

Dallas County

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Monthly Report



March 2005 Data

Same with all Counties, the unemployment rate decreased in the month of March. The current rate remains higher than the State's 5.5 percent rate and the Nation's 5.4 percent rate. Please note that due to new methodology of calculating employment and unemployment starting January 2005, annual comparisons can not be comparative.

	March 2005	February 2005	March 2004
Civilian Labor Force	1,161,938	1,166,285	1,236,617
Total Employment	1,092,459	1,089,071	1,151,660
Unemployed	69,479	77,214	84,957
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.6	6.9

Source: Texas Workforce Commission (LAUS)

US at a Glance

CPI: +0.6% in Mar 2005

Unemployment Rate: 5.2% in Mar 2005

Payroll Employment: +110,000(p) in Mar 2005

Average Hourly Earnings: +\$.04(p) in Mar 2005

PPI: +0.7%(p) in Mar 2005

ECI: +0.7% in 4th Qtr of 2004

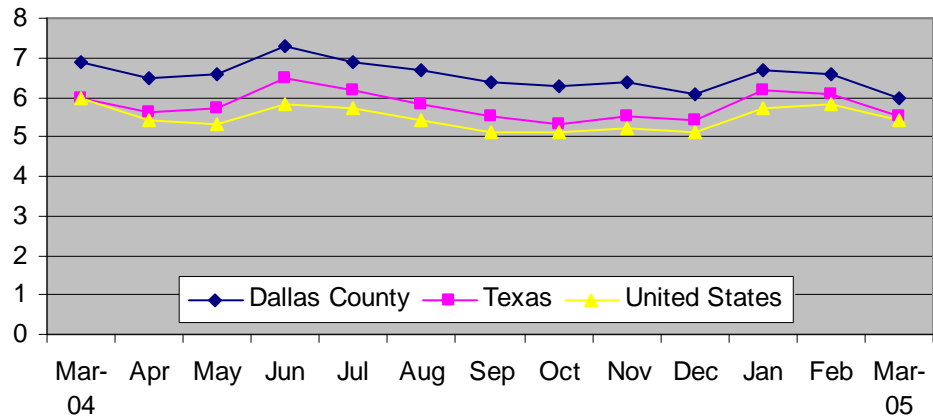
Productivity: +2.1% in 4th Qtr of 2004

U.S. Import Price Index: +1.8% in Mar 2005

Not seasonally adjusted	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rates
North Central WDA	1,034,575	984,415	50,160	4.8
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA	2,958,827	2,798,765	160,062	5.4
Texas	11,093,572	10,478,252	615,320	5.5
United States	147,745,000	139,759,000	7,986,000	5.4

Source: Texas Workforce Commission (LAUS)

Unemployment Rates: March 2004 to March 2005



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County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Collin	340,325	324,524	15,801	4.6
Denton	295,922	282,355	13,567	4.6
Ellis	63,329	59,847	3,482	5.5
Erath	18,175	17,472	703	3.9
Hood	23,475	22,364	1,111	4.7
Hunt	38,934	36,564	2,370	6.1
Johnson	70,858	67,188	3,670	5.2
Kaufman	40,586	38,232	2,354	5.8
Navarro	19,937	18,646	1,291	6.5
Palo Pinto	13,488	12,806	682	5.1
Parker	49,575	47,197	2,378	4.8
Rockwall	28,695	27,393	1,302	4.5
Somervell	3,924	3,760	164	4.2
Wise	27,352	26,067	1,285	4.7
TEXAS	11,093,572	10,478,252	615,320	5.5
US	147,745,000	139,759,000	7,986,000	5.4

The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA consists of Collin, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Rockwall, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise Counties. Total Nonagricultural Employment in Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA increased by 13,700 jobs in March. Similar to other MSA's, gain was primarily due to Leisure & Hospitality, Professional & Business Services, Natural Resources, Mining & Construction, Retail Trade and other services. Financial Services, Government and Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities showed decreases in employment from the previous month.

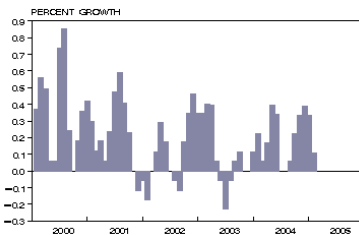
Employment in Leisure & Hospitality accounted for 28% of the job growth. This growth was fueled by seasonal hiring as well as by new job creation. Retail trade employment increased 10%, an increase consistent with historic patterns for this industry. This upward move followed the release of seasonal holiday positions during January and February.

Consumer prices
(1982-1984=100)

	Period	Value
DFW	Jan-05	181.3
	Dec-04	181.1
	Jul-04	178.7
Houston	Feb-05	174.2
	Jan-05	171.5
	Jun-04	169.6

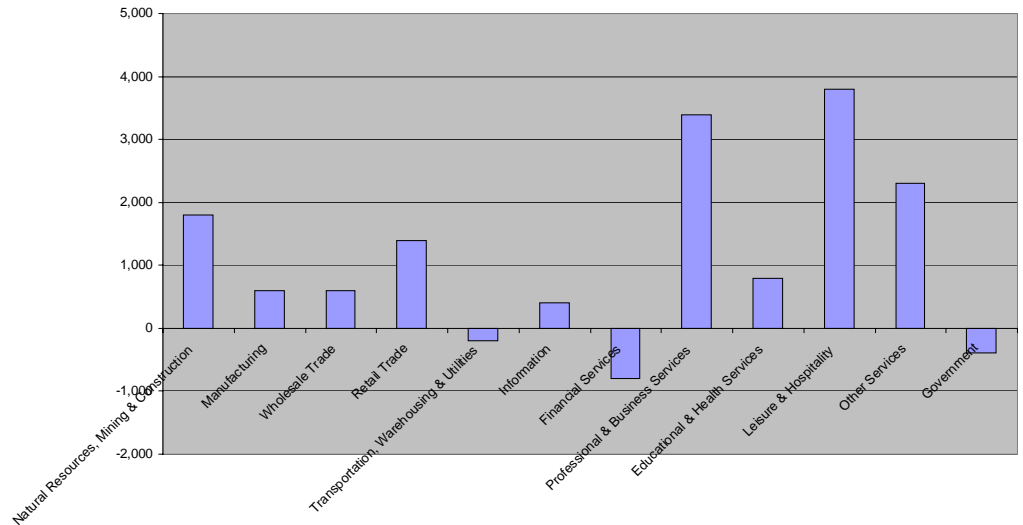
Source: Dallas Federal Reserve

CPI – DALLAS/FORT WORTH
MM, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, PERCENT GROWTH



Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
Dallas – Fort Worth – Arlington MSA

Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA
February to March 2005 Employment Change (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



Sector	March 2005	February 2005	March 2004	Monthly % change	Annual % Change
Goods producing	452,600	450,200	446,000	0.53%	1.48%
Natural Resources Mining and Construction	157,500	155,700	153,700	1.16%	2.47%
Manufacturing	295,100	294,500	292,300	0.20%	0.96%
Service Providing	2,266,700	2,255,400	2,226,700	0.50%	1.80%
Wholesale Trade	159,100	158,500	158,500	0.38%	0.38%
Retail Trade	295,800	294,400	292,900	0.48%	0.99%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	134,100	134,300	131,900	-0.15%	1.67%
Information	93,100	92,700	96,100	0.43%	-3.12%
Financial Activities	215,800	216,600	212,700	-0.37%	1.46%
Professional and Business Services	374,400	371,000	360,500	0.92%	3.86%
Education and Health Services	276,200	275,400	273,100	0.29%	1.14%
Leisure and Hospitality	250,200	246,400	245,600	1.54%	1.87%
Other Services	109,800	107,500	109,000	2.14%	0.73%
Government	358,200	358,600	346,400	-0.11%	3.41%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission (Texas Labor Market Review)