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Rural Capital Area Adds 1,776 Jobs in April; Unemployment Falls to 2.4%

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The economy of the Rural Capital Area of Texas experienced another month of positive employment growth in April 2019, with 1,776 jobs added, according to figures released today by the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC). The unemployment rate in the nine-county workforce development area dropped from 2.9 percent in March, down to 2.4 percent in April. The 2.4 percent unemployment rate represented 13,051 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment rate remained below both the Texas (3.0 percent)* and national (3.3 percent)* rates.

The Rural Capital Area's 1.97 percent annual employment growth rate represented the addition of 10,222 jobs since April 2018.

Key Points by Industry for the Rural Capital Area, according to the most recent labor market data:

- The Education and Health Services Industry has experienced the greatest quarterly employment growth with an increase of 7.4 percent.
- Job gains were also experienced in the Professional and Business Services Industry (3.5 percent), the Trade, Transportation and Utilities Industry (3.1 percent), and the Natural Resources and Mining Industry (1.6 percent).
- The Information Services Industry in the Rural Capital Area experienced the greatest positive annual job growth with an increase of 8.0 percent.
- Significant positive annual job growth was also experienced in the Construction Industry (7.8 percent), the Manufacturing Industry (7.4 percent), and the Professional and Business Services Industry (5.8 percent).

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 [texaslmi.com](#).

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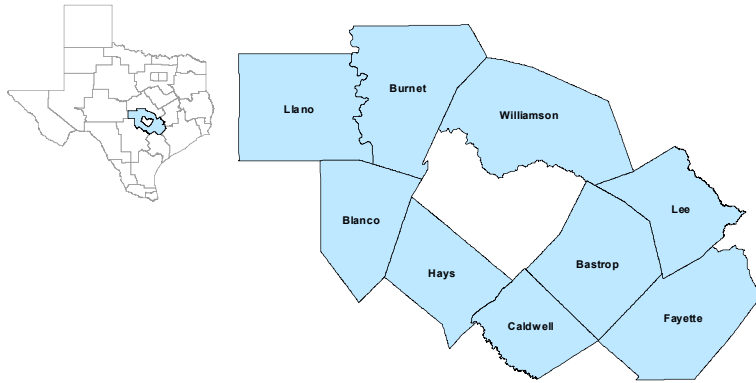
Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area is a community partnership providing no cost recruitment, employment services and child care assistance, to businesses and job seekers in the Rural Capital Area of central Texas. This nine-county region includes Bastrop; Blanco; Burnet; Caldwell; Fayette; Hays; Lee; Llano; and Williamson counties. For more details on WSRCA, and the services it offers, visit [www.workforcesolutionsrca.com](#).

**Unemployment rates listed are not seasonally adjusted.*

The Texas Workforce Commission in partnership with 28 local workforce development boards forms Texas Workforce Solutions
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Rural Capital Workforce Development Area

April 2019



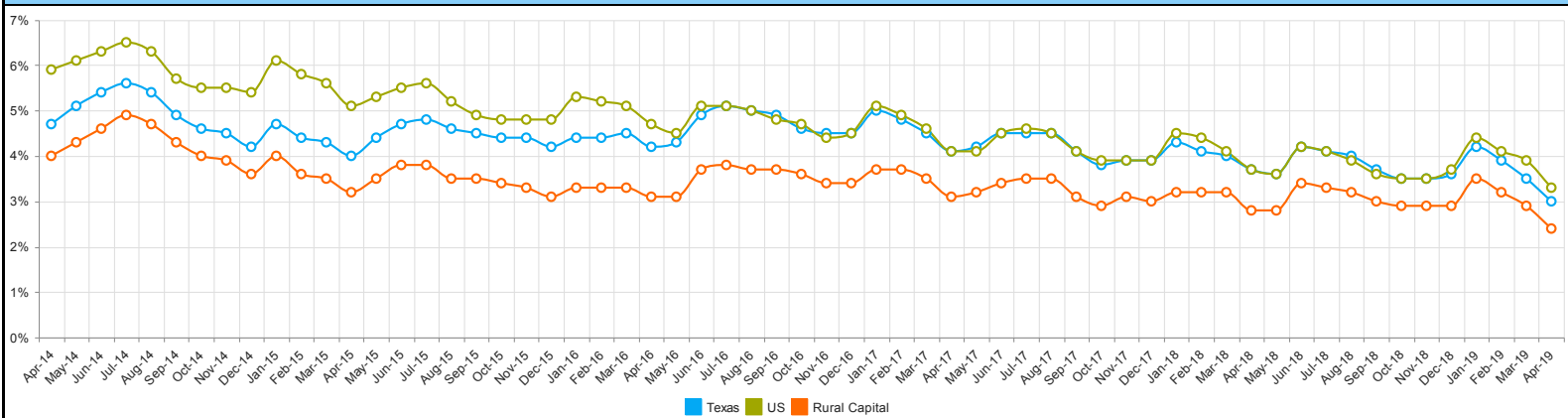
WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	541,831	542,702	533,635	8,196
Employed	528,780	527,004	518,558	10,222
Unemployed	13,051	15,698	15,077	-2,026
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.9%	2.8%	-0.4%

Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	14,000,988	14,058,831	13,817,292	183,696
Employed	13,585,165	13,564,159	13,309,876	275,289
Unemployed	415,823	494,672	507,416	-91,593
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.5%	3.7%	-0.7%

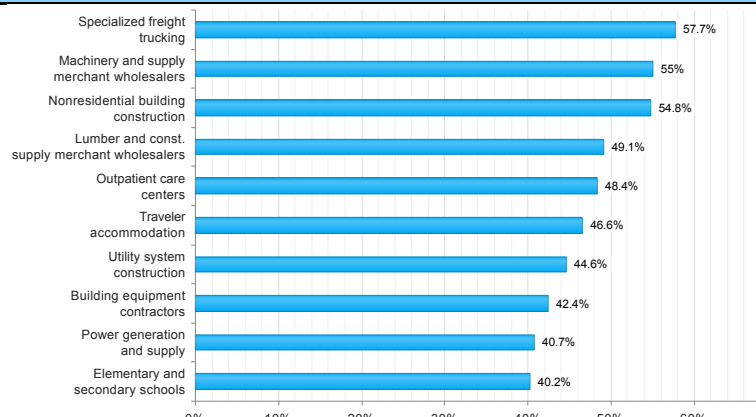
US Labor Force Statistics				
	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	162,097,000	162,823,000	161,280,000	817,000
Employed	156,710,000	156,441,000	155,348,000	1,362,000
Unemployed	5,387,000	6,382,000	5,932,000	-545,000
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.9%	3.7%	-0.4%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Yearly Change
WDA	2,455	2,540	2,554	-99
Texas	89,065	95,424	96,229	-7,164

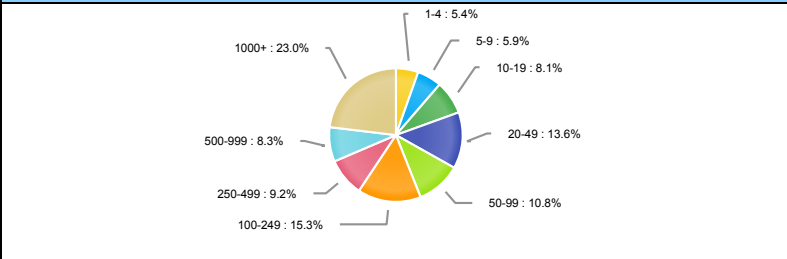
Historical Unemployment Rates



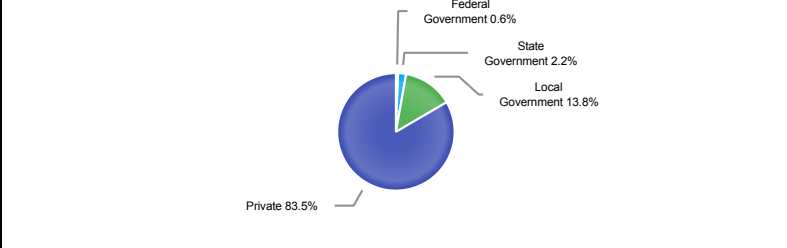
Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2016-2026)



Employment by Size Class (4th Quarter 2018)



Employment by Ownership (4th Quarter 2018)



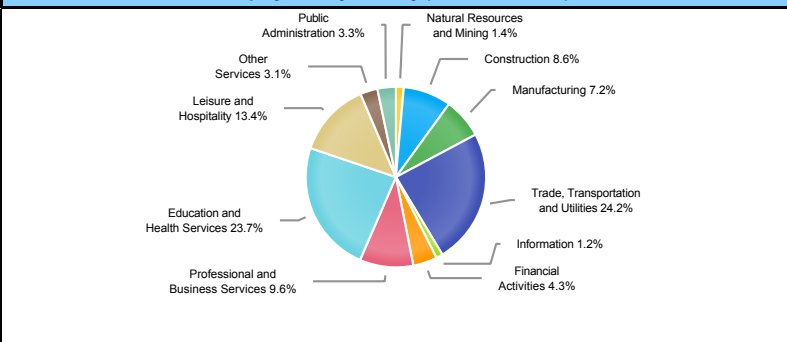
Average Weekly Wage (4th Quarter 2018)

	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$969	\$915	\$935	\$54	\$34
Texas	\$1,148	\$1,064	\$1,109	\$84	\$39
US	N/A	\$1,055	\$1,109	N/A	N/A

Employment by Industry (4th Quarter 2018, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	4,368	1.4%	1.6%	0.3%
Construction	27,036	8.6%	0.3%	7.8%
Manufacturing	22,804	7.2%	0.1%	7.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	76,270	24.2%	3.1%	1.4%
Information	3,639	1.2%	-1.7%	8.0%
Financial Activities	13,705	4.3%	-0.1%	3.9%
Professional and Business Services	30,165	9.6%	3.5%	5.8%
Education and Health Services	74,931	23.7%	7.4%	3.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	42,331	13.4%	-1.6%	4.2%
Other Services	9,906	3.1%	-1.4%	5.0%
Public Administration	10,350	3.3%	-1.3%	2.7%

Employment by Industry (4th Quarter 2018)



*The average weekly wage for U.S. for the latest quarter is not available. It will be updated shortly.