

May 2021 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

Commissioner Daniel

- My name is Bryan Daniel and I am the Chairman and Commissioner Representing the Public for the Texas Workforce Commission.
- The Lone Star State has an extremely diverse economy with a wide variety of employers and the nation's Number One workforce. That makes our state resilient, and we have seen that on display in recent months, as we have seen job gains in 12 of the last 13 months.
- We're poised for even better things as the state continues to recover from the pandemic.
- Let's listen to the labor market highlights for May 2021.

Voice Over

- In May, the seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate decreased from 6.7 percent to 6.5 percent.
- Texas added 34,400 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the month.
- Leading job growth in May was the leisure and hospitality industry, which added 14,200 jobs, having recovered 264,100 jobs since May 2020, followed by professional and business services, which added 13,800 jobs. Also of note, manufacturing employment gained 3,200 jobs over the month.

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- As we just heard...the decrease in the unemployment rate in Texas...shows the continued strength of our economy....and the increase in leisure and hospitality industry employment is encouraging.
- Texas is opening and Texas businesses are hiring. The Lone Star State currently has over 850,000 jobs available on My T-X Career dot com
- In addition, the 28 Workforce Development Boards, with over 180 offices around the state and help Texans find work. They offer free services like jobs postings, job search

resources, training programs and help with exploring career options, resumé and application preparation, career development, and more.

- At TWC, we're doing our part to help that recovery, through programs like the Restaurant Recovery Initiative.
- TWC, in partnership with the Texas Restaurant Association, launched this effort to assist Texas restaurants in developing new strategies to operate safely and leverage new technologies.
- In addition, we launched a training certification portal for prospective restaurant workers. The training allows free and flexible online training to quickly prepare workers for restaurant industry jobs. Quality training programs like the Restaurant Recovery Training Initiative ensure greater access to jobs, many of which are at small businesses.
- To stay up to date on TWC programs and initiatives that may affect you or your business be sure to follow us at T X Workforce on Twitter and Texas Workforce Commission on Facebook and LinkedIn.