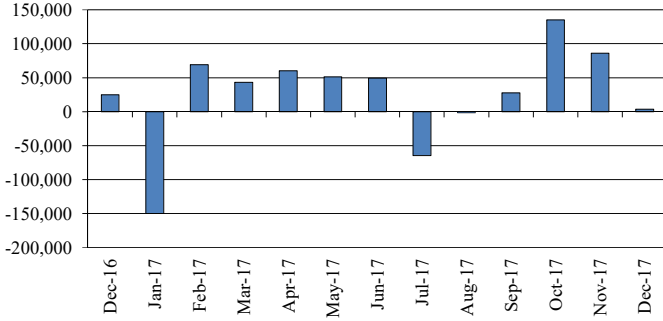
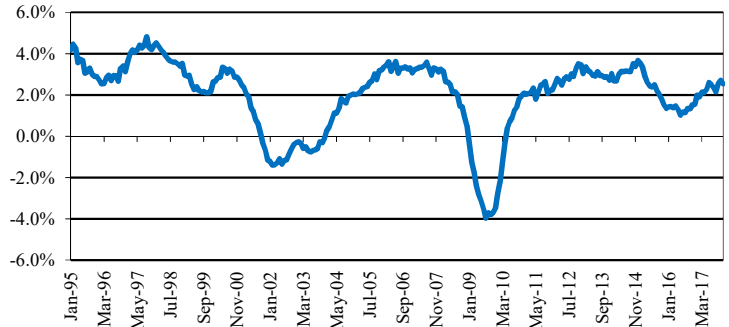


Nonagricultural Employment

Monthly Changes in Total Nonagricultural Employment



Annual Growth Rate for Total Nonagricultural Employment

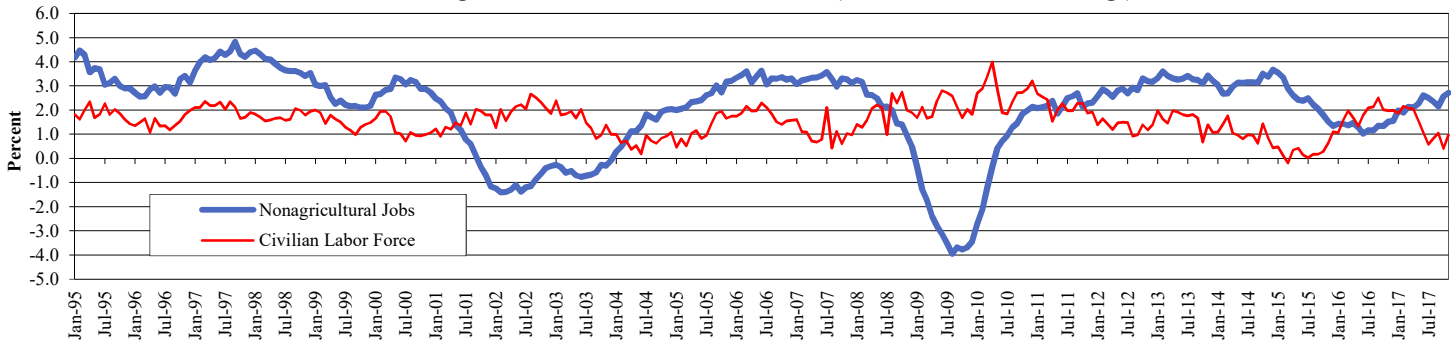


Employment by Industry	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16	Monthly		Annual	
				Change	%	Change	%
Total Nonagricultural	12,534,300	12,530,600	12,224,900	3,700	0.0%	309,400	2.5%
Mining & Logging	249,400	250,000	218,400	-600	-0.2%	31,000	14.2%
Construction	730,600	732,100	701,800	-1,500	-0.2%	28,800	4.1%
Manufacturing	882,800	882,100	846,500	700	0.1%	36,300	4.3%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,520,200	2,506,900	2,506,800	13,300	0.5%	13,400	0.5%
Information	192,800	189,700	202,000	3,100	1.6%	-9,200	-4.6%
Financial Activities	768,700	768,500	742,700	200	0.0%	26,000	3.5%
Professional & Business Services	1,710,000	1,712,900	1,657,300	-2,900	-0.2%	52,700	3.2%
Education & Health Services	1,696,800	1,699,600	1,663,200	-2,800	-0.2%	33,600	2.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	1,331,700	1,335,600	1,292,500	-3,900	-0.3%	39,200	3.0%
Other Services	446,700	447,800	426,400	-1,100	-0.2%	20,300	4.8%
Government	2,004,600	2,005,400	1,967,300	-800	0.0%	37,300	1.9%

Nonagricultural Summary

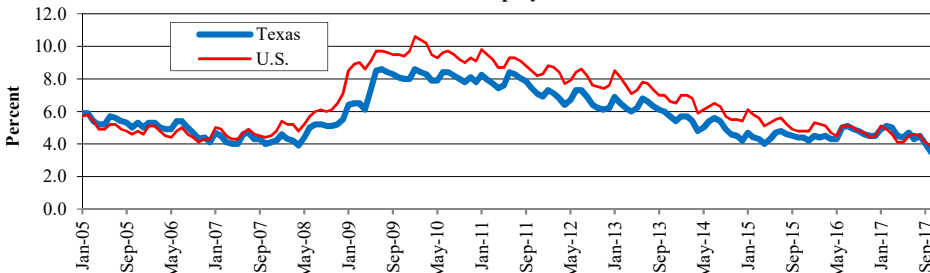
Texas Total Nonagricultural employment rose slightly adding 3,700 jobs from November to December, after gaining 220,100 jobs the previous two months. Four of 10 private industries recorded monthly increases led by Trade, Transportation, & Utilities growth of 13,300 jobs. Information added 3,100 jobs, the first increase in five months. Leisure & Hospitality had the largest drop of employment with 3,900 jobs lost in December. Total Nonfarm employment added 309,400 jobs over the year, a 2.5 percent annual growth rate. Professional & Business Services reported the highest over-the-year job growth of 52,700 jobs. Leisure & Hospitality added 39,200 positions since December 2016. Mining & Logging had the highest annual growth rate at 14.2 percent. Information reported the largest annual loss of 9,200 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
Dec-16	13,353,300	12,747,300	606,000	4.5
Jul-17	13,434,600	12,850,600	584,000	4.3
Aug-17	13,406,500	12,801,700	604,800	4.5
Sep-17	13,498,700	12,954,800	543,900	4.0
Oct-17	13,392,500	12,922,800	469,700	3.5
Nov-17	13,500,900	13,001,600	499,300	3.7
Dec-17	13,545,300	13,044,000	501,300	3.7

United States Civilian Labor Force

Mo/Yr	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
Dec-16	158,968,000	151,798,000	7,170,000	4.5
Jul-17	161,911,000	154,470,000	7,441,000	4.6
Aug-17	160,863,000	153,576,000	7,287,000	4.5
Sep-17	161,049,000	154,494,000	6,556,000	4.1
Oct-17	160,465,000	154,223,000	6,242,000	3.9
Nov-17	160,466,000	154,180,000	6,286,000	3.9
Dec-17	159,880,000	153,602,000	6,278,000	3.9

Labor Force Summary

The Texas not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent in December, after increasing by two-tenths of a percentage point in November. This is slightly higher than the average November-to-December rate decrease of one-tenth of a percentage point over the last ten years. The Texas unemployment rate was also unchanged from November to December during 2016. The Texas unemployment rate has been below the U.S. rate for the last four months. The Texas not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell eight-tenths of a percentage point from 4.5 percent in December 2016.

The U.S. not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.9 percent from November to December. The United States rate dropped by six-tenths of a percentage point from 4.5 percent in December of 2016.