

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Texas Unemployment Rate Steady at 8.0 Percent**

*Total Nonfarm Employment increased by 8,800 jobs in May*

AUSTIN —The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained steady at 8.0 percent for May, down from 8.1 percent a year ago and well below the U.S. unemployment rate for May of 9.1 percent. Texas total nonfarm employment was up by 8,800 jobs in May for a total gain of 205,400 jobs from a year ago.

“Texas continues to weather the storm,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. “Although national unemployment has gone up, our unemployment rate in Texas remains at 8.0 percent. There is continued private-sector job growth, and this includes an additional 10,900 manufacturing jobs since this time last year.”

Employment in Professional and Business Services grew by 4,300 jobs in May for a total of 53,700 positions added over the year; Mining and Logging employment rose by 3,000 jobs in May for a total of 32,700 jobs added this year and an annual job growth rate of 15.9 percent.

“We’ve added 92,300 jobs in Texas so far in 2011,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “That is a trend that we hope to continue until all Texans have good jobs earning good wages.”

The Manufacturing industry added 1,900 jobs in May for a total of 10,900 jobs added since last year, and the industry’s eighth consecutive month of annual job gains; Construction employment increased by 1,500 jobs over the month for a total gain of 23,200 jobs since last year.

“Our Goods Producing sectors – Mining and Logging, Construction, and Manufacturing combined have brought 66,800 jobs to Texas in the last year,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. “We remain focused on providing quality services to our customers.”

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest May unemployment rate in the state at 4.6 percent. The Amarillo MSA had the second lowest unemployment rate in May at 5.4 percent, followed by the Lubbock MSA at 5.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from TWC Chairman Tom Pauken on the latest labor market data are available at the following link: <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/news/press/2011/praudio11.html>.

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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 2011				April 2011				May 2010			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	153,449.0	140,028.0	13,421.0	8.7	152,898.0	139,661.0	13,237.0	8.7	153,866.0	139,497.0	14,369.0	9.3
State of Texas	12,241.9	11,269.6	972.3	7.9	12,248.2	11,306.2	942.0	7.7	12,107.3	11,155.4	951.9	7.9
Abilene	80.2	74.9	5.3	6.6	81.5	76.4	5.1	6.2	83.5	78.3	5.2	6.2
Amarillo	133.1	125.9	7.2	5.4	133.9	127.0	6.9	5.2	132.9	125.8	7.1	5.3
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos	918.4	856.5	61.9	6.7	919.3	859.5	59.8	6.5	907.4	845.2	62.2	6.9
Beaumont-Port Arthur	190.3	169.4	20.9	11.0	190.3	170.1	20.2	10.6	186.5	167.1	19.4	10.4
Brownsville-Harlingen	158.1	139.5	18.6	11.8	159.4	141.2	18.2	11.4	157.2	140.6	16.6	10.5
College Station-Bryan	118.2	111.2	7.0	6.0	118.3	111.5	6.8	5.7	115.8	109.1	6.7	5.8
Corpus Christi	216.5	199.5	17.0	7.8	216.0	199.6	16.4	7.6	212.4	195.9	16.5	7.7
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,248.9	2,992.1	256.8	7.9	3,260.8	3,010.7	250.1	7.7	3,198.7	2,942.1	256.6	8.0
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,173.0	2,000.6	172.4	7.9	2,178.8	2,010.9	167.9	7.7	2,133.6	1,961.9	171.7	8.0
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,075.9	991.5	84.4	7.8	1,082.0	999.8	82.2	7.6	1,065.2	980.2	85.0	8.0
El Paso	323.5	291.2	32.3	10.0	323.3	291.9	31.4	9.7	317.0	288.6	28.4	9.0
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	2,933.4	2,692.8	240.6	8.2	2,917.2	2,685.0	232.2	8.0	2,887.0	2,651.1	235.9	8.2
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	169.9	156.7	13.2	7.8	171.8	159.0	12.8	7.5	167.4	155.4	12.0	7.1
Laredo	94.9	87.2	7.7	8.1	94.7	87.2	7.5	7.9	95.2	87.3	7.9	8.3
Longview	112.1	104.5	7.6	6.7	111.5	104.2	7.3	6.6	111.1	103.1	8.0	7.2
Lubbock	146.7	138.0	8.7	5.9	146.7	138.3	8.4	5.7	146.7	138.3	8.4	5.7
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	307.5	270.9	36.6	11.9	308.8	273.7	35.1	11.4	305.3	271.3	34.0	11.1
Midland	77.7	74.1	3.6	4.6	78.5	75.1	3.4	4.4	76.8	72.8	4.0	5.2
Odessa	73.6	69.1	4.5	6.1	73.2	68.7	4.5	6.1	72.1	66.5	5.6	7.8
San Angelo	54.4	51.0	3.4	6.3	55.0	51.7	3.3	5.9	54.8	51.5	3.3	6.0
San Antonio-New Braunfels	998.1	925.4	72.7	7.3	995.5	925.5	70.0	7.0	990.2	922.1	68.1	6.9
Sherman-Denison	57.7	52.8	4.9	8.5	57.5	52.9	4.6	8.1	57.5	52.8	4.7	8.1
Texarkana	64.7	59.9	4.8	7.4	65.0	60.4	4.6	7.1	65.1	60.3	4.8	7.3
Tyler	101.8	94.3	7.5	7.4	102.0	94.7	7.3	7.2	101.4	93.8	7.6	7.5
Victoria	59.2	55.0	4.2	7.0	59.6	55.6	4.0	6.8	59.1	54.8	4.3	7.3
Waco	116.1	107.6	8.5	7.3	116.1	107.8	8.3	7.1	115.4	107.5	7.9	6.9
Wichita Falls	71.3	66.2	5.1	7.1	71.8	66.9	4.9	6.9	73.0	67.6	5.4	7.4

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	May 2011	Apr. 2011	May 2010	Apr. '11 to May '11		May '10 to May '11	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>TOTAL NONAG. W&amp;S EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>10,563,300</b>	<b>10,554,500</b>	<b>10,357,900</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>205,400</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>TOTAL NONGOVERNMENT</b>	<b>8,699,700</b>	<b>8,694,700</b>	<b>8,467,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>232,700</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>							
Mining & Logging	237,900	234,900	205,200	3,000	1.3	32,700	15.9
Construction	589,100	587,600	565,900	1,500	0.3	23,200	4.1
Manufacturing	821,500	819,600	810,600	1,900	0.2	10,900	1.3
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>							
Trade, Trans. & Utilities	2,090,500	2,091,600	2,050,400	-1,100	-0.1	40,100	2.0
Information	187,400	186,700	195,800	700	0.4	-8,400	-4.3
Financial Activities	627,300	626,200	622,700	1,100	0.2	4,600	0.7
Profess. & Business Svcs	1,323,000	1,318,700	1,269,300	4,300	0.3	53,700	4.2
Education & Health Svcs	1,427,800	1,430,300	1,383,500	-2,500	-0.2	44,300	3.2
Leisure & Hospitality	1,026,200	1,030,100	1,003,400	-3,900	-0.4	22,800	2.3
Other Services	369,000	369,000	360,200	0	0.0	8,800	2.4
Government	1,863,600	1,859,800	1,890,900	3,800	0.2	-27,300	-1.4

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