

APRIL 2019

Current Employment Overview



On May 17, 2019, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **April 2019**. Our complete and detailed Gulf Coast regional report for researchers and analysts is at www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats. The highlights below tell us what is happening in the current job market that is relevant to people looking for work and employers who need to fill open jobs.

3.2%

APRIL Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 110,023 individuals looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from 3.7% last month
- **DOWN** from 4.2% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 3.0%
- **LOWER** than the national rate of 3.3%
- **THIS IS THE LOWEST RATE SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1990**

Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 17,500 JOBS in April 2019**

- Leisure & Hospitality +7,600
- Professional & Business Services +4,900
- Educational & Health Services +4,200
- Construction +3000
- Net increase was partially offset by losses in Manufacturing, Mining and Logging, and Government

Year-over-Year Change – Employers in the region **ADDED 86,200 JOBS April-2018 to April-2019**

- All sectors except for Information showed year-over-year growth
- Professional & Business Services leads year-over-year growth at +22,300

The Texas Workforce Commission will release May 2019 employment figures on June 21, 2019.

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