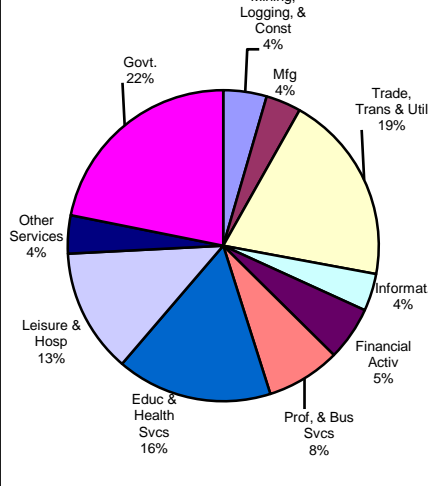
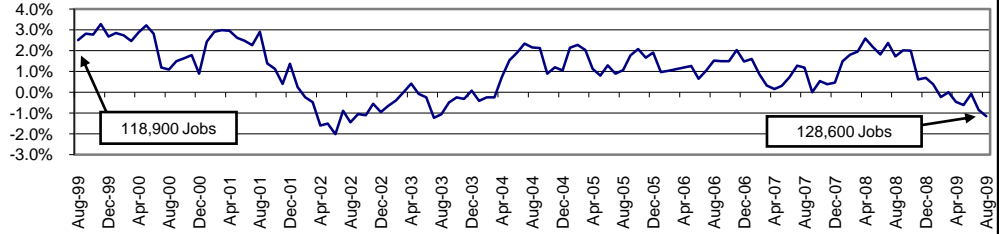


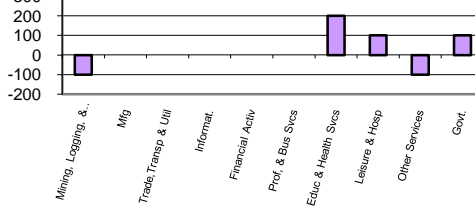
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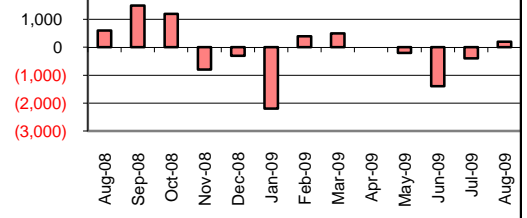
**Annual Growth Rate for Total NonAgricultural Employment**



**Monthly Change by Industry**



**Monthly Change in Total Nonag Employment**



**Employment by Industry**

| Industry                    | Employment |          |          | Monthly Change |       | Annual Change |       |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
|                             | Aug-2009   | Jul-2009 | Aug-2008 | Actual         | %     | Actual        | %     |
| Total Nonagricultural       | 128,600    | 128,400  | 130,100  | 200            | 0.2%  | -1,500        | -1.2% |
| Mining, Logging, & Const    | 5,800      | 5,900    | 6,200    | -100           | -1.7% | -400          | -6.5% |
| Manufacturing               | 4,700      | 4,700    | 5,100    | 0              | 0.0%  | -400          | -7.8% |
| Trade, Transp., & Utilities | 25,400     | 25,400   | 26,100   | 0              | 0.0%  | -700          | -2.7% |
| Information                 | 5,000      | 5,000    | 5,200    | 0              | 0.0%  | -200          | -3.9% |
| Financial Activities        | 7,200      | 7,200    | 7,200    | 0              | 0.0%  | 0             | 0.0%  |
| Profes., & Business Svcs    | 9,900      | 9,900    | 10,500   | 0              | 0.0%  | -600          | -5.7% |
| Education & Health Svcs     | 20,800     | 20,600   | 20,200   | 200            | 1.0%  | 600           | 3.0%  |
| Leisure & Hospitality       | 16,600     | 16,500   | 16,200   | 100            | 0.6%  | 400           | 2.5%  |
| Other Services              | 5,100      | 5,200    | 5,100    | -100           | -1.9% | 0             | 0.0%  |
| Government                  | 28,100     | 28,000   | 28,300   | 100            | 0.4%  | -200          | -0.7% |

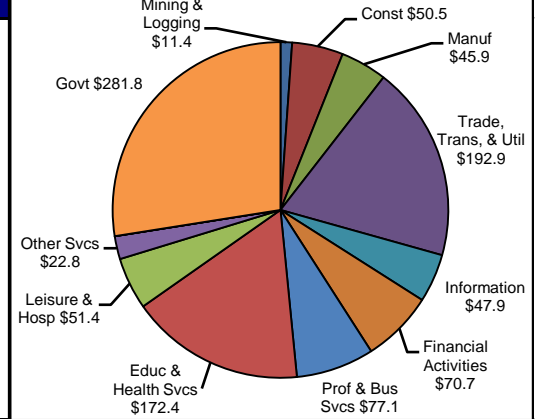
**Size Class of Industries as of March 2009**

| Size Class   | Employees Per Firm | Number of Firms | Employment in Size Class | % of Total Employment |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9            | 1000+              | 11              | 30225                    | 24.1%                 |
| 8            | 500-999            | 9               | 6306                     | 5.0%                  |
| 7            | 250-499            | 30              | 10458                    | 8.3%                  |
| 6            | 100-249            | 142             | 21306                    | 17.0%                 |
| 5            | 50-99              | 213             | 14135                    | 11.3%                 |
| 4            | 20-49              | 610             | 18806                    | 15.0%                 |
| 3            | 10-19              | 817             | 11114                    | 8.9%                  |
| 2            | 5-9                | 1083            | 7222                     | 5.8%                  |
| 1            | 1-4                | 2834            | 5816                     | 4.6%                  |
| 0            | 0                  | 443             | 0                        | 0.0%                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                    | <b>6192</b>     | <b>125388</b>            | <b>100.0%</b>         |

**Comments for August 2009**

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Lubbock MSA gained 200 jobs in August. Wholesale Trade, Other Services, and Mining, Logging, and Construction each lost 100 positions over the month. Manufacturing held steady for the third consecutive month. Retail Trade and Local Government each added 100 jobs in August. Education and Health Services added 200 jobs over the month, and 600 jobs over the past year. Leisure and Hospitality gained 400 jobs over the past twelve months, for a 2.5 percent increase.

**1st Quarter Wages by Industry (in millions)**



**Unemployment Information** (all estimates are in thousands)

|        | Lubbock MSA |       |        |        | Texas (Actual) |          |        |        | United States (Actual) |           |          |        |
|--------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|----------------|----------|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|
|        | C.L.F.      | Emp.  | Unemp. | % Rate | C.L.F.         | Emp.     | Unemp. | % Rate | C.L.F.                 | Emp.      | Unemp.   | % Rate |
| Aug-09 | 143.6       | 135.5 | 8.1    | 5.7    | 12,061.4       | 11,079.4 | 982.0  | 8.1    | 154,897.0              | 140,074.0 | 14,823.0 | 9.6    |
| Jul-09 | 144.8       | 136.0 | 8.8    | 6.1    | 12,136.6       | 11,138.2 | 998.4  | 8.2    | 156,255.0              | 141,055.0 | 15,201.0 | 9.7    |
| Aug-08 | 140.8       | 135.0 | 5.8    | 4.1    | 11,750.7       | 11,129.8 | 620.9  | 5.3    | 155,387.0              | 145,909.0 | 9,479.0  | 6.1    |