

# **May 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 state's recently released May labor market statistics.
- Texas continued to enjoy job growth with the addition of 171,800 jobs added over the year and 200 jobs added in May. Texas has added jobs for 13 of the last 14 months.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.4 percent, which continues to be below the national rate of 4.7 percent.
- The Financial Activities industry recorded the largest private industry employment gain over the month with 4,800 jobs added. Education and Health Services employment expanded by 3,700 jobs.
- Our state's labor force is the backbone of the Texas economy. It is made up of hard-working individuals who are eager to obtain the skills that our employers need.
- For individuals who need assistance connecting with that perfect career opportunity, I encourage you to tap into training resources that can prepare you for a good-paying career. Resources like our apprenticeship training program can prepare you for a skilled trade or craft. Please visit [texasworkforce.org/apprenticeship](http://texasworkforce.org/apprenticeship) to learn more.