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HOUSTON AREA SEES TEPID HIRING DURING MARCH

(HOUSTON, Texas, April 21, 2025) Houston-area employment grew by an anemic 5,700 jobs during March, according to numbers released Monday by Workforce Solutions – Gulf Coast. This was the weakest March hiring since 2019 (excluding pandemic-related losses in 2020). Overall, six of the eleven industries tracked reported positive job growth last month.

The Leisure & Hospitality sector, the big winner during March, added 3,100 new jobs, mostly in the Restaurants and Drinking Establishments subsector. Parker Harvey, the agency’s Manager for Regional Economic Analysis said that a typical March adds 4,400 new jobs in the sector, putting last month’s growth moderately below the long-term average. The Texas Workforce Commission also revised February’s report upward by 400 jobs.

Hiring in the Government sector was well above the long-term average, adding 2,600 jobs. Other sectors seeing growth in March include Construction (+1,300), Private Education & Health Services (+1,700), Manufacturing (+700), and Other Services (+1,900).

The Professional & Business Services sector continues to be the weak spot, reporting a loss of 4,200 jobs, the largest-ever one-month decline during March on record. The Professional & Business Services sector includes most so-called “white collar” jobs as well as waste management and remediation services such as janitorial services.

Not-Seasonally Adjusted unemployment ticked lower during March to 4.2 percent from February’s 4.5 percent. Due to methodological changes, the Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate for February is not available.

Additional labor market information, including the detailed March report, can be found online at www.wrksolutions.com/localstats. The Texas Workforce Commission will release April employment data on May 16, 2025.

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