

Employment by Industry

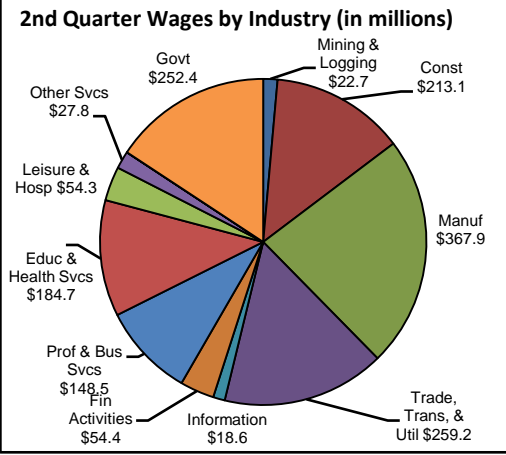
Industry	Employment			Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Dec-2009	Nov-2009	Dec-2008	Actual	%	Actual	%
Total Nonagricultural	157,700	158,000	163,800	-300	-0.2%	-6,100	-3.7%
Mining, Logging, & Const	17,700	17,800	19,800	-100	-0.6%	-2,100	-10.6%
Manufacturing	20,900	20,900	22,500	0	0.0%	-1,600	-7.1%
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	30,000	29,800	31,500	200	0.7%	-1,500	-4.8%
Information	1,900	1,900	2,000	0	0.0%	-100	-5.0%
Financial Activities	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
Profes., & Business Svcs	14,700	14,800	15,400	-100	-0.7%	-700	-4.6%
Education & Health Svcs	23,100	23,100	22,600	0	0.0%	500	2.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,700	13,800	14,100	-100	-0.7%	-400	-2.8%
Other Services	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	24,600	24,800	24,700	-200	-0.8%	-100	-0.4%

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+	14	24184	15.7%
8	500-999	25	18778	12.2%
7	250-499	55	19492	12.6%
6	100-249	171	26171	17.0%
5	50-99	292	20158	13.1%
4	20-49	652	19746	12.8%
3	10-19	846	11409	7.4%
2	5-9	1239	8153	5.3%
1	1-4	2930	6200	4.0%
0	0	453	0	0.0%
TOTAL		6677	154291	100.0%

Comments for December 2009

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA lost 300 jobs in December. This was the first loss following three consecutive monthly gains. Since December 2008, the MSA lost 6,100 jobs for an annual growth rate of -3.7 percent. Government lost 200 jobs for the month, following four months of over-the-month gains. State Government and Local Government contributed to the loss, dropping 100 jobs each. Leisure and Hospitality lost 100 positions for the second consecutive month. Since December 2008, the industry lost 400 jobs for an annual growth rate of -2.8 percent. Mining, Logging and Construction lost 100 positions. Retail Trade gained 100 jobs following two months of over-the-month increases. The annual growth rate for Retail Trade was -4.9 percent.



Unemployment Information (all estimates are in thousands)

	Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA				Texas (Actual)				United States (Actual)			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate
Dec-2009	183.2	163.6	19.6	10.7	12,078.7	11,115.7	963.0	8.0	152,693.0	137,953.0	14,740.0	9.7
Nov-2009	183.4	164.4	19.0	10.4	12,101.2	11,148.9	952.3	7.9	153,539.0	139,132.0	14,407.0	9.4
Dec-2008	181.3	166.9	14.4	7.9	11,788.6	11,120.8	667.9	5.7	154,349.0	143,350.0	10,999.0	7.1