

## **March 2017 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 March 2017 Texas employment statistics.
- Texas continued to enjoy job growth with the addition of 249,000 jobs over the year including 9,500 added in March.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in March was five percent as our state's Labor Force has grown to over 13.5 million.
- Employment in Professional and Business Services had the largest gain of all industries this month with 13,200 positions added. Mining and Logging expanded by 4,800 jobs, and Construction employment saw an increase of 4,000 jobs.
- TWC is committed to working in partnership with industry leaders and other stakeholders to increase the number of paid internships available for high school and college students. Internships help students acquire the marketable skills, strong work habits, and college credit employers value.
- I invite Texas employers to join the Texas Internship Challenge and help the future Texas workforce understand the broad range of opportunities available to them in the Texas economy. To learn more about upcoming internship opportunities, please visit [T-X Internship Challenge dot com](http://T-X-Internship-Challenge.com). Join the Challenge.