

## **December 2014 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text**

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Hello, I'm Andres Alcantar, chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission.

- Texas finished 2014 on a positive note, adding 457,900 jobs in the last 12 months. For the fifth straight month, Texas has broken a previous annual job-growth record. The state added 45,700 jobs in December, marking 51 straight months of employment growth.
- Another sign of the strength and diversity in our economy, Texas' seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent from 4.9 percent in November. This was the fourth consecutive month the unemployment rate has declined, highlighting the stability of our labor market.
- We saw growth in seven out of 11 major industries in December including an increase of 14,800 jobs in Professional and Business Services.
- Employment growth was also strong in Trade, Transportation and Utilities, which increased by 5,900 jobs. Education and Health Services added 6,800 jobs and Construction, added another 5,100 jobs in December.
- Employment growth in the private sector was up in December, with Texas employers adding 37,800 jobs, for a total of 420,200 jobs added over the last 12 months.

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