

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Texas Ends 2016 with 210,200 Jobs Added Over the Year**

*State unemployment rate remains at 4.6 percent in December*

AUSTIN – Texas has added an estimated 210,200 seasonally adjusted jobs since December 2015 with the addition of 800 nonfarm jobs this December. The state has added jobs in 20 of the past 21 months. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate maintained a 4.6 percent rate in December.

“Texas employers continue to boost the diverse Texas economy by adding jobs, including 210,200 over the year,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Thanks to the innovation and efforts of employers in a range of industries, Texas workers continue to have more opportunities to demonstrate their world-class work ethic and skills.”

The Education and Health Services industry recorded the largest private-industry employment gain over the month with 7,300 jobs added. Leisure and Hospitality employment grew by 3,900 jobs in December, and Manufacturing employment expanded by 1,400 jobs.

“Private-sector employment has been strong over the year with overall job growth of 172,600 jobs added,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “These numbers are a testament to the perseverance and resilience of our Texas employers and the diversity of our Texas economy.”

The Amarillo, Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.2 percent, followed by the College Station-Bryan MSA with a rate of 3.4 for December.

“The Texas labor force has continued to provide employers with the skills and expertise needed to keep the Texas economy growing,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “TWC and the 28 local workforce boards are committed to connecting Texas workers with available jobs.”

An audio download with comments from Chairman Alcantar on the latest labor market data is available on the TWC website [press release page](#). Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [tracer2.com](#).

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**Civilian Labor Force Estimates for Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Not Seasonally Adjusted (In Thousands)**

	December 2016				November 2016				December 2015			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	158,968.0	151,798.0	7,170.0	4.5	159,451.0	152,385.0	7,066.0	4.4	157,245.0	149,703.0	7,542.0	4.8
Texas	13,398.8	12,788.9	609.9	4.6	13,390.5	12,823.8	566.7	4.2	13,136.9	12,580.2	556.7	4.2
Abilene	76.0	73.1	2.9	3.8	76.1	73.4	2.7	3.6	74.7	72.1	2.6	3.5
Amarillo	131.8	127.7	4.2	3.2	132.0	128.1	4.0	3.0	130.2	126.5	3.7	2.8
Austin-Round Rock	1,108.3	1,072.8	35.5	3.2	1,110.5	1,076.8	33.7	3.0	1,083.6	1,050.9	32.7	3.0
Beaumont-Port Arthur	178.1	165.0	13.1	7.4	177.1	165.7	11.4	6.4	177.2	165.5	11.7	6.6
Brownsville-Harlingen	168.8	156.4	12.4	7.3	167.5	156.4	11.1	6.6	164.0	152.8	11.2	6.8
College Station-Bryan	126.6	122.3	4.3	3.4	127.9	123.8	4.1	3.2	123.2	119.3	3.9	3.2
Corpus Christi	213.2	200.3	12.9	6.1	212.3	200.5	11.8	5.6	208.9	197.8	11.0	5.3
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	3,749.2	3,610.6	138.7	3.7	3,752.3	3,621.9	130.4	3.5	3,625.1	3,493.3	131.8	3.6
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,531.3	2,439.4	92.0	3.6	2,532.4	2,446.0	86.4	3.4	2,434.9	2,348.4	86.5	3.6
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,217.9	1,171.2	46.7	3.8	1,219.9	1,175.9	44.0	3.6	1,190.1	1,144.8	45.3	3.8
El Paso	355.5	338.2	17.3	4.9	355.4	339.1	16.2	4.6	347.3	330.9	16.4	4.7
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,310.3	3,135.0	175.3	5.3	3,305.4	3,143.3	162.1	4.9	3,261.3	3,110.9	150.3	4.6
Killeen-Temple	174.9	167.3	7.6	4.3	175.0	167.8	7.2	4.1	171.3	164.1	7.2	4.2
Laredo	116.4	111.1	5.3	4.5	116.3	111.5	4.8	4.1	113.8	108.7	5.1	4.5
Longview	101.8	95.9	5.9	5.8	101.8	96.2	5.6	5.5	100.2	95.2	5.0	5.0
Lubbock	156.2	151.2	5.0	3.2	156.8	152.0	4.8	3.0	154.4	149.6	4.7	3.1
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	344.7	316.5	28.2	8.2	338.7	314.7	24.0	7.1	333.6	307.3	26.4	7.9
Midland	89.9	86.5	3.4	3.8	90.0	86.7	3.3	3.6	89.6	86.3	3.2	3.6
Odessa	78.5	74.2	4.2	5.4	78.3	74.2	4.1	5.3	78.3	74.3	4.0	5.1
San Angelo	56.2	53.9	2.3	4.1	56.4	54.2	2.2	3.9	55.3	53.1	2.2	4.0
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,129.7	1,087.9	41.8	3.7	1,128.6	1,089.2	39.4	3.5	1,102.6	1,063.9	38.7	3.5
Sherman-Denison	61.7	59.5	2.2	3.6	62.0	59.9	2.1	3.4	60.8	58.6	2.2	3.7
Texarkana	64.7	61.7	3.0	4.6	65.0	62.2	2.8	4.3	64.9	62.0	2.9	4.5
Tyler	105.3	100.7	4.7	4.4	105.0	100.6	4.4	4.2	103.7	99.2	4.5	4.4
Victoria	50.7	48.2	2.5	4.9	50.8	48.4	2.4	4.7	49.6	47.5	2.1	4.1
Waco	121.8	117.0	4.7	3.9	121.9	117.4	4.5	3.7	118.8	114.5	4.3	3.7
Wichita Falls	64.3	61.6	2.7	4.2	64.3	61.8	2.5	3.9	64.6	61.9	2.7	4.2

**TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

INDUSTRY TITLE	Dec 2016*	Nov 2016	Dec 2015	Nov '16 to Dec '16		Dec '15 to Dec '16	
				Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change
<b>Total Nonagricultural</b>	<b>12,141,300</b>	<b>12,140,500</b>	<b>11,931,100</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>210,200</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>10,236,700</b>	<b>10,238,600</b>	<b>10,064,100</b>	<b>-1,900</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>172,600</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>1,766,500</b>	<b>1,768,500</b>	<b>1,812,200</b>	<b>-2,000</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-45,700</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
Mining and Logging	228,800	228,100	255,300	700	0.3	-26,500	-10.4
Construction	693,700	697,800	698,200	-4,100	-0.6	-4,500	-0.6
Manufacturing	844,000	842,600	858,700	1,400	0.2	-14,700	-1.7
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>10,374,800</b>	<b>10,372,000</b>	<b>10,118,900</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>255,900</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,455,200	2,463,400	2,413,600	-8,200	-0.3	41,600	1.7
Information	201,500	201,700	199,700	-200	-0.1	1,800	0.9
Financial Activities	746,700	747,600	728,400	-900	-0.1	18,300	2.5
Professional and Business Services	1,634,800	1,636,800	1,607,100	-2,000	-0.1	27,700	1.7
Education and Health Services	1,679,700	1,672,400	1,604,400	7,300	0.4	75,300	4.7
Leisure and Hospitality	1,320,500	1,316,600	1,276,100	3,900	0.3	44,400	3.5
Other Services	431,800	431,600	422,600	200	0.0	9,200	2.2
Government	1,904,600	1,901,900	1,867,000	2,700	0.1	37,600	2.0

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