

# Labor Market Report

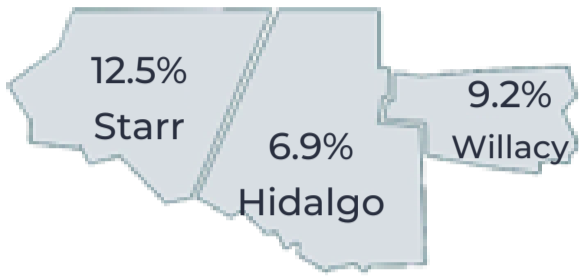
## May 2022

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### Unemployment Rates

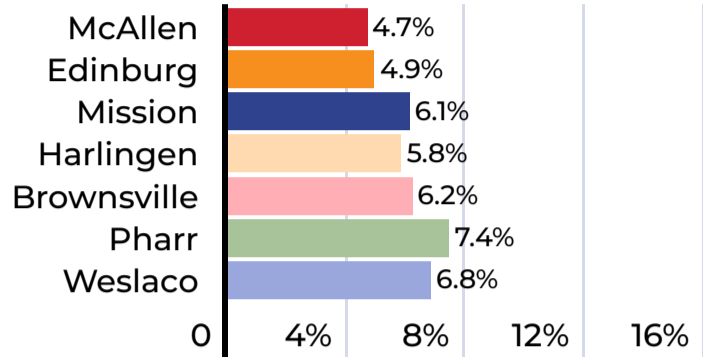
**Workforce Solutions WDA**  
increased from 7.2% to 7.3%



**RGV 6.9%** ▲ **0.1%**

**May-22**

**April-22**



**0.0% National**

The national unemployment rate remained the same at 3.6%.

**-0.1% Texas**

Texas unemployment rate decreased to 4.2%.

Seasonally Adjusted



Indicates a decrease in Unemployment Rate



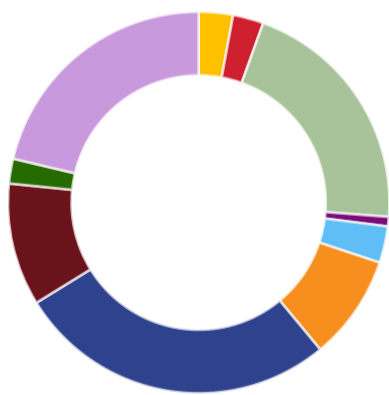
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### Employment Change

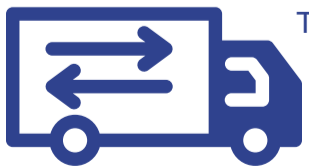
#### Border Region Employment

	Mcallen MSA	Brownsville MSA	Laredo MSA	Total Monthly Change
Total All Non-Agriculture	1,000 <span style="color: green;">▲</span>	200 <span style="color: green;">▲</span>	300 <span style="color: green;">▲</span>	1,500 <span style="color: green;">▲</span>

#### Border Region Employment



Industry	Total Employment
Mining, Logging and construction	15,800
Manufacturing	14,400
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	112,800
Information	4,100
Financial Activities	17,100
Professional and Business Services	48,300
Education and Health Services	148,100
Leisure and Hospitality	56,500
Other Services	11,600
Government	116,200



**TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES**



McAllen MSA -200  
Brownsville MSA -600  
Laredo MSA 0



**EDUCATION (Private) & Health Services**




McAllen MSA +700  
Brownsville MSA +300  
Laredo MSA +0

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### Statewide Overview



Texas Non-Agricultural Jobs

Had a gain of 762,400 jobs in the past year. Annual employment increase rate of 6.1%


**74,200**



Texas Not Seasonally Adjusted

The unemployment rate over the last month increased from 3.7% to 3%

**0.1%**



Service Providing Industry

A total gain of 631,300 jobs were gained in the past 12 months. An annual increase of 5.8%

**58,000**



Goods-Producing Sector

A total of 131,100 jobs were gained in the past 12 months. An annual increase of 7.4%

**16,200**

### Business Engagement

#### RGV Economy:

During the month of May, the RGV's economy continued to recover steadily as 1,500 individuals entered the workforce. Workforce Solutions (WFS) directly contributed to these efforts by assisting 609 individuals enter employment. WFS partnered with businesses to address their hiring needs by hosting 20 hiring events with 124 participating employers and 728 job seekers in attendance, resulting in 447 job offers. Additionally, WFS served a total of 1,533 employers representing 2,683 job openings, resulting in 345 direct hires and another 264 indirect hires.

### Industry Needs

#### Information Technology (IT):

The IT Taskforce, an industry sector partnership WFS initiative, biannually convenes IT related businesses and organizations to address the workforce needs within the field. In May, WFS hosted the first IT Taskforce Meeting of the year, which focused on providing resources to pursue IT training programs available through the Skillup Lower Rio Metrix Learning platform (Skillup) and IT Apprenticeships opportunities. Skillup is free for all employers or individuals and has, among other industry recognized trainings, over 100 IT certifications available in popular IT tracks such as CompTIA, Cisco, Microsoft, Oracle, Amazon, (ISC)2. Skillup also allows employers to track their employees' learning progress, to access these training opportunities visit: <http://wfsrgv.skillupamerica.org/>. Furthermore, South Texas College provided a presentation on their IT Apprenticeship program and explained how an employer can benefit from becoming an IT Apprenticeship employer. Apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training and related classroom instruction in which employees learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly skilled occupation. In addition, WFS plans to host a job fair specifically for IT employers and job seekers on August 11th. To obtain additional information on these initiatives, connect with a WFS Business Relations Specialist at [businessrelations@wfsolutions.org](mailto:businessrelations@wfsolutions.org).

### Business Needs

**Employers Served**



**1,533**

**Hiring Events**



**20**

**Hires**



**609**



**2,683 Job Openings**

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