

APRIL 2024

Current Employment Overview



On May 17, 2024, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **April 2024**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

3.8%

APRIL Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 139,352 people looking for a job
- **DOWN** from a peak of 13.5% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 4.3% last month
- **UNCHANGED** from 3.8% last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 3.5%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 3.5%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston region added 19,100 jobs over the month consistent with April each year.

- The top-3 drivers of over-the-month Job growth this April were:
 - Leisure and Hospitality: +6,300
 - Professional and Business Services: +3,900
 - Construction: +2,300

Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was up 80,700 jobs or 2.4%

- A year prior, growth stood at 136,200; growth is expected to continue slowing to pre-pandemic levels of 60,000 to 70,000 jobs by year-end.
- Currently, 10 out of 11 sectors show over-the-year growth led by Private Education and Health Services, Government, and Professional and Business Services.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release May 2024 employment figures on June 21, 2024.

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