

NOVEMBER 2018

Current Employment Overview



On December 21, 2018, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **November 2018**. Our complete and detailed local analysis for researchers and business analysts is at www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats. The highlights below can be used by workforce professionals when helping individuals looking for work, or helping employers fill open jobs.

3.8%

NOVEMBER Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents **129,610** individuals looking for a job
- **UNCHANGED** from last month
- **DOWN** from 4.4% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 3.5%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 3.5%

Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 16,600 JOBS** during the month of **November 2018**

- November 2018 gains were smaller than November 2017's gains, but higher than the historical average for the month of November
- The largest drivers of November's growth were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, Professional and Business Services, and Government.

Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 114,400 JOBS** over the past year

- The region has added nearly twice as many jobs this year compared to last year
- There are fewer unemployed individuals currently than prior to the start of the most recent local downturn related to falling oil prices (December 2014)

What This Means for our Customers

- As our regional economy continues to grow and our customers earn more money, it is important to make them aware of the financial literacy resources available through United Way THRIVE
- There are over 3 million people working in the Houston-Galveston region. They are gaining new skills every day and may need help from Workforce Solutions to keep a job or get a better job.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release December 2018 employment figures on January 9, 2019.

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Additional labor market data is available at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/for-employers/understand-the-local-labor-market>

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