

April 2017 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

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- Hello, I'm Ruth Hughs, Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the April 2017 Texas employment statistics.
- Texas continued to enjoy job growth with the addition of 258,900 jobs over the year including 30,400 added in April.
- The Texas unemployment rate remained at five percent for April as our state's Labor Force expanded by 333, 200 individuals over the year.
- Employment in Education and Health Services had the largest gain of all industries this month with 10,400 positions added. Manufacturing expanded by 8,100 jobs, and Professional and Business Services employment saw an increase of 7,400 jobs.
- Newly launched Texas Operation Welcome Home is creating a pathway for military service members to receive support dollars toward workforce training as they move into civilian employment in the Lone Star State. The Texas Transition Alliance is working with military installations and Texas employers to connect transitioning veterans with these high-demand occupations.
- We know that veterans are hardworking and motivated team members that will bolster any employer's business, and we want to inform them of the many opportunities available to them so they can have a successful transition. For more information about Texas Operation Welcome Home, visit texasworkforce.org, and click "Veteran Services". Thank you.