

August 2010 Labor Market Data Audio Text

Presented by TWC Chairman Tom Pauken

- The Texas unemployment rate for August rose slightly to 8.3 percent. That's up from 8.2 percent in July. The Texas unemployment rate in Austin continues to trend well below the U.S. unemployment rate of August of 9.6 percent.
- Texas private-sector employers added jobs in August, although overall Texas job growth was offset by significant losses in Government jobs. Total Texas Nonfarm Employment was down by 34,200 jobs in August.
- Over the year, Texas has added 129,100 jobs. The employment gains have been broad-based with most of the major industries experiencing positive growth.
- Professional and Business Services increased by 4,100 jobs in August. That was the eighth consecutive month of employment gains in that particular industry. Employment in Manufacturing grew by 1,300 jobs during the month of August.
- Temporary workers hired by the federal government throughout Texas for work on the 2010 Census were dropped from Government payrolls in August. That contributed to a decrease of 35,300 positions in that month. That marked the third straight month of Government job losses in Texas.