

SEPTEMBER 2021

Current Employment Overview



On October 22, 2021 the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **September 2021**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

5.5%

SEPTEMBER Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 190,991 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 14.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 6.1% last month
- **DOWN** from 9.4% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.9%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 4.6%

- **Employers in the Houston-Galveston region ADDED 27,300 jobs in September 2021**

- Government + 22,500
- Professional & Business Services + 8,100

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

- Currently 10 out of 11 sectors show year-over-year growth.
- Construction is down 500 jobs to prior year

- **COVID-19**

- The Houston area has regained roughly 70% of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 due to the pandemic
- To support service industry recovery, Workforce Solutions has a new scholarship that covers 100% of childcare costs for a full year. To learn more, visit www.wrksolutions.com/SIR.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release October 2021 employment figures on November 19, 2021.

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