## **South Plains Workforce Development Area\*** August 2009 South Plains WDA Texas Unemployed CLF **Employed** Rate **CLF Employed** Unemployed Rate Aug-09 208,581 196,081 12,500 6.0 Aug-09 12,061,355 11,079,403 981,952 8.1 Jul-09 209,599 196,196 13,403 6.4 Jul-09 12,136,607 11,138,224 998,383 8.2 8,640 Aug-08 202,450 193,810 4.3 Aug-08 11,750,624 11,129,768 620,856 5.3 **Historical Unemployment Rates** 9.0 South Plains 8.0 7.0 Texas 6.0 5.0 4.0 3.0 2.0 Jun-05 Aug-09 8 Jun-00 Feb-02 Mar-04 Aug-04 Feb-07 Dec-07 Jul-07 Mar-09 **South Plains WDA Industry Composition Total WDA Claims** 1st Quarter 2009 Aug-09 Jul-09 Aug-08 OTY 25.0% Initial 1,262 1,045 516 746 Continued 7,660 8,791 3,959 3,701 20.0% Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th 15.0% Continued 2,172 2,756 1,336 10.0% **Texas Unemployment Insurance Claims Filed** 5.0% Jul-09 OTY Aug-09 Aug-08 Initial 98.444 112.737 68.139 30,305 0.0% 1,404,113 1,340,360 Education & Health Services Federal Local Professional & Business Services Continued 543,681 860,432 Natural Resources & Nonclassified Other Services Transportation & Financial Activities Information Manufacturing Construction Leisure & Hospitality Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th Continued 295.488 313,137 125,839 169,649 South Plains WDA Average Weekly Wage Trade, 1 South Plains WDA Qtr. Chg. Texas 1st Quarter 2009 \$621.38 -\$73.43 \$884.74 4th Quarter 2008 \$694.81 WDA OTY Chg. \$932.81 1st Quarter 2008 \$623.21 \$903.44 -\$1.83 **NAICS Covered Employment Quarterly Data Size Class Employment Composition** 1st Quarter 2009 1st Quarter 2009 Change 40,000 SUPER SECTOR **Employment** Quarter Year 7,660 101 225 Construction 35,000 Education & Health Services 22,531 -96 947 30,000 -84 Federal 1,717 -76 Financial Activities 8,466 -125 -9 25,000 Information 5,199 -352 -579 20,000 Leisure & Hospitality 18,625 -432 580 23,856 1,130 1,481 15,000 -70 Manufacturing 9,381 56 10,000 Natural Resources & Mining -2,000 9,152 -706 5,000 Nonclassified 67 7 -9 Other Services 5,940 188 Professional & Business Services 11,569 -698 -566 10-19 20-49 4-50-99 100-249 250-499 1,000+ 500-999 State 11,631 -138 -148 Trade, Transportation & Utilities 34.126 -1.306 -211 Size Class TOTAL 1,173 169,920 -4,059 \*Counties in WDA: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, & Yoakum

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