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Texas Adds 189,600 Jobs Over the Past Year

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AUSTIN – Texas employers expanded their payrolls in April with the addition of 8,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs. The state has added jobs in 12 of the last 13 months.

“Texas employers added 189,600 jobs over the past year, creating opportunities for workers in a range of industries,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Texas offers many competitive advantages to employers who do business in Texas, including a highly skilled workforce.”

Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.4 percent in April, up slightly from 4.3 percent in March, and remained below the national average of 5.0 percent.

“Over the month, private employers added more than 8,000 jobs, strengthening the Texas labor market,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “The fact that our state has added jobs for 12 of the last 13 months is a credit to the diversity and resilience of employers in Texas.”

Employment in the Education and Health Services industry was up in April with the addition of 10,900 jobs. Solid growth also continued in Professional and Business Services which added 6,600 jobs over the month and recorded a 1.9 percent annual growth rate.

“Texas workers have much to offer and there are resources available to find the perfect occupational fit, I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training and placement,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.7 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs with rates of 2.9 and 3.0 percent, respectively, in April.

Audio downloads with comments from Commissioner Hughs on the latest labor market data are available on the TWC website [press release page](#). Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [tracer2.com](#).

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

	April 2016				March 2016				April 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	158,488.0	151,075.0	7,413.0	4.7	158,854.0	150,738.0	8,116.0	5.1	156,554.0	148,587.0	7,966.0	5.1
Texas	13,257.5	12,696.8	560.7	4.2	13,273.3	12,682.3	591.0	4.5	13,054.1	12,524.8	529.4	4.1
Abilene	76.0	73.4	2.7	3.5	75.8	72.9	2.9	3.8	75.6	72.9	2.7	3.5
Amarillo	132.1	128.5	3.6	2.7	131.4	127.4	4.0	3.0	130.3	126.7	3.6	2.7
Austin-Round Rock	1,095.9	1,064.5	31.4	2.9	1,097.5	1,063.3	34.2	3.1	1,064.1	1,031.7	32.4	3.0
Beaumont-Port Arthur	176.3	165.5	10.8	6.1	177.5	166.2	11.3	6.4	176.0	165.2	10.8	6.1
Brownsville-Harlingen	167.8	156.6	11.2	6.7	168.1	156.4	11.7	6.9	164.7	153.6	11.2	6.8
College Station-Bryan	125.4	121.4	4.0	3.2	125.6	121.3	4.3	3.4	121.8	118.0	3.8	3.1
Corpus Christi	213.2	201.8	11.4	5.3	213.5	201.6	12.0	5.6	207.7	198.0	9.8	4.7
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,664.0	3,535.1	128.9	3.5	3,656.2	3,517.4	138.8	3.8	3,561.5	3,427.9	133.7	3.8
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,465.0	2,380.7	84.3	3.4	2,460.3	2,369.0	91.3	3.7	2,381.1	2,292.9	88.2	3.7
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,199.0	1,154.4	44.6	3.7	1,195.8	1,148.4	47.4	4.0	1,180.4	1,134.9	45.5	3.9
El Paso	350.3	334.4	15.9	4.5	350.9	333.9	17.0	4.8	343.8	327.2	16.6	4.8
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,267.2	3,110.0	157.2	4.8	3,275.9	3,114.7	161.2	4.9	3,249.2	3,116.2	133.0	4.1
Killeen-Temple	172.3	165.2	7.1	4.1	172.5	165.0	7.5	4.3	168.7	161.5	7.2	4.3
Laredo	113.8	108.5	5.3	4.6	114.4	108.8	5.6	4.9	112.0	107.1	4.9	4.4
Longview	101.1	95.6	5.5	5.4	101.8	96.3	5.5	5.4	101.0	96.5	4.5	4.5
Lubbock	157.4	152.6	4.8	3.0	157.2	152.0	5.2	3.3	153.9	149.2	4.7	3.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	339.0	314.6	24.4	7.2	340.6	314.7	25.9	7.6	332.6	308.1	24.5	7.4
Midland	90.2	86.3	3.9	4.3	90.1	86.2	3.9	4.3	92.1	89.3	2.8	3.1
Odessa	78.7	73.7	4.9	6.2	79.3	74.5	4.8	6.1	80.7	77.4	3.3	4.1
San Angelo	56.5	54.0	2.4	4.3	56.5	54.0	2.5	4.4	55.7	53.5	2.1	3.8
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,117.3	1,079.4	37.9	3.4	1,119.9	1,078.9	41.0	3.7	1,097.1	1,059.3	37.7	3.4
Sherman-Denison	61.2	59.1	2.1	3.5	61.5	59.1	2.3	3.8	60.3	58.1	2.2	3.6
Texarkana	65.2	62.8	2.5	3.8	65.6	62.7	2.8	4.3	64.6	61.5	3.1	4.7
Tyler	104.0	99.8	4.3	4.1	104.1	99.6	4.5	4.3	102.3	98.1	4.2	4.1
Victoria	50.4	48.0	2.4	4.8	50.1	47.7	2.4	4.8	49.7	47.9	1.8	3.7
Waco	120.4	116.0	4.4	3.6	120.5	115.7	4.7	3.9	118.2	113.9	4.3	3.7
Wichita Falls	64.7	62.0	2.6	4.1	65.1	62.2	2.9	4.5	64.9	62.4	2.5	3.9

**TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

INDUSTRY TITLE	Apr 2016*	Mar 2016	Apr 2015	Mar '16 to Apr '16		Apr '15 to Apr '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Total Nonagricultural	11,969,900	11,961,600	11,780,300	8,300	0.1	189,600	1.6
Total Private	10,090,600	10,082,600	9,936,400	8,000	0.1	154,200	1.6
Goods Producing	1,766,800	1,777,800	1,843,200	-11,000	-0.6	-76,400	-4.1
Mining and Logging	230,000	236,600	280,500	-6,600	-2.8	-50,500	-18.0
Construction	688,900	688,500	675,800	400	0.1	13,100	1.9
Manufacturing	847,900	852,700	886,900	-4,800	-0.6	-39,000	-4.4
Service Providing	10,203,100	10,183,800	9,937,100	19,300	0.2	266,000	2.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,431,400	2,430,100	2,378,900	1,300	0.1	52,500	2.2
Information	199,300	200,400	200,500	-1,100	-0.5	-1,200	-0.6
Financial Activities	730,700	730,100	716,900	600	0.1	13,800	1.9
Professional and Business Services	1,616,300	1,609,700	1,585,600	6,600	0.4	30,700	1.9
Education and Health Services	1,632,000	1,621,100	1,568,500	10,900	0.7	63,500	4.0
Leisure and Hospitality	1,289,200	1,289,900	1,227,600	-700	-0.1	61,600	5.0
Other Services	424,900	423,500	415,200	1,400	0.3	9,700	2.3
Government	1,879,300	1,879,000	1,843,900	300	0.0	35,400	1.9

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