

AUGUST 2021

Current Employment Overview



On September 17, 2021 the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **August 2021**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

6.1%

AUGUST Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 209,340 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 14.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 6.8% last month
- **DOWN** from 8.1% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 5.3%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 5.3%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region ADDED 4,800 jobs in August 2021**
Job loss in Government of -7,700 was tempered by gains in Professional & Business services of 5,500 as well as Education & Health Services with an increase of 4,000 jobs.

- **Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was UP 4.8%**

Top-3 Drivers of year-to-year Job Growth in August

- Leisure and Hospitality: 54,500
- Professional and Business Services: 24,900
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: 24,300

- **COVID-19**

The Houston area has regained roughly 60% of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 due to the pandemic

The Texas Workforce Commission will release September 2021 employment figures on October 22, 2021.

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