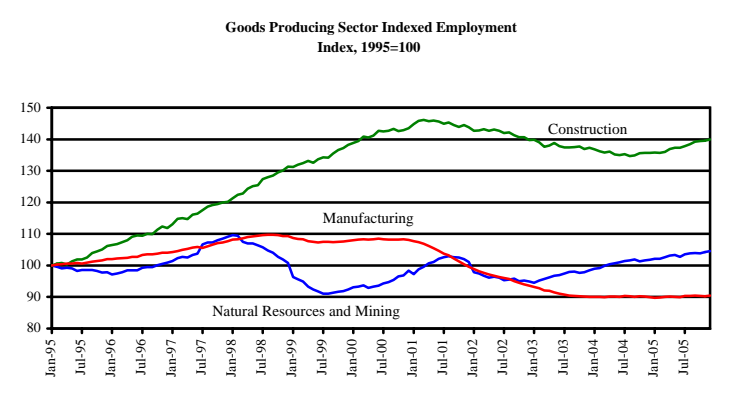
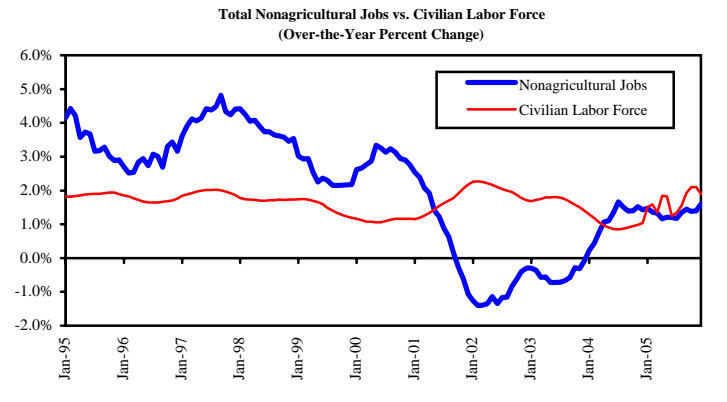


Texas Nonagricultural Employment Summary

Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas rose by 13,400 jobs in December, which marked sixteen consecutive months of employment increases. Manufacturing employment posted an increase of 1,400 jobs in December. This is the first year since 2000 that Manufacturing finished the year with positive job growth, recording 4,900 job additions over the year. Natural Resources and Mining increased 500 jobs in December and 4,200 positions over the year, bringing the annual growth rate to 2.7 percent.

Texas Labor Force Summary

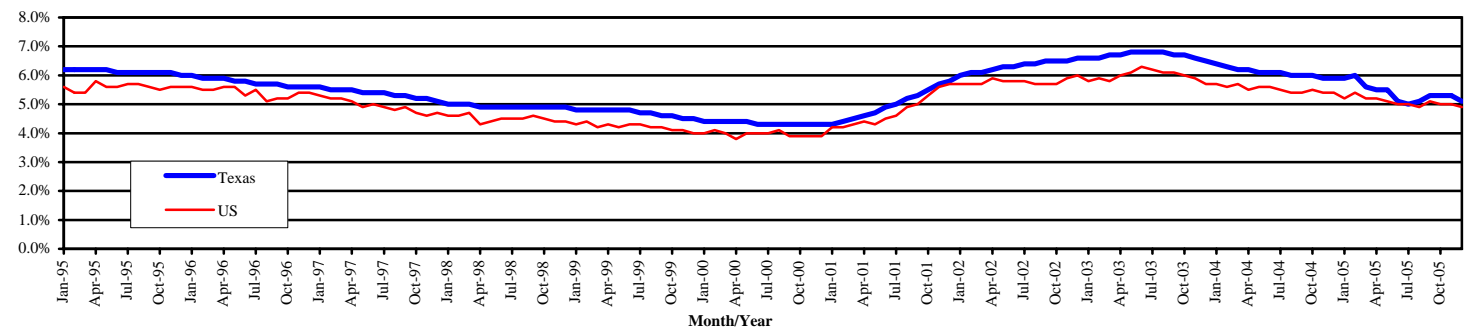
The Texas unemployment rate for December 2005 was estimated to be 5.1 percent, down from the month-ago level of 5.3 percent. The current rate is well below the State's year-ago level of 5.9 percent but is above the December 2005 United States rate of 4.9 percent. The Civilian Labor Force dropped 6,500 in December with 18,300 more employed Texans and 24,800 fewer unemployed. The Civilian Labor Force is growing at an annual rate of 1.9 percent, just slightly faster than the annual Total Nonagricultural job growth of 1.6 percent.



TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

INDUSTRY TITLE	Dec. 2005*	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2004	Nov. '05 to Dec. '05		Dec. '04 to Dec. '05	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	9,684,100	9,670,700	9,530,600	13,400	0.1	153,500	1.6
GOODS PRODUCING							
Natural Resources & Mining	158,300	157,800	154,100	500	0.3	4,200	2.7
Construction	560,100	558,500	542,900	1,600	0.3	17,200	3.2
Manufacturing	892,200	890,800	887,300	1,400	0.2	4,900	0.6
SERVICE PROVIDING							
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,973,400	1,975,900	1,954,300	-2,500	-0.1	19,100	1.0
Financial Activities	607,800	607,800	599,500	0	0.0	8,300	1.4
Professional & Business Services	1,126,300	1,123,900	1,090,200	2,400	0.2	36,100	3.3
Education & Health Services	1,182,100	1,178,300	1,157,000	3,800	0.3	25,100	2.2
Leisure & Hospitality	910,000	907,400	890,300	2,600	0.3	19,700	2.2
Government	1,674,800	1,674,300	1,664,700	500	0.0	10,100	0.6

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	
Dec. '05	11,310,200	10,733,000	577,200	5.1	Dec. '05	150,153,000	142,779,000	7,375,000	4.9
Nov. '05	11,316,700	10,714,700	602,000	5.3	Nov. '05	150,183,000	142,611,000	7,572,000	5.0
Dec. '04	11,094,000	10,439,500	654,500	5.9	Dec. '04	148,173,000	140,133,000	8,040,000	5.4