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## HOUSTON AREA SEES ROBUST HIRING IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR IN MARCH

(HOUSTON) Construction workers are in high demand in the Houston area. The sector grew 1.5 percent adding 3,200 jobs in March, according to a report issued Friday by [Workforce Solutions – Gulf Coast](#). Typically, in March, the Construction sector grows by about one percent, signaling this was slightly stronger than the long-term average.

Still, it could be a sign of growing consumer confidence, said Michelle Castrow, a senior manager with the regional workforce development agency. “In addition to construction hiring, we saw the Leisure & Hospitality sector add 4,600 new jobs. Both sectors offer good opportunities for soon-to-be graduates entering the labor force as well as those looking for summer jobs.” She also encouraged working-age students and young adults to start looking for work now, “We’re a little more than a month out from Memorial Day and employers are staffing up.”

Overall, the region added just 1,700 jobs in March. Business & Professional Services, which continues to confound analysts with major fluctuations through the first quarter, posted a loss of 9,300 last month. The sector is home to most white-collar professional jobs, including those in the oil industry. The bulk of March losses were in the Administrative & Support and Employment Services subsector, which saw a combined loss of 6,700 jobs after being revised downward in February by 2,800. The subsector is where temporary and temp-to-hire positions are found.

Unemployment in the Houston area fell nearly a full point to a not-seasonally-adjusted 4.4 percent compared to February’s revised 5.2 percent figure.

Additional labor market information including the detailed March report can be found at [www.wrksolutions.com/localstats](http://www.wrksolutions.com/localstats). The Texas Workforce Commission will release April employment data on May 20, 2022.

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