

## August 2021 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

### Chairman Daniel

- Hello I'm Bryan Daniel, Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission.
- Here at TWC, we work hard to make sure employers have the skilled workforce they need to drive growth, while, at the same time, we help job seekers find the jobs and training that lead to meaningful careers.
- This strategy has contributed to the economic growth engine we've built in Texas, attracting new residents and driving our job growth. The Texas labor market continues to add jobs -- we've seen gains in 15 of the last 16 months.
- Now, let's listen to the labor market highlights for August 2021.

### Voice Over

- In August, the seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate decreased from 6.2 percent to 5.9 percent.
- Texas added 39,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the month.
- Leading job growth in August was the Professional and Business Services industry, which added 29,600 jobs, followed by Education and Health Services, which added 17,800 jobs. Also of note, Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 7,100 jobs over the month.

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- As we just heard, the continued decrease in the unemployment rate and the positive job growth is good news for Texas.
- And, with growth comes opportunity. The demand for middle skills jobs -- those requiring less than a bachelor's degree, but more than a high school diploma -- continues to grow and TWC is committed to ensuring the state's workforce has the tools needed to succeed in these high demand jobs.

- For more information on what TWC is doing to fill middle skills jobs, and other programs designed to help with both employer and employee success, please visit us at [twc.texas.gov](http://twc.texas.gov).