

# JANUARY 2019

## Current Employment Overview



On March 8, 2019, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **January 2019** along with annual benchmark revisions. Our complete and detailed local analysis for researchers and business analysts is at [www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats](http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats).

The highlights below tell us what is happening in the job market currently to use in helping individuals looking for work, or employers looking to fill open jobs.

# 4.5%

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

- Represents 154,884 individuals looking for a **new job**
- **UP** from 3.9% last month
- **DOWN** from 4.9% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 4.2%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 4.4%

### Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **CUT 44,400 JOBS** during the month of January 2019

- We almost always see a loss of jobs in the month of January.
- The January dip is caused both by the end of holiday jobs and by adjustments to the calculations
- This decline is right on par with the long-term average.

### Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 73,500 JOBS** over the course of the last year

- Except for Information, all other sectors showed solid growth
- This tells us that the job market is still healthy

### What This Means for our Customers

- More people were looking for work in January, but there are still plenty of job openings!

The Texas Workforce Commission will release February 2019 employment figures on March 22, 2019.

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