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**PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES JOBS CONTINUE
TO EXPAND AS OIL & GAS INDUSTRY RECOVERS**

(HOUSTON) With West Texas Intermediate Crude trading above \$72 Friday, the Texas Workforce Commission reported an August one-month record 5,500 new jobs in the Business and Professional Services Sector. Overall, the Houston area added 4,800 jobs last month, according to data released this morning by Workforce Solutions. “August’s job growth keeps our recovery momentum intact,” said Parker Harvey, an economist with the workforce development agency.

“The TWC also revised upward July’s report, wiping out the all the reported job losses for a net gain of 200 jobs,” Harvey said. “On the face of it, August’s not-seasonally adjusted growth appears mediocre, but taking that upward revision into account, we’ve added 5,000 jobs over the two month period.” The revision also makes July 2021 the only July on record to experience over-the-month increase in jobs, Harvey added. Typically, the month sees job losses related to the end of the school year that often extends to the Leisure and Hospitality, Retail, and even Construction sectors.

Jobs in the Construction sector also saw strong growth in August (+2,100) as did the Mining & Logging and Manufacturing sectors, adding 1,400 and 1,300 jobs respectively; both of which, Harvey said, are substantially above the long-term average.

Regional unemployment also edged lower, down 0.7 percent for a not-seasonally adjusted rate of 6.1 percent.

Additional labor market information including the detailed June report can be found at wrksolutions.com/localstats. The Texas Workforce Commission will release employment data for July on September 18, 2021.

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