

January 2019 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

COMMISSIONER THOMAS

- Good morning, today we're celebrating another month of successful job growth for the state of Texas.
- I'm Robert Thomas. As the Commissioner Representing the Public for the Texas Workforce Commission, I am committed to fostering partnerships with industry, labor groups, and assisting all our stakeholders' commitment to the success of our great state.
- As you're about to hear, great things are happening in Texas! Let's listen to some of what's happening in our industries and hear what's driving our economy directly:
 - Here are highlights of the January 2019 Labor market data
 - In January 2019, the Texas economy added fifteen thousand four hundred Total Non-farm jobs over the month.
 - Private-sector employers added ten thousand six hundred of those positions to their payrolls.
 - The Texas unemployment rate was three point eight percent, up slightly from the historic low in December 2018.
 - Professional and Business Services led all major industries over the month, adding eight thousand eight hundred jobs. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities added five thousand seven hundred jobs.
 - All eleven major industries in Texas are showing positive growth over the year.

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- As you just heard, our economy is strong, and our potential grows stronger still.

- Month after month, our state's diverse industries and talented workforce continue to attract new residents and businesses every day and January is no exception.
- Here at TWC we are committed to helping every Texan achieve their full potential. *That's precisely why we're here.*
- TWC plays a dynamic role in workforce development and improving the lives of Texans by connecting people and their communities to economic opportunities, training, and employment.
- In fact, during the last fiscal year TWC awarded roughly twenty-three million dollars in Skills Development grants to support the creation of four-thousand, six hundred and eighty-two new jobs. And that's something to be proud of.
- Find out how we can help you, your community, your employees, and your students and teachers. Visit us at **TWC dot texas dot gov** to see the unique opportunities and tools that can help guide you on your path to success and prosperity right here in the Lone Star State.
- Thank you, everyone, for your time. And go Texas!