

JULY 2021

Current Employment Overview



On August 20, 2021 the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **July 2021**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

6.8 %

JULY Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 233,714 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 14.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 7.4% last month
- **DOWN** from 11.1% last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 6.0%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 5.7%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region SHED 7,100 jobs in July 2021**

Job loss in Government of -18,600 was tempered by gains in Professional & Business services of 7,500 as well as Manufacturing with an increase of 3,700 jobs.

- **Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was UP 4.7%**

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

- Leisure and Hospitality: 63,500
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: 28,500
- Professional and Business Services: 19,900

- **COVID-19**

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

The Texas Workforce Commission will release August 2021 employment figures on September 17, 2021.

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