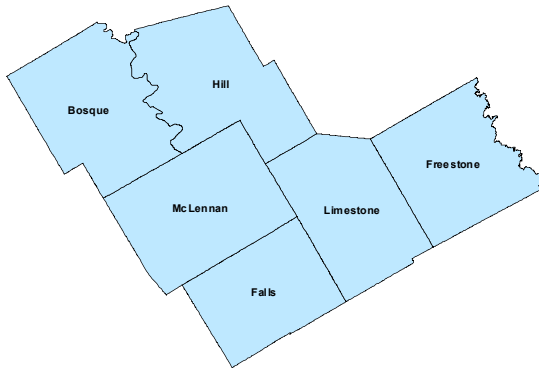
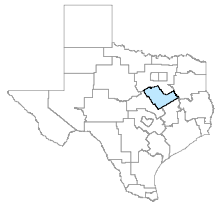


Heart of Texas Workforce Development Area



December 2024

WDA Labor Force Statistics

	Dec-24	Nov-24	Dec-23	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	185,385	186,289	179,022	6,363
Employed	179,142	178,950	173,497	5,645
Unemployed	6,243	7,339	5,525	718
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.9%	3.1%	0.3%

Texas Labor Force Statistics

	Dec-24	Nov-24	Dec-23	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	15,591,398	15,620,707	15,090,824	500,574
Employed	15,012,362	14,965,379	14,564,917	447,445
Unemployed	579,036	655,328	525,907	53,129
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.2%	3.5%	0.2%

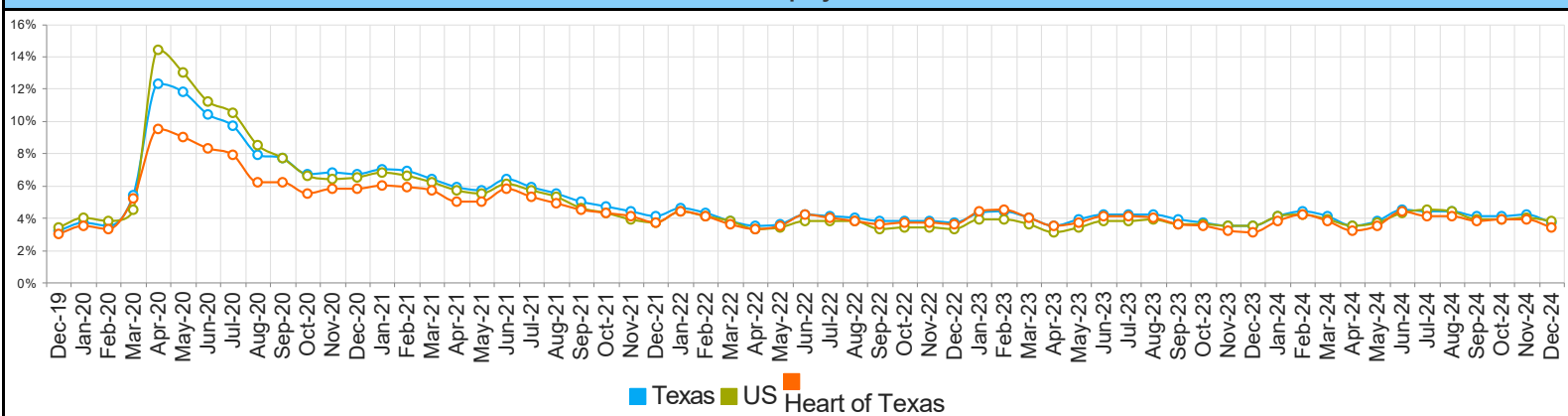
US Labor Force Statistics

	Dec-24	Nov-24	Dec-23	Yearly Change
Civilian Labor Force	167,746,000	168,164,000	166,661,000	1,085,000
Employed	161,294,000	161,456,000	160,754,000	540,000
Unemployed	6,452,000	6,708,000	5,907,000	545,000
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.0%	3.5%	0.3%

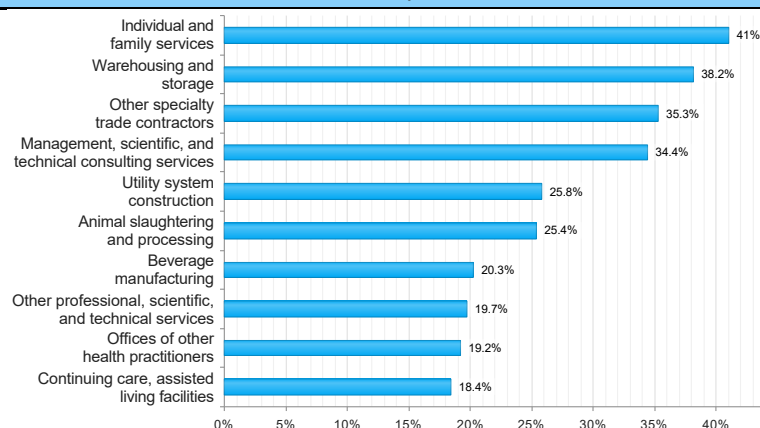
Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th

	Dec-24	Nov-24	Dec-23	Yearly Change
WDA	956	974	845	111
Texas	122,026	116,908	114,107	7,919

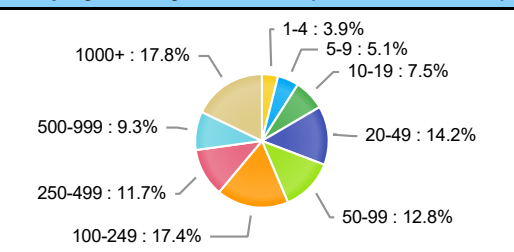
Historical Unemployment Rates



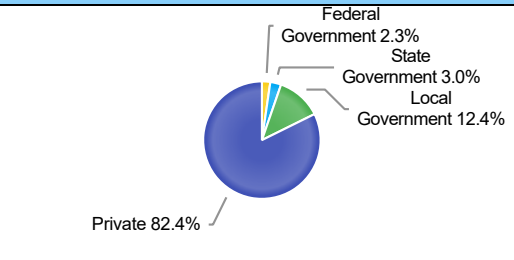
Projected Top Ten Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% Growth 2022-2032)



Employment by Size Class (2nd Quarter 2024)



Employment by Ownership (2nd Quarter 2024)



Average Weekly Wage (2nd Quarter 2024)

	Q2 2024	Q1 2024	Q2 2023	Quarterly Change	Yearly Change
WDA	\$1,106	\$1,148	\$1,062	-\$42	\$44
Texas	\$1,381	\$1,540	\$1,321	-\$159	\$60
US	\$1,390	\$1,527	\$1,332	-\$137	\$58

Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2024, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of Total	% Quarterly Change	% Yearly Change
Natural Resources and Mining	2,502	1.6%	1.7%	0.4%
Construction	11,177	7.2%	2.9%	5.6%
Manufacturing	18,659	12.1%	-0.7%	2.1%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	30,338	19.7%	1.3%	-0.3%
Information	1,070	0.7%	-1.0%	-2.6%
Financial Activities	8,358	5.4%	0.9%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	14,129	9.2%	0.1%	-1.2%
Education and Health Services	40,706	26.4%	-0.3%	1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	17,199	11.1%	5.7%	6.0%
Other Services	3,178	2.1%	-0.3%	-6.9%
Public Administration	7,024	4.6%	0.5%	3.2%

Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2024)

