

1 May 2022 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

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3 Hello, my name is Mariana Vega, the director for Labor Market Information at the Texas Workforce
4 Commission, and I'm going to highlight some of the information in the 2022 May labor market report.

5 The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined to 4.2 percent and has fallen for the 22nd
6 time since April 2020. Currently the rate is 1.7 points below the level set one year ago.

7 Texas Total Nonfarm employment reached a new high for the seventh consecutive month with a May
8 job count of 13,357,100 jobs. Also of note, the current over-the-month gain of 74,200 positions marked
9 the 10th largest increase in series history dating back to 1990.

10 Over the month, Leisure and Hospitality led the way again with 27,600 jobs added. Professional and
11 Business Services gained 15,300 while Trade, Transportation, and Utilities employment moved up by
12 11,700 positions. Three major industries surpassed their pre-COVID employment levels for the first time
13 in May—Construction, Manufacturing, and Leisure and Hospitality. This brought the total to eight
14 industries that have recovered from the pandemic-related downturn.

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16 can find the current labor market report, research industry trends and review customized regional
17 reports to develop your strategic business plan and use industry-based analysis tools to help your
18 business grow.

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21 succeed, use the key words – Texas Labor Market at TWC.Texas.gov.