

Texas Workforce Press Release

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Texas Adds 171,800 Jobs Over the Past Year

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AUSTIN – Texas has added an estimated 171,800 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year with the addition of 200 nonfarm jobs in May. The state has added jobs in 13 of the last 14 months. Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.4 percent in May, which is below the national average of 4.7 percent.

“Texas Workforce Solutions continues to offer market aligned services to advance local job creation efforts,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. “We must continue to build and support partnerships that connect employers to workers efficiently and equip job seekers with skills that help them succeed.”

Employment increased in the Financial Activities industry by 4,800 jobs in May. Education and Health Services jobs continued to be in demand with the addition of 3,700 positions and having added jobs in 39 of the last 40 months. Over the year, this industry has gained 61,900 jobs.

“Connecting employers with the workforce they need is critical to our state’s success,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “I encourage all of our employers to take advantage of the programs we offer through the [Skills Development Fund](#) to help them create jobs and train workers with the skills needed for today’s job market.”

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.8 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs with rates of 2.9 and 3.1 percent, respectively, in May.

“Texas’ labor force is the backbone of the Texas economy. It is made up of hard-working individuals who are eager to obtain the skills that our employers need,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “For individuals who need assistance connecting with that perfect career opportunity, I encourage our labor force to tap into TWC’s training resources like our [apprenticeship training program](#) that can help prepare them for a good-paying career.”

Audio downloads with comments from Commissioner Alvarez 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)**

	May 2016				April 2016				May 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	158,800.0	151,594.0	7,207.0	4.5	158,488.0	151,075.0	7,413.0	4.7	157,719.0	149,349.0	8,370.0	5.3
Texas	13,281.2	12,722.1	559.1	4.2	13,256.6	12,696.1	560.5	4.2	13,104.9	12,539.2	565.7	4.3
Abilene	75.6	72.9	2.8	3.6	75.8	73.1	2.7	3.5	75.8	72.9	2.9	3.9
Amarillo	132.4	128.7	3.7	2.8	132.0	128.3	3.6	2.7	130.7	126.7	4.0	3.1
Austin-Round Rock	1,099.5	1,067.8	31.7	2.9	1,095.5	1,064.1	31.4	2.9	1,069.4	1,034.3	35.0	3.3
Beaumont-Port Arthur	176.1	165.4	10.7	6.1	176.2	165.4	10.8	6.1	177.4	166.1	11.3	6.4
Brownsville-Harlingen	167.8	156.8	11.0	6.6	167.8	156.6	11.2	6.7	165.4	154.0	11.4	6.9
College Station-Bryan	126.4	122.3	4.1	3.3	125.5	121.5	4.0	3.2	122.7	118.5	4.2	3.5
Corpus Christi	212.2	200.9	11.3	5.3	213.0	201.6	11.4	5.3	208.0	197.6	10.4	5.0
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,674.7	3,546.5	128.2	3.5	3,664.2	3,535.4	128.8	3.5	3,578.8	3,437.5	141.4	4.0
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,473.9	2,389.7	84.2	3.4	2,465.7	2,381.5	84.2	3.4	2,391.7	2,298.6	93.2	3.9
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,200.8	1,156.8	44.0	3.7	1,198.5	1,153.9	44.6	3.7	1,187.1	1,138.9	48.2	4.1
El Paso	351.7	335.8	15.9	4.5	350.6	334.7	15.9	4.5	345.9	328.2	17.7	5.1
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,264.9	3,107.7	157.2	4.8	3,269.1	3,111.9	157.3	4.8	3,254.9	3,112.5	142.4	4.4
Killeen-Temple	172.8	165.7	7.1	4.1	172.4	165.3	7.1	4.1	169.7	162.0	7.7	4.5
Laredo	114.3	109.1	5.2	4.6	114.1	108.9	5.3	4.6	112.5	107.2	5.2	4.7
Longview	101.0	95.4	5.5	5.5	101.3	95.8	5.5	5.4	100.9	95.9	5.0	4.9
Lubbock	157.7	152.9	4.8	3.1	157.3	152.6	4.8	3.0	154.3	149.1	5.2	3.4
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	339.1	315.4	23.7	7.0	338.8	314.4	24.4	7.2	335.6	310.1	25.5	7.6
Midland	90.2	86.4	3.8	4.3	90.4	86.5	3.9	4.3	91.5	88.4	3.2	3.5
Odessa	78.5	73.7	4.8	6.1	78.9	74.0	4.9	6.2	79.9	76.3	3.6	4.5
San Angelo	56.6	54.2	2.4	4.2	56.4	54.0	2.4	4.3	55.9	53.5	2.3	4.2
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,124.9	1,086.6	38.3	3.4	1,117.5	1,079.6	37.9	3.4	1,102.7	1,061.5	41.1	3.7
Sherman-Denison	61.4	59.3	2.1	3.5	61.3	59.1	2.1	3.5	60.8	58.4	2.3	3.8
Texarkana	65.1	62.6	2.6	3.9	65.2	62.7	2.5	3.8	64.8	61.6	3.2	4.9
Tyler	104.3	100.0	4.3	4.1	104.1	99.9	4.3	4.1	102.7	98.2	4.5	4.4
Victoria	50.3	47.9	2.4	4.8	50.3	47.9	2.4	4.8	49.8	47.8	2.0	4.0
Waco	120.7	116.3	4.5	3.7	120.3	115.9	4.4	3.6	118.7	113.9	4.8	4.0
Wichita Falls	65.0	62.4	2.6	4.1	64.6	62.0	2.6	4.1	65.1	62.4	2.7	4.2

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	May 2016*	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr '16 to May '16		May '15 to May '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Total Nonagricultural	11,973,700	11,973,500	11,801,900	200	0.0	171,800	1.5
Total Private	10,085,700	10,092,600	9,950,200	-6,900	-0.1	135,500	1.4
Goods Producing	1,760,100	1,768,500	1,834,400	-8,400	-0.5	-74,300	-4.1
Mining and Logging	227,600	230,400	273,300	-2,800	-1.2	-45,700	-16.7
Construction	686,500	689,900	677,800	-3,400	-0.5	8,700	1.3
Manufacturing	846,000	848,200	883,300	-2,200	-0.3	-37,300	-4.2
Service Providing	10,213,600	10,205,000	9,967,500	8,600	0.1	246,100	2.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,428,200	2,431,800	2,385,800	-3,600	-0.1	42,400	1.8
Information	202,800	200,000	201,300	2,800	1.4	1,500	0.7
Financial Activities	736,200	731,400	718,400	4,800	0.7	17,800	2.5
Professional and Business Services	1,609,800	1,614,200	1,588,200	-4,400	-0.3	21,600	1.4
Education and Health Services	1,636,900	1,633,200	1,575,000	3,700	0.2	61,900	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	1,285,700	1,288,700	1,231,700	-3,000	-0.2	54,000	4.4
Other Services	426,000	424,800	415,400	1,200	0.3	10,600	2.6
Government	1,888,000	1,880,900	1,851,700	7,100	0.4	36,300	2.0

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