

# OCTOBER 2018

## Current Employment Overview



On November 16, 2018, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **October 2018**. 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 and can be used to help individuals looking for work, or employers looking to fill open jobs.

# 3.8%

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

- Represents **128,813 individuals looking for a job**
- **DOWN** from 4.1% 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 23,600 JOBS** during the month of October 2018

These sectors added the most jobs:

- Government
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
- Professional and Business Services

### Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 117,800 JOBS** over the past year

- Compared to last year, the region continues to add a good number of jobs

### What This Means for our Customers

- 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.
- Government jobs often pay less but offer better benefits than private sector employers. Encourage customers to factor in the value of benefits in addition to wages.
- Retailers and warehouse operations are still looking for seasonal workers.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release November 2018 employment figures on December 21, 2018.

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