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.