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Rural Capital Area Unemployment Rate Rises Slightly to 5.8% in November

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The unadjusted unemployment rate in the Rural Capital Area of Central Texas increased slightly in November 2020, to 5.8 percent, from a pandemic low of 4.8 percent in October, according to figures released today by the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC). The 5.8 percent unemployment rate in the nine-county [Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area](#) (WSRCA) represented 32,768 residents seeking employment. The region’s unemployment rate remained below both the Texas (8.0 percent)* and national (6.4 percent)* rates.

Within the WSRCA counties, Blanco recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 4.0 percent in November, followed by Lee County at 5.1 percent, and Burnet County at 5.2 percent. Williamson County was at 5.7 percent, while Fayette County was at 5.9 percent. Hays County came in as 6.0 percent, Bastrop County was at 6.1 percent, while Caldwell and Llano counties were at 6.5 percent.

The WSRCA team is eager to help you find workforce solutions and offers curbside and in-center assistance by appointment. Services continue to be available virtually. Utilize our [Skill-Based Career Progression Lattices](#) and work with our teams to develop a customized training plan to help you enhance your skills and create sustainable career outcomes.

Looking for work? The [Workforce Wednesdays Virtual Career Expo](#) connects employers and job seekers at weekly online hiring events. Workforce Wednesdays represents a collective effort among Rural Capital Area communities and industries to empower their workforce through virtual interactive events and continue to help the region compete at a global level.

“We are proud to continue to innovate our services to present new workforce opportunities for local businesses, families and job seekers,” said WSRCA CEO Paul Fletcher. “These are difficult times for our communities, but we’ll get through this together. By hosting virtual hiring events each week during Workforce Wednesdays, we are helping our fellow Texans find sustainable careers to support their families, all from the safety and convenience of their mobile device.”

Employers looking to host free hiring booths and interview sessions should email the WSRCA Business Services Team at businessservices@ruralcapital.net, or visit <https://ruralcapitalarea.getyourbooth.com>.

For those looking to upskill, our partners at TWC have begun offering free online training courses for all Texans through [Metrix Learning’s Skillsoft courseware](#). When combined with the 16,000-plus virtual courses WSRCA offers through [LinkedIn Learning](#) as well as Academy, there’s no better time to ramp up your skills and marketability for local careers in high-demand industries.

For more information please visit WSRCA at www.workforcesolutionsrca.com, call toll free, at 1-844-344-

2780, and begin your job search on www.workintexas.com.

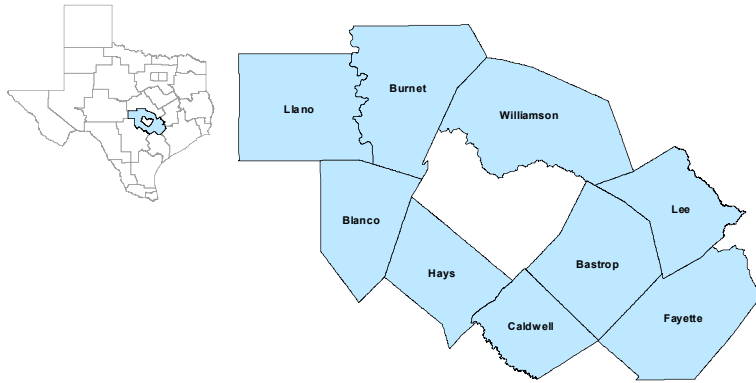
Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit texaslmi.com.

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

November 2020



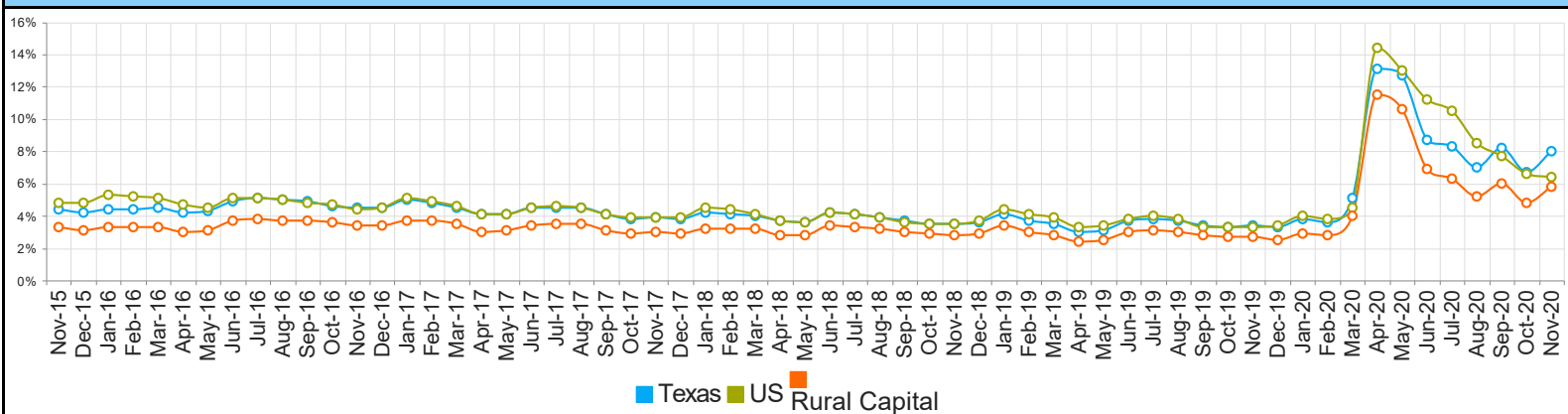
WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	567,780	564,474	564,066	3,714
Employed	535,012	537,340	548,908	-13,896
Unemployed	32,768	27,134	15,158	17,610
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	4.8%	2.7%	3.1%

Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	14,204,927	14,082,369	14,209,425	-4,498
Employed	13,075,334	13,143,824	13,729,113	-653,779
Unemployed	1,129,593	938,545	480,312	649,281
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	6.7%	3.4%	4.6%

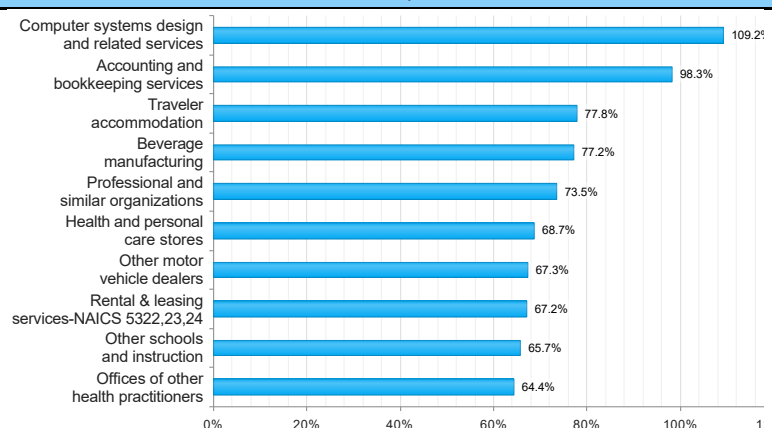
US Labor Force Statistics				
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	160,468,000	161,053,000	164,386,000	-3,918,000
Employed	150,203,000	150,433,000	158,945,000	-8,742,000
Unemployed	10,264,000	10,620,000	5,441,000	4,823,000
Unemployment Rate	6.4%	6.6%	3.3%	3.1%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	Yearly Change
WDA	6,692	9,999	2,491	4,201
Texas	276,573	401,874	93,798	182,775

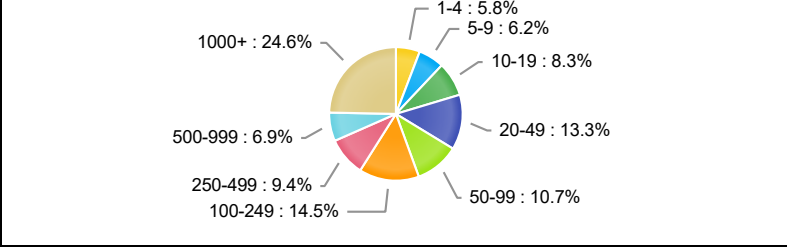
Historical Unemployment Rates



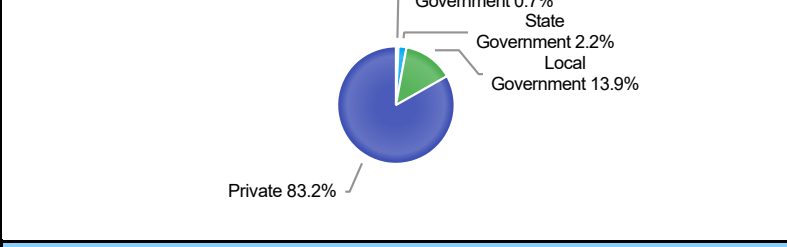
Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2018-2028)



Employment by Size Class (2nd Quarter 2020)



Employment by Ownership (2nd Quarter 2020)



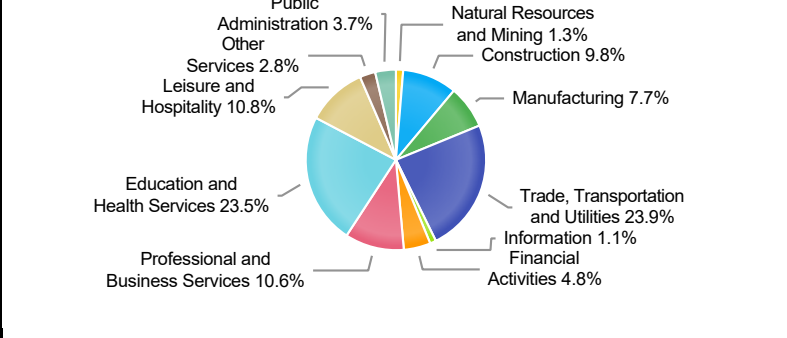
Average Weekly Wage (2nd Quarter 2020)

	Q2 2020	Q1 2020	Q2 2019	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$1,045	\$1,111	\$953	-\$66	\$92
Texas	\$1,156	\$1,231	\$1,101	-\$75	\$55
US	\$1,188	\$1,222	\$1,094	-\$34	\$94

Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2020, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	4,002	1.3%	-6.8%	-13.0%
Construction	29,270	9.8%	0.6%	1.5%
Manufacturing	23,165	7.7%	-4.7%	-2.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	71,425	23.9%	-5.9%	-4.0%
Information	3,326	1.1%	-14.5%	-23.3%
Financial Activities	14,318	4.8%	-0.8%	1.4%
Professional and Business Services	31,776	10.6%	-3.2%	0.3%
Education and Health Services	70,454	23.5%	-9.5%	-6.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	32,306	10.8%	-25.8%	-27.2%
Other Services	8,465	2.8%	-21.1%	-19.7%
Public Administration	10,951	3.7%	-0.5%	2.3%

Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2020)



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		November-20				October-20				November-19				Change from Last Month (Nov-20 vs. Oct-20)				Change from Last Year (Nov-20 vs. Nov-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	14,204,927	13,075,334	1,129,593	8.0	14,082,369	13,143,824	938,545	6.7	14,209,425	13,729,113	480,312	3.4	122558	-68490	191048	1.30	-4498	-653779	649281	(4.60)
Austin-Round Rock	MSA	1,267,080	1,192,735	74,345	5.9	1,260,137	1,197,114	63,023	5.0	1,254,411	1,222,617	31,794	2.5	6943	-4379	11322	0.90	12669	-29882	42551	(3.40)
Rural Capital	WDA	567,780	535,012	32,768	5.8	564,474	537,340	27,134	4.8	564,066	548,908	15,158	2.7	3306	-2328	5634	1.00	3714	-13896	17610	(3.10)
Bastrop	County	43,804	41,123	2,681	6.1	43,587	41,365	2,222	5.1	43,397	42,178	1,219	2.8	217	-242	459	1.00	407	-1055	1462	(3.30)
Blanco	County	6,445	6,184	261	4.0	6,479	6,264	215	3.3	6,486	6,341	145	2.2	-34	-80	46	0.70	-41	-157	116	(1.80)
Burnet	County	23,392	22,165	1,227	5.2	23,322	22,344	978	4.2	23,638	23,004	634	2.7	70	-179	249	1.00	-246	-839	593	(2.50)
Caldwell	County	20,097	18,798	1,299	6.5	19,962	18,901	1,061	5.3	19,904	19,277	627	3.2	135	-103	238	1.20	193	-479	672	(3.30)
Fayette	County	11,869	11,172	697	5.9	11,848	11,319	529	4.5	12,000	11,697	303	2.5	21	-147	168	1.40	-131	-525	394	(3.40)
Hays	County	122,802	115,449	7,353	6.0	122,078	115,897	6,181	5.1	121,499	118,328	3,171	2.6	724	-448	1172	0.90	1303	-2879	4182	(3.40)
Lee	County	9,945	9,439	506	5.1	9,928	9,521	407	4.1	10,023	9,756	267	2.7	17	-82	99	1.00	-78	-317	239	(2.40)
Llano	County	8,655	8,092	563	6.5	8,612	8,173	439	5.1	8,700	8,424	276	3.2	43	-81	124	1.40	-45	-332	287	(3.30)
Williamson	County	320,771	302,590	18,181	5.7	318,658	303,556	15,102	4.7	318,419	309,903	8,516	2.7	2113	-966	3079	1.00	2352	-7313	9665	(3.00)
Cedar Park	City	43,690	41,354	2,336	5.3	43,479	41,488	1,991	4.6	43,493	42,359	1,134	2.6	211	-134	345	0.70	197	-1005	1202	(2.70)
Georgetown	City	32,571	30,345	2,226	6.8	32,203	30,442	1,761	5.5	32,106	31,078	1,028	3.2	368	-97	465	1.30	465	-733	1198	(3.60)
Hutto	City	15,306	14,395	911	6.0	15,190	14,441	749	4.9	15,139	14,743	396	2.6	116	-46	162	1.10	167	-348	515	(3.40)
Kyle	City	26,227	24,539	1,688	6.4	26,010	24,634	1,376	5.3	25,835	25,151	684	2.6	217	-95	312	1.10	392	-612	1004	(3.80)
Leander	City	30,819	29,040	1,779	5.8	30,574	29,133	1,441	4.7	30,553	29,743	810	2.7	245	-93	338	1.10	266	-703	969	(3.10)
Round Rock	City	73,200	69,545	3,655	5.0	72,842	69,768	3,074	4.2	73,071	71,228	1,843	2.5	358	-223	581	0.80	129	-1683	1812	(2.50)
San Marcos	City	34,437	32,316	2,121	6.2	34,356	32,442	1,914	5.6	34,109	33,122	987	2.9	81	-126	207	0.60	328	-806	1134	(3.30)