

JANUARY 2025

Current Employment Overview



On March 14, 2025, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **January 2025**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

4.4%

JANUARY Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 168,955 people looking for a job
- **DOWN** from a peak of 13.5% in April 2020
- **UP** from 4.1% last month
- **UNCHANGED** from 4.4% last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.1%
- **SAME AS** the national rate of 4.4%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston region shed 40,700 jobs over the month consistent with January each year.

- The top-3 drivers of over-the-month Job loss this January were:
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: -15,900
 - Professional and Business Services: -6,800
 - Government: -6,200

Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was up 56,500 jobs or 1.7%

- A year prior, growth stood at 67,800; growth throughout 2025 is expected to continue 2024's trend of returning to pre-pandemic levels of 60,000 to 70,000 jobs.
- Currently, 9 of 11 sectors show over-the-year growth led by Professional and Business Services, Private Education and Health Services, and Other Services.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release February 2025 employment figures on March 28, 2025.

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