

SEPTEMBER 2020

Current Employment Overview



On October 16, 2020, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **September 2020**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

9.6%

SEPTEMBER Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 335,536 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from the pandemic peak of 14.3% in April
- **UP** from 8.1% last month
- **UP** from 4.1% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 7.7%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 8.3%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region ADDED 20,300 jobs in September 2020.**

The primary drivers of this August's growth were increases in Government; Leisure and Hospitality; and, Mining and Logging.

- **Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was DOWN 5.1%**

Currently, 9 out of 11 sectors show declines in year over year employment

- **COVID-19**

The Texas Workforce Commission has reinstated the work-search requirement effective November 1st.

To help people get back to work, Workforce Solutions is expanding Hiring Red, White & You! to a four-day virtual event. Thursday, November 5 is exclusively for veterans and military families. Beginning Friday, November 6 and continuing through the weekend, the event opens to all job candidates. For more information, see www.wrksolutions.com/HRWY.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release October 2020 employment figures on November 20, 2020.

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Additional labor market data is available at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/for-employers/understand-the-local-labor-market>

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