

# OCTOBER 2020

## Current Employment Overview



On November 20, 2020, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **October 2020**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

# 7.7%

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

- Represents 265,523 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from 9.6% last month
- **DOWN** from a recent peak of 14.3% in April
- **UP** from 3.6% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 6.7%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 6.6%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region ADDED 38,700 jobs in October 2020**

The primary drivers of growth were:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities: 7,800
- Professional and Business Services: 7,500
- Leisure and Hospitality: 5,800

- **Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was DOWN 4.8%**

This represents a decrease of 151,600 jobs from October 2019 to October 2020

- **COVID-19**

Seasonal employment remains relatively strong despite the pandemic

The Texas Workforce Commission will release November 2020 employment figures on December 18, 2020.

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