

Texas Workforce Press Release

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Texas Adds 26,600 Jobs in September

State has added 224,800 jobs over the past year

AUSTIN – Texas added jobs in September for the seventh month of job growth in 2015. The state added 26,600 nonfarm seasonally adjusted jobs as it rebounded from a revised decrease of 3,400 jobs in August. Over the year, Texas employers have increased their payrolls by 224,800 positions since September of 2014.

“With the Texas economy continuing to generate a steady growth of jobs, our employers and jobseekers have a definite competitive advantage when seeking the many opportunities available in our Lone Star State,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Such opportunities are reflected across the diverse mix of industries that have created 224,800 jobs over the past year.”

Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked up to 4.2 percent in September from 4.1 percent in August. The state continues to trend well below the national unemployment rate of 5.1 percent.

“Texas employers added jobs in eight of 11 industries in September, offering opportunities to a diverse pool of job seekers,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “TWC and the 28 local workforce boards are committed to connecting Texas workers with available jobs.”

The Trade, Transportation, and Utilities industry expanded by 11,400 positions in September, leading job growth among all industries. The Education and Health Services industry added 10,900 jobs. Increases were also seen in Construction, Manufacturing, Information, Financial Activities, Professional and Business Services, and Leisure and Hospitality.

“Private-sector employment was strong in September with our Texas employers outpacing the overall job growth, adding 31,200 jobs,” said TWC Commissioner Rep. Employers Ruth Hughs. “It’s no coincidence that businesses continue to make Texas their choice for growth and expansion.”

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 3.1 percent. The Midland MSA and the Austin-Round Rock MSA each posted a rate of 3.3 percent in September.

Audio downloads with comments from Chairman Alcantar 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)**

	September 2015				August 2015				September 2014			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	156,607	148,980	7,628	4.9	157,390	149,228	8,162	5.2	155,903	146,941	8,962	5.7
Texas	13,045.6	12,477.6	568.0	4.4	13,030.4	12,460.9	569.6	4.4	13,144.7	12,506.3	638.4	4.9
Abilene	75.4	72.5	2.9	3.8	74.8	71.9	2.8	3.8	76.8	73.6	3.2	4.2
Amarillo	128.3	124.3	4.0	3.1	127.9	123.9	4.0	3.1	131.2	126.5	4.7	3.6
Austin-Round Rock	1,053.1	1,018.6	34.4	3.3	1,051.6	1,017.5	34.1	3.2	1,054.8	1,011.7	43.1	4.1
Beaumont-Port Arthur	180.0	168.5	11.4	6.4	179.8	168.2	11.6	6.5	181.1	167.6	13.5	7.4
Brownsville-Harlingen	162.2	151.4	10.7	6.6	162.9	151.8	11.1	6.8	166.1	153.3	12.8	7.7
College Station-Bryan	117.6	113.6	4.1	3.5	113.7	109.7	4.1	3.6	120.5	115.8	4.7	3.9
Corpus Christi	211.2	200.7	10.6	5.0	209.6	199.0	10.6	5.0	212.9	202.5	10.5	4.9
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,564.0	3,424.5	139.5	3.9	3,566.4	3,426.6	139.9	3.9	3,575.6	3,404.5	171.0	4.8
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,379.8	2,288.4	91.4	3.8	2,383.0	2,291.4	91.6	3.8	2,381.8	2,267.4	114.4	4.8
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,184.2	1,136.1	48.1	4.1	1,183.4	1,135.2	48.2	4.1	1,193.8	1,137.1	56.7	4.7
El Paso	338.6	321.2	17.4	5.1	338.2	320.8	17.4	5.2	347.2	325.4	21.8	6.3
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,234.4	3,085.0	149.4	4.6	3,235.8	3,086.5	149.2	4.6	3,272.5	3,117.9	154.6	4.7
Killeen-Temple	166.2	158.5	7.7	4.7	166.5	158.9	7.6	4.6	169.6	160.0	9.6	5.7
Laredo	111.2	106.1	5.2	4.6	111.9	106.6	5.2	4.7	112.0	106.6	5.4	4.8
Longview	104.5	99.3	5.2	4.9	104.7	99.5	5.1	4.9	105.7	100.8	4.8	4.6
Lubbock	153.5	148.4	5.1	3.4	152.2	147.0	5.2	3.4	154.2	148.4	5.8	3.8
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	329.9	305.4	24.5	7.4	327.9	302.2	25.7	7.8	331.2	304.7	26.5	8.0
Midland	96.7	93.5	3.2	3.3	96.5	93.4	3.1	3.2	96.0	93.4	2.7	2.8
Odessa	86.1	82.2	3.9	4.5	85.1	81.5	3.7	4.3	84.6	81.9	2.7	3.2
San Angelo	55.0	52.8	2.2	4.0	55.2	52.9	2.2	4.0	55.8	53.6	2.1	3.8
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,100.6	1,059.9	40.7	3.7	1,098.4	1,058.1	40.3	3.7	1,097.1	1,048.2	48.9	4.5
Sherman-Denison	59.5	57.2	2.3	3.9	59.8	57.3	2.4	4.1	60.7	57.8	2.8	4.7
Texarkana	63.0	59.9	3.1	4.8	62.9	59.7	3.1	5.0	64.5	60.7	3.7	5.8
Tyler	101.7	97.1	4.6	4.5	101.6	97.0	4.6	4.5	102.9	97.7	5.2	5.0
Victoria	50.8	48.7	2.1	4.2	50.4	48.4	2.1	4.1	50.3	48.3	2.0	4.0
Waco	117.7	112.9	4.8	4.1	117.5	112.7	4.8	4.1	120.1	114.1	6.0	5.0
Wichita Falls	63.2	60.4	2.8	4.4	63.2	60.6	2.7	4.2	66.2	63.1	3.1	4.7

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	Sep 2015*	Aug 2015	Sep 2014	Aug '15 to Sep '15		Sep '14 to Sep '15	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Total Nonagricultural	11,845,900	11,819,300	11,621,100	26,600	0.2	224,800	1.9
Total Private	9,996,100	9,964,900	9,790,200	31,200	0.3	205,900	2.1
Goods Producing	1,813,400	1,812,500	1,861,000	900	0.0	-47,600	-2.6
Mining and Logging	285,800	289,700	314,100	-3,900	-1.3	-28,300	-9.0
Construction	669,900	667,200	659,800	2,700	0.4	10,100	1.5
Manufacturing	857,700	855,600	887,100	2,100	0.2	-29,400	-3.3
Service Providing	10,032,500	10,006,800	9,760,100	25,700	0.3	272,400	2.8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,384,200	2,372,800	2,327,000	11,400	0.5	57,200	2.5
Information	208,300	207,400	203,300	900	0.4	5,000	2.5
Financial Activities	706,200	703,500	703,900	2,700	0.4	2,300	0.3
Professional and Business Services	1,596,100	1,590,900	1,557,200	5,200	0.3	38,900	2.5
Education and Health Services	1,609,900	1,599,000	1,530,000	10,900	0.7	79,900	5.2
Leisure and Hospitality	1,262,700	1,259,700	1,197,500	3,000	0.2	65,200	5.4
Other Services	415,300	419,100	410,300	-3,800	-0.9	5,000	1.2
Government	1,849,800	1,854,400	1,830,900	-4,600	-0.2	18,900	1.0

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