

JUNE 2026

Current Employment Overview



On July 17th, 2026, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **June 2026**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <https://www.wrksolutions.com/regional-economic-data/houston-area-employment-situation>. Below are highlights.

5.2%

JUNE Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 204,365 people looking for a job
- **DOWN** from a peak of 13.5% in April 2020
- **UP** from 4.6% last month
- **UP** from 4.5% last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.9%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 4.4%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston region added 14,400 jobs over the month, which is moderately above the long-term average of June each year.

- The top-3 drivers of over-the-month Job gain this June were:
 - Professional and Business Services: +7,800
 - Leisure and Hospitality: +6,600
 - Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: +3,400

Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was up 39,700 jobs or 1.1%.

- A year prior, growth stood at 44,200. Workforce Solutions currently forecasts a gain of 29,900 jobs by the end of 2026 subject to evolving developments across the local, state, and national economies.
- Currently, 7 of 11 sectors show over-the-year growth led by Construction (+15,000), Professional and Business Services (+12,500), and Private Education and Health Services (+6,000).

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