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HAWAII POSTS LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE NATION

Hawaii Posted the Lowest Unemployment Rate in the Nation for 2004

HONOLULU- The federal government today released the Regional and State Unemployment figures for March 2005. The report shows that Hawaii's low unemployment rate of 2.8 per cent is the lowest in the nation. This ranking follows the trend of 2004 in which Hawaii's average unemployment rate made it the lowest in the nation for 2004. Hawaii has had the lowest unemployment rate in the nation for 8 of the last 15 months. The federal rankings can be found at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/laus.nr0.htm>.

"We are obviously very ecstatic that Hawaii's unemployment rate was the lowest of all the states for 2004," said Nelson B. Befitel, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. "And to see that trend continue into 2005 is a testament to the thousands of large and small private employers in the state that are creating jobs for Hawaii's residents."

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