TEXAS Labor Market Information

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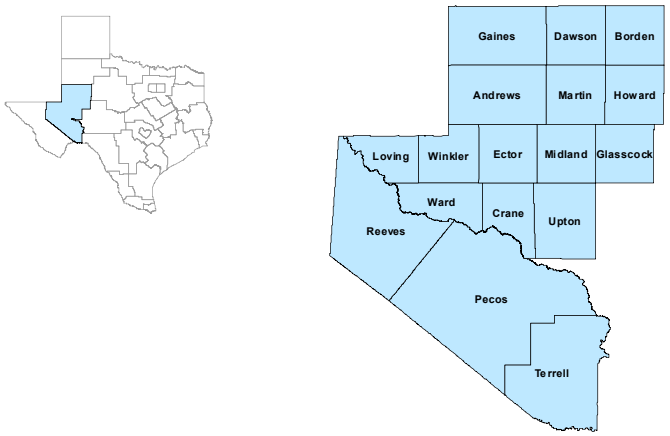

October 2026

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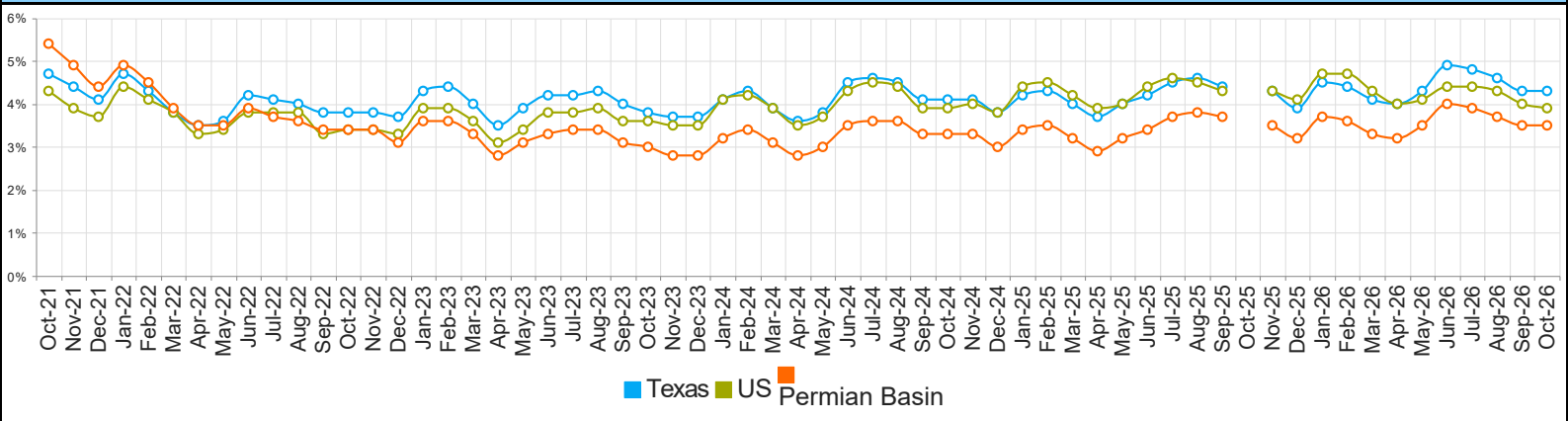

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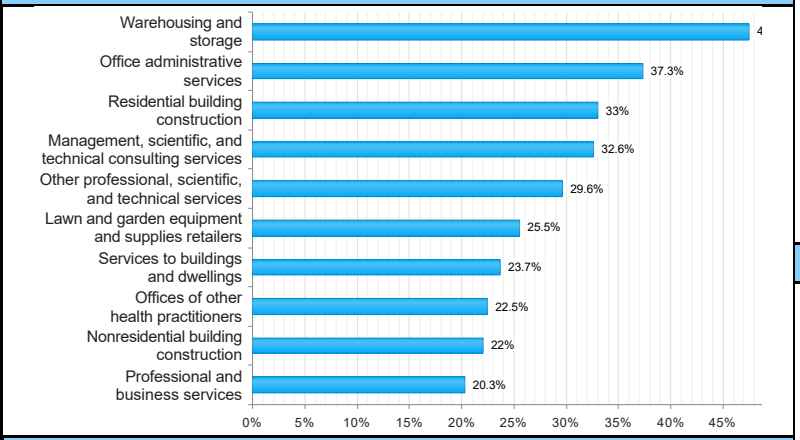

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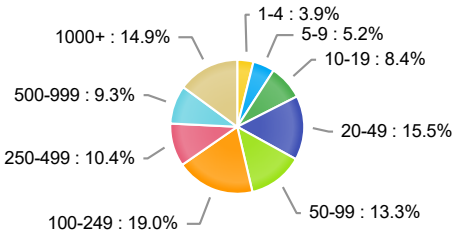

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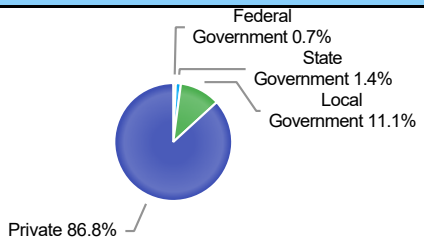

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Professional and Business Services	18,529	7.0%	1.5%	-4.1%
Education and Health Services	41,857	15.8%	-3.3%	-0.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	27,261	10.3%	3.1%	-0.4%
Other Services	7,613	2.9%	1.7%	-0.8%
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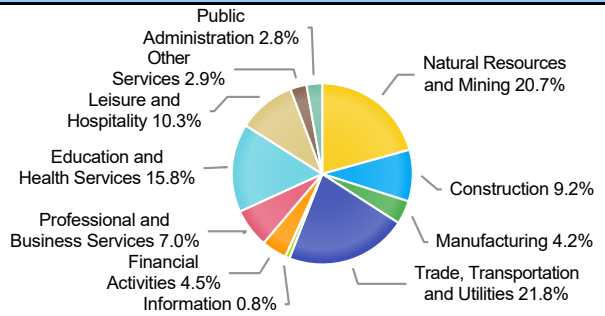

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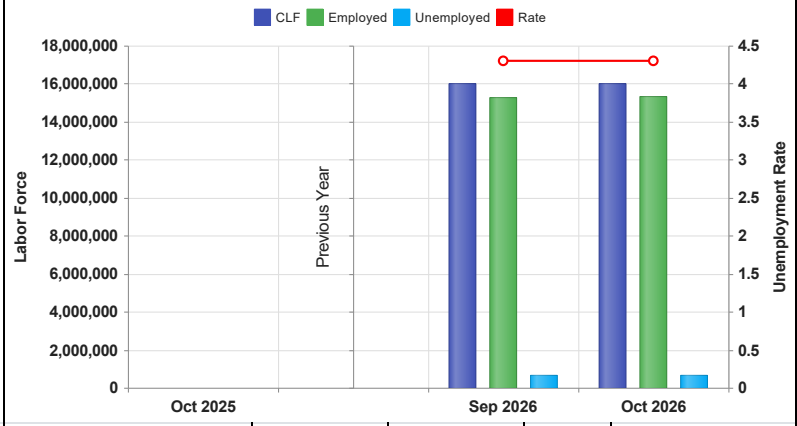

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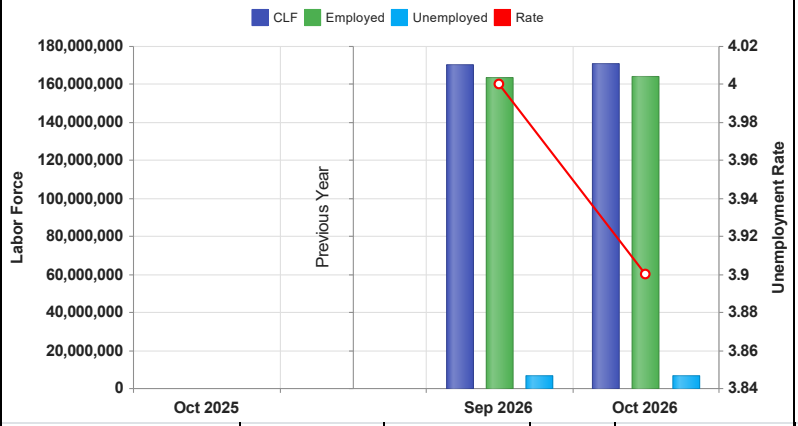

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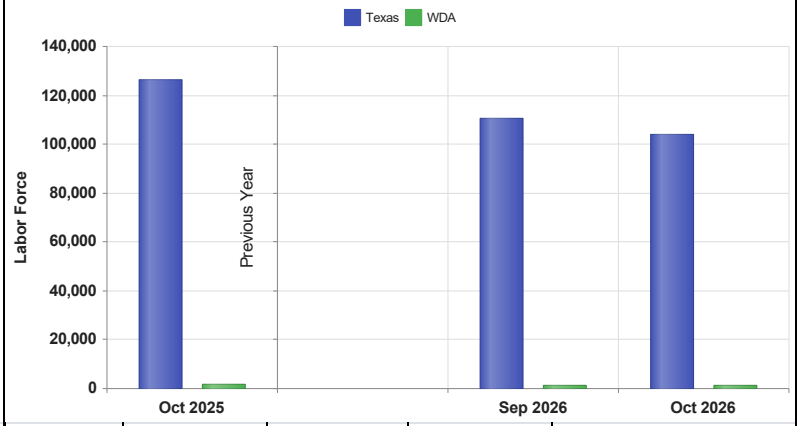

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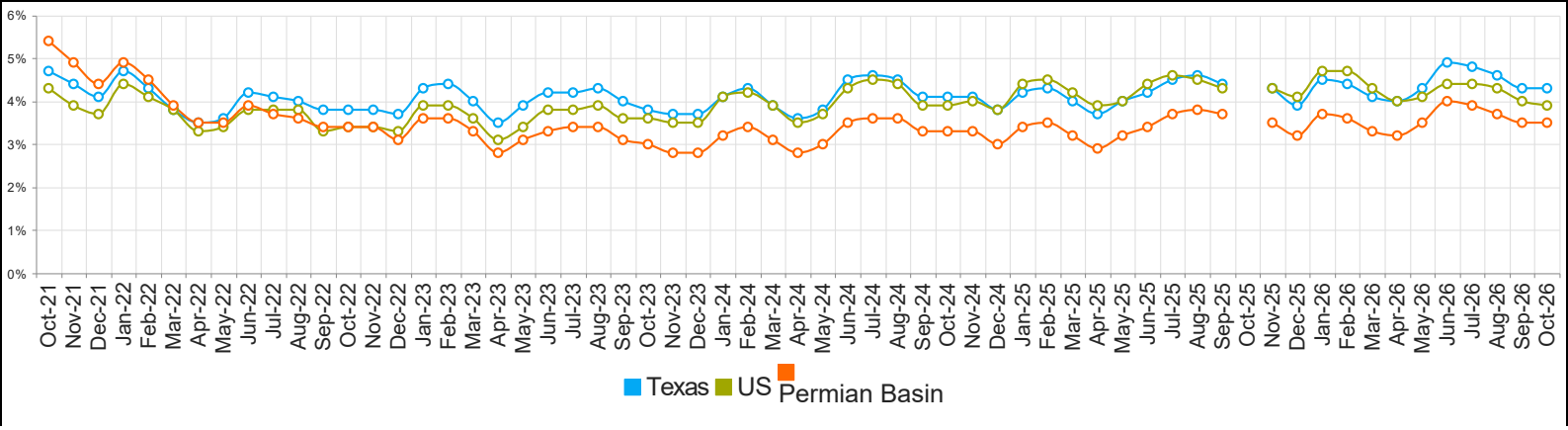

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Oct-26	3.5	4.3	3.9
Sep-26	3.5	4.3	4.0
Aug-26	3.7	4.6	4.3
Jul-26	3.9	4.8	4.4
Jun-26	4.0	4.9	4.4
May-26	3.5	4.3	4.1
Apr-26	3.2	4.0	4.0
Mar-26	3.3	4.1	4.3
Feb-26	3.6	4.4	4.7
Jan-26	3.7	4.5	4.7
Dec-25	3.2	3.9	4.1
Nov-25	3.5	4.3	4.3
Oct-25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sep-25	3.7	4.4	4.3
Aug-25	3.8	4.6	4.5
Jul-25	3.7	4.5	4.6
Jun-25	3.4	4.2	4.4
May-25	3.2	4.0	4.0
Apr-25	2.9	3.7	3.9
Mar-25	3.2	4.0	4.2
Feb-25	3.5	4.3	4.5
Jan-25	3.4	4.2	4.4
Dec-24	3.0	3.8	3.8
Nov-24	3.3	4.1	4.0
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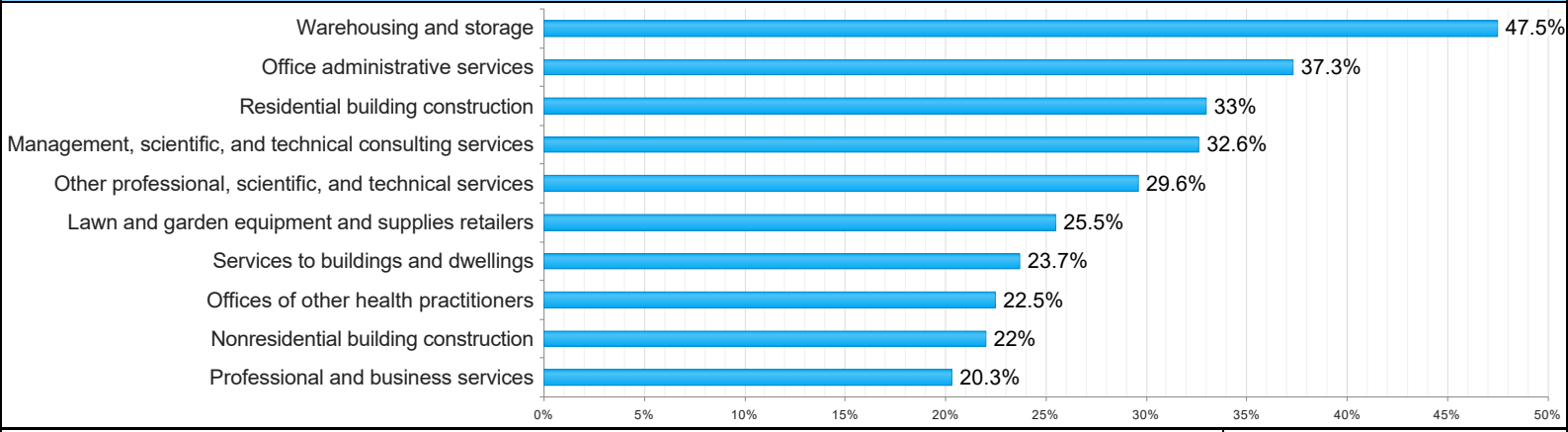

Industry Title	Percent Change
Warehousing and storage	47.5
Office administrative services	37.3
Residential building construction	33
Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	32.6
Other professional, scientific, and technical services	29.6
Lawn and garden equipment and supplies retailers	25.5
Services to buildings and dwellings	23.7
Offices of other health practitioners	22.5
Nonresidential building construction	22
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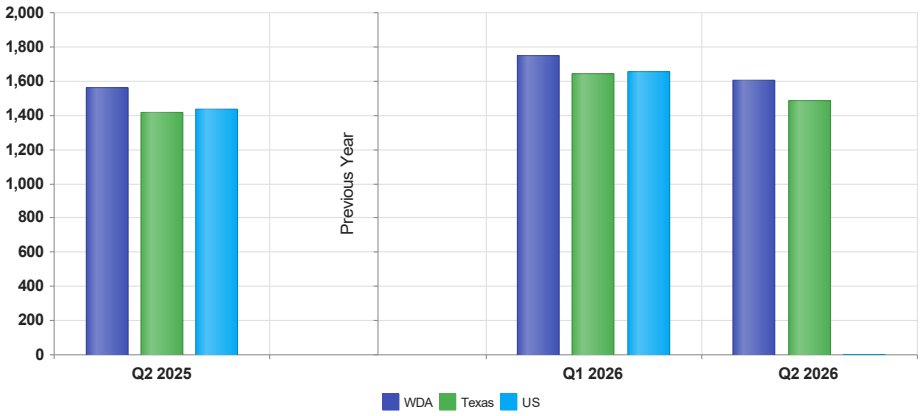

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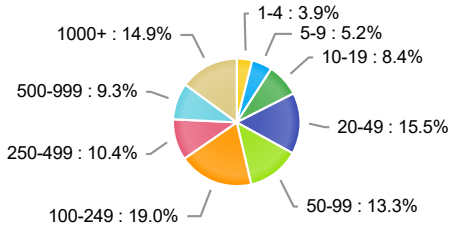

Number of Employees in Firm	Percentage
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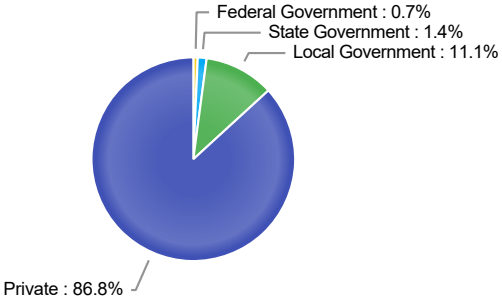

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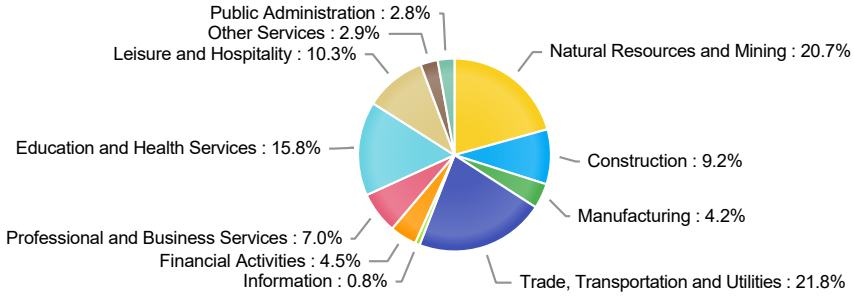

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