

April 2018 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

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- Hello, I'm Ruth Hughs, Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the April 2018 Texas employment statistics.
- The Texas economy added thirty-nine thousand six hundred Total Nonfarm jobs in April.
- Our latest employment data shows that April hiring in Texas was robust, as private-sector employers added thirty-seven thousand nine hundred positions to their payrolls.
- In April, the Texas unemployment rate was 4.1 percent, up 0.1 percentage points from March 2018.
- For our Service-Providing Sector, leading job growth in April, employers in Professional and Business Services added seven thousand five hundred positions followed by Education and Health Services, which added six thousand two hundred jobs.
- Texas' Goods Producing sector, which includes Mining and Logging, Construction and Manufacturing, continued an upward trend adding eight thousand six hundred jobs in Manufacturing over the month, followed by a job gain of four thousand nine hundred in Mining and Logging. Together, with Construction, the Goods Producing sector expanded by 5.4 percent since April 2017.
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