

October 2018 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

COMMISSIONER THOMAS

- Good morning everyone, my name is Robert Thomas. I've been newly appointed as the Commissioner Representing the Public for the Texas Workforce Commission. It is my honor and privilege to be your representative.
- Texas continues to be a national leader in job creation and we continue to attract new residents every day. Thanks to our state's diverse industry sectors and a talented workforce, Texas remains a highly desirable place to live, raise a family and create prosperity.
- Texas' job numbers are strong, with a vibrant job market offering many employment opportunities, and a historically low rate of unemployment. The October 2018 labor market highlights, as you're about to hear, prove that our Texas economy continues to be one of the best and brightest in the nation.

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- In October 2018, the Texas economy added thirty-two thousand three hundred Total Non-farm jobs.
- Meanwhile, private-sector employers added thirty-one thousand seven hundred positions to their payrolls.
- The Texas unemployment rate was 3.7 percent, down slightly from September 2018.
- In Texas' Service Providing sector, Trade, Transportation, and Utilities led all major industries, adding eight thousand nine hundred jobs this month. Also, within this sector, Leisure and Hospitality added eight thousand seven hundred jobs, followed by Education and Health Services with a gain of five thousand one hundred positions.

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- Don't mess with Texas! As we just heard, Texas continues to grow across multiple diverse sectors offering opportunities for you.

- We, at TWC are here to help you achieve your dreams. Our future as a state depends on the passion and commitment we all share in making the American dream a reality for all Texans. During my first month of service, I have discovered that TWC is a team of 4,432 individuals that care passionately about the economy of the State of Texas and more critically about your success and achievement.
- Find out how we can help you. Visit us at [twc dot texas dot gov](http://twc.texas.gov) to see the unique tools that can guide you on your path to success and prosperity right here in the Lone Star State.
- Thank you everyone for your time. Go Texas.