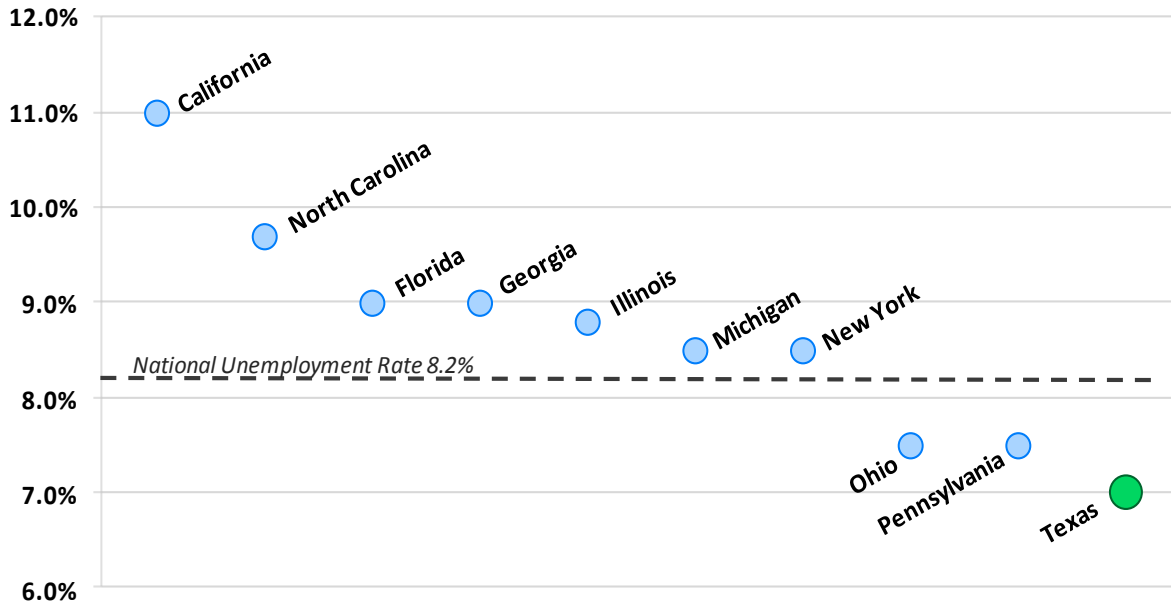


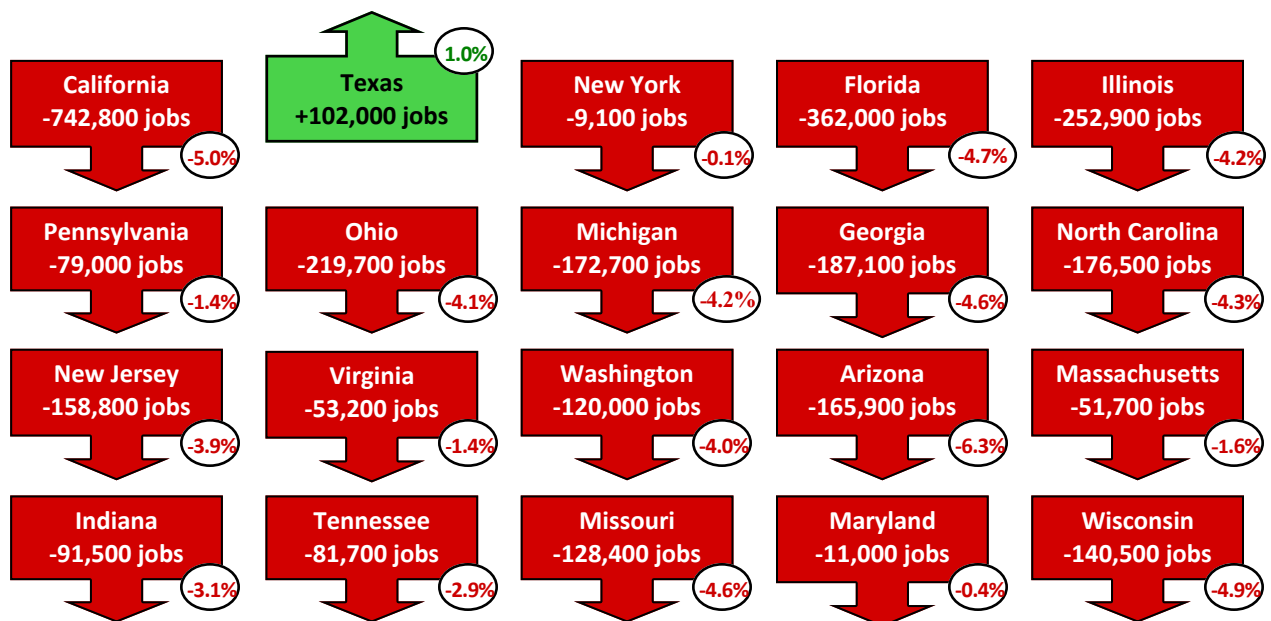
Unemployment

In March 2012, Texas had the lowest unemployment rate among the ten largest states.



Long-Term Economic Recovery

Texas is the only Top 20 state that has more jobs today than it did in mid-2008 (Aug. 2008-Mar. 2012).



Export Leader to Key Countries

Texas is the No. 1 exporting state to over 50 countries (2012 year to date), including:



Texas Cities Lead U.S. in Job Creation

From July 2008 to February 2012, only 9 of the 50 largest U.S. metros gained jobs. The top four are all in Texas.

