

JANUARY 2020

Current Employment Overview



On March 13, 2020, the Texas Workforce Commission released employment statistics for **January 2020**. Our detailed regional report for researchers and analysts is at <http://www.wrksolutions.com/LocalStats>. The highlights below tell us what is happening in the current job market that is relevant to prospective job candidates and employment recruiters.

4.1%

JANUARY Regional Unemployment Rate
(not seasonally adjusted)

- Represents 141,548 people looking for a **new job**
- **UP** from 3.6% last month
- **DOWN** from 4.4% from last year
- **HIGHER** than the statewide rate of 3.8%
- **HIGHER** than the national rate of 4.0%

- **Monthly Change – Employers in the Houston-Galveston region LOST 47,000 JOBS in January 2020**

Over-the-month declines occur every January due to the loss of holiday-related seasonal jobs

- **Year-over-Year Change – Total Nonfarm employment was UP 2.0%**

This represents an increase of 63,400 jobs from January 2019 to January 2020

- **COVID-19**

The employment numbers are a look back at recent months. Any impact from business interruptions on the local labor market will not be apparent in the monthly employment reports for a few more months.

The Texas Workforce Commission will release February 2020 employment figures on March 27, 2020.

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