

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Texas Employers Add 33,200 Jobs in May**

*Lone Star State gains 286,400 positions between May 2014 and May 2015*

AUSTIN – Texas gained 33,200 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in May bringing the over-the-year total to 286,400 jobs added.

“Employers in Texas continue to create jobs in the dynamic Texas economy,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Our state provides many advantages to businesses that make Texas their home, and I encourage employers to use the many resources provided through the Workforce Solutions network for their hiring needs.”

The state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate saw a slight increase in May and now stands at 4.3 percent up from 4.2 percent in April. The state continues to trend well below the U.S. unemployment rate of 5.5 percent.

“The Texas civilian labor force now stands at more than 13 million workers and each of them have talents and abilities to contribute to our great state,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “The Texas Workforce Commission and its workforce partners continue to pursue the mission of connecting every Texan who wants a job to an employer who needs his or her skills.”

May’s job gains came from employers in the state’s service providing industries. The Leisure and Hospitality industry added 16,000 jobs. The Education and Health Services industry showed the next largest increase with 12,500 positions added.

“Texas employers continue to provide job growth and this is great news for our state,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “Texas has so much to offer for veterans, job seekers and businesses that choose to locate here. To discover the many services that are available through the Texas Workforce Commission, I encourage all Texans to visit [Texasworkforce.org](http://Texasworkforce.org).”

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) boasted the lowest unemployment in the state in May, a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.9 percent. The Austin-Round Rock and Midland MSAs followed, each with a 3.1 percent rate.

Audio downloads with comments from Commissioner Andrade 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](http://tracer2.com).

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Please note that the unemployment estimates for the United States and Texas in this chart are “Not Seasonally Adjusted” for purposes of comparison to the “Not Seasonally Adjusted” Metropolitan Statistical Area data.

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

	May 2015				April 2015				May 2014			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	157,719	149,349	8,370	5.3	156,554	148,587	7,966	5.1	155,841	146,398	9,443	6.1
Texas	13,114.0	12,575.3	538.7	4.1	13,094.5	12,573.1	521.4	4.0	13,094.8	12,436.9	657.9	5.0
Abilene	76.5	73.7	2.8	3.7	76.8	74.2	2.6	3.4	77.5	74.1	3.4	4.3
Amarillo	131.0	127.1	3.9	2.9	130.0	126.5	3.5	2.7	132.6	127.8	4.8	3.6
Austin-Round Rock	1,060.3	1,027.3	33.0	3.1	1,056.0	1,024.4	31.6	3.0	1,049.0	1,006.0	43.0	4.1
Beaumont-Port Arthur	181.5	170.7	10.8	6.0	180.5	169.8	10.7	5.9	180.5	166.9	13.6	7.5
Brownsville-Harlingen	165.4	154.5	10.9	6.6	165.1	154.1	11.0	6.7	168.1	154.5	13.6	8.1
College Station-Bryan	119.9	115.9	4.0	3.3	119.1	115.4	3.7	3.1	121.4	116.5	4.9	4.0
Corpus Christi	212.9	202.9	10.0	4.7	213.5	203.9	9.6	4.5	211.8	201.0	10.8	5.1
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,567.7	3,433.2	134.5	3.8	3,573.0	3,441.5	131.5	3.7	3,544.3	3,367.7	176.6	5.0
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,376.8	2,288.3	88.5	3.7	2,380.4	2,293.7	86.7	3.6	2,355.0	2,237.1	117.9	5.0
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,190.9	1,145.0	45.9	3.9	1,192.6	1,147.8	44.8	3.8	1,189.3	1,130.6	58.7	4.9
El Paso	342.7	325.6	17.1	5.0	342.2	325.6	16.6	4.8	351.1	328.4	22.7	6.5
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,249.9	3,114.9	135.0	4.2	3,245.1	3,114.6	130.5	4.0	3,247.3	3,089.6	157.7	4.9
Killeen-Temple	167.9	160.5	7.4	4.4	167.6	160.4	7.2	4.3	170.8	160.9	9.9	5.8
Laredo	112.0	107.0	5.0	4.5	112.0	107.1	4.9	4.4	111.4	105.8	5.6	5.0
Longview	105.4	100.6	4.8	4.5	105.5	101.0	4.5	4.3	104.5	99.4	5.1	4.9
Lubbock	153.7	148.8	4.9	3.2	153.7	149.1	4.6	3.0	155.0	149.1	5.9	3.8
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	335.2	311.0	24.2	7.2	331.8	307.7	24.1	7.3	334.6	306.8	27.8	8.3
Midland	97.0	94.0	3.0	3.1	97.1	94.3	2.8	2.9	93.0	90.3	2.7	2.9
Odessa	85.4	82.0	3.4	4.0	85.6	82.4	3.2	3.8	81.7	78.9	2.8	3.5
San Angelo	55.9	53.7	2.2	4.0	55.7	53.6	2.1	3.8	55.4	53.1	2.3	4.1
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,099.9	1,060.8	39.1	3.6	1,097.4	1,060.2	37.2	3.4	1,094.4	1,044.3	50.1	4.6
Sherman-Denison	60.3	58.1	2.2	3.7	60.2	58.0	2.2	3.6	60.9	58.0	2.9	4.8
Texarkana	63.9	60.7	3.2	5.0	63.7	60.6	3.1	4.9	64.8	60.8	4.0	6.2
Tyler	102.2	97.9	4.3	4.2	102.0	97.9	4.1	4.1	103.4	98.2	5.2	5.1
Victoria	50.5	48.6	1.9	3.8	50.5	48.7	1.8	3.6	50.0	47.9	2.1	4.2
Waco	117.4	112.8	4.6	3.9	117.6	113.3	4.3	3.7	119.8	113.6	6.2	5.2
Wichita Falls	64.8	62.2	2.6	4.1	64.8	62.3	2.5	3.9	66.3	63.2	3.1	4.7

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	May 2015*	Apr 2015	May 2014	Apr '15 to May '15		May '14 to May '15	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>Total Nonagricultural</b>	<b>11,788,700</b>	<b>11,755,500</b>	<b>11,502,300</b>	<b>33,200</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>286,400</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>9,941,000</b>	<b>9,915,300</b>	<b>9,678,500</b>	<b>25,700</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>262,500</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>1,830,100</b>	<b>1,844,300</b>	<b>1,833,700</b>	<b>-14,200</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-3,600</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Mining and Logging	294,000	300,000	303,300	-6,000	-2.0	-9,300	-3.1
Construction	666,800	668,300	646,500	-1,500	-0.2	20,300	3.1
Manufacturing	869,300	876,000	883,900	-6,700	-0.8	-14,600	-1.7
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>9,958,600</b>	<b>9,911,200</b>	<b>9,668,600</b>	<b>47,400</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>290,000</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,370,200	2,364,100	2,298,500	6,100	0.3	71,700	3.1
Information	205,000	206,700	202,700	-1,700	-0.8	2,300	1.1
Financial Activities	716,700	715,300	697,100	1,400	0.2	19,600	2.8
Professional and Business Services	1,581,200	1,573,900	1,538,700	7,300	0.5	42,500	2.8
Education and Health Services	1,576,800	1,564,300	1,518,000	12,500	0.8	58,800	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	1,248,000	1,232,000	1,180,200	16,000	1.3	67,800	5.7
Other Services	413,000	414,700	409,600	-1,700	-0.4	3,400	0.8
Government	1,847,700	1,840,200	1,823,800	7,500	0.4	23,900	1.3

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