

APRIL 2021

Current Employment Overview



On May 21, 2021 the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **April 2021**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

7.1%

APRIL Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 240,711 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 14.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 8.0% last month
- **DOWN** from 14.0% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 6.3%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 5.7%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region ADDED 18,700 jobs in April 2021**

Job growth came from the following sectors:

- Leisure and Hospitality +11,800
- Professional and Business Services +6,900
- Other Services +2,500

- **Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was UP 6.7%**

The Houston area has regained roughly 50% of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 due to the pandemic.

- **COVID-19**

Effective June 26, Texans will no longer receive unemployment compensation related to the pandemic, including the additional \$300 weekly supplement

The Texas Workforce Commission will release May 2021 employment figures on June 18, 2021.

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