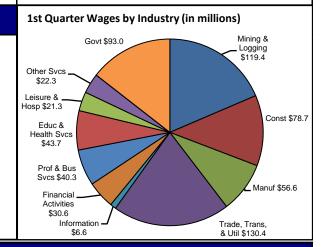


Employment by industry								Size Class of illudstries				as of March 2009
	Aug-2009	Jul-2009	Aug-2008	Monthly Actual	Change %	Annual Actual		Size Class	Employees Per Firm	Number of Firms	Employment in Size Class	% of Total Employment
Total Nonagricultural	63,000	63,000	63,900	0	0.0%	-900	-1.4%	9	1000+	4	8533	14.1%
Mining, Logging, & Const	13,200	13,200	13,500	0	0.0%	-300	-2.2%	8	500-999	7	4906	8.1%
Manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,600	0	0.0%	-400	-8.7%	7	250-499	14	4255	7.1%
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	13,500	13,500	13,900	0	0.0%	-400	-2.9%	6	100-249	66	9649	16.0%
Information	600	600	700	0	0.0%	-100	-14.3%	5	50-99	126	8904	14.8%
Financial Activities	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	20-49	365	11094	18.4%
Profes., & Business Svcs	4,400	4,400	4,500	0	0.0%	-100	-2.2%	3	10-19	464	6400	10.6%
Education & Health Svcs	5,900	5,800	5,700	100	1.7%	200	3.5%	2	5-9	632	4176	6.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	6,200	6,200	6,000	0	0.0%	200	3.3%	1	1-4	1093	2399	4.0%
Other Services	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	214	0	0.0%
Government	8,700	8,800	8,700	-100	-1.1%	0	0.0%	TOTAL		2985	60316	100.0%

Comments for August 2009

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Odessa MSA had no over-the-month change in August. This month's level employment follows four consecutive months of losses for the Odessa MSA. Since August 2008, the MSA lost 900 jobs for an annual growth rate of -1.4 percent. Local Government lost 100 positions for the month, as local school districts continued summer vacation. Education and Health Services had a slight increase for August. The annual growth rate for Education and Health Services was 3.5 percent.



Unemployment Information (all estimates are in thousands) Odessa 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 75.9 68.8 7.1 9.3 12,061.4 11,079.4 982.0 8.1 154,897.0 140,074.0 14,823.0 9.6 Jul-09 76.6 69.4 7.2 9.4 8.2 9.7 12.136.6 11,138.2 998.4 156,255.0 141,055.0 15,201.0 Aug-08 71.4 68.7 2.7 3.7 11,750.7 620.9 5.3 155,387.0 145,909.0 9,479.0 6.1 11,129.8