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## **Texas Employers Add 30,000 Jobs in June Unemployment Rate Holds Steady**

AUSTIN — Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas increased by 30,000 jobs in June and 259,900 jobs over the last 12 months. Texas employers have added jobs for 34 of the last 35 months, for a total of 632,400 jobs since July 2003. The June seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 5.1 percent.

The Midland and Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) experienced the lowest unemployment rates in the state at 4.1 and 4.3 percent, respectively (not seasonally adjusted). Those were followed closely by the Austin-Round Rock MSA at 4.4 percent and the College Station-Bryan MSA at 4.6 percent.

“The Texas labor market continues to grow at a steady pace and across many different industries,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. “Currently at 2.7 percent, over-the-year job growth has been above 2.5 percent for the last 11 months.”

Total nonagricultural employment recorded the largest monthly increase this year with a gain of 30,000 jobs in June. All of the major industries expanded over the month, with the exception of Financial Activities and Leisure & Hospitality. Professional & Business Services led the growth, adding 11,200 jobs, followed by Construction which posted a gain of 4,000 positions. The annual growth rate for total nonagricultural employment rose slightly from 2.6 percent in May, to 2.7 percent in June.

“Texas employers continue adding jobs in many areas, demonstrating healthy growth in virtually all industries,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. “Sustained job growth is key to economic development, benefiting employers, workers and communities alike.”

After recording a gain of 3,200 positions in May, employment in Construction continued to improve, increasing by 4,000 jobs in June. Manufacturing employment increased for the third time this year, adding 2,800 jobs, while Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 3,900 jobs over the month.

“The addition of jobs has been a huge benefit to workers seeking employment, as the number of employed Texans stands at an all-time record 10,863,600,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “While the unemployment rate held steady over the month, we are still well below the 6.1 percent Texas experienced in June 2004.”

Initial claims for unemployment compensation in June 2006 were 59,521, down 12.1 percent from June 2005 and 27.6 percent since June 2004.

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## June Unemployment

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

	June 2006				May 2006				June 2005			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	152,557.0	145,216.0	7,341.0	4.8	150,696.0	144,041.0	6,655.0	4.4	150,327.0	142,456.0	7,870.0	5.2
State of Texas	11,542.2	10,905.9	636.3	5.5	11,382.1	10,820.3	561.8	4.9	11,252.5	10,625.0	627.5	5.6
Abilene	83.9	79.8	4.1	4.9	82.6	79.1	3.5	4.3	80.2	76.5	3.7	4.7
Amarillo	132.3	126.6	5.7	4.3	131.3	126.3	5.0	3.8	127.9	122.4	5.5	4.3
Austin-Round Rock	834.2	797.3	36.9	4.4	826.2	793.2	33.0	4.0	807.1	770.7	36.4	4.5
Beaumont-Port Arthur	176.5	164.0	12.5	7.1	175.2	164.1	11.1	6.3	180.1	166.4	13.7	7.6
Brownsville-Harlingen	146.8	135.8	11.0	7.5	144.0	134.6	9.4	6.6	142.1	130.6	11.5	8.1
College Station-Bryan	101.9	97.2	4.7	4.6	106.5	102.3	4.2	4.0	100.0	95.7	4.3	4.3
Corpus Christi	201.9	190.0	11.9	5.9	199.2	188.8	10.4	5.2	201.1	188.4	12.7	6.3
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington	3,127.7	2,962.8	164.9	5.3	3,089.9	2,942.6	147.3	4.8	3,024.7	2,863.2	161.5	5.3
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,098.3	1,987.2	111.1	5.3	2,073.7	1,974.1	99.6	4.8	2,022.6	1,913.6	109.0	5.4
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,029.3	975.6	53.7	5.2	1,016.1	968.4	47.7	4.7	1,002.1	949.6	52.5	5.2
El Paso	298.9	276.2	22.7	7.6	295.3	274.8	20.5	6.9	294.0	271.8	22.2	7.5
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,693.6	2,544.0	149.6	5.6	2,665.6	2,532.2	133.4	5.0	2,629.1	2,480.3	148.8	5.7
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	156.5	147.1	9.4	6.0	154.1	146.0	8.1	5.2	151.8	143.4	8.4	5.6
Laredo	90.8	85.0	5.8	6.4	89.9	84.9	5.0	5.6	85.5	79.8	5.7	6.7
Longview	105.9	100.4	5.5	5.2	104.5	99.6	4.9	4.7	103.9	98.5	5.4	5.2
Lubbock	142.7	135.8	6.9	4.9	142.3	136.6	5.7	4.0	141.2	134.6	6.6	4.6
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	274.3	252.9	21.4	7.8	268.8	250.0	18.8	7.0	264.0	242.3	21.7	8.2
Midland	70.6	67.7	2.9	4.1	69.8	67.3	2.5	3.5	66.8	64.0	2.8	4.2
Odessa	65.5	62.3	3.2	4.8	64.7	61.9	2.8	4.3	62.7	59.4	3.3	5.2
San Angelo	54.5	51.8	2.7	5.0	53.2	50.8	2.4	4.4	53.7	51.2	2.5	4.6
San Antonio	925.1	876.1	49.0	5.3	910.5	868.9	41.6	4.6	906.7	859.6	47.1	5.2
Sherman-Denison	58.6	55.5	3.1	5.3	57.8	55.0	2.8	4.8	57.2	54.0	3.2	5.5
Texarkana	64.8	61.2	3.6	5.6	63.8	60.5	3.3	5.1	62.8	59.4	3.4	5.4
Tyler	98.1	93.3	4.8	4.9	96.6	92.4	4.2	4.4	97.1	92.2	4.9	5.0
Victoria	59.1	56.1	3.0	5.1	58.2	55.6	2.6	4.5	57.6	54.6	3.0	5.2
Waco	115.8	109.6	6.2	5.4	114.2	108.9	5.3	4.7	112.4	106.3	6.1	5.4
Wichita Falls	77.7	73.8	3.9	5.0	76.3	72.9	3.4	4.5	76.0	72.2	3.8	5.0

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