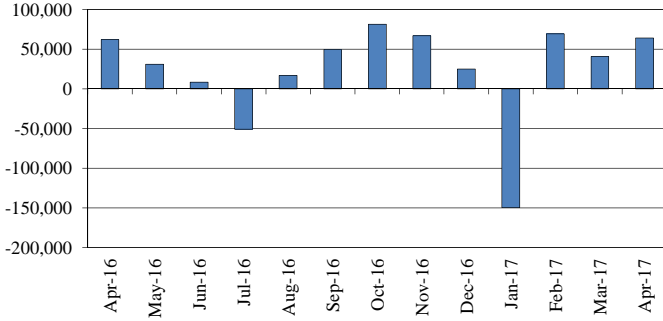
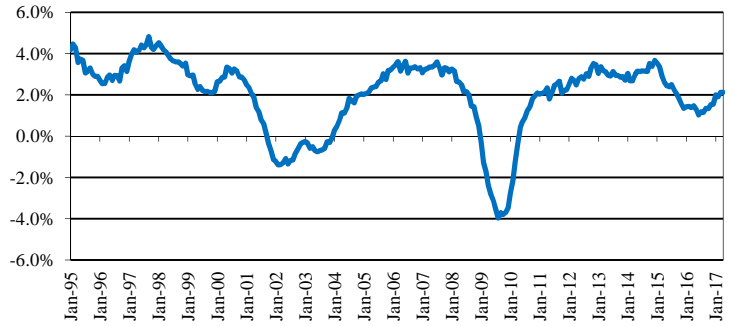


Nonagricultural Employment

Monthly Changes in Total Nonagricultural Employment



Annual Growth Rate for Total Nonagricultural Employment



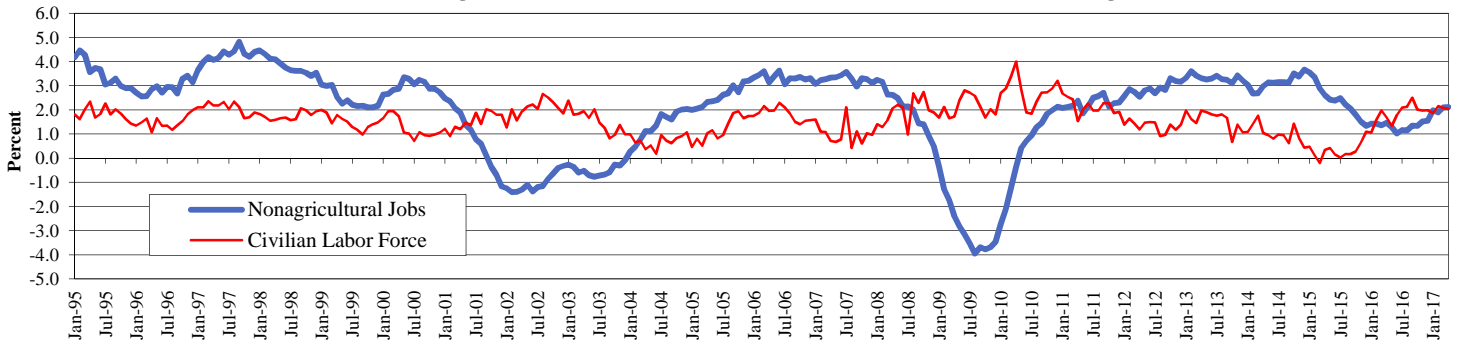
Employment by Industry	Apr-17	Mar-17	Apr-16	Monthly		Annual	
				Change	%	Change	%
Total Nonagricultural	12,249,400	12,187,700	11,995,400	61,700	0.5%	254,000	2.1%
Mining & Logging	228,100	225,800	223,300	2,300	1.0%	4,800	2.1%
Construction	705,000	709,800	701,600	-4,800	-0.7%	3,400	0.5%
Manufacturing	862,800	856,600	847,100	6,200	0.7%	15,700	1.9%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,431,000	2,423,800	2,398,500	7,200	0.3%	32,500	1.4%
Information	192,800	195,700	202,100	-2,900	-1.5%	-9,300	-4.6%
Financial Activities	744,300	742,000	726,700	2,300	0.3%	17,600	2.4%
Professional & Business Services	1,669,900	1,654,100	1,619,500	15,800	1.0%	50,400	3.1%
Education & Health Services	1,679,800	1,669,000	1,623,300	10,800	0.6%	56,500	3.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,326,800	1,304,900	1,293,800	21,900	1.7%	33,000	2.6%
Other Services	436,200	430,500	422,400	5,700	1.3%	13,800	3.3%
Government	1,972,700	1,975,500	1,937,100	-2,800	-0.1%	35,600	1.8%

Nonagricultural Summary

Texas Total Nonagricultural Employment gained 61,700 jobs from March to April. Eight of 10 private industries posted monthly growth led by Leisure & Hospitality with 21,900 jobs. Professional & Business Services reported an additional 15,800 jobs while Education & Health Services added 10,800 jobs. Construction reported a drop of 4,800 jobs.

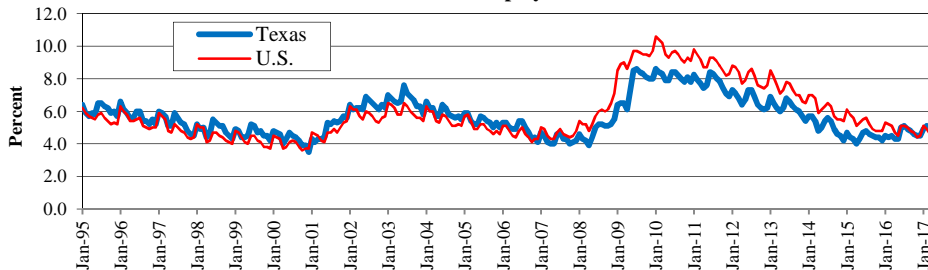
The Texas Total Nonfarm Employment grew by 254,000 annual jobs, a 2.1 percent over-the-year growth rate. Education and Health Services posted 56,500 annual jobs added, followed closely by Professional & Business Services with 50,400 jobs. Education and Health Services also reported the highest annual growth rate of 3.5 percent, followed closely by Other Services at 3.3 percent. Information reported the largest annual loss of 9,300 jobs.

Texas Total Nonagricultural Jobs vs. Civilian Labor Force (Over-the-Year Percent Change)



Civilian Labor Force and Unemployment Statistics

Texas and U.S. Unemployment Rates



Texas Civilian Labor Force				
Mo/Yr	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
Apr-16	13,236,900	12,672,900	564,000	4.3
Nov-16	13,371,100	12,771,200	599,900	4.5
Dec-16	13,353,300	12,747,300	606,000	4.5
Jan-17	13,358,600	12,695,800	660,900	4.9
Feb-17	13,471,300	12,777,800	693,500	5.1
Mar-17	13,514,600	12,838,900	675,600	5.0
Apr-17	13,506,700	12,895,000	611,700	4.5

United States Civilian Labor Force

Mo/Yr	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
Apr-16	158,488,000	151,075,000	7,413,000	4.7
Nov-16	159,451,000	152,385,000	7,066,000	4.4
Dec-16	158,968,000	151,798,000	7,170,000	4.5
Jan-17	158,676,000	150,527,000	8,149,000	5.1
Feb-17	159,482,000	151,594,000	7,887,000	4.9
Mar-17	159,912,000	152,628,000	7,284,000	4.6
Apr-17	159,817,000	153,262,000	6,555,000	4.1

Labor Force Summary

The Texas not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by one-half of a percentage point from 5.0 percent in March to 4.5 percent in April following a one-tenth of a percentage point decrease in March. That compares with an average unemployment rate March-to-April reduction over the last ten years of three-tenths of a percentage point. In 2014 Texas experienced a decrease of six-tenths of a percentage point from March to April, the largest March to April decrease in the last decade. The Texas not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate moved up from 4.3 percent in April of 2016.

The U.S. not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by one-half of a percentage point during March to April from 4.6 percent to 4.1 percent. The national rate decreased six-tenths of a percentage point from 4.7 percent in April of 2016.