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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.

November Newsletter

Lubbock MSA and Regional Unemployment

Lubbock's MSA unemployment rate for November 2018 is 2.7%, remained the same as October's 2.7%. Midland MSA recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 2.1%, followed by Amarillo at 2.5% and Odessa MSA's was third lowest at 2.6%.

*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.

The TWC Lubbock MSA and South Plains WDA

Upcoming Events in 2019:

- South Plains Job Fairs -

- April 2019 -

-10a - 2pm-

- October 2019 -

-10am - 2pm-

- South Plains Career Expo -

~ October 2019 ~

- 8:00am - 12:00pm -

Hiring Red, White & You

Economic Profiles provide a breakdown of employment by industry. Click on the images to the right to access the profiles.

Veterans Job Fair
 - November 2019 -
 -10:00am - 2:00pm-

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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.

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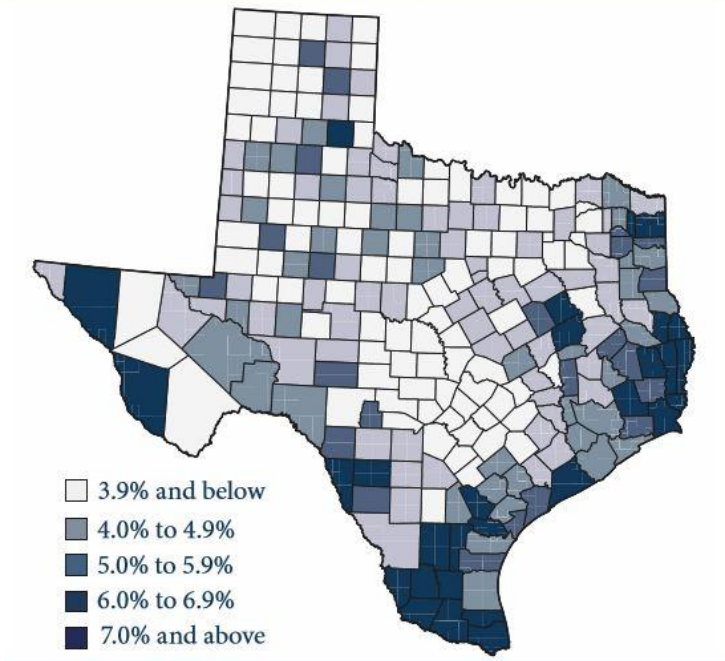
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County Unemployment Rates



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Lubbock Metropolitan
Statistical Area (MSA)



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South Plains Regional
Workforce Development Area

Lubbock												
	May 17				April 17				May 16			
Area	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	Area Unemployment Rate	
Lubbock	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	
County	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	
City	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	
Metropolitan Area	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	
Nonmetropolitan Area	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	
State	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	
U.S.	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	

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Lubbock LAUS
County-by-County
Unemployment Rates

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Goodwill Industries of Northwest Texas Honored at Texas Workforce Conference

AUSTIN – Goodwill Industries of Northwest Texas (Goodwill) received the Employer Award of Excellence for the Workforce Solutions South Plains (South Plains) area at the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) 22nd Annual Texas Workforce Conference held Nov. 28–30 in Houston. The award honors private sector employers that are actively involved with Texas Workforce Solutions and have made a positive impact on employers, workers and the community.

“The Employer Award of Excellence recognizes those employers who put a premium on serving their communities and continue to raise the bar by contributing to Texas’ success,” said TWC Chair and Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “The work of these employers, together with local workforce boards, helps ensure a healthy economic climate in the Lone Star State.”

Goodwill exists to “create job opportunities for people with barriers to employment.” Goodwill works to enhance employees’ long-term ability to be successful at work. The agency created a simple, innovative approach to an age-old dilemma—how to reduce employee turnover. By analyzing key factors in employee separations, Goodwill leadership developed a mission-integration strategy to communicate and reinforce core expectations of employees throughout the organization. The result was a 63 percent reduction in employee turnover between 2013 and 2017. Goodwill is building an enhanced, resilient workforce with a developed work ethic while preparing employees for greater success in life.

South Plains is among 28 local workforce boards located throughout the state. The board serves Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lynn, Lubbock, Motley, Terry and Yoakum counties. The primary goal of TWC and the workforce boards is to meet the needs of Texas employers and workers through locally-designed, market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers, workers and job seekers are eligible to take advantage of these services.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in coordination with its network of local workforce development boards, call 512-463-8942 or visit www.texasworkforce.org. To receive notifications about TWC programs and services subscribe to our [email updates](#).

Texas has added 365,400 jobs over the year

State unemployment rate is 3.7 percent in November

AUSTIN – Texas has added 14,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in November. The State has experienced 29 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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