

DECEMBER 2021

Current Employment Overview



On January 21, 2022 the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **December 2021**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

4.8%

DECEMBER Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 168,216 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 14.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 5.1% last month
- **DOWN** from 7.6% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.3%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 3.7%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 20,400 jobs in December 2021**

- Top-3 Drivers of month-to-month Job Growth in December:
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: 7,900
 - Leisure and Hospitality: 3,700
 - Construction: 3,200

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

- Currently 10 out of 11 sectors show growth year-to-year
 - Professional and Business Services saw the largest growth over the year at 30,300 jobs

COVID-19

- The region has recovered 90 percent of the jobs lost over March and April of 2020
- Service sector workers can apply for childcare scholarships that cover all tuition and fees for a full year.
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The Texas Workforce Commission will release January 2022 employment figures on March 11, 2022.

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