

November 2021 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Date 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 November labor market report.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.2 percent, down two-tenths of a percentage point from an October reading of 5.4 percent. This was the 8th consecutive drop.

Texas reached a record employment height of 12,998,200 jobs in November which marked the first month the state surpassed the February 2020 pre-COVID employment level. The state's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment rose in 18 of the last 19 months with an increase of 75,100 jobs in November.

Leading job growth was Professional and Business Services with an increase of 22,900 jobs, followed by Leisure and Hospitality with a gain of 12,500 jobs and Financial Activities with an increase of 9,300 jobs.

The number of job openings across Texas reached new highs with over 700,000 job advertisements this month, up 35 percent compared to total postings a year ago.

The Healthcare and Social Assistance industry topped the list of major industries adding jobs with almost 120,000 job postings. This was followed by Retail Trade and Accommodation and Food Services, each accounting for over 10 percent of the job postings.

We've seen substantial increases in Texas' online job ads this year, with Management, Sales and Related, and Office and Administrative Support occupation groups leading the hiring activity this month.

You can view available job postings on the Work in Texas website.

For more information on Texas labor market data, please visit our website at [TexasLMI.com](https://www.texaslmi.com) where you can find the current labor market report, research industry trends and review customized regional reports to develop your strategic business plan and use industry-based analysis tools to help your business grow.

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