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**Our Mission:**
The mission of the South Plains workforce system is to meet the needs of the region's employers for a highly skilled workforce by educating and preparing workers.

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**June Newsletter**

**Lubbock MSA and Regional Unemployment**

Lubbock's MSA unemployment rate for June 2018 was 3.6%, up 0.8% from April's 2.8%. Midland MSA's recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 2.4%, followed by Amarillo at 3.1%. Austin Round Rock, and Odessa MSA's recorded the third lowest rate of 3.2% for June.

*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 tracer2.com.

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**Upcoming Events:**

- **Governors Small Business Forum** - Overton Hotel & Conference Center 2322 Mac Davis Lane - September 6 - 8:00am - 2:00pm -

**Save the Date** - Fall 2018 Rural Careers in Texas Industries Events
The TWC Lubbock MSA and South Plains WDA Economic Profiles provide a breakdown of employment by industry. Click on the images to the right to access the profiles.

(Image located on page 3)

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

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**Highlights**

- Seventeen of 26 areas grew in April for a combined increase of 27,300 jobs. Eleven areas grew over the year, while seven areas contracted.
- The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA accounted for more than half of all area employment gains over the month. The MSA increased its annual growth rate to 1.5 percent.
- The San Angelo MSA grew fastest in percentage terms with a 0.8 percent April expansion. Per seasonally adjusted industry data, Retail Trade and Other Services each added 200 jobs over the month. While Government was down 200 positions.
- The Dallas-Plano-Irving MCD led in actual and percentage job growth annually. Professional and Business Services led all major industries with 21,000 positions gained, followed by Leisure and Hospitality with 10,900 jobs added.
- The Beaumont-PA and the Texarkana MSA lost the most jobs annually. The loss of 2,100 jobs in Retail was primarily responsible for the contraction in the Beaumont-PA MSA, while employment losses in Texarkana were spread across industries.

for 8th grade students
8am - 12:00pm for all events below

- **Muleshoe** -
  - Tuesday, September 11, 2018

- **Plainview** -
  - Thursday, September 13, 2018

- **Crosbyton** -
  - Tuesday, September 18, 2018

- **Levelland** -
  - Thursday, September 20, 2018

- **South Plains Job Fair** -
  - Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
  - October 10, 2018 - 10:00am - 2:00pm

- **South Plains Career Expo** -
  - Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
  ~ October 23, 2018 ~
  - 8:30am - 1:00pm

Hiring Red, White & You
Veterans Job Fair
- November 8, 2018 -
- 10:00am - 2:00pm -

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(Image located on page 6)
The 17th Annual Workforce Solutions South Plains Employer and Scholarship Awards luncheon was held Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Seven organizations were announced as “best in their field” and the first scholarship recipient was announced.

The 2018 award recipients represented a variety of businesses throughout the South Plains Workforce Development Area that consists of fifteen counties.

Guar Resources LLC of Brownfield won the Service to Business award. The business is the only U.S. based producer of guar powder, made from a plant in the pea family, which offer several health benefits.

Walgreens of Lubbock was presented with the Service to Community award for their work in the summer earn-and-learn program where students with disabilities earned work experience at the stores. The program launched last summer and doubled this year.

Plainview’s MET Inc., which stands for motivation, education and training, won the Service to Workers award for its workforce development efforts. The service was chosen because of their success in helping people find and keep employment.

Covenant Health was won the Industry Sector Outreach award for its work providing medical services and information to the area through multiple programs.

Slaton, Texas child care facility Lil’ Tiger’s Playhouse was recognized for collaboration with Workforce Solutions and received the Exemplary Child Care Provider award.

Goodwill Industries of Northwest Texas was honored as both Employer of Excellence and Small Employer of the Year for its innovative approach in assisting those with barriers to employment and creating a positive work environment.

The award for Large Employer of the Year went to The United Family, for its continued commitment to creating jobs and opportunities for area residents.

All the award winners are local businesses in the South Plains Workforce Development Area.

Marilena Mendez, a recent graduate of Lorenzo High School who will attend South Plains College in the
fall in pursuit of an education degree, was awarded a $1,000 scholarship for her participation in Workforce Solution’s youth program. Mendez was the first recipient of the scholarship.

Texas Adds 359,500 Jobs Over the Year
State unemployment rate is 4.0 percent in June

AUSTIN – Texas has added 359,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the year including 27,200 jobs added in June. The State has experienced 24 consecutive months of employment growth.

Read the full press release.

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