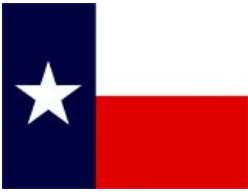

TEXAS LOST 46,000 JOBS IN FEBRUARY



The Texas Workforce Commission reports that employment in the Lone Star State fell by 46,100 jobs in February. The state's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate jumped to 6.5% in February, from 6.4% in January. This is still better than the nation's unemployment rate of 8.1%. In the past 12 months, Texas recorded a net loss of 62,600 jobs.

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