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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.

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.

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				
Metro Areas (Seasonally Adjusted)				
Metro Areas	Apr 2017	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
Abilene MSA	68,100	100	700	1.0
Amarillo MSA	121,300	-1,100	1,200	1.0
Austin-Round Rock MSA	1,021,900	-400	29,300	3.0
Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA	164,000	900	-800	-0.5
Brownsville-Harlingen MSA	143,000	100	2,700	1.9
College Station-Bryan MSA	115,900	-400	2,500	2.2
Corpus Christi MSA	192,400	-100	1,400	0.7
Dallas-FW-Arlington MSA	3,582,400	-18,000	99,600	2.9
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,555,000	-15,600	76,600	3.1
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,027,800	-3,200	22,600	2.2
El Paso MSA	317,000	400	9,200	3.0
Houston MSA	3,044,300	13,700	44,000	1.5
Killeen-Temple MSA	146,600	500	3,600	2.5
Laredo MSA	104,000	100	2,300	2.3
Longview MSA	96,700	300	-600	-0.6
Lubbock MSA	146,300	-1,000	800	0.5
McAllen MSA	256,700	600	4,900	1.9
Midland MSA	87,800	-100	100	0.1
Odessa MSA	69,800	100	-200	-0.3
San Angelo MSA	48,600	400	-500	-1.0
San Antonio MSA	1,035,600	3,800	24,800	2.5
Sherman-Denison MSA	47,000	100	1,000	2.2
Texarkana MSA	60,200	-500	-800	-1.3
Tyler MSA	106,200	400	2,300	2.2
Victoria MSA	42,000	200	-300	-0.7
Waco MSA	120,400	600	2,200	1.9
Wichita Falls MSA	58,000	400	-100	-0.2

Highlights

(MSA industry data are not seasonally adjusted)

- Seventeen of 26 areas grew in April for a combined increase of 22,700 jobs. Nineteen 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 not 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 MD 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 MSAs 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 -

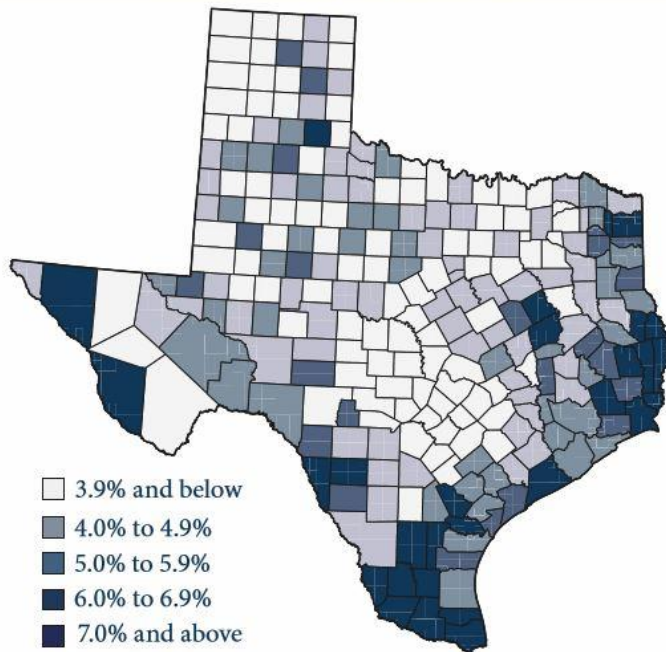
Lubbock Memorial Civic
Center

~ October 23, 2018 ~

- 8:30am - 1:00pm -

Hiring Red, White & You

County Unemployment Rates





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Veterans Job Fair

- November 8, 2018 -

-10:00am - 2:00pm-

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Workforce Development Area

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Lubbock LAUS
County-by-County
Unemployment Rates

"BEST OF THE BEST" – Local South Plains Area Businesses

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.

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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](#).

Sources:

Texas Labor Market Review

http://www.tracer2.com/admin/uploadedPublications/2138_TLMR-Current_Edition.pdf

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