

## **February 2016 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text**

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- Hello, I'm Julian Alvarez, Commissioner Representing Labor for the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the recently released February 2016 Texas employment statistics.
- Seasonally adjusted job growth continued in the Lone Star State as Texas gained 2,100 nonagricultural jobs in February for a total of 170,900 jobs added over the year.
- We saw an increase of jobs for seven of the 11 industries. In fact, all but one Service Providing industry gained jobs over the month. Some of these gains were offset by losses in Goods Producing industries.
- Job gains were led by the addition of 6,100 jobs in Education and Health Services, which has experienced increased employment for 37 consecutive months. Growth also continued in Trade, Transportation and Utilities which added 5,500 jobs over the month and has a 2.3 percent annual growth rate.
- We saw improvement in unemployment as the state's unemployment rate decreased from 4.5 to 4.4 percent in February.
- Our state continues to trend below the national unemployment rate which remained at 4.9 percent in February.
- For those job seekers who are looking for their next employment opportunity, I encourage you to register with our job matching website [WorkinTexas.com](http://WorkinTexas.com) where you will find nearly 240,000 job openings, with more added every day. You never know, you may have just the job skills one of our Texas' employers is looking for. I encourage you to register now.