

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Texas Unemployment Rate Rises Slightly to 8.3 Percent in August** *Texas employers add 129,100 jobs since August 2009*

AUSTIN — The Texas unemployment rate for August rose slightly to 8.3 percent, up from 8.2 percent in July. The Texas unemployment rate continued to trend well below the U.S. unemployment rate for August of 9.6 percent. Total Texas nonfarm employment was down by 34,200 jobs due to a loss of Government jobs, although Texas nongovernment jobs increased in August.

“Texas annual job gains have been broad-based with most major industries experiencing positive job growth,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. “More temporary workers in Texas hired by the federal government for the 2010 Census were dropped from government payrolls in August. That contributed to a decrease of 35,300 government jobs during that month, thus resulting in overall Texas job losses in August.”

Education and Health Services grew by 12,400 positions in August, and Professional and Business Services increased by 4,100 jobs over the month, representing the eighth consecutive month of employment gains in this industry.

“Texas job growth over the year represents opportunities for Texas workers,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “However, for those individuals still looking for work and especially for those who no longer have access to unemployment benefits, the job-search situation remains frustrating. TWC workforce centers across the state can assist with WorkInTexas.com and other job-search services.”

Information industry employment, including media and telecommunications carriers, increased by 900 jobs in August, and the employment in the Manufacturing industry grew by 1,300 jobs over the month.

“Job gains in Education and Health Services, Manufacturing, and Professional and Business Services are encouraging to Texans seeking employment,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. “While the unemployment rate remains more than a full percentage point below the national rate, TWC and Texas Workforce Solutions remain committed to assisting job seekers and employers across the state.”

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 5.6 percent. The Amarillo MSA had the second lowest unemployment rate in August at 5.7 percent, followed by the Lubbock MSA at 6.4 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)**

|                              | August 2010 |           |          |      | July 2010 |           |          |      | August 2009 |           |          |      |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|-------------|-----------|----------|------|
|                              | C.L.F.      | Emp.      | Unemp.   | Rate | C.L.F.    | Emp.      | Unemp.   | Rate | C.L.F.      | Emp.      | Unemp.   | Rate |
| United States                | 154,678.0   | 139,919.0 | 14,759.0 | 9.5  | 155,270.0 | 140,134.0 | 15,137.0 | 9.7  | 154,897.0   | 140,074.0 | 14,823.0 | 9.6  |
| State of Texas               | 12,190.8    | 11,169.1  | 1,021.7  | 8.4  | 12,206.2  | 11,168.4  | 1,037.8  | 8.5  | 11,996.4    | 11,021.7  | 974.7    | 8.1  |
| Abilene                      | 84.7        | 79.0      | 5.7      | 6.7  | 85.0      | 79.2      | 5.8      | 6.8  | 83.0        | 77.8      | 5.2      | 6.3  |
| Amarillo                     | 133.4       | 125.8     | 7.6      | 5.7  | 134.0     | 126.2     | 7.8      | 5.8  | 131.9       | 124.4     | 7.5      | 5.7  |
| Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos | 917.4       | 851.4     | 66.0     | 7.2  | 917.5     | 850.3     | 67.2     | 7.3  | 889.2       | 824.1     | 65.1     | 7.3  |
| Beaumont-Port Arthur         | 187.2       | 166.8     | 20.4     | 10.9 | 186.9     | 166.2     | 20.7     | 11.1 | 183.6       | 164.5     | 19.1     | 10.4 |
| Brownsville-Harlingen        | 157.7       | 139.3     | 18.4     | 11.7 | 157.5     | 139.1     | 18.4     | 11.7 | 152.2       | 136.5     | 15.7     | 10.3 |
| College Station-Bryan        | 112.6       | 104.9     | 7.7      | 6.8  | 113.5     | 105.8     | 7.7      | 6.8  | 109.4       | 102.4     | 7.0      | 6.4  |
| Corpus Christi               | 212.5       | 194.9     | 17.6     | 8.3  | 211.9     | 193.9     | 18.0     | 8.5  | 207.5       | 191.6     | 15.9     | 7.7  |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington  | 3,243.4     | 2,971.4   | 272.0    | 8.4  | 3,253.1   | 2,976.2   | 276.9    | 8.5  | 3,181.4     | 2,917.2   | 264.2    | 8.3  |
| Dallas-Plano-Irving MD       | 2,165.1     | 1,983.0   | 182.1    | 8.4  | 2,175.6   | 1,990.4   | 185.2    | 8.5  | 2,118.1     | 1,942.2   | 175.9    | 8.3  |
| Fort Worth-Arlington MD      | 1,078.4     | 988.4     | 90.0     | 8.3  | 1,077.4   | 985.7     | 91.7     | 8.5  | 1,063.3     | 975.0     | 88.3     | 8.3  |
| El Paso                      | 312.2       | 280.5     | 31.7     | 10.2 | 311.4     | 279.7     | 31.7     | 10.2 | 306.3       | 277.0     | 29.3     | 9.6  |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown   | 2,900.9     | 2,649.9   | 251.0    | 8.7  | 2,902.1   | 2,646.9   | 255.2    | 8.8  | 2,865.5     | 2,631.1   | 234.4    | 8.2  |
| Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood     | 168.0       | 154.8     | 13.2     | 7.9  | 168.4     | 155.1     | 13.3     | 7.9  | 162.1       | 150.6     | 11.5     | 7.1  |
| Laredo                       | 95.6        | 87.0      | 8.6      | 9.0  | 95.7      | 87.0      | 8.7      | 9.1  | 94.5        | 85.7      | 8.8      | 9.3  |
| Longview                     | 111.1       | 102.7     | 8.4      | 7.6  | 111.3     | 102.6     | 8.7      | 7.8  | 110.2       | 101.2     | 9.0      | 8.2  |
| Lubbock                      | 148.1       | 138.7     | 9.4      | 6.4  | 148.9     | 138.9     | 10.0     | 6.7  | 145.0       | 136.6     | 8.4      | 5.8  |
| McAllen-Edinburg-Mission     | 305.5       | 268.2     | 37.3     | 12.2 | 303.9     | 266.5     | 37.4     | 12.3 | 297.7       | 264.3     | 33.4     | 11.2 |
| Midland                      | 75.1        | 70.9      | 4.2      | 5.6  | 75.4      | 71.1      | 4.3      | 5.7  | 74.4        | 69.6      | 4.8      | 6.4  |
| Odessa                       | 71.0        | 65.2      | 5.8      | 8.1  | 70.7      | 64.9      | 5.8      | 8.3  | 70.5        | 63.6      | 6.9      | 9.8  |
| San Angelo                   | 55.1        | 51.5      | 3.6      | 6.6  | 55.6      | 51.9      | 3.7      | 6.6  | 53.8        | 50.1      | 3.7      | 6.9  |
| San Antonio-New Braunfels    | 985.6       | 910.5     | 75.1     | 7.6  | 985.8     | 909.5     | 76.3     | 7.7  | 972.0       | 903.1     | 68.9     | 7.1  |
| Sherman-Denison              | 58.5        | 53.5      | 5.0      | 8.6  | 58.3      | 53.3      | 5.0      | 8.6  | 56.7        | 51.8      | 4.9      | 8.6  |
| Texarkana                    | 65.2        | 60.1      | 5.1      | 7.8  | 65.7      | 60.6      | 5.1      | 7.8  | 64.4        | 60.2      | 4.2      | 6.6  |
| Tyler                        | 103.2       | 95.2      | 8.0      | 7.8  | 103.1     | 95.0      | 8.1      | 7.9  | 100.5       | 92.6      | 7.9      | 7.9  |
| Victoria                     | 59.1        | 54.5      | 4.6      | 7.8  | 59.3      | 54.6      | 4.7      | 8.0  | 58.5        | 53.9      | 4.6      | 7.9  |
| Waco                         | 119.3       | 110.4     | 8.9      | 7.4  | 119.4     | 110.5     | 8.9      | 7.5  | 116.5       | 108.1     | 8.4      | 7.2  |
| Wichita Falls                | 73.4        | 67.5      | 5.9      | 8.0  | 73.8      | 67.8      | 6.0      | 8.1  | 72.8        | 67.0      | 5.8      | 7.9  |

**TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED<sup>+</sup>**

| INDUSTRY TITLE               | Aug. 2010*        | Jul. 2010         | Aug. 2009         | Jul. '10 to Aug. '10 |                | Aug. '09 to Aug. '10 |                |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                              |                   |                   |                   | Absolute Change      | Percent Change | Absolute Change      | Percent Change |
| <b>TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL</b> | <b>10,356,200</b> | <b>10,390,400</b> | <b>10,227,100</b> | <b>-34,200</b>       | <b>-0.3</b>    | <b>129,100</b>       | <b>1.3</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL NONGOVERNMENT**</b> | <b>8,534,000</b>  | <b>8,532,900</b>  | <b>8,411,600</b>  | <b>1,100</b>         | <b>0.0</b>     | <b>122,400</b>       | <b>1.5</b>     |
| <b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>       |                   |                   |                   |                      |                |                      |                |
| Mining & Logging             | 221,500           | 221,500           | 198,200           | 0                    | 0.0            | 23,300               | 11.8           |
| Construction                 | 569,000           | 568,800           | 585,600           | 200                  | 0.0            | -16,600              | -2.8           |
| Manufacturing                | 838,500           | 837,200           | 820,700           | 1,300                | 0.2            | 17,800               | 2.2            |
| <b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>     |                   |                   |                   |                      |                |                      |                |
| Trade, Trans. & Utilities    | 2,038,500         | 2,050,600         | 2,045,500         | -12,100              | -0.6           | -7,000               | -0.3           |
| Information                  | 189,500           | 188,600           | 202,400           | 900                  | 0.5            | -12,900              | -6.4           |
| Financial Activities         | 628,200           | 628,100           | 624,000           | 100                  | 0.0            | 4,200                | 0.7            |
| Profess. & Business Svcs     | 1,272,600         | 1,268,500         | 1,230,500         | 4,100                | 0.3            | 42,100               | 3.4            |
| Education & Health Svcs      | 1,397,700         | 1,385,300         | 1,340,400         | 12,400               | 0.9            | 57,300               | 4.3            |
| Leisure & Hospitality        | 1,016,400         | 1,018,800         | 1,002,800         | -2,400               | -0.2           | 13,600               | 1.4            |
| Other Services               | 362,100           | 365,500           | 361,500           | -3,400               | -0.9           | 600                  | 0.2            |
| Government                   | 1,822,200         | 1,857,500         | 1,815,500         | -35,300              | -1.9           | 6,700                | 0.4            |

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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