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Rural Capital Area Unemployment Inches Higher in July

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The unemployment rate in the Rural Capital Area of Central Texas was slightly higher in July compared to the month prior. According to figures released today by the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC), the unemployment rate in July for the nine-county workforce development area was 3.0 percent*, up from 2.9 percent in June, but below 3.3 percent in July 2018. The 3.0 percent unemployment rate represented 16,580 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment rate remained below both the Texas (3.7 percent)* and national (4.0 percent)* rates, which both saw increases in July.

Within the Rural Capital Area counties, Blanco recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent in July, Burnet and Fayette were at 2.9 percent, Hays and Williamson counties were at 3.0 percent, Lee came in at 3.1 percent, Bastrop was at 3.5 percent, and Llano was at 3.6 percent, while Caldwell County was at 3.8 percent.

Key Points by Industry for the Rural Capital Area, according to the most recent labor market data:

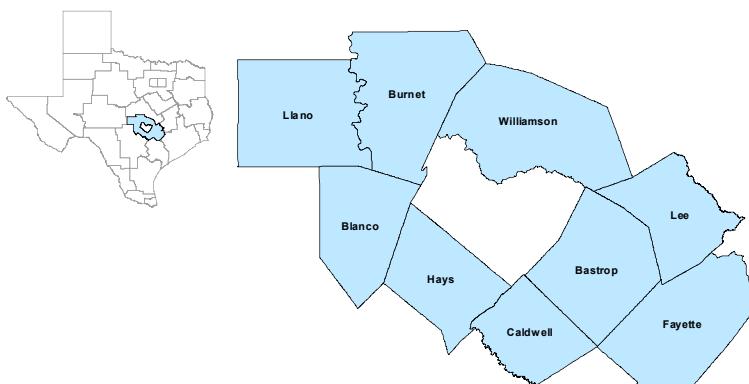
- The Information Services Industry has experienced the greatest quarterly employment growth with an increase of 10.3 percent.
- Job gains were also experienced in the Professional and Business Services Industry (2.9 percent), and the Manufacturing Industry (2.5 percent).
- The Professional and Business Services Industry in the Rural Capital Area also experienced the greatest positive annual job growth with an increase of 10.8 percent.
- Significant positive annual job growth was also experienced in the Natural Resources and Mining Industry (9.5 percent), the Manufacturing Industry (8.5 percent), and the Information Services Industry (6.8 percent).

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.

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Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area is a nonprofit community partnership providing no cost recruitment, employment services and child care assistance, to businesses 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

July 2019
WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Jul-19	Jun-19	Jul-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	544,767	545,111	538,724	6,043
Employed	528,187	529,274	521,034	7,153
Unemployed	16,580	15,837	17,690	-1,110
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	2.9%	3.3%	-0.3%

Texas Labor Force Statistics

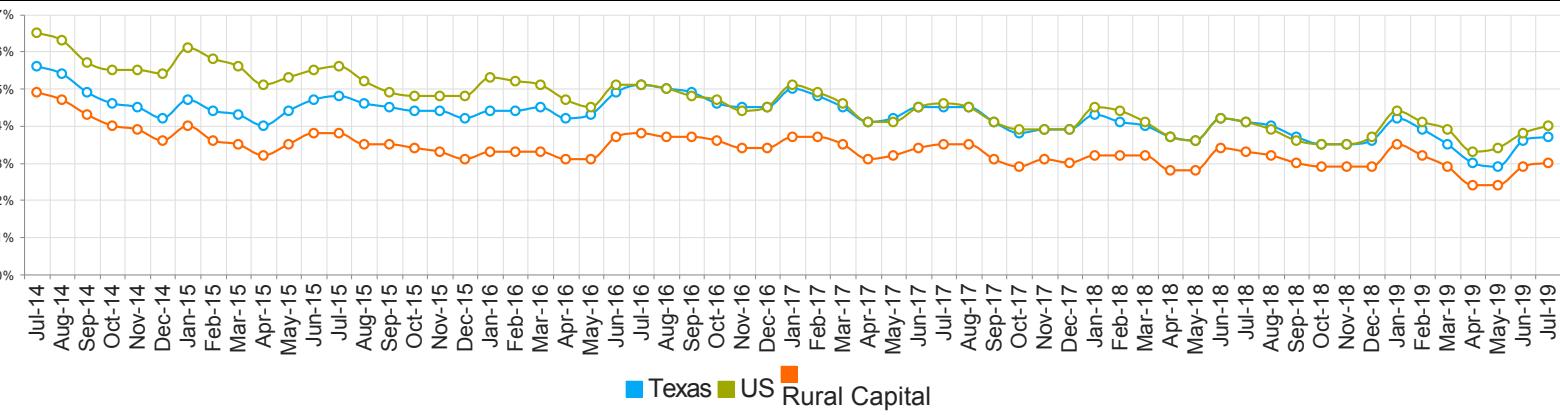
	Jul-19	Jun-19	Jul-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	14,066,138	14,041,604	13,887,986	178,152
Employed	13,542,200	13,540,702	13,320,601	221,599
Unemployed	523,938	500,902	567,385	-43,447
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.6%	4.1%	-0.4%

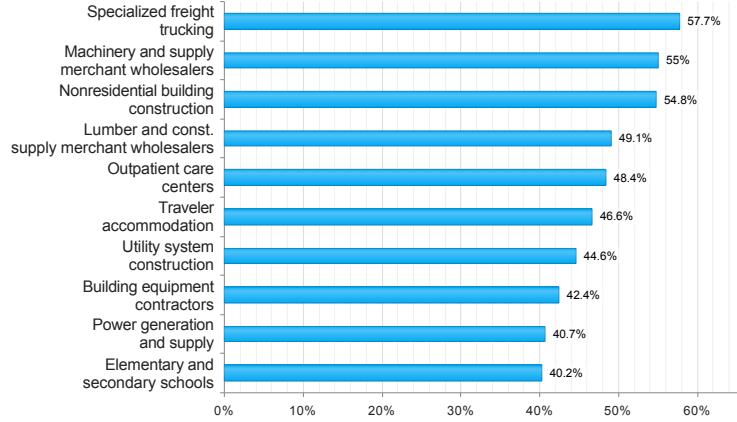
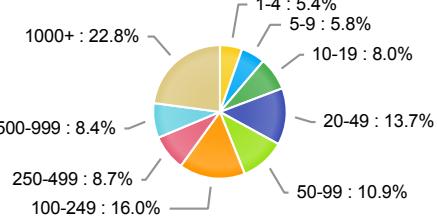
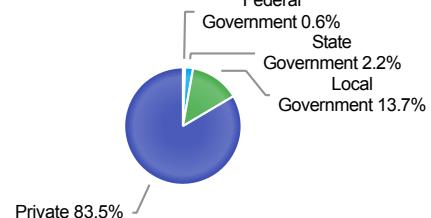
US Labor Force Statistics

	Jul-19	Jun-19	Jul-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	164,941,000	164,120,000	163,734,000	1,207,000
Employed	158,385,000	157,828,000	157,004,000	1,381,000
Unemployed	6,556,000	6,292,000	6,730,000	-174,000
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%	-0.1%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Jul-19	Jun-19	Jul-18	Yearly Change
WDA	2,762	2,692	2,987	-225
Texas	103,612	101,617	103,675	-63

Historical Unemployment Rates

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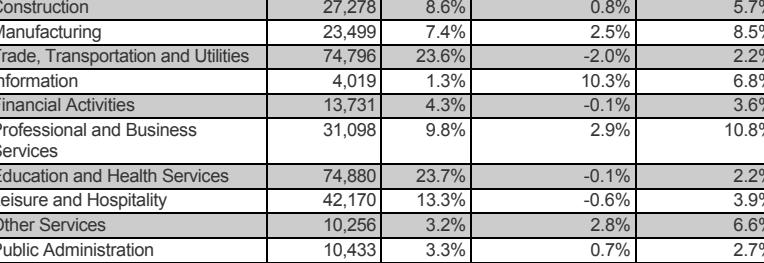
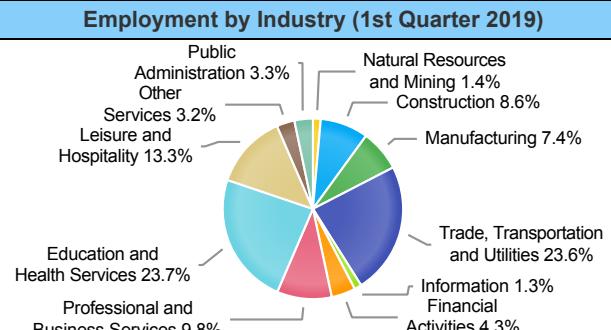
Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2016-2026)

Employment by Size Class (1st Quarter 2019)

Employment by Ownership (1st Quarter 2019)

Average Weekly Wage (1st Quarter 2019)

	Q1 2019	Q4 2018	Q1 2018	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
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WDA	\$1,048	\$969	\$994	\$79	\$54
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Texas	\$1,204	\$1,148	\$1,168	\$56	\$36
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US	N/A	\$1,144	\$1,152	N/A	N/A
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Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2019, Percent Change)

Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2019)


*The average weekly wage for U.S. for the latest quarter is not available. It will be updated shortly.