

March 2019 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

Commissioner Alvarez

- March marks another month of impressive jobs numbers for the State of Texas.
- Hello everyone, I am the Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Labor, Julian Alvarez.
- Last month, our unemployment rate held steady at 3.8 percent, in line with the national unemployment rate of 3.8 percent.
- For Texas workers, these numbers are great news. Our workforce is strong, our market is competitive especially for the construction and leisure and hospitality industries.

Voice Over

- Here are highlights of the March 2019 Labor market data
- Our latest employment data shows that March hiring in Texas was robust, as private-sector employers added 20,600 positions to their payrolls.
- In March, the Texas unemployment rate was 3.8 percent, the same as last month.
- Leading job growth in March, Leisure and Hospitality added 8,600 positions followed by Education and Health Services, which added 6,500 positions and construction, which added 5,100 jobs.
- Texas' Goods Producing sector, continued an upward trend adding 2,300 jobs over the month. This sector includes the Mining and Logging, Construction, and Manufacturing industries.

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- To continue our states economic dominance, we need to continue to focus our efforts on training the next generation of workers with the skills demanded by our job market.
- Thanks to Representative James White, we celebrated the first-ever Texas CTE. What a proud moment.

- Four students received scholarships to attend Lamar Institute of Technology, where they will receive hands-on training in their chosen field.
- For more information about CTE signing day visit the TWC website.