

Texas Workforce Commission Update

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Texas Employers Add 75,200 Jobs in May

U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Adjusts Original May Numbers

AUSTIN — Due to the receipt of additional data, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has corrected the Texas Federal Government employment estimate for May 2010. This change increases Texas total nonagricultural employment growth to 75,200 jobs in May, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced today. The increase of 31,500 jobs in Federal Government employment represents a correction of information released on June 18, 2010.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 8.3 percent in May, and continued to trend well below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 9.7 percent for the same month.

“During the month of May, employers in most industries added jobs,” said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. “In addition, it is encouraging to see that Texas’ annual job growth rate is back in positive territory.”

Professional and Business Services expanded by 10,200 jobs in May, marking this industry’s fifth monthly employment gain. Leisure and Hospitality employment grew by 9,600 jobs, and Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 8,200 jobs.

“Jobs were added across ten major industries in May, which is positive news for our state,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “We know that job seekers are still facing tough competition during these challenging economic times, and I encourage them to take advantage of the excellent services available through Texas workforce centers statewide.”

Manufacturing added 7,000 jobs in May, and Mining and Logging rose substantially, adding 6,500 jobs. Education and Health Services employment continued its upward trend, adding 500 jobs in May. Since May 2009, this industry has increased by 57,900 jobs, a 4.4 percent gain.

“The sustained job growth over the past five months is encouraging,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. “TWC and the 28 workforce boards are committed to connecting Texas workers with available jobs through our workforce centers across Texas and WorkInTexas.com.”

The Amarillo and Midland Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) were tied for the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 5.4 percent. The Lubbock MSA had the second lowest unemployment rate in May at 5.7 percent, followed by the College Station-Bryan MSA at 5.8 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)**

| | May 2010 | | | | April 2010 | | | | May 2009 | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|------------|-----------|----------|------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|
| | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate | C.L.F. | Emp. | Unemp. | Rate |
| United States | 153,866.0 | 139,497.0 | 14,369.0 | 9.3 | 153,911.0 | 139,302.0 | 14,609.0 | 9.5 | 154,336.0 | 140,363.0 | 13,973.0 | 9.1 |
| State of Texas | 12,162.2 | 11,186.9 | 975.3 | 8.0 | 12,210.4 | 11,221.2 | 989.2 | 8.1 | 11,872.4 | 11,004.3 | 868.1 | 7.3 |
| Abilene | 84.5 | 79.2 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 84.9 | 79.6 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 82.3 | 77.7 | 4.6 | 5.6 |
| Amarillo | 133.5 | 126.3 | 7.2 | 5.4 | 134.5 | 127.0 | 7.5 | 5.6 | 130.9 | 124.3 | 6.6 | 5.0 |
| Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos | 910.2 | 847.0 | 63.2 | 6.9 | 917.6 | 853.2 | 64.4 | 7.0 | 882.8 | 824.2 | 58.6 | 6.6 |
| Beaumont-Port Arthur | 186.9 | 167.0 | 19.9 | 10.6 | 187.4 | 167.5 | 19.9 | 10.6 | 183.1 | 166.0 | 17.1 | 9.3 |
| Brownsville-Harlingen | 157.2 | 140.1 | 17.1 | 10.9 | 157.7 | 140.6 | 17.1 | 10.9 | 150.3 | 136.4 | 13.9 | 9.3 |
| College Station-Bryan | 118.4 | 111.6 | 6.8 | 5.8 | 119.0 | 112.0 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 112.3 | 106.5 | 5.8 | 5.1 |
| Corpus Christi | 212.8 | 195.8 | 17.0 | 8.0 | 213.1 | 196.1 | 17.0 | 8.0 | 207.0 | 192.7 | 14.3 | 6.9 |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington | 3,231.3 | 2,969.0 | 262.3 | 8.1 | 3,242.8 | 2,976.7 | 266.1 | 8.2 | 3,143.0 | 2,904.6 | 238.4 | 7.6 |
| Dallas-Plano-Irving MD | 2,154.4 | 1,979.1 | 175.3 | 8.1 | 2,163.7 | 1,985.7 | 178.0 | 8.2 | 2,091.0 | 1,931.5 | 159.5 | 7.6 |
| Fort Worth-Arlington MD | 1,076.9 | 989.9 | 87.0 | 8.1 | 1,078.9 | 990.9 | 88.0 | 8.2 | 1,052.0 | 973.1 | 78.9 | 7.5 |
| El Paso | 315.2 | 285.8 | 29.4 | 9.3 | 315.7 | 286.1 | 29.6 | 9.4 | 304.8 | 278.1 | 26.7 | 8.7 |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown | 2,896.1 | 2,655.1 | 241.0 | 8.3 | 2,898.7 | 2,655.2 | 243.5 | 8.4 | 2,832.0 | 2,626.6 | 205.4 | 7.3 |
| Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood | 167.7 | 155.5 | 12.2 | 7.3 | 168.2 | 155.9 | 12.3 | 7.3 | 160.2 | 149.7 | 10.5 | 6.6 |
| Laredo | 96.0 | 87.8 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 96.6 | 88.1 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 93.7 | 85.9 | 7.8 | 8.4 |
| Longview | 111.3 | 103.1 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 111.6 | 103.2 | 8.4 | 7.5 | 109.3 | 101.3 | 8.0 | 7.3 |
| Lubbock | 148.1 | 139.6 | 8.5 | 5.7 | 149.1 | 140.3 | 8.8 | 5.9 | 143.5 | 136.4 | 7.1 | 4.9 |
| McAllen-Edinburg-Mission | 308.8 | 274.2 | 34.6 | 11.2 | 309.4 | 275.1 | 34.3 | 11.1 | 295.4 | 266.6 | 28.8 | 9.7 |
| Midland | 74.8 | 70.7 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 75.0 | 70.8 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 74.2 | 69.9 | 4.3 | 5.8 |
| Odessa | 70.7 | 64.9 | 5.8 | 8.2 | 71.1 | 65.1 | 6.0 | 8.4 | 70.5 | 64.5 | 6.0 | 8.6 |
| San Angelo | 55.5 | 52.1 | 3.4 | 6.1 | 55.2 | 51.6 | 3.6 | 6.5 | 53.5 | 50.1 | 3.4 | 6.3 |
| San Antonio-New Braunfels | 979.4 | 909.7 | 69.7 | 7.1 | 984.8 | 913.4 | 71.4 | 7.3 | 961.2 | 900.6 | 60.6 | 6.3 |
| Sherman-Denison | 57.9 | 53.1 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 58.0 | 53.1 | 4.9 | 8.4 | 57.2 | 52.8 | 4.4 | 7.6 |
| Texarkana | 65.9 | 61.0 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 66.0 | 61.1 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 64.3 | 60.5 | 3.8 | 5.9 |
| Tyler | 102.6 | 94.9 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 102.9 | 95.1 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 100.2 | 92.7 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| Victoria | 58.8 | 54.3 | 4.5 | 7.6 | 59.1 | 54.5 | 4.6 | 7.7 | 58.3 | 54.1 | 4.2 | 7.2 |
| Waco | 118.5 | 110.4 | 8.1 | 6.8 | 118.1 | 109.9 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 113.4 | 106.2 | 7.2 | 6.3 |
| Wichita Falls | 73.5 | 67.9 | 5.6 | 7.6 | 73.9 | 68.1 | 5.8 | 7.8 | 72.8 | 67.7 | 5.1 | 7.0 |

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