

MARCH 2025

Current Employment Overview



On April 18, 2025, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **March 2025**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

4.2%

MARCH Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 163,231 people looking for a job
- **DOWN** from a peak of 13.5% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 4.5% last month
- **UP** from 4.1% last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.0%
- **SAME AS** the national rate of 4.2%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston region added 5,700 jobs over the month, which is the weakest March since 2019 excluding pandemic-driven losses in March 2020 however upward revisions are likely.

- The top-3 drivers of over-the-month Job growth this March were:
 - Leisure and Hospitality: +3,100
 - Government: +2,600
 - Other Services: +1,900

Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was up 36,300 jobs or 1.1% however upward revisions are also likely based on analysis of past data. See the complete March 2025 report for details.

- A year prior, growth stood at 64,600; 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 Private Education and Health Services, Government, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities

The Texas Workforce Commission will release April 2025 employment figures on May 16, 2025.

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