

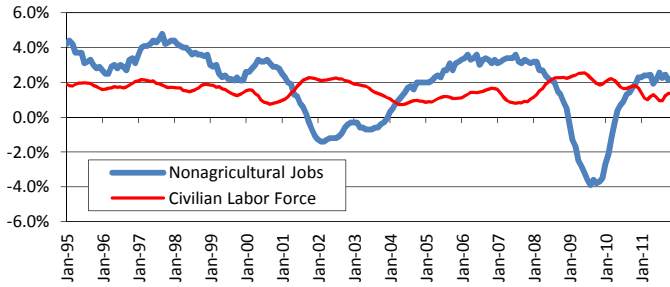
**Texas Nonagricultural Employment Summary**

Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas continued to grow with the addition of 20,200 positions in December following a revised gain of 20,500 jobs in November. Eight of the 11 major industries in Texas expanded over the month, led by a rise of 10,100 in Government employment. The Information industry shed the most jobs in December as it registered a dip of 1,500 positions. Total Nonagricultural Employment has climbed by 2.0 percent with the addition of 204,500 jobs over the year to reach an estimated level of 10,649,200 positions.

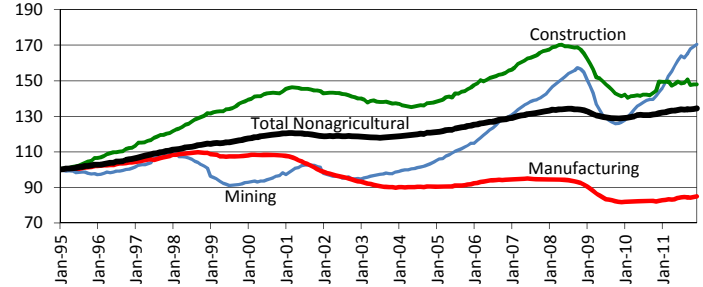
**Texas Labor Force Summary**

The Texas unemployment rate dropped to 7.8 percent in December for its lowest reading since July 2009. The 0.5 percent annual decline in the rate is the largest yearly drop since August 2007. The U.S. unemployment rate dropped in December to 8.5 percent, marking the lowest national unemployment rate since February 2009. The Texas Civilian Labor Force grew for a fifth straight month with the addition of 17,300 persons to reach a level of 12,378,800 individuals. The Texas CLF added 169,400 persons for its largest annual gain since December 2010.

**Total Nonagricultural Jobs vs. Civilian Labor Force (Over-the-Year Percent Change)**



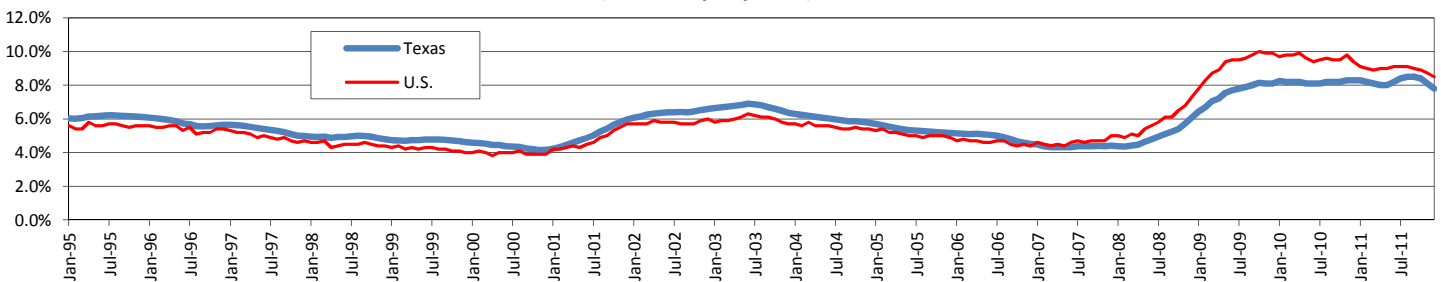
**Goods Producing Sector Index, 1995=100**



**TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED+**

INDUSTRY TITLE	Dec. 2011*	Nov. 2011	Dec. 2010	Nov. '11 to Dec. '11		Dec. '10 to Dec. '11	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>Total Nonagricultural</b>	<b>10,649,200</b>	<b>10,629,000</b>	<b>10,444,700</b>	<b>20,200</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>204,500</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Total Nongovernment**</b>	<b>8,843,900</b>	<b>8,833,800</b>	<b>8,583,900</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>							
Mining and Logging	257,900	255,900	217,200	2,000	0.8	40,700	18.7
Construction	590,800	590,500	597,100	300	0.1	-6,300	-1.1
Manufacturing	837,400	835,200	812,200	2,200	0.3	25,200	3.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>							
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,108,000	2,107,800	2,062,200	200	0.0	45,800	2.2
Information	184,900	186,400	192,800	-1,500	-0.8	-7,900	-4.1
Financial Activities	638,800	636,700	620,800	2,100	0.3	18,000	2.9
Professional and Business Services	1,343,700	1,342,100	1,290,600	1,600	0.1	53,100	4.1
Education and Health Services	1,443,500	1,444,300	1,406,600	-800	-0.1	36,900	2.6
Leisure and Hospitality	1,060,200	1,056,100	1,019,000	4,100	0.4	41,200	4.0
Other Services	378,700	378,800	365,400	-100	0.0	13,300	3.6
Government	1,805,300	1,795,200	1,860,800	10,100	0.6	-55,500	-3.0

**Texas and U.S. Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)**



**TEXAS AND U.S. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (Seasonally Adjusted)**

	TEXAS				UNITED STATES			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
<b>Dec. 2011</b>	12,378,800	11,419,400	959,400	7.8	153,887,000	140,790,000	13,097,000	8.5
<b>Nov. 2011</b>	12,361,500	11,364,400	997,100	8.1	153,937,000	140,614,000	13,323,000	8.7
<b>Dec. 2010</b>	12,209,300	11,198,600	1,010,700	8.3	153,613,000	139,220,000	14,393,000	9.4