	3.8	105.3	101.0	4.3	4.1	104.7	100.6	4.1	3.9
Corpus Christi	200.6	190.3	10.3	5.1	199.9	189.2	10.7	5.4	199.3	187.8	11.5	5.8
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,072.2	2,925.3	146.9	4.8	3,062.8	2,910.4	152.4	5.0	2,982.1	2,825.8	156.3	5.2
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,056.8	1,957.3	99.5	4.8	2,050.4	1,947.0	103.4	5.0	1,990.6	1,884.6	106.0	5.3
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,015.4	968.0	47.4	4.7	1,012.6	963.5	49.1	4.8	991.5	941.2	50.3	5.1
El Paso	296.0	276.1	19.9	6.7	295.1	274.7	20.4	6.9	291.8	269.9	21.9	7.5
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,666.5	2,533.2	133.3	5.0	2,668.0	2,525.4	142.6	5.3	2,596.8	2,455.4	141.4	5.4
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	153.2	145.2	8.0	5.2	153.2	144.7	8.5	5.6	150.2	142.5	7.7	5.1
Laredo	90.1	85.1	5.0	5.6	89.6	84.4	5.2	5.8	85.0	79.5	5.5	6.5
Longview	104.6	99.8	4.8	4.6	104.5	99.5	5.0	4.7	102.3	97.1	5.2	5.1
Lubbock	142.8	136.6	6.2	4.3	142.1	136.5	5.6	4.0	141.0	135.3	5.7	4.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	271.7	252.1	19.6	7.2	271.9	251.1	20.8	7.7	262.0	240.2	21.8	8.3
Midland	68.7	66.3	2.4	3.5	68.4	66.0	2.4	3.6	65.7	63.1	2.6	3.9
Odessa	64.8	62.1	2.7	4.2	64.3	61.5	2.8	4.3	61.9	58.9	3.0	4.9
San Angelo	52.9	50.7	2.2	4.2	52.8	50.5	2.3	4.4	53.1	50.7	2.4	4.4
San Antonio	909.8	867.9	41.9	4.6	904.7	862.0	42.7	4.7	892.1	847.4	44.7	5.0
Sherman-Denison	57.5	54.7	2.8	4.9	57.2	54.3	2.9	5.1	56.5	53.4	3.1	5.5
Texarkana	64.0	60.8	3.2	5.0	63.8	60.4	3.4	5.3	62.0	58.8	3.2	5.2
Tyler	97.0	92.8	4.2	4.3	96.8	92.5	4.3	4.5	96.5	92.0	4.5	4.7
Victoria	57.6	55.0	2.6	4.5	57.7	55.0	2.7	4.6	56.5	53.7	2.8	5.0
Waco	114.3	108.8	5.5	4.8	113.7	108.3	5.4	4.7	112.7	107.3	5.4	4.8
Wichita Falls	75.6	72.2	3.4	4.5	75.3	71.9	3.4	4.5	74.6	71.1	3.5	4.7

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County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	County	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Anderson	20,032	18,774	1,258	6.3	Gillespie	13,151	12,787	364	2.8	Moore	10,164	9,760	404	4.0
Andrews	6,554	6,287	267	4.1	Glasscock	595	565	30	5.0	Morris	6,134	5,813	321	5.2
Angelina	38,772	36,812	1,960	5.1	Goliad	3,443	3,297	146	4.2	Motley	661	632	29	4.4
Aranzas	10,979	10,438	541	4.9	Gonzales	9,550	9,149	401	4.2	Nacogdoches	30,521	29,056	1,465	4.8
Archer	5,431	5,250	181	3.3	Gray	10,977	10,533	444	4.0	Navarro	21,064	19,897	1,167	5.5
Armstrong	1,161	1,123	38	3.3	Grayson	57,551	54,720	2,831	4.9	Newton	5,538	5,104	434	7.8
Atascosa	19,387	18,525	862	4.4	Gregg	62,125	59,285	2,840	4.6	Nolan	7,579	7,209	370	4.9
Austin	13,272	12,678	594	4.5	Grimes	10,238	9,652	586	5.7	Nueces	159,901	151,825	8,076	5.1
Bailey	3,156	2,992	164	5.2	Guadalupe	51,842	49,646	2,196	4.2	Ochiltree	4,968	4,804	164	3.3
Bandera	9,880	9,497	383	3.9	Hale	16,546	15,552	994	6.0	Oldham	998	951	47	4.7
Bastrop	34,868	33,298	1,570	4.5	Hall	1,514	1,407	107	7.1	Orange	40,292	37,695	2,597	6.4
Baylor	1,804	1,723	81	4.5	Hamilton	3,623	3,457	166	4.6	Palo Pinto	14,341	13,698	643	4.5
Bee	10,787	10,049	738	6.8	Hansford	2,258	2,164	94	4.2	Panola	11,637	11,108	529	4.5
Bell	116,217	110,286	5,931	5.1	Hardeman	2,238	2,138	100	4.5	Parker	51,560	49,304	2,256	4.4
Bexar	728,647	694,217	34,430	4.7	Hardin	24,209	22,844	1,365	5.6	Parmer	4,453	4,256	197	4.4
Blanco	4,636	4,461	175	3.8	Harris	1,880,540	1,783,481	97,059	5.2	Pecos	6,666	6,324	342	5.1
Borden	449	426	23	5.1	Harrison	31,277	29,693	1,584	5.1	Polk	16,456	15,497	959	5.8
Bosque	8,379	7,984	395	4.7	Hartley	2,170	2,073	97	4.5	Potter	58,309	55,736	2,573	4.4
Bowie	43,500	41,224	2,276	5.2	Haskell	3,149	3,026	123	3.9	Presidio	3,109	2,788	321	10.3
Brazoria	135,348	128,768	6,580	4.9	Hays	67,749	65,217	2,532	3.7	Rains	5,331	5,107	224	4.2
Brazos	90,086	86,682	3,404	3.8	Hemphill	2,166	2,100	66	3.0	Randall	67,634	65,399	2,235	3.3
Brewster	5,419	5,238	181	3.3	Henderson	34,521	32,805	1,716	5.0	Reagan	2,239	2,171	68	3.0
Briscoe	676	635	41	6.1	Hidalgo	271,683	252,070	19,613	7.2	Real	1,040	977	63	6.1
Brooks	3,046	2,842	204	6.7	Hill	15,102	14,273	829	5.5	Red River	6,162	5,797	365	5.9
Brown	18,790	17,985	805	4.3	Hockley	10,912	10,388	524	4.8	Reeves	4,189	3,881	308	7.4
Burleson	8,857	8,530	327	3.7	Hood	22,719	21,669	1,050	4.6	Refugio	3,869	3,686	183	4.7
Burnet	20,229	19,440	789	3.9	Hopkins	17,525	16,789	736	4.2	Roberts	590	573	17	2.9
Caldwell	16,846	16,049	797	4.7	Houston	8,102	7,591	511	6.3	Robertson	7,844	7,472	372	4.7
Calhoun	9,436	8,958	478	5.1	Howard	13,021	12,283	738	5.7	Rockwall	31,280	30,058	1,222	3.9
Callahan	7,043	6,782	261	3.7	Hudspeth	1,362	1,238	124	9.1	Runnels	4,407	4,170	237	5.4
Cameron	143,771	134,100	9,671	6.7	Hunt	40,083	37,973	2,110	5.3	Rusk	23,347	22,292	1,055	4.5
Camp	5,320	5,045	275	5.2	Hutchinson	9,880	9,396	484	4.9	Sabine	3,343	3,043	300	9.0
Carson	3,576	3,447	129	3.6	Irion	951	915	36	3.8	San Augustine	3,455	3,220	235	6.8
Cass	13,399	12,614	785	5.9	Jack	3,940	3,756	184	4.7	San Jacinto	10,552	9,965	587	5.6
Castro	3,222	3,034	188	5.8	Jackson	6,542	6,228	314	4.8	San Patricio	29,685	27,998	1,687	5.7
Chambers	14,379	13,700	679	4.7	Jasper	15,396	14,337	1,059	6.9	San Saba	2,561	2,445	116	4.5
Cherokee	20,440	19,327	1,113	5.4	Jeff Davis	1,063	1,014	49	4.6	Schleicher	1,326	1,263	63	4.8
Childress	3,036	2,865	171	5.6	Jefferson	111,162	103,745	7,417	6.7	Scurry	7,074	6,717	357	5.0
Clay	6,489	6,252	237	3.7	Jim Hogg	2,668	2,542	126	4.7	Shackelford	1,896	1,832	64	3.4
Cochran	1,521	1,408	113	7.4	Jim Wells	19,933	18,951	982	4.9	Shelby	11,375	10,784	591	5.2
Coke	1,316	1,250	66	5.0	Johnson	73,614	70,321	3,293	4.5	Sherman	1,233	1,175	58	4.7
Coleman	4,245	4,052	193	4.5	Jones	8,252	7,783	469	5.7	Smith	96,976	92,790	4,186	4.3
Collin	365,589	351,127	14,462	4.0	Karnes	5,476	5,148	328	6.0	Somervell	3,747	3,588	159	4.2
Collingsworth	1,535	1,457	78	5.1	Kaufman	43,044	40,981	2,063	4.8	Starr	21,525	18,727	2,798	13.0
Colorado	10,259	9,798	461	4.5	Kendall	14,105	13,573	532	3.8	Stephens	4,176	3,985	191	4.6
Comal	48,285	46,419	1,866	3.9	Kenedy	256	249	7	2.7	Sterling	990	961	29	2.9
Comanche	6,145	5,861	284	4.6	Kent	440	424	16	3.6	Stonewall	841	805	36	4.3
Concho	1,373	1,296	77	5.6	Kerr	23,427	22,584	843	3.6	Sutton	2,783	2,707	76	2.7
Cooke	20,326	19,521	805	4.0	Kimble	2,287	2,199	88	3.8	Swisher	3,570	3,393	177	5.0
Coryell	26,210	24,523	1,687	6.4	King	144	137	7	4.9	Tarrant	862,020	821,420	40,600	4.7
Cottle	812	768	44	5.4	Kinney	1,397	1,307	90	6.4	Taylor	67,028	64,248	2,780	4.1
Crane	1,582	1,491	91	5.8	Kleberg	17,388	16,610	778	4.5	Terrell	348	322	26	7.5
Crockett	1,985	1,901	84	4.2	Knox	1,709	1,625	84	4.9	Terry	5,753	5,413	340	5.9
Crosby	2,998	2,806	192	6.4	Lamar	22,733	21,392	1,341	5.9	Throckmorton	920	879	41	4.5
Culberson	1,631	1,567	64	3.9	Lamb	7,117	6,759	358	5.0	Titus	14,784	14,136	648	4.4
Dallam	2,947	2,834	113	3.8	Lampasas	10,804	10,408	396	3.7	Tom Green	51,977	49,767	2,210	4.3
Dallas	1,192,493	1,129,274	63,219	5.3	La Salle	2,782	2,635	147	5.3	Travis	520,629	498,995	21,634	4.2
Dawson	5,064	4,697	367	7.2	Lavaca	10,749	10,348	401	3.7	Trinity	5,676	5,344	332	5.8
Deaf Smith	8,380	7,988	392	4.7	Lee	8,535	8,184	351	4.1	Tyler	8,360	7,818	542	6.5
Delta	2,548	2,411	137	5.4	Leon	7,586	7,224	362	4.8	Upshur	19,119	18,228	891	4.7
Denton	314,593	301,783	12,810	4.1	Liberty	32,305	30,510	1,795	5.6	Upton	1,701	1,634	67	3.9
DeWitt	9,184	8,757	427	4.6	Limestone	10,468	9,966	502	4.8	Uvalde	11,780	11,038	742	6.3
Dickens	985	932	53	5.4	Lipscomb	1,654	1,593	61	3.7	Val Verde	20,097	18,783	1,314	6.5
Dimmit	3,793	3,476	317	8.4	Live Oak	5,112	4,869	243	4.8	Van Zandt	25,543	24,420	1,123	4.4
Donley	1,766	1,683	83	4.7	Llano	8,120	7,775	345	4.2	Victoria	44,764	42,784	1,980	4.4
Duval	5,256	4,942	314	6.0	Loving	32	28	4	12.5	Walker	25,627	24,287	1,340	5.2
Eastland	8,223	7,825	398	4.8	Lubbock	139,749	133,777	5,972	4.3	Waller	16,590	15,692	898	5.4
Ector	64,850	62,128	2,722	4.2	Lynn	2,727	2,552	175	6.4	Ward	4,500	4,266	234	5.2
Edwards	978	932	46	4.7	McCulloch	3,599	3,419	180	5.0	Washington	16,322	15,650	672	4.1
Ellis	67,167	63,706	3,461	5.2	McLennan	114,233	108,778	5,455	4.8	Webb	90,118	85,098	5,020	5.6
El Paso	296,057	276,126	19,931	6.7	McMullen	361	342	19	5.3	Wharton	20,960	19,931	1,029	4.9
Erath	17,439	16,740	699	4.0	Madison	4,843	4,568	275	5.7	Wheeler	2,554	2,450	104	4.1
Falls	7,262	6,785	477	6.6	Marion	5,094	4,817	277	5.4	Wichita	63,692	60,730	2,962	4.7
Fannin	13,810	12,982	828	6.0	Martin	2,019	1,911	108	5.3	Wilbarger	7,378	7,090	288	3.9
Fayette	11,975	11,544	431	3.6	Mason	2,381	2,315	66	2.8	Willacy	7,769	6,967	802	10.3
Fisher	1,966	1,886	80	4.1	Matagorda	16,211	15,035	1,176	7.3	Williamson	180,559	173,559	7,000	3.9
Floyd	3,191	2,966	225	7.1	Maverick	20,725	17,419	3,306	16.0	Wilson	17,875	17,157	718	4.0
Foard	634	607	27	4.3	Medina	19,778	18,887	891	4.5	Winkler	2,970	2,823	147	4.9
Fort Bend	233,624	223,382	10,242	4.4	Menard	1,059	1,016	43	4.1	Wise	28,239	26,977	1,262	4.5
Franklin	5,127	4,907	220	4.3	Midland	68,716	66,300	2,416	3.5	Wood	17,769	16,937	832	4.7
Freestone	10,174	9,769	405	4.0	Milam	12,205	11,627	578	4.7	Yoakum	3,253	3,083	170	5.2
Frio	6,418	6,040	378	5.9	Mills	2,508	2,418	90	3.6	Young	9,226	8,846	380	4.1
Gaines	6,479	6,148	331	5.1	Mitchell	3,342	3,128	214	6.4	Zapata	5,274	4,943	331	6.3
Galveston	140,596	133,570	7,026	5.0	Montague	9,822	9,398	424	4.3	Zavala	4,016	3,527	489	12.2
Garza	2,401	2,290	111	4.6	Montgomery	189,234	181,421	7,813	4.1	Texas	11,354,703	10,790,879	563,824	5.0

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Abilene	58,100	55,542	2,558	4.4	Friendswood	18,013	17,275	738	4.1	New Braunfels	23,503	22,669	834	3.5
Allen	37,195	35,950	1,245	3.3	Frisco	35,963	34,825	1,138	3.2	North Richland Hills	35,718	34,256	1,462	4.1
Amarillo	100,522	96,695	3,827	3.8	Garveston	27,485	25,992	1,493	5.4	Odessa	48,590	46,545	2,045	4.2
Arlington	207,555	198,282	9,273	4.5	Garland	116,170	110,225	5,945	5.1	Paris	11,522	10,771	751	6.5
Austin	411,624	394,860	16,764	4.1	Georgetown	18,157	17,400	757	4.2	Pasadena	67,707	64,036	3,671	5.4
Baytown	31,849	29,921	1,928	6.1	Grand Prairie	73,148	69,641	3,507	4.8	Pearland	30,032	28,943	1,089	3.6
Beaumont	53,076	49,743	3,333	6.3	Grapevine	28,971	27,844	1,127	3.9	Pflugerville	15,705	15,138	567	3.6
Bedford	31,698	30,394	1,304	4.1	Greenville	11,979	11,347	632	5.3	Pharr	22,534	21,369	1,165	5.2
Big Spring	8,962	8,408	554	6.2	Haltom City	21,914	20,904	1,010	4.6	Plano	143,867	137,877	5,990	4.2
Brownsville	60,406	56,404	4,002	6.6	Harlingen	25,035	23,520	1,515	6.1	Port Arthur	22,334	20,528	1,806	8.1
Bryan	37,735	36,278	1,457	3.9	Houston	1,006,416	951,380	55,036	5.5	Richardson	57,808	55,304	2,504	4.3
Burleson	15,511	14,935	576	3.7	Huntsville	14,427	13,674	753	5.2	Rockwall	14,966	14,490	476	3.2
Carrollton	71,372	68,306	3,066	4.3	Hurst	21,570	20,599	971	4.5	Rosenberg	14,471	13,860	611	4.2
Cedar Hill	22,827	21,731	1,096	4.8	Irving	114,574	109,276	5,298	4.6	Round Rock	47,117	45,425	1,692	3.6
Cedar Park	25,957	25,311	646	2.5	Keller	19,157	18,511	646	3.4	Rowlett	29,427	28,123	1,304	4.4
Cleburne	13,812	13,223	589	4.3	Killeen	40,988	38,714	2,274	5.5	San Angelo	43,733	41,840	1,893	4.3
College Station	41,174	39,694	1,480	3.6	Kingsville	13,923	13,310	613	4.4	San Antonio	600,833	573,388	27,445	4.6
Conroe	21,970	21,128	842	3.8	Lake Jackson	14,079	13,412	667	4.7	San Juan	11,853	11,016	837	7.1
Coppell	21,869	21,010	859	3.9	Lancaster	15,350	14,343	1,007	6.6	San Marcos	25,793	24,971	822	3.2
Copperas Cove	13,462	12,764	698	5.2	La Porte	18,580	17,640	940	5.1	Sherman	17,509	16,634	875	5.0
Corpus Christi	143,511	136,475	7,036	4.9	Laredo	84,969	80,461	4,508	5.3	Socorro	10,351	9,580	771	7.4
Corsicana	10,718	10,079	639	6.0	League City	33,183	31,951	1,232	3.7	Sugar Land	40,159	38,615	1,544	3.8
Dallas	609,612	576,439	33,173	5.4	Lewisville	56,402	54,095	2,307	4.1	Temple	29,092	27,781	1,311	4.5
Deer Park	16,251	15,457	794	4.9	Longview	39,808	37,970	1,838	4.6	Texarkana	16,591	15,682	909	5.5
Del Rio	15,748	14,763	985	6.3	Lubbock	116,398	111,550	4,848	4.2	Texas City	20,580	19,317	1,263	6.1
Denton	56,548	54,367	2,181	3.9	Lufkin	15,925	15,067	858	5.4	The Colony	21,208	20,400	808	3.8
DeSoto	24,546	23,159	1,387	5.7	McAllen	58,693	55,722	2,971	5.1	Tyler	46,800	44,783	2,017	4.3
Duncanville	19,246	18,177	1,069	5.6	McKinney	46,432	44,634	1,798	3.9	Victoria	32,255	30,805	1,450	4.5
Edinburg	27,021	25,660	1,361	5.0	Mansfield	19,655	18,886	769	3.9	Waco	55,657	52,621	3,036	5.5
El Paso	253,882	238,133	15,749	6.2	Mesquite	72,786	69,181	3,605	5.0	Weslaco	13,014	12,080	934	7.2
Eules	31,880	30,519	1,361	4.3	Midland	56,325	54,330	1,995	3.5	Wichita Falls	48,285	45,950	2,335	4.8
Farmers Branch	15,078	14,372	706	4.7	Mission	24,244	22,857	1,387	5.7	Wylie	14,254	13,754	500	3.5
Flower Mound	34,963	33,671	1,292	3.7	Missouri City	38,084	36,404	1,680	4.4					
Fort Worth	298,239	283,400	14,839	5.0	Nacogdoches	15,851	15,024	827	5.2					

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates for WDAs March 2006				
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Alamo	958,271	914,480	43,791	4.6
Brazos Valley	145,776	139,778	5,998	4.1
Cameron County	143,771	134,100	9,671	6.7
Capital Area	520,629	498,995	21,634	4.2
Central Texas	174,128	165,164	8,964	5.1
Coastal Bend	266,573	252,801	13,772	5.2
Concho Valley	74,266	71,180	3,086	4.2
Dallas	1,192,493	1,129,274	63,219	5.3
Deep East Texas	157,546	148,571	8,975	5.7
East Texas	378,531	360,628	17,903	4.7
Golden Crescent	93,668	89,521	4,147	4.4
Gulf Coast	2,728,945	2,592,253	136,692	5.0
Heart Of Texas	165,618	157,555	8,063	4.9
Lower Rio Grande Valley	300,977	277,764	23,213	7.7
Middle Rio Grande	66,608	60,094	6,514	9.8
North Central Texas	1,094,479	1,047,822	46,657	4.3
North East Texas	131,912	125,083	6,829	5.2
North Texas	111,466	106,558	4,908	4.4
Panhandle	211,391	202,829	8,562	4.1
Permian Basin	189,735	181,514	8,221	4.3
Rural Capital	353,517	339,527	13,990	4.0
South East Texas	175,663	164,284	11,379	6.5
South Plains	201,114	191,687	9,427	4.7
South Texas	98,060	92,583	5,477	5.6
Tarrant County	862,020	821,420	40,600	4.7
Texoma	91,687	87,223	4,464	4.9
Upper Rio Grande	308,641	287,971	20,670	6.7
West Central Texas	157,225	150,222	7,003	4.5

Hours and Earnings for Texas and Selected Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas & Metro Divisions									
Area	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. '06	Feb. '06	Mar. '05	Mar. '06	Feb. '06	Mar. '05	Mar. '06	Feb. '06	Mar. '05
Texas									
Manufacturing	\$569.62	\$565.01	\$566.00	40.6	40.3	40.4	\$14.03	\$14.02	\$14.01
Durable Goods	\$565.04	\$564.93	\$568.26	41.7	41.6	42.0	\$13.55	\$13.58	\$13.53
Nondurable Goods	\$577.98	\$564.60	\$563.16	39.0	38.2	38.0	\$14.82	\$14.78	\$14.82
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington MSA									
Manufacturing	\$608.94	\$612.33	\$585.39	39.8	40.1	39.0	\$15.30	\$15.27	\$15.01
Durable Goods	\$654.40	\$656.84	\$647.62	40.0	40.1	40.3	\$16.36	\$16.38	\$16.07
Nondurable Goods	\$527.47	\$530.12	\$478.03	39.6	40.1	36.8	\$13.32	\$13.22	\$12.99
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA									
Manufacturing	\$668.94	\$681.12	\$737.66	38.6	39.1	42.2	\$17.33	\$17.42	\$17.48
Durable Goods	\$572.91	\$570.27	\$628.91	39.0	38.9	42.9	\$14.69	\$14.66	\$14.66
Nondurable Goods	\$818.64	\$854.38	\$892.49	37.9	39.3	41.3	\$21.60	\$21.74	\$21.61
San Antonio MSA									
Manufacturing	\$465.86	\$455.53	\$413.11	41.3	40.6	38.5	\$11.28	\$11.22	\$10.73
Durable Goods	\$504.24	\$494.05	\$438.95	44.0	43.3	41.1	\$11.46	\$11.41	\$10.68
Nondurable Goods	\$418.76	\$404.78	\$382.32	38.0	37.0	35.4	\$11.02	\$10.94	\$10.80
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD*									
Manufacturing	\$523.91	\$522.77	\$509.76	37.8	37.8	37.4	\$13.86	\$13.83	\$13.63
Durable Goods	\$519.40	\$517.71	\$532.26	37.1	36.9	38.1	\$14.00	\$14.03	\$13.97
Nondurable Goods	\$531.96	\$531.34	\$475.53	39.0	39.3	36.3	\$13.64	\$13.52	\$13.10
Ft. Worth-Arlington MD*									
Manufacturing	\$763.86	\$773.07	\$738.98	43.5	44.1	42.3	\$17.56	\$17.53	\$17.47
Durable Goods	\$867.47	\$875.84	\$849.08	44.6	45.1	44.2	\$19.45	\$19.42	\$19.21
Nondurable Goods	\$515.75	\$523.75	\$482.98	40.9	41.8	38.0	\$12.61	\$12.53	\$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”

Alabama Firm Plans to Relocate to McKinney

MCKINNEY, Tex (Dallas Morning News—Brendan M. Case)—Torchmark Corp. from Birmingham, Alabama plans to relocate its headquarters to McKinney bringing 500 new jobs over the next five years. The company also plans to invest \$27 million in a new 150,000-square-foot building.

According to David Pitstick, president and chief executive of the McKinney Economic Development Corp., “It’s our largest and most prestigious company headquarters to date.” The company, with more than \$3 billion in annual sales, specializes in life insurance and supplemental health insurance for middle-income Americans.

Swedish Furniture Store Starts Construction

ROUND ROCK, Tex (Austin American-Statesman—Shonda Novak)—Swedish furniture retailer IKEA has broken ground on a store that could provide more than 300 positions when finished in 2007. The store, which is expected to draw 1.5 million shoppers a year from the region and beyond, is expected to create 500 construction jobs during the building of the 252,000-square-foot facility.

IKEA is only one of the major projects ongoing in Round Rock. The Round Rock Premium Outlets mall is creating up to 1,500 construction jobs. Once the 120-store center opens in August, it will have 1,000 full- and part-time workers that will serve up to 7 million shoppers a year.

El Paso Company to Triple Work Staff

EL PASO, Tex (El Paso Times)—Arkansas-based Alltel, owner and operator of the nation’s largest wireless network, is building a new call center in El Paso and will hire an additional 330 workers. A new 50,000-square-foot center is being opened on the East Side and will be open this summer, company officials said. The new location will replace an existing call center that now employs 115 people.

Company Plans to Hire 200 Telephone Bankers

SAN ANTONIO, Tex (San Antonio Business Journal)—Washington Mutual officials say the company is looking to fill 200 telephone banker positions at its regional operations center in San Antonio. The company needs to have new hires in place in order to begin training in May. Wages will start at \$10.35 an hour and all positions are eligible for health, vision, and dental benefits. The Seattle-based lender is offering additional pay for bilingual employees.

INDICATORS

Texas Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
MAR	2006	5.0%	MAR	2006	5.0%
FEB	2006	5.2%	FEB	2006	5.0%
MAR	2005	5.4%	MAR	2005	5.3%

U.S. Unemployment Rate

Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Seasonally Adjusted		
MAR	2006	4.8%	MAR	2006	4.7%
FEB	2006	5.1%	FEB	2006	4.8%
MAR	2005	5.4%	MAR	2005	5.1%

Texas Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Not Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
MAR	2006	9,913,300	MAR	2006	9,923,700
FEB	2006	9,845,100	FEB	2006	9,900,500
MAR	2005	9,634,000	MAR	2005	9,644,300
OTM Change		68,200	OTM Change		23,200
OTY Change		279,300	OTY Change		279,400

Unemployment Insurance Claims

Initial Claims			Continued Claims		
MAR	2006	57,297	MAR	2006	501,365
FEB	2006	48,059	FEB	2006	519,327
MAR	2005	72,582	MAR	2005	587,014

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Annual Change			Help Wanted Index - Texas		
U.S.	MAR 2006	3.4%	MAR	2006	62.9
Dallas-Fort Worth	MAR 2006	3.9%	FEB	2006	62.9
Houston-Galveston	FEB 2006	2.3%	MAR	2005	59.6

West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil (\$/barrel)

MAR	2006	\$ 62.90	OTM Change	\$ 1.27
FEB	2006	\$ 61.63	OTY Change	\$ 8.59
MAR	2005	\$ 54.31		

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