

# MAY 2020

## Current Employment Overview



On June 19, 2020, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **May 2020**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

# 13.9%

**MAY** Regional Unemployment Rate  
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 463,133 people looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from 14.3% last month
- **UP** from 3.4% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 12.7%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 13%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region ADDED 73,800 jobs in May 2020**

Over half of the monthly gains were in Leisure and Hospitality

- **Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was DOWN 7.2%**

This represents a decrease of 228,100 jobs from May 2019 to May 2020

- **COVID-19**

The Texas Workforce Commission has reinstated the work search requirement effective July 6, 2020.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release June 2020 employment figures on July 17, 2020.

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