

October 2021 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

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Hello, my name is Mariana Vega, the director for labor market information at the Texas Workforce Commission, and I'm going to highlight some of the information in the 2021 October labor market report.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.4 percent, down two-tenths of a percentage point from a September reading of 5.6 percent.

Job growth continued to improve in the state as seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment rose in 17 of the last 18 months with an increase of 56,600 jobs in October.

Leading job growth was Professional and Business Services with an increase of 21,900 positions, followed by Trade, Transportation, and Utilities with a gain of 15,000 jobs and Other Services with an increase of 9,100 jobs.

Industries that are hiring with the most job openings

Job demand is strong in Texas, with over 700,000 job advertisements posted in October which is a 4 percent increase from September to October.

Demand for workers in the Healthcare and Social Assistance industry is leading the rise in job postings, accounting for over 20 percent of the job listings.

Leading industries

Top occupations in demand include Registered Nurses, Retail Salespersons, Customer Service and Sales Representatives, as well as Software Developers and Other Computer occupations.

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