

# SEPTEMBER 2022

## Current Employment Overview



On October 21, 2022, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **September 2022**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

# 4.2%

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

- Represents 118,513 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 13.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** by 0.4% from last month
- **DOWN** from 5.7% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 3.8%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 3.3%

### Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 14,900 net jobs in September 2022**

- Top-3 Drivers of month-to-month Job Growth in September:
  - Government +19,400
  - Leisure & Hospitality +4,800
  - Professional and Business Services +3,100

### Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was **UP 6.1%**

- This represents 188,400 more jobs compared to this period last year
- Currently all 11 sectors show year-to-year growth

### COVID-19

- Total Nonfarm employment for the Houston area stands at 3,285,600, which now exceeds the February 2020 pre-pandemic level of 3,192,200.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release September 2022 employment figures on November 18, 2022.

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