

January 2016 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

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- Annual employment growth in Texas remained strong last year as 166,900 jobs were added over the year, including 24,900 jobs added in December. Texas' nonagricultural employment surpassed 11.9 million jobs in December.
- Professional and Business Services employment surged in December with the addition of 12,500 positions. This marked the industry's largest over-the-month gain since November 2014.
- The Education and Health Services Industry recorded the second largest employment gain over the month in Texas with 7,400 jobs added. This marked 21 consecutive months of growth within the industry and a total of 66,700 jobs added since January 2015. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas in December was 4.7 percent, below the national rate of 5.0 percent.
- Employment growth in the private sector was up in December, with Texas employers adding 21,200 positions, for a total of 141,300 jobs over the year.
- For anyone looking for their next work opportunity in Texas, I encourage you to register on WorkInTexas.com to find the opportunity that's right for you. Thank you.