

Workforce Solutions Alamo released information today indicating that the Kerr County unemployment rate decreased to 5.6 percent in December, down from 5.9 percent reported in November.

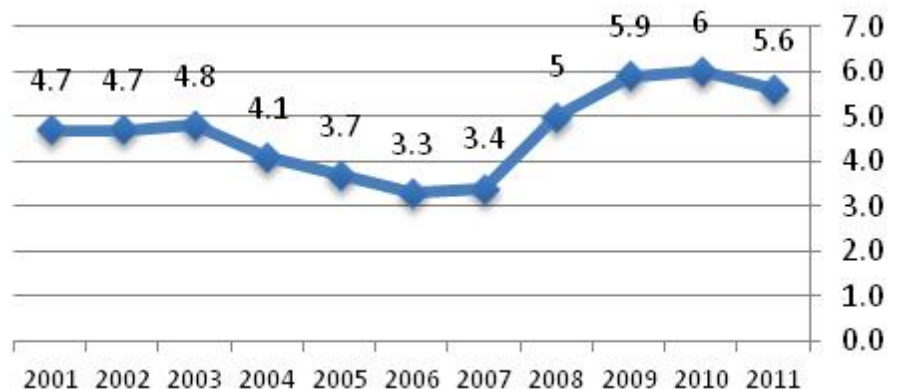
Kerr County's unemployment rate was much lower than the overall jobless rate of 6.7 percent for the 12-county Workforce Solutions Alamo area, which includes Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina and Wilson counties. Gillespie County registered the lowest unemployment rate in December amongst the counties at 4.1% and Karnes County registered the highest rate at 7.7%.

Comparing the Workforce Solutions Alamo metro area to the state and nation, the Texas unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate decreased to 7.2 percent in December, down from 7.5 percent in November. The nation's unadjusted (actual) unemployment rate increased slightly to 8.3 percent in December, up from 8.2 percent reported in October. Comparatively, the state and nation release seasonally adjusted unemployment rates with Texas decreasing to 7.8 percent in December and the nation's unemployment rate decreasing to 8.5 percent.

Labor Force Data

December Unemployment Rate
2001-2011

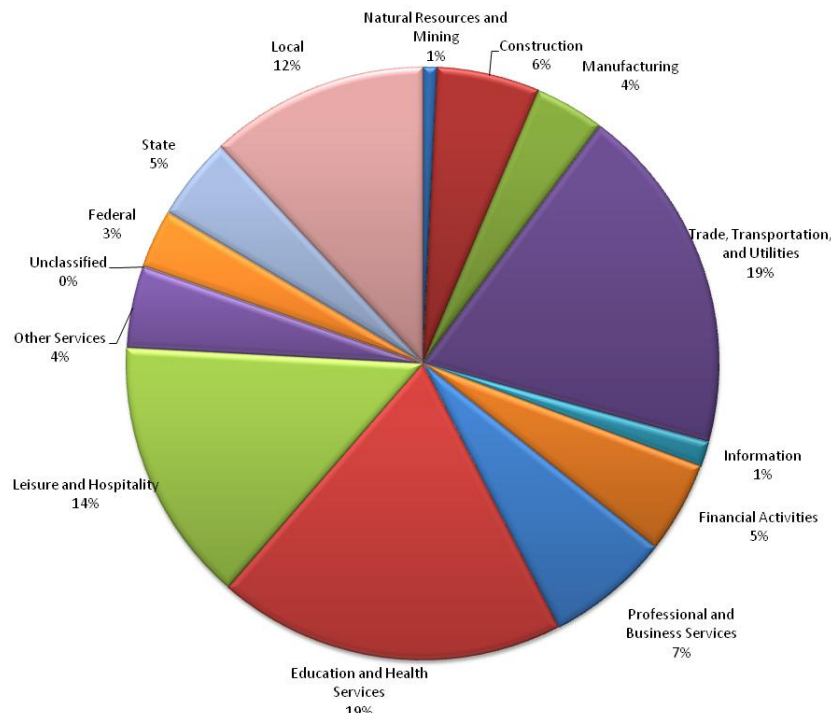
Year	Employment	Stats
2011	Labor Force	22994
2011	Employment	21700
2011	Unemployed	1294
2011	Rate	5.6
2010	Labor Force	22954
2010	Employment	21570
2010	Unemployed	1384
2010	Rate	6
2009	Labor Force	22914
2009	Employment	21566
2009	Unemployed	1348
2009	Rate	5.9



Kerr County Employment by Industry– Second Quarter 2011

County Employment by Industry	Q2 2010	Q2 2011	Difference
Total Non-Farm Employment	17,185	17,178	7
Natural Resources and Mining	120	132	12
Construction	979	966	13
Manufacturing	663	653	10
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	3,193	3,272	79
Information	257	238	19
Financial Activities	832	856	24
Professional and Business Services	1,169	1,166	3
Education and Health Services	3,355	3,260	95
Leisure and Hospitality	2,437	2,483	46
Other Services	753	764	11
Unclassified	1	7	6
Federal	553	547	6
State	770	781	11
Local	2,099	2,049	50

WHEN THERE WAS NO EMPLOYMENT REPORTED IN A COUNTY IN ONE OF THE INDUSTRY GROUPS, A '0' IS SHOWN. WHEN ONE EMPLOYER COMPRISES 80% OR MORE OF THE EMPLOYMENT FOR AN INDUSTRY GROUP IN A COUNTY, A DASH (-) IS SHOWN. THE EMPLOYMENT FOR THAT INDUSTRY IS INCLUDED IN '(L) - UNCLASSIFIED' SO AS NOT TO REVEAL INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS



County	2nd Qtr 2010 AWW*	1ST Qtr 2011 AWW*	2nd Qtr 2011 AWW*	Qtr. Difference	Annual Difference
KERR	\$666.21	\$640.81	\$673.42	\$32.61	\$7.21

Data Sources: TWC, Tracer2, Sites on Texas