

# OCTOBER 2021

## Current Employment Overview



On November 19, 2021 the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **October 2021**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

# 5.4%

**OCTOBER** Regional Unemployment Rate  
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 184,892 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 14.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 5.6% last month
- **DOWN** from 8.0% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.8%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 4.3%

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

Top-3 Drivers of month-to-month Job Growth in October

- Education & Health Services: 11,800
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: 7,600
- Government: 7,400

- **Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was UP 4.6%**

Currently 9 out of 11 sectors show growth year-to-year

- Professional and Business Services (31,800), Leisure and Hospitality (30,800), and Education and Health Services (24,800) show the largest growth
- Leisure & Hospitality and Financial Activities are the only sectors not showing growth year-to-year

The Texas Workforce Commission will release November 2021 employment figures on December 17, 2021.

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