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## MINNESOTA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HITS 8.2%



The unemployment rate in Minnesota hit 8.2% in March, as the state lost 23,200 jobs according to the state Department of Employment and Economic Development. The rate is just below the 8.5% national rate for March, and only slightly up from February. The manufacturing sector lost 6,700 jobs, and construction lost 3,700. That sector has lost 21% of jobs since March 2008. Education and health services has gained 16,200 jobs in the last 12 months. Minneapolis-St. Paul lost 3.6% of its jobs; Duluth-Superior lost 2.7%.

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