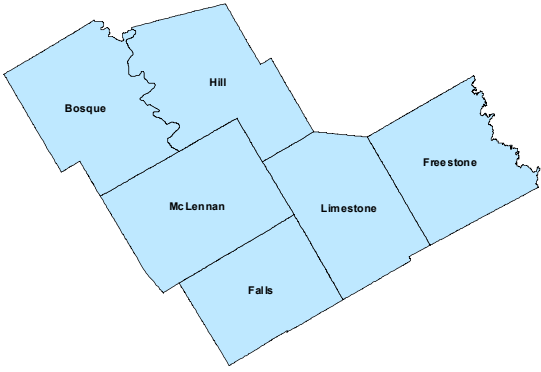
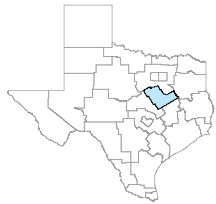


Heart of Texas Workforce Development Area

September 2024



WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Sep-24	Aug-24	Sep-23	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	185,404	184,955	180,696	4,708
Employed	178,358	177,307	174,129	4,229
Unemployed	7,046	7,648	6,567	479
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.1%	3.6%	0.2%

Texas Labor Force Statistics

	Sep-24	Aug-24	Sep-23	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	15,553,143	15,487,654	15,127,091	426,052
Employed	14,920,058	14,810,843	14,529,891	390,167
Unemployed	633,085	676,811	597,200	35,885
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.4%	3.9%	0.2%

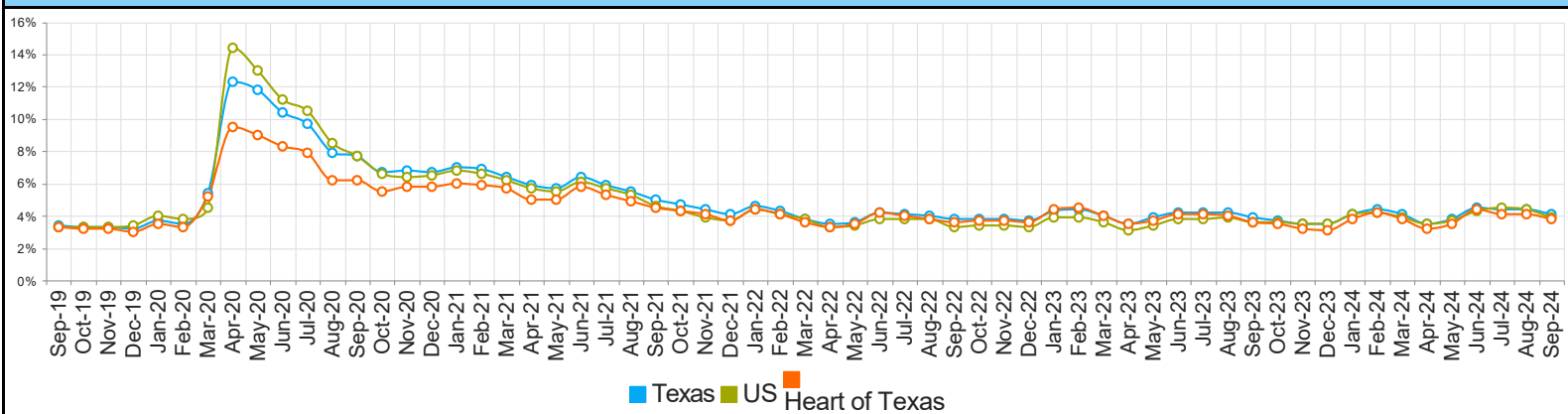
US Labor Force Statistics

	Sep-24	Aug-24	Sep-23	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	168,569,000	168,763,000	167,718,000	851,000
Employed	162,046,000	161,348,000	161,669,000	377,000
Unemployed	6,524,000	7,415,000	6,049,000	475,000
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.4%	3.6%	0.3%

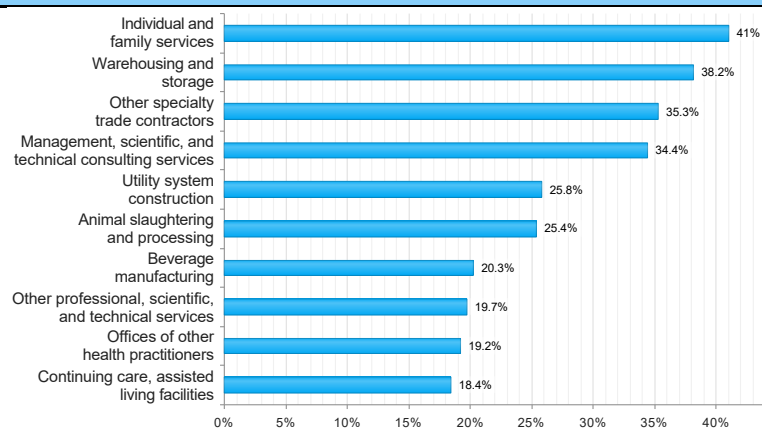
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Sep-24	Aug-24	Sep-23	Yearly Change
WDA	992	1,047	895	97
Texas	116,416	124,004	108,083	8,333

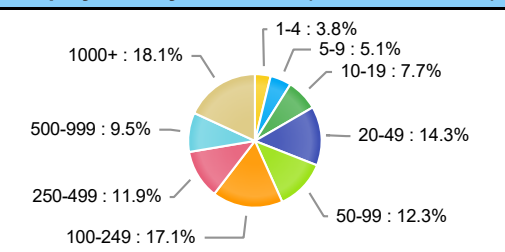
Historical Unemployment Rates



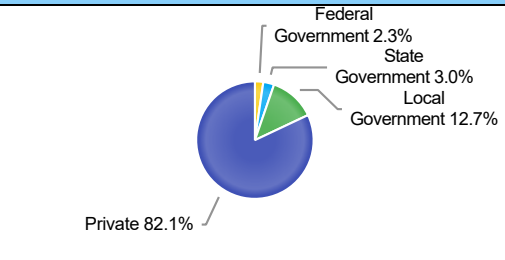
Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2022-2032)



Employment by Size Class (1st Quarter 2024)



Employment by Ownership (1st Quarter 2024)



Average Weekly Wage (1st Quarter 2024)

	Q1 2024	Q4 2023	Q1 2023	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$1,149	\$1,142	\$1,086	\$7	\$63
Texas	\$1,540	\$1,427	\$1,480	\$113	\$60
US	\$1,527	\$1,435	\$1,465	\$92	\$62

Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2024, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	2,463	1.6%	-7.6%	0.8%
Construction	10,853	7.1%	-2.4%	5.8%
Manufacturing	18,763	12.3%	-0.5%	3.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	29,884	19.6%	-2.0%	0.1%
Information	1,081	0.7%	0.1%	-1.2%
Financial Activities	8,289	5.4%	-2.4%	0.8%
Professional and Business Services	14,187	9.3%	-5.3%	-3.2%
Education and Health Services	40,824	26.7%	-1.3%	4.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	16,118	10.6%	-1.4%	3.8%
Other Services	3,170	2.1%	-5.1%	-5.4%
Public Administration	6,988	4.6%	0.8%	6.5%

Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2024)

