

## **March 2015 Seasonally Adjusted Labor Market Data Audio Text**

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- March labor market data for Texas showed mixed results for Texas.
- Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in March, to 4.2 percent, the state's lowest since July of 2007. The state's rate remains below the national average of 5.5 percent.
- Texas' total nonfarm employment fell by 25,400 jobs in March in the preliminary estimate, following an impressive string of 53 straight months of job growth for Texas. It is important to note that over-the-year the state has added 327,500 jobs for an overall growth rate of 2.9 percent outpacing the national growth rate of 2.3 percent.
- The Mining and Logging industry saw a decline in March with the loss of an estimated 2,800 jobs statewide. TWC encourages workers impacted by layoffs to contact their local Workforce Solutions office for assistance with re-employment.
- March employment increases included 3,400 positions added in the Education and Health Services industry and 2,400 job added in the Financial Activities industry.
- Texas job seekers are encouraged to browse the job postings currently available on WorkInTexas.com and I encourage employers to post their available positions on this valuable resource—the largest job-matching network in Texas.
- Our workforce boards around the state stand ready to deliver high quality services to Texas employers and job seekers.