

## March 2018 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

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- Hello, I'm Julian Alvarez, Commissioner Representing Labor for the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the March 2018 Texas employment statistics.
- Our latest employment data shows that March hiring in Texas was robust as the Texas economy added 32,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, which marked 21 consecutive months of employment growth.
- In March, the Texas unemployment rate was 4.0 percent, unchanged over the month. It remains below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent.
- Leading job growth in March, employers in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities added seven thousand five hundred positions followed by Professional and Business Services, which added six thousand two hundred jobs.
- Texas' Goods Producing sector, which includes Mining and Logging, Construction and Manufacturing added ten thousand six hundred jobs over the month and expanded by 4.6 percent since March 2017.
- TWC supports a variety of training programs to equip the workforce with the skills needed for employment in Texas. More than 6,850 workers were trained through an apprenticeship or journey worker program which provides a combination of on-the-job training and classroom instruction for highly skilled trades and occupations. Contact us at [Apprenticeship Texas dot com](http://ApprenticeshipTexas.com) to see how we can help train you.