

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Texas Economy Adds 21,400 Jobs in August**

*State has experienced job growth in 16 of the past 17 months*

AUSTIN – Texas grew by an estimated 21,400 nonfarm jobs in August. The state has added jobs in 16 of the last 17 months. Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.7 percent in August, up slightly from 4.6 percent in July, and remained below the national rate of 4.9 percent.

“Texas employers added 190,600 jobs over the past year, with the diversity of our economy highlighted by nine out of eleven industries adding jobs,” said Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Andres Alcantar. “TWC will continue to build partnerships that provide workers with in-demand skills to boost job creation.”

The Financial Activities industry recorded the largest industry employment gain over the month with 6,200 jobs added. Trade, Transportation and Utilities employment added 4,000 jobs in August. Construction employment expanded for the second consecutive month with the addition of 1,300 jobs.

“Private-sector employment was strong over the year with the overall job growth of 150,900 and 18,500 jobs added in August,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “The fact that our state has added jobs for 16 of the last 17 months is a credit to the diversity and resilience of employers in Texas.”

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the lowest unemployment rate for August with a 3.4 percent rate for the month. The Austin-Round Rock MSA had the second-lowest rate at 3.5 percent followed by the Lubbock MSA with a rate of 3.8 percent.

“Texas workers have much to offer and there are resources available to help them find the perfect occupational fit, I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training and placement,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.

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)**

	August 2016				July 2016				August 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	159,800.0	151,804.0	7,996.0	5.0	160,705.0	152,437.0	8,267.0	5.1	157,390.0	149,228.0	8,162.0	5.2
Texas	13,378.9	12,709.7	669.2	5.0	13,386.1	12,706.6	679.4	5.1	13,047.6	12,447.6	600.0	4.6
Abilene	75.7	72.5	3.2	4.2	76.1	72.8	3.3	4.3	74.6	71.7	2.9	3.9
Amarillo	131.1	126.7	4.5	3.4	131.8	127.1	4.7	3.6	129.2	125.1	4.2	3.2
Austin-Round Rock	1,107.3	1,068.6	38.7	3.5	1,114.9	1,075.1	39.8	3.6	1,069.6	1,033.4	36.2	3.4
Beaumont-Port Arthur	178.0	164.7	13.3	7.5	177.5	164.3	13.2	7.4	174.7	162.5	12.2	7.0
Brownsville-Harlingen	169.2	156.3	12.9	7.6	169.8	156.7	13.1	7.7	163.7	152.1	11.7	7.1
College Station-Bryan	122.5	117.4	5.0	4.1	122.6	117.5	5.2	4.2	117.0	112.7	4.3	3.7
Corpus Christi	212.3	199.2	13.1	6.2	212.4	199.2	13.2	6.2	207.1	196.0	11.1	5.4
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,727.7	3,574.8	153.0	4.1	3,721.2	3,565.0	156.3	4.2	3,595.4	3,447.9	147.5	4.1
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,513.0	2,412.3	100.7	4.0	2,506.2	2,403.3	102.9	4.1	2,409.7	2,313.0	96.7	4.0
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,214.7	1,162.5	52.2	4.3	1,215.0	1,161.6	53.4	4.4	1,185.8	1,135.0	50.8	4.3
El Paso	352.7	333.5	19.2	5.4	351.9	332.7	19.2	5.4	343.2	325.0	18.1	5.3
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,306.4	3,115.3	191.0	5.8	3,311.5	3,120.2	191.2	5.8	3,245.8	3,088.0	157.8	4.9
Killeen-Temple	174.3	165.9	8.3	4.8	173.9	165.3	8.7	5.0	169.9	162.0	7.9	4.7
Laredo	116.0	110.0	6.0	5.2	115.7	109.4	6.3	5.4	111.6	106.1	5.5	4.9
Longview	102.4	95.5	7.0	6.8	102.3	95.3	7.0	6.8	100.0	94.7	5.4	5.4
Lubbock	157.5	151.6	5.9	3.8	157.4	150.9	6.5	4.1	153.5	148.0	5.5	3.6
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	338.3	309.9	28.3	8.4	335.4	306.8	28.6	8.5	328.5	301.4	27.1	8.3
Midland	90.3	86.1	4.2	4.6	90.7	86.5	4.3	4.7	89.5	86.2	3.3	3.7
Odessa	79.2	73.8	5.4	6.8	79.5	74.0	5.4	6.8	78.5	74.6	3.9	5.0
San Angelo	56.5	53.8	2.7	4.7	56.3	53.6	2.8	4.9	54.8	52.5	2.3	4.2
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,124.0	1,078.0	46.1	4.1	1,128.6	1,081.1	47.5	4.2	1,098.0	1,055.5	42.5	3.9
Sherman-Denison	61.9	59.5	2.5	4.0	62.1	59.5	2.6	4.2	60.7	58.1	2.6	4.2
Texarkana	64.9	61.6	3.2	4.9	65.2	61.8	3.4	5.2	64.5	61.3	3.2	4.9
Tyler	106.0	100.6	5.4	5.1	105.9	100.6	5.2	4.9	103.4	98.6	4.8	4.6
Victoria	50.9	48.0	2.9	5.7	50.9	48.1	2.9	5.6	49.2	47.1	2.2	4.4
Waco	122.3	117.0	5.4	4.4	122.5	116.9	5.6	4.6	119.6	114.6	5.0	4.2
Wichita Falls	64.9	61.9	3.0	4.6	65.3	62.1	3.2	4.8	64.5	61.7	2.8	4.3

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	Aug 2016*	Jul 2016	Aug 2015	Jul '16 to Aug '16		Aug '15 to Aug '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>Total Nonagricultural</b>	<b>12,053,400</b>	<b>12,032,000</b>	<b>11,862,800</b>	<b>21,400</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>190,600</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>10,154,900</b>	<b>10,136,400</b>	<b>10,004,000</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>150,900</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>1,762,300</b>	<b>1,761,400</b>	<b>1,818,200</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-55,900</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
Mining and Logging	224,400	224,600	260,200	-200	-0.1	-35,800	-13.8
Construction	693,600	692,300	684,800	1,300	0.2	8,800	1.3
Manufacturing	844,300	844,500	873,200	-200	0.0	-28,900	-3.3
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>10,291,100</b>	<b>10,270,600</b>	<b>10,044,600</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>246,500</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,440,900	2,436,900	2,403,400	4,000	0.2	37,500	1.6
Information	203,600	201,800	201,700	1,800	0.9	1,900	0.9
Financial Activities	746,500	740,300	722,300	6,200	0.8	24,200	3.4
Professional and Business Services	1,624,300	1,621,900	1,598,300	2,400	0.1	26,000	1.6
Education and Health Services	1,652,800	1,654,900	1,591,300	-2,100	-0.1	61,500	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	1,296,700	1,296,900	1,248,300	-200	0.0	48,400	3.9
Other Services	427,800	422,300	420,500	5,500	1.3	7,300	1.7
Government	1,898,500	1,895,600	1,858,800	2,900	0.2	39,700	2.1

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