

May 2017 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 May Texas labor market.
- Texas continued to enjoy job growth with the addition of 266,600 jobs over the year including 14,800 added in May.
- The Texas unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent, down from 5.0 percent in April.
- Employment in Mining and Logging had the largest gain of all industries this month with 6,600 jobs added. Construction expanded by 3,400 jobs, and Financial Activities saw an increase of 3,200 jobs.
- The Texas Workforce Commission is proud to award grants this summer for Camp Code, a program to increase interest in coding and computer science among middle school girls. These summer camps are available at eight locations and will allow for 1,024 students to attend.
- Careers in computer programming and software development continue to grow and command competitive salaries. Camp Code increases participation among young women in computer programming and hopefully will inspire them to pursue coding careers.
- For more information on this and other learning opportunities for Texas youth, go to texasworkforce.org. Thank you.