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Texas Economy Adds 23,600 Jobs in July

State has experienced job growth in 15 of the past 16 months

AUSTIN – Texas’ labor market grew by an estimated 173,000 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year with the addition of 23,600 nonfarm jobs in July. The state has added jobs in 15 of the last 16 months. Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.6 percent in July, up slightly from 4.5 percent in June, and remained below the national rate of 4.9 percent.

“Texas employers continued to create jobs last month in a range of industries that are important to the Texas economy,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. “TWC will continue to focus on the workforce needs of these crucial industries and build education and training partnerships that support job creation by Texas employers.”

The Professional and Business Services industry recorded the largest private industry employment gain over the month with 10,000 jobs added. Construction employment expanded by 7,800 jobs in July. Education and Health Services employment increased by 7,600 jobs.

“Private-sector employment was strong over the year with the overall job growth of 134,000 and 24,500 jobs added in July,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “Texas employers continue to strengthen the job market by providing employment and training opportunities.”

The Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.6 percent, followed by the Lubbock MSA with a rate of 4.1 percent in July.

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

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)**

	July 2016				June 2016				July 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	160,705.0	152,437.0	8,267.0	5.1	160,135.0	151,990.0	8,144.0	5.1	158,527.0	149,722.0	8,805.0	5.6
Texas	13,386.7	12,707.0	679.8	5.1	13,338.5	12,694.0	644.4	4.8	13,120.5	12,487.2	633.2	4.8
Abilene	76.2	72.9	3.3	4.3	75.8	72.6	3.1	4.2	75.1	71.9	3.2	4.2
Amarillo	132.0	127.3	4.7	3.6	132.0	127.7	4.3	3.3	130.2	125.6	4.6	3.5
Austin-Round Rock	1,115.1	1,075.3	39.8	3.6	1,107.7	1,070.6	37.2	3.4	1,074.3	1,035.2	39.1	3.6
Beaumont-Port Arthur	177.9	164.7	13.2	7.4	177.0	164.8	12.2	6.9	175.8	163.3	12.5	7.1
Brownsville-Harlingen	170.1	157.0	13.1	7.7	170.0	157.1	12.8	7.5	165.7	153.5	12.2	7.4
College Station-Bryan	122.9	117.7	5.2	4.2	123.0	118.0	5.0	4.1	117.9	113.0	4.8	4.1
Corpus Christi	212.7	199.5	13.2	6.2	212.5	199.8	12.7	6.0	207.6	196.2	11.4	5.5
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,719.3	3,563.0	156.3	4.2	3,695.3	3,547.6	147.7	4.0	3,605.1	3,448.7	156.4	4.3
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,505.2	2,402.3	102.9	4.1	2,487.2	2,390.3	96.9	3.9	2,415.8	2,313.0	102.8	4.3
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,214.1	1,160.7	53.5	4.4	1,208.1	1,157.3	50.8	4.2	1,189.3	1,135.7	53.6	4.5
El Paso	352.4	333.2	19.2	5.4	350.9	332.7	18.3	5.2	343.6	324.3	19.3	5.6
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,313.8	3,122.6	191.2	5.8	3,286.5	3,106.4	180.0	5.5	3,264.8	3,101.7	163.1	5.0
Killeen-Temple	174.1	165.5	8.7	5.0	172.6	164.4	8.3	4.8	170.6	162.0	8.5	5.0
Laredo	115.7	109.5	6.3	5.4	115.2	109.1	6.1	5.3	112.4	106.5	5.9	5.2
Longview	102.2	95.2	7.0	6.8	101.8	95.2	6.7	6.5	100.6	94.9	5.7	5.6
Lubbock	157.7	151.2	6.5	4.1	157.3	151.2	6.2	3.9	154.4	148.2	6.2	4.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	334.8	306.2	28.6	8.6	340.1	312.3	27.8	8.2	329.4	301.3	28.1	8.5
Midland	90.6	86.3	4.3	4.7	90.3	86.2	4.2	4.6	90.7	87.2	3.5	3.8
Odessa	79.8	74.4	5.4	6.8	78.9	73.6	5.3	6.7	79.3	75.2	4.1	5.1
San Angelo	56.3	53.6	2.8	4.9	56.6	54.0	2.6	4.6	55.2	52.7	2.5	4.5
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,126.0	1,078.4	47.6	4.2	1,126.5	1,081.7	44.8	4.0	1,104.6	1,058.7	45.9	4.2
Sherman-Denison	62.1	59.5	2.6	4.2	61.7	59.3	2.4	3.9	61.2	58.5	2.6	4.3
Texarkana	65.0	61.7	3.3	5.1	65.6	62.6	3.0	4.6	64.8	61.3	3.5	5.4
Tyler	105.8	100.6	5.2	4.9	105.3	100.3	5.0	4.7	103.9	98.7	5.1	4.9
Victoria	50.7	47.8	2.9	5.7	50.8	48.0	2.8	5.5	49.5	47.2	2.3	4.7
Waco	122.7	117.1	5.7	4.6	121.5	116.2	5.3	4.4	120.1	114.5	5.6	4.6
Wichita Falls	65.4	62.2	3.2	4.8	65.2	62.2	3.0	4.6	65.2	62.1	3.1	4.7

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	Jul 2016*	Jun 2016	Jul 2015	Jun '16 to Jul '16		Jul '15 to Jul '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Total Nonagricultural	12,021,500	11,997,900	11,848,500	23,600	0.2	173,000	1.5
Total Private	10,125,900	10,101,400	9,991,900	24,500	0.2	134,000	1.3
Goods Producing	1,762,000	1,757,300	1,824,000	4,700	0.3	-62,000	-3.4
Mining and Logging	224,800	225,500	264,200	-700	-0.3	-39,400	-14.9
Construction	693,200	685,400	682,600	7,800	1.1	10,600	1.6
Manufacturing	844,000	846,400	877,200	-2,400	-0.3	-33,200	-3.8
Service Providing	10,259,500	10,240,600	10,024,500	18,900	0.2	235,000	2.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,437,200	2,434,200	2,398,300	3,000	0.1	38,900	1.6
Information	201,300	203,700	201,600	-2,400	-1.2	-300	-0.1
Financial Activities	738,500	737,500	721,100	1,000	0.1	17,400	2.4
Professional and Business Services	1,615,200	1,605,200	1,596,800	10,000	0.6	18,400	1.2
Education and Health Services	1,654,500	1,646,900	1,586,200	7,600	0.5	68,300	4.3
Leisure and Hospitality	1,295,300	1,291,000	1,244,200	4,300	0.3	51,100	4.1
Other Services	421,900	425,600	419,700	-3,700	-0.9	2,200	0.5
Government	1,895,600	1,896,500	1,856,600	-900	0.0	39,000	2.1

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