

FEBRUARY 2025

Current Employment Overview



On March 28, 2025, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **February 2025**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

4.5%

FEBRUARY Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 174,561 people looking for a job
- **DOWN** from a peak of 13.5% in April 2020
- **UP** from 4.4% last month
- **UP** from 4.4% last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.3%
- **SAME AS** the national rate of 4.5%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston region added 15,200 jobs over the month, which is the weakest February since 2021's 11,300 jobs.

- The top-3 drivers of over-the-month Job growth this February were:
 - Government: +9,400
 - Leisure and Hospitality: +4,300
 - Construction: +4,000

Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was up 42,000 jobs or 1.2%

- A year prior, growth stood at 64,800; Workforce Solutions currently forecasts a gain of 55,400 jobs by the end of 2025 subject to evolving developments across the local, state, and national economies.
- Currently, 9 of 11 sectors show over-the-year growth led by Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, Government, and Private Education and Health Services.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release March 2025 employment figures on April 18, 2025.

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