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Texas Economy Adds 46,600 Jobs in July

Unemployment rate steady at 5.1 percent

AUSTIN – The fast-growing Texas economy showed steady growth in July, adding 46,600 seasonally-adjusted nonfarm jobs. In the last year, the Lone Star State’s economy has expanded by 396,200 jobs. The unemployment rate in Texas held steady at 5.1 percent in July, remaining well below the national unemployment rate of 6.2 percent.

“Texas employers continue to propel the Texas economy’s expansion by adding 396,200 jobs over the last year, a 3.5 percent annual growth rate,” said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. “The Texas economic engine is strong, with every major industry posting positive annual growth in July.”

All of the major industries in Texas expanded over the month. Professional and Business Services led the way in growth, adding 10,600 jobs in July. Over the year, this industry has grown by 72,300 jobs for an annual growth rate of 5.0 percent, which is the second highest annual growth rate among all major industries in Texas.

“The Professional and Business Services industry is thriving, with opportunities that range from legal advice and representation to security guards to landscaping,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “Industries across the board are hiring, and that is good news for job seekers in Texas. I encourage Texans looking for new opportunities to explore industries expanding in their area by accessing services at their local Workforce Solutions office.”

Eight of 11 major industries reported annual growth rates higher than 3.0 percent, including Professional and Business Services; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Mining and Logging; and Construction.

“Private employers added 42,400 jobs in July, which shows their vital role in the Lone Star State’s economy,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “Mining and Logging posted an annual growth rate of 7.8 percent in July, which marked the 51st consecutive month of positive annual growth and underscored the industry’s role in the state’s overall economic success.”

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest July unemployment rate in the state at 2.9 percent. The Odessa MSA had the second lowest at 3.6 percent and the Amarillo MSA was third at 4.1 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from Commissioner Andrade on the latest labor market data are available at: <http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2014/press-releases-2014.html#pressReleaseAudio>. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit www.tracer2.com.

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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)

	July 2014				June 2014				July 2013			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	157,573.0	147,265.0	10,307.0	6.5	156,997.0	147,104.0	9,893.0	6.3	157,196.0	145,113.0	12,083.0	7.7
Texas	13,079.6	12,349.7	729.9	5.6	13,031.9	12,321.2	710.7	5.5	12,905.0	12,039.2	865.8	6.7
Abilene	84.2	80.4	3.8	4.5	84.1	80.4	3.7	4.4	84.2	79.5	4.7	5.5
Amarillo	134.0	128.5	5.5	4.1	134.6	129.2	5.4	4.0	134.8	127.9	6.9	5.1
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos	1,032.3	985.1	47.2	4.6	1,031.4	985.8	45.6	4.4	1,008.2	952.0	56.2	5.6
Beaumont-Port Arthur	180.6	165.6	15.0	8.3	181.7	167.4	14.3	7.8	183.5	164.3	19.2	10.5
Brownsville-Harlingen	166.3	151.5	14.8	8.9	166.0	151.4	14.6	8.8	166.5	149.3	17.2	10.4
College Station-Bryan	119.7	114.0	5.7	4.7	119.8	114.3	5.5	4.6	114.6	107.8	6.8	5.9
Corpus Christi	220.9	208.9	12.0	5.4	221.8	210.1	11.7	5.3	219.3	205.2	14.1	6.5
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,499.4	3,308.7	190.7	5.5	3,481.9	3,295.3	186.6	5.4	3,420.7	3,198.0	222.7	6.5
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,342.5	2,214.3	128.2	5.5	2,327.8	2,202.4	125.4	5.4	2,280.7	2,131.1	149.6	6.6
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,156.8	1,094.3	62.5	5.4	1,154.1	1,092.9	61.2	5.3	1,140.0	1,066.9	73.1	6.4
El Paso	322.6	297.7	24.9	7.7	323.3	298.8	24.5	7.6	324.6	294.5	30.1	9.3
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	3,206.5	3,031.0	175.5	5.5	3,179.6	3,008.9	170.7	5.4	3,141.2	2,935.9	205.3	6.5
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	173.5	162.4	11.1	6.4	173.8	162.9	10.9	6.2	173.2	160.0	13.2	7.6
Laredo	102.3	95.8	6.5	6.3	101.6	95.3	6.3	6.2	102.1	94.7	7.4	7.2
Longview	116.6	110.9	5.7	4.9	115.8	110.2	5.6	4.8	115.7	108.6	7.1	6.1
Lubbock	151.8	144.7	7.1	4.7	150.3	143.5	6.8	4.5	149.5	140.9	8.6	5.7
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	315.2	284.1	31.1	9.9	318.0	287.3	30.7	9.6	316.0	280.3	35.7	11.3
Midland	100.1	97.2	2.9	2.9	98.5	95.7	2.8	2.8	95.6	92.2	3.4	3.6
Odessa	87.5	84.4	3.1	3.6	86.3	83.2	3.1	3.5	85.0	81.3	3.7	4.4
San Angelo	57.4	54.8	2.6	4.5	57.4	54.9	2.5	4.3	56.9	53.7	3.2	5.7
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,064.0	1,008.3	55.7	5.2	1,062.6	1,008.7	53.9	5.1	1,061.3	993.4	67.9	6.4
Sherman-Denison	58.8	55.6	3.2	5.4	58.7	55.6	3.1	5.3	59.4	55.3	4.1	6.8
Texarkana	61.4	57.4	4.0	6.5	62.5	58.5	4.0	6.3	62.7	57.9	4.8	7.7
Tyler	103.2	97.5	5.7	5.5	103.2	97.6	5.6	5.4	104.3	97.3	7.0	6.7
Victoria	64.7	61.8	2.9	4.6	64.5	61.6	2.9	4.5	63.1	59.5	3.6	5.8
Waco	116.6	109.9	6.7	5.8	115.7	109.3	6.4	5.6	116.0	108.2	7.8	6.7
Wichita Falls	71.0	67.0	4.0	5.6	71.0	67.1	3.9	5.4	71.8	67.2	4.6	6.4

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED⁺

INDUSTRY TITLE	Jul 2014*	Jun 2014	Jul 2013	Jun '14 to Jul '14		Jul '13 to Jul '14	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Total Nonagricultural	11,607,800	11,561,200	11,211,600	46,600	0.4	396,200	3.5
Total Private	9,754,600	9,712,200	9,391,000	42,400	0.4	363,600	3.9
Goods Producing	1,838,900	1,832,500	1,776,100	6,400	0.3	62,800	3.5
Mining and Logging	315,100	313,600	292,200	1,500	0.5	22,900	7.8
Construction	637,800	633,800	614,200	4,000	0.6	23,600	3.8
Manufacturing	886,000	885,100	869,700	900	0.1	16,300	1.9
Service Providing	9,768,900	9,728,700	9,435,500	40,200	0.4	333,400	3.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,337,600	2,333,200	2,245,100	4,400	0.2	92,500	4.1
Information	208,500	206,500	201,500	2,000	1.0	7,000	3.5
Financial Activities	708,300	704,700	685,900	3,600	0.5	22,400	3.3
Professional and Business Services	1,531,900	1,521,300	1,459,600	10,600	0.7	72,300	5.0
Education and Health Services	1,533,600	1,528,600	1,483,400	5,000	0.3	50,200	3.4
Leisure and Hospitality	1,191,500	1,186,500	1,142,600	5,000	0.4	48,900	4.3
Other Services	404,300	398,900	396,800	5,400	1.4	7,500	1.9
Government	1,853,200	1,849,000	1,820,600	4,200	0.2	32,600	1.8

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