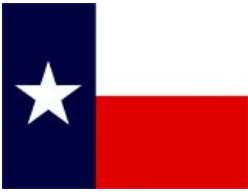

TEXAS LOST 40,000 JOBS IN APRIL



The State of Texas lost 39,500 non-farm jobs in April, which actually represented a decline in job loss compared to the first three months of 2009. The state unemployment rate held steady at 6.7%. The US jobless rate was 8.9%. Texas has lost 197,000 jobs so far in 2009. Professional and business services lost 20,100 jobs in April; trade, transportation and utilities lost 15,400 jobs.

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