



June 2020 Labor Market Report - Workforce Solutions Lower Rio

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) released the June 2020 Labor Market and Employment reports. The seasonally adjusted national unemployment rate decreased by -2.2% to 11.1%. Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by -4.4% to 8.6%.

Statewide Overview for June: Texas had a gain of 225,200 non-agricultural jobs in June and has a loss of -696,200 jobs in the past year (seasonally adjusted). This represents an annual employment decrease rate of -5.4%.

Goods-Producing employment decreased by -3,400 jobs in June and a total of -121,800 jobs were lost in the past twelve months. The Construction sector had the most job gains for this month with 3,500 jobs. The Goods-Producing sector has seen a decrease of -6.3% over the past twelve months.

The Service-Providing sector gained in total 228,600 jobs in June and has a total loss of -574,400 jobs in the past year. This sector is decreasing at a -5.3% annual rate. The Leisure & Hospitality sector had the most job gains in June with an estimated 142,700 employees hired and an annual decreasing rate of -15.9%. The Trade, Transportation & Utilities sector follows with a gain of 44,200 jobs and a -3.4% annual decreasing rate.

Regional Unemployment Recap: The June unemployment rates show significant decreases at all levels. Starr and Hidalgo counties reflect the most significant decreases of -5.6% and -4.9% respectively.

Counties:

- Hidalgo County decreased by -4.9% to 12.8%
- Cameron County decreased by -4.8% to 11.2%
- Starr County decreased by -5.6%, to 18.5%
- Willacy County decreased by -4.3% to 13.0%
- Webb County decreased by -4.1% to 10.1%

Cities:

- Edinburg and Laredo had the lowest unemployment rate in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) and the border region with a decrease of -4.0% and -4.2% respectively. The unemployment rate for both cities is at 10.0%
- McAllen had the second lowest unemployment rate in the border region with a decrease of -4.4% and a rate of 10.3%
- Harlingen was third with a decrease of -4.9% and a rate of 10.9%

Hidalgo, Cameron, and Webb County MSA Regional Employment Change Estimates for June 2020:

Employment Sectors	McAllen MSA	Brownsville MSA	Laredo MSA	Total Region
Healthcare & Private Education	1000	500	100	1,600
Leisure & Hospitality	1,100	1,100	1,100	3,300
Government (Public Ed, Law Enforcement)	-1,100	-200	-400	-1,700
Professional & Business Services	300	900		1,200
Mining & Construction	-100			-100
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,100	1,200	400	3,700
Manufacturing		200		200
Information				
Financial Activities	-200			-200
Other Services	400	300	200	900
Total All Non-Agriculture Sectors:	3,500	4,000	1,400	8,900

As the efforts to restart and revitalize the State of Texas' economy during the COVID-19 pandemic continue, the June 2020 Labor Market Report reflects upward trends of job recovery across most sectors. The primary sector with the largest job loss in the border region in June is the Government, with a slightly recovered estimate of -1,700 jobs lost which continues to reflect the summer break seasonal adjustment. The Trade, Transportation & Utilities sector is the main contributor to the total jobs in the region with an estimated 3,700 new hires. The June total non-agricultural job growth for our border region is an estimated 8,900 jobs.

Healthcare Industry: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the increased testing has played a key role in the ongoing need for middle skilled healthcare professionals. To help address these concerns, Workforce Solutions has assisted with a Virtual Job Fair on June 23rd in partnership with local hospitals to recruit healthcare professionals.

Skills Development Grants: The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced the availability of funding for COVID-19 Initiatives related to identifying the training needs of local employers. Workforce Solutions (WFS) received approval of two proposals for COVID-19 related training in the amount of \$12,600 to train 18 supervisors in the Healthcare Industry and \$74,000 to train 37 workers in the Electrical and Construction Industries. The training will provide skills related to planning methodologies and protocols to develop and implement enhanced safety operations, as well as, industry specific skills and knowledge. WFS is also actively working with other businesses and educational institutions to submit additional proposals.

COVID-19 Response Statewide Funds: TWC Awards WFS \$1,238,884 in funding to support local employers and Job seekers affected by COVID-19. This funding will allow to procure personal protective equipment, disinfecting supplies, and informational signage for over 100 local employers. To access the Media Release document, [click here](#).

As always, thanks again for your support and participation!

Texas Labor Market Review from TWC: <https://texaslmi.com/api/GetHomeLinks/TLMR>

Local Labor Market Reports: <https://www.wfsolutions.org/workforce-intelligence.html>