

APRIL 2020

Current Employment Overview



On May 22, 2020, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **April 2020**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

14.2%

APRIL Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 452,336 people looking for a **new job**
- **UP** from 5.5% last month
- **UP** from 3.3% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 13%
- **LOWER** than the national rate of 14.4%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region LOST 312,100 jobs in April 2020**

All major industries in the region experienced job loss in April

- **Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was DOWN 8.5%**

This represents a decrease of 265,700 jobs from April 2019 to April 2020, the largest decline on record

- **COVID-19**

Despite the severe job loss last month, employers across the state and in our region are looking to hire. As businesses open back up, we will be counted on to provide assistance to those looking for a job.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release May 2020 employment figures on June 19, 2020.

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