

April 2021 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

Commissioner Demerson

- Hello everyone...**Aaron Demerson here**....the **Commissioner Representing Employers** for the **Texas Workforce Commission**.
- Texas employers are demonstrating resilience and are excited about getting our Texans back to work....With the state fully open...TWC continues to provide employers the resources they need to attract skilled labor....and provide job seekers....the programs and training....to upskill and pursue meaningful careers. Also, my office continues to be an essential resource for Texas employers....to assist in strengthening the state's economy.
- Let's listen to the labor market highlights for April 2021.

Voice Over

- In April, the seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate fell to 6.7 percent.
- Texas added 13,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the month.
- Leading job growth in April was the leisure and hospitality industry, which added 14,100 jobs, followed by government, which added 11,300 jobs, and professional and business services, which added 8,300 jobs.

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- As we just heard....the decrease in the unemployment rate in Texas...shows the continued strength of our economy....and the increase in number of the jobs available in the leisure and hospitality industries is encouraging.
- Texas is open for business!!...Governor Abbott announced just this week...that the Texas economy is booming....and employers are hiring in communities throughout the state. Texas has over **850,000** jobs available on My T-X Career dot com
- In addition....we just hosted a **TEXANS RETURN TO WORK** roundtable discussion in partnership with the **Office of the Governor-Economic Development & Tourism** team....various **Business Industry Associations** and our **STATEWIDE Workforce Solution Offices**.

- The discussion focused on innovative ideas and best practices employers are utilizing to....recruit....hire, and retain individuals as **TEXANS RETURN TO WORK!** You can find the recording of this discussion at Texas workforce dot org.
- Meanwhile, **WE** at **TWC** continue to assist...through **innovative programs like the Restaurant Recovery Initiative**.....which launches this month and will help **TEXAS EMPLOYERS** take advantage of new business models that have been pioneered in the last year.
- As always....**please visit our website**.....to view our many programs....designed specifically...to help **Texas Employers**....and **Job Seekers**.....achieve and succeed.
- **THANK YOU**...for **ALL** you **DO!**.....and Let's Continue to Make Progress!