

September 2018 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ

- Hello Everyone, my name is Julian Alvarez. I'm the Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Labor.
- Thanks to our state's diverse industry sectors and a highly talented workforce, Texas continues to be a national leader in job creation and an attractive place to live, work and do business.
- As you're about to hear, great things are happening in Texas! Here are the September 2018 labor market highlights-that-prove our Texas economy can't be beat!

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- In **September** 2018, the Texas economy added fifteen thousand six hundred Total Non-farm jobs.
- Meanwhile, private-sector employers added sixteen thousand seven hundred positions to their payrolls.
- The Texas unemployment rate was 3.8 percent, down slightly from August 2018.
- In Texas' Service Providing sector, Financial Activities led all major industries, adding five thousand eight hundred jobs this month. Also, within this sector, Professional and Business Services added two thousand five hundred jobs, followed by Trade, Transportation and Utilities with a gain of two thousand one hundred positions.

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- As you just heard, Texas continues to grow.
- We're also working with leaders in industry and education to find ways to constantly grow tomorrow's workforce, and support future generations. TWC is spearheading the expansion of Registered Apprenticeship Training programs in Texas, which help prepare and train individuals for highly skilled jobs and life-long careers in over 1,200 possible trade or craft occupations, with competitive wage opportunities.

- Visit us at twc.texas.gov and enter Apprenticeship Texas to find out how you can get involved.
- Thank you.