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Rural Capital Area Unemployment Rate Steady at 2.7% in November

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The unadjusted unemployment rate in the [Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area](#) (WSRCA) remained steady at 2.7 percent in November, the same low rate recorded in October, with 1,450 jobs added, according to figures released by the [Texas Workforce Commission](#) (TWC). The 2.7 percent unemployment rate for the nine-county workforce development area, represented 14,911 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment rate remained below the Texas and national rates, which both were unchanged from October at 3.3 percent. *

The Rural Capital Area's 2.44 percent annual growth rate represents the addition of 12,803 jobs since November 2018.

Within the WSRCA counties, Blanco recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 2.2 percent in November. Fayette County's unemployment rate was at 2.5 percent. Hays County was at 2.6 percent, while Burnet, Lee and Williamson counties were at 2.7 percent. Bastrop County was at 2.8 percent, Caldwell County was at 3.1 percent and Llano County was at 3.2 percent.

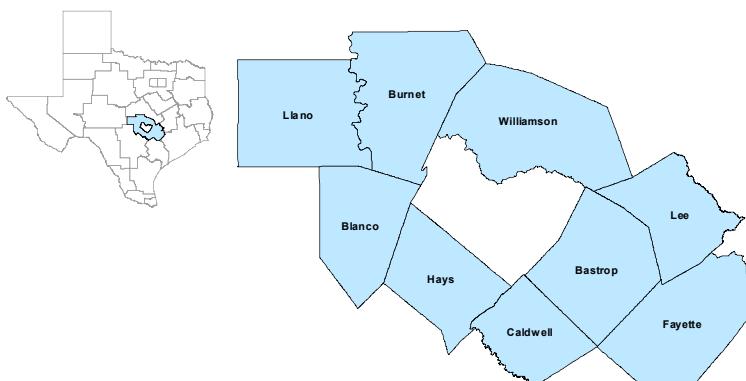
Key Points by Industry for the Rural Capital Area, according to the most recent labor market data:

- The Information Services Industry has experienced the greatest quarterly employment growth with an increase of 7 percent.
- Job gains were also experienced in the Construction Industry (5.1 percent), and the Leisure and Hospitality Industry (4.7 percent), as well as the Natural Resources and Mining Industry (4.5 percent).
- The Information Services Industry in the Rural Capital Area also experienced the greatest positive annual job growth with an increase of 15 percent.
- Significant positive annual job growth was also experienced in the Natural Resources and Mining Industry (10.6 percent), the Professional and Business Services Industry (9.6 percent), and the Construction Industry (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](#).

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

November 2019
WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	551,397	549,970	539,142	12,255
Employed	536,486	535,036	523,683	12,803
Unemployed	14,911	14,934	15,459	-548
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	-0.2%

Texas Labor Force Statistics

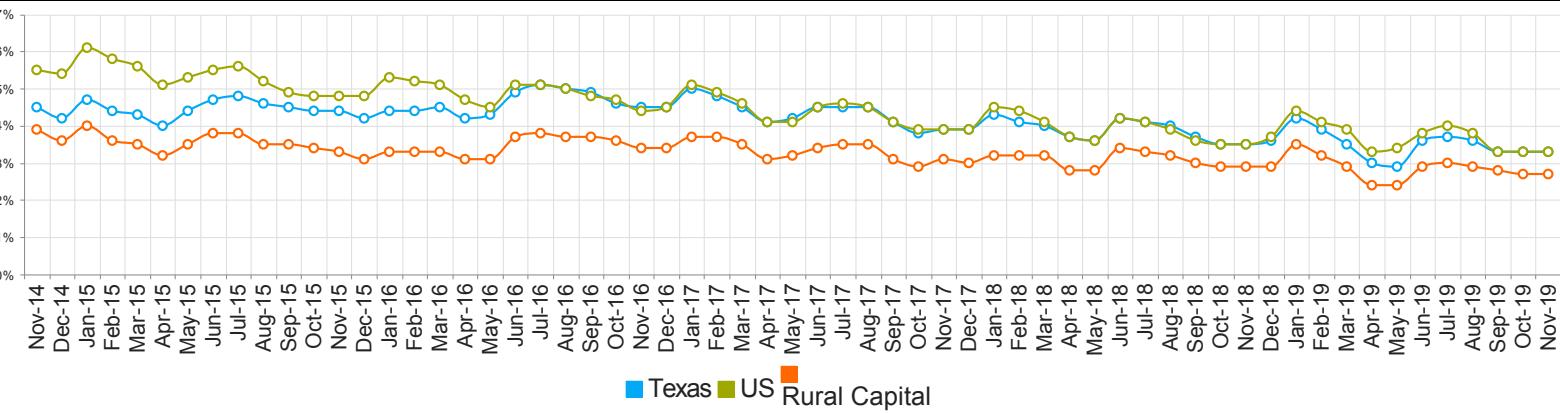
	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	14,265,562	14,190,783	13,961,940	303,622
Employed	13,788,541	13,723,103	13,475,980	312,561
Unemployed	477,021	467,680	485,960	-8,939
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	-0.2%

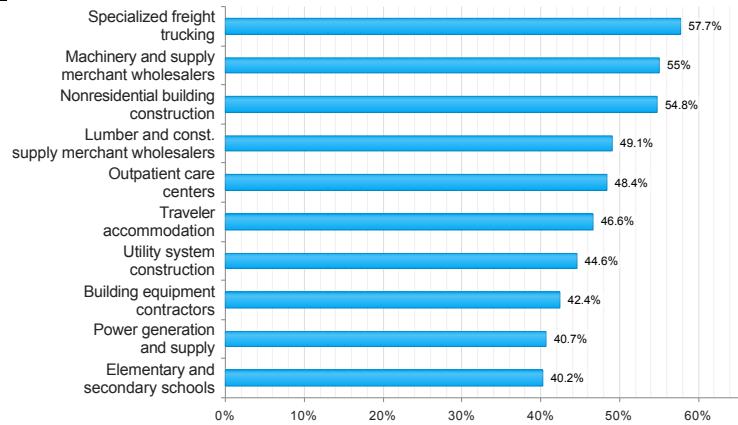
US Labor Force Statistics

	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	164,386,000	164,576,000	162,665,000	1,721,000
Employed	158,945,000	159,067,000	157,015,000	1,930,000
Unemployed	5,441,000	5,510,000	5,650,000	-209,000
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	-0.2%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	Yearly Change
WDA	2,471	2,560	2,416	55
Texas	93,207	89,985	83,685	9,522

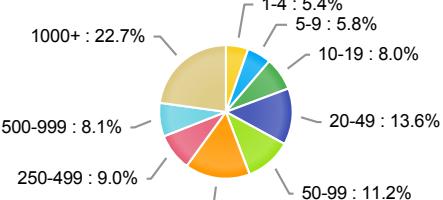
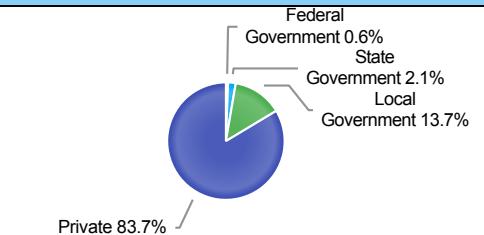
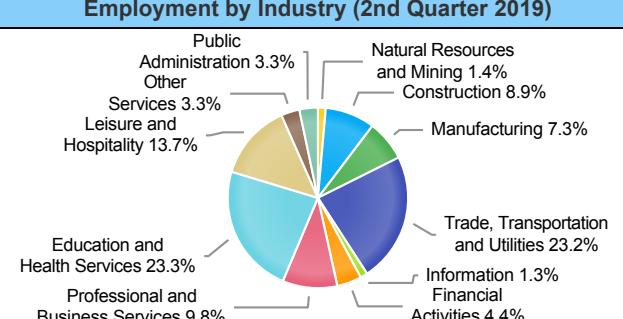
Historical Unemployment Rates

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

Average Weekly Wage (2nd Quarter 2019)

	Q2 2019	Q1 2019	Q2 2018	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$952	\$1,048	\$908	\$-96	\$44
Texas	\$1,102	\$1,204	\$1,062	\$-102	\$40
US	\$1,095	\$1,184	\$1,055	\$-89	\$40

Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2019, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	4,616	1.4%	4.5%	10.6%
Construction	28,777	8.9%	5.1%	8.0%
Manufacturing	23,664	7.3%	0.5%	6.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	74,656	23.2%	-0.1%	1.5%
Information	4,305	1.3%	7.0%	15.0%
Financial Activities	14,116	4.4%	2.8%	4.3%
Professional and Business Services	31,678	9.8%	1.6%	9.6%
Education and Health Services	75,070	23.3%	0.0%	2.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	44,266	13.7%	4.7%	2.6%
Other Services	10,530	3.3%	2.2%	6.2%
Public Administration	10,691	3.3%	2.5%	3.2%

Employment by Size Class (2nd Quarter 2019)

Employment by Ownership (2nd Quarter 2019)

Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2019)


RURAL CAPITAL															Change from Last Month (Nov 19 vs. Oct 19)								Change from Last Year (Nov 19 vs. Nov 18)							
November-19			October-19						November-18						Change from Last Month (Nov 19 vs. Oct 19)				Change from Last Year (Nov 19 vs. Nov 18)											
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	14,265,562	13,788,541	477,021	3.3	14,190,783	13,723,103	467,680	3.3	13,961,940	13,475,980	485,960	3.5	74779	65438	9341	0.00	303,622	312,561	(8,939)	0.20									
Austin-Round Rock	MSA	1,234,797	1,203,438	31,359	2.5	1,230,534	1,199,146	31,388	2.6	1,207,111	1,174,196	32,915	2.7	4263	4292	(29)	(0.10)	27,686	29,242	(1,556)	0.20									
Rural Capital	WDA	551,397	536,486	14,911	2.7	549,970	535,036	14,934	2.7	539,142	523,683	15,459	2.9	1427	1450	(23)	0.00	12,255	12,803	(548)	0.20									
Bastrop	County	42,660	41,454	1,206	2.8	42,619	41,398	1,221	2.9	41,738	40,457	1,281	3.1	41	56	(15)	(0.10)	922	997	(75)	0.30									
Blanco	County	6,416	6,272	144	2.2	6,429	6,282	147	2.3	6,228	6,072	156	2.5	(13)	(10)	(3)	(0.10)	188	200	(12)	0.30									
Burnet	County	23,520	22,888	632	2.7	23,394	22,782	612	2.6	23,207	22,587	620	2.7	126	106	20	0.10	313	301	12	0.00									
Caldwell	County	19,651	19,033	618	3.1	19,608	19,000	608	3.1	19,212	18,573	639	3.3	43	33	10	0.00	439	460	(21)	0.20									
Fayette	County	12,294	11,991	303	2.5	12,508	12,203	305	2.4	12,430	12,108	322	2.6	(214)	(212)	(2)	0.10	(136)	(117)	(19)	0.10									
Hays	County	118,072	114,955	3,117	2.6	117,770	114,596	3,174	2.7	115,361	112,159	3,202	2.8	302	359	(57)	(0.10)	2,711	2,796	(85)	0.20									
Lee	County	10,096	9,827	269	2.7	9,858	9,599	259	2.6	9,392	9,126	266	2.8	238	228	10	0.10	704	701	3	0.10									
Llano	County	8,469	8,198	271	3.2	8,481	8,214	267	3.1	8,446	8,148	298	3.5	(12)	(16)	4	0.10	23	50	(27)	0.30									
Williamson	County	310,219	301,868	8,351	2.7	309,303	300,962	8,341	2.7	303,128	294,453	8,675	2.9	916	906	10	0.00	7,091	7,415	(324)	0.20									
Cedar Park	City	43,094	41,977	1,117	2.6	43,008	41,847	1,161	2.7	42,109	40,947	1,162	2.8	86	130	(44)	(0.10)	985	1,030	(45)	0.20									
Georgetown	City	30,852	29,856	996	3.2	30,761	29,766	995	3.2	30,139	29,122	1,017	3.4	91	90	1	0.00	713	734	(21)	0.20									
Hutto	City	14,653	14,264	389	2.7	14,603	14,221	382	2.6	14,321	13,913	408	2.8	50	43	7	0.10	332	351	(19)	0.10									
Kyle	City	24,185	23,526	659	2.7	24,105	23,452	653	2.7	23,642	22,953	689	2.9	80	74	6	0.00	543	573	(30)	0.20									
Leander	City	27,057	26,304	753	2.8	26,985	26,224	761	2.8	26,396	25,658	738	2.8	72	80	(8)	0.00	661	646	15	0.00									
Round Rock	City	70,792	68,987	1,805	2.5	70,556	68,779	1,777	2.5	69,208	67,292	1,916	2.8	236	208	28	0.00	1,584	1,695	(111)	0.30									
San Marcos	City	34,157	33,169	988	2.9	34,101	33,065	1,036	3.0	33,338	32,362	976	2.9	56	104	(48)	(0.10)	819	807	12	0.00									