

utilizes the broad Farming, Fishing, and Forestry occupational category to classify persons with these types of jobs. However, in the Texas Panhandle, this category includes only farm workers, since there are no fishing or forestry business operations in the area (PC 1995o). As shown in Table 4.11.1.4-4, at least 96 percent of the employed persons in the ROI lived in the Amarillo MSA, with the exception of those in farming jobs, of whom 79 percent resided in the Amarillo metropolitan area.

Of the persons in the ROI with work experience but who were unemployed in 1990, more than one-fourth, or 1,624, had held technical and administrative support positions. Nearly 1,200, or one out of five experienced unemployed persons, had been operators, fabricators, or laborers. Slightly more than 1,000, or 17 percent, had been precision production, craft, or repair persons, and nearly 600, or 10 percent of the experienced unemployed, had held managerial or professional positions (Table 4.11.1.4-5).

According to the Texas Employment Commission, the labor force in 1994 in the Amarillo MSA, consisting of Potter and Randall Counties, averaged 107,545 persons. Of this total, 103,116 were employed and 4,429 were unemployed and seeking work. Thus, the average unemployment rate in 1994 for the Amarillo MSA stood at 4.1 percent (TEC 1995).

4.11.1.5 Regional Economy

According to the Census Bureau’s report on 1992 business patterns, there were more than 5,300 business establishments in the four-county ROI. Services, retail, and wholesale businesses constituted 70 percent of the establishments in the ROI, employed two-thirds of the employed persons covered in the survey, and accounted for a total annual payroll in excess of \$800 million. Construction firms represented 7.8 percent of the businesses in the ROI, but they employed less than 5 percent of the covered workforce, with an annual payroll

TABLE 4.11.1.4-4.—Occupation of Employed Persons 16 Years and Over in the Pantex Plant Region of Influence

OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS BY DESIGNATED AREA	ARMSTRONG COUNTY	CARSON COUNTY	POTTER COUNTY	RANDALL COUNTY	TOTAL ROI	% OF TOTAL ROI	AMARILLO MSA	% OF TOTAL ROI
Managerial and Professional	137	519	7,604	13,312	21,572	23.6	20,916	97.0
Technical and Administrative Support	207	647	11,764	16,708	29,326	32.1	28,472	97.1
Service	141	423	7,895	5,427	13,886	15.2	13,322	95.9
Farming, Forestry and Fishing	171	304	684	1,084	2,243	2.4	1,768	78.8
Precision Production, Craft, and Repair	87	447	6,567	4,658	11,759	12.9	11,225	95.4
Operators, Fabricators, and Laborers	99	435	7,381	4,711	12,626	13.8	12,092	95.8
Total Employed Persons	842	2,775	41,895	45,900	91,412	100.0	87,795	96.0

Sources: TX Cen 1993:145; Census 1993:34