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### **Rural Capital Area Economic Recovery Underway; Unemployment Rate Drops to 6.3% in July**

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The unadjusted unemployment rate in the Rural Capital Area of central Texas continues to signal that economic recovery is underway in key industries impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, sliding to 6.3 percent in July 2020, down from 6.9 percent in June, according to figures released today by the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC). The 6.3 percent unemployment rate in the nine-county [Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area](#) (WSRCA), represented 34,339 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment rate remained below both the Texas (8.2 percent)\* and national (10.5 percent)\* rates.

Within the WSRCA counties, Blanco recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 4.0 percent in July. Fayette and Burnet counties came in at 4.9 percent. Lee County was at 5.0 percent, while Llano County was at 5.8 percent. Williamson County was at 6.2 percent, Bastrop County was at 6.4 percent, while Caldwell County came in at 6.8 percent and Hays County was at 7.0 percent.

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

- The Leisure and Hospitality Industry has experienced the most growth in the first quarter of 2020, with an increase of 1.2 percent.
- Job gains were also experienced in Public Administration (1.1 percent), Professional and Business Services (0.2 percent), and Financial Activities (0.1 percent).
- The Construction Industry experienced the greatest positive annual job growth with an increase of 5.9 percent.
- Significant positive annual job growth was also experienced in Financial Activities (5.5 percent), Professional and Business Services (5.4 percent) and Public Administration (5.2 percent).

The WSRCA team is eager to help you find workforce solutions in person and has begun a phased reopening of our offices for curbside and in-center customers with appointments. Services continue to be available virtually. For more information please visit our website at [www.workforcesolutionsrca.com](http://www.workforcesolutionsrca.com), call us toll free, at 1-844-344-2780, and begin your job search on [www.workintexas.com](http://www.workintexas.com).

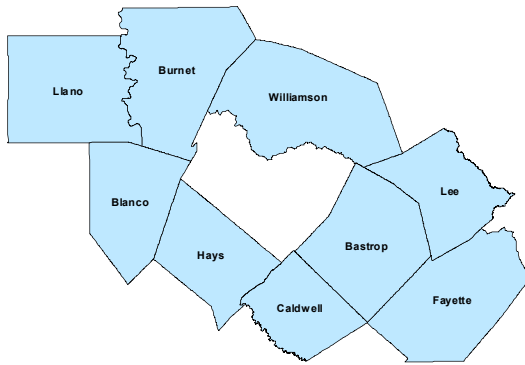
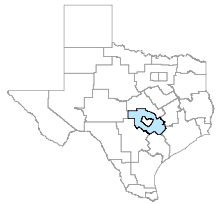
Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [texaslmi.com](http://texaslmi.com).

*Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area is a nonprofit community partnership providing no cost recruitment, employment services and childcare assistance, to businesses, employers, 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](http://www.workforcesolutionsrca.com).*

*\*All unemployment rates listed are not seasonally adjusted.*

## Rural Capital Workforce Development Area

July 2020



### WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Jul-20	Jun-20	Jul-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	547,481	543,145	559,402	-11,921
Employed	513,142	505,903	542,137	-28,995
Unemployed	34,339	37,242	17,265	17,074
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.9%	3.1%	3.2%

### Texas Labor Force Statistics

	Jul-20	Jun-20	Jul-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	13,846,028	13,804,456	14,064,960	-218,932
Employed	12,705,927	12,606,499	13,524,473	-818,546
Unemployed	1,140,101	1,197,957	540,487	599,614
Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.7%	3.8%	4.4%

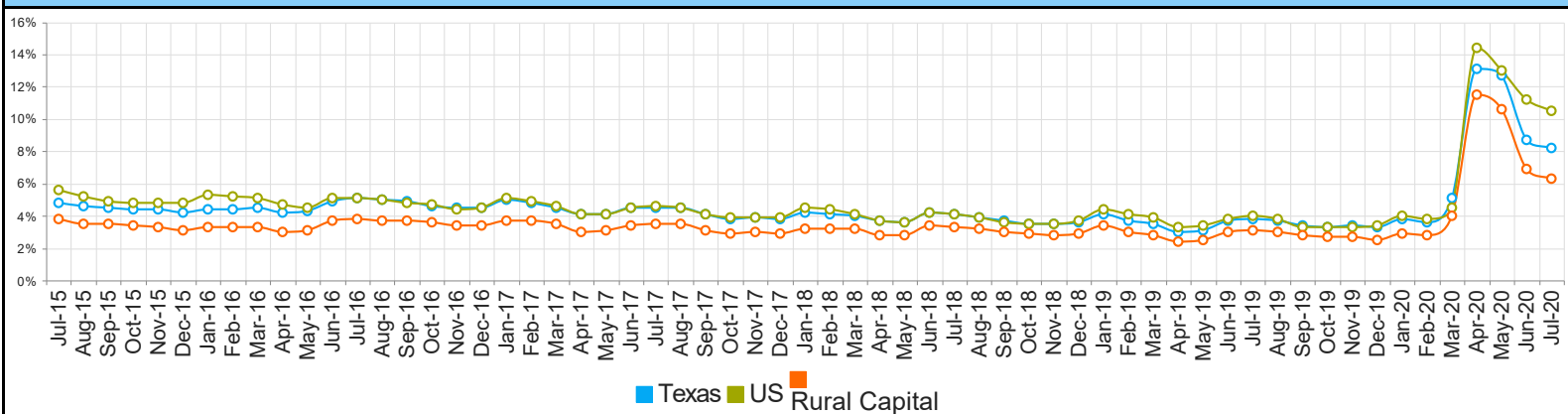
### US Labor Force Statistics

	Jul-20	Jun-20	Jul-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	161,374,000	160,883,000	164,941,000	-3,567,000
Employed	144,492,000	142,811,000	158,385,000	-13,893,000
Unemployed	16,882,000	18,072,000	6,556,000	10,326,000
Unemployment Rate	10.5%	11.2%	4.0%	6.5%

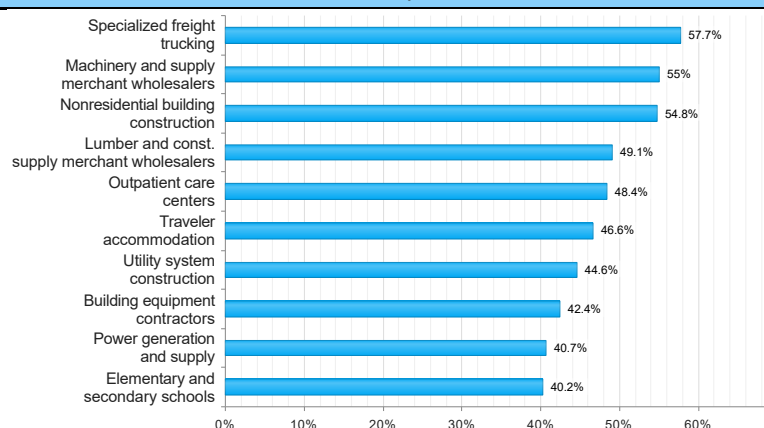
### Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Jul-20	Jun-20	Jul-19	Yearly Change
WDA	26,470	28,078	2,776	23,694
Texas	921,678	934,261	104,232	817,446

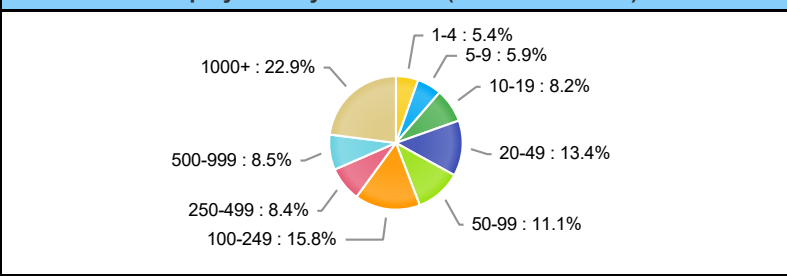
## Historical Unemployment Rates



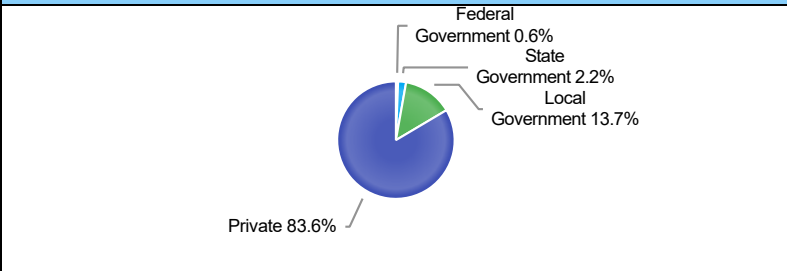
## Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2016-2026)



## Employment by Size Class (1st Quarter 2020)



## Employment by Ownership (1st Quarter 2020)



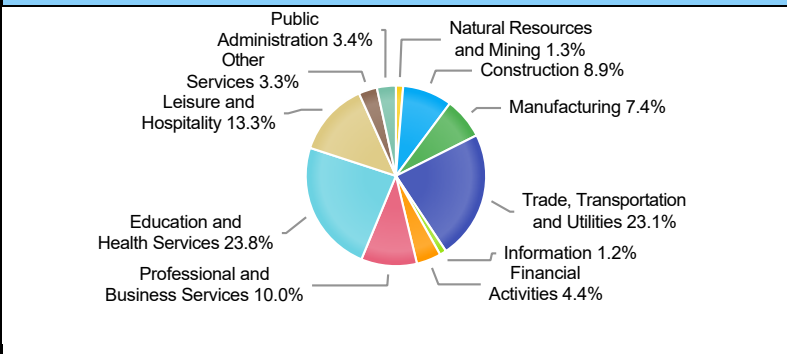
### Average Weekly Wage (1st Quarter 2020)

	Q1 2020	Q4 2019	Q1 2019	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$1,111	\$1,108	\$1,049	\$3	\$62
Texas	\$1,232	\$1,187	\$1,204	\$45	\$28
US	\$1,222	\$1,185	\$1,183	\$37	\$39

## Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2020, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	4,285	1.3%	-7.0%	-3.0%
Construction	29,013	8.9%	-2.0%	5.9%
Manufacturing	24,299	7.4%	2.2%	3.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	75,692	23.1%	-2.2%	1.7%
Information	3,889	1.2%	-8.8%	-3.3%
Financial Activities	14,492	4.4%	0.1%	5.5%
Professional and Business Services	32,813	10.0%	0.2%	5.4%
Education and Health Services	77,798	23.8%	-0.2%	3.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	43,483	13.3%	1.2%	2.8%
Other Services	10,706	3.3%	-0.1%	3.8%
Public Administration	10,988	3.4%	1.1%	5.2%

## Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2020)



RURAL CAPITAL

		July-20				June-20				July-19				Change from Last Month (July-20 vs. June-20)				Change from Last Year (July-20 vs. July-19)			
Area	Area Type	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,846,028	12,705,927	1,140,101	8.2	13,804,456	12,606,499	1,197,957	8.7	14,064,960	13,524,473	540,487	3.8	41572	99428	-57856	(0.50)	-218932	-818546	599614	(4.40)
Austin-Round Rock	MSA	1,225,085	1,143,143	81,942	6.7	1,215,025	1,126,397	88,628	7.3	1,240,719	1,204,386	36,333	2.9	10060	16746	-6686	(0.60)	-15634	-61243	45609	(3.80)
Rural Capital	WDA	547,481	513,142	34,339	6.3	543,145	505,903	37,242	6.9	559,402	542,137	17,265	3.1	4336	7239	-2903	(0.60)	-11921	-28995	17074	(3.20)
Bastrop	County	42,182	39,487	2,695	6.4	41,835	38,895	2,940	7.0	43,111	41,601	1,510	3.5	347	592	-245	(0.60)	-929	-2114	1185	(2.90)
Blanco	County	6,283	6,034	249	4.0	6,206	5,944	262	4.2	6,515	6,335	180	2.8	77	90	-13	(0.20)	-232	-301	69	(1.20)
Burnet	County	22,604	21,493	1,111	4.9	22,365	21,195	1,170	5.2	23,891	23,171	720	3.0	239	298	-59	(0.30)	-1287	-1678	391	(1.90)
Caldwell	County	19,353	18,041	1,312	6.8	19,158	17,773	1,385	7.2	19,768	19,008	760	3.8	195	268	-73	(0.40)	-415	-967	552	(3.00)
Fayette	County	11,431	10,869	562	4.9	11,308	10,737	571	5.0	12,219	11,851	368	3.0	123	132	-9	(0.10)	-788	-982	194	(1.90)
Hays	County	118,923	110,640	8,283	7.0	118,074	109,032	9,042	7.7	120,192	116,580	3,612	3.0	849	1608	-759	(0.70)	-1269	-5940	4671	(4.00)
Lee	County	9,608	9,130	478	5.0	9,494	9,019	475	5.0	10,065	9,770	295	2.9	114	111	3	0.00	-457	-640	183	(2.10)
Llano	County	8,376	7,894	482	5.8	8,259	7,772	487	5.9	8,936	8,608	328	3.7	117	122	-5	(0.10)	-560	-714	154	(2.10)
Williamson	County	308,721	289,554	19,167	6.2	306,446	285,536	20,910	6.8	314,705	305,213	9,492	3.0	2275	4018	-1743	(0.60)	-5984	-15659	9675	(3.20)
Cedar Park	City	42,133	39,580	2,553	6.1	41,862	39,027	2,835	6.8	42,934	41,718	1,216	2.8	271	553	-282	(0.70)	-801	-2138	1337	(3.30)
Georgetown	City	31,223	29,038	2,185	7.0	30,951	28,635	2,316	7.5	31,792	30,608	1,184	3.7	272	403	-131	(0.50)	-569	-1570	1001	(3.30)
Hutto	City	14,776	13,775	1,001	6.8	14,656	13,584	1,072	7.3	14,962	14,520	442	3.0	120	191	-71	(0.50)	-186	-745	559	(3.80)
Kyle	City	25,319	23,517	1,802	7.1	25,094	23,175	1,919	7.6	25,520	24,779	741	2.9	225	342	-117	(0.50)	-201	-1262	1061	(4.20)
Leander	City	29,621	27,790	1,831	6.2	29,414	27,404	2,010	6.8	30,208	29,293	915	3.0	207	386	-179	(0.60)	-587	-1503	916	(3.20)
Round Rock	City	70,576	66,552	4,024	5.7	70,039	65,627	4,412	6.3	72,256	70,150	2,106	2.9	537	925	-388	(0.60)	-1680	-3598	1918	(2.80)
San Marcos	City	34,003	30,970	3,033	8.9	33,881	30,520	3,361	9.9	33,815	32,633	1,182	3.5	122	450	-328	(1.00)	188	-1663	1851	(5.40)