

## **October 2017 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text**

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- Hello, I'm Ruth Ruggero Hughs, Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the October twenty seventeen Texas employment statistics.
- Seasonally adjusted job growth continued as Texas gained seventy-one thousand five hundred jobs in October for a total of three hundred sixteen thousand one hundred jobs added over the year.
- The Texas unemployment rate fell to three point nine percent, setting a record for the lowest unemployment rate recorded in four decades.
- Industries adding jobs this month included Leisure and Hospitality, which added thirty-four thousand seven hundred jobs and Trade, Transportation and Utilities, which added ten thousand three hundred positions.
- The Texas Workforce Commission recently launched the Texas Operation Welcome Home web portal to better meet the employment needs of transitioning service members, recently separated veterans and military spouses. By visiting [TexasOperationWelcomeHome dot com](http://TexasOperationWelcomeHome.com), veterans and employers can access the latest information about employment and training initiatives available in Texas.
- I also encourage Texas employers that hire veterans to participate in the "We Hire Vets" employer recognition program that recognizes Texas employers for their commitment to hiring veterans. Employers whose workforce is composed of at least 10 percent military veterans are eligible to receive a "We Hire Vets" employer recognition decal. Please visit [texasoperationwelcomehome dot com](http://texasoperationwelcomehome.com) to register online. Thank you.