

January 2019 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

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- Hello Everyone, Happy New Year! I'm standing here in front of the Capitol on Inauguration Day.
- Here are this month's Labor market highlights.

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- In December 2018, the Texas economy achieved 30 consecutive months of positive growth with 38,000 jobs added in December.
- Private-sector employers added 35,400 positions over the month.
- The Texas unemployment rate held at the historic low of 3.7 percent again in December.
- The Mining and Logging industry grew 18 percent over the year. This industry has led all other industries in Texas for the last 20 months in terms of annual growth rate. Its December annual growth rate is the highest in the history of the series, going back to January 1991.
- Construction added 4,500 jobs over the month. It grew at 6.4 percent over the year, second fastest among major industries in Texas. Its annual growth has stayed positive since September 2011.
- Leisure and Hospitality bounced back from a loss in November, adding the most jobs among major industries in Texas over the month: 10,200. This is the largest monthly gain in the industry since October 2017

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