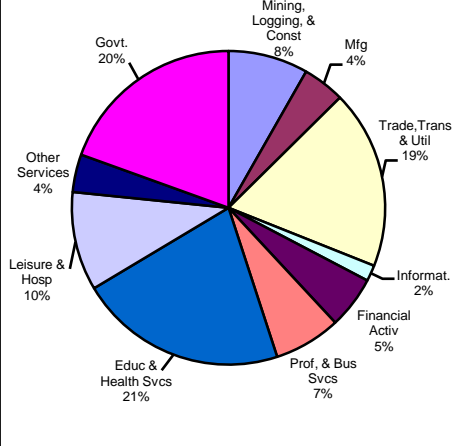
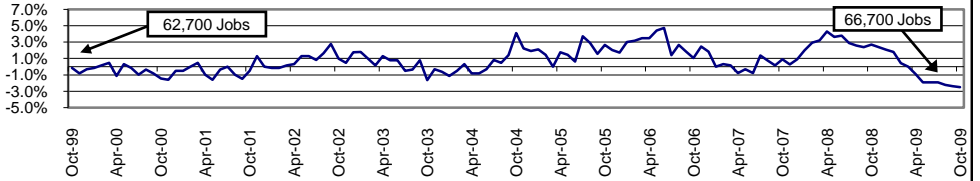


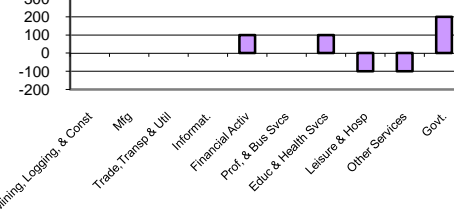
**Industry Composition**



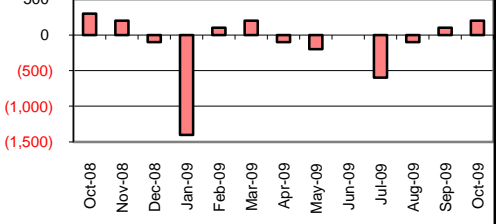
**Annual Growth Rate for Total NonAgricultural Employment**



**Monthly Change by Industry**



**Monthly Change in Total Nonag Employment**



**Employment by Industry**

	Employment			Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Oct-2009	Sep-2009	Oct-2008	Actual	%	Actual	%
Total Nonagricultural	66,700	66,500	68,400	200	0.3%	-1,700	-2.5%
Mining, Logging, & Const	5,500	5,500	6,200	0	0.0%	-700	-11.3%
Manufacturing	2,900	2,900	3,300	0	0.0%	-400	-12.1%
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	12,300	12,300	13,000	0	0.0%	-700	-5.4%
Information	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	3,600	3,500	3,600	100	2.9%	0	0.0%
Profes., & Business Svcs	4,600	4,600	4,800	0	0.0%	-200	-4.2%
Education & Health Svcs	14,300	14,200	14,000	100	0.7%	300	2.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,800	6,900	6,900	-100	-1.5%	-100	-1.5%
Other Services	2,600	2,700	2,600	-100	-3.7%	0	0.0%
Government	13,000	12,800	12,900	200	1.6%	100	0.8%

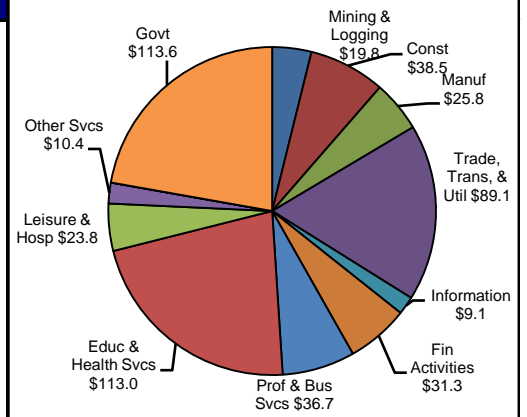
**Size Class of Industries as of June 2009**

Size Class	Employees Per Firm	Number of Firms	Employment in Size Class	% of Total Employment
9	1000+	7	11119	17.5%
8	500-999	5	3420	5.4%
7	250-499	18	5909	9.3%
6	100-249	79	11170	17.6%
5	50-99	111	7831	12.3%
4	20-49	344	10613	16.7%
3	10-19	441	6022	9.5%
2	5-9	593	3912	6.2%
1	1-4	1583	3439	5.4%
0	0	237	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3418</b>	<b>63435</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Comments for October 2009**

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Abilene MSA increased by 200 jobs in October. Since October 2008, the MSA lost 1,700 jobs or -2.5 percent. Local Government was the largest contributor to the increase. Local Government gained 200 jobs for the month following an over-the-month gain of 400 in September. Financial Activities and Education and Health Services also contributed to the gain with increases of 100 jobs each. The gain in Financial Activities was the first over-the-month change since April. The 100-job gain in Education and Health Services was the third consecutive monthly increase for the industry. Slight decreases occurred in Leisure and Hospitality and Other Services.

**2nd Quarter Wages by Industry (in millions)**



**Unemployment Information** (all estimates are in thousands)

	Abilene MSA				Texas (Actual)				United States (Actual)			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate
Oct-2009	83.5	78.4	5.1	6.1	12,073.2	11,090.2	983.0	8.1	153,635.0	139,088.0	14,547.0	9.5
Sep-2009	83.9	78.6	5.3	6.3	12,067.8	11,073.0	994.8	8.2	153,617.0	139,079.0	14,538.0	9.5
Oct-2008	82.8	79.6	3.2	3.9	11,812.2	11,200.3	611.9	5.2	155,012.0	145,543.0	9,469.0	6.1