

January 2018 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 January 2018 Texas employment statistics.
- In January, the Texas unemployment rate was 4.0 percent, unchanged from December 2017. It remains below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent.
- In January, Texas added sixteen thousand jobs and over the year, we saw an increase of 240 thousand 500 positions.
- Industries adding jobs in January included Mining and Logging, which added 3,300 jobs, and Manufacturing which added 2,400.
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