

MAY 2025

Current Employment Overview



On June 20, 2025, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **May 2025**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

4.2%

MAY Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 164,622 people looking for a job
- **DOWN** from a peak of 13.5% in April 2020
- **UP** from 3.9% last month
- **UP** from 4.0% last year
- **SAME** as the statewide rate of 4.0%
- **SAME** as the national rate of 4.0%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston region added 3,600 jobs over the month, which is substantially below the long-term average of May.

- The top-3 drivers of over-the-month Job growth this May were:
 - Leisure and Hospitality: +7,400
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: +3,000
 - Financial Activities; Mining and Logging: +400 (tied)

Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was up 29,600 jobs or 0.9%.

- A year prior, growth stood at 60,400 with 142,700 jobs in 2023 and 190,700 jobs in 2022
- Currently, 8 of 11 sectors show over-the-year growth led by Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, Private Education and Health Services, and Leisure and Hospitality

The Texas Workforce Commission will release June 2025 employment figures on July 18, 2025.

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