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The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metro Area created 85,800 jobs in the 12 months ending April '14, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The April unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent. This is the lowest unemployment rate for Houston since May '08, when the rate fell to 4.4 percent.

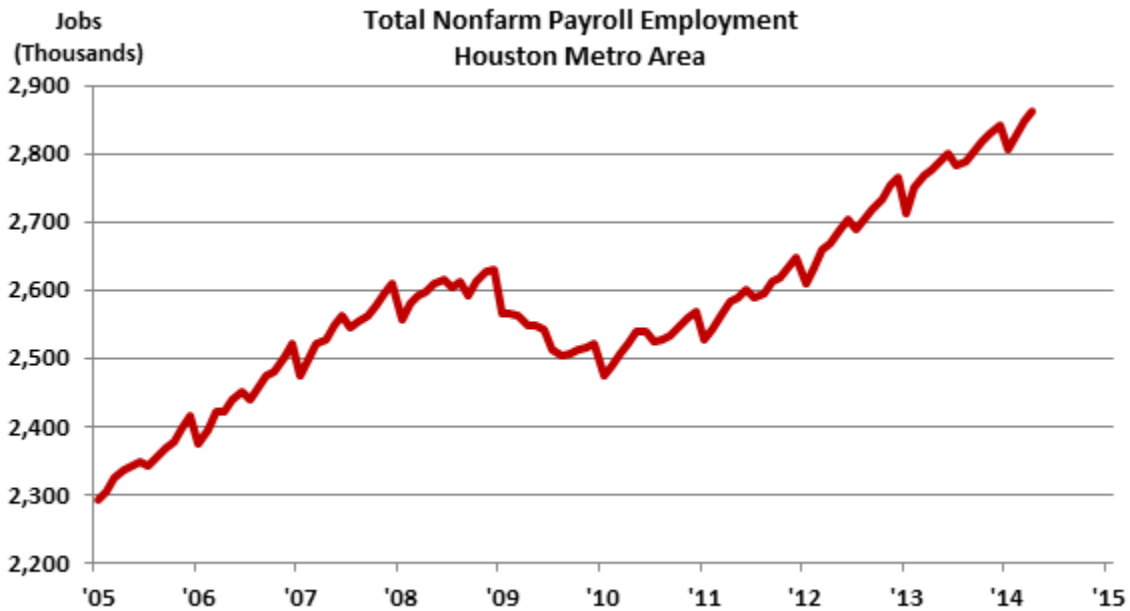
The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington metro led the state with explosive growth, creating 115,900 jobs. Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos ranked third, creating 29,900 jobs. All but two Texas metros added jobs. Job growth in the state's 25 metro areas follows.

CHANGE IN PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Texas Metro Areas, April '13 – April '14

Metro Area	Jobs Added	% Change
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	115,900	3.8%
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	85,800	3.1%
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos	29,900	3.5%
San Antonio-New Braunfels	20,200	2.2%
Corpus Christi	5,100	2.7%
College Station-Bryan	5,000	5.0%
El Paso	4,100	1.4%
Midland	4,000	4.7%
Lubbock	3,300	2.5%
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood	2,900	2.2%
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	2,700	1.1%
Victoria	2,100	3.9%
Odessa	2,000	2.8%
Brownsville-Harlingen	1,700	1.3%
Longview	1,600	1.6%
Tyler	1,400	1.5%
Beaumont-Port Arthur	1,300	0.8%
Laredo	1,200	1.3%
Sherman-Denison	1,200	2.8%
Waco	900	0.8%
San Angelo	800	1.7%
Abilene	400	0.6%
Texarkana	100	0.2%
Amarillo	-100	-0.1%
Wichita Falls	-300	-0.5%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

Since the bottom of the recession, the metro area has added 387,100 net new jobs, or 251.7 percent of the 153,800 jobs lost during the recession.



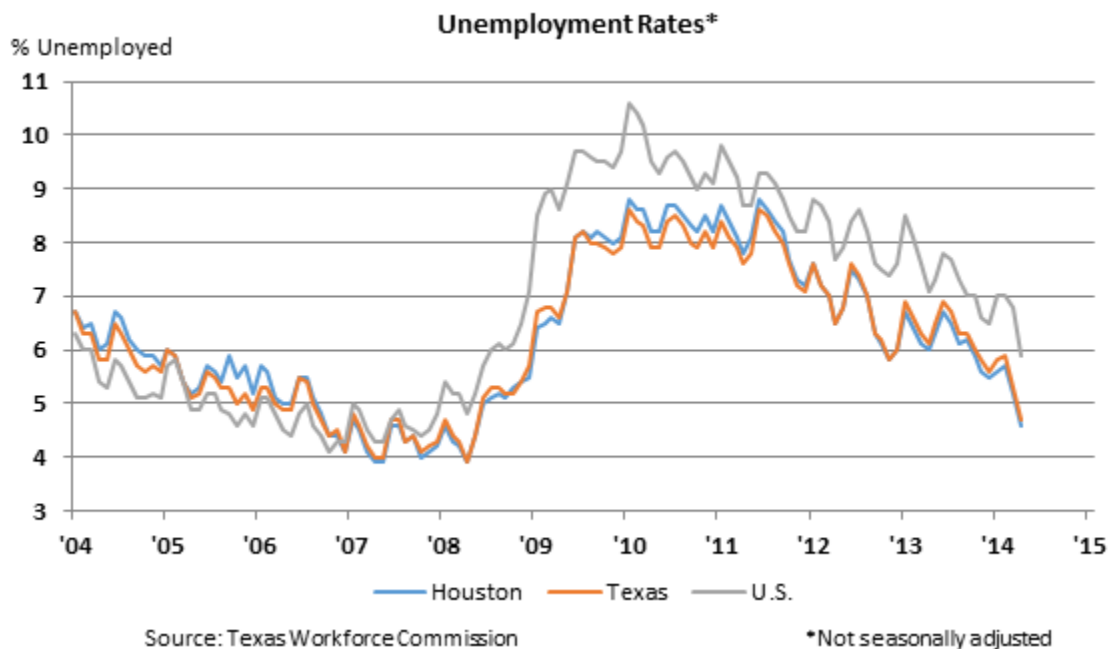
Source: Texas Workforce Commission

Every major sector except financial and insurance reported job growth over the period. Details can be found below.

CHANGE IN PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT Houston Metro Area April '13 – April '14		
	Jobs Added	% Change
Total Nonfarm	85,800	3.1
Total Private	75,000	3.1
Goods Producing	20,400	3.7
Mining and Logging	5,700	5.4
Oil and Gas Extraction	3,300	5.7
Support Activities for Mining	2,700	5.8
Construction	7,200	3.8
Manufacturing	7,500	3.0
Durable Goods	2,900	1.7
Non-Durable Goods	4,600	5.8
Service Providing	65,400	2.9
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	14,800	2.6
Wholesale Trade	3,900	2.6
Retail Trade	7,400	2.6
Transportation, Warehousing, Utilities	3,500	2.7
Information	700	2.2
Financial Activities	700	0.5

Finance and Insurance	-600	-0.7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,300	2.5
Professional and Business Services	12,200	2.9
Educational and Health Services	10,100	3.0
Educational Services	3,000	6.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	7,100	2.5
Leisure and Hospitality	12,200	4.5
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,100	3.9
Accommodation and Food Services	11,100	4.6
Other Services	3,900	4.0
Government	10,800	2.9
Source: Texas Workforce Commission		

As noted earlier, Houston's April unemployment rate was 4.6 percent, down from 5.2 percent in March, and down from 5.9 percent in April '13. Texas' unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in April, down from 5.3 percent in March and from 6.0 percent in April '13. The U.S. rate was 5.9 percent in April, down from 6.8 percent in March and 7.1 percent in April '13. The rates are not seasonally adjusted.



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

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

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