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Texas Economy Adds 13,700 Jobs in October

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AUSTIN – Texas grew by an estimated 13,700 nonfarm jobs in October. The state has added jobs in 18 of the past 19 months. Texas’ seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 4.7 percent in October, down slightly from 4.8 percent in September, and remained below the national rate of 4.9 percent.

“Texas employers continue to demonstrate the resiliency of the Texas economy with 207,500 jobs added over the past year,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “TWC and our local workforce boards remain committed to implementing responsive, market-driven solutions and fostering partnerships with industry, education and other stakeholders to support our state’s world-class employers as they continue to add jobs for Texas workers.”

The Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry recorded the largest private industry employment gain over the month with 8,200 jobs added. Financial Activities rose for a seventh consecutive month with a 4,400 job gain in October, and Manufacturing employment expanded by 2,000 jobs.

“Private-sector employment has been strong over the year with an overall job growth of 162,700, including 13,300 jobs added in October,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “I encourage all of our employers to take advantage of the programs we offer through the [Skills Development Fund](#) to help create jobs and train workers with the skills needed for today’s job market.”

The Amarillo, Lubbock and Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.2 percent, followed by the College Station-Bryan MSA with a rate of 3.4 for October.

“Texas workers have much to offer and there are resources available to help them find the perfect occupational fit,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “I encourage all job seekers to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with job training and placement.”

An audio download with comments from Commissioner Hughs on the latest labor market data is available on the TWC website [press release page](#). 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](#).

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

	October 2016				September 2016				October 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	159,783.0	152,335.0	7,447.0	4.7	159,636.0	151,977.0	7,658.0	4.8	157,313.0	149,716.0	7,597.0	4.8
Texas	13,334.6	12,749.8	584.8	4.4	13,416.5	12,754.6	661.9	4.9	13,114.4	12,531.9	582.6	4.4
Abilene	76.0	73.1	2.9	3.8	76.2	73.0	3.2	4.2	74.9	72.0	2.9	3.8
Amarillo	131.2	127.0	4.1	3.2	131.8	127.3	4.6	3.5	130.5	126.4	4.1	3.1
Austin-Round Rock	1,105.5	1,070.2	35.3	3.2	1,108.9	1,069.8	39.1	3.5	1,080.8	1,045.2	35.7	3.3
Beaumont-Port Arthur	177.3	166.2	11.1	6.3	178.7	165.8	12.9	7.2	176.6	164.7	11.8	6.7
Brownsville-Harlingen	166.5	155.5	11.0	6.6	168.2	155.6	12.6	7.5	163.0	152.1	10.9	6.7
College Station-Bryan	127.1	122.8	4.3	3.4	127.1	122.3	4.8	3.7	123.5	119.3	4.2	3.4
Corpus Christi	211.8	199.8	11.9	5.6	212.7	199.4	13.3	6.2	208.4	197.4	11.0	5.3
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,726.2	3,590.5	135.7	3.6	3,742.4	3,590.5	151.9	4.1	3,610.4	3,467.5	142.9	4.0
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,513.0	2,423.1	89.9	3.6	2,521.5	2,421.1	100.4	4.0	2,424.6	2,330.8	93.8	3.9
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,213.2	1,167.4	45.8	3.8	1,220.9	1,169.5	51.4	4.2	1,185.7	1,136.6	49.1	4.1
El Paso	354.0	337.0	17.0	4.8	355.5	336.6	18.9	5.3	346.6	328.9	17.7	5.1
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,296.2	3,129.2	167.0	5.1	3,318.0	3,127.7	190.4	5.7	3,258.4	3,104.1	154.3	4.7
Killeen-Temple	173.4	165.9	7.5	4.3	174.7	166.3	8.4	4.8	170.7	162.8	7.9	4.6
Laredo	116.2	111.1	5.1	4.4	116.2	110.4	5.8	5.0	112.8	107.5	5.3	4.7
Longview	101.8	96.0	5.8	5.7	102.6	95.8	6.8	6.6	100.3	95.1	5.2	5.2
Lubbock	156.2	151.1	5.1	3.2	157.2	151.5	5.7	3.6	154.5	149.3	5.2	3.4
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	335.1	312.5	22.6	6.7	338.5	311.6	26.9	7.9	329.7	305.2	24.5	7.4
Midland	89.6	86.1	3.5	3.9	90.1	86.0	4.1	4.5	88.9	85.5	3.4	3.8
Odessa	78.4	74.0	4.4	5.7	79.3	74.1	5.2	6.6	78.2	74.1	4.1	5.2
San Angelo	56.1	53.8	2.3	4.2	56.6	54.0	2.6	4.6	55.0	52.7	2.3	4.2
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,121.5	1,080.2	41.3	3.7	1,130.0	1,084.1	45.9	4.1	1,105.5	1,063.9	41.7	3.8
Sherman-Denison	61.4	59.2	2.2	3.6	61.6	59.2	2.5	4.0	60.6	58.2	2.4	3.9
Texarkana	64.9	62.0	2.8	4.4	65.4	62.2	3.3	5.0	64.8	61.8	3.0	4.7
Tyler	105.0	100.4	4.6	4.4	105.2	99.9	5.3	5.0	103.1	98.4	4.6	4.5
Victoria	50.6	48.1	2.5	4.9	51.1	48.3	2.8	5.5	49.2	47.0	2.2	4.5
Waco	121.5	116.7	4.8	3.9	122.7	117.4	5.3	4.3	118.7	114.0	4.8	4.0
Wichita Falls	64.3	61.7	2.6	4.1	64.6	61.7	3.0	4.6	64.7	61.9	2.9	4.4

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

INDUSTRY TITLE	Oct 2016*	Sep 2016	Oct 2015	Sep '16 to Oct '16		Oct '15 to Oct '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
Total Nonagricultural	12,101,300	12,087,600	11,893,800	13,700	0.1	207,500	1.7
Total Private	10,194,600	10,181,300	10,031,900	13,300	0.1	162,700	1.6
Goods Producing	1,762,400	1,762,600	1,811,600	-200	0.0	-49,200	-2.7
Mining and Logging	224,100	223,100	255,900	1,000	0.4	-31,800	-12.4
Construction	692,600	695,800	690,300	-3,200	-0.5	2,300	0.3
Manufacturing	845,700	843,700	865,400	2,000	0.2	-19,700	-2.3
Service Providing	10,338,900	10,325,000	10,082,200	13,900	0.1	256,700	2.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,454,100	2,445,900	2,406,100	8,200	0.3	48,000	2.0
Information	200,900	201,700	199,900	-800	-0.4	1,000	0.5
Financial Activities	748,500	744,100	726,000	4,400	0.6	22,500	3.1
Professional and Business Services	1,627,000	1,628,500	1,599,600	-1,500	-0.1	27,400	1.7
Education and Health Services	1,660,900	1,658,100	1,598,300	2,800	0.2	62,600	3.9
Leisure and Hospitality	1,310,900	1,311,600	1,269,300	-700	-0.1	41,600	3.3
Other Services	429,900	428,800	421,100	1,100	0.3	8,800	2.1
Government	1,906,700	1,906,300	1,861,900	400	0.0	44,800	2.4

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