



**DFW
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Summary

DFW recorded a **net gain of 25,800 jobs** in September, bringing the region **2,400 jobs short of February 2020** pre-pandemic levels. From the previous month, **employment** saw a significant **increase** and the **unemployment rates** in DFW, Texas, and nationwide all saw **decreases** to **4.4%**, **4.9%**, and **4.6%**, respectively. The top three positions posted were once again **software developers, registered nurses, and heavy truck drivers**, all of which saw an increase in the number of postings. The largest **industries by employment** in the DFW region were **professional and business services (18%)**, **wholesale and retail trade (15%)**, and **government (12%)**.

Some findings when comparing September 2021 and September 2020:

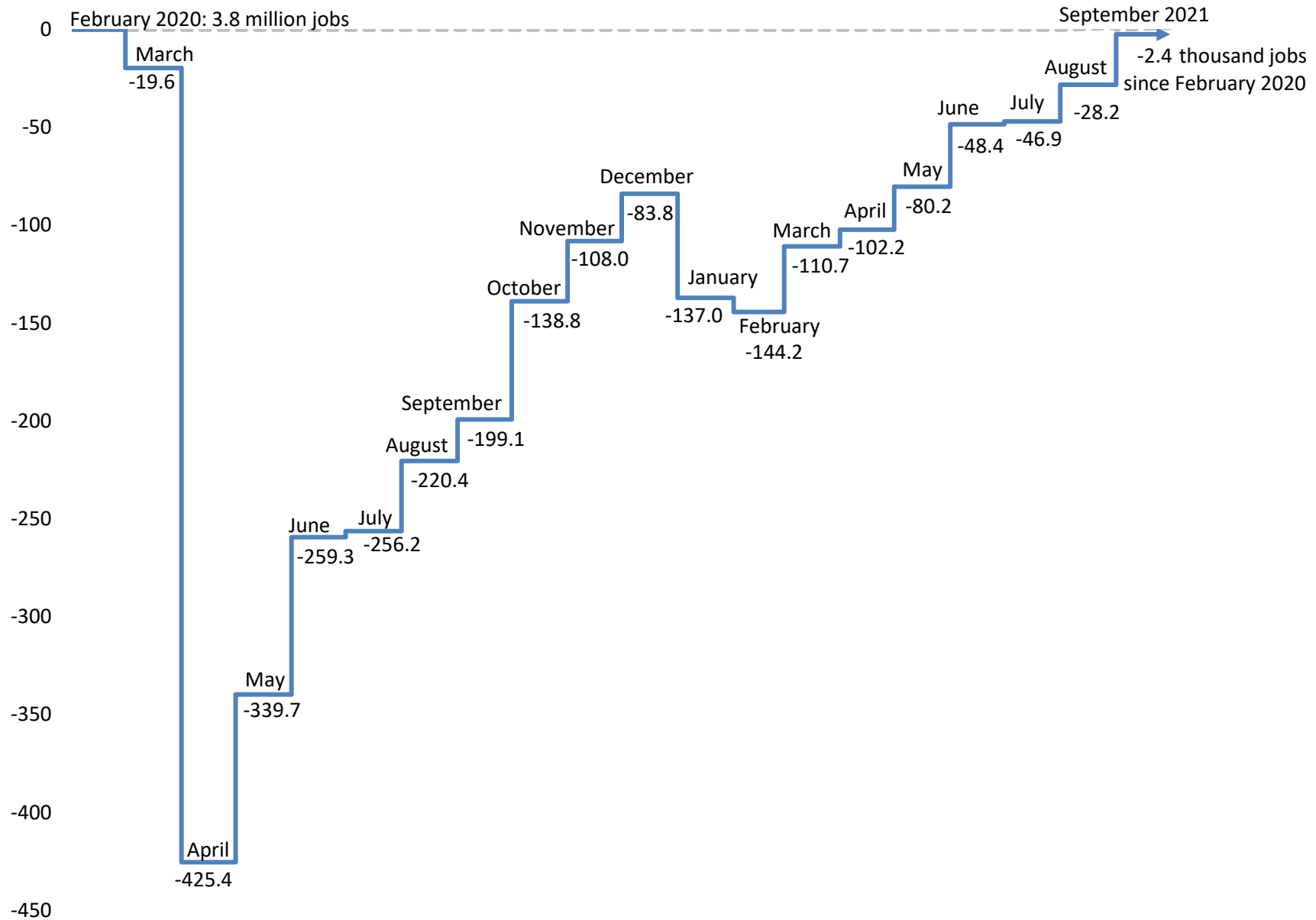
- The **leisure and hospitality (15%)**, **other services (11%)**, and **professional and business services (10%)** sectors have seen the largest increases in employment in DFW during this time period.
- Nationwide, the **leisure and hospitality (15%)**, **mining, quarrying, and oil and gas (9%)**, and **transportation and utilities (6%)** sectors saw the **largest increases in employment**.
- **Job postings in the DFW area increased by 99,515**, or roughly **39%**.

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



DFW Cumulative Job Change Since Before the Pandemic

Cumulative change in jobs since February 2020 (thousands)



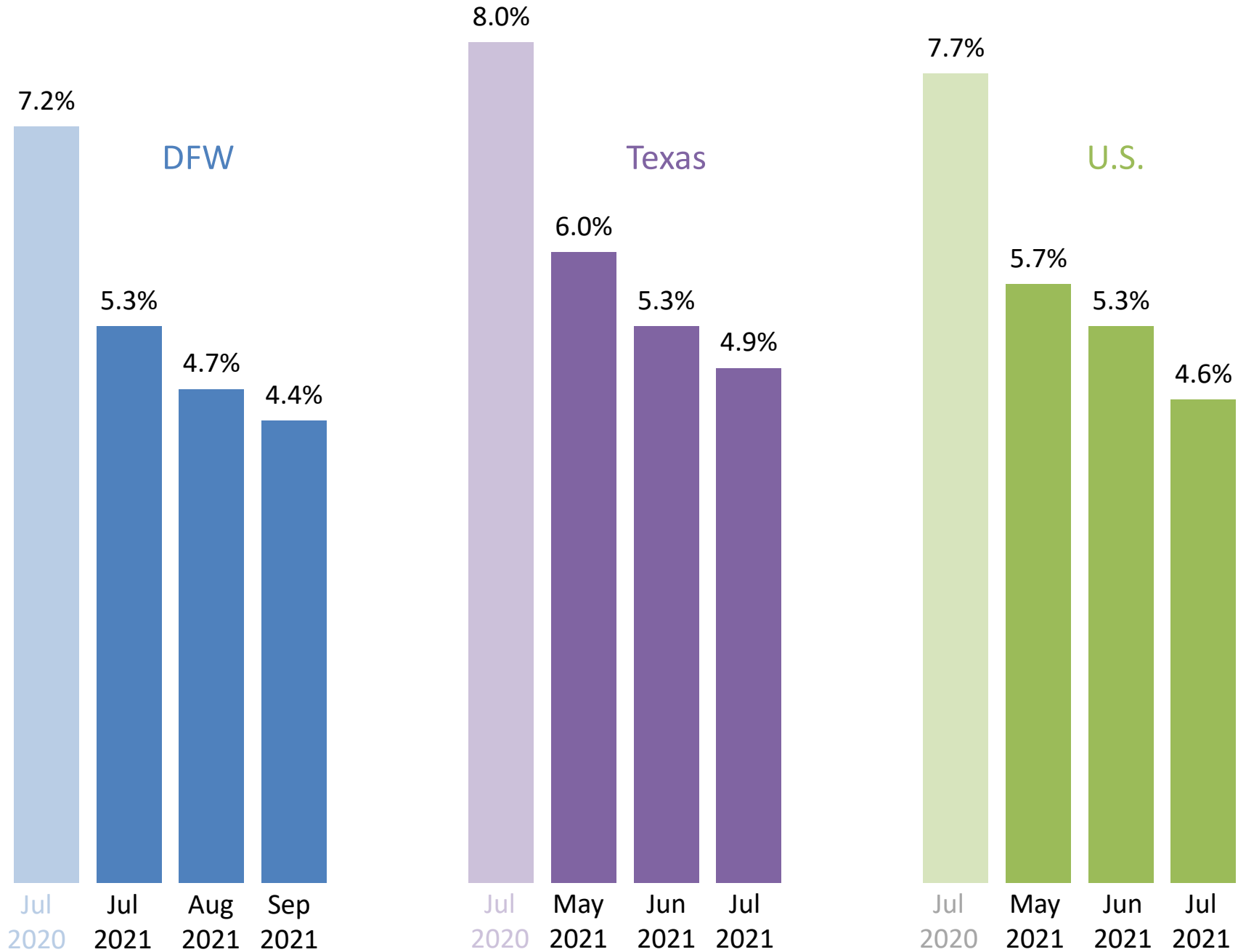
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics State and Area Employment, Hours, and Earnings, November 2021.



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



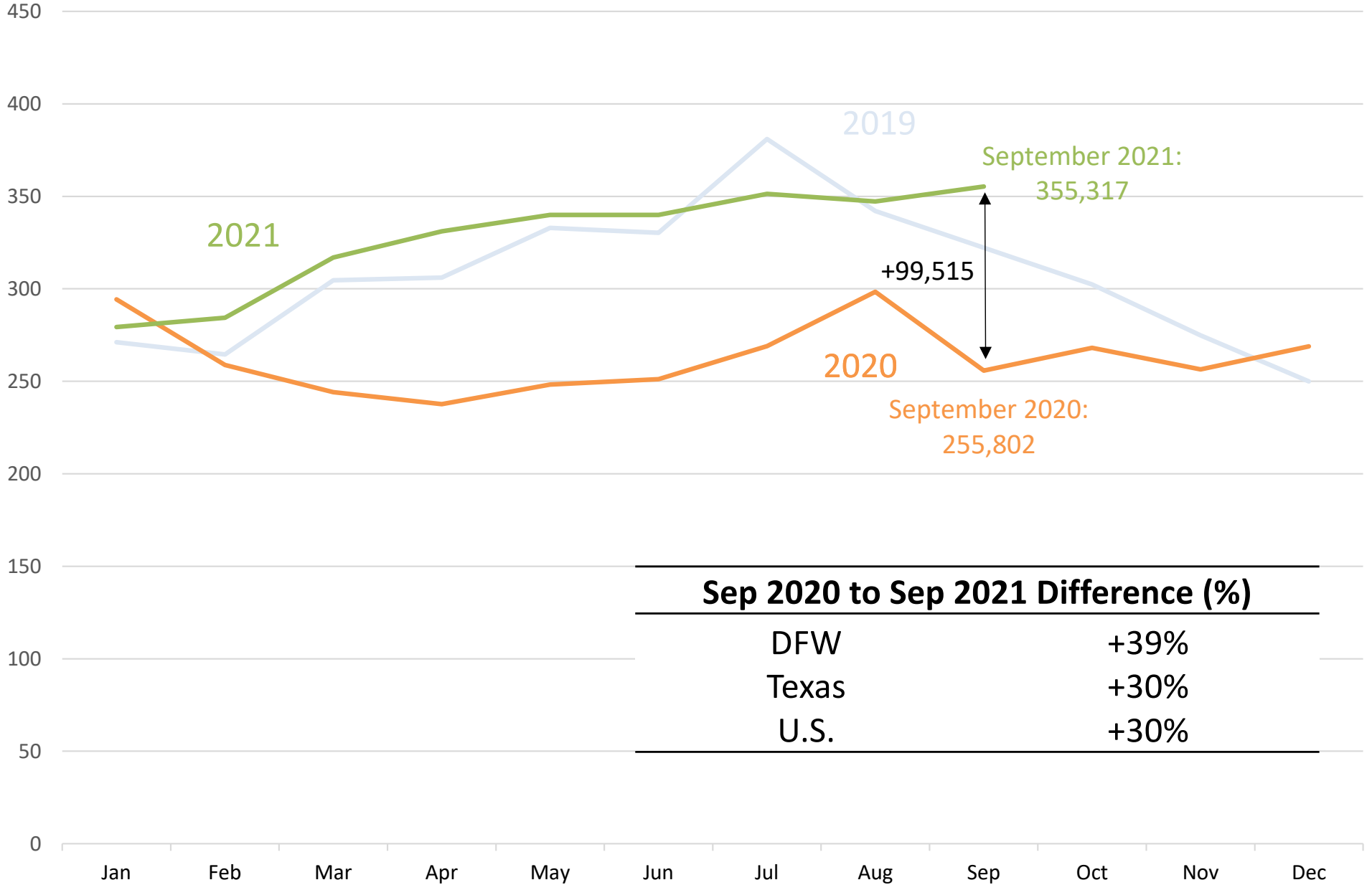
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Labor Force Statistics, November 2021.



DFW Total Job Postings: 2021 vs. 2020

Job postings, thousands



Source: Emsi Burning Glass, 2021.



Top Occupations by Job Postings in DFW

	Occupation	Median Annual Earnings	Median Advertised Salary	Median Posting Duration	September 2021 Unique Job Postings	September 2020 Unique Job Postings	Change, Sep. 2020 to Sep. 2021 (%)
1	Software developers and software quality assurance analysts and testers	\$110,174	\$125,184	28	21,621	12,684	70%
2	Registered nurses	\$76,957	\$106,752	26	17,327	13,005	33%
3	Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	\$48,593	\$78,208	15	12,701	12,146	5%
4	Computer occupations, all other	\$97,072	\$125,312	35	11,470	6,663	72%
5	Retail salespersons	\$25,728	\$31,104	35	8,173	7,516	9%
6	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	\$42,584	\$40,576	37	8,026	7,483	7%
7	Customer service representatives	\$37,209	\$35,456	30	7,858	5,944	32%
8	Marketing managers	\$146,786	\$135,680	38	6,485	3,049	113%
9	Stockers and order fillers	\$30,324	\$33,408	33	5,691	5,043	13%
10	Accountants and auditors	\$78,271	\$82,688	34	5,613	3,478	61%
	All occupations	-	-	-	355,317	255,802	39%



Top Occupations by Job Postings in DFW

	Occupation	July 2021 Unique Job Postings	August 2021 Unique Job Postings	September 2021 Unique Job Postings	Change, Aug. 2021 to Sep. 2021 (%)
1	Software developers and software quality assurance analysts and testers	19,706	20,555	21,621	5%
2	Registered nurses	16,465	17,188	17,327	1%
3	Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	13,677	12,297	12,701	3%
4	Computer occupations, all other	11,101	11,014	11,470	4%
5	Retail salespersons	8,185	7,634	8,173	7%
6	First-line supervisors of retail sales workers	8,447	8,020	8,026	0%
7	Customer service representatives	7,999	7,885	7,858	0%
8	Marketing managers	5,818	6,029	6,485	8%
9	Stockers and order fillers	5,834	5,626	5,691	1%
10	Accountants and auditors	5,229	5,160	5,613	9%
	All occupations	351,301	347,220	355,317	2%



DFW Employment by Industry

Industry	September 2020 Employment	July 2021 Employment	August 2021 Employment	September 2021 Employment	Change, Sep. 2020 to Sep. 2021 (%)	Change, Aug. 2021 to Sep. 2021 (%)
Professional and business services	620,700	670,600	683,200	684,000	10%	0%
Wholesale and retail trade	566,700	586,800	588,400	587,200	4%	0%
Government	448,000	430,300	437,500	458,500	2%	5%
Education and health services	444,600	448,700	453,000	452,900	2%	0%
Leisure and hospitality	322,400	381,000	369,900	371,300	15%	0%
Financial activities	324,800	333,400	331,400	329,600	1%	-1%
Manufacturing	279,200	286,300	285,600	286,400	3%	0%
Transportation and utilities	230,300	236,700	240,700	244,900	6%	2%
Construction	127,000	127,800	129,500	130,700	3%	1%
Other services	110,000	121,800	122,300	121,600	11%	-1%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	88,700	88,800	90,100	90,800	2%	1%
Information	77,300	79,700	79,000	78,500	2%	-1%
Total nonfarm	3,639,700	3,791,900	3,810,600	3,836,400	5%	1%

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DFW vs. U.S. Employment by Industry

Industry	DFW September 2021 Employment	DFW September 2021 Employment Share (%)	DFW Employment Change, Sep. 2020 to Sep. 2021 (%)	U.S. September 2021 Employment	U.S. September 2021 Employment Share (%)	U.S. Employment Change, Sep. 2020 to Sep. 2021 (%)
Professional and business services	684,000	18%	10%	21,205,000	14%	5%
Wholesale and retail trade	587,200	15%	4%	21,004,600	14%	3%
Government	458,500	12%	2%	21,950,000	15%	0%
Education and health services	452,900	12%	2%	23,583,000	16%	2%
Leisure and hospitality	371,300	10%	15%	15,405,000	10%	15%
Financial activities	329,600	9%	1%	8,857,000	6%	2%
Manufacturing	286,400	7%	3%	12,470,000	8%	3%
Transportation and utilities	244,900	6%	6%	6,414,400	4%	6%
Construction	130,700	3%	3%	7,627,000	5%	3%
Other services	121,600	3%	11%	5,722,000	4%	5%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	90,800	2%	2%	649,000	0%	9%
Information	78,500	2%	2%	2,772,000	2%	5%
Total nonfarm	3,836,400	100%	5%	147,659,000	100%	4%

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