

January 2017 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 January 2017 Texas employment statistics.
- Texas continued to enjoy job growth with the addition of 225,300 jobs over the year including 51,300 jobs added in January.
- Texas' unemployment rate for the month of January held steady at 4.8 percent.
- The Professional and Business Services industry recorded the largest private industry employment gain over the month with 14,000 jobs added. Manufacturing expanded by 7,300 jobs, and Leisure and Hospitality employment saw an increase of 7,000 jobs.
- With summer quickly approaching, many students are seeking internships as a way to gain professional work experience before graduation. The Texas Internship Challenge encourages Texas employers to offer internships as a way to identify, train and prepare the leaders of the future workforce, while also highlighting in-demand jobs in their industries. To learn more about upcoming internship opportunities, please visit txinternshipchallenge.com.