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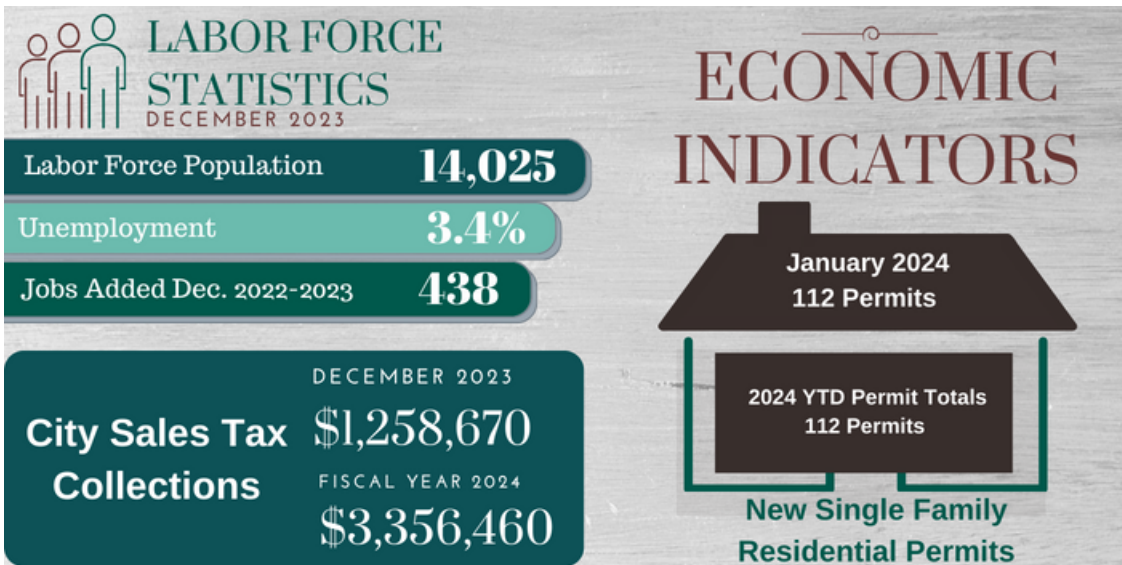


**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT  
GRANT (BIG) PROGRAM**

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It's real.

(Seguin) — The City of Seguin has launched its 2024 Business Improvement Grant application and is encouraging commercial property owners and business owners to think BIG about improving their properties. The grant program, started during COVID as a program to assist our businesses survive the shutdown and make improvements while they were closed, the program has continued to adapt and remain successful in helping businesses make large capital investments that are benefiting the entire community. [Read More](#)

**ECONOMIC INDICATORS**



## LOCAL NEWS

### THIRD JAMES BEARD NOMINATION STOKES CHEF, PIT MASTERS' FIRE

When they opened their barbecue restaurant a couple years ago, a pair of chefs and pit masters pledged to work hard and serve the best food around.

In the process, owners of Burnt Bean Co. have delivered and received recognition each year from the industry leader in culinary arts, each win surpassing the prior one. This year is no different as David Kirkland and Ernest Servantes, for the third year in a row, are semifinalists for a coveted James Beard Foundation award. [Read More](#)

### SEGUIN ISD PURCHASES FUTURE MIDDLE SCHOOL, AG FACILITY SITE

(Seguin) – The Seguin ISD has officially locked down land for a future middle school and new ag facility center. Sean Hoffmann, the chief communications officer for the Seguin ISD, says the closing documents were signed on Wednesday for the 81.24 acre property east of Seguin. [Read More](#)

### MARION, NAVARRO AND SEGUIN STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON LOOK AT THEIR FUTURES

(Seguin) – Local students are better able to answer the question, “what do you want to be when you grow up?” More than 800 eighth grade students from Marion, Navarro and Seguin schools participated in a special interactive career event held on Wednesday in the Seguin Coliseum. The annual Seguin Youth Career Expo allowed local employers to show off some of the jobs and equipment that they use for their operations in the Seguin area. There were dozens of employers represented at the event, each of them gave the students a personalized look at how they do business. Several companies brought robotics equipment or other specialized tools of their trade. [Read More](#)

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024 IN DOWNTOWN SEGUIN!

The Seguin Main Street Program has a lot to look forward to in 2024 after an eventful and successful 2023. Here are some of the projects and events that Seguin Main Street is looking forward to in downtown Seguin in 2024. [Read More](#)

## REGION AND STATE NEWS

## **TEXAS ATTRACTED MORE RELOCATING BUSINESSES IN 2010S THAN ANY OTHER STATE, DALLAS FED REPORT SHOWS**

Texas gained more jobs than any other state during the 2010s as a result of businesses moving here, according to a report published Friday by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. [Read More](#)

## **TEXAS MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY CONTRACTS IN JANUARY**

Texas factory activity contracted in January after stabilizing in December, according to business executives responding to the Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey. The production index, a key measure of state manufacturing conditions, dropped 17 points to -15.4—its lowest reading since mid-2020. [Read More](#)

## **SAN ANTONIO ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

San Antonio payroll job growth and wages picked up in December. However, unemployment remained stable, retail sales tax revenue fell, and existing home sales declined. [Read More](#)

## **TEXAS ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT**

Texas continues to lead the nation in an economic resurgence and remains one of the strongest and most diverse economies in the nation. Click the following link for a snapshot of the state's economic status: [Texas Economic Snapshot](#)

### **SEDC EVENTS**



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