



**DFW
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MAY 2021**

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Summary

DFW recorded a **net gain of 22,700 jobs** in May. **Employment** was essentially unchanged in nearly all sectors, with another modest rise in the **leisure & hospitality** sector, though not as sizeable as in April 2021. The **leisure & hospitality** sector was **29%** above May 2020 employment. **Mining, quarrying, and oil & gas** employment was **2% lower** than in May 2020, and **construction** employment was **1% lower**.

DFW experienced a **net employment gain** for the third consecutive month between April and May 2021, bringing it **79,500 jobs short of February 2020** pre-pandemic employment.

Unemployment rates improved in DFW and Texas, at **5.3%** and **5.9%**, respectively, and remained unchanged in the U.S. at **5.7%**.

Job postings in the Dallas-Fort Worth area rose 3% between April and May 2021, **exceeding May 2020 job postings** by 37 percent. The top three positions posted were **software developers, registered nurses, and heavy truck drivers**, though heavy truck drivers were **8% lower** than April 2021.

See the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas' [Texas Employment Forecast](#) and [DFW Economic Indicators](#) for deeper analysis of these dynamics.

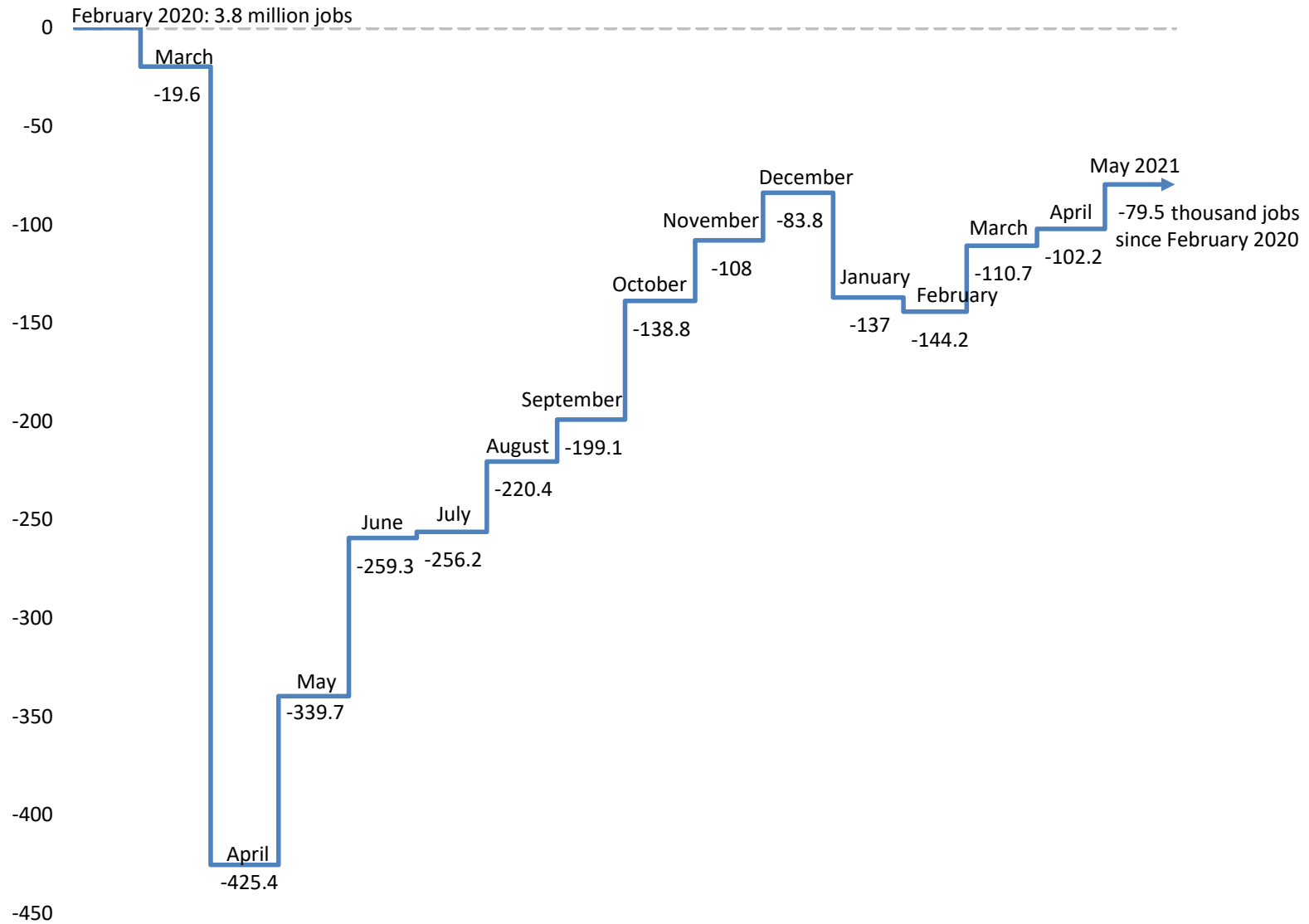
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DFW Cumulative Job Change Since Before the Pandemic

Cumulative change in jobs since February 2020 (thousands)



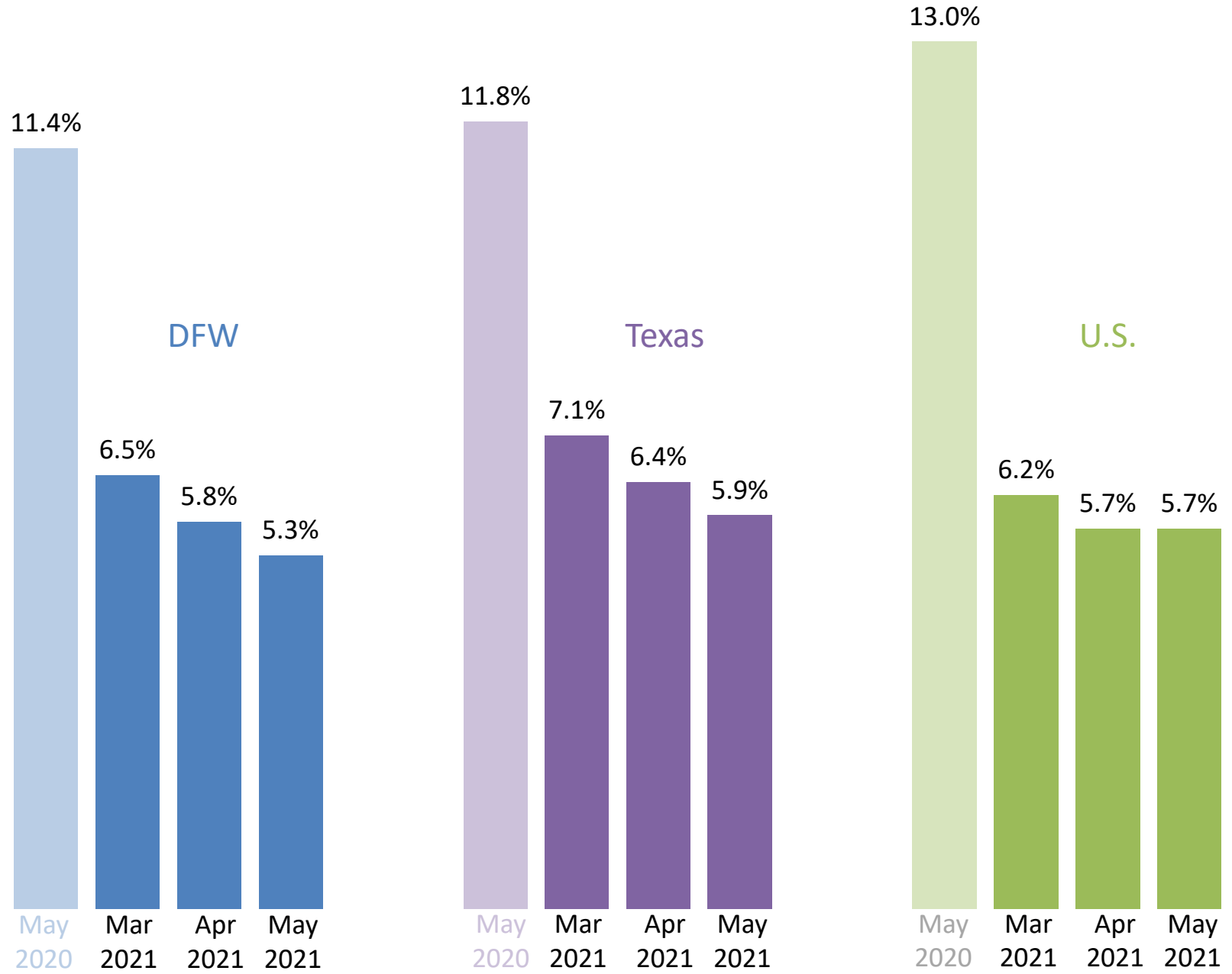
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Unemployment Rates* in DFW, Texas, and U.S.



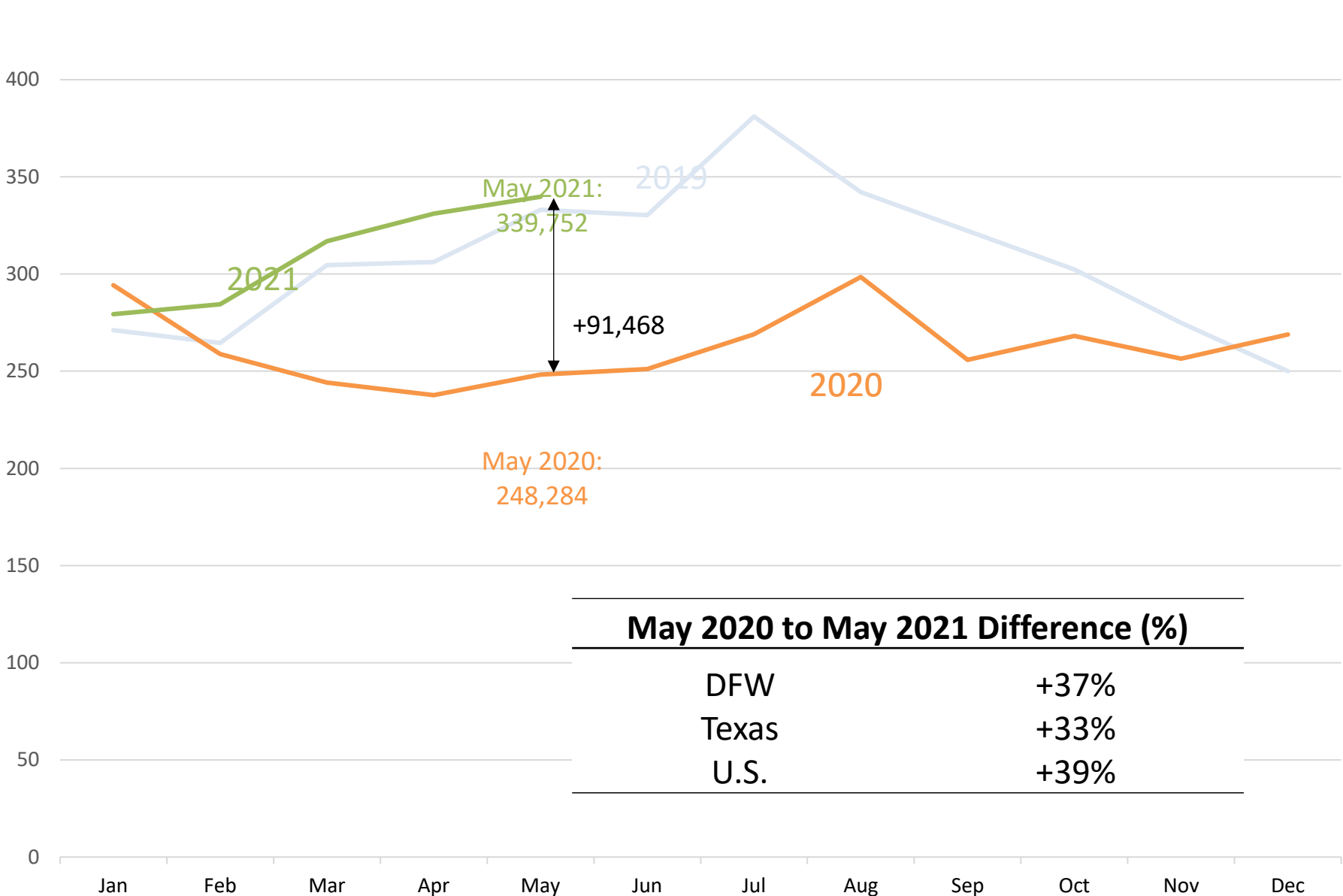
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DFW Total Job Postings: 2021 vs. 2020

Job postings, thousands



May 2020 to May 2021 Difference (%)

DFW	+37%
Texas	+33%
U.S.	+39%



Top Occupations by Job Postings in DFW

	Occupation	Median Annual Earnings	Median Advertised Salary	Median Posting Duration	May 2021 Unique Job Postings	May 2020 Unique Job Postings	Change, May. 2020 to May. 2021 (%)
1	Software developers and software quality assurance analysts and testers	\$110,114	\$114,944	28	17,630	10,976	61%
2	Registered nurses	\$76,915	\$89,856	29	14,612	7,272	101%
3	Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	\$48,613	\$67,456	17	14,150	12,429	14%
4	Computer occupations, all other	\$97,047	\$106,368	30	10,057	6,403	57%
5	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	\$42,582	\$34,432	41	8,737	6,986	25%
6	Retail salespersons	\$25,731	\$31,168	35	8,522	6,746	26%
7	Customer service representatives	\$37,210	\$33,408	29	7,997	5,676	41%
8	Stockers and order fillers	\$30,326	\$31,104	26	6,136	3,640	69%
9	Marketing managers	\$146,858	\$110,336	33	5,531	3,148	76%
10	Network and computer systems administrators	\$87,006	\$89,344	27	4,836	3,365	44%
	All occupations	-	-	-	339,752	248,284	37%



Top Occupations by Job Postings in DFW

	Occupation	March 2021 Unique Job Postings	April 2021 Unique Job Postings	May 2021 Unique Job Postings	Change, Apr. 2021 to May. 2021 (%)
1	Software developers and software quality assurance analysts and testers	16,476	16,109	17,630	9%
2	Registered nurses	16,260	13,862	14,612	5%
3	Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	15,543	15,324	14,150	-8%
4	Computer occupations, all other	9,457	9,283	10,057	8%
5	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	7,803	8,563	8,737	2%
6	Retail salespersons	7,707	8,612	8,522	-1%
7	Customer service representatives	7,174	7,638	7,997	5%
8	Stockers and order fillers	5,057	6,320	6,136	-3%
9	Marketing managers	5,309	5,385	5,531	3%
10	Network and computer systems administrators	4,453	4,480	4,836	8%
	All occupations	316,901	331,106	339,752	3%



DFW Employment by Industry

Industry	May 2020 Employment	March 2021 Employment	April 2021 Employment	May 2021 Employment	Change, May. 2020 to May. 2021 (%)	Change, Apr. 2021 to May. 2021 (%)
Professional and business services	603,000	642,800	647,900	651,300	8%	1%
Wholesale and retail trade	537,900	578,500	577,900	577,900	7%	0%
Government	438,500	455,200	458,300	456,400	4%	0%
Education and health services	431,200	452,700	450,800	453,500	5%	1%
Leisure and hospitality	280,200	341,900	352,900	361,200	29%	2%
Financial activities	320,000	328,200	326,500	328,400	3%	1%
Manufacturing	272,400	281,600	279,800	280,900	3%	0%
Transportation and utilities	220,400	234,000	232,700	235,300	7%	1%
Construction	127,500	128,500	126,500	126,600	-1%	0%
Other services	100,200	115,500	115,800	119,000	19%	3%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	91,100	90,000	88,700	89,100	-2%	0%
Information	76,700	79,200	78,800	79,700	4%	1%
Total nonfarm	3,499,100	3,728,100	3,736,600	3,759,300	7%	1%

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DFW vs. U.S. Employment by Industry

Industry	DFW			U.S.		
	DFW May 2021 Employment	DFW May 2021 Employment Share (%)	DFW Employment Change, May. 2020 to May. 2021 (%)	U.S. May 2021 Employment	U.S. May 2021 Employment Share (%)	U.S. Employment Change, May. 2020 to May. 2021 (%)
Professional and business services	651,300	17%	8%	20,765,000	14%	8%
Wholesale and retail trade	577,900	15%	7%	20,828,900	14%	9%
Government	456,400	12%	4%	21,958,000	15%	2%
Education and health services	453,500	12%	5%	23,538,000	16%	6%
Leisure and hospitality	361,200	10%	29%	14,611,000	10%	42%
Financial activities	328,400	9%	3%	8,781,000	6%	2%
Manufacturing	280,900	7%	3%	12,282,000	8%	6%
Transportation and utilities	235,300	6%	7%	6,189,900	4%	8%
Construction	126,600	3%	-1%	7,477,000	5%	6%
Other services	119,000	3%	19%	5,604,000	4%	17%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	89,100	2%	-2%	618,000	0%	3%
Information	79,700	2%	4%	2,716,000	2%	5%
Total nonfarm	3,759,300	100%	7%	145,369,000	100%	9%

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