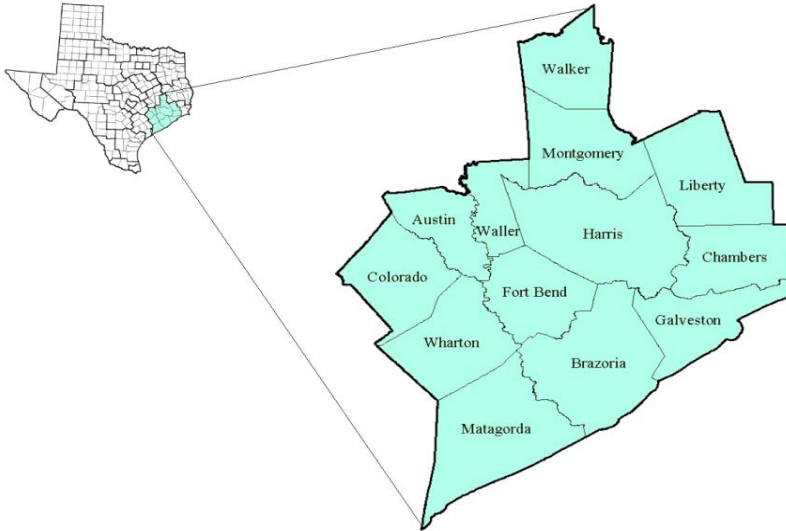


Gulf Coast Workforce Development Area

October 2017



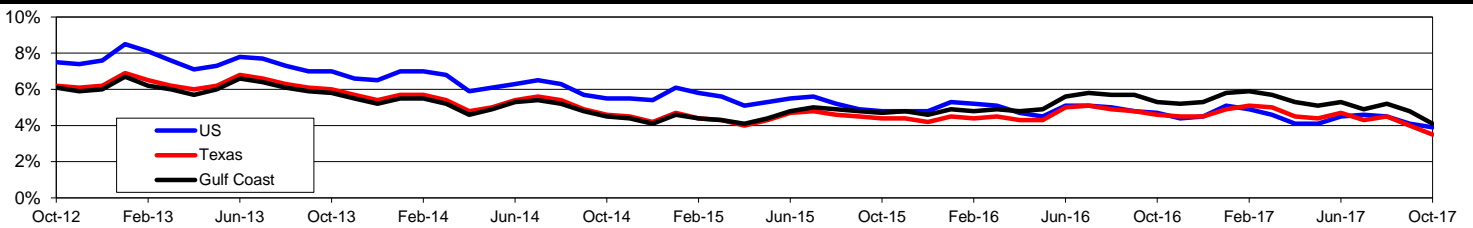
WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	OTY
CLF	3,360,800	3,381,671	3,365,105	-4,305
Employed	3,222,485	3,218,223	3,185,619	36,866
Unemployed	138,315	163,448	179,486	-41,171
Rate	4.1%	4.8%	5.3%	-1.2%

Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	OTY
CLF	13,392,285	13,498,742	13,338,725	53,560
Employed	12,922,084	12,954,820	12,725,859	196,225
Unemployed	470,201	543,922	612,866	-142,665
Rate	3.5%	4.0%	4.6%	-1.1%

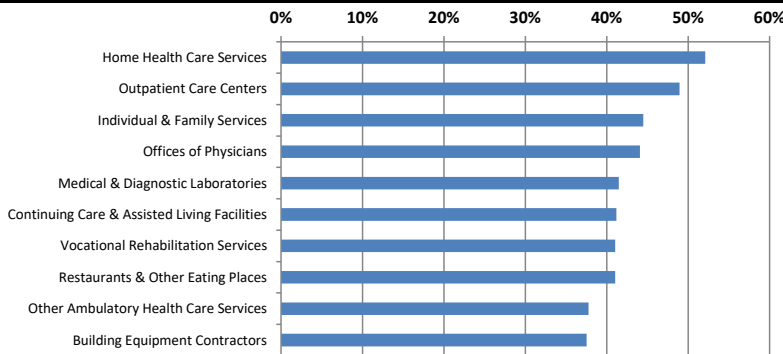
US Labor Force Statistics				
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	OTY
CLF	160,465,000	161,049,000	159,783,000	682,000
Employed	154,223,000	154,494,000	152,335,000	1,888,000
Unemployed	6,242,000	6,556,000	7,447,000	-1,205,000
Rate	3.9%	4.1%	4.7%	-0.8%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	OTY
WDA	35,172	41,061	43,761	-8,589
Texas	104,802	115,057	124,901	-20,099

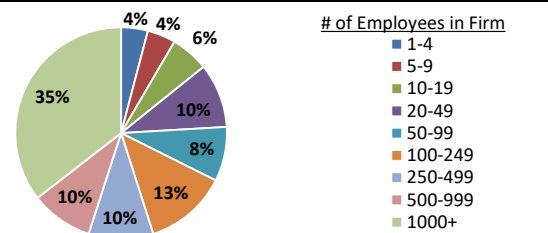
Historical Unemployment Rates



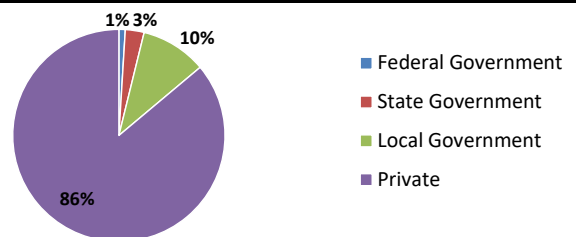
Projected Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% growth 2014-2024)



Employment by Size Class (2nd Quarter 2017)



Employment by Ownership (2nd Quarter 2017)



Average Weekly Wage (2nd Quarter 2017)

	Q2 2017	Q1 2017	Q2 2016	Change	
				Quarter	Year
WDA	\$1,165	\$1,344	\$1,164	-\$179	\$1
Texas	\$1,026	\$1,124	\$1,000	-\$99	\$25
US	N/A	\$1,111	\$988	N/A	N/A

Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2017, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of total	% Change	
			Quarter	Year
Natural resources and mining	82,548	2.8%	1.7%	-11.8%
Construction	215,260	7.3%	1.7%	-3.3%
Manufacturing	222,292	7.5%	0.5%	-2.0%
Trade, transportation and utilities	623,661	21.1%	0.4%	1.0%
Information	33,440	1.1%	0.8%	-1.0%
Financial activities	155,036	5.2%	0.6%	2.4%
Professional and business services	461,464	15.6%	1.7%	2.3%
Education and health services	665,011	22.4%	0.8%	2.4%
Leisure and hospitality	328,706	11.1%	3.6%	1.0%
Other services	90,636	3.1%	5.4%	5.7%
Public administration	84,680	2.9%	0.3%	1.7%
Total	2,962,734	100.0%	1.3%	0.8%

Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2017)

