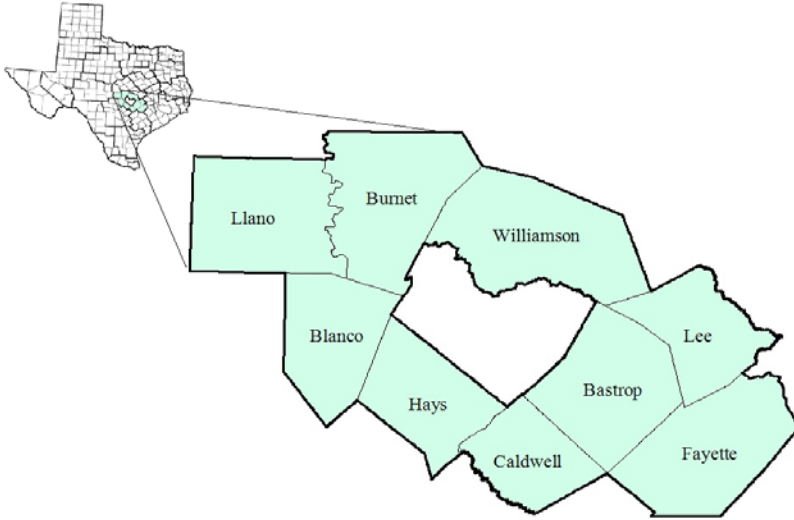


Rural Capital Workforce Development Area

December 2017



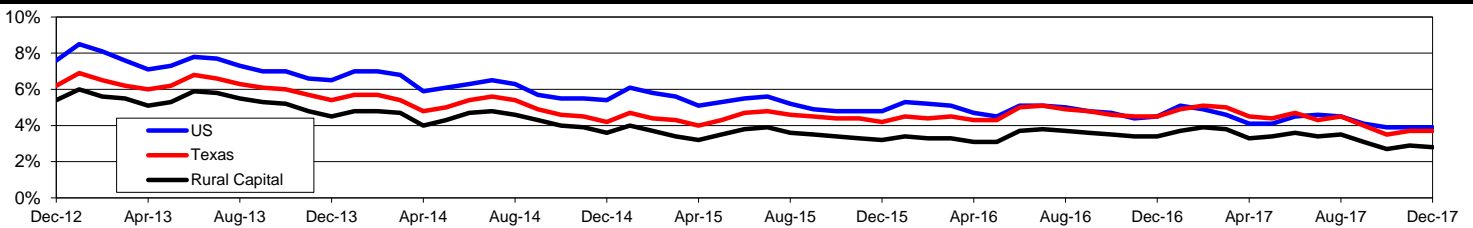
WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16	OTY
CLF	505,522	504,305	492,670	12,852
Employed	491,207	489,755	475,973	15,234
Unemployed	14,315	14,550	16,697	-2,382
Rate	2.8%	2.9%	3.4%	-0.6%

Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16	OTY
CLF	13,545,282	13,500,872	13,353,321	191,961
Employed	13,043,959	13,001,592	12,747,329	296,630
Unemployed	501,323	499,280	605,992	-104,669
Rate	3.7%	3.7%	4.5%	-0.8%

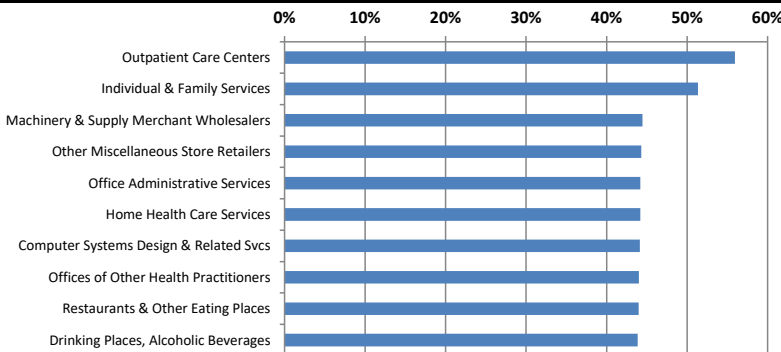
US Labor Force Statistics				
	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16	OTY
CLF	159,880,000	160,466,000	158,968,000	912,000
Employed	153,602,000	154,180,000	151,798,000	1,804,000
Unemployed	6,278,000	6,286,000	7,170,000	-892,000
Rate	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%	-0.6%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16	OTY
WDA	2,622	2,637	2,980	-358
Texas	108,432	105,083	129,904	-21,472

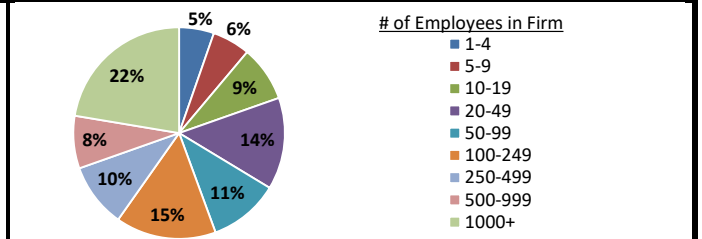
Historical Unemployment Rates



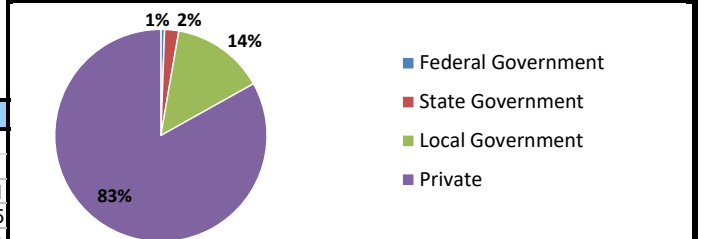
Projected Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% growth 2014-2024)



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	\$880	\$960	\$840	-\$80	\$41
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	4,128	1.4%	6.6%	8.7%
Construction	25,437	8.5%	8.7%	11.4%
Manufacturing	20,811	7.0%	0.9%	-0.2%
Trade, transportation and utilities	71,307	24.0%	1.2%	5.2%
Information	3,140	1.1%	2.1%	-7.8%
Financial activities	12,893	4.3%	1.2%	2.3%
Professional and business services	28,497	9.6%	2.3%	3.9%
Education and health services	71,006	23.9%	0.0%	4.4%
Leisure and hospitality	40,881	13.7%	6.2%	4.1%
Other services	9,439	3.2%	2.9%	2.5%
Public administration	10,020	3.4%	2.0%	3.6%
Total	297,559	100.0%	2.4%	4.4%

Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2017)

