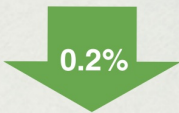
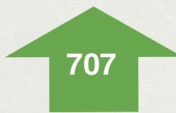


Unemployment 4.9%



Labor Force



Jobs



November Jobs Report

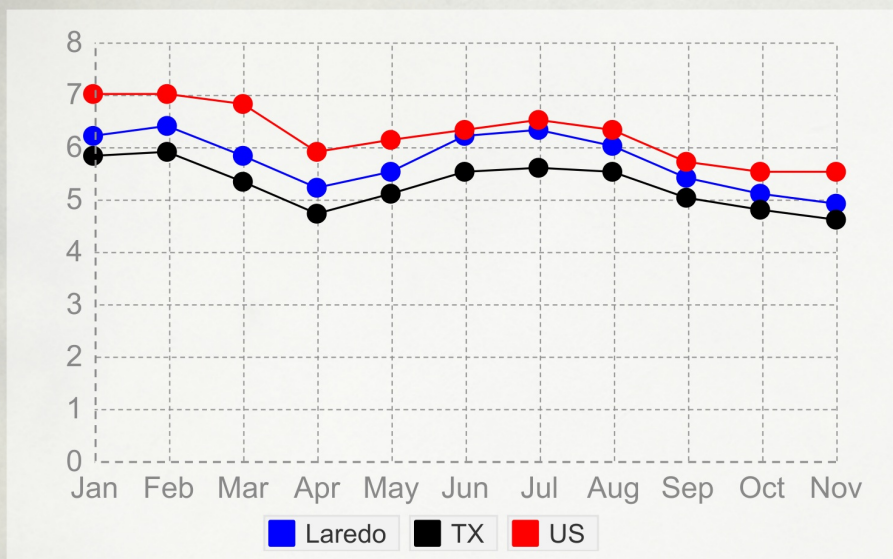
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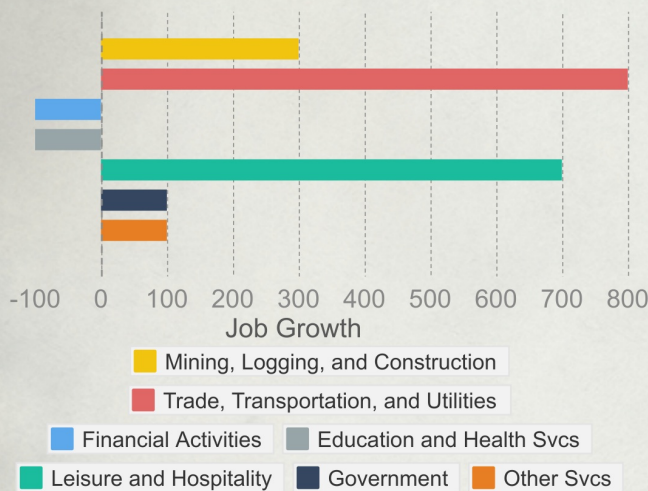
LAREDO RETAILERS STAFF-UP, UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 4.9%

"The big news coming out of November is that the unemployment rate dropped to 4.9 percent even with more than 700 new entrants to the labor force," said Rogelio Trevino, Workforce Solutions South Texas Executive Director.

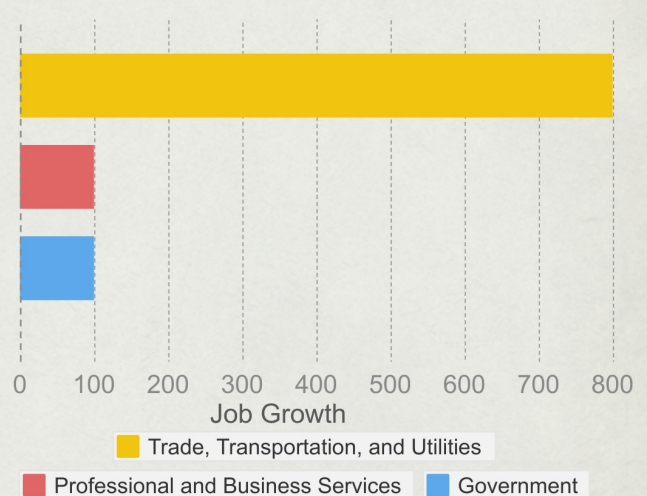
"Laredo businesses are continuing to grow at a healthy rate and are creating quality job opportunities for our residents at a faster rate than we're growing our labor force."



Annual Job Growth



Monthly Job Growth



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