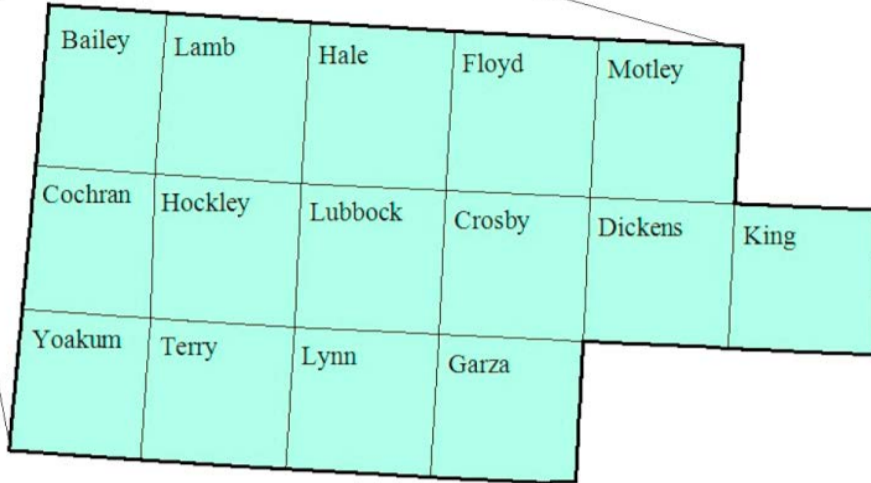


South Plains Workforce Development Area

May 2018



WDA Labor Force Statistics

	May-18	Apr-18	May-17	OTY
CLF	214,318	213,514	210,266	4,052
Employed	207,753	206,982	203,289	4,464
Unemployed	6,565	6,532	6,977	-412
Rate	3.1%	3.1%	3.3%	-0.2%

Texas Labor Force Statistics

	May-18	Apr-18	May-17	OTY
CLF	13,836,477	13,863,075	13,498,726	337,751
Employed	13,321,229	13,342,454	12,940,819	380,410
Unemployed	515,248	520,621	557,907	-42,659
Rate	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%	-0.4%

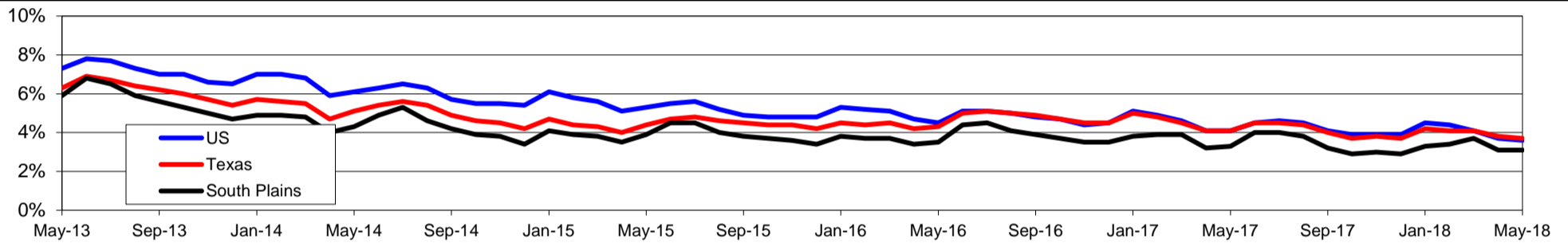
US Labor Force Statistics

	May-18	Apr-18	May-17	OTY
CLF	161,765,000	161,280,000	159,979,000	1,786,000
Employed	156,009,000	155,348,000	153,407,000	2,602,000
Unemployed	5,756,000	5,932,000	6,572,000	-816,000
Rate	3.6%	3.7%	4.1%	-0.5%

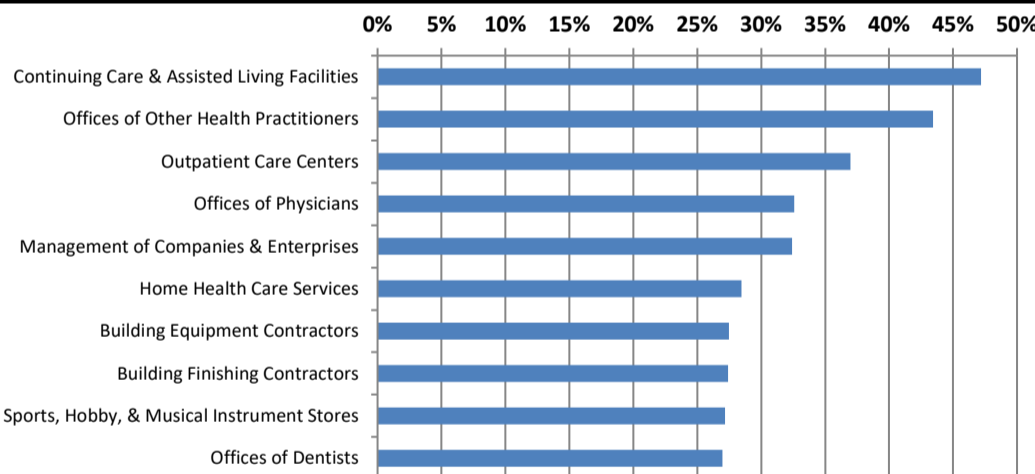
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	May-18	Apr-18	May-17	OTY
WDA	888	945	1,077	-189
Texas	93,184	96,035	113,603	-20,419

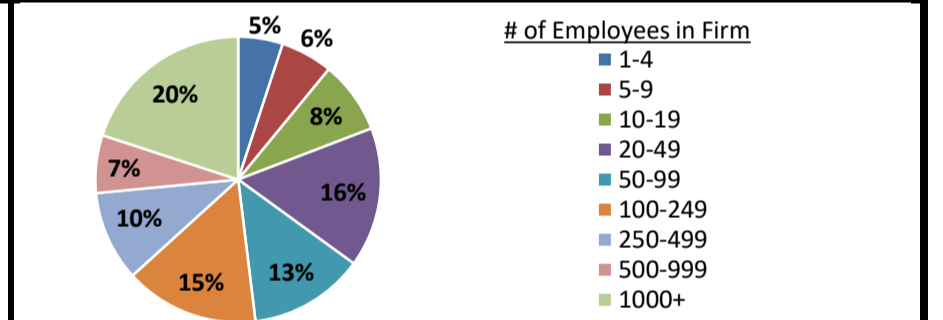
Historical Unemployment Rates



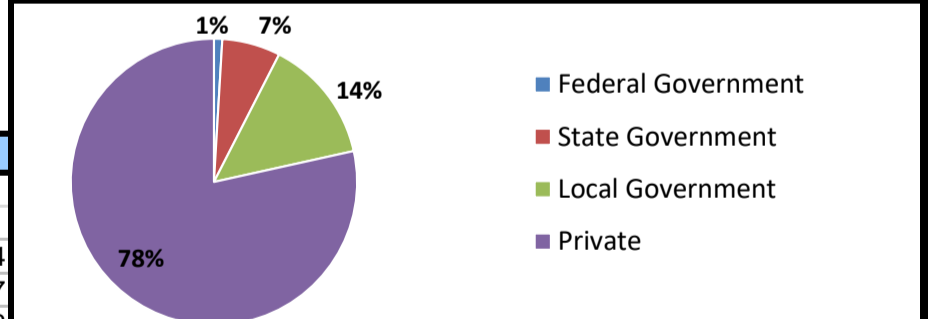
Projected Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% growth 2014-2024)



Employment by Size Class (4th Quarter 2017)



Employment by Ownership (4th Quarter 2017)



Average Weekly Wage (4th Quarter 2017)

	Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016	Change	
				Quarter	Year
WDA	\$861	\$794	\$827	\$67	\$34
Texas	\$1,109	\$1,032	\$1,072	\$77	\$37
US	\$1,065	\$1,020	\$1,067	\$45	-\$2

Employment by Industry (4th Quarter 2017, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of total	% Change	
			Quarter	Year
Natural resources and mining	12,140	6.5%	12.0%	3.8%
Construction	9,583	5.2%	1.6%	8.8%
Manufacturing	6,267	3.4%	-0.4%	1.2%
Trade, transportation and utilities	40,364	21.7%	2.6%	-0.1%
Information	3,188	1.7%	0.5%	-15.5%
Financial activities	9,093	4.9%	-0.8%	1.7%
Professional and business services	13,726	7.4%	0.1%	-0.6%
Education and health services	55,678	30.0%	3.0%	0.5%
Leisure and hospitality	22,266	12.0%	-1.1%	3.1%
Other services	6,047	3.3%	-0.9%	1.0%
Public administration	7,412	4.0%	0.0%	-0.7%
Total	185,764	100.0%	2.0%	0.9%

Employment by Industry (4th Quarter 2017)

