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### **Workforce Solutions Releases November Labor Market Report** *Two RGV Cities Remained Below the National Unemployment Rate*

McAllen, TX – Two of our larger Rio Grande Valley (RGV) cities remained below the national unemployment rate this month. Edinburg edged out McAllen in November, with the lowest unemployment rate in the RGV at 4.8%. McAllen's unemployment rate was 4.9%, and Harlingen had the third lowest unemployment rate in the RGV at 5.8%.

The government and the trade and transportation sectors led all major industries in the McAllen Metropolitan Statistical Area with an increase of 1,600 jobs in November.

"The tri-county area employers have added over 1,400 jobs from last month," said Francisco Almaraz, Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Solutions. "This shows how the economy in our region has recovered substantially and the continued improvement in the labor market."

Texas employers expanded their payrolls in November with the addition of 16,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, marking the ninth month of job increases for Texas in 2015.

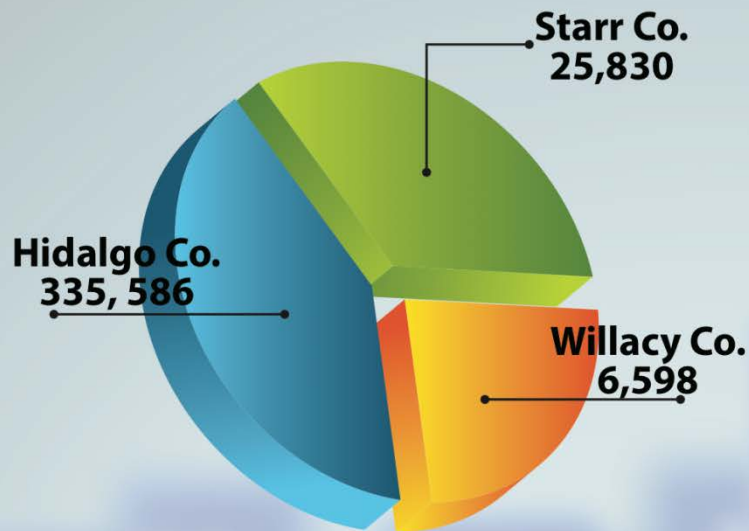
According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the nation added 211,000 new jobs while the unemployment rate held at 5 percent, a 7½-year low. It was the 69th consecutive month of private sector job growth, to the tune of 13.7 million jobs created.

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## November 2015 Labor Market Report Tri-County Area



**Total Civilian Labor Force in Tri-County Area: 368,104**

### Unemployment Rate

	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2015	Nov. 2014
Hidalgo Co.	8.0%	7.4%	7.7%
Starr Co.	13.7%	12.9%	12.4%
Willacy Co.	12.8%	12.7%	10.7%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

### Employment by Industry McAllen-Edinburg-Mission

1. Education and Health- 27%
2. Government- 23%
3. Trade and Transportation- 21%
4. Leisure and Hospitality- 9%
5. Business Services- 6%
6. Construction- 4%
7. Financial Activities- 4%
8. Other - 3%
9. Manufacturing- 2%
10. Information- 1%



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.

#### Workforce Solutions

Workforce Solutions (WFS), under the direction of the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC), is one of 28 local workforce boards located throughout the state. This workforce board services Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy counties. The primary goal of TWC and the 28 workforce boards is to respond to needs of Texas employers and workers through locally designed market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers, workers, and job seekers are encouraged to take advantage of these services. To learn more about the programs and services WFS has to offer, please call (877) 687-1121 or visit [WFSolutions.org](http://WFSolutions.org).

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