

July 2018 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

- Hello Everyone, my name is Julian Alvarez I'm the Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Labor.
- I'm excited to share with you some of the great things that are happening in Texas. But first of all, it wouldn't be possible without great people like you.
- As I've been traveling the state listening to economic development partners that are ISD's and people that are in higher ed. They continue to tell us how great Texas is doing but it's because of our partnership with our 28 Workforce Boards that it's possible for us to put people to work.
- TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez says, our state continues to build on its successes.
- In **July 2018** the Texas economy added twenty-three thousand five hundred Total Non-farm jobs.
- Meanwhile, private-sector employers added twenty-five thousand nine hundred positions to their payrolls.
- The Texas unemployment rate remained unchanged this month at 4.0 percent.
- In Texas' Service Providing sector, Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 7,500 positions over the month. Also within this sector, Education and Health Services added 6,400 jobs, followed by Leisure and Hospitality with a gain of 5,700 positions.
- July's annual growth in the state's Goods Producing industries was strong at 6.2 percent. Over the month, Construction led all major industries, adding 10,500 jobs.
- As you just heard, our Texas economy continues to grow. Texas Workforce along with our 28 workforce boards around the state are committed to connecting those job seekers with those available jobs. One way of doing that is to attend our upcoming apprenticeship conference held this Fall.
- We look forward to seeing you there.