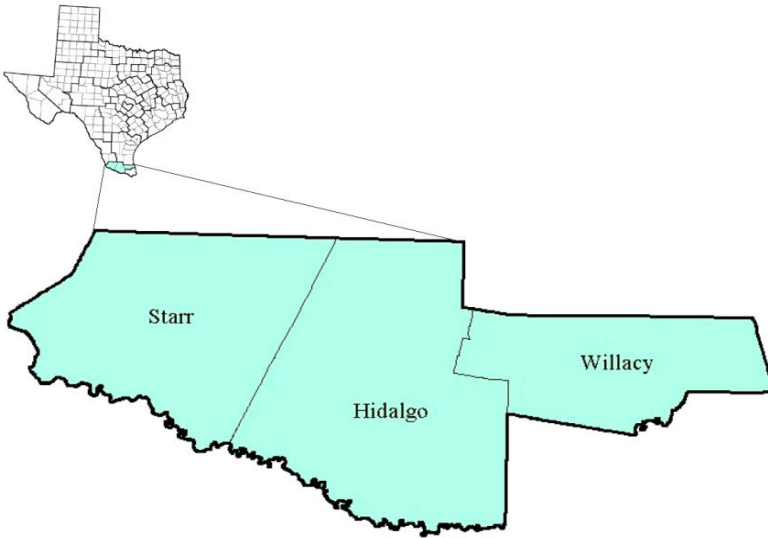


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## September 2017



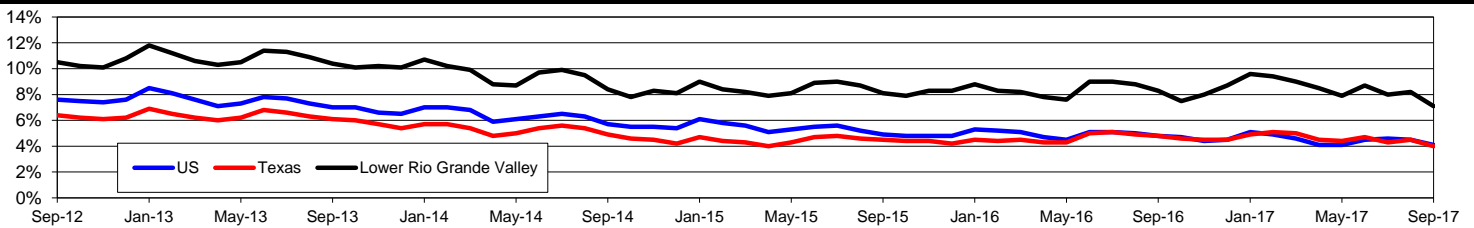
WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	Sep-17	Aug-17	Sep-16	OTY
CLF	366,693	367,373	366,719	-26
Employed	340,650	337,190	336,205	4,445
Unemployed	26,043	30,183	30,514	-4,471
Rate	7.1%	8.2%	8.3%	-1.2%

Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	Sep-17	Aug-17	Sep-16	OTY
CLF	13,499,113	13,406,493	13,359,661	139,452
Employed	12,955,476	12,801,715	12,712,681	242,795
Unemployed	543,637	604,778	646,980	-103,343
Rate	4.0%	4.5%	4.8%	-0.8%

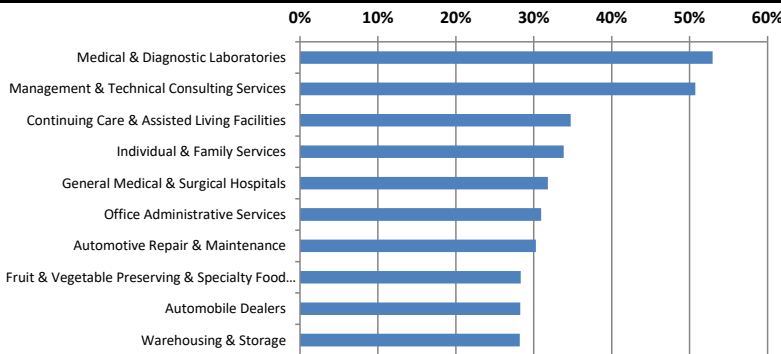
US Labor Force Statistics				
	Sep-17	Aug-17	Sep-16	OTY
CLF	161,049,000	160,863,000	159,636,000	1,413,000
Employed	154,494,000	153,576,000	151,977,000	2,517,000
Unemployed	6,556,000	7,287,000	7,658,000	-1,102,000
Rate	4.1%	4.5%	4.8%	-0.7%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	Sep-17	Aug-17	Sep-16	OTY
WDA	6,236	7,192	6,753	-517
Texas	112,682	117,088	133,309	-20,627

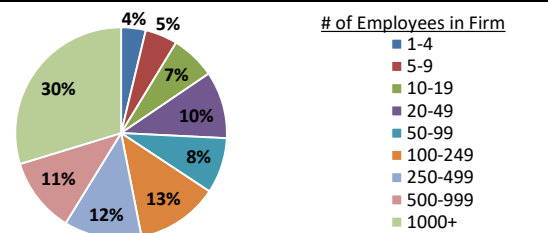
### Historical Unemployment Rates



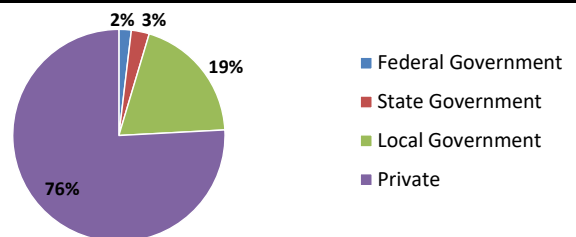
### Projected Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% growth 2014-2024)



### Employment by Size Class (1st Quarter 2017)



### Employment by Ownership (1st Quarter 2017)



### Average Weekly Wage (1st Quarter 2017)

	Q1 2017	Q4 2016	Q1 2016	Change	
				Quarter	Year
WDA	\$638	\$644	\$607	-\$5	\$31
Texas	\$1,124	\$1,072	\$1,065	\$52	\$60
US	\$1,111	\$1,067	\$1,042	\$44	\$69

### Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2017, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of total	% Change	
			Quarter	Year
Natural resources and mining	5,419	2.0%	11.8%	-3.6%
Construction	7,931	2.9%	0.2%	3.0%
Manufacturing	6,840	2.5%	4.0%	3.8%
Trade, transportation and utilities	57,477	21.1%	-3.5%	-0.5%
Information	2,552	0.9%	-4.4%	-5.3%
Financial activities	9,099	3.3%	-0.6%	-2.2%
Professional and business services	17,286	6.3%	0.2%	2.7%
Education and health services	120,005	44.0%	0.2%	3.2%
Leisure and hospitality	26,561	9.7%	2.0%	3.0%
Other services	4,115	1.5%	1.5%	0.9%
Public administration	15,314	5.6%	1.4%	6.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>272,599</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

### Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2017)

