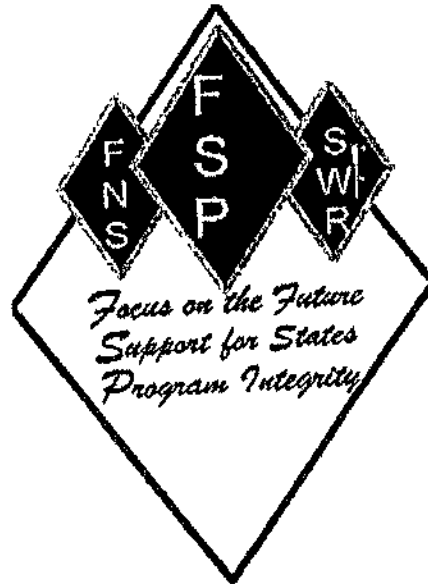




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REMARKS:

☐ Urgent

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☐ Reply ASAP

☐ Please comment

Hi Pat, we have already mailed this waiver request to you. However, even though this waiver doesn't expire until 9-30-02 Texas is wanting a response by June 30, 2002 in order to complete programming changes. Anything you can do to help expedite would be appreciated. Thanks!!



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

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Reply to
Attn of: SWFS-302

JUN 20 2002

Subject: Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) Waiver Extension (#970057)
Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS)

To:
Arthur Foley, Director
Program Development Division

Attached is a copy of a waiver request from TDHS which requests an extension of the existing waiver to Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), for the following 14 Texas counties: Crane, Culberson, Hidalgo, Jasper, Matagorda, Maverick, Morris, Newton, Presidio, Red River, Sabine, Starr, Willacy, and Zavala.

The current waiver will expire on September 30, 2002. These counties qualify as high unemployment areas under criteria specified in Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act as amended by Section 824 of the PRWORA, which allows the Secretary to approve state requests for exemptions from work requirements for individuals residing in areas with unemployment rates exceeding 10 percent.

We recommend approval of this waiver because it will allow individuals who reside in areas where unemployment rates are over 10 percent the opportunity to participate in the Food Stamp Program without being required to meet unrealistic program work requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Barton or Jeannette Adamson at (214) 290-9806.

Jeannette Morris
ALEXANDER K. ANNAN
Acting Regional Director
Food Stamp Program

Attachment

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I: Proshare /Food Stamp Program Texas Waiver Extension Waiver 97005

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WAIVER REQUEST

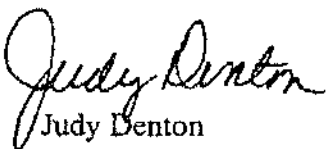
1. **Waiver serial number (if request is extension) :** 970057
2. **Type of request :** Extension
3. **Primary regulation citation:** Section 6 (o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 (P.L. 104-193)
4. **Secondary regulation citation:** N/A
5. **State:** Texas
6. **Region:** SWRO
7. **Regulation Requirements:** Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), provides that no individual shall be eligible to participate in the Food Stamp Program as a member of any household if, during the preceding 36 month period, the individual received food stamp benefits for not less than 3 months (consecutive or otherwise), during which the individual did not work 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly; did not participate in and comply with the requirements of a work program for 20 hours or more per week; or did not participate in and comply with the requirements of a program under section 20 or a comparable program established by the State.

Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the PRWORA, also provides that, upon request of a State agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of the above provision for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.
8. **Proposed alternative procedures:** Texas proposes to exempt from this requirement individuals who reside in counties that have an unemployment rate in excess of 10 percent. Documents provided by the Texas Workforce Commission (Attachment) indicate that the 10 counties listed on Attachment A had unemployment rates exceeding 10 percent for the most recent 3-month or 12-month period for which Texas has available statistics. Each year the State plans to revise the list of waiver counties with an annual effective date of October 1. Approval to request a waiver for additional counties may be requested by the State if circumstances warrant during the year.
9. **Justification for request:** This waiver is requested under provisions of Section 6(o) of the

Food Stamp Act as amended by Section 824 of the PRWORA. Approval of this waiver would allow individuals who reside in areas where unemployment rates are over 10 percent the opportunity to participate in the food stamp program without being required to meet unrealistic program work requirements.

10. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** Approval of this waiver would mitigate the adverse effects experienced by households in economically depressed areas by allowing them to continue receiving basic nutritional sustenance through the Food Stamp Program. In such areas, these households would otherwise be faced with losing such basic support due to circumstances beyond their control since complying with work requirements in such local economic environments may not be a reasonable expectation.
11. **Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affected portion:** In April 2002, a total of 1,593,441 individuals (584,395 households) received Food Stamps statewide. The 4,918 Food Stamp recipients in the 14 counties who would be exempted by this waiver comprise about 0.31 percent of the State's total recipients. The 3,997 households that would be exempted comprise 0.68 percent of the State's Food Stamp households. Attachment A provides caseload data on the affected population for these counties.

There are no applicable quality control error rates to report for this waiver request.

12. **Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:**
The waiver is requested for a one-year period commencing October 1, 2002.
13. **Proposed quality control review procedures:** No special procedures will be necessitated by this waiver.
14. **Signature and title of requesting official:**

Judy Denton
Deputy Commissioner
Office of Family Services
15. **Date of request:** May 15, 2002

Food Stamp Hardship Counties in Texas
 Total Number of Food Stamp
 Childless 18-49 Yr Olds
 April 2002

County	ABAWD Recipients	ABAWD Households
Morris	5	3
Red River	33	30
Jasper	40	35
Newton	30	25
Sabine	20	19
Matagorda	95	77
Maverick	38	34
Zavala	9	8
Crane	5	5
Culberson	0	0
Presidio	1	1
Hidalgo	3,536	2,942
Starr	940	674
Willacy	166	144
Total	4,918	3,997

Total Counties 14

Attachment A

(March 02)		(February 01-March 02)		(January 02-March 02)	
<u>Current Month</u>	<u>URATE</u>	<u>12 Month Averages</u>	<u>URATE</u>	<u>3 Month Average</u>	<u>QTR URATE</u>
TEXAS	5.6	TEXAS	5.1	TEXAS	1 5.8
MAVERICK COUNTY	26.7	MAVERICK COUNTY	24.1	MAVERICK COUNTY	1 28.9
STARR COUNTY	22	PRESIDIO COUNTY	22.0	STARR COUNTY	1 22.5
WILLACY COUNTY	17	STARR COUNTY	19.6	PRESIDIO COUNTY	1 18.3
PRESIDIO COUNTY	16.8	WILLACY COUNTY	16.5	WILLACY COUNTY	1 18.1
ZAVALA COUNTY	18.4	ZAVALA COUNTY	15.8	ZAVALA COUNTY	1 16.8
CRANE COUNTY	13.3	HIDALGO COUNTY	12.9	CRANE COUNTY	1 14.4
HIDALGO COUNTY	12	NEWTON COUNTY	12.2	HIDALGO COUNTY	1 13.0
SABINE COUNTY	10.3	JASPER COUNTY	11.1	NEWTON COUNTY	1 10.8
		MATAGORDA COUNTY	10.7	SABINE COUNTY	1 10.8
		RED RIVER COUNTY	10.7	MATAGORDA COUNTY	1 10.3
		SABINE COUNTY	10.1	MORRIS COUNTY	1 10.2
				CULBERSON COUNTY	1 10.1

Source: Texas Work Force Commission

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ABAWD data are from TIQPRIOIR FS recipient strip file, monthly ABAWD report (key:\kathleen\drive\spss\output\sigcd0203c.spo) Mar 2002 cutoff, Apr 2002 effective month
recipient and household data are from DHS report RF-03e-4 effective month Apr 2002, run date 07 May 2002

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	abawds in counties below	ft-03e statewide FS percent	percent
recips	4,918	1,593,441	0.31% waiver counties abawd recips of statewide fs recips
households	3,997	594,395	0.68% waiver counties abawd households of statewide fs households

Proposed waiver counties for 01 Oct 2002

county	cnty num	abawd recips sigC + sigD	sigC	sigD	abawd hh	abawd recips must be = or more than abawd hh's
crane	52	5	3	2	5	0
cullerson	55	0	0	0	0	0
hidalgo	108	3,536	1,152	2,384	2,942	594
jasper	121	40	20	20	36	5
matagorda	158	95	1	94	77	18
maverick	159	38	18	20	34	4
montes	172	5	5	0	3	2
navarro	176	30	11	19	25	5
presidio	189	1	1	0	1	0
red river	194	33	17	16	30	3
sabine	202	20	3	17	19	1
starr	214	940	153	787	674	268
willacy	245	186	128	38	144	22
zavala	254	9	3	6	8	1
14 Waiver Counties	Total	4,918	1,515	3,403	3,997	

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Barton, Sandy

From: McDaniel,Eric E [eric.mcdaniel@dhs.state.tx.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2002 8:09 AM
To: Sandy.Barton@fns.usda.gov
Subject: FW: Source of Counties with Unemployment Rates of Over 10%

Sandy,

TWC is the source and they provide info to the BLS. This information should satisfy the "source" issue.

eric

-----Original Message-----

From: VanGeffen, Jim [mailto:Jim.VanGeffen@twc.state.tx.us]
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2002 12:12 PM
To: 'McDaniel,Eric E'
Subject: RE: Source of Counties with Unemployment Rates of Over 10%

Eric,

We supply the data to the BLS. Our numbers are their numbers, we just publish a few days before they do.
Hope this answers you question.
Jim

Jim Van Geffen
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<http://www.texasworkforce.org/lmi/home.html> - your source for labor market data

> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** McDaniel,Eric E [SMTP:eric.mcdaniel@dhs.state.tx.us]
> **Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2002 11:57 AM
> **To:** VanGeffen, Jim
> **Subject:** RE: Source of Counties with Unemployment Rates of Over 10%
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> Jim,
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> The BOL has a LAUS program. Does your program allow more current stats
> than
> one could get thru the BOLS website. I was asked about the methodology and
> didn't know if there was a difference.
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> eric
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: VanGeffen, Jim [mailto:Jim.VanGeffen@twc.state.tx.us]
 > Sent: Friday, June 14, 2002 10:39 AM
 > To: 'Preece,Lynette C'; VanGeffen, Jim
 > Cc: Triplett, Jeremy J; McDaniel,Eric E
 > Subject: RE: Source of Counties with Unemployment Rates of Over 10%

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> Lynette,

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> We are the source for the unemployment data. It comes from the Local Area
 > Unemployment Statistics program that we do according to the Bureau of
 > Labor
 > Statistics methodology.

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> Please let me know if you need more information.

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> Have a great day!

> Jim

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> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: Preece,Lynette C [SMTP:lynette.preece@dhs.state.tx.us]
 > > Sent: Friday, June 14, 2002 10:32 AM
 > > To: jim.vangeffen@twc.state.tx.us
 > > Cc: jeremy.triplett@twc.state.tx.us; McDaniel,Eric E
 > > Subject: Source of Counties with Unemployment Rates of Over 10%

> > Hi, Jim.

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> > We have a request from FNS to know the source of the data you supply to
 > > us.

> > I wasn't sure whether this was something you get from your data or
 > > perhaps
 > > from the Bureau of Labor or some other source. Would you let me know
 > > something as soon as you can? I'd sure appreciate it.

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> > Thanks,

> > Lynette

Maggi, Patricia

From: Barton, Sandy
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 1:31 PM
To: Maggi, Patricia
Subject: FW: TX ABAWDs waiver 970057

Hi Pat, Here is the response from Texas. I apologize up-front for it's tone. Unfortunately, these are the types of responses we receive from Boyd when he doesn't agree with what we are asking for. Thanks for your patience.

Sandy Barton
SWRO
214-290-9928 (phone)
214-767-8670 (fax)

-----Original Message-----

From: Graves,Boyd Miles [mailto:boyd.graves@dhs.state.tx.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 12:24 PM
To: sandy_barton@fns.usda.gov
Cc: McDaniel,Eric E
Subject: RE: TX ABAWDs waiver 970057

Sandy - Maybe I am just dense about this, but I don't think that is the problem. So I'll jazz this up a bit to keep my sense of humor intact over the red tape FNS is layin out for me on this waiver yet again this year.

Since the 2002 calendar year and even the 2002 federal fiscal year is not over yet, I apologize for only having "part" of the year available to provide FNS; but I assure you I will send you the rest of the year when it's over (assuming a great ball of fire doesn't consume us before then as Osama bin Ladan would prefer). Our waiver has always been based on counties with a rolling 12 month average unemployment rate exceeding 10% or with the most recent federal quarter that averages over 10%. FNS has never told us there is a problem with our methodology. The final regulations in 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)(i) says, "To support a claim of unemployment over 10%, a State agency may submit evidence that an area has a recent 12 month average unemployment rate over 10%; a recent three month average unemployment rate over 10%;..."

Eric gave me copies of the data currently showing on the BLS website, and all these four counties exceed 10% unemployment for the most recent federal quarter of January-March 2002. As I have indicated to FNS on more than one occasion, we have to submit our waiver by June of each year in order to get it approved and finalize our computer programming changes resulting from the revised waiver. We provide FNS with the most recent BLS data available at the time we submit our waiver. We have done that in good faith again this year, as in years past; and it appears to me we have provided FNS all the data as specifically required by FNS regulations. I continue to be

frustrated by the difficulty we have communicating about this issue. I want to provide FNS with all information required by regulations to support this waiver, and from everything I can determine I have done so.

If FNS believes I have not done so, please tell me very specifically what is needed so that I can absorb through my apparently thick skull what information FNS regulations require that I am not providing. I can find nothing in regulations to support any requirement for me to provide information about exactly what economic conditions exist in a county that would explain why the unemployment rate exceeded 10% in the "recent three month period" in question. If FNS cannot accept this three month period of time as the "recent three month period" pursuant to the applicable regulation, please tell me that so that we won't continue to use this approach; and please tell me what "recent three month period" FNS will accept for any future request we make.

In response to the question about why the unemployment rate increased to over 10% in these counties, I do not have that information; but according to the BLS website data the unemployment rate in Morris county began to steadily increase several months before January and in Sabine county it has continuously remained about 10% for over 15 months.

Only Crane and Culberson counties experienced a big increase beginning in January, and both of those are out in the desert of West Texas. As of the date we submitted our waiver request, we had only 5 ABAWDs certified (all in one-person households) in Crane county and no ABAWDs certified in Culberson county. If anyone out there had a phone, I'd call and find out why their unemployment rate spiked in January; but lacking those amenities in that area I'll just hazard a guess based on the nature of available employment in that area of West Texas and viewing such events from my own rural heritage. I suspect jobs were just scarce as hen's teeth because sheep shearing season was already over, the hay was all baled up and put in the barns, and by January 15th three of the thirty residents in those counties who don't own their own ranches had already patched that big section of old Charlie's fence some teenagers recently tore up when they drank too much on New Year's eve and decided to drive down the fence line just for fun while they were driving crazy while shooting fireworks at his goats in their four-wheel drive Chevy pickup truck.

Boyd

-----Original Message-----

From: McDaniel, Eric E

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 10:55 AM

To: Graves, Boyd Miles

Subject: RE: TX ABAWDs waiver 970057

Boyd

Checking the BLS site, all counties have an average unemployment rate greater than 10% for the Jan 02 - March 02 period.

emcd

-----Original Message-----

From: Barton, Sandy [mailto:Sandy.Barton@fns.usda.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2002 9:26 AM

To: Eric McDaniel (E-mail)

Subject: FW: TX ABAWDs waiver 970057

Hi Eric, Below are some questions on the ABAWD waiver from our National Office. Please provide a response to me as soon as possible and I will forward onto them. thanks.

Sandy Barton

SWRO

214-290-9928 (phone)

214-767-8670 (fax)

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- > There's a problem with four of the counties TX wants to exempt: Crane,
- > Culberson, Morris and Sabine.
- > The four have unemployment rates greater than 10% for only part of 2002.
- > (I am using BLS data since TX did not supply enough supporting data to
- > justify its request.) If you calculate the rate for the period 2/01 to
- > 1/01, you'll see that their unemployment rates were less than 10% for that
- > period. It looks like the four counties rates started to sharply
- > increase starting in January 2002. Are there specific reasons why this
- > happened? For example, did these counties have some business close down
- > and people lost their jobs? If you can find out from Texas if this
- > happened, it would help our evaluation.
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- > I am going to try to calculate the 4 counties 24-month unemployment rate
- > to see if their rates exceed 20% of the national average. Needless to
- > say, I doubt very much if we can have an answer for TX by their June 30th
- > deadline.
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Maggi, Patricia

From: Barton, Sandy
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2002 4:56 PM
To: Waldron, Patrick
Cc: Maggi, Patricia; O'CONNELL, THOMAS
Subject: RE: update on TX flooding and ABAWDS waiver

By "as is" means that they are accepting approval of the waiver as it was approved. They will then look into whether these counties can be covered under their 15% exemptions. They are pretty sure then can so at that point they will decline the temporary approval of the 4 counties. If the 15% does not work out, then they will have to decide whether to take the temporary approval and try again in a couple of months to get them approved for a full year.

Sandy Barton
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-----Original Message-----

From: Waldron, Patrick
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2002 3:44 PM
To: Barton, Sandy
Cc: Maggi, Patricia; O'CONNELL, THOMAS
Subject: RE: update on TX flooding and ABAWDS waiver

By "as is" I take it that they are declining the temporary approval for the 4 counties and will go the 15% exemption route.

On the vacation pay issue, the case is closed as far as I'm concerned.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barton, Sandy
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2002 4:31 PM
To: Waldron, Patrick
Cc: Maggi, Patricia; O'CONNELL, THOMAS
Subject: RE: update on TX flooding and ABAWDS waiver

Thanks Pat, Based on your email I explained to Texas what there options were for getting the counties approved for 1 year. After discussions with Boyd, they are going to accept approval as is and try to exempt these counties under their 15% exemptions.

Also, they are currently working on the waivers for the DFSP and are hoping to get something to us Monday or Tuesday. Will keep you posted.

Further, I know you don't want to hear this.....but Boyd stated that he was going to be sending an email about the vacation pay issue...he has some additional questions.

Have a great weekend!

Sandy Barton
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-----Original Message-----

From: Waldron, Patrick
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2002 2:54 PM
To: Barton, Sandy
Cc: O'CONNELL, THOMAS; Maggi, Patricia
Subject: RE: update on TX flooding and ABAWDS waiver

If the State agency presents data after 3 months to indicate that the UER in these counties continues to exceed 10%, we will approve for the remainder of the year. Alternatively, they could now provide a reasonable explanation for the spike and get approved without a temporary approval. We would have approved these counties for a year had the State agency provided some indication of the reason for the spike, such as plant closings, prolonged drought affecting agricultural production, etc. The State did not and we are simply asking for a few more months data to document the trend over 10%. However, if the 10% UER does not continue and it looks like an aberration, TX will have to unwaive these counties. They will have to judge whether it's worth the expense to go through these gyrations. I don't know what Mike could give you that we haven't already discussed.

-----Original Message-----

From: Maggi, Patricia
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2002 3:27 PM
To: Waldron, Patrick; O'CONNELL, THOMAS
Cc: Barton, Sandy
Subject: update on TX flooding and ABAWDS waiver

Sandy called to say TX has not yet faxed them their disaster waiver requests. She thinks they are still in the process of preparing them. We should see something on Monday. I have prepared a file for this disaster and have placed it on Tom's desk.

Regarding the TX ABAWDs waiver 970056, Sandy has some concerns. We approved 4 counties for just 3 months - Culberson, Crane, Sabine, and Morris. When I looked at the data, the counties' UER spiked up in January through March 2002, after being below 10%. I asked TX if there was some reason for such a spike. They could not give us any more information.

Sandy is wondering what information TX can give us which will allow them to have the counties approved for a full year. I was really at a loss as to what information they can give us so we can approve the counties for a full year. I gave her Mike DePiro's number so she could talk to him about it.

TX will be concerned about the temporary approval because of the expense of programming their computer system. I understand their concern that and told Sandy we certainly did not want to cost TX money.

So this issue may result in a conference call between all parties, perhaps as early as next week.

I am faxing Sandy copies of the spreadsheet and BLS data sheets I used in preparing our response.

I will be back in the office on Tuesday and we can discuss this issue then.

Have a nice week-end.

Pat M.

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24-month unemployment rates

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COUNTY	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	Total	
Crane	2000/2001	5.6	5.7	6.4	5.5	5.3	5.6	4.3	4.5	3.5	5.4	4.8	4.2	60.8
	2001/2002	4.7	4.6	5.1	4.3	6.3	6.7	7.1	9.5	8.8	15.1	14.7	15.5	102.4

TOTAL AVG % 6.8

	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	Total	
Culberson	2000/2001	11.6	10.6	11.7	9.5	9	8.5	8.1	7	6	7.2	6.4	5.6	101.2
	2001/2002	5.3	7.1	9.5	7.4	8.2	8.1	7.9	8.5	8.8	11	10.4	8.9	101.1

TOTAL AVG % 8.4292

	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	Total
2000/2001	6.3	6.3	7.7	6.8	6	6.8	6.2	7.5	6.4	7.9	6.9	6.1	80.9
2001/2002	5.6	5.8	6.6	6.1	5.6	6	6.7	8.8	9.3	11.5	10	9.2	91.2

Morris

TOTAL AVG % 7.1708

	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	Total	
Sabine	2000/2001	8	6.8	7.9	6.9	7.6	7.5	7.9	8.6	8.1	10	9.1	8.4	96.8
	2001/2002	8.5	9.2	12.5	11.4	10.6	9.5	9.5	9.9	9.9	11.3	10.9	10.3	123.5

TOTAL AVG % 9.1792

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2000	May	1814(b)	1711(b)	103(b)	5.7(b)
2000	Jun	1893(b)	1772(b)	121(b)	6.4(b)
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2000	Nov	1725(b)	1648(b)	77(b)	4.5(b)
2000	Dec	1722(b)	1661(b)	61(b)	3.5(b)
2000	Annual	1797(b)	1697(b)	100(b)	5.6(b)
2001	Jan	1563(b)	1479(b)	84(b)	5.4(b)
2001	Feb	1574(b)	1498(b)	76(b)	4.8(b)
2001	Mar	1592(b)	1525(b)	67(b)	4.2(b)
2001	Apr	1531(b)	1459(b)	72(b)	4.7(b)
2001	May	1565(b)	1493(b)	72(b)	4.6(b)
2001	Jun	1639(b)	1556(b)	83(b)	5.1(b)
2001	Jul	1503(b)	1439(b)	64(b)	4.3(b)
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2001	Sep	1569(b)	1464(b)	105(b)	6.7(b)
2001	Oct	1555(b)	1444(b)	111(b)	7.1(b)
2001	Nov	1592(b)	1440(b)	152(b)	9.5(b)
2001	Dec	1585(b)	1445(b)	140(b)	8.8(b)
2001	Annual	1570(b)	1476(b)	94(b)	6.0(b)

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 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2000	Jan	1100(b)	961(b)	139(b)	12.6(b)
2000	Feb	1119(b)	966(b)	153(b)	13.7(b)
2000	Mar	1109(b)	964(b)	145(b)	13.1(b)
2000	Apr	1112(b)	983(b)	129(b)	11.6(b)
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2000	Sep	1070(b)	979(b)	91(b)	8.5(b)
2000	Oct	1004(b)	923(b)	81(b)	8.1(b)
2000	Nov	1022(b)	950(b)	72(b)	7.0(b)
2000	Dec	1016(b)	955(b)	61(b)	6.0(b)
2000	Annual	1078(b)	968(b)	110(b)	10.2(b)
2001	Jan	1042(b)	967(b)	75(b)	7.2(b)
2001	Feb	1016(b)	951(b)	65(b)	6.4(b)
2001	Mar	1029(b)	971(b)	58(b)	5.6(b)
2001	Apr	1007(b)	954(b)	53(b)	5.3(b)
2001	May	1044(b)	970(b)	74(b)	7.1(b)
2001	Jun	1113(b)	1007(b)	106(b)	9.5(b)
2001	Jul	1055(b)	977(b)	78(b)	7.4(b)
2001	Aug	1067(b)	980(b)	87(b)	8.2(b)
2001	Sep	1066(b)	980(b)	86(b)	8.1(b)
2001	Oct	1002(b)	923(b)	79(b)	7.9(b)
2001	Nov	1043(b)	954(b)	89(b)	8.5(b)
2001	Dec	1053(b)	960(b)	93(b)	8.8(b)
2001	Annual	1045(b)	966(b)	79(b)	7.6(b)

2002	Jan	1097	976	121	11.0
2002	Feb	1072	960	112	10.4
2002	Mar	1077	981	96	8.9
2002	Apr	1047	962	85	8.1

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Area: MORRIS COUNTY, TX
Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2000	Jan	6103(b)	5604(b)	499(b)	8.2(b)
2000	Feb	6049(b)	5594(b)	455(b)	7.5(b)
2000	Mar	6059(b)	5641(b)	418(b)	6.9(b)
2000	Apr	5983(b)	5606(b)	377(b)	6.3(b)
2000	May	6011(b)	5635(b)	376(b)	6.3(b)
2000	Jun	6141(b)	5669(b)	472(b)	7.7(b)
2000	Jul	6147(b)	5728(b)	419(b)	6.8(b)
2000	Aug	6073(b)	5709(b)	364(b)	6.0(b)
2000	Sep	6097(b)	5683(b)	414(b)	6.8(b)
2000	Oct	6106(b)	5729(b)	377(b)	6.2(b)
2000	Nov	6145(b)	5683(b)	462(b)	7.5(b)
2000	Dec	6043(b)	5656(b)	387(b)	6.4(b)
2000	Annual	6079(b)	5661(b)	418(b)	6.9(b)
2001	Jan	6076(b)	5595(b)	481(b)	7.9(b)
2001	Feb	6040(b)	5623(b)	417(b)	6.9(b)
2001	Mar	6070(b)	5699(b)	371(b)	6.1(b)
2001	Apr	6117(b)	5777(b)	340(b)	5.6(b)
2001	May	6147(b)	5792(b)	355(b)	5.8(b)
2001	Jun	6269(b)	5857(b)	412(b)	6.6(b)
2001	Jul	6262(b)	5878(b)	384(b)	6.1(b)
2001	Aug	6148(b)	5805(b)	343(b)	5.6(b)
2001	Sep	6151(b)	5784(b)	367(b)	6.0(b)
2001	Oct	6267(b)	5845(b)	422(b)	6.7(b)
2001	Nov	6364(b)	5806(b)	558(b)	8.8(b)
2001	Dec	6385(b)	5789(b)	596(b)	9.3(b)
2001	Annual	6192(b)	5771(b)	421(b)	6.8(b)

2002	Jan	6577	5819	758	11.5
2002	Feb	6473	5826	647	10.0
2002	Mar	6497	5898	599	9.2
2002	Apr	6500	5924	576	8.9
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 Area: SABINE COUNTY, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2000	Jan	4072(b)	3671(b)	401(b)	9.8(b)
2000	Feb	4046(b)	3693(b)	353(b)	8.7(b)
2000	Mar	4114(b)	3802(b)	312(b)	7.6(b)
2000	Apr	4124(b)	3796(b)	328(b)	8.0(b)
2000	May	4066(b)	3790(b)	276(b)	6.8(b)
2000	Jun	4202(b)	3871(b)	331(b)	7.9(b)
2000	Jul	4126(b)	3840(b)	286(b)	6.9(b)
2000	Aug	4045(b)	3738(b)	307(b)	7.6(b)
2000	Sep	4028(b)	3727(b)	301(b)	7.5(b)
2000	Oct	4035(b)	3716(b)	319(b)	7.9(b)
2000	Nov	4044(b)	3697(b)	347(b)	8.6(b)
2000	Dec	3987(b)	3665(b)	322(b)	8.1(b)
2000	Annual	4075(b)	3751(b)	324(b)	8.0(b)
2001	Jan	3992(b)	3592(b)	400(b)	10.0(b)
2001	Feb	3973(b)	3610(b)	363(b)	9.1(b)
2001	Mar	4012(b)	3674(b)	338(b)	8.4(b)
2001	Apr	4024(b)	3680(b)	344(b)	8.5(b)
2001	May	4040(b)	3669(b)	371(b)	9.2(b)
2001	Jun	4263(b)	3730(b)	533(b)	12.5(b)
2001	Jul	4219(b)	3737(b)	482(b)	11.4(b)
2001	Aug	4090(b)	3658(b)	432(b)	10.6(b)
2001	Sep	4039(b)	3656(b)	383(b)	9.5(b)
2001	Oct	4036(b)	3654(b)	382(b)	9.5(b)
2001	Nov	4034(b)	3634(b)	400(b)	9.9(b)
2001	Dec	3994(b)	3598(b)	396(b)	9.9(b)
2001	Annual	4060(b)	3658(b)	402(b)	9.9(b)

2002	Jan	4091	3627	464	11.3
2002	Feb	4063	3619	444	10.9
2002	Mar	4126	3700	426	10.3
2002	Apr	4124	3696	428	10.4
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Area: CRANE COUNTY, TX

Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS

State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	1563(b)	1479(b)	84(b)	5.4(b)
2001	Feb	1574(b)	1498(b)	76(b)	4.8(b)
2001	Mar	1592(b)	1525(b)	67(b)	4.2(b)
2001	Apr	1531(b)	1459(b)	72(b)	4.7(b)
2001	May	1565(b)	1493(b)	72(b)	4.6(b)
2001	Jun	1639(b)	1556(b)	83(b)	5.1(b)
2001	Jul	1503(b)	1439(b)	64(b)	4.3(b)
2001	Aug	1566(b)	1467(b)	99(b)	6.3(b)
2001	Sep	1569(b)	1464(b)	105(b)	6.7(b)
2001	Oct	1555(b)	1444(b)	111(b)	7.1(b)
2001	Nov	1592(b)	1440(b)	152(b)	9.5(b)
2001	Dec	1585(b)	1445(b)	140(b)	8.8(b)
2001	Annual	1570(b)	1476(b)	94(b)	6.0(b)
2002	Jan	1541	1309	232	15.1
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 Area: CULBERSON COUNTY, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	1042(b)	967(b)	75(b)	7.2(b)
2001	Feb	1016(b)	951(b)	65(b)	6.4(b)
2001	Mar	1029(b)	971(b)	58(b)	5.6(b)
2001	Apr	1007(b)	954(b)	53(b)	5.3(b)
2001	May	1044(b)	970(b)	74(b)	7.1(b)
2001	Jun	1113(b)	1007(b)	106(b)	9.5(b)
2001	Jul	1055(b)	977(b)	78(b)	7.4(b)
2001	Aug	1067(b)	980(b)	87(b)	8.2(b)
2001	Sep	1066(b)	980(b)	86(b)	8.1(b)
2001	Oct	1002(b)	923(b)	79(b)	7.9(b)
2001	Nov	1043(b)	954(b)	89(b)	8.5(b)
2001	Dec	1053(b)	960(b)	93(b)	8.8(b)
2001	Annual	1045(b)	966(b)	79(b)	7.6(b)
2002	Jan	1097	976	121	11.0
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Area: HIDALGO COUNTY, TX

Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS

State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	210651(b)	177880(b)	32771(b)	15.6(b)
2001	Feb	210463(b)	178906(b)	31557(b)	15.0(b)
2001	Mar	211110(b)	182164(b)	28946(b)	13.7(b)
2001	Apr	209341(b)	184950(b)	24391(b)	11.7(b)
2001	May	208126(b)	185294(b)	22832(b)	11.0(b)
2001	Jun	213835(b)	183351(b)	30484(b)	14.3(b)
2001	Jul	204039(b)	175183(b)	28856(b)	14.1(b)
2001	Aug	201924(b)	175625(b)	26299(b)	13.0(b)
2001	Sep	203355(b)	177875(b)	25480(b)	12.5(b)
2001	Oct	203488(b)	180908(b)	22580(b)	11.1(b)
2001	Nov	209586(b)	183404(b)	26182(b)	12.5(b)
2001	Dec	212261(b)	185319(b)	26942(b)	12.7(b)
2001	Annual	208182(b)	180905(b)	27277(b)	13.1(b)
2002	Jan	216960	186190	30770	14.2
2002	Feb	213650	186398	27252	12.8
2002	Mar	216027	189837	26190	12.1
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Area: JASPER COUNTY, TX
Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	14119(b)	12633(b)	1486(b)	10.5(b)
2001	Feb	13817(b)	12403(b)	1414(b)	10.2(b)
2001	Mar	13875(b)	12387(b)	1488(b)	10.7(b)
2001	Apr	14120(b)	12526(b)	1594(b)	11.3(b)
2001	May	14160(b)	12492(b)	1668(b)	11.8(b)
2001	Jun	14678(b)	12633(b)	2045(b)	13.9(b)
2001	Jul	14207(b)	12348(b)	1859(b)	13.1(b)
2001	Aug	14074(b)	12358(b)	1716(b)	12.2(b)
2001	Sep	14319(b)	12695(b)	1624(b)	11.3(b)
2001	Oct	14349(b)	12800(b)	1549(b)	10.8(b)
2001	Nov	14096(b)	12630(b)	1466(b)	10.4(b)
2001	Dec	14037(b)	12571(b)	1466(b)	10.4(b)
2001	Annual	14155(b)	12540(b)	1615(b)	11.4(b)
2002	Jan	14041	12577	1464	10.4
2002	Feb	13695	12312	1383	10.1
2002	Mar	13545	12324	1221	9.0
2002	Apr	13845	12463	1382	10.0

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Not Seasonally Adjusted
Area: MATAGORDA COUNTY, TX
Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	14954(b)	13301(b)	1653(b)	11.1(b)
2001	Feb	15155(b)	13710(b)	1445(b)	9.5(b)
2001	Mar	15709(b)	14253(b)	1456(b)	9.3(b)
2001	Apr	15446(b)	13910(b)	1536(b)	9.9(b)
2001	May	15187(b)	13643(b)	1544(b)	10.2(b)
2001	Jun	16050(b)	13772(b)	2278(b)	14.2(b)
2001	Jul	16328(b)	14223(b)	2105(b)	12.9(b)
2001	Aug	16031(b)	14032(b)	1999(b)	12.5(b)
2001	Sep	15426(b)	13736(b)	1690(b)	11.0(b)
2001	Oct	15295(b)	13857(b)	1438(b)	9.4(b)
2001	Nov	15762(b)	14222(b)	1540(b)	9.8(b)
2001	Dec	15524(b)	14020(b)	1504(b)	9.7(b)
2001	Annual	15572(b)	13890(b)	1682(b)	10.8(b)
2002	Jan	15548	13813	1735	11.2
2002	Feb	15815	14205	1610	10.2
2002	Mar	16386	14797	1589	9.7
2002	Apr	16071	14438	1633	10.2

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 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	19771(b)	14510(b)	5261(b)	26.6(b)
2001	Feb	19924(b)	14387(b)	5537(b)	27.8(b)
2001	Mar	19260(b)	14343(b)	4917(b)	25.5(b)
2001	Apr	19048(b)	14306(b)	4742(b)	24.9(b)
2001	May	18487(b)	14494(b)	3993(b)	21.6(b)
2001	Jun	18825(b)	14709(b)	4116(b)	21.9(b)
2001	Jul	17735(b)	13869(b)	3866(b)	21.8(b)
2001	Aug	17187(b)	13893(b)	3294(b)	19.2(b)
2001	Sep	17386(b)	14240(b)	3146(b)	18.1(b)
2001	Oct	17840(b)	14296(b)	3544(b)	19.9(b)
2001	Nov	19246(b)	14467(b)	4779(b)	24.8(b)
2001	Dec	19407(b)	14446(b)	4961(b)	25.6(b)
2001	Annual	18676(b)	14330(b)	4346(b)	23.3(b)
2002	Jan	20614	14290	6324	30.7
2002	Feb	20033	14170	5863	29.3
2002	Mar	19405	14112	5293	27.3
2002	Apr	18989	14101	4888	25.7

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 Not Seasonally Adjusted
 Area: MORRIS COUNTY, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	6076(b)	5595(b)	481(b)	7.9(b)
2001	Feb	6040(b)	5623(b)	417(b)	6.9(b)
2001	Mar	6070(b)	5699(b)	371(b)	6.1(b)
2001	Apr	6117(b)	5777(b)	340(b)	5.6(b)
2001	May	6147(b)	5792(b)	355(b)	5.8(b)
2001	Jun	6269(b)	5857(b)	412(b)	6.6(b)
2001	Jul	6262(b)	5878(b)	384(b)	6.1(b)
2001	Aug	6148(b)	5805(b)	343(b)	5.6(b)
2001	Sep	6151(b)	5784(b)	367(b)	6.0(b)
2001	Oct	6267(b)	5845(b)	422(b)	6.7(b)
2001	Nov	6364(b)	5806(b)	558(b)	8.8(b)
2001	Dec	6385(b)	5789(b)	596(b)	9.3(b)
2001	Annual	6192(b)	5771(b)	421(b)	6.8(b)
2002	Jan	6577	5819	758	11.5
2002	Feb	6473	5826	647	10.0
2002	Mar	6497	5898	599	9.2
2002	Apr	6500	5924	576	8.9

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 Area: NEWTON COUNTY, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	5575(b)	4917(b)	658(b)	11.8(b)
2001	Feb	5482(b)	4828(b)	654(b)	11.9(b)
2001	Mar	5419(b)	4821(b)	598(b)	11.0(b)
2001	Apr	5573(b)	4876(b)	697(b)	12.5(b)
2001	May	5606(b)	4862(b)	744(b)	13.3(b)
2001	Jun	5802(b)	4918(b)	884(b)	15.2(b)
2001	Jul	5691(b)	4806(b)	885(b)	15.6(b)
2001	Aug	5587(b)	4811(b)	776(b)	13.9(b)
2001	Sep	5594(b)	4941(b)	653(b)	11.7(b)
2001	Oct	5625(b)	4983(b)	642(b)	11.4(b)
2001	Nov	5559(b)	4916(b)	643(b)	11.6(b)
2001	Dec	5475(b)	4894(b)	581(b)	10.6(b)
2001	Annual	5582(b)	4881(b)	701(b)	12.6(b)
2002	Jan	5572	4896	676	12.1
2002	Feb	5357	4793	564	10.5
2002	Mar	5319	4797	522	9.8
2002	Apr	5458	4851	607	11.1

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 Area: PRESIDIO COUNTY, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	3711(b)	2692(b)	1019(b)	27.5(b)
2001	Feb	3541(b)	2656(b)	885(b)	25.0(b)
2001	Mar	3765(b)	2920(b)	845(b)	22.4(b)
2001	Apr	3683(b)	2943(b)	740(b)	20.1(b)
2001	May	3412(b)	2722(b)	690(b)	20.2(b)
2001	Jun	3455(b)	2564(b)	891(b)	25.8(b)
2001	Jul	3335(b)	2548(b)	787(b)	23.6(b)
2001	Aug	3373(b)	2408(b)	965(b)	28.6(b)
2001	Sep	3393(b)	2456(b)	937(b)	27.6(b)
2001	Oct	3155(b)	2468(b)	687(b)	21.8(b)
2001	Nov	3013(b)	2429(b)	584(b)	19.4(b)
2001	Dec	2964(b)	2403(b)	561(b)	18.9(b)
2001	Annual	3400(b)	2601(b)	799(b)	23.5(b)
2002	Jan	3179	2555	624	19.6
2002	Feb	3157	2568	589	18.7
2002	Mar	3188	2653	535	16.8
2002	Apr	3251	2662	589	18.1

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 Not Seasonally Adjusted
 Area: RED RIVER COUNTY, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	5552(b)	5238(b)	314(b)	5.7(b)
2001	Feb	5630(b)	5228(b)	402(b)	7.1(b)
2001	Mar	5663(b)	5243(b)	420(b)	7.4(b)
2001	Apr	5588(b)	5217(b)	371(b)	6.6(b)
2001	May	5619(b)	5122(b)	497(b)	8.8(b)
2001	Jun	5851(b)	4980(b)	871(b)	14.9(b)
2001	Jul	5729(b)	4981(b)	748(b)	13.1(b)
2001	Aug	5692(b)	4991(b)	701(b)	12.3(b)
2001	Sep	5649(b)	4976(b)	673(b)	11.9(b)
2001	Oct	5670(b)	4949(b)	721(b)	12.7(b)
2001	Nov	5618(b)	4899(b)	719(b)	12.8(b)
2001	Dec	5520(b)	4862(b)	658(b)	11.9(b)
2001	Annual	5648(b)	5057(b)	591(b)	10.5(b)
2002	Jan	5444	4829	615	11.3
2002	Feb	5402	4837	565	10.5
2002	Mar	5303	4881	422	8.0
2002	Apr	5319	4906	413	7.8

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 Not Seasonally Adjusted
 Area: SABINE COUNTY, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	3992(b)	3592(b)	400(b)	10.0(b)
2001	Feb	3973(b)	3610(b)	363(b)	9.1(b)
2001	Mar	4012(b)	3674(b)	338(b)	8.4(b)
2001	Apr	4024(b)	3680(b)	344(b)	8.5(b)
2001	May	4040(b)	3669(b)	371(b)	9.2(b)
2001	Jun	4263(b)	3730(b)	533(b)	12.5(b)
2001	Jul	4219(b)	3737(b)	482(b)	11.4(b)
2001	Aug	4090(b)	3658(b)	432(b)	10.6(b)
2001	Sep	4039(b)	3656(b)	383(b)	9.5(b)
2001	Oct	4036(b)	3654(b)	382(b)	9.5(b)
2001	Nov	4034(b)	3634(b)	400(b)	9.9(b)
2001	Dec	3994(b)	3598(b)	396(b)	9.9(b)
2001	Annual	4060(b)	3658(b)	402(b)	9.9(b)
2002	Jan	4091	3627	464	11.3
2002	Feb	4063	3619	444	10.9
2002	Mar	4126	3700	426	10.3
2002	Apr	4124	3696	428	10.4

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Area: STARR COUNTY, TX**Area Type:** COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS**State/Region/Division:** TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	22827(b)	16299(b)	6528(b)	28.6(b)
2001	Feb	22832(b)	16484(b)	6348(b)	27.8(b)
2001	Mar	22151(b)	16597(b)	5554(b)	25.1(b)
2001	Apr	21007(b)	16643(b)	4364(b)	20.8(b)
2001	May	21322(b)	17645(b)	3677(b)	17.2(b)
2001	Jun	20806(b)	16972(b)	3834(b)	18.4(b)
2001	Jul	19398(b)	16228(b)	3170(b)	16.3(b)
2001	Aug	18485(b)	15774(b)	2711(b)	14.7(b)
2001	Sep	19360(b)	16796(b)	2564(b)	13.2(b)
2001	Oct	19369(b)	16732(b)	2637(b)	13.6(b)
2001	Nov	20948(b)	16896(b)	4052(b)	19.3(b)
2001	Dec	21462(b)	16984(b)	4478(b)	20.9(b)
2001	Annual	20831(b)	16671(b)	4160(b)	20.0(b)
2002	Jan	22522	17084	5438	24.1
2002	Feb	21906	17234	4672	21.3
2002	Mar	22315	17333	4982	22.3
2002	Apr	21720	17404	4316	19.9

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 Area: WILLACY COUNTY, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	6321(b)	5118(b)	1203(b)	19.0(b)
2001	Feb	6281(b)	5167(b)	1114(b)	17.7(b)
2001	Mar	6357(b)	5250(b)	1107(b)	17.4(b)
2001	Apr	6342(b)	5358(b)	984(b)	15.5(b)
2001	May	6426(b)	5394(b)	1032(b)	16.1(b)
2001	Jun	6587(b)	5286(b)	1301(b)	19.8(b)
2001	Jul	6296(b)	5177(b)	1119(b)	17.8(b)
2001	Aug	6071(b)	5129(b)	942(b)	15.5(b)
2001	Sep	5981(b)	5072(b)	909(b)	15.2(b)
2001	Oct	5802(b)	5044(b)	758(b)	13.1(b)
2001	Nov	5868(b)	5063(b)	805(b)	13.7(b)
2001	Dec	6042(b)	5105(b)	937(b)	15.5(b)
2001	Annual	6198(b)	5180(b)	1018(b)	16.4(b)
2002	Jan	6164	5010	1154	18.7
2002	Feb	6134	4997	1137	18.5
2002	Mar	6073	5027	1046	17.2
2002	Apr	6282	5210	1072	17.1

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 Area: ZAVALA COUNTY, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2001	Jan	4488(b)	3701(b)	787(b)	17.5(b)
2001	Feb	4543(b)	3812(b)	731(b)	16.1(b)
2001	Mar	4455(b)	3762(b)	693(b)	15.6(b)
2001	Apr	4209(b)	3596(b)	613(b)	14.6(b)
2001	May	4107(b)	3445(b)	662(b)	16.1(b)
2001	Jun	4029(b)	3383(b)	646(b)	16.0(b)
2001	Jul	3880(b)	3129(b)	751(b)	19.4(b)
2001	Aug	3751(b)	3225(b)	526(b)	14.0(b)
2001	Sep	4150(b)	3519(b)	631(b)	15.2(b)
2001	Oct	3822(b)	3361(b)	461(b)	12.1(b)
2001	Nov	4007(b)	3383(b)	624(b)	15.6(b)
2001	Dec	4344(b)	3627(b)	717(b)	16.5(b)
2001	Annual	4149(b)	3495(b)	654(b)	15.8(b)
2002	Jan	4509	3687	822	18.2
2002	Feb	4558	3834	724	15.9
2002	Mar	4474	3728	746	16.7
2002	Apr	4390	3624	766	17.4

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