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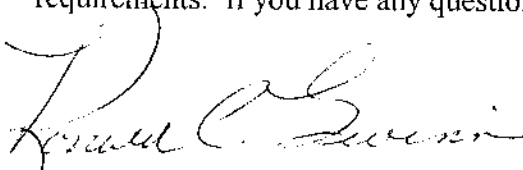
Subject: Texas Department of Human Service (TDHS) Waiver Extension (#970057)—Able Bodied
Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS)

To:

Arthur T. Foley, Director
Program Development Division

Attached is a copy of a waiver 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. Criteria specified in Section 6(o) allows the Secretary to approve State requests for an exemption from work requirements for individuals residing in areas with unemployment rates exceeding 10 percent. Documents provided by the Texas Workforce Commission (copy attached) indicate that 17 counties in Texas have unemployment rates exceeding 10 percent for the most recent 12-month period for which there are available statistics. The 17 counties are: Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Hidalgo, Jasper, Matagorda, Maverick, Newton, Orange, Presidio, Reeves, Sabine, Starr, Tyler, Willacy, Winkler, Zavala. The current waiver will expire on September 30, 2003.

We recommend approval of this waiver because this waiver 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 at 214-290-9928.


JUDY K. BARRON
Regional Director
Food Stamp Program

Attachment

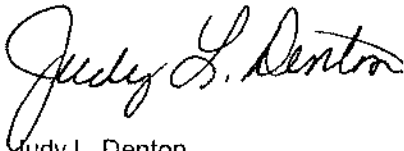
WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver serial number (if request is extension) :** 970057
2. **Type of request :** Extension
3. **Primary regulation citation:** 7 CFR 273.24(f)
4. **Secondary regulation citation:** N/A
5. **State:** Texas
6. **Region:** SWRO
7. **Regulation Requirements:** 7 CFR 273.24 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.

It 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 17 counties listed on Attachment A had unemployment rates exceeding 10 percent for the most recent 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 7 CFR 273.24(f). 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 2003, a total of 1,879,970 individuals (723,404 households) received Food Stamps statewide. The 5,510 Food Stamp recipients in the 17 counties who would be exempted by this waiver comprise about .3 percent of the State's total recipients. The 4,640 households that would be exempted comprise .6 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, 2003.
13. **Proposed quality control review procedures:** No special procedures will be necessitated by this waiver.
14. **Signature and title of requesting official:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy L. Denton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy L. Denton
Deputy Commissioner
Office of Family Services

15. **Date of request:** May 15, 2003

Food Stamp Hardship Counties in Texas
 Total Number of Food Stamp
 Childless 18-49 Yr Olds
 April 2003

County	ABAWD Recipients	ABAWD Households
Cameron	839	776
Dimmit	42	39
Duval	30	27
Hidalgo	3,674	2,992
Jasper	77	62
Matagorda	94	84
Maverick	47	42
Newton	25	20
Orange	182	168
Presidio	2	2
Reeves	13	12
Sabine	20	19
Starr	225	189
Tyler	49	47
Willacy	112	97
Winkler	61	48
Zavala	18	16
Total	5,510	4,640

Total Counties 17

Attachment A



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Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Series Id:		LAUPS48012003, LAUPS48012004, LAUPS48012005, LAUPS48012006			
Not Seasonally Adjusted					
Area:		Cameron County, TX			
Area Type:		COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS			
State/Region/Division:		TEXAS			
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	137392(b)	122799(b)	14593(b)	10.6(b)
2002	Feb	137222(b)	123505(b)	13717(b)	10.0(b)
2002	Mar	139199(b)	124731(b)	14468(b)	10.4(b)
2002	Apr	137510(b)	125928(b)	11582(b)	8.4(b)
2002	May	138053(b)	126474(b)	11579(b)	8.4(b)
2002	Jun	143019(b)	127989(b)	15030(b)	10.5(b)
2002	Jul	142551(b)	128264(b)	14287(b)	10.0(b)
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2002	Sep	142942(b)	127854(b)	15088(b)	10.6(b)
2002	Oct	143672(b)	128950(b)	14722(b)	10.2(b)
2002	Nov	144674(b)	128904(b)	15770(b)	10.9(b)
2002	Dec	144374(b)	129711(b)	14663(b)	10.2(b)
2002	Annual	141240(b)	126982(b)	14258(b)	10.1(b)
2003	Jan	144318	128953	15365	10.6
2003	Feb	143431	128666	14765	10.3
b : Benchmarked					

Series Id:	LAUCN48127003, LAUCN48127004, LAUCN48127005, LAUCN48127006
Not Seasonally Adjusted	
Area:	Dimmit County, TX
Area Type:	COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS

State/Region/Division: TEXAS					
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	3667(b)	3265(b)	402(b)	11.0(b)
2002	Feb	3657(b)	3272(b)	385(b)	10.5(b)
2002	Mar	3689(b)	3300(b)	389(b)	10.5(b)
2002	Apr	3640(b)	3230(b)	410(b)	11.3(b)
2002	May	3649(b)	3283(b)	366(b)	10.0(b)
2002	Jun	3965(b)	3478(b)	487(b)	12.3(b)
2002	Jul	3698(b)	3212(b)	486(b)	13.1(b)
2002	Aug	3479(b)	3090(b)	389(b)	11.2(b)
2002	Sep	3620(b)	3218(b)	402(b)	11.1(b)
2002	Oct	3685(b)	3308(b)	377(b)	10.2(b)
2002	Nov	3750(b)	3301(b)	449(b)	12.0(b)
2002	Dec	3735(b)	3312(b)	423(b)	11.3(b)
2002	Annual	3686(b)	3272(b)	414(b)	11.2(b)
2003	Jan	3739	3265	474	12.7
2003	Feb	3746	3278	468	12.5
b : Benchmarked					

Series Id: LAUCN48131003, LAUCN48131004, LAUCN48131005, LAUCN48131006					
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Area: Duval County, TX					
Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS					
State/Region/Division: TEXAS					
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	4813(b)	4311(b)	502(b)	10.4(b)
2002	Feb	4746(b)	4290(b)	456(b)	9.6(b)
2002	Mar	4751(b)	4341(b)	410(b)	8.6(b)
2002	Apr	4747(b)	4308(b)	439(b)	9.2(b)
2002	May	4834(b)	4342(b)	492(b)	10.2(b)
2002	Jun	5019(b)	4393(b)	626(b)	12.5(b)
2002	Jul	4975(b)	4373(b)	602(b)	12.1(b)
2002	Aug	4922(b)	4354(b)	568(b)	11.5(b)
2002	Sep	4878(b)	4335(b)	543(b)	11.1(b)
2002	Oct	4868(b)	4346(b)	522(b)	10.7(b)
2002	Nov	4824(b)	4310(b)	514(b)	10.7(b)
2002	Dec	4773(b)	4328(b)	445(b)	9.3(b)
2002	Annual	4846(b)	4336(b)	510(b)	10.5(b)

2003	Jan	4692	4208	484	10.3
2003	Feb	4644	4197	447	9.6
b : Benchmarked					

Series Id: LAUCN48215003, LAUCN48215004, LAUCN48215005, LAUCN48215006 Not Seasonally Adjusted Area: Hidalgo County, TX Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS State/Region/Division: TEXAS					
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	220067(b)	187340(b)	32727(b)	14.9(b)
2002	Feb	217216(b)	188098(b)	29118(b)	13.4(b)
2002	Mar	220582(b)	192289(b)	28293(b)	12.8(b)
2002	Apr	220281(b)	193802(b)	26479(b)	12.0(b)
2002	May	217582(b)	192608(b)	24974(b)	11.5(b)
2002	Jun	222439(b)	190700(b)	31739(b)	14.3(b)
2002	Jul	212220(b)	182097(b)	30123(b)	14.2(b)
2002	Aug	212638(b)	184498(b)	28140(b)	13.2(b)
2002	Sep	214757(b)	186511(b)	28246(b)	13.2(b)
2002	Oct	217566(b)	191005(b)	26561(b)	12.2(b)
2002	Nov	224265(b)	192764(b)	31501(b)	14.0(b)
2002	Dec	223694(b)	192745(b)	30949(b)	13.8(b)
2002	Annual	218609(b)	189538(b)	29071(b)	13.3(b)
2003	Jan	227382	191940	35442	15.6
2003	Feb	225964	192501	33463	14.8
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Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	14433(b)	12879(b)	1554(b)	10.8(b)
2002	Feb	14338(b)	12863(b)	1475(b)	10.3(b)
2002	Mar	14269(b)	12948(b)	1321(b)	9.3(b)
2002	Apr	14642(b)	13167(b)	1475(b)	10.1(b)
2002	May	14773(b)	13096(b)	1677(b)	11.4(b)

2002	Jun	15079(b)	13147(b)	1932(b)	12.8(b)
2002	Jul	14685(b)	12915(b)	1770(b)	12.1(b)
2002	Aug	14464(b)	12868(b)	1596(b)	11.0(b)
2002	Sep	14826(b)	13103(b)	1723(b)	11.6(b)
2002	Oct	14914(b)	13258(b)	1656(b)	11.1(b)
2002	Nov	14971(b)	13218(b)	1753(b)	11.7(b)
2002	Dec	15033(b)	13242(b)	1791(b)	11.9(b)
2002	Annual	14703(b)	13059(b)	1644(b)	11.2(b)
2003	Jan	14997	13138	1859	12.4
2003	Feb	14909	13104	1805	12.1

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 Area: Matagorda County, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	14613(b)	12784(b)	1829(b)	12.5(b)
2002	Feb	14419(b)	12725(b)	1694(b)	11.7(b)
2002	Mar	14584(b)	12896(b)	1688(b)	11.6(b)
2002	Apr	14763(b)	13054(b)	1709(b)	11.6(b)
2002	May	14802(b)	13025(b)	1777(b)	12.0(b)
2002	Jun	15555(b)	13277(b)	2278(b)	14.6(b)
2002	Jul	15308(b)	13136(b)	2172(b)	14.2(b)
2002	Aug	14953(b)	12981(b)	1972(b)	13.2(b)
2002	Sep	14685(b)	12814(b)	1871(b)	12.7(b)
2002	Oct	14398(b)	12730(b)	1668(b)	11.6(b)
2002	Nov	14299(b)	12576(b)	1723(b)	12.0(b)
2002	Dec	14399(b)	12475(b)	1924(b)	13.4(b)
2002	Annual	14732(b)	12873(b)	1859(b)	12.6(b)
2003	Jan	14826	12561	2265	15.3
2003	Feb	14722	12654	2068	14.0

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Series Id: LAUCN48323003, LAUCN48323004, LAUCN48323005, LAUCN48323006
 Not Seasonally Adjusted
 Area: Maverick County, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS

State/Region/Division: TEXAS					
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	20817(b)	14110(b)	6707(b)	32.2(b)
2002	Feb	20307(b)	14059(b)	6248(b)	30.8(b)
2002	Mar	20003(b)	14287(b)	5716(b)	28.6(b)
2002	Apr	19390(b)	14224(b)	5166(b)	26.6(b)
2002	May	18546(b)	14519(b)	4027(b)	21.7(b)
2002	Jun	19821(b)	14739(b)	5082(b)	25.6(b)
2002	Jul	17648(b)	13712(b)	3936(b)	22.3(b)
2002	Aug	16751(b)	13450(b)	3301(b)	19.7(b)
2002	Sep	16897(b)	13695(b)	3202(b)	19.0(b)
2002	Oct	17309(b)	13771(b)	3538(b)	20.4(b)
2002	Nov	18696(b)	13831(b)	4865(b)	26.0(b)
2002	Dec	19166(b)	13941(b)	5225(b)	27.3(b)
2002	Annual	18779(b)	14028(b)	4751(b)	25.3(b)
2003	Jan	20593	13754	6839	33.2
2003	Feb	20213	13802	6411	31.7
b : Benchmarked					

Series Id: LAUCN48351003, LAUCN48351004, LAUCN48351005, LAUCN48351006
 Not Seasonally Adjusted
 Area: Newton County, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	5678(b)	4960(b)	718(b)	12.6(b)
2002	Feb	5556(b)	4954(b)	602(b)	10.8(b)
2002	Mar	5552(b)	4987(b)	565(b)	10.2(b)
2002	Apr	5697(b)	5071(b)	626(b)	11.0(b)
2002	May	5740(b)	5044(b)	696(b)	12.1(b)
2002	Jun	5919(b)	5063(b)	856(b)	14.5(b)
2002	Jul	5786(b)	4974(b)	812(b)	14.0(b)
2002	Aug	5761(b)	4956(b)	805(b)	14.0(b)
2002	Sep	6184(b)	5046(b)	1138(b)	18.4(b)
2002	Oct	6145(b)	5106(b)	1039(b)	16.9(b)
2002	Nov	6151(b)	5090(b)	1061(b)	17.2(b)
2002	Dec	6118(b)	5100(b)	1018(b)	16.6(b)
2002	Annual	5857(b)	5029(b)	828(b)	14.1(b)

2003	Jan	6056	5059	997	16.5
2003	Feb	5989	5047	942	15.7

b : Benchmarked

Series Id: LAUPA48025003, LAUPA48025004, LAUPA48025005, LAUPA48025006
 Not Seasonally Adjusted
 Area: Orange County, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	40132(b)	35963(b)	4169(b)	10.4(b)
2002	Feb	39601(b)	35984(b)	3617(b)	9.1(b)
2002	Mar	39562(b)	36156(b)	3406(b)	8.6(b)
2002	Apr	39550(b)	35863(b)	3687(b)	9.3(b)
2002	May	40128(b)	35849(b)	4279(b)	10.7(b)
2002	Jun	41174(b)	36371(b)	4803(b)	11.7(b)
2002	Jul	40164(b)	35640(b)	4524(b)	11.3(b)
2002	Aug	40045(b)	35984(b)	4061(b)	10.1(b)
2002	Sep	39921(b)	35887(b)	4034(b)	10.1(b)
2002	Oct	39904(b)	36181(b)	3723(b)	9.3(b)
2002	Nov	39986(b)	36312(b)	3674(b)	9.2(b)
2002	Dec	40313(b)	36537(b)	3776(b)	9.4(b)
2002	Annual	40040(b)	36061(b)	3979(b)	9.9(b)
2003	Jan	40347	35969	4378	10.9
2003	Feb	40400	36300	4100	10.1

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If most recent 12 mos are used average is 10.1

Series Id: LAUCN48377003, LAUCN48377004, LAUCN48377005, LAUCN48377006
 Not Seasonally Adjusted
 Area: Presidio County, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	3540(b)	2842(b)	698(b)	19.7(b)
2002	Feb	3423(b)	2768(b)	655(b)	19.1(b)
2002	Mar	3335(b)	2747(b)	588(b)	17.6(b)
2002	Apr	3419(b)	2784(b)	635(b)	18.6(b)
2002	May	3423(b)	2778(b)	645(b)	18.8(b)

2002	Jun	3744(b)	2797(b)	947(b)	25.3(b)
2002	Jul	3794(b)	2759(b)	1035(b)	27.3(b)
2002	Aug	3665(b)	2625(b)	1040(b)	28.4(b)
2002	Sep	3412(b)	2605(b)	807(b)	23.7(b)
2002	Oct	3450(b)	2651(b)	799(b)	23.2(b)
2002	Nov	3386(b)	2678(b)	708(b)	20.9(b)
2002	Dec	3361(b)	2662(b)	699(b)	20.8(b)
2002	Annual	3496(b)	2725(b)	771(b)	22.1(b)
2003	Jan	3729	2926	803	21.5
2003	Feb	3656	2891	765	20.9

b : Benchmarked

Series Id: LAUCN48389003, LAUCN48389004, LAUCN48389005, LAUCN48389006
 Not Seasonally Adjusted
 Area: Reeves County, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS
 State/Region/Division: TEXAS

Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	6550(b)	6035(b)	515(b)	7.9(b)
2002	Feb	6431(b)	5931(b)	500(b)	7.8(b)
2002	Mar	6501(b)	6006(b)	495(b)	7.6(b)
2002	Apr	6933(b)	6388(b)	545(b)	7.9(b)
2002	May	6798(b)	6093(b)	705(b)	10.4(b)
2002	Jun	7132(b)	5542(b)	1590(b)	22.3(b)
2002	Jul	7160(b)	5510(b)	1650(b)	23.0(b)
2002	Aug	7059(b)	5429(b)	1630(b)	23.1(b)
2002	Sep	6922(b)	5456(b)	1466(b)	21.2(b)
2002	Oct	6464(b)	5186(b)	1278(b)	19.8(b)
2002	Nov	6244(b)	5151(b)	1093(b)	17.5(b)
2002	Dec	6067(b)	5228(b)	839(b)	13.8(b)
2002	Annual	6689(b)	5663(b)	1026(b)	15.3(b)
2003	Jan	6064	5187	877	14.5
2003	Feb	5939	5127	812	13.7

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Series Id: LAUCN48403003, LAUCN48403004, LAUCN48403005, LAUCN48403006
 Not Seasonally Adjusted
 Area: Sabine County, TX
 Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS

State/Region/Division: TEXAS					
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	3977(b)	3484(b)	493(b)	12.4(b)
2002	Feb	3896(b)	3422(b)	474(b)	12.2(b)
2002	Mar	3920(b)	3461(b)	459(b)	11.7(b)
2002	Apr	3951(b)	3498(b)	453(b)	11.5(b)
2002	May	4046(b)	3526(b)	520(b)	12.9(b)
2002	Jun	4066(b)	3522(b)	544(b)	13.4(b)
2002	Jul	4036(b)	3527(b)	509(b)	12.6(b)
2002	Aug	4004(b)	3466(b)	538(b)	13.4(b)
2002	Sep	3984(b)	3503(b)	481(b)	12.1(b)
2002	Oct	3901(b)	3453(b)	448(b)	11.5(b)
2002	Nov	3868(b)	3375(b)	493(b)	12.7(b)
2002	Dec	3808(b)	3314(b)	494(b)	13.0(b)
2002	Annual	3955(b)	3463(b)	492(b)	12.4(b)
2003	Jan	4003	3425	578	14.4
2003	Feb	3923	3365	558	14.2
b : Benchmarked					

Series Id: LAUCN48427003, LAUCN48427004, LAUCN48427005, LAUCN48427006					
Not Seasonally Adjusted					
Area: Starr County, TX					
Area Type: COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS					
State/Region/Division: TEXAS					
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	23738(b)	17949(b)	5789(b)	24.4(b)
2002	Feb	23037(b)	18043(b)	4994(b)	21.7(b)
2002	Mar	23644(b)	18259(b)	5385(b)	22.8(b)
2002	Apr	22785(b)	18105(b)	4680(b)	20.5(b)
2002	May	23283(b)	19381(b)	3902(b)	16.8(b)
2002	Jun	22783(b)	18674(b)	4109(b)	18.0(b)
2002	Jul	21630(b)	17811(b)	3819(b)	17.7(b)
2002	Aug	20870(b)	17547(b)	3323(b)	15.9(b)
2002	Sep	21898(b)	18643(b)	3255(b)	14.9(b)
2002	Oct	22132(b)	18662(b)	3470(b)	15.7(b)
2002	Nov	23754(b)	18948(b)	4806(b)	20.2(b)
2002	Dec	24199(b)	18903(b)	5296(b)	21.9(b)
2002	Annual	22812(b)	18410(b)	4402(b)	19.3(b)

2003	Jan	25551	19229	6322	24.7
2003	Feb	25679	19461	6218	24.2
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Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	6743(b)	6103(b)	640(b)	9.5(b)
2002	Feb	6765(b)	6145(b)	620(b)	9.2(b)
2002	Mar	6713(b)	6183(b)	530(b)	7.9(b)
2002	Apr	6800(b)	6205(b)	595(b)	8.8(b)
2002	May	6878(b)	6167(b)	711(b)	10.3(b)
2002	Jun	7038(b)	6248(b)	790(b)	11.2(b)
2002	Jul	6983(b)	6193(b)	790(b)	11.3(b)
2002	Aug	6931(b)	6172(b)	759(b)	11.0(b)
2002	Sep	6974(b)	6228(b)	746(b)	10.7(b)
2002	Oct	7029(b)	6267(b)	762(b)	10.8(b)
2002	Nov	6987(b)	6206(b)	781(b)	11.2(b)
2002	Dec	6989(b)	6187(b)	802(b)	11.5(b)
2002	Annual	6903(b)	6192(b)	711(b)	10.3(b)
2003	Jan	7137	6294	843	11.8
2003	Feb	7194	6389	805	11.2
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Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	6342(b)	5115(b)	1227(b)	19.3(b)
2002	Feb	6177(b)	4966(b)	1211(b)	19.6(b)
2002	Mar	6268(b)	5139(b)	1129(b)	18.0(b)
2002	Apr	6624(b)	5455(b)	1169(b)	17.6(b)
2002	May	6668(b)	5520(b)	1148(b)	17.2(b)

2002	Jun	6759(b)	5396(b)	1363(b)	20.2(b)
2002	Jul	6298(b)	5101(b)	1197(b)	19.0(b)
2002	Aug	6147(b)	5069(b)	1078(b)	17.5(b)
2002	Sep	6018(b)	4990(b)	1028(b)	17.1(b)
2002	Oct	5931(b)	5020(b)	911(b)	15.4(b)
2002	Nov	5913(b)	4934(b)	979(b)	16.6(b)
2002	Dec	5939(b)	4994(b)	945(b)	15.9(b)
2002	Annual	6257(b)	5142(b)	1115(b)	17.8(b)
2003	Jan	6120	4945	1175	19.2
2003	Feb	5993	4801	1192	19.9

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Area:		Winkler County, TX			
Area Type:		COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS			
State/Region/Division:		TEXAS			
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	2925(b)	2672(b)	253(b)	8.6(b)
2002	Feb	2896(b)	2631(b)	265(b)	9.2(b)
2002	Mar	2874(b)	2605(b)	269(b)	9.4(b)
2002	Apr	2919(b)	2665(b)	254(b)	8.7(b)
2002	May	2882(b)	2609(b)	273(b)	9.5(b)
2002	Jun	3096(b)	2698(b)	398(b)	12.9(b)
2002	Jul	3025(b)	2686(b)	339(b)	11.2(b)
2002	Aug	3079(b)	2710(b)	369(b)	12.0(b)
2002	Sep	3098(b)	2731(b)	367(b)	11.8(b)
2002	Oct	3079(b)	2741(b)	338(b)	11.0(b)
2002	Nov	3004(b)	2679(b)	325(b)	10.8(b)
2002	Dec	2963(b)	2692(b)	271(b)	9.1(b)
2002	Annual	2987(b)	2677(b)	310(b)	10.4(b)
2003	Jan	3015	2719	296	9.8
2003	Feb	2974	2697	277	9.3

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Not Seasonally Adjusted					
Area:		Zavala County, TX			
Area Type:		COUNTIES AND EQUIVALENTS			

State/Region/Division: TEXAS					
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	4709(b)	3834(b)	875(b)	18.6(b)
2002	Feb	4700(b)	3921(b)	779(b)	16.6(b)
2002	Mar	4401(b)	3606(b)	795(b)	18.1(b)
2002	Apr	4368(b)	3573(b)	795(b)	18.2(b)
2002	May	4377(b)	3818(b)	559(b)	12.8(b)
2002	Jun	4338(b)	3668(b)	670(b)	15.4(b)
2002	Jul	4125(b)	3338(b)	787(b)	19.1(b)
2002	Aug	4084(b)	3486(b)	598(b)	14.6(b)
2002	Sep	4239(b)	3671(b)	568(b)	13.4(b)
2002	Oct	4338(b)	3817(b)	521(b)	12.0(b)
2002	Nov	4466(b)	3780(b)	686(b)	15.4(b)
2002	Dec	4620(b)	3910(b)	710(b)	15.4(b)
2002	Annual	4397(b)	3702(b)	695(b)	15.8(b)
2003	Jan	4916	3994	922	18.8
2003	Feb	4971	4151	820	16.5
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