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OHIO'S JOB GAINS RANK 2ND AMONG STATES FOR JANUARY

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Labor says Ohio had the second-biggest job gains of any state in January, adding 16,700 positions.

The January state employment report released Monday says 23 states reported more hiring for that month, while 27 said that the number of jobs fell. Among those adding jobs, Ohio ranked behind only Texas, which added 33,900 positions.

In Ohio, the sectors that added the most jobs included construction, manufacturing and professional and business services.

Ohio's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for that month was 6.9 percent, down from 7.1 percent in December. The national jobless rate was 6.6 percent in January.

The job gains are calculated from a survey of employers, while the unemployment rate stems from a separate survey of households. The two surveys sometimes produce disparate results.

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