

NOVEMBER 2020

Current Employment Overview



On December 18, 2020, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **November 2020**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

8.9%

NOVEMBER Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 309,221 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a recent peak of 14.3% in April
- **UP** from 7.7% last month
- **UP** from 3.7% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 8.0%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 6.4%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region ADDED 25,800 jobs in November**

The primary drivers of growth were increases in Trade, Transportation and Utilities; Government; and Education and Health Services

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

This represents a decrease of 147,300 jobs from November 2019 to November 2020

- **COVID-19**

The region's job market continues to recover from the pandemic and oil downturn this spring, but 40% of the jobs lost earlier this year have not yet been recovered.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release December 2020 employment figures on January 22, 2021.

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