

February 2010 Labor Market Data Audio Text

Presented by TWC Chairman Tom Pauken

- The Texas unemployment rate remained at 8.2 percent in February – that’s the same number that we had in terms of unemployed here in Texas in January.
- Texas continues to trend well below the U.S. unemployment rate of 9.7 percent.
- The Texas unemployment rate remained at 8.2 percent for the fourth month in a row. Although this very serious national recession continues to have a negative impact here in Texas, the unemployment rate in our state appears to have stabilized.
- Despite job growth in a number of industries in February, we did suffer employment losses in Government, Education and Health Services, Financial Activities and Construction, all of which had net job losses for the month of February.
- Total Texas nonagricultural employment was down by 13,000 jobs in February, offsetting our January job gains here in Texas.
- Professional and Business Services employment was up in February here in Texas by 9,000 jobs.
- Manufacturing employment increased in our state for the second consecutive month with the addition of 2,900 jobs in February.
- Mining and Logging employment increased by 1,200 jobs in February, and the Information industry increased by 200 jobs in our state.