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Rural Capital Area Unemployment Rate Steady at 2.4%

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The unemployment rate in the Rural Capital Area of Texas remained steady at 2.4 percent in May, the same low rate recorded in April, with 892 jobs added, according to figures released today by the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC). The 2.4 percent unemployment rate for the nine-county workforce development area, represented 12,867 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment rate remained below both the Texas (2.9 percent)* and national (3.4 percent)* rates.

Within the Rural Capital Area counties, Blanco recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 2.1 percent in May, Burnet, Fayette, Hays, and Lee were at 2.3 percent, Bastrop and Williamson were at 2.4 percent, while Caldwell and Llano counties were at 2.8 percent.

The Rural Capital Area's 1.87 percent annual employment growth rate represented the addition of 8,817 jobs since May 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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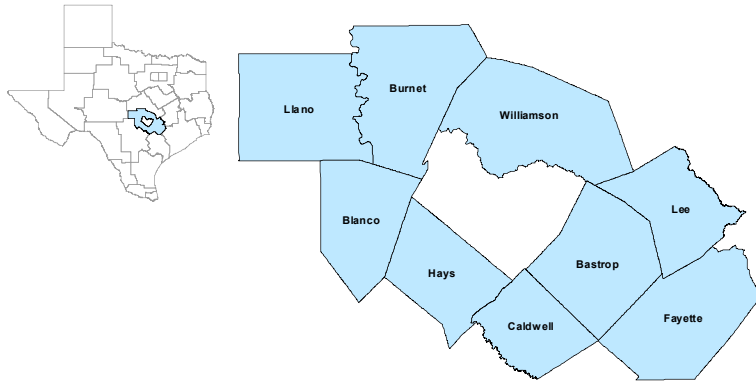
Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area is a non-profit community partnership providing no cost recruitment, employment services and child care assistance, to businesses and job seekers in the Rural Capital Area of central Texas. This nine-county region includes Bastrop; Blanco; Burnet; Caldwell; Fayette; Hays; Lee; Llano; and Williamson counties. For more details on WSRCA, and the services it offers, visit www.workforcesolutionsrca.com.

**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

May 2019



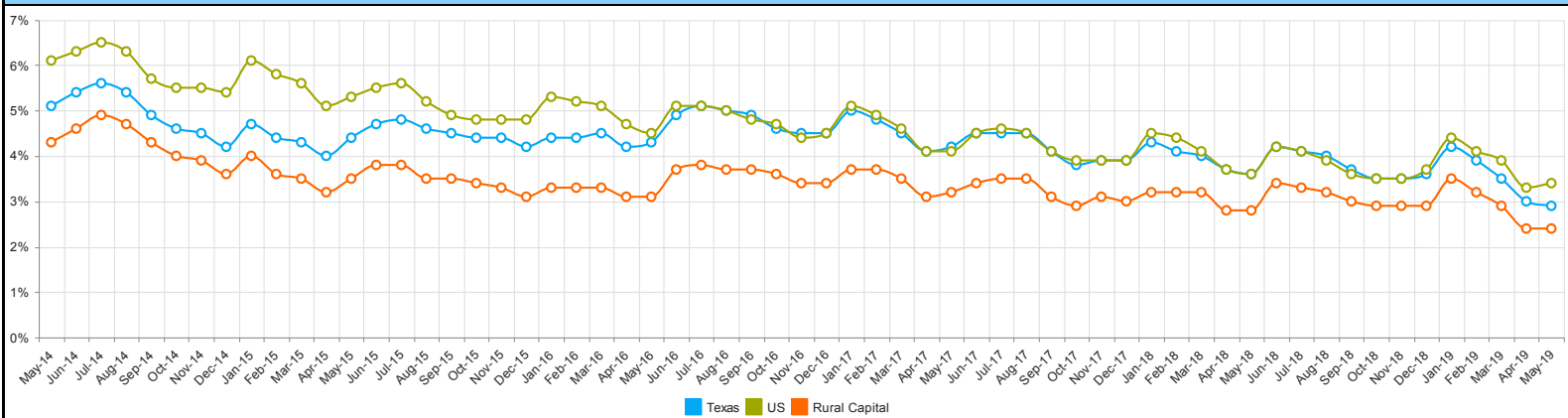
WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	541,828	541,115	534,334	7,494
Employed	528,961	528,069	519,252	9,709
Unemployed	12,867	13,046	15,082	-2,215
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.4%	2.8%	-0.4%

Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	13,966,869	14,000,887	13,810,959	155,910
Employed	13,558,175	13,585,274	13,312,236	245,939
Unemployed	408,694	415,613	498,723	-90,029
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.0%	3.6%	-0.7%

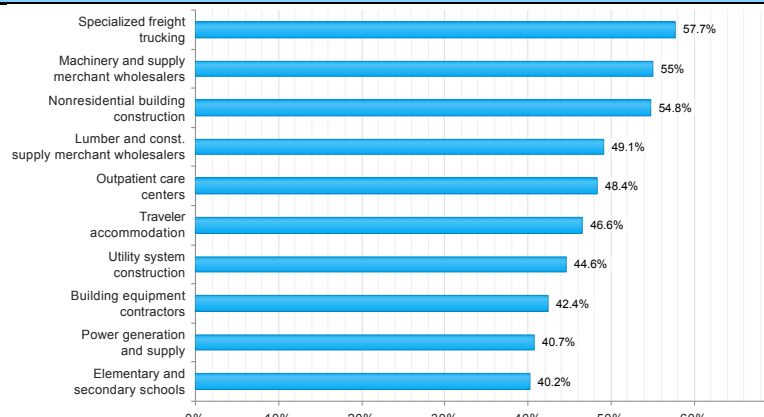
US Labor Force Statistics				
	May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	162,655,000	162,097,000	161,765,000	890,000
Employed	157,152,000	156,710,000	156,009,000	1,143,000
Unemployed	5,503,000	5,387,000	5,756,000	-253,000
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%	3.6%	-0.2%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	May-19	Apr-19	May-18	Yearly Change
WDA	2,473	2,486	2,552	-79
Texas	90,368	89,953	94,220	-3,852

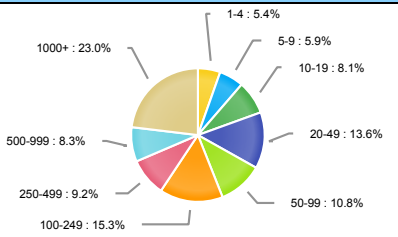
Historical Unemployment Rates



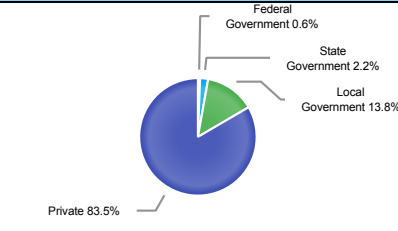
Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2016-2026)



Employment by Size Class (4th Quarter 2018)



Employment by Ownership (4th Quarter 2018)



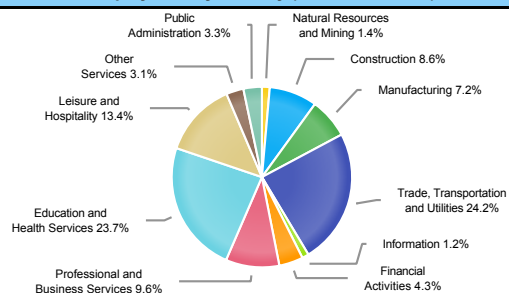
Average Weekly Wage (4th Quarter 2018)

	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)



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		May-19				Monthly Growth		April-19				YTD Growth		May-18	
Area	Area Type	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Monthly Growth	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	YTD Growth	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,966,869	13,558,175	408,694	2.9	-27099.0	14,000,887	13,585,274	415,613	3.0	273038.0	13,810,959	13,312,236	498,723	3.6
Austin-Round Rock	MSA	1,210,963	1,183,997	26,966	2.2	911.0	1,210,748	1,183,086	27,662	2.3	21168.0	1,194,067	1,161,918	32,149	2.7
Rural Capital	WDA	541,828	528,961	12,867	2.4	892.0	541,115	528,069	13,046	2.4	8817.0	534,334	519,252	15,082	2.8
Bastrop	County	41,896	40,886	1,010	2.4	72.0	41,842	40,814	1,028	2.5	633.0	41,441	40,181	1,260	3.0
Blanco	County	6,392	6,258	134	2.1	30.0	6,361	6,228	133	2.1	72.0	6,309	6,156	153	2.4
Burnet	County	23,558	23,026	532	2.3	47.0	23,512	22,979	533	2.3	498.0	23,104	22,481	623	2.7
Caldwell	County	19,304	18,763	541	2.8	31.0	19,284	18,732	552	2.9	299.0	19,044	18,433	611	3.2
Fayette	County	12,645	12,357	288	2.3	69.0	12,572	12,288	284	2.3	-97.0	12,720	12,385	335	2.6
Hays	County	115,757	113,130	2,627	2.3	107.0	115,680	113,023	2,657	2.3	2010.0	114,096	111,013	3,083	2.7
Lee	County	9,368	9,149	219	2.3	103.0	9,264	9,046	218	2.4	-163.0	9,472	9,209	263	2.8
Llano	County	8,751	8,502	249	2.8	150.0	8,605	8,352	253	2.9	-35.0	8,680	8,387	293	3.4
Williamson	County	304,157	296,890	7,267	2.4	283.0	303,995	296,607	7,388	2.4	5600.0	299,468	291,007	8,461	2.8
Cedar Park	City	42,267	41,286	981	2.3	39.0	42,265	41,247	1,018	2.4	773.0	41,651	40,474	1,177	2.8
Georgetown	City	30,232	29,364	868	2.9	28.0	30,239	29,336	903	3.0	554.0	29,767	28,782	985	3.3
Hutto	City	14,346	14,029	317	2.2	14.0	14,372	14,015	357	2.5	264.0	14,117	13,751	366	2.6
Kyle	City	23,693	23,152	541	2.3	22.0	23,695	23,130	565	2.4	411.0	23,319	22,719	600	2.6
Leander	City	26,511	25,870	641	2.4	24.0	26,495	25,846	649	2.4	487.0	26,054	25,359	695	2.7
Round Rock	City	69,416	67,850	1,566	2.3	65.0	69,304	67,785	1,519	2.2	1279.0	68,367	66,506	1,861	2.7
San Marcos	City	33,505	32,642	863	2.6	30.0	33,455	32,612	843	2.5	580.0	32,995	32,032	963	2.9