



Employment by Industry

Industry	Employment		Apr-2003	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Apr-2004	Mar-2004		Actual	%	Actual	%
Total Nonagricultural	106,300	106,000	105,700	300	0.3%	600	0.6%
Natural Resources & Mining	10,700	10,600	10,600	100	0.9%	100	0.9%
Construction	6,200	6,200	6,400	0	0.0%	-200	-3.1%
Manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	21,800	21,600	21,600	200	0.9%	200	0.9%
Information	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	0.0%	100	2.0%
Profes., & Business Services	9,000	9,100	8,800	-100	-1.1%	200	2.3%
Education & Health Services	11,700	11,600	11,100	100	0.9%	600	5.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	10,500	10,500	10,600	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
Other Services	4,800	4,700	4,800	100	2.1%	0	0.0%
Government	18,300	18,400	18,700	-100	-0.5%	-400	-2.1%

Size Class of Industries as of September 2003

Size Class	Employees Per Firm	Number of Firms	Employment in Size Class	% of Total Employment
9	1000+	5	11062	10.5%
8	500-999	7	4885	4.7%
7	250-499	27	8808	8.4%
6	100-249	123	17399	16.6%
5	50-99	223	15555	14.8%
4	20-49	654	20114	19.2%
3	10-19	925	12427	11.8%
2	5-9	1293	8510	8.1%
1	1-4	2893	6196	5.9%
0	0	443	0	0.0%
TOTAL		6593	104956	100.0%

Comments for April 2004

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Odessa-Midland MSA increased by 300 jobs in April. Over the year, the MSA gained 600 jobs. Natural Resources & Mining, Retail Trade, Educational & Health Services, and Other Services had small over-the-month increases. Over the year, Retail Trade lost 300 jobs, or 2.4 percent, while Educational and Health Services added 600 jobs, or 5.4 percent. Over the year, Construction lost 200 jobs, marking the industry's third consecutive month of over-the-year losses. Professional & Business Services and Government posted small employment decreases during April.

Largest Private Sector Employers - Employer Reported, September 2003

- Albertsons Inc.
- Cingular Wireless Employee Svcs
- HEB Grocery Company LP
- Huntsman Polymers Corp.
- Nurses Unlimited Inc.
- Patterson UTI Drilling West Lp LLP
- Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory Ltd.
- Schlumberger Technology Corp.
- Wal-Mart Associates Inc.
- Yale E. Key Inc.

Unemployment Information (all estimates are in thousands)

	Odessa - Midland MSA				Texas (Actual)				United States (Actual)			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate
Apr-04	127.0	121.1	5.9	4.6	10,901.4	10,290.4	611.0	5.6	146,260.0	138,423.0	7,837.0	5.4
Mar-04	126.6	120.3	6.3	5.0	10,874.6	10,219.7	654.9	6.0	146,525.0	137,691.0	8,834.0	6.0
Apr-03	125.6	118.5	7.1	5.6	10,823.3	10,126.3	697.0	6.4	145,925.0	137,424.0	8,501.0	5.8