

## Austin job growth continues in July

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Austin-area employers are adding jobs at an accelerating pace, with a gain of **18,500 jobs** in the 12-month period that ended in July, the Texas Workforce Commission said Friday.

However, the bulk of the new private-sector jobs were in the lower-paying hotel and restaurant industry, which posted an annual growth rate of 9.6 percent, the largest increase of any job category. Government was second, with a gain of 5.4 percent.

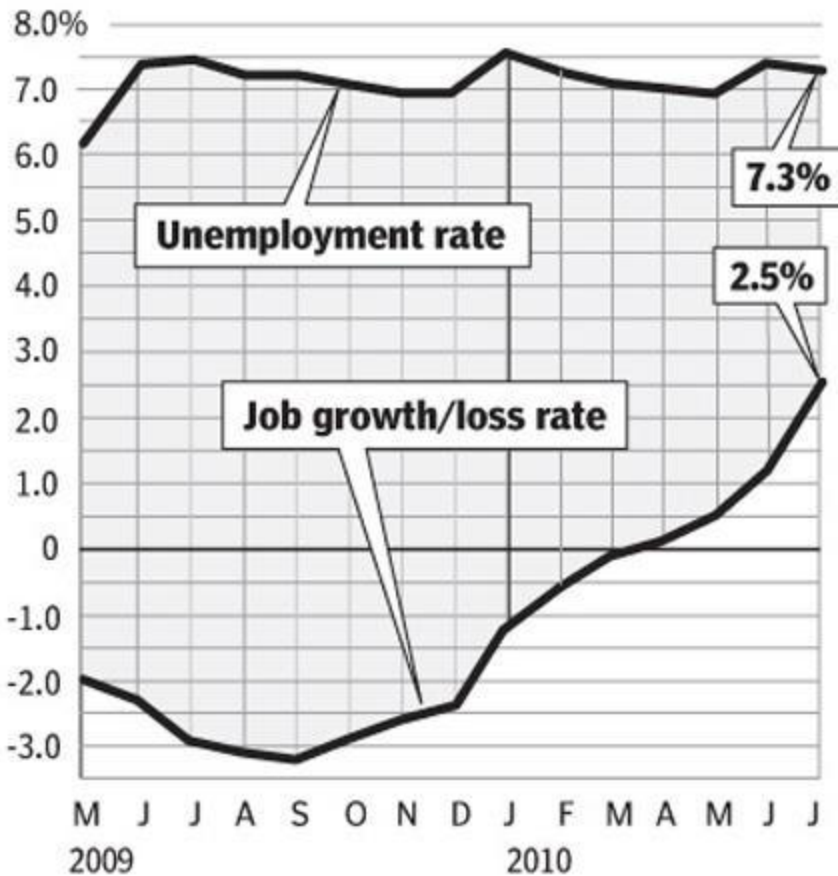
The region had 765,800 jobs in July, an increase of 2.5 percent from the same month last year. However, last month's total was down 5,700 jobs from June, primarily because of the seasonal loss of school-related jobs.

The Austin-area unemployment rate last month was **7.3 percent, down slightly from 7.4 percent** in June and 7.5 percent in July 2009.

The statewide unemployment rate held at 8.2 percent, compared with 9.5 percent nationwide, the commission reported.

## Austin job report

Central Texas is adding jobs at an accelerating rate, but many of the new jobs are in the lower-paying hotel and restaurant sector.



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