

Texas Workforce Press Release

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Texas Adds 20,900 Jobs in November

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AUSTIN – Texas has added an estimated 210,800 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year with the addition of 20,900 nonfarm jobs in November. The state has added jobs in 19 of the past 20 months. Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.6 percent in November, down slightly from 4.7 percent in October.

“I am encouraged by our state’s continued job growth, with Texas employers adding jobs in nine of 11 industries over the past year,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “TWC will continue to focus on the workforce needs of our diverse industries and build education and training partnerships that support jobs created by Texas employers.”

The Leisure and Hospitality industry recorded the largest private-industry employment gain over the month with 5,700 jobs added. Education and Health Services employment grew by 4,700 jobs in November, and Construction employment expanded by 2,500 jobs.

“Private-sector employment has been strong over the year with the overall job growth of 171,800 including 15,800 jobs added in November,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “The fact that our state has added jobs for 19 of the last 20 months is a credit to the diversity and resilience of employers in Texas.”

The Amarillo, Lubbock and Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.0 percent, followed by the College Station-Bryan MSA with a rate of 3.2 for November.

“Texas’ labor force is the backbone of its economy. It is made up of hard-working individuals who are eager to obtain the skills that our employers need,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training and placement.”

An audio download with comments from Commissioner Alvarez on the latest labor market data is available on the TWC website [press release page](#). Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [tracer2.com](#).

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**Civilian Labor Force Estimates for Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas
Not Seasonally Adjusted (In Thousands)**

	November 2016				October 2016				November 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	159,451.0	152,385.0	7,066.0	4.4	159,783.0	152,335.0	7,447.0	4.7	157,340.0	149,766.0	7,573.0	4.8
Texas	13,391.2	12,824.3	566.9	4.2	13,334.6	12,750.0	584.6	4.4	13,147.4	12,564.1	583.3	4.4
Abilene	76.2	73.5	2.7	3.6	76.0	73.1	2.9	3.8	75.0	72.2	2.8	3.8
Amarillo	131.5	127.5	4.0	3.0	131.1	127.0	4.1	3.2	130.4	126.4	4.0	3.0
Austin-Round Rock	1,112.4	1,078.7	33.7	3.0	1,105.8	1,070.4	35.3	3.2	1,087.2	1,052.3	34.9	3.2
Beaumont-Port Arthur	177.1	165.7	11.4	6.4	176.9	165.8	11.1	6.3	177.0	164.9	12.1	6.8
Brownsville-Harlingen	168.0	156.9	11.1	6.6	166.4	155.4	11.0	6.6	163.7	152.3	11.4	6.9
College Station-Bryan	127.8	123.7	4.1	3.2	127.0	122.7	4.3	3.4	124.2	120.0	4.2	3.4
Corpus Christi	212.6	200.8	11.8	5.6	211.3	199.4	11.9	5.6	209.2	197.9	11.3	5.4
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,750.3	3,619.9	130.4	3.5	3,727.5	3,591.8	135.7	3.6	3,626.4	3,486.0	140.5	3.9
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,529.1	2,442.7	86.4	3.4	2,513.4	2,423.5	89.9	3.6	2,438.3	2,346.1	92.2	3.8
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,221.2	1,177.2	44.0	3.6	1,214.1	1,168.3	45.8	3.8	1,188.1	1,139.8	48.3	4.1
El Paso	355.9	339.6	16.2	4.6	353.7	336.8	17.0	4.8	347.6	330.3	17.3	5.0
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,304.9	3,142.8	162.1	4.9	3,297.3	3,130.4	167.0	5.1	3,262.9	3,106.2	156.7	4.8
Killeen-Temple	174.3	167.1	7.2	4.2	173.3	165.8	7.5	4.3	171.2	163.5	7.7	4.5
Laredo	116.0	111.1	4.8	4.2	115.4	110.3	5.1	4.4	113.9	108.6	5.3	4.7
Longview	101.6	96.0	5.6	5.5	101.7	95.9	5.8	5.7	100.9	95.7	5.2	5.1
Lubbock	156.9	152.1	4.8	3.0	155.9	150.9	5.0	3.2	154.4	149.3	5.1	3.3
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	339.5	315.6	24.0	7.1	335.1	312.5	22.6	6.7	331.5	305.2	26.3	7.9
Midland	90.3	87.0	3.3	3.6	89.5	86.0	3.5	3.9	89.4	86.1	3.4	3.8
Odessa	78.5	74.3	4.1	5.3	78.3	73.9	4.4	5.7	78.3	74.2	4.1	5.3
San Angelo	56.5	54.3	2.2	3.9	56.0	53.7	2.3	4.2	55.1	52.8	2.3	4.2
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,127.8	1,088.3	39.4	3.5	1,122.9	1,081.7	41.3	3.7	1,106.4	1,065.3	41.1	3.7
Sherman-Denison	62.0	59.9	2.1	3.4	61.4	59.2	2.2	3.6	61.1	58.7	2.3	3.8
Texarkana	64.9	62.1	2.8	4.3	64.9	62.0	2.9	4.5	64.8	61.9	3.0	4.6
Tyler	104.9	100.5	4.4	4.2	104.8	100.2	4.6	4.4	103.3	98.7	4.6	4.4
Victoria	50.9	48.5	2.4	4.7	50.6	48.1	2.5	4.9	49.5	47.3	2.2	4.4
Waco	121.7	117.2	4.5	3.7	121.4	116.6	4.8	3.9	119.2	114.5	4.7	3.9
Wichita Falls	64.3	61.8	2.5	3.9	64.2	61.6	2.6	4.1	64.7	61.8	2.8	4.4

**TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

INDUSTRY TITLE	Nov 2016*	Oct 2016	Nov 2015	Oct '16 to Nov '16		Nov '15 to Nov '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Total Nonagricultural	12,126,300	12,105,400	11,915,500	20,900	0.2	210,800	1.8
Total Private	10,224,100	10,208,300	10,052,300	15,800	0.2	171,800	1.7
Goods Producing	1,766,200	1,764,400	1,818,900	1,800	0.1	-52,700	-2.9
Mining and Logging	226,800	223,600	256,000	3,200	1.4	-29,200	-11.4
Construction	697,000	694,500	696,500	2,500	0.4	500	0.1
Manufacturing	842,400	846,300	866,400	-3,900	-0.5	-24,000	-2.8
Service Providing	10,360,100	10,341,000	10,096,600	19,100	0.2	263,500	2.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,455,300	2,457,800	2,408,900	-2,500	-0.1	46,400	1.9
Information	201,200	201,400	200,000	-200	-0.1	1,200	0.6
Financial Activities	749,300	747,200	728,200	2,100	0.3	21,100	2.9
Professional and Business Services	1,634,800	1,631,900	1,602,500	2,900	0.2	32,300	2.0
Education and Health Services	1,667,200	1,662,500	1,600,900	4,700	0.3	66,300	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	1,319,700	1,314,000	1,270,700	5,700	0.4	49,000	3.9
Other Services	430,400	429,100	422,200	1,300	0.3	8,200	1.9
Government	1,902,200	1,897,100	1,863,200	5,100	0.3	39,000	2.1

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