

SEPTEMBER 2025

Current Employment Overview



On December 11, 2025, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **September 2025**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. Below are highlights.

4.8%

SEPTEMBER Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 186,871 people looking for a job
- **DOWN** from a peak of 13.5% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 5.0% last month
- **UP** from 4.4% last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.4%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 4.3%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston region added 13,800 jobs over the month, which is substantially above the long-term average increase of September.

- The top-3 drivers of over-the-month Job increase this September were:
 - Government: 25,000
 - Private Education and Health Services: 2,700
 - Construction: 200

Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was up 30,700 jobs or 0.9%.

- A year prior, growth stood at 41,500. Workforce Solutions currently forecasts a gain of 40,000 jobs by the end of 2026 subject to evolving developments across the local, state, and national economies.
- Currently, 8 of 11 sectors show over-the-year growth led by Private Education and Health Services, Government, and Leisure and Hospitality.

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