

# MARCH 2019

## Current Employment Overview



On April 19, 2019, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **March 2019**. Our complete and detailed Gulf Coast regional report for researchers and analysts is at [www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats](http://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.

# 3.7%

**MARCH** Regional Unemployment Rate  
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 152,217 individuals looking for a **new job**
- **DOWN** from 4.2% last month
- **DOWN** from 4.5% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 3.5%
- **LOWER** than the national rate of 3.9%
- **LOWEST MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN LAST 5 YEARS**

### Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 14,300 JOBS in March 2019**

- On par with typical March increases
- Growth sectors included Leisure & Hospitality, and Professional & Business Services
- Declining sectors included Construction and Financial Activities

### Year-over-Year Change – Employers in the region **ADDED 67,800 JOBS March-2018 to March-2019**

- Represents a 2.2% Increase
- Manufacturing and Professional & Business Services sectors show largest growth
- Only Information shows a decline

### What This Means for our Customers

- There are over 3 million jobs In the Houston-Galveston region.
- Help customers focus on identifying transferable skills and improving essential workplace (soft) skills -- showing up to work on time, following directions, communication and teamwork
- Leisure & Hospitality added almost 9,000 jobs In March-**THESE ARE GREAT SUMMER JOBS!**

The Texas Workforce Commission will release April 2019 employment figures on May 17, 2019.

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