

## **November 2015 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data**

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- The Texas economy experienced its ninth month of job growth in 2015 with the addition of 16,300 jobs in November. Employment gains occurred across seven major industries over the month. Over the year, the state's employment has increased by an estimated 179,300 positions.
- Although the unemployment rate ticked up in November, I am encouraged that those who have been impacted may find employment in one of the many Texas industries that continue to add jobs to the Texas economy.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas in November was 4.6 percent, below the national rate of 5 percent.
- Another sign of our healthy economy is the positive monthly job growth in 58 of the last 60 months.
- We've seen a steady pace of job growth in the construction industry, which added jobs for the fourth consecutive month with an increase of 9,000 jobs in November, accounting for more than half of the month's job gains.
- The Professional and Business Service industry has also added jobs for four straight months with the addition of 5,500 positions.
- Businesses across our state have access to more than 385,000 active résumés of skilled Texans through TWC's WorkInTexas.com, the state's premier job matching resource. I encourage all employers to register with the site and post your openings so that you can recruit from the talented pool of workers who are connected through the site.
- On behalf of my fellow commissioners, and all of us here at the Texas Workforce Commission, I want to wish all of you happy holidays and please have a safe and happy new year.