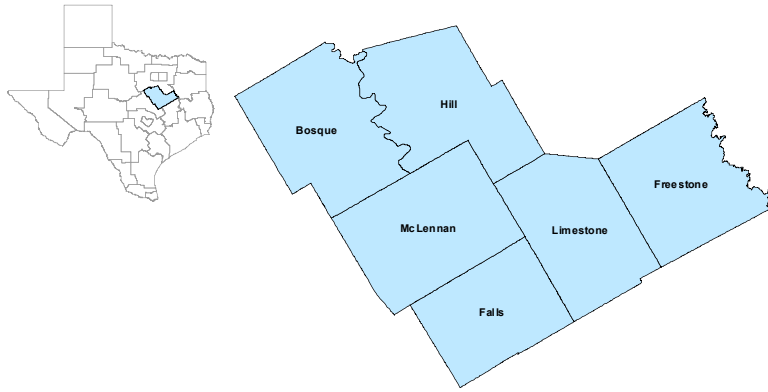


Heart of Texas Workforce Development Area



August 2026

WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	184,516	184,136	183,779	737
Employed	176,457	175,720	175,672	785
Unemployed	8,059	8,416	8,107	-48
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.6%	4.4%	0.0%

Texas Labor Force Statistics

	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	15,967,748	15,954,571	15,911,237	56,511
Employed	15,231,912	15,188,404	15,182,502	49,410
Unemployed	735,836	766,167	728,735	7,101
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%	0.0%

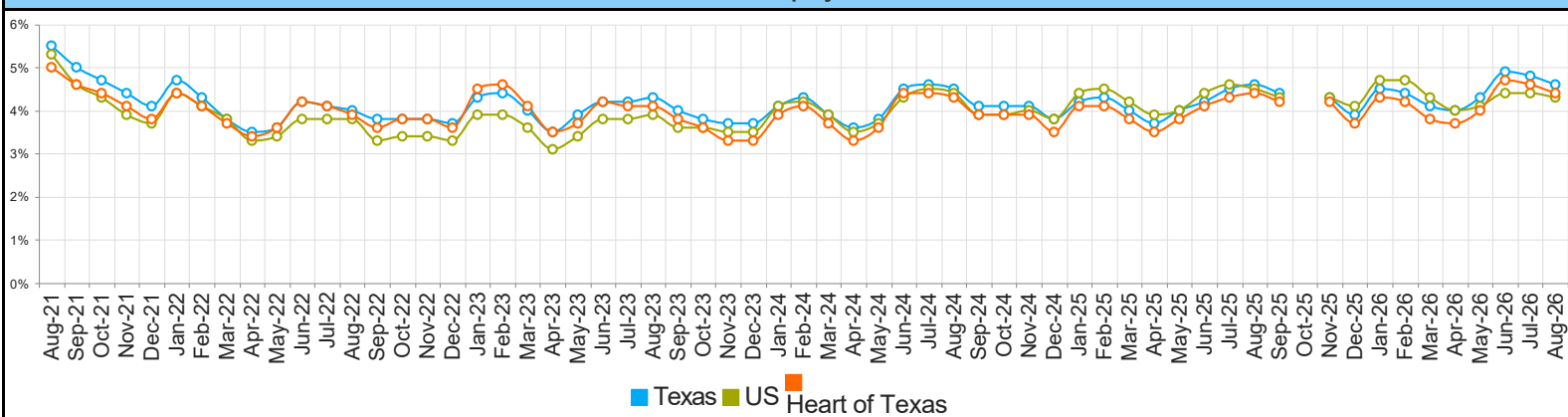
US Labor Force Statistics

	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	170,048,000	170,235,000	171,035,000	-987,000
Employed	162,667,000	162,800,000	163,288,000	-621,000
Unemployed	7,381,000	7,435,000	7,747,000	-366,000
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	-0.2%

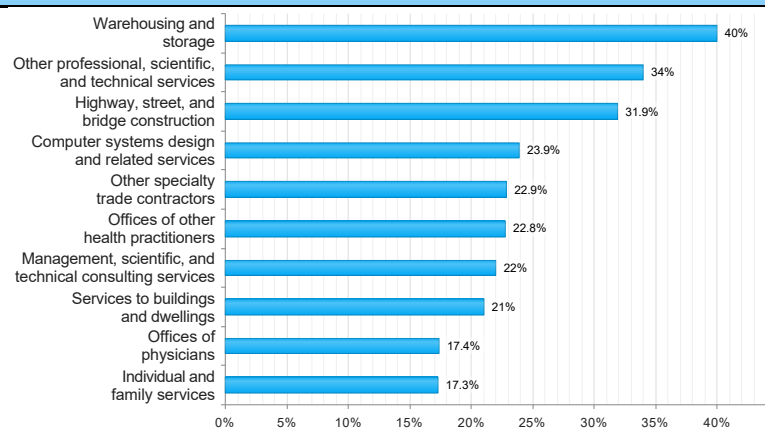
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25	Yearly Change
WDA	978	1,081	1,174	-196
Texas	115,437	126,429	140,325	-24,888

Historical Unemployment Rates



Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2024-2034)



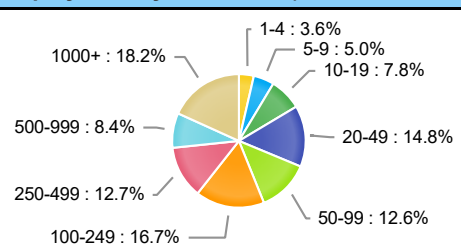
Average Weekly Wage (1st Quarter 2026)

	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q1 2025	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$1,213	\$1,262	\$1,194	\$-49	\$19
Texas	\$1,646	\$1,548	\$1,586	\$98	\$60
US	\$1,654	\$1,569	\$1,592	\$85	\$62

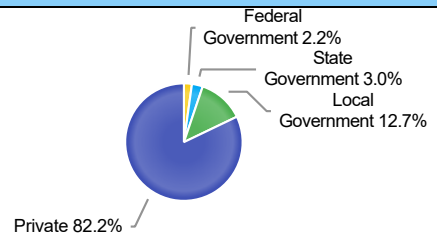
Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2026, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	2,585	1.7%	-1.9%	-0.5%
Construction	11,333	7.4%	-5.7%	2.3%
Manufacturing	17,668	11.5%	-8.1%	-5.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	29,876	19.5%	-1.3%	0.7%
Information	1,077	0.7%	-0.6%	-0.6%
Financial Activities	8,698	5.7%	-1.7%	-0.7%
Professional and Business Services	13,422	8.8%	-2.0%	2.3%
Education and Health Services	41,294	27.0%	-1.2%	-0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	16,741	10.9%	-2.5%	1.9%
Other Services	3,340	2.2%	0.6%	-2.0%
Public Administration	7,065	4.6%	-1.3%	0.6%

Employment by Size Class (1st Quarter 2026)



Employment by Ownership (1st Quarter 2026)



Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2026)

