

On June 18, 2021 the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **May 2021**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

# 6.6%

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

- Represents 224,874 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 14.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 7.2% last month
- **DOWN** from 13.0% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 5.9%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 5.5%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region ADDED 19,700 jobs in May 2021**

Job growth came from the following sectors:

- Leisure and Hospitality +7,500
- Education and Health Services +5,800
- Professional and Business Services +2,600

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

This represents an increase of 139,700 jobs from May 2020 to May 2021  
9 out of 11 sectors show growth over the year

- **COVID-19**

We should expect more individuals to seek out our services due to the pandemic unemployment insurance program ending for Texans at the end of the month

The Houston area has recovered roughly 60% of the 361,400 jobs lost over March and April 2020

The Texas Workforce Commission will release June 2021 employment figures on July 16, 2021.

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