

Texas Workforce Press Release

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Texas Adds 16,300 Jobs in November

State has experienced job growth in 9 of 11 months in 2015

AUSTIN – Texas employers expanded their payrolls in November with the addition 16,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, marking the ninth month of job increases for Texas in 2015.

“Texas employers added 179,300 jobs over the past year, highlighting the diversity of the Texas economy and job market,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Job seekers are encouraged to pursue these opportunities with employers by contacting their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance.”

Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.6 percent in November, up from 4.4 percent in October, and remained below the national average of 5.0 percent.

“I’m pleased to see that the Construction industry continued to see growth in Texas in November,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “This is a good indicator that the state’s economy is growing and that job opportunities will continue to increase.”

The Construction industry accounted for more than half of November’s net job gains with the addition of 9,000 jobs, marking that industry’s fourth straight month of growth. The Professional and Business Service industry also added jobs for the fourth month in a row, adding 5,500 positions in November.

“Texas employers continue to lead the good economic news for our state,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “The fact that our state has added jobs for nine of the eleven months of 2015 is a credit to the diversity and resilience of employers in Texas.”

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.2 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs with rates of 3.3 and 3.4 percent, respectively, in November.

Audio downloads with comments from Commissioner Hughs 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)**

| | November 2015 | | | | October 2015 | | | | November 2014 | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|------|--------------|-----------|---------|------|---------------|-----------|---------|------|
| | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
| United States | 157,340.0 | 149,766.0 | 7,573.0 | 4.8 | 157,313.0 | 149,716.0 | 7,597.0 | 4.8 | 156,297.0 | 147,666.0 | 8,630.0 | 5.5 |
| Texas | 13,100.3 | 12,506.6 | 593.7 | 4.5 | 13,069.1 | 12,485.2 | 583.9 | 4.5 | 13,202.8 | 12,614.3 | 588.6 | 4.5 |
| Abilene | 75.6 | 72.7 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 75.4 | 72.5 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 77.1 | 74.2 | 2.9 | 3.7 |
| Amarillo | 128.8 | 124.7 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 128.8 | 124.7 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 132.0 | 127.7 | 4.2 | 3.2 |
| Austin-Round Rock | 1,063.6 | 1,028.5 | 35.1 | 3.3 | 1,057.5 | 1,022.1 | 35.4 | 3.3 | 1,058.4 | 1,019.2 | 39.2 | 3.7 |
| Beaumont-Port Arthur | 182.2 | 169.8 | 12.4 | 6.8 | 181.6 | 169.6 | 11.9 | 6.6 | 181.9 | 169.5 | 12.4 | 6.8 |
| Brownsville-Harlingen | 163.8 | 152.2 | 11.6 | 7.1 | 162.6 | 151.7 | 11.0 | 6.7 | 166.5 | 154.2 | 12.2 | 7.4 |
| College Station-Bryan | 119.5 | 115.3 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 119.0 | 114.8 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 121.8 | 117.6 | 4.2 | 3.4 |
| Corpus Christi | 212.9 | 201.3 | 11.5 | 5.4 | 212.2 | 201.1 | 11.0 | 5.2 | 214.1 | 203.8 | 10.3 | 4.8 |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington | 3,591.3 | 3,448.5 | 142.8 | 4.0 | 3,579.2 | 3,436.2 | 143.0 | 4.0 | 3,595.7 | 3,438.7 | 157.0 | 4.4 |
| Dallas-Plano-Irving MD | 2,405.2 | 2,311.6 | 93.6 | 3.9 | 2,395.9 | 2,302.1 | 93.8 | 3.9 | 2,395.5 | 2,290.9 | 104.6 | 4.4 |
| Fort Worth-Arlington MD | 1,186.1 | 1,137.0 | 49.2 | 4.1 | 1,183.3 | 1,134.1 | 49.3 | 4.2 | 1,200.2 | 1,147.8 | 52.4 | 4.4 |
| El Paso | 342.0 | 324.2 | 17.8 | 5.2 | 340.5 | 322.7 | 17.9 | 5.2 | 347.9 | 327.9 | 20.0 | 5.7 |
| Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land | 3,249.6 | 3,090.9 | 158.8 | 4.9 | 3,241.7 | 3,087.7 | 154.0 | 4.8 | 3,289.8 | 3,147.4 | 142.4 | 4.3 |
| Killeen-Temple | 166.2 | 158.3 | 7.9 | 4.8 | 165.8 | 157.8 | 8.0 | 4.8 | 171.0 | 162.0 | 9.0 | 5.3 |
| Laredo | 112.9 | 107.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 111.6 | 106.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 113.0 | 108.1 | 4.9 | 4.3 |
| Longview | 105.7 | 100.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 105.0 | 99.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 106.7 | 102.3 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| Lubbock | 153.0 | 147.9 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 153.0 | 147.8 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 154.9 | 149.6 | 5.3 | 3.4 |
| McAllen-Edinburg-Mission | 335.6 | 308.9 | 26.7 | 8.0 | 332.3 | 307.8 | 24.5 | 7.4 | 337.0 | 311.1 | 25.9 | 7.7 |
| Midland | 96.8 | 93.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 96.4 | 93.0 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 96.8 | 94.5 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Odessa | 86.5 | 82.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 86.3 | 82.2 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 85.4 | 83.0 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| San Angelo | 55.0 | 52.7 | 2.4 | 4.3 | 55.0 | 52.7 | 2.3 | 4.2 | 56.3 | 54.3 | 2.0 | 3.5 |
| San Antonio-New Braunfels | 1,107.7 | 1,065.9 | 41.8 | 3.8 | 1,105.8 | 1,064.0 | 41.7 | 3.8 | 1,102.5 | 1,058.0 | 44.5 | 4.0 |
| Sherman-Denison | 60.0 | 57.6 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 59.8 | 57.4 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 61.1 | 58.5 | 2.6 | 4.2 |
| Texarkana | 63.1 | 60.1 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 63.1 | 60.0 | 3.1 | 5.0 | 64.7 | 61.2 | 3.5 | 5.5 |
| Tyler | 101.5 | 96.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 101.1 | 96.5 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 103.5 | 98.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| Victoria | 50.7 | 48.5 | 2.2 | 4.4 | 50.6 | 48.4 | 2.2 | 4.4 | 50.8 | 49.0 | 1.8 | 3.5 |
| Waco | 116.6 | 111.8 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 116.4 | 111.6 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 118.7 | 113.4 | 5.3 | 4.5 |
| Wichita Falls | 63.5 | 60.6 | 2.9 | 4.6 | 63.3 | 60.4 | 2.9 | 4.6 | 66.0 | 63.2 | 2.8 | 4.3 |

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

| INDUSTRY TITLE | Nov 2015* | Oct 2015 | Nov 2014 | Oct '15 to Nov '15 | | Nov '14 to Nov '15 | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | | | | Absolute Change | Percent Change | Absolute Change | Percent Change |
| Total Nonagricultural | 11,882,600 | 11,866,300 | 11,703,300 | 16,300 | 0.1 | 179,300 | 1.5 |
| Total Private | 10,020,500 | 10,007,800 | 9,867,000 | 12,700 | 0.1 | 153,500 | 1.6 |
| Goods Producing | 1,822,100 | 1,811,400 | 1,877,700 | 10,700 | 0.6 | -55,600 | -3.0 |
| Mining and Logging | 286,100 | 284,500 | 316,400 | 1,600 | 0.6 | -30,300 | -9.6 |
| Construction | 680,600 | 671,600 | 669,900 | 9,000 | 1.3 | 10,700 | 1.6 |
| Manufacturing | 855,400 | 855,300 | 891,400 | 100 | 0.0 | -36,000 | -4.0 |
| Service Providing | 10,060,500 | 10,054,900 | 9,825,600 | 5,600 | 0.1 | 234,900 | 2.4 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 2,381,300 | 2,384,700 | 2,339,100 | -3,400 | -0.1 | 42,200 | 1.8 |
| Information | 206,600 | 207,200 | 203,800 | -600 | -0.3 | 2,800 | 1.4 |
| Financial Activities | 712,000 | 709,200 | 710,300 | 2,800 | 0.4 | 1,700 | 0.2 |
| Professional and Business Services | 1,604,300 | 1,598,800 | 1,564,900 | 5,500 | 0.3 | 39,400 | 2.5 |
| Education and Health Services | 1,610,700 | 1,611,400 | 1,546,900 | -700 | 0.0 | 63,800 | 4.1 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 1,267,100 | 1,269,400 | 1,212,100 | -2,300 | -0.2 | 55,000 | 4.5 |
| Other Services | 416,400 | 415,700 | 412,200 | 700 | 0.2 | 4,200 | 1.0 |
| Government | 1,862,100 | 1,858,500 | 1,836,300 | 3,600 | 0.2 | 25,800 | 1.4 |

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