

October 2015 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data

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- Texas employers continued to expand their payrolls in October with the addition of 20,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs.
- Over the past year, the state has added 203,900 jobs.
- Employment in the Leisure and Hospitality industry rose by 12,400 jobs and led all major industries in growth for October. This industry has experienced monthly job gains for the past 52 months.
- Other industries that saw growth over the month included the Professional and Business Services industry with the addition of 3,300 jobs and the Construction industry which gained 2,600 positions in October.
- The state's unemployment rate rose in October to 4.4 percent, up from 4.2 percent in September and remained below the national average of 5 percent.
- Private-sector employers contributed to the job gains by adding 15,900 jobs in October. The state's private-sector employers have added 180,800 jobs to the state's employment over the past year and continue to be the backbone of Texas economic strength.
- TWC was pleased this past week to honor our nation's veterans on Veteran's Day and to partner with our Workforce Solutions network to serve our state's employers and veterans through the Hiring Red, White & You! statewide hiring events. More than 1,500 employers and at least five times that number of job seekers participated in the events at 27 locations throughout the state.