

## **December 2017 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text**

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- Hello, I'm Ruth Ruggero Hughs, Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the December twenty seven Texas employment statistics.
- The unemployment rate for December was up slightly to three point nine percent from three point eight percent in November and remained well below the U.S. unemployment rate of four point one percent.
- Texas has the second largest labor force in the United States and in December, sixty-six thousand eight hundred more people joined the Texas labor market.
- Texas added three hundred and six thousand nine hundred jobs over the year.
- Industries adding jobs in December included Leisure and Hospitality, which added six thousand eight hundred jobs; Construction added four thousand three hundred jobs and Information added three thousand six hundred positions.
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