

## **February 2018 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text**

**Presented by TWC Commissioner Ruth Hughs**

- Hello, I'm Ruth R. Hughs, Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the February 2018 Texas employment statistics.
- Our latest employment data shows that February hiring in Texas was robust, as private-sector employers added forty-two thousand eight hundred positions to their payrolls.
- In February, the Texas unemployment rate was 4.0 percent, unchanged since January 2017. It remains below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent.
- Leading job growth in February, employers in Professional and Business Services added thirteen thousand two hundred positions followed by Trade, Transportation and Utilities, which added eleven thousand eight hundred jobs.
- Texas' Goods Producing sector, which includes Mining and Logging, Construction and Manufacturing, continued an upward trend adding twelve thousand six hundred jobs over the month and expanded by 4.4 percent since February 2017.
- Summer is around the corner and if you're a student looking to gain work experience while earning a pay check, you'll find hundreds of internship opportunities with Texas employers at [T-X internship challenge dot com](http://T-X-internship-challenge.com).