

## December 2021 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text

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Hello, my name is Mariana Vega, the director for Labor Market Information at the Texas Workforce Commission, and I'm going to highlight some of the information in the 2021 December labor market report.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.0 percent, down two-tenths of a percentage point from a November reading of 5.2 percent. This marked the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive drop as the unemployment rate settled to its lowest level in 21 months.

Continuing on last month's record-high job count, Texas reached a new maximum employment level of 13,059,600 jobs at year's end. The state's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment rose in 19 of the last 20 months with an increase of 50,000 jobs in December.

The Construction industry finished the year strong with an over-the-month increase of 10,400 jobs in December. The Trade, Transportation, and Utilities industry followed with a gain of 7,300 jobs while Financial Activities employment grew by 7,200 jobs.

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