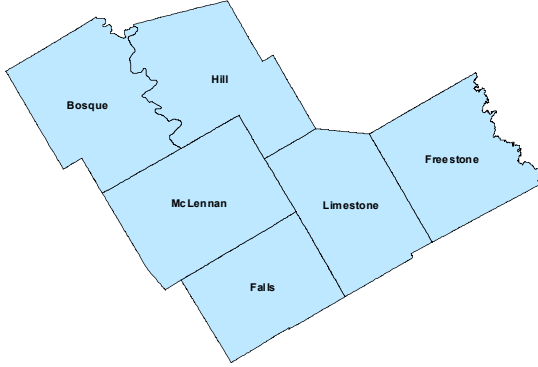


Heart of Texas Workforce Development Area

September 2026



WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Sep-26	Aug-26	Sep-25	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	184,829	184,400	184,527	302
Employed	177,312	176,348	176,696	616
Unemployed	7,517	8,052	7,831	-314
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.4%	4.2%	-0.1%

Texas Labor Force Statistics

	Sep-26	Aug-26	Sep-25	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	16,001,839	15,967,718	15,984,945	16,894
Employed	15,315,457	15,231,959	15,273,625	41,832
Unemployed	686,382	735,759	711,320	-24,938
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.6%	4.4%	-0.1%

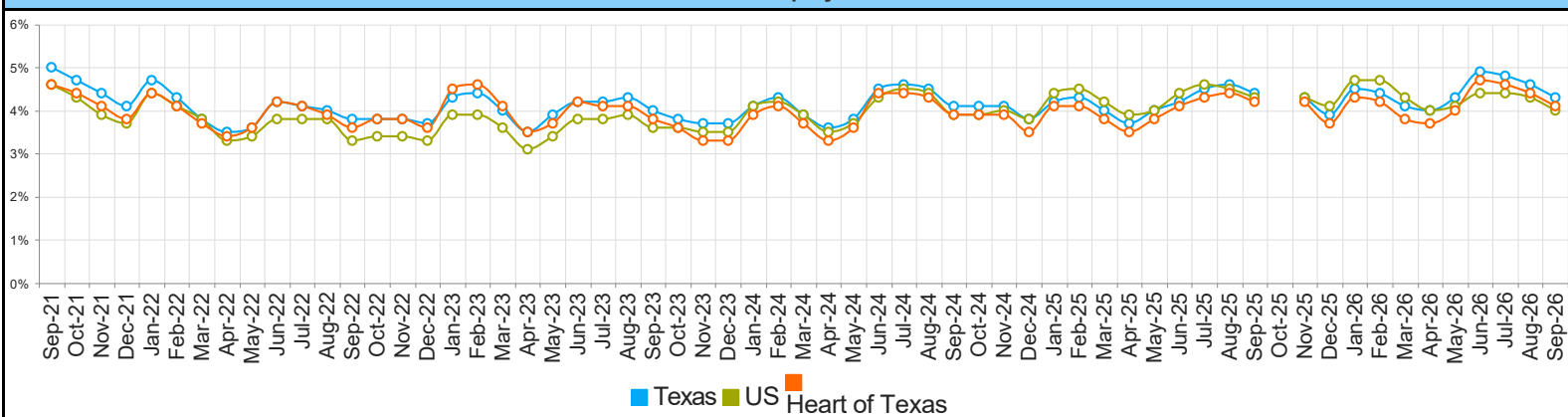
US Labor Force Statistics

	Sep-26	Aug-26	Sep-25	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	170,298,000	170,048,000	171,217,000	-919,000
Employed	163,439,000	162,667,000	163,894,000	-455,000
Unemployed	6,859,000	7,381,000	7,324,000	-465,000
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%	-0.3%

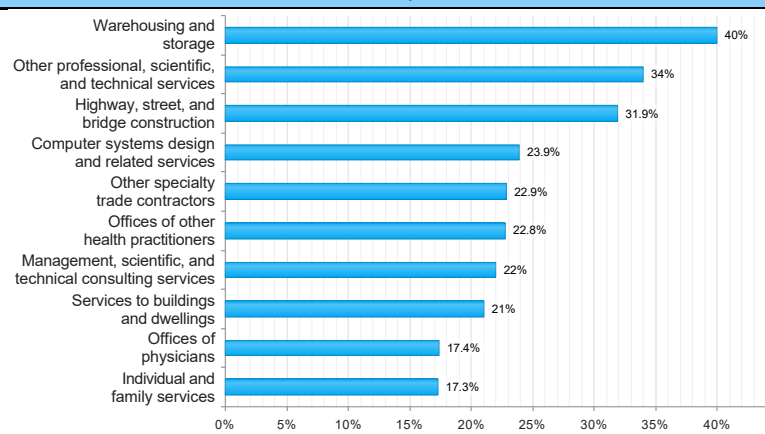
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Sep-26	Aug-26	Sep-25	Yearly Change
WDA	903	987	1,113	-210
Texas	109,317	116,674	130,113	-20,796

Historical Unemployment Rates



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



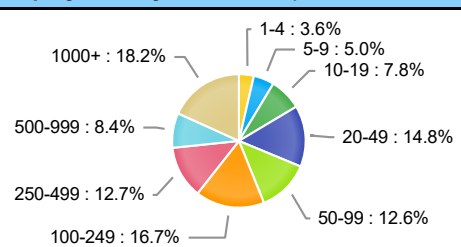
Average Weekly Wage (1st Quarter 2026)

	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

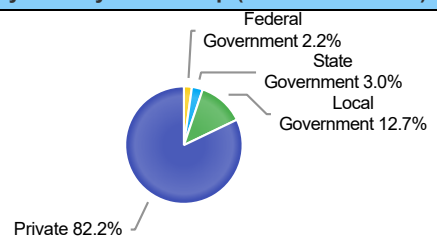
Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2026, Percent Change)

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)

