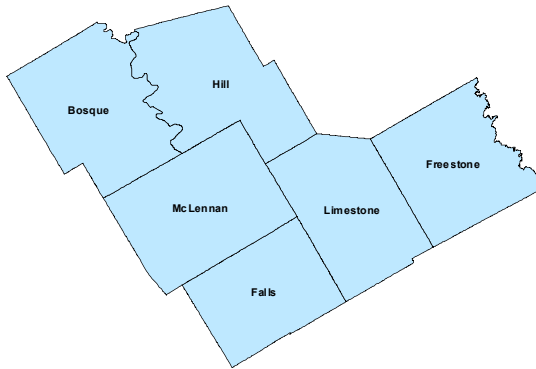
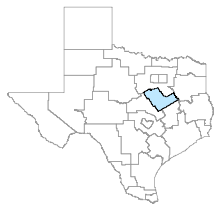


## Heart of Texas Workforce Development Area

December 2023



### WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Dec-23	Nov-23	Dec-22	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	178,704	180,737	175,886	2,818
Employed	173,142	174,996	170,002	3,140
Unemployed	5,562	5,741	5,884	-322
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	-0.2%

### Texas Labor Force Statistics

	Dec-23	Nov-23	Dec-22	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	15,147,835	15,276,313	14,773,939	373,896
Employed	14,619,352	14,741,641	14,260,768	358,584
Unemployed	528,483	534,672	513,171	15,312
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0%

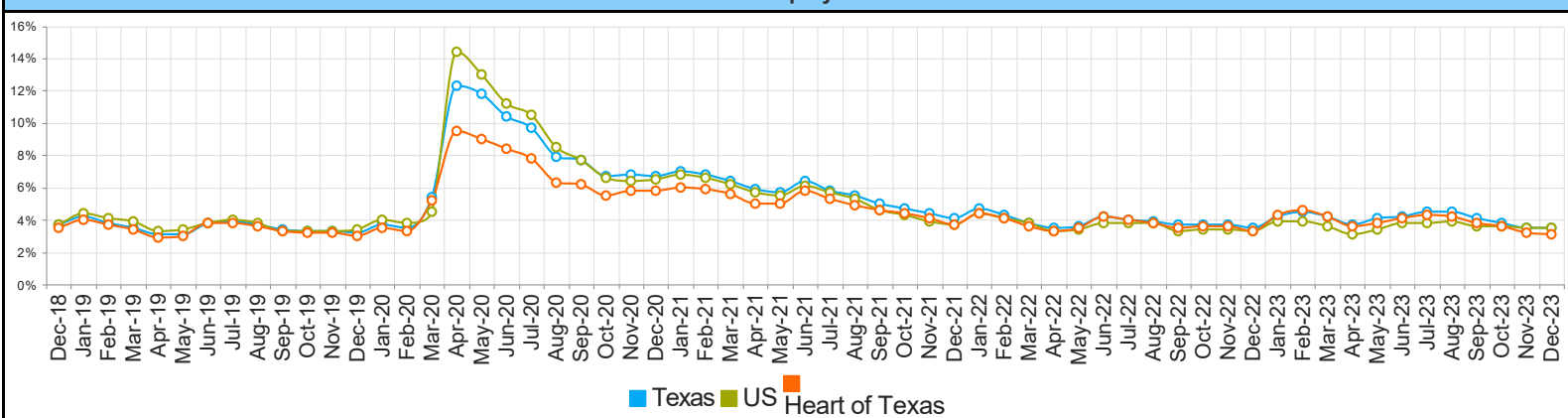
### US Labor Force Statistics

	Dec-23	Nov-23	Dec-22	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	166,661,000	167,977,000	164,224,000	2,437,000
Employed	160,754,000	162,149,000	158,872,000	1,882,000
Unemployed	5,907,000	5,827,000	5,352,000	555,000
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%	0.2%

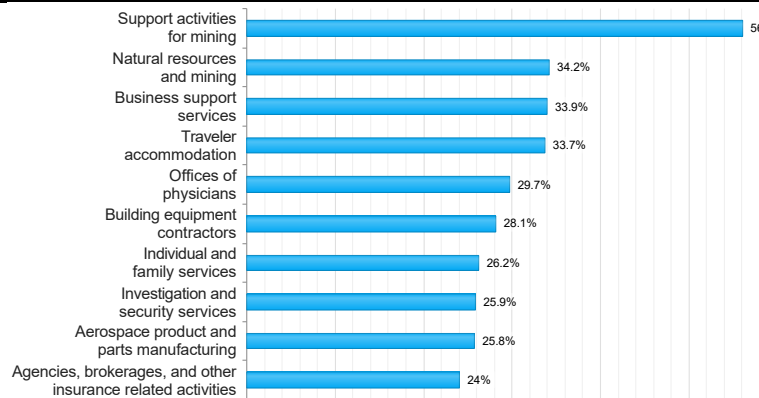
### Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Dec-23	Nov-23	Dec-22	Yearly Change
WDA	837	810	861	-24
Texas	112,831	109,441	89,234	23,597

## Historical Unemployment Rates



## Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2020-2030)



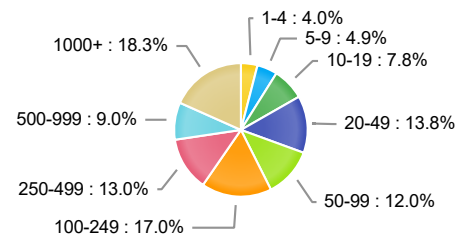
### Average Weekly Wage (2nd Quarter 2023)

	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q2 2022	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$1,049	\$1,065	\$1,008	\$-16	\$41
Texas	\$1,322	\$1,480	\$1,281	\$-158	\$41
US	\$1,332	\$1,465	\$1,291	\$-133	\$41

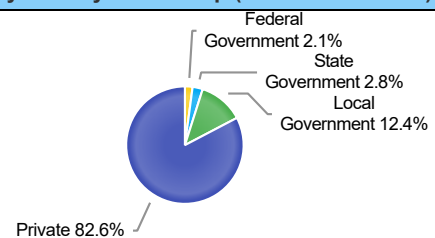
## Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2023, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	2,491	1.6%	1.9%	11.2%
Construction	10,579	6.9%	3.1%	6.9%
Manufacturing	18,335	11.9%	0.6%	-1.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	30,391	19.8%	1.8%	1.4%
Information	1,096	0.7%	0.2%	-6.1%
Financial Activities	8,357	5.4%	1.6%	4.3%
Professional and Business Services	14,266	9.3%	-2.6%	3.9%
Education and Health Services	41,828	27.2%	-0.1%	2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	16,200	10.5%	4.4%	4.6%
Other Services	3,409	2.2%	1.8%	3.0%
Public Administration	6,806	4.4%	3.7%	4.7%

## Employment by Size Class (2nd Quarter 2023)



## Employment by Ownership (2nd Quarter 2023)



## Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2023)

