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Rural Capital Area Unemployment Rate Drops to 7.1% in June; Continues Slide to Pre-COVID-19 Levels

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The unadjusted unemployment rate in the Rural Capital Area of central Texas continues to trend down towards pre-COVID-19 levels, sliding to 7.1 percent in June 2020, down from 10.6 percent in May, according to figures released today by the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC). The 7.1 percent unemployment rate in the nine-county [Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area](#) (WSRCA), represented 38,305 residents seeking employment; a decline of more than 31 percent from the month prior. The region's unemployment rate remained below both the Texas (8.9 percent)* and national (11.2 percent)* rates.

Within the WSRCA counties, Blanco recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 4.3 percent in June. Fayette and Lee counties came in at 5.2 percent. Burnet County was at 5.4 percent, while Llano County was at 6.0 percent. Williamson County was at 7.0 percent, Bastrop County was at 7.2 percent, while Caldwell County came in at 7.4 percent and Hays County was at 7.9 percent. Some of the largest cities in the region saw their unemployment rates drop from three to almost five points month-to-month in June.

To keep our Rural Capital Area community, industries and partnerships informed on the impact of COVID-19 concerns upon our regional workforce, we are providing weekly unemployment claims snapshots through our Workforce Impact Report. Review claims by demographics, skills impact, and zip code:

<https://workforcesolutionsrca.com/board/covid-19-workforce-impact-report>

As Governor Greg Abbott has declared a [state of disaster in Texas](#) due to COVID-19, and our communities continue to feel the increased impact of its global effects, the WSRCA team has mobilized to ensure the health and safety of customers and staff, while ensuring that our business services, early childhood development programs and workforce services, continue throughout our Rural Capital Area communities.

“We know this is a difficult time for our Rural Capital Area families and businesses, but we’re committed to empowering our world-class workforce as our Texas economy reopens,” said WSRCA CEO Paul Fletcher.

“Our talented workforce and child care services teams are available to ensure immediate accessibility for our communities, and we are ready and eager to help people transition back to employment. We are reaching out to people and welcome their reaching out to us, to ensure they get the assistance they need to make that transition and find sustainable workforce solutions.”

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

As local employers within our nine-county region contact us with job openings they need to fill immediately, we are posting them to the [Jobs Now!](#) section of our website by county, to connect job seekers to these

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opportunities. We are also hosting free virtual career workshops, hiring events and seminars to meet the needs of our communities. Visit the [events section of our website](#) for the latest schedule.

For our business community, we have set up the email address, rapidresponse@ruralcapital.net, to connect employers with a Rapid Response specialist, for assistance with customized proactive outplacement services or layoff aversion strategies at no cost. Our [Rapid Response](#) services are tailored to each company, based on the needs of the affected employees.

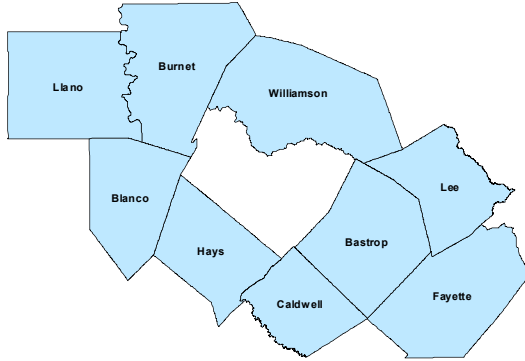
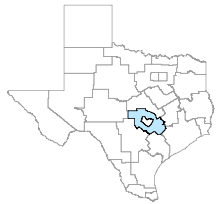
Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit texaslmi.com.

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.

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

Rural Capital Workforce Development Area

June 2020



WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Jun-20	May-20	Jun-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	543,087	522,512	557,145	-14,058
Employed	504,782	467,056	540,545	-35,763
Unemployed	38,305	55,456	16,600	21,705
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	10.6%	3.0%	4.1%

Texas Labor Force Statistics

	Jun-20	May-20	Jun-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	13,844,386	13,464,075	14,009,283	-164,897
Employed	12,612,804	11,752,881	13,489,259	-876,455
Unemployed	1,231,582	1,711,194	520,024	711,558
Unemployment Rate	8.9%	12.7%	3.7%	5.2%

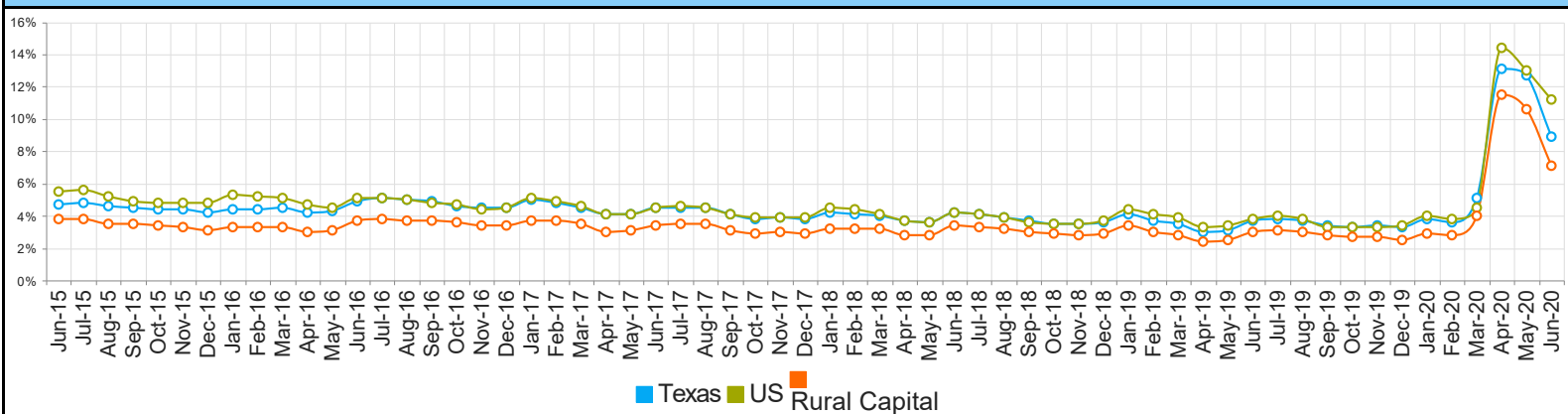
US Labor Force Statistics

	Jun-20	May-20	Jun-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	160,883,000	157,975,000	164,120,000	-3,237,000
Employed	142,811,000	137,461,000	157,828,000	-15,017,000
Unemployed	18,072,000	20,514,000	6,292,000	11,780,000
Unemployment Rate	11.2%	13.0%	3.8%	7.4%

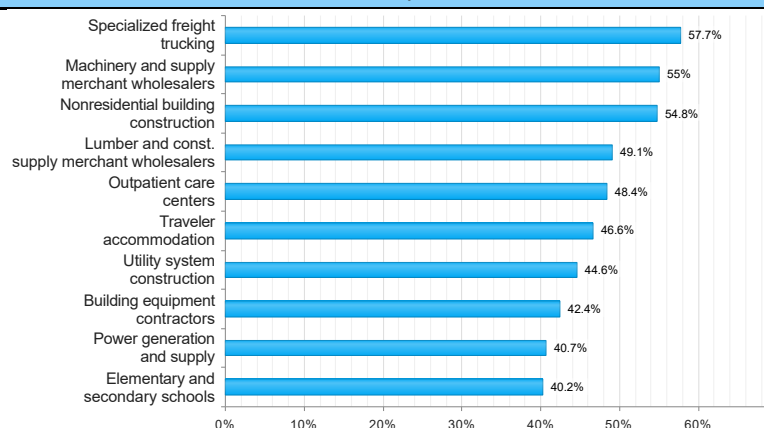
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Jun-20	May-20	Jun-19	Yearly Change
WDA	27,230	31,633	2,694	24,536
Texas	906,785	982,016	101,766	805,019

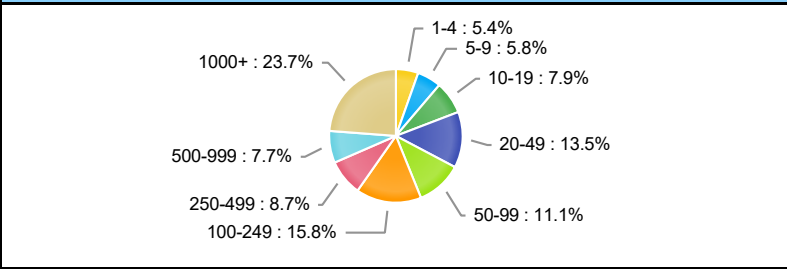
Historical Unemployment Rates



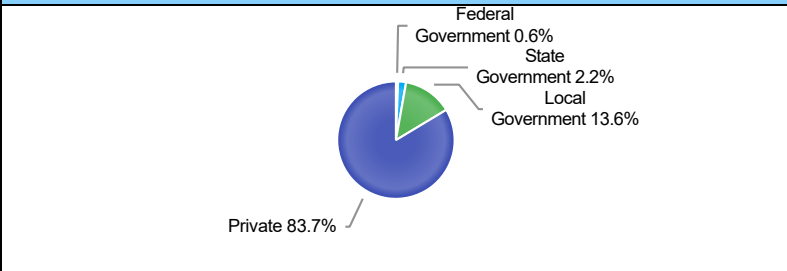
Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2016-2026)



Employment by Size Class (4th Quarter 2019)



Employment by Ownership (4th Quarter 2019)



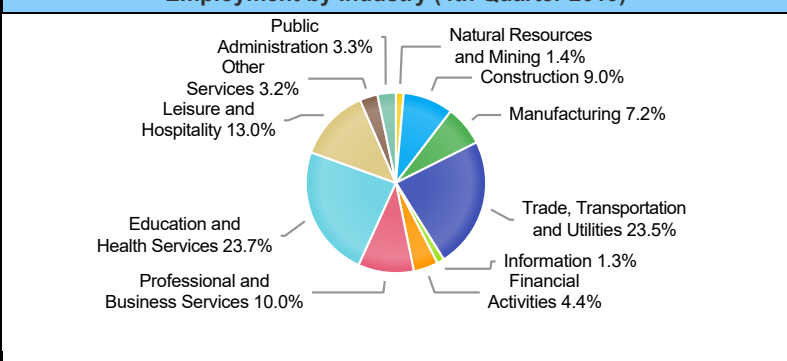
Average Weekly Wage (4th Quarter 2019)

	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2018	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$1,108	\$1,003	\$969	\$105	\$139
Texas	\$1,187	\$1,108	\$1,148	\$79	\$39
US	\$1,185	\$1,093	\$1,145	\$92	\$40

Employment by Industry (4th Quarter 2019, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	4,605	1.4%	1.1%	5.3%
Construction	29,552	9.0%	0.7%	9.2%
Manufacturing	23,763	7.2%	-0.3%	3.6%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	77,431	23.5%	3.1%	1.4%
Information	4,259	1.3%	1.2%	16.9%
Financial Activities	14,482	4.4%	0.3%	5.4%
Professional and Business Services	32,990	10.0%	1.9%	9.2%
Education and Health Services	77,957	23.7%	8.0%	4.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	42,966	13.0%	-3.5%	1.3%
Other Services	10,702	3.2%	-0.7%	7.2%
Public Administration	10,869	3.3%	-0.7%	4.9%

Employment by Industry (4th Quarter 2019)



RURAL CAPITAL

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June-20						May-20				June-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	13,844,386	12,612,804	1,231,582	8.9	13,464,075	11,752,881	1,711,194	12.7	14,009,283	13,489,259	520,024	3.7	380311	859923	-479612	(3.80)	-164897	-876455	711558	(5.20)
Austin-Round Rock	MSA	1,214,563	1,123,676	90,887	7.5	1,172,013	1,038,858	133,155	11.4	1,234,994	1,200,278	34,716	2.8	42550	84818	-42268	(3.90)	-20431	-76602	56171	(4.70)
Rural Capital	WDA	543,087	504,782	38,305	7.1	522,512	467,056	55,456	10.6	557,145	540,545	16,600	3.0	20575	37726	-17151	(3.50)	-14058	-35763	21705	(4.10)
Bastrop	County	41,830	38,803	3,027	7.2	39,995	35,899	4,096	10.2	42,906	41,468	1,438	3.4	1835	2904	-1069	(3.00)	-1076	-2665	1589	(3.80)
Blanco	County	6,209	5,940	269	4.3	5,887	5,524	363	6.2	6,492	6,321	171	2.6	322	416	-94	(1.90)	-283	-381	98	(1.70)
Burnet	County	22,395	21,183	1,212	5.4	21,316	19,676	1,640	7.7	23,623	22,955	668	2.8	1079	1507	-428	(2.30)	-1228	-1772	544	(2.60)
Caldwell	County	19,148	17,730	1,418	7.4	18,294	16,403	1,891	10.3	19,667	18,947	720	3.7	854	1327	-473	(2.90)	-519	-1217	698	(3.70)
Fayette	County	11,324	10,737	587	5.2	10,762	10,007	755	7.0	12,545	12,185	360	2.9	562	730	-168	(1.80)	-1221	-1448	227	(2.30)
Hays	County	118,060	108,769	9,291	7.9	113,973	100,572	13,401	11.8	119,688	116,183	3,505	2.9	4087	8197	-4110	(3.90)	-1628	-7414	5786	(5.00)
Lee	County	9,506	9,014	492	5.2	9,017	8,381	636	7.1	10,166	9,880	286	2.8	489	633	-144	(1.90)	-660	-866	206	(2.40)
Llano	County	8,272	7,772	500	6.0	7,916	7,226	690	8.7	8,764	8,457	307	3.5	356	546	-190	(2.70)	-492	-685	193	(2.50)
Williamson	County	306,343	284,834	21,509	7.0	295,352	263,368	31,984	10.8	313,294	304,149	9,145	2.9	10991	21466	-10475	(3.80)	-6951	-19315	12364	(4.10)
Cedar Park	City	41,823	38,931	2,892	6.9	40,344	35,997	4,347	10.8	42,752	41,573	1,179	2.8	1479	2934	-1455	(3.90)	-929	-2642	1713	(4.10)
Georgetown	City	30,949	28,564	2,385	7.7	29,826	26,412	3,414	11.4	31,644	30,501	1,143	3.6	1123	2152	-1029	(3.70)	-695	-1937	1242	(4.10)
Hutto	City	14,660	13,550	1,110	7.6	14,169	12,529	1,640	11.6	14,899	14,469	430	2.9	491	1021	-530	(4.00)	-239	-919	680	(4.70)
Kyle	City	25,084	23,119	1,965	7.8	24,248	21,377	2,871	11.8	25,401	24,695	706	2.8	836	1742	-906	(4.00)	-317	-1576	1259	(5.00)
Leander	City	29,408	27,337	2,071	7.0	28,333	25,276	3,057	10.8	30,066	29,191	875	2.9	1075	2061	-986	(3.80)	-658	-1854	1196	(4.10)
Round Rock	City	70,017	65,466	4,551	6.5	67,189	60,531	6,658	9.9	71,954	69,906	2,048	2.8	2828	4935	-2107	(3.40)	-1937	-4440	2503	(3.70)
San Marcos	City	33,902	30,446	3,456	10.2	33,176	28,152	5,024	15.1	33,741	32,522	1,219	3.6	726	2294	-1568	(4.90)	161	-2076	2237	(6.60)