

## **December 2016 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text**

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- Hello, I'm Andres Alcantar, chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the December 2016 Texas employment statistics.
- Annual employment growth in Texas remained positive as 210,200 jobs were added over the year, including 800 jobs added in December. Texas' nonagricultural employment surpassed 12.1 million jobs in 2016.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.6 percent
- The Education and Health Services industry recorded the largest private industry employment gain over the month with 7,300 jobs added. Leisure and Hospitality had a 3,900 job gain, and Manufacturing employment expanded by 1,400 jobs.
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