

NOVEMBER 2021

Current Employment Overview



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

5.1%

NOVEMBER Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 178,163 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 14.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 5.4% last month
- **DOWN** from 7.9% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.5%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 3.9%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 33,100 jobs in November 2021**

- Top-3 Drivers of month-to-month Job Growth in November:
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: 16,800
 - Mining and Logging: 4,300
 - Education and Health Services: 4,100

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

- Currently 9 out of 11 sectors show growth year-to-year
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities saw the largest growth over the year at 26,200 jobs

COVID-19

- The region has recovered 80 percent of the jobs lost over March and April of 2020
- Service sector workers can apply for childcare scholarships that cover all tuition and fees for a full year.

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The Texas Workforce Commission will release December 2021 employment figures on January 21, 2022.

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