

On May 20, 2022 the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **April 2022**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

4.1%

APRIL Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 143,736 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from a peak of 14.3% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 4.4% last month
- **DOWN** from 6.7% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 3.7%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 3.3%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 29,700 jobs in April 2022**

- Largest ever gain in the month of April
- Top-3 Drivers of month-to-month Job Growth in February:
 - Professional and Business Services: +7,200
 - Leisure and Hospitality: +5,500
 - Government: +4,700

Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was **UP 5.6%**

- This represents 169,700 jobs added over the year
- Currently 11 out of 11 sectors show growth year-to-year

COVID-19

- Employment now exceeds February 2020 pre-pandemic levels, which indicates that the region has recovered all jobs lost during the pandemic

The Texas Workforce Commission will release May 2022 employment figures on June 17, 2022.

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Additional labor market data is available at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/for-employers/understand-the-local-labor-market>