

## August 2018 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

Presented by TWC Chair Ruth Ruggero Hughs

- Hello, I'm Ruth Ruggero Hughs, Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the **August** 2018 Texas employment statistics.
- In **August** 2018 the Texas economy added thirty-two thousand Total Nonfarm jobs.
- Meanwhile, private-sector employers added thirty-two thousand eight hundred positions to their payrolls.
- The Texas unemployment rate dropped slightly this month to 3.9 percent, down from 4.0 in July.
- In Texas' Service Providing sector, Professional and Business Services led all major industries and added ten thousand three hundred jobs. Also within this sector, Trade, Transportation and Utilities added eight thousand seven hundred positions over the month followed by Education and Health Services with a gain of five thousand, three hundred positions.
- August's annual growth in the state's Goods Producing industries was strong at 6.4 percent. Over the month, Manufacturing added 3,200 jobs.
- Launched in 2017, "We Hire Vets" is an employer recognition program developed by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to recognize Texas employers for their commitment to hiring veterans. If you're an employer interested in hiring military veterans, we can help. Please join us October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Houston, Texas for our TX Hires VETS Forum to hear best practices on how to recruit Veterans, and hear about our Veteran Tax Credit for employers. Registering is easy. Go to <http://bit.ly/TexasHiresVetsForum>. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.