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Rural Capital Area Unemployment Rate Ticks Up to 6.1% in September

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The unadjusted unemployment rate in the Rural Capital Area of Central Texas ticked up to 6.1 percent in September 2020, after a four month slide to 5.2 percent in August, down from a high of 11.5 percent in April, according to figures released today by the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC). The 6.1 percent unemployment rate in the nine-county [Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area](#) (WSRCA) represented 34,276 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment rate remained below both the Texas (8.3 percent)* and national (7.7 percent)* rates.

Within the WSRCA counties, Blanco recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 4.2 percent in September. Burnet and Lee counties came in at 5.1 percent. Fayette County was at 5.5 percent, while Williamson County was at 6.0 percent. Llano County was at 6.1 percent, Bastrop County was at 6.3 percent, while Hays County came in at 6.5 percent and Caldwell County was at 6.6 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.

TWC has also 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.

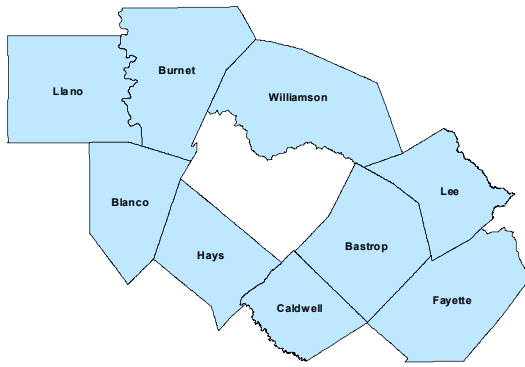
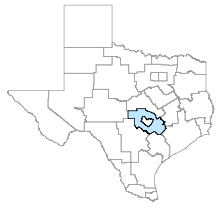
Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit texaslmi.com.

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

September 2020



WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	563,733	570,986	560,398	3,335
Employed	529,457	541,558	544,740	-15,283
Unemployed	34,276	29,428	15,658	18,618
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	5.2%	2.8%	3.3%

Texas Labor Force Statistics

	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	14,208,368	14,330,374	14,111,297	97,071
Employed	13,030,775	13,330,115	13,628,468	-597,693
Unemployed	1,177,593	1,000,259	482,829	694,764
Unemployment Rate	8.3%	7.0%	3.4%	4.9%

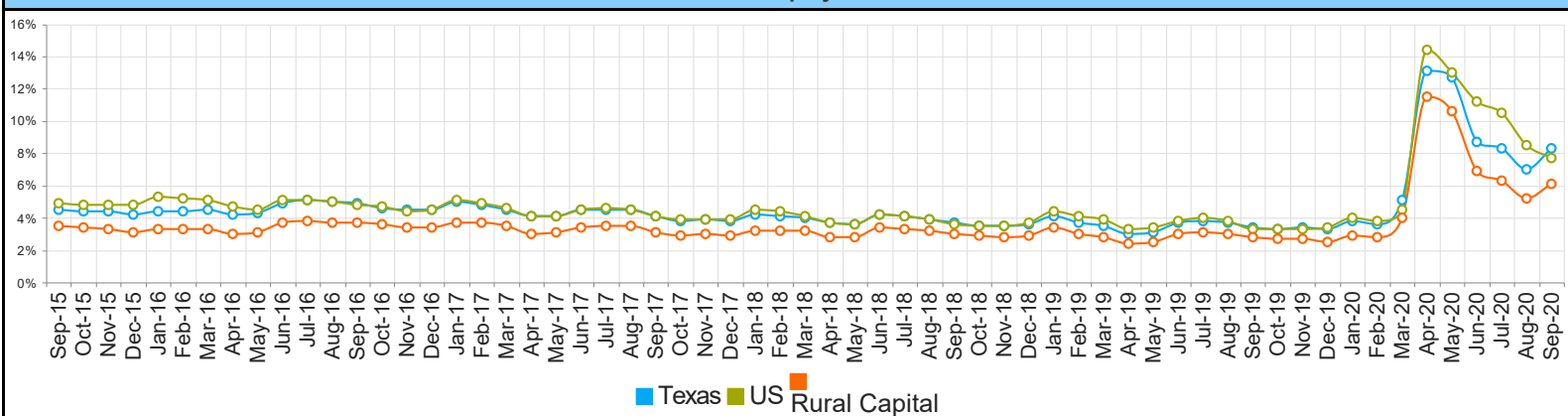
US Labor Force Statistics

	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	160,073,000	160,966,000	163,943,000	-3,870,000
Employed	147,796,000	147,224,000	158,478,000	-10,682,000
Unemployed	12,277,000	13,742,000	5,465,000	6,812,000
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	8.5%	3.3%	4.4%

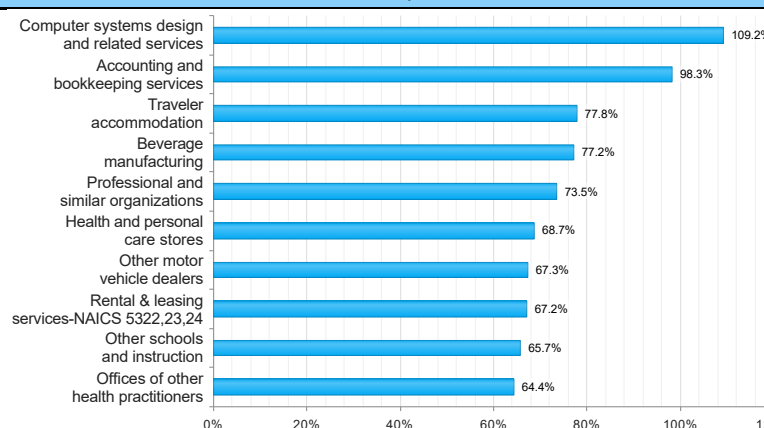
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Sep-20	Aug-20	Sep-19	Yearly Change
WDA	16,176	21,785	2,593	13,583
Texas	614,742	785,885	90,289	524,453

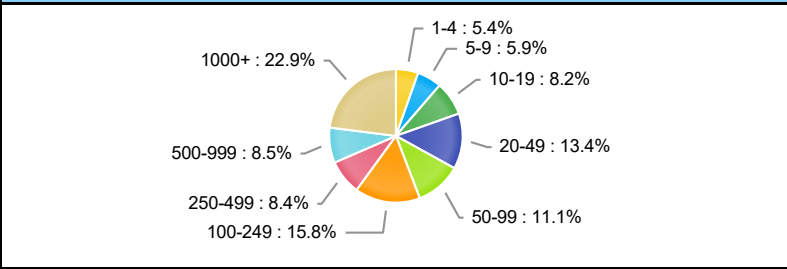
Historical Unemployment Rates



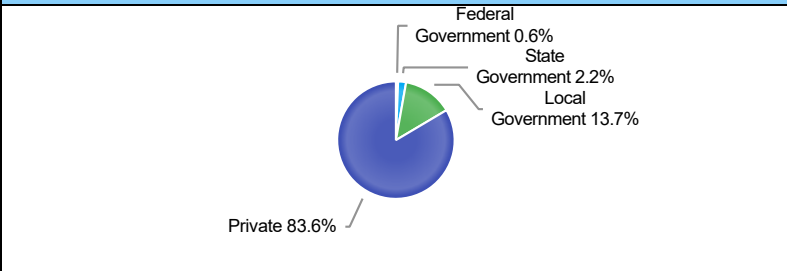
Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2018-2028)



Employment by Size Class (1st Quarter 2020)



Employment by Ownership (1st Quarter 2020)



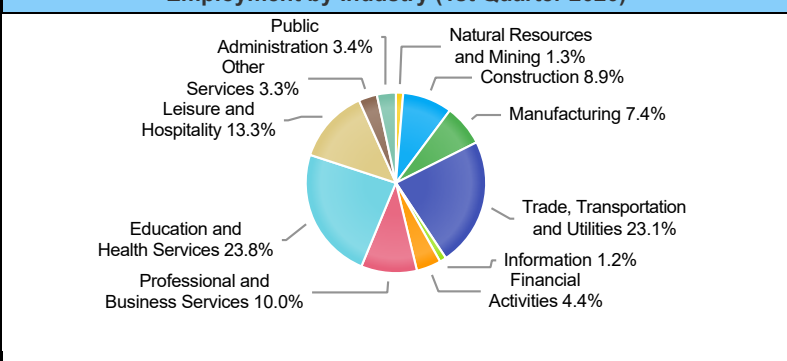
Average Weekly Wage (1st Quarter 2020)

	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

		September-20				August-20				September-19				Change from Last Month (September-20 vs.August-20)				Change from Last Year (September-20 vs. September-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	14,208,368	13,030,775	1,177,593	8.3	14,330,374	13,330,115	1,000,259	7.0	14,111,297	13,628,468	482,829	3.4	-122006	-299340	177334	1.30	97071	-597693	694764	(4.90)
Austin-Round Rock	MSA	1,260,538	1,179,700	80,838	6.4	1,276,878	1,206,429	70,449	5.5	1,244,523	1,211,599	32,924	2.6	-16340	-26729	10389	0.90	16015	-31899	47914	(3.80)
Rural Capital	WDA	563,733	529,457	34,276	6.1	570,986	541,558	29,428	5.2	560,398	544,740	15,658	2.8	-7253	-12101	4848	0.90	3335	-15283	18618	(3.30)
Bastrop	County	43,460	40,721	2,739	6.3	44,068	41,716	2,352	5.3	43,122	41,855	1,267	2.9	-608	-995	387	1.00	338	-1134	1472	(3.40)
Blanco	County	6,471	6,197	274	4.2	6,605	6,384	221	3.3	6,472	6,321	151	2.3	-134	-187	53	0.90	-1	-124	123	(1.90)
Burnet	County	23,324	22,134	1,190	5.1	23,669	22,702	967	4.1	23,598	22,964	634	2.7	-345	-568	223	1.00	-274	-830	556	(2.40)
Caldwell	County	19,934	18,609	1,325	6.6	20,210	19,057	1,153	5.7	19,776	19,124	652	3.3	-276	-448	172	0.90	158	-515	673	(3.30)
Fayette	County	11,828	11,179	649	5.5	12,002	11,497	505	4.2	12,099	11,786	313	2.6	-174	-318	144	1.30	-271	-607	336	(2.90)
Hays	County	122,084	114,175	7,909	6.5	123,724	116,770	6,954	5.6	120,597	117,278	3,319	2.8	-1640	-2595	955	0.90	1487	-3103	4590	(3.70)
Lee	County	9,911	9,406	505	5.1	10,049	9,638	411	4.1	10,137	9,879	258	2.5	-138	-232	94	1.00	-226	-473	247	(2.60)
Llano	County	8,644	8,118	526	6.1	8,767	8,345	422	4.8	8,796	8,503	293	3.3	-123	-227	104	1.30	-152	-385	233	(2.80)
Williamson	County	318,077	298,918	19,159	6.0	321,892	305,449	16,443	5.1	315,801	307,030	8,771	2.8	-3815	-6531	2716	0.90	2276	-8112	10388	(3.20)
Cedar Park	City	43,458	40,859	2,599	6.0	43,958	41,755	2,203	5.0	43,139	41,966	1,173	2.7	-500	-896	396	1.00	319	-1107	1426	(3.30)
Georgetown	City	32,164	29,977	2,187	6.8	32,511	30,632	1,879	5.8	31,867	30,790	1,077	3.4	-347	-655	308	1.00	297	-813	1110	(3.40)
Hutto	City	15,215	14,220	995	6.5	15,366	14,531	835	5.4	15,021	14,606	415	2.8	-151	-311	160	1.10	194	-386	580	(3.70)
Kyle	City	26,042	24,268	1,774	6.8	26,356	24,820	1,536	5.8	25,638	24,928	710	2.8	-314	-552	238	1.00	404	-660	1064	(4.00)
Leander	City	30,550	28,689	1,861	6.1	30,903	29,317	1,586	5.1	30,329	29,467	862	2.8	-353	-628	275	1.00	221	-778	999	(3.30)
Round Rock	City	72,665	68,703	3,962	5.5	73,651	70,206	3,445	4.7	72,486	70,567	1,919	2.6	-986	-1503	517	0.80	179	-1864	2043	(2.90)
San Marcos	City	34,458	31,960	2,498	7.2	35,096	32,686	2,410	6.9	33,857	32,828	1,029	3.0	-638	-726	88	0.30	601	-868	1469	(4.20)