

# Labor Market Report

## March 2022

Serving the Lower Rio Grande Valley  
 Workforce Development Area (WDA):  
 (Hidalgo, Starr & Willacy Counties)



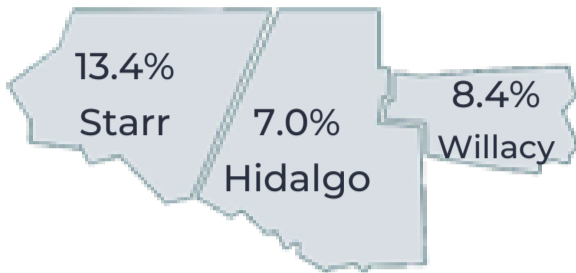
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## Unemployment Rates

### Workforce Solutions WDA

decreased from 8.9% to 7.4%

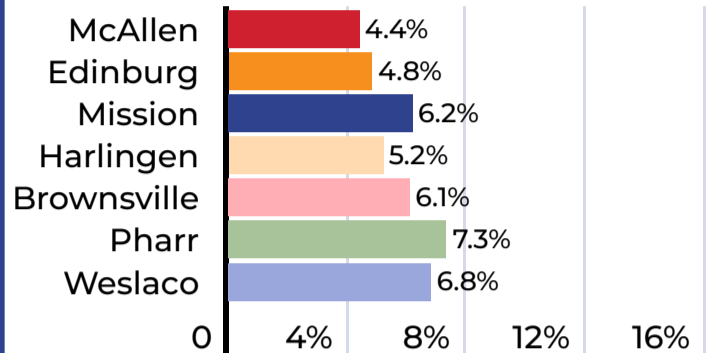


**RGV 7.0%**

▼ **1.5%**

Feb-22

Mar-22



▼ **-0.2% National**

The national unemployment rate decreased to 3.6%.

▼ **-0.3% Texas**

Texas unemployment rate decreased to 4.4%.

Seasonally Adjusted

▼ Indicates a decrease in Unemployment Rate

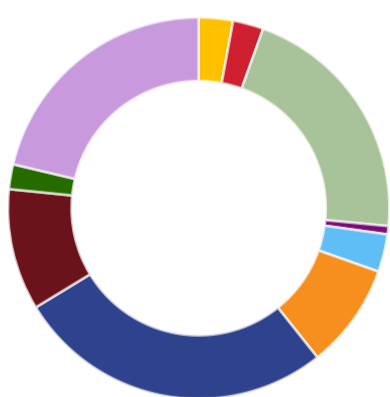
▲ Indicates an increase in Unemployment Rate

## Employment Change

### Border Region Employment

	Mcallen MSA	Brownsville MSA	Laredo MSA	Total Monthly Change
Total All Non-Agriculture	700 ▲	900 ▲	0	1,600 ▲

### Border Region Employment



Industry	Total Employment
Mining, Logging and construction	15,500
Manufacturing	14,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	113,600
Information	4,000
Financial Activities	17,100
Professional and Business Services	48,100
Education and Health Services	146,500
Leisure and Hospitality	55,700
Other Services	11,400
Government	115,600



HEALTHCARE & PRIVATE EDUCATION

McAllen MSA -1,100  
 Brownsville MSA +200  
 Laredo MSA -100

▼ **-1,000**



GOVERNMENT  
 (Public Ed, Law Enforcement)

McAllen MSA +1,100  
 Brownsville MSA +100  
 Laredo MSA +0

▲ **1,200**

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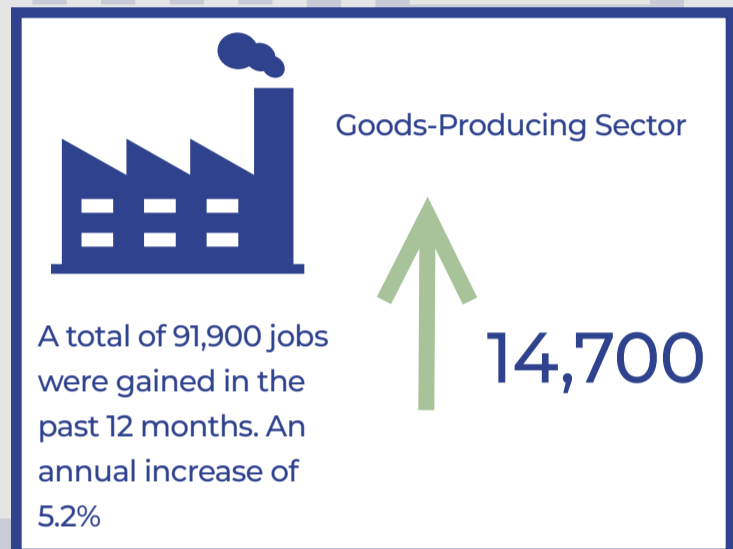
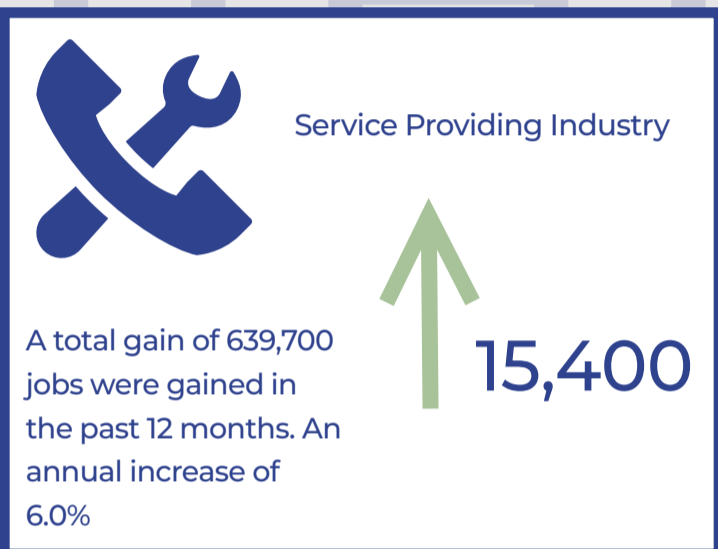
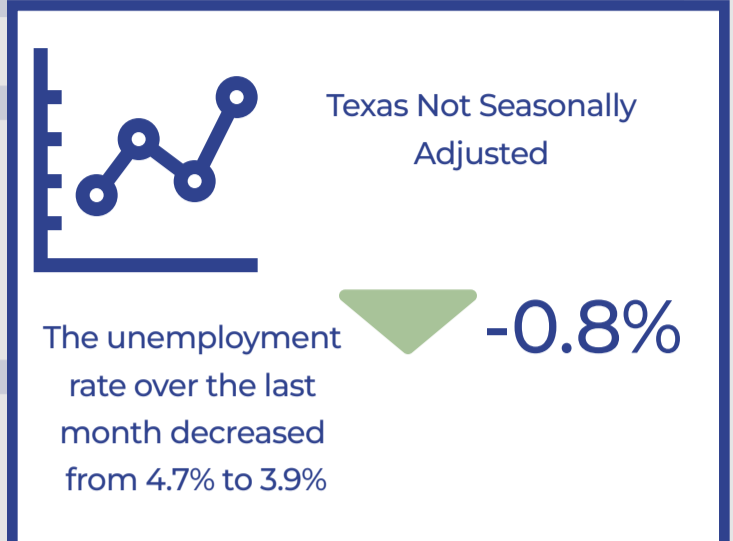
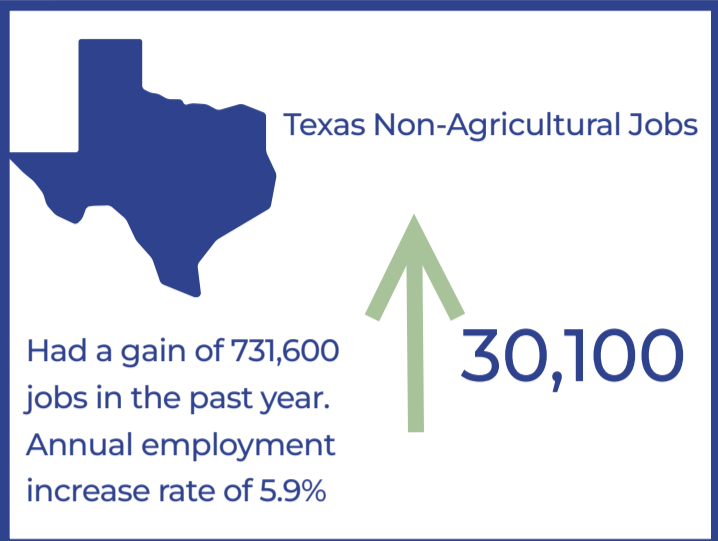
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## Statewide Overview



## Business Engagement

### RGV Economy

In March, the RGV (Lower Rio and Cameron Workforce Development Areas) unemployment rate was at 7.0% reflecting a decrease of -1.4% from February. Over the month, Workforce Solutions (WFS) partnered with employers to host 12 hiring events with 69 participating employers and 530 job seekers in attendance, which resulted in 99 hires.

## Industry Needs

### Healthcare

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has dedicated \$15 million to expand apprenticeships in healthcare and to address the critical shortage of healthcare professionals. As such, TWC Commissioner Representing Labor, Julian Alvarez, convened the 2022 Nurse Apprenticeships meeting on 3/30/22. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the essential and critical need for apprenticeships in nursing education and how to implement within the acute care centers. The meeting was comprised of Higher Education leaders from the Texas State Board of Education, Texas Education Agency, and statewide Workforce Solutions partners.



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