



TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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Texas Leads Nation in Helping Veterans Get Jobs

Austin - According to the most recent [data provided by the Department of Labor](#), Texas has helped more veterans get jobs than any other state in the country. The Texas Veterans Commission assisted 47,556 veterans enter the workforce in a 12-month period - the highest number of any state and more than the combined total of the five most veteran-populous states.

The Department of Labor monitors a set of performance measures to quantify the effectiveness of each state's employment service delivery system. The most important performance measure is the number of veterans that get jobs, with special attention to the employment rate of veterans facing significant obstacles to employment.

"Our employment counselors are well trained and focused on working one-on-one with unemployed veterans," said Bill Wilson, Texas Veterans Commission Veterans Employment Services Director. "We are especially committed to providing intensive services to help veterans overcome employment barriers."

Intensive services are provided to disabled veterans, economically or educationally disadvantaged veterans, and veterans with other barriers to employment, especially homeless veterans. Intensive services is a critical service area the Department of Labor tracks, and the Texas Veterans Commission is recognized as leading the nation in providing these services as well.

Educating Employers

Another key to greater veteran employment is to increase the demand for veteran employees. Texas Veterans Commission representatives demonstrate to employers how veterans are particularly well suited for today's fast-paced work environments due to the strong communication, technical and teamwork skills gained through their military service.

"Once employers understand the skills and abilities that military service builds, they are more likely to look to veterans when making hiring decisions," added Wilson.

Over 190 Texas Veterans Commission employment representatives are located in more than 75 cities throughout Texas. They offer one-on-one assistance to veterans with job applications, resume preparation, job matching and searches, as well as intensive services.

Employers interested in hiring a veteran can call Kevin Smith, Texas Veterans Commission Business Outreach Coordinator, at (512) 463-3677.

For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission visit www.tvc.state.tx.us.

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