

April 2010 Labor Market Data Audio Text

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- The employment results were mixed in Texas, while the employment rate in our state increased from 8.2 percent to 8.3 percent. We did experience job growth in a number of industries. Texas had employment gains in such sectors as Construction, Mining and Logging, along with Manufacturing.
- The Texas unemployment rate stood at 8.3 percent in April and continued to trend well below the U.S. unemployment rate of 9.9 percent.
- The Texas civilian labor force continued to expand as we added 51,000 workers in April. More Texans are working than ever before. We employ 11.2 million workers in our state.
- Texas nonagricultural employment increased by 32,500 jobs in April for a total of 79,000 jobs since the beginning of 2010. Construction employment displayed impressive growth in April with an increase of 10,600 jobs. Mining and Logging added 2,800 jobs, and employment in the Manufacturing sector increased by 700 jobs.
- Education and Health Services gained 14,800 jobs in April for a total of 65,400 jobs added over the past year. Employment in Professional and Business Services grew by 7,900 jobs, and Financial Activities added 500 jobs.