

Texas Workforce Press Release

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Texas Unemployment Rate Steady at 8.2 Percent in July *Texas employers add 168,900 jobs since January*

AUSTIN — The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 8.2 percent in July, unchanged from June, and continued to trend well below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 9.5 percent. Texas total nonagricultural employment grew by 4,600 jobs in July for a total of 168,900 jobs gained since January.

“Private sector employers in Texas continued adding jobs in July, a trend we’ve seen since the first of the year,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. “Significant Government job losses offset much of the gains in the private sector in July.”

The Professional and Business Services industry recorded its largest monthly job gain in more than a decade with 12,600 positions added in July. Employment in Financial Activities was up by 3,700 jobs.

“Consistent job growth over many industries provides opportunities for Texans, but we remain concerned about those who have not been able to find work, especially the long-term unemployed,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “TWC and the 28 local workforce boards are committed to helping job seekers find these opportunities.”

Mining and Logging employment grew by 4,600 jobs in July and has added jobs for six consecutive months. The Construction and Manufacturing industries each added 4,300 jobs in July.

“Texas employers are regaining ground with broad-based job growth in seven industries in July, highlighted by gains in Professional and Business Services,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. “Job seekers should turn to WorkInTexas.com and our workforce centers across Texas for reemployment and support services.”

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 5.7 percent. The Amarillo MSA had the second lowest unemployment rate in July at 5.8 percent, followed by the San Angelo MSA at 6.6 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

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Please note that the unemployment estimates for the United States and Texas in this chart are “Not Seasonally Adjusted” for purposes of comparison to the “Not Seasonally Adjusted” Metropolitan Statistical Area data.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates for Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Not Seasonally Adjusted (In Thousands)**

	July 2010				June 2010				July 2009			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	155,270.0	140,134.0	15,137.0	9.7	154,767.0	139,882.0	14,885.0	9.6	156,255.0	141,055.0	15,201.0	9.7
State of Texas	12,206.4	11,168.3	1,038.1	8.5	12,176.7	11,136.6	1,040.1	8.5	12,063.1	11,063.9	999.2	8.3
Abilene	85.0	79.2	5.8	6.8	84.7	78.9	5.8	6.9	83.7	78.2	5.5	6.5
Amarillo	134.9	127.1	7.8	5.8	133.0	125.1	7.9	6.0	134.0	126.1	7.9	5.9
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos	917.5	850.4	67.1	7.3	913.6	846.0	67.6	7.4	890.6	823.9	66.7	7.5
Beaumont-Port Arthur	186.5	165.8	20.7	11.1	187.0	166.1	20.9	11.2	185.3	166.2	19.1	10.3
Brownsville-Harlingen	157.6	139.2	18.4	11.7	156.9	138.4	18.5	11.8	153.9	137.9	16.0	10.4
College Station-Bryan	114.0	106.3	7.7	6.7	114.1	106.2	7.9	6.9	110.3	103.1	7.2	6.5
Corpus Christi	213.5	195.5	18.0	8.4	212.4	194.1	18.3	8.6	209.8	193.1	16.7	7.9
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,254.0	2,977.0	277.0	8.5	3,238.2	2,961.6	276.6	8.5	3,197.4	2,927.5	269.9	8.4
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,176.2	1,991.0	185.2	8.5	2,163.1	1,978.3	184.8	8.5	2,131.1	1,950.9	180.2	8.5
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,077.9	986.1	91.8	8.5	1,075.1	983.3	91.8	8.5	1,066.2	976.5	89.7	8.4
El Paso	311.0	279.3	31.7	10.2	312.8	281.4	31.4	10.0	306.6	276.6	30.0	9.8
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,902.7	2,647.4	255.3	8.8	2,890.8	2,635.8	255.0	8.8	2,890.2	2,651.3	238.9	8.3
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	168.3	155.1	13.2	7.9	168.0	154.6	13.4	8.0	162.9	150.9	12.0	7.4
Laredo	95.0	86.3	8.7	9.2	95.8	86.9	8.9	9.3	95.4	86.2	9.2	9.7
Longview	111.2	102.5	8.7	7.8	111.4	102.7	8.7	7.8	111.1	101.7	9.4	8.5
Lubbock	148.8	138.8	10.0	6.7	147.3	137.4	9.9	6.7	146.0	137.0	9.0	6.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	304.8	267.5	37.3	12.3	309.3	271.9	37.4	12.1	296.8	262.8	34.0	11.5
Midland	75.0	70.7	4.3	5.7	74.7	70.3	4.4	5.9	75.4	70.4	5.0	6.7
Odessa	70.6	64.7	5.9	8.3	70.5	64.4	6.1	8.6	71.4	64.3	7.1	9.9
San Angelo	55.5	51.8	3.7	6.6	55.4	51.7	3.7	6.8	53.7	49.9	3.8	7.0
San Antonio-New Braunfels	985.2	908.9	76.3	7.7	983.4	907.8	75.6	7.7	978.7	907.7	71.0	7.3
Sherman-Denison	58.2	53.2	5.0	8.6	58.0	52.9	5.1	8.8	57.5	52.6	4.9	8.6
Texarkana	65.6	60.5	5.1	7.8	66.0	60.9	5.1	7.7	65.0	60.7	4.3	6.6
Tyler	101.6	93.5	8.1	8.0	102.9	94.7	8.2	8.0	101.5	93.2	8.3	8.2
Victoria	59.2	54.5	4.7	8.0	59.1	54.4	4.7	8.0	58.7	54.0	4.7	8.0
Waco	118.6	109.7	8.9	7.5	119.0	110.1	8.9	7.5	117.2	108.8	8.4	7.2
Wichita Falls	73.6	67.6	6.0	8.2	73.5	67.4	6.1	8.3	73.8	67.8	6.0	8.1

Audio downloads from TWC Chairman Tom Pauken on latest labor market data are available at the following link:

<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/news/press/2010/praudio10.html>.

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