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Texas Economy Adds 38,300 Jobs in September

State has experienced job growth in 17 of the past 18 months

AUSTIN – Texas grew by an estimated 38,300 nonfarm jobs in September. The state has added jobs in 17 of the last 18 months. Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.8 percent in September, up slightly from 4.7 percent in August, and remained below the national rate of 5.0 percent.

“Texas employers continue demonstrating their competitiveness by adding 38,300 jobs in September, for a total of 206,800 jobs added over the year,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “This continued growth in a diverse range of industries creates valuable opportunities for our state’s world-class workforce and builds on Texas’ continued success as a global economic leader.”

The Leisure and Hospitality industry recorded the largest industry employment gain over the month with 17,900 jobs added. Professional and Business services employment grew by 6,000 jobs in September. Construction employment expanded for the third consecutive month with the addition of 3,400 jobs.

“Private-sector employment was strong over the year with the overall job growth of 162,600 and 31,600 jobs added in September,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “Texas is a state that continues to welcome new employers and work with our homegrown businesses, offering them the tools they need to grow and succeed.”

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 3.5 percent, followed by the Lubbock MSA with a rate of 3.6 percent and the College Station-Bryan MSA with a rate of 3.7 for September.

“Our economy continues to offer many diverse opportunities to job seekers” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “I encourage those seeking these opportunities to take advantage of the workforce services available through their local Workforce Solutions office for help finding the job that’s right for them.”

An audio download with comments from Chairman Alcantar with the latest labor market data is 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 2016				August 2016				September 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	159,636.0	151,977.0	7,658.0	4.8	159,800.0	151,804.0	7,996.0	5.0	156,607.0	148,980.0	7,628.0	4.9
Texas	13,416.8	12,754.7	662.1	4.9	13,378.4	12,709.5	669.0	5.0	13,067.2	12,480.5	586.8	4.5
Abilene	76.4	73.2	3.2	4.2	75.6	72.4	3.2	4.2	74.9	72.0	2.9	3.9
Amarillo	131.5	126.9	4.6	3.5	131.2	126.7	4.5	3.4	129.7	125.7	4.1	3.2
Austin-Round Rock	1,108.9	1,069.8	39.1	3.5	1,108.8	1,070.1	38.7	3.5	1,072.5	1,036.6	35.9	3.3
Beaumont-Port Arthur	178.7	165.8	12.9	7.2	177.8	164.6	13.3	7.5	175.2	163.5	11.7	6.7
Brownsville-Harlingen	168.0	155.4	12.6	7.5	169.2	156.4	12.9	7.6	162.9	151.9	11.0	6.8
College Station-Bryan	126.9	122.2	4.8	3.7	122.8	117.8	5.0	4.1	122.2	117.9	4.3	3.5
Corpus Christi	212.6	199.3	13.3	6.3	212.1	199.0	13.1	6.2	207.2	196.3	10.9	5.3
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,738.7	3,586.9	151.9	4.1	3,727.1	3,574.2	153.0	4.1	3,595.2	3,450.8	144.4	4.0
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,518.6	2,418.2	100.4	4.0	2,512.3	2,411.5	100.8	4.0	2,409.8	2,315.1	94.7	3.9
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,220.1	1,168.7	51.4	4.2	1,214.8	1,162.6	52.2	4.3	1,185.4	1,135.8	49.6	4.2
El Paso	355.8	336.8	18.9	5.3	353.3	334.1	19.2	5.4	345.0	327.2	17.8	5.2
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,318.9	3,128.5	190.4	5.7	3,305.2	3,114.2	191.0	5.8	3,247.9	3,092.9	155.0	4.8
Killeen-Temple	174.4	166.0	8.4	4.8	174.1	165.8	8.3	4.8	170.9	162.9	7.9	4.6
Laredo	116.2	110.4	5.8	5.0	115.9	109.9	6.0	5.2	112.4	107.1	5.3	4.7
Longview	102.4	95.6	6.8	6.7	102.4	95.4	7.0	6.8	100.0	94.7	5.3	5.3
Lubbock	157.2	151.5	5.7	3.6	157.3	151.4	5.9	3.8	154.2	148.9	5.3	3.4
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	338.7	311.8	26.9	8.0	337.9	309.6	28.3	8.4	328.7	303.4	25.3	7.7
Midland	90.2	86.1	4.1	4.5	90.1	85.9	4.1	4.6	89.1	85.8	3.3	3.7
Odessa	79.1	73.9	5.2	6.6	79.2	73.8	5.4	6.8	78.3	74.3	4.0	5.1
San Angelo	56.6	54.0	2.6	4.6	56.5	53.9	2.7	4.7	54.9	52.6	2.3	4.2
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,130.7	1,084.8	45.9	4.1	1,124.1	1,078.1	46.1	4.1	1,100.8	1,058.7	42.1	3.8
Sherman-Denison	61.6	59.1	2.5	4.0	61.9	59.5	2.5	4.0	60.2	57.8	2.4	4.0
Texarkana	65.5	62.3	3.2	4.9	64.9	61.6	3.3	5.1	64.9	61.8	3.1	4.7
Tyler	105.4	100.1	5.3	5.0	105.9	100.5	5.4	5.1	102.8	98.1	4.7	4.6
Victoria	51.1	48.2	2.8	5.5	51.0	48.1	2.9	5.7	49.2	47.0	2.2	4.4
Waco	122.8	117.5	5.3	4.3	122.5	117.2	5.4	4.4	119.5	114.6	4.9	4.1
Wichita Falls	64.7	61.7	3.0	4.6	64.8	61.9	3.0	4.6	64.4	61.5	2.9	4.5

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	Sep 2016*	Aug 2016	Sep 2015	Aug '16 to Sep '16		Sep '15 to Sep '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Total Nonagricultural	12,084,800	12,046,500	11,878,000	38,300	0.3	206,800	1.7
Total Private	10,178,500	10,146,900	10,015,900	31,600	0.3	162,600	1.6
Goods Producing	1,762,000	1,759,500	1,813,100	2,500	0.1	-51,100	-2.8
Mining and Logging	223,400	223,600	257,200	-200	-0.1	-33,800	-13.1
Construction	695,800	692,400	686,100	3,400	0.5	9,700	1.4
Manufacturing	842,800	843,500	869,800	-700	-0.1	-27,000	-3.1
Service Providing	10,322,800	10,287,000	10,064,900	35,800	0.3	257,900	2.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,443,800	2,441,900	2,408,100	1,900	0.1	35,700	1.5
Information	201,600	202,700	201,500	-1,100	-0.5	100	0.0
Financial Activities	744,300	742,600	723,200	1,700	0.2	21,100	2.9
Professional and Business Services	1,628,800	1,622,800	1,598,500	6,000	0.4	30,300	1.9
Education and Health Services	1,655,700	1,655,800	1,595,400	-100	0.0	60,300	3.8
Leisure and Hospitality	1,312,600	1,294,700	1,255,900	17,900	1.4	56,700	4.5
Other Services	429,700	426,900	420,200	2,800	0.7	9,500	2.3
Government	1,906,300	1,899,600	1,862,100	6,700	0.4	44,200	2.4

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