

August 2017 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

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- Hello, I'm Ruth Ruggero Hughs, Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission and here are the highlights of the August twenty seventeen Texas employment statistics.
 - The Texas economy added five thousand five hundred jobs in August, including an increase of two hundred ninety-eight thousand six hundred jobs over the year.
 - The Texas unemployment rate fell to four point two percent in August, down from four point three percent in July.
 - Businesses in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities Industry expanded their payrolls by nine thousand one hundred positions. Construction employment expanded by two thousand six hundred jobs, and employers in the Manufacturing industry added two thousand two hundred jobs.
 - The Texas Workforce Commission is committed to the success and prosperity of Texas businesses and their workforces, whose dedication contributes significantly to this great state's economic success.
 - Texans are resilient in times of need, and embody a strong work ethic. We've seen this resilience as we reach out to support one another and as we begin the process of recovery from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Harvey. TWC and our Workforce Solutions partners are positioned to help Texans get back to work and regain their lives.
 - If you have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey as an employer seeking workers or as a jobseeker seeking employment, go to texasworkforce.org for more information.
- Thank you.