

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

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- Hello, I'm Andres Alcantar, chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the September 2016 Texas employment statistics.
- Texas continued to enjoy job growth with the addition of 206,800 jobs over the year including 38,300 jobs added in September. Texas has added jobs for 17 of the last 18 months.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 4.8 percent, up slightly from 4.7 percent in August, and remained below the national unemployment rate of five percent.
- The Leisure and Hospitality industry recorded the largest private industry employment gain over the month with 17,900 jobs added. Professional and Business Services expanded by 6,000 jobs, and Construction employment expanded for a third straight month with the addition of 3,400 jobs.
- October is Disability Employment Awareness Month in Texas and the Texas Workforce Commission is celebrating by launching a new initiative called Texas HireAbility to raise awareness about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. Learn more by going to [T-X-hireability dot texasworkforce dot org](http://T-X-hireability.dot.texasworkforce.org).