

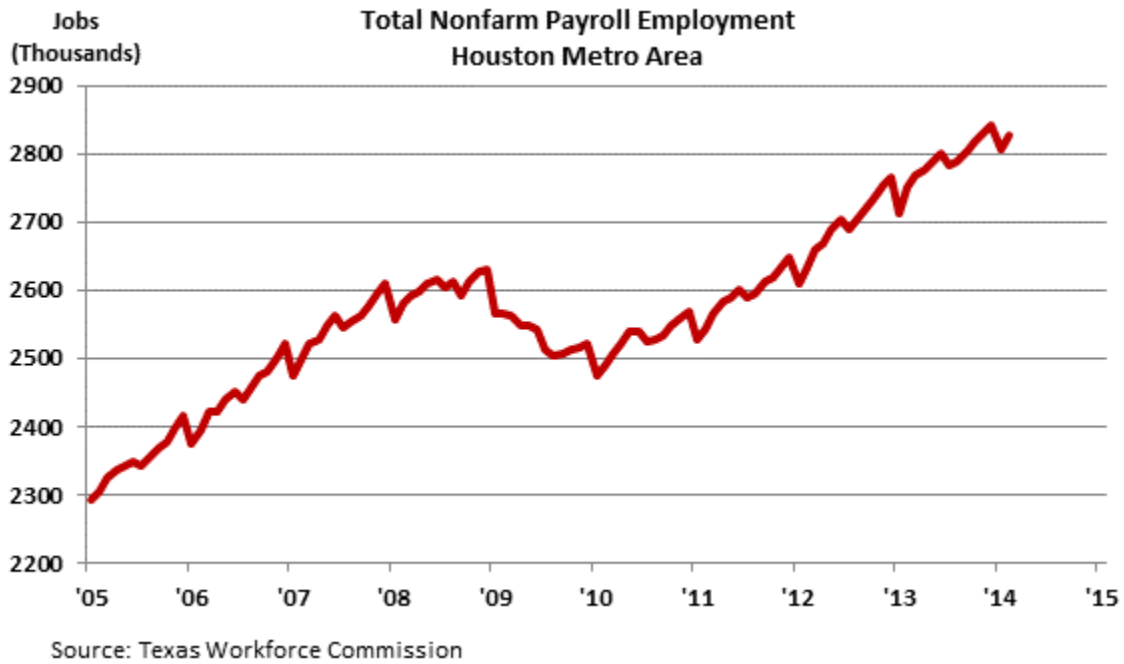
Employment Update

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The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metro Area created 77,000 jobs in the 12 months ending February '14, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington metro led the state in job growth, creating 82,800 and Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos ranked third, creating 32,600 jobs. Job growth in the state's 25 metro areas can be found below.

CHANGE IN PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Texas Metro Areas, February '13 – February '14		
Metro Area	Jobs Added	% Change
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	82,800	2.7%
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	77,000	2.8%
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos	32,600	3.9%
San Antonio-New Braunfels	20,300	2.3%
Lubbock	4,600	3.5%
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	4,300	1.8%
College Station-Bryan	4,000	4.0%
Midland	3,900	4.7%
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,900	2.2%
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	2,400	1.8%
Corpus Christi	2,200	1.2%
Tyler	1,900	2.0%
Waco	1,800	1.7%
El Paso	1,700	0.6%
Laredo	1,600	1.7%
Victoria	1,400	2.6%
Odessa	1,100	1.5%
Abilene	900	1.4%
San Angelo	700	1.5%
Sherman-Denison	700	1.6%
Longview	500	0.5%
Amarillo	200	0.2%
Wichita Falls	-100	-0.2%
Texarkana	-800	-1.4%
Beaumont-Port Arthur	-1,300	-0.8%
Source: Texas Workforce Commission		

Since the bottom of the recession, the metro area has added 351,200 net new jobs, or 229.4 percent of the 153,100 jobs lost during the recession.

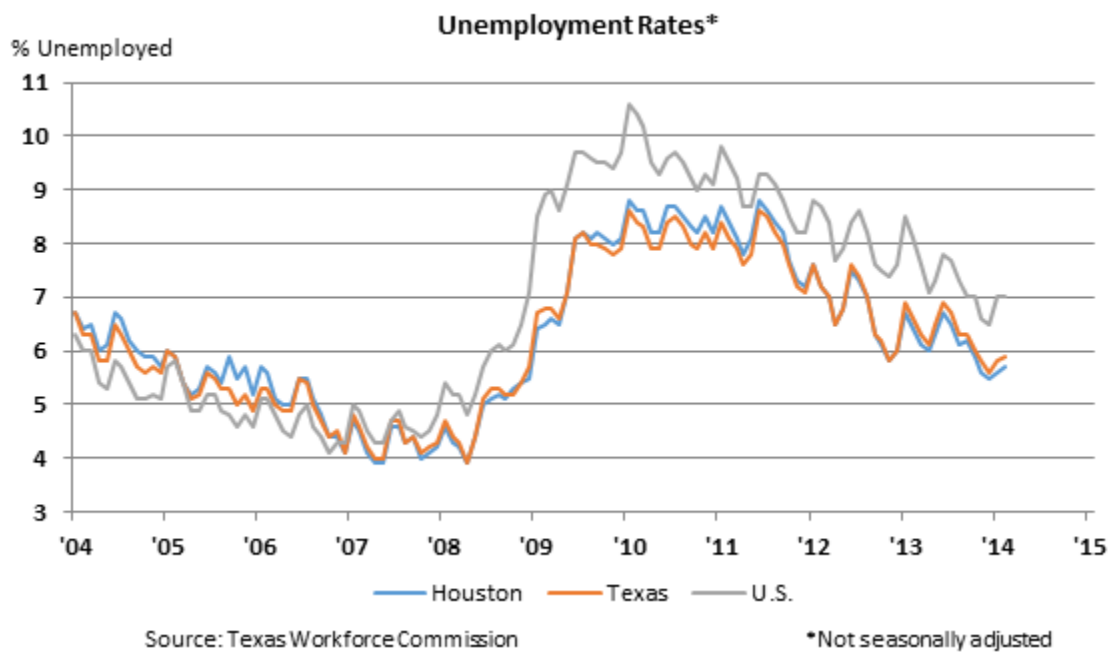


Every major sector but one—financial activities—reported job growth over the period. Details can be found below.

CHANGE IN NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Houston Metro Area February '13 – February '14		
	Jobs Added	% Change
Total Nonfarm	77,000	2.8
Total Private	65,600	2.8
Goods Producing	20,900	3.9
Mining and Logging	4,400	4.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	3,700	6.5
Support Activities for Mining	1,300	2.8
Construction	9,600	5.1
Manufacturing	6,900	2.8
Durable Goods	2,900	1.7
Non-Durable Goods	4,000	5.0
Service Providing	56,100	2.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	13,900	2.5
Wholesale Trade	3,400	2.3
Retail Trade	8,100	2.9
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	2,400	1.9
Information	1,000	3.2
Financial Activities	-100	-0.1

Finance and Insurance	-1,300	-1.4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,200	2.3
Professional and Business Services	8,700	2.1
Educational and Health Services	5,000	1.5
Educational Services	2,500	5.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,500	0.9
Leisure and Hospitality	13,600	5.2
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	900	3.3
Accommodation and Food Services	12,700	5.4
Other Services	2,600	2.7
Government	11,400	3.1
Source: Texas Workforce Commission		

Houston's February unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, up slightly from 5.6 percent in January but down from 6.4 percent in February '13. Texas' unemployment rate was 5.9 percent in February, up slightly from 5.8 percent in January but down from 6.6 percent in February '13. The U.S. rate was 7.0 percent in February, unchanged from 7.0 percent in January and down from 8.1 percent in February '13. The rates are not seasonally adjusted.



The employment numbers will be covered in detail in the April issue of *Houston: The Economy at a Glance*.

For the latest data, click [here](#).

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