

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Texas Economy Adds 7,200 Jobs in June**

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AUSTIN – Texas has added an estimated 171,100 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year with the addition of 7,200 nonfarm jobs in June. The state has added jobs in 14 of the last 15 months. Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.5 percent in June, up slightly from 4.4 percent in May, and remained below the national average of 4.9 percent.

“I am encouraged by our state’s continued job growth, with Texas employers adding jobs in nine of 11 industries over the past year,” said Texas Workforce Commissioner (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Texas Workforce Solutions is committed to advancing partnerships and providing innovative solutions to our employers and workforce to keep our state the best place to work and do business.”

The Leisure and Hospitality industry added 5,200 jobs in June. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality gained 53,800 jobs. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities employment added 3,900 jobs in June. Manufacturing employment expanded by 1,000 jobs in June.

“Texas’ economic growth over the year is due to the resilience of our employers who have added 123,000 private-sector jobs over the past year,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “The evolution of services provided by the Texas Workforce Solutions network over the past twenty years has played a critical role in job creation and the economic prosperity of our state and we can take pride in all that this agency and our Workforce Solutions partners have accomplished.”

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 3.3 percent, followed by the Sherman-Denison and Lubbock MSAs each with rates of 3.9 percent in June.

“The Texas labor force 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 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)**

	June 2016				May 2016				June 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	160,135.0	151,990.0	8,144.0	5.1	158,800.0	151,594.0	7,207.0	4.5	158,283.0	149,645.0	8,638.0	5.5
Texas	13,338.8	12,694.2	644.7	4.8	13,281.1	12,722.3	558.8	4.2	13,127.1	12,504.1	623.0	4.7
Abilene	75.7	72.5	3.2	4.2	75.5	72.7	2.7	3.6	75.5	72.3	3.2	4.2
Amarillo	131.9	127.6	4.3	3.3	132.3	128.6	3.7	2.8	130.4	126.0	4.5	3.4
Austin-Round Rock	1,109.6	1,072.4	37.2	3.3	1,098.9	1,067.2	31.7	2.9	1,073.1	1,034.7	38.4	3.6
Beaumont-Port Arthur	177.3	165.1	12.2	6.9	176.4	165.7	10.7	6.1	177.2	165.1	12.1	6.8
Brownsville-Harlingen	170.0	157.2	12.8	7.6	168.1	157.1	11.0	6.6	166.0	153.6	12.4	7.5
College Station-Bryan	123.1	118.1	5.0	4.1	126.5	122.3	4.1	3.3	118.9	114.0	5.0	4.2
Corpus Christi	212.8	200.0	12.7	6.0	211.7	200.5	11.2	5.3	208.1	196.9	11.3	5.4
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,694.0	3,546.2	147.8	4.0	3,676.4	3,548.2	128.1	3.5	3,594.2	3,439.5	154.8	4.3
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,486.9	2,389.9	96.9	3.9	2,474.8	2,390.7	84.1	3.4	2,404.6	2,302.8	101.8	4.2
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,207.1	1,156.3	50.8	4.2	1,201.5	1,157.5	44.0	3.7	1,189.6	1,136.7	53.0	4.5
El Paso	349.8	331.5	18.3	5.2	351.5	335.6	15.9	4.5	345.2	326.0	19.2	5.6
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,285.3	3,105.3	179.9	5.5	3,264.2	3,106.9	157.3	4.8	3,257.7	3,100.2	157.5	4.8
Killeen-Temple	172.9	164.7	8.3	4.8	172.8	165.7	7.1	4.1	169.3	160.9	8.4	4.9
Laredo	115.1	109.0	6.1	5.3	114.2	109.0	5.2	4.6	112.8	106.9	6.0	5.3
Longview	102.0	95.3	6.7	6.5	101.0	95.5	5.5	5.5	100.5	95.0	5.5	5.5
Lubbock	157.4	151.2	6.2	3.9	157.6	152.8	4.8	3.1	153.8	147.6	6.2	4.0
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	339.8	311.9	27.9	8.2	339.4	315.7	23.7	7.0	334.8	306.7	28.1	8.4
Midland	90.4	86.2	4.2	4.6	90.2	86.4	3.8	4.3	91.3	87.8	3.5	3.8
Odessa	79.0	73.7	5.3	6.7	78.5	73.7	4.8	6.1	79.7	75.7	4.0	5.0
San Angelo	56.7	54.1	2.6	4.6	56.6	54.2	2.4	4.2	55.7	53.2	2.5	4.5
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,126.8	1,082.0	44.8	4.0	1,124.6	1,086.3	38.3	3.4	1,105.0	1,059.6	45.4	4.1
Sherman-Denison	61.7	59.3	2.4	3.9	61.5	59.4	2.1	3.5	61.0	58.4	2.6	4.2
Texarkana	65.7	62.7	3.0	4.5	65.1	62.5	2.6	4.0	65.3	61.9	3.4	5.2
Tyler	105.1	100.1	5.0	4.8	104.2	99.9	4.3	4.1	103.4	98.5	4.9	4.7
Victoria	50.8	48.1	2.8	5.4	50.4	47.9	2.4	4.8	49.6	47.4	2.3	4.6
Waco	121.8	116.5	5.4	4.4	120.7	116.3	4.4	3.7	119.3	113.9	5.4	4.5
Wichita Falls	65.2	62.2	3.0	4.6	64.9	62.2	2.6	4.1	65.4	62.3	3.0	4.6

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	Jun 2016*	May 2016	Jun 2015	May '16 to Jun '16		Jun '15 to Jun '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>Total Nonagricultural</b>	<b>11,987,300</b>	<b>11,980,100</b>	<b>11,816,200</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>171,100</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>10,090,900</b>	<b>10,092,100</b>	<b>9,967,900</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>123,000</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>1,756,200</b>	<b>1,759,600</b>	<b>1,831,700</b>	<b>-3,400</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-75,500</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
Mining and Logging	225,800	227,400	269,900	-1,600	-0.7	-44,100	-16.3
Construction	684,000	686,800	681,700	-2,800	-0.4	2,300	0.3
Manufacturing	846,400	845,400	880,100	1,000	0.1	-33,700	-3.8
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>10,231,100</b>	<b>10,220,500</b>	<b>9,984,500</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>246,600</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,433,900	2,430,000	2,391,800	3,900	0.2	42,100	1.8
Information	203,100	202,700	201,100	400	0.2	2,000	1.0
Financial Activities	736,100	735,600	720,000	500	0.1	16,100	2.2
Professional and Business Services	1,602,000	1,610,200	1,590,900	-8,200	-0.5	11,100	0.7
Education and Health Services	1,644,000	1,643,300	1,578,300	700	0.0	65,700	4.2
Leisure and Hospitality	1,290,000	1,284,800	1,236,200	5,200	0.4	53,800	4.4
Other Services	425,600	425,900	417,900	-300	-0.1	7,700	1.8
Government	1,896,400	1,888,000	1,848,300	8,400	0.4	48,100	2.6

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