



Texas Economy Adds 5,500 Jobs in August

AUSTIN – The Texas economy expanded for the 14th consecutive month with the addition of 5,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in August. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.2 percent, down from 4.3 percent in July. Annual employment growth for Texas was 2.5 percent, which was more than double the annual growth rate set the previous year.

"Texas employers added 298,600 jobs over the year in the diverse and competitive Texas economy," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "TWC is dedicated to building and deploying the partnerships necessary to support the rebuilding of our Texas communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey and to put our fellow Texans back to work."

The Trade, Transportation, and Utilities Industry recorded the largest private-industry gain over the month with 9,100 jobs added. Construction expanded by 2,600 jobs, adding 15,200 jobs over the year. Manufacturing saw an increase of 2,200 jobs in August, representing a 4.2 percent employment growth rate over the year, the industry's highest annual growth rate since March 2012.

"Private-sector employment was strong over the year with an increase in overall jobs of 270,800, including 4,400 jobs added in August," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "After the devastating impacts of Hurricane Harvey, TWC and our Workforce Solutions partners are committed to ensuring our state resources and services are provided to impacted Texas businesses, individuals, and communities to help get Texans get back to work and regain their lives."

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.1 percent, followed by the Midland MSA with a rate of 3.2 percent and the Austin-Round Rock MSA with a rate of 3.4 percent for August.

"Several Goods Producing industries are showing strength in Texas, including Construction, which has added 15,200 jobs over the year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "If you have been unable to work due to Hurricane Harvey, go to <http://texasworkforce.org> for more information on disaster recovery resources."

An audio download with comments from Commissioner Hughs on the latest labor market data is available on the TWC [press release page](#). 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. To access this and more employment data, visit tracer2.com.

The Texas Labor Market & Career Information Data for September is scheduled to be released on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (CDT).

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates for Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas Not Seasonally
Adjusted (In Thousands)**

	August 2017				July 2017				August 2016			
	C.L. F.	Em p.	Une mp.	Ra te	C.L. F.	Em p.	Une mp.	Ra te	C.L. F.	Em p.	Une mp.	Ra te
United States	160,863.0	153,576.0	7,287.0	4.5	161,911.0	154,470.0	7,441.0	4.6	159,800.0	151,804.0	7,996.0	5.0
Texas	13,406.8	12,802.0	604.8	4.5	13,434.6	12,850.6	584.0	4.3	13,295.2	12,639.0	656.2	4.9
Abilene	73.6	70.6	3.0	4.1	73.8	70.9	2.9	4.0	74.3	71.2	3.1	4.2
Amarillo	131.4	127.3	4.1	3.1	131.7	127.5	4.2	3.2	130.8	126.4	4.3	3.3
Austin-Round Rock	1,126.1	1,088.3	37.8	3.4	1,132.3	1,095.9	36.4	3.2	1,110.4	1,072.2	38.2	3.4
Beaumont-Port Arthur	171.3	158.9	12.3	7.2	171.4	159.6	11.7	6.8	173.2	160.2	13.0	7.5
Brownsville-Harlingen	167.5	155.3	12.3	7.3	167.4	155.6	11.8	7.0	166.7	154.1	12.6	7.5
College Station-Bryan	124.0	119.5	4.5	3.6	124.4	120.1	4.4	3.5	121.2	116.2	4.9	4.1
Corpus Christi	208.2	196.1	12.1	5.8	207.9	196.5	11.4	5.5	205.0	192.2	12.8	6.2
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,773.6	3,626.8	146.7	3.9	3,782.9	3,641.3	141.6	3.7	3,699.8	3,549.5	150.3	4.1
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MD	2,547.0	2,448.6	98.3	3.9	2,550.4	2,455.7	94.7	3.7	2,494.0	2,394.9	99.1	4.0
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,226.6	1,178.2	48.4	3.9	1,232.5	1,185.6	46.9	3.8	1,205.8	1,154.6	51.2	4.2
El Paso	355.5	338.4	17.1	4.8	355.9	339.4	16.5	4.6	351.0	332.4	18.6	5.3
Houston-The Woodlands	3,307.7	3,137.2	170.6	5.2	3,319.7	3,157.0	162.7	4.9	3,286.9	3,099.0	187.9	5.7

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Killeen- Temple	178.7	171.1	7.6	4.2	178.9	171.5	7.4	4.1	175.4	167.2	8.2	4.6
Laredo	113.6	108.6	5.0	4.4	114.3	109.5	4.8	4.2	113.5	107.7	5.8	5.2
Longvi ew	96.7	91.7	5.0	5.2	96.7	91.8	4.9	5.1	98.6	91.8	6.8	6.9
Lubboc k	160.0	154.2	5.8	3.6	159.3	153.5	5.8	3.6	158.7	152.8	5.8	3.7
McAlle n- Edinbu rg- Mission	335.1	308.4	26.7	8.0	334.2	308.7	25.5	7.6	333.9	306.2	27.7	8.3
Midlan d	86.4	83.6	2.8	3.2	86.8	84.0	2.8	3.2	86.5	82.4	4.1	4.7
Odessa	74.0	70.8	3.2	4.3	74.2	71.1	3.1	4.2	75.4	70.1	5.3	7.0
San Angelo	53.7	51.6	2.1	3.8	53.6	51.6	2.1	3.9	54.8	52.2	2.6	4.8
San Antoni o-New Braunf els	1,156. 4	1,113. 3	43.1	3.7	1,155. 1	1,112. 8	42.3	3.7	1,140. 4	1,095. 1	45.3	4.0
Sherma n- Deniso n	61.7	59.4	2.3	3.7	61.7	59.5	2.2	3.5	61.2	58.7	2.4	4.0
Texark ana	64.5	61.5	3.0	4.7	65.0	61.9	3.0	4.7	65.2	61.9	3.2	5.0
Tyler	106.7	102.4	4.3	4.1	107.3	103.1	4.2	3.9	106.3	101.0	5.3	5.0
Victori a	46.7	44.4	2.3	4.8	46.5	44.3	2.2	4.7	47.2	44.4	2.8	6.0
Waco	121.9	116.5	5.4	4.5	122.7	117.2	5.4	4.4	122.9	117.7	5.2	4.2
Wichita Falls	62.9	60.4	2.5	3.9	63.3	60.9	2.5	3.9	63.9	61.0	2.9	4.5

Texas Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY TITLE	Aug 2017*	Jul 2017	Aug 2016	Jul '17 to Aug '17		Aug '16 to Aug '17	
				Absolut e Change	Percen t	Absolut e Change	Percen t

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Total	12,333,900	12,328,400	12,035,300	5,500	0.0	298,600	2.5
Nonagricultural	0	0	0				
Total Private	10,374,700	10,370,300	10,103,900	4,400	0.0	270,800	2.7
Goods Producing	1,836,100	1,830,300	1,755,800	5,800	0.3	80,300	4.6
Mining and Logging	243,900	242,900	214,400	1,000	0.4	29,500	13.8
Construction	714,800	712,200	699,600	2,600	0.4	15,200	2.2
Manufacturing	877,400	875,200	841,800	2,200	0.3	35,600	4.2
Service Providing	10,497,800	10,498,100	10,279,500	-300	0.0	218,300	2.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,452,500	2,443,400	2,424,300	9,100	0.4	28,200	1.2
Information	191,400	193,300	202,100	-1,900	-1.0	-10,700	-5.3
Financial Activities	757,800	758,200	734,100	-400	-0.1	23,700	3.2
Professional and Business Services	1,679,400	1,680,300	1,631,500	-900	-0.1	47,900	2.9
Education and Health Services	1,686,600	1,688,800	1,640,300	-2,200	-0.1	46,300	2.8
Leisure and Hospitality	1,328,700	1,327,300	1,294,100	1,400	0.1	34,600	2.7
Other Services	442,200	448,700	421,700	-6,500	-1.4	20,500	4.9
Government	1,959,200	1,958,100	1,931,400	1,100	0.1	27,800	1.4

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