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**EMPLOYERS ADD NEARLY 19,000 JOBS IN APRIL AS LEISURE & HOSPITALITY  
SECTOR RAMPS UP SUMMER HIRING**

*As the pandemic unemployment period nears end,  
Workforce Solutions encourages one-on-one appointments now*

(HOUSTON) As the end of pandemic unemployment benefits period approaches, Workforce Solutions anticipates an increase in the number of people requesting help to find a new or better job. The Workforce Solutions team wants to offer a leg up by offering pre-scheduled, one-on-one consultation appointments with professional staff either in person, by phone or by video conference.

“One-on-one, pre-scheduled appointments ensure our focus is on you and your job search,” said Workforce Solutions manager Michelle Castrow. “By scheduling an appointment ahead of time, there are no long waits or wasted trips.” Visit [www.wrksolutions.com/appointment](http://www.wrksolutions.com/appointment) to schedule your one-on-one consultation or call 1-888-469-5627 (JOBS) and enter your ZIP code to be connected to your nearest Workforce Solutions location.

If you prefer to make your appointment in person, simply visit your nearest Workforce Solutions location and our team will schedule you for the next available appointment. We are available to serve you, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. “Right now, it’s a great time to begin your job search because employers are looking to hire talented individuals across all industries,” Castrow explained. “Workforce Solutions receives as many as 500 new job openings daily, so there are plenty of jobs to choose from.”

During April, employers hired 18,700 people, primarily in the Leisure & Hospitality sector as restaurants and bars opened to full capacity and entertainment and recreation businesses staff up in expectation of a robust summer season. The Professional and Business Services sector is also roaring back to life, posting the largest-ever gain in the month of April with 6,900 new hires. It is the second straight month of record gains in the sector this year.

Not seasonally adjusted unemployment dropped nearly a point to 7.1 percent in April. While still higher than both the statewide and U.S. unemployment rates, it has fallen by nearly half since it peaked in April 2020 at 14.0 percent.

Additional labor market information including the detailed April report can be found at [wrksolutions.com/localstats](http://wrksolutions.com/localstats). The Texas Workforce Commission will release employment data for May on June 19, 2021.

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