

January 2020 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

Commissioner Alvarez

- It is another great month to be a Texan.
- Hello everyone, I am Julian Alvarez, the Commissioner Representing Labor for the Texas Workforce Commission.
- Our economy is strong. Our workers are in demand and our industries are thriving.
- Today, meanwhile, I'm here at Little Folks child care center with some of our future workers.
- More about that in a moment. First, let's listen to the labor market highlights for January 2020.

Voice Over

- In January, the seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate held steady at 3.5 percent.
- Texas added 19,500 seasonally adjusted non-farm positions over the month.
- Leading job growth in January was Leisure and Hospitality industry, which added 8,100 jobs, followed by Government, which added 4,800 jobs; and Education and Health Services, which added 4,400 positions.

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- As you just heard, the Texas economy is going strong.
- I wanted to say that I am thankful for the hard work of Texans that continue to make this state a top place to live and work.
- I'd also like to emphasize that nothing could be more important to the future of Texas than our children. They will be tomorrow's doctors, engineers and skilled trades' people.

- Texas Workforce supports quality care, that is why this year I am traveling to five workforce board areas (to be announced soon) to listen to stakeholders on ways to improve our subsidized childcare and provide information regarding our quality childcare programs.
- To learn more about my upcoming tour in April and where we are traveling, contact our Communications office directly.
- Thank you, everyone and hope you can join us.