



A proud partner of the AmericanJobCenter® network

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: July 19, 2019

MEDIA CONTACT: BRIAN HERNANDEZ

PHONE: 512-244-7966

Rural Capital Area Unemployment Ticks Up to 2.9% in June

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The unemployment rate in the Rural Capital Area of Texas ticked up slightly in June compared to the month prior, though there was still a favorable drop compared to the rate last year. According to figures released today by the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC), the unemployment rate for the nine-county workforce development area was 2.9 percent*, up from 2.4 percent in May, but below 3.4 percent in June 2018. The 2.9 percent unemployment rate represented 15,839 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment rate remained below both the Texas (3.6 percent)* and national (3.8 percent)* rates, which both saw increases in June.

Within the Rural Capital Area counties, Blanco recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 2.6 percent in June, Burnet was at 2.7 percent, Fayette and Williamson counties were at 2.8 percent, Hays and Lee came in at 2.9 percent, Bastrop and Llano were at 3.3 percent, while Caldwell County was at 3.5 percent.

The Rural Capital Area's 1.77 percent annual employment growth rate represented the addition of 9,166 jobs since June 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.

###BH

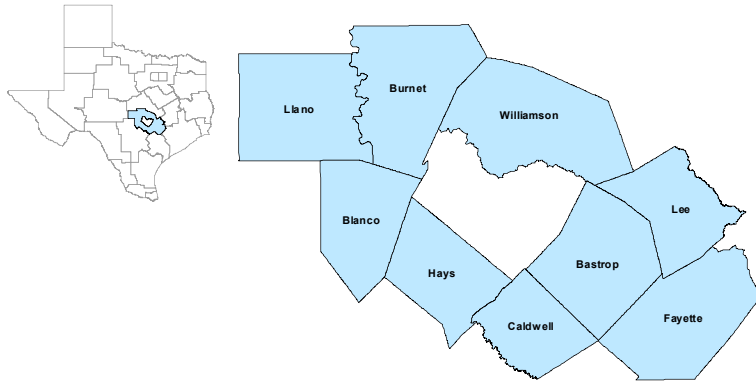
Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area is a non-profit community partnership providing no cost recruitment, employment services and child care assistance, to businesses and job seekers in the Rural Capital Area of central Texas. This nine-county region includes Bastrop; Blanco; Burnet; Caldwell; Fayette;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

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

*The Texas Workforce Commission in partnership with 28 local workforce development boards forms Texas Workforce Solutions
Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program
Auxiliary Aids and Services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities
Relay TX: 711 or 1-800-735-2988 (Voice) or 1-800-735-2989 (TDD)*

Rural Capital Workforce Development Area

June 2019



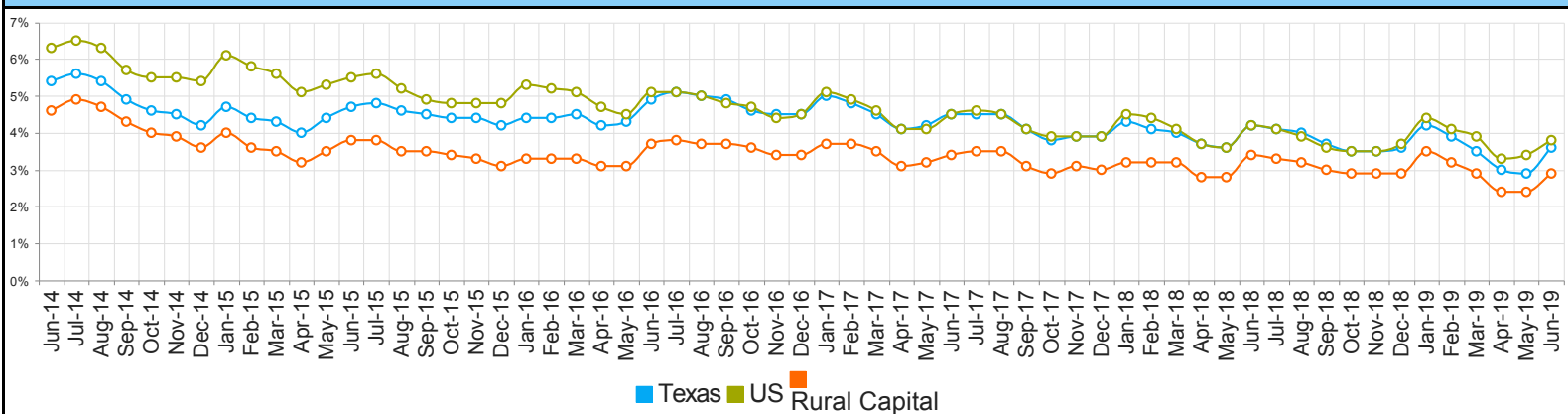
WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	544,267	541,417	537,478	6,789
Employed	528,428	528,552	519,262	9,166
Unemployed	15,839	12,865	18,216	-2,377
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.4%	3.4%	-0.5%

Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	14,043,429	13,966,995	13,866,660	176,769
Employed	13,542,322	13,558,482	13,281,765	260,557
Unemployed	501,107	408,513	584,895	-83,788
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	2.9%	4.2%	-0.6%

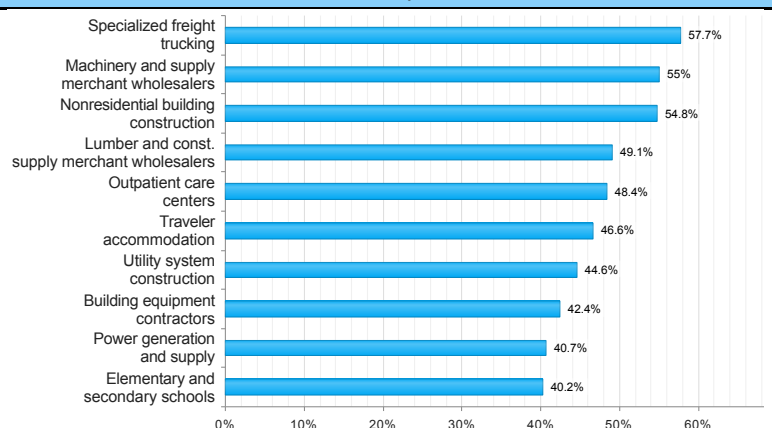
US Labor Force Statistics				
	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	164,120,000	162,655,000	163,277,000	843,000
Employed	157,828,000	157,152,000	156,465,000	1,363,000
Unemployed	6,292,000	5,503,000	6,812,000	-520,000
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.4%	4.2%	-0.4%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	Jun-19	May-19	Jun-18	Yearly Change
WDA	2,658	2,499	2,903	-245
Texas	100,670	91,197	101,427	-757

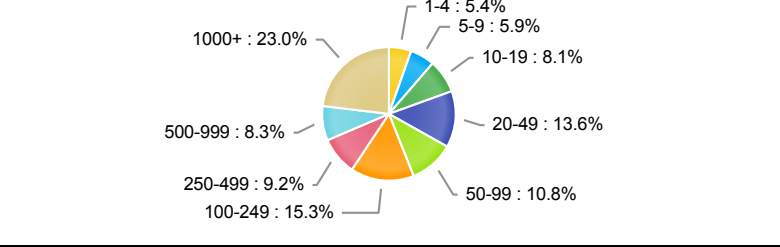
Historical Unemployment Rates



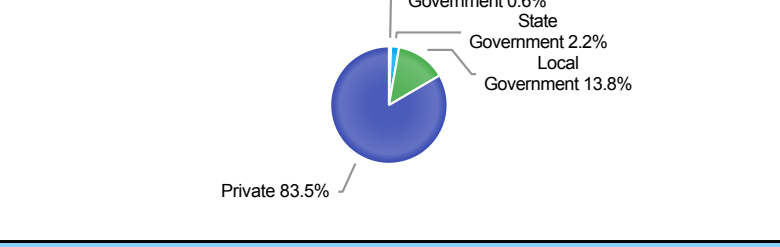
Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2016-2026)



Employment by Size Class (4th Quarter 2018)



Employment by Ownership (4th Quarter 2018)

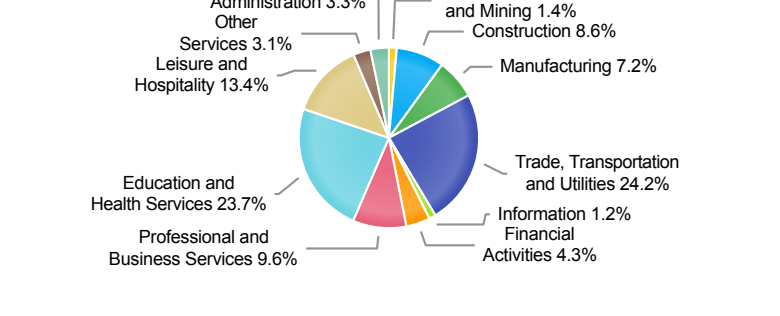


Average Weekly Wage (4th Quarter 2018)					
	Q4 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2017	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$969	\$915	\$935	\$54	\$34
Texas	\$1,148	\$1,064	\$1,109	\$84	\$39
US	\$1,144	\$1,054	\$1,109	\$90	\$35

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)



RURAL CAPITAL

Area	Area Type	June-19				May-19				June-18				Growth/Decline			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Monthly Job Growth/Decline	Monthly Job Growth/Decline %	YTD Job Growth/Decline	YTD Job Growth/Decline %
Texas	State	14,043,429	13,542,322	501,107	3.6	13,966,995	13,558,482	408,513	2.9	13,866,660	13,281,765	584,895	4.2	-16,160	-0.12%	260,557	1.96%
Austin-Round Rock	MSA	1,215,794	1,182,597	33,197	2.7	1,210,013	1,183,030	26,983	2.2	1,201,136	1,162,559	38,577	3.2	-433	-0.04%	20,038	1.72%
Rural Capital	WDA	544,267	528,428	15,839	2.9	541,417	528,552	12,865	2.4	537,478	519,262	18,216	3.4	-124	-0.02%	9,166	1.77%
Bastrop	County	42,177	40,796	1,381	3.3	41,862	40,852	1,010	2.4	41,769	40,142	1,627	3.9	-56	-0.14%	654	1.63%
Blanco	County	6,406	6,240	166	2.6	6,388	6,255	133	2.1	6,287	6,108	179	2.8	-15	-0.24%	132	2.16%
Burnet	County	23,712	23,067	645	2.7	23,549	23,018	531	2.3	23,200	22,488	712	3.1	49	0.21%	579	2.57%
Caldwell	County	19,411	18,725	686	3.5	19,289	18,747	542	2.8	19,191	18,421	770	4.0	-22	-0.12%	304	1.65%
Fayette	County	12,646	12,294	352	2.8	12,641	12,353	288	2.3	12,697	12,304	393	3.1	-59	-0.48%	-10	-0.08%
Hays	County	116,332	112,982	3,350	2.9	115,661	113,037	2,624	2.3	114,876	111,067	3,809	3.3	-55	-0.05%	1,915	1.72%
Lee	County	9,483	9,205	278	2.9	9,364	9,144	220	2.3	9,283	8,968	315	3.4	61	0.67%	237	2.64%
Llano	County	8,845	8,551	294	3.3	8,749	8,500	249	2.8	8,740	8,408	332	3.8	51	0.60%	143	1.70%
Williamson	County	305,255	296,568	8,687	2.8	303,914	296,646	7,268	2.4	301,435	291,356	10,079	3.3	-78	-0.03%	5,212	1.79%
Cedar Park	City	42,375	41,241	1,134	2.7	42,233	41,252	981	2.3	41,887	40,519	1,368	3.3	-11	-0.03%	722	1.78%
Georgetown	City	30,403	29,332	1,071	3.5	30,204	29,339	865	2.9	30,009	28,816	1,193	4.0	-7	-0.02%	516	1.79%
Hutto	City	14,417	14,013	404	2.8	14,337	14,017	320	2.2	14,218	13,767	451	3.2	-4	-0.03%	246	1.79%
Kyle	City	23,779	23,122	657	2.8	23,675	23,133	542	2.3	23,476	22,730	746	3.2	-11	-0.05%	392	1.72%
Leander	City	26,624	25,842	782	2.9	26,486	25,849	637	2.4	26,241	25,388	853	3.3	-7	-0.03%	454	1.79%
Round Rock	City	69,723	67,776	1,947	2.8	69,360	67,794	1,566	2.3	68,782	66,585	2,197	3.2	-18	-0.03%	1,191	1.79%
San Marcos	City	33,792	32,600	1,192	3.5	33,477	32,616	861	2.6	33,317	32,047	1,270	3.8	-16	-0.05%	553	1.73%