

SEPTEMBER 2018

Current Employment Overview



On October 19, 2018, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **September 2018**. Our complete and detailed local analysis for researchers and business analysts is at www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats. The highlights below tell us what is happening in the job market and can be used by workforce professionals when helping individuals looking for work, or helping employers fill open jobs.

4.1%

SEPTEMBER Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 140,718 individuals looking for a job
- **DOWN** from 4.3% last month
- **DOWN** from 4.8% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 3.7%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 3.6%

Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 13,800 JOBS** during the month of September 2018

- The majority of this growth is in the Government sector and tied to the start of a new school year
- Other Services which includes automotive repair, dry cleaning, veterinarian services also grew

Employers in the Houston-Galveston region **ADDED 124,000 JOBS** over the past year

- This is the largest-ever year-over-year growth since records began in 1990

What This Means for our Customers

- The region continues to have job openings at all levels across all sectors
- Customers who worked in Leisure & Hospitality over the summer months may be looking for new jobs now that schools returned to class
- Public education, construction and manufacturing sectors remain good options for those looking for long-term career opportunities

The Texas Workforce Commission will release October 2018 employment figures on November 16, 2018.

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