

APRIL 2026

Current Employment Overview



On May 22nd, 2026, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **April 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.

4.3%

APRIL Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 167,896 people looking for a job
- **DOWN** from a peak of 13.5% in April 2020
- **DOWN** from 4.4% last month
- **UP** from 4.0% last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.0%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 4.0%

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston region added 5,000 jobs over the month, which is moderately below the long-term average of April each year.

- The top-3 drivers of over-the-month Job gain this April were:
 - Professional and Business Services: +5,800
 - Construction: +1,200
 - Leisure and Hospitality: +700

Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was up 7,700 jobs or 0.2%.

- A year prior, growth stood at 52,000. 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, 7 of 11 sectors show over-the-year decline led by Mining and Logging (-5,400), Financial Activities (-3,500), and Manufacturing (-3,000).

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Additional labor market data is available at <https://www.wrksolutions.com/regional-economic-data>

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