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## **Texas Economy Adds 31,400 Jobs in January**

*State experienced job growth for 10th consecutive month*

AUSTIN – Texas employers expanded their payrolls in January with the addition of 31,400 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, marking the tenth consecutive month of job growth for Texas.

“Texas employers added 187,400 jobs over the past year, highlighting the diversity of our economy,” said Texas Workforce Commissioner (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Texas Workforce Solutions continues to work with our education partners to ensure Texans have the in-demand skills required to boost job creation.”

Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.5 percent in January, down from a revised 4.6 percent in December, and remained below the national average of 4.9 percent.

“We’ve seen 157,300 private-sector jobs added over the last year, for a 1.6 percent annual growth rate,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “Texas is a state that continues to welcome new employers and work with our homegrown businesses, offering them the tools they need to grow and succeed.”

The Education and Health Services industry added 11,500 jobs in January, representing the largest over-the-month gain since October 2004. Over the year, Education and Health Services gained 62,100 jobs. Leisure and Hospitality employment rose for a 10th consecutive month with 7,300 jobs added in January. Manufacturing employment expanded by 4,300 jobs in January for the industry’s largest over-the-month gain since April 2014.

“Our economy continues to offer many diverse opportunities to job seekers,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “I encourage those seeking these opportunities to take advantage of the workforce services available through their local Workforce Solutions office for help finding the job that’s right for them.”

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the month’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.0 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs with rates of 3.2 and 3.3 percent, respectively, in January.

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [tracer2.com](http://tracer2.com).

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**Civilian Labor Force Estimates for Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Not Seasonally Adjusted (In Thousands)**

	January 2016				December 2015				January 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	157,347.0	149,037.0	8,309.0	5.3	157,245.0	149,703.0	7,542.0	4.8	156,050.0	146,552.0	9,498.0	6.1
Texas	13,114.6	12,533.1	581.5	4.4	13,136.9	12,580.2	556.7	4.2	13,004.5	12,393.2	611.2	4.7
Abilene	75.2	72.3	2.9	3.8	74.7	72.1	2.6	3.5	75.3	72.3	3.0	4.0
Amarillo	129.3	125.4	3.9	3.0	130.2	126.5	3.7	2.8	129.2	124.9	4.3	3.4
Austin-Round Rock	1,084.0	1,049.5	34.5	3.2	1,083.5	1,050.8	32.7	3.0	1,051.5	1,011.2	40.3	3.8
Beaumont-Port Arthur	177.4	165.6	11.8	6.7	177.2	165.5	11.7	6.6	177.8	164.8	13.0	7.3
Brownsville-Harlingen	164.5	152.8	11.7	7.1	164.0	152.8	11.2	6.8	164.3	151.2	13.1	7.9
College Station-Bryan	120.5	116.3	4.2	3.5	123.2	119.3	3.9	3.2	117.5	113.0	4.5	3.8
Corpus Christi	210.2	198.6	11.6	5.5	208.8	197.8	11.0	5.3	206.8	196.1	10.7	5.2
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,614.0	3,476.4	137.7	3.8	3,624.9	3,493.1	131.8	3.6	3,543.4	3,383.0	160.4	4.5
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,431.6	2,340.9	90.6	3.7	2,434.8	2,348.3	86.5	3.6	2,365.6	2,258.5	107.1	4.5
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,182.5	1,135.4	47.0	4.0	1,190.1	1,144.8	45.3	3.8	1,177.8	1,124.5	53.4	4.5
El Paso	348.5	331.3	17.2	4.9	347.3	330.9	16.4	4.7	343.5	323.6	19.9	5.8
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,253.5	3,096.9	156.5	4.8	3,261.1	3,110.8	150.3	4.6	3,244.8	3,096.1	148.7	4.6
Killeen-Temple	171.5	164.1	7.5	4.4	171.3	164.1	7.2	4.2	167.3	158.4	8.9	5.3
Laredo	113.6	108.2	5.5	4.8	113.8	108.7	5.1	4.5	111.5	106.3	5.2	4.7
Longview	100.2	94.9	5.3	5.3	100.2	95.2	5.0	5.0	102.8	98.2	4.6	4.5
Lubbock	154.2	149.1	5.1	3.3	154.4	149.6	4.7	3.1	151.9	146.4	5.5	3.6
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	334.6	307.6	27.0	8.1	333.6	307.2	26.4	7.9	332.1	303.9	28.2	8.5
Midland	89.8	86.3	3.5	3.8	89.5	86.3	3.2	3.6	94.8	92.2	2.6	2.8
Odessa	78.4	74.2	4.2	5.4	78.3	74.3	4.0	5.1	83.5	80.6	2.9	3.4
San Angelo	55.0	52.7	2.3	4.1	55.3	53.1	2.2	4.0	55.2	53.1	2.1	3.9
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,106.0	1,065.3	40.7	3.7	1,102.5	1,063.9	38.7	3.5	1,089.1	1,043.5	45.6	4.2
Sherman-Denison	60.7	58.3	2.3	3.8	60.8	58.6	2.2	3.7	59.7	57.0	2.7	4.4
Texarkana	64.9	61.8	3.1	4.7	64.9	62.0	2.9	4.5	63.9	60.2	3.8	5.9
Tyler	102.8	98.4	4.4	4.3	103.7	99.2	4.5	4.4	101.6	96.7	4.9	4.8
Victoria	49.4	47.2	2.2	4.4	49.6	47.5	2.1	4.1	49.7	47.8	1.9	3.8
Waco	119.3	114.7	4.6	3.9	118.8	114.5	4.3	3.7	118.9	113.6	5.3	4.5
Wichita Falls	64.6	61.7	2.9	4.5	64.6	61.9	2.7	4.2	65.0	62.2	2.9	4.4

**TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

INDUSTRY TITLE	Jan 2016*	Dec 2015	Jan 2015	Dec '15 to Jan '16		Jan '15 to Jan '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>Total Nonagricultural</b>	<b>11,962,500</b>	<b>11,931,100</b>	<b>11,775,100</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>187,400</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>10,093,100</b>	<b>10,064,100</b>	<b>9,935,800</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>157,300</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>1,810,700</b>	<b>1,812,200</b>	<b>1,889,900</b>	<b>-1,500</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-79,200</b>	<b>-4.2</b>
Mining and Logging	253,600	255,300	315,400	-1,700	-0.7	-61,800	-19.6
Construction	694,100	698,200	675,400	-4,100	-0.6	18,700	2.8
Manufacturing	863,000	858,700	899,100	4,300	0.5	-36,100	-4.0
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>10,151,800</b>	<b>10,118,900</b>	<b>9,885,200</b>	<b>32,900</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>266,600</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,417,500	2,413,600	2,364,200	3,900	0.2	53,300	2.3
Information	198,900	199,700	200,200	-800	-0.4	-1,300	-0.6
Financial Activities	735,200	728,400	712,700	6,800	0.9	22,500	3.2
Professional and Business Services	1,611,800	1,607,100	1,586,700	4,700	0.3	25,100	1.6
Education and Health Services	1,615,900	1,604,400	1,553,800	11,500	0.7	62,100	4.0
Leisure and Hospitality	1,283,400	1,276,100	1,215,000	7,300	0.6	68,400	5.6
Other Services	419,700	422,600	413,300	-2,900	-0.7	6,400	1.5
<b>Government</b>	<b>1,869,400</b>	<b>1,867,000</b>	<b>1,839,300</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>30,100</b>	<b>1.6</b>

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