

March 2010 Labor Market Data Audio Text

Presented by TWC Chairman Tom Pauken

- The Texas unemployment rate was at 8.2 percent in March. That's unchanged for the fifth consecutive month. Our jobless rate in Texas is still well below the U.S. unemployment rate of 9.7 percent for the month of March.
- While the serious national recession continues to have a negative impact on Texas the unemployment rate in our state has stayed at the same level for five months in a row.
- Total Texas nonagricultural employment increased by 8,500 jobs in the month of March. Texas has gained a total of 32,500 jobs over the past six months.
- Leisure and Hospitality added 10,300 jobs in March. That's the largest job gain among all industries. Education and Health Services also grew by adding 6,000 jobs in March. Over the past year Education and Health Services have added a total of 56,300 jobs.
- In the Goods Producing sector, employment in Mining and Logging increased by 6,100 jobs in March, and the Manufacturing industry added 2,100 jobs.