

General Overview of Veterans Employment in Texas.

Veterans Unemployment in Texas.

The current Texas Veterans Unemployment Rate for November 2021 is 5.2%. We have seen a steady decline over the past six months.

Abilene 3.7%
Amarillo 3.1%
Austin/ Round Rock 3.2%
Beaumont 7.4%
College Station 3.5%
Corpus Christi 6.0%
Dallas/ Fort Worth 3.9%
El Paso 5.0%
Houston 5.1%
Killeen 4.8%
Longview 5.1%
McAllen 7.7%
Odesa 6.3%
San Antonio 4.1%
Tyler 3.9%
Waco 3.9%

Veteran Unemployment Rate was 3.3% in December

In December 2021, the veteran unemployment rate was 3.3%, down from 3.8% the previous month. The comparable non-veteran unemployment rate was 3.8% in December, which also decreased from the previous month (4.1%).

- Nationally, employment rose by 199,000 in December, bringing the total for 2021 to 6.4 million jobs . Economic recovery continues but at much slower pace than when the number of jobs added were in the 400 and 500 thousands in the summer and fall. DOL's Chief Economist noted several important trends:
 - "... We've recovered 84% of the jobs lost in March and April 2020."

Over 9 million people have left the labor market in the past six months.

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Unemployment Rates, December 2020 – November 2021 (previous 12 months) Averaged (not seasonally adjusted)

<i>UR, 12-Month Average</i>	<i>Veterans</i>	<i>Nonveterans</i>
<i>By Sex</i>		
<i>Women</i>	4.2%	5.1%
<i>Male</i>	4.4%	5.5%
<i>By Disability Status</i>		
<i>Persons with a disability</i>	6.3%	10.6%
<i>Persons with no disability</i>	4.2%	5.1%

Next Virtual American Legion Job Fair for Texas is on the 9th of March 2022!!!!

US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AWARDS \$2.6M TO STATE OF TEXAS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING SERVICES FOR DISLOCATED MILITARY MEMBERS, SPOUSES

Supports retraining in Fort Hood, Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, San Saba counties

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor today announced funding of \$2,677,470 to the Texas Workforce Commission to provide workforce training services at Fort Hood and in seven counties to military service members and their spouses dislocated by delays caused by the pandemic.

The award is the initial release of a [National Dislocated Worker Grant](#) of up to \$8,032,410 to retrain military members and their spouses as they transition to civilian employment. Annually, about 200,000 service members leave the military.

Texas Operation Welcome Home:

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As of April 30th, 2021, there has been more than 858 transitioning service members (TSMs) who have enrolled in the Skills for Transition Program.

The Texas Workforce Commission, Central Texas Workforce Board, Central Texas College, Fort Hood and Ford have all partnered to create the Ford Technicians Career Skills Program. This program is an excellent example of collaboration utilizing the Texas Industry Partnership program which leverages matching contributions of cash or qualifying expenditures for occupational funding.

The Ford Technicians Program has completed two cohorts training 22 transitioning service members. The third cohort of 17 transitioning service members starts the third week of May 2021. The Skills for Transition Funding is utilized to cover the cost of the training.

The Ford Technicians Program is in the process of completing its third training cohort. In total, 58 Ford Technicians of Tomorrow will have completed the program. Currently, 82% of TSMs gained employment as Ford technicians in Texas. 96% of all trainees have or will have employment upon exit from the Army. The Skills for Transition Funding is utilized to cover the cost of the training.

The Central Texas Workforce Board has submitted their grant proposal for a Service Member Dislocated Worker Grant to the Department of Labor. If approved, the Service Member Dislocated Worker Grant will provide for greater flexibility in allowing training costs as well as supportive services for transitioning service members and military spouses who qualify as dislocated workers in accordance with WIOA. The estimated date for this grant to start is July 1st, 2021.

We Hire Vets, sponsored by TWC and TVC, has issued 732 to deserving Texas Employers.

Success Stories.

On Thursday the 20th of January 2022, the Texas VFW, the Texas VFW Foundation, Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend, the Texas Veterans Commission, the Texas Workforce Commission conducted an in person Veteran Job Fair.

There were 25 employers, and over 80 veterans and family members who attended.

We will track the number that were hired over the next 4 to 6 weeks. We had 80 veterans in

This was a highly successful job fair in the current employment environment.

Veteran service providers will also be participating including the Department's Service Officers.

State Veteran legislation:

HB:33

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An institution of higher education shall consider, in determining whether to award to a student course credit toward a degree or certificate offered by the institution for the student's completion of certain military training:

The commission shall evaluate programs of study or courses offered by career schools or colleges leading to industry-based certifications or other workforce credentials to identify programs or courses for which skills obtained through military experience, education, and training frequently align.

The commission shall publish on its Internet website a list of any programs of study or courses identified by the commission under this section and the relevant military experience, education, or training that may align with those programs or courses.

ENERGY INDUSTRY PROGRAM FOR VETERAN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. (a) The Texas Veterans Commission shall develop and administer a program to provide assistance to veterans seeking a certification or training to prepare for employment in the energy industry.