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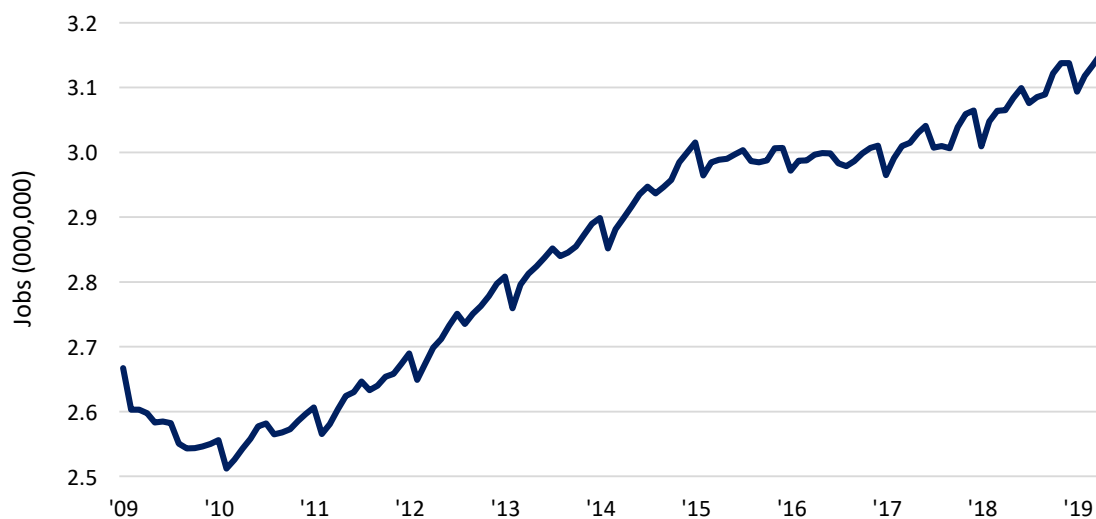
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Metro Houston created 86,200 jobs, a 2.8 percent increase, in the 12 months ending April '19, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Employment now stands at 3,151,300, the highest point on record.

Of note from today's report:

- The sectors adding the most jobs over the past 12 months were manufacturing (14,900); professional, scientific and technical services (14,300); health care (12,900) and leisure and hospitality (8,300).
- Employment decreased in a few sectors, the greatest losses occurring in retail (-3,400); and information (-800).
- Growth in construction employment picked up, the sector adding 3,000 jobs in April. Retail also grew, adding 1,300 jobs in April but remaining down for the 12-month period. Food services and drinking places added 5,100 jobs in the month, but such growth is likely an anomaly and will be adjusted downward in later releases.

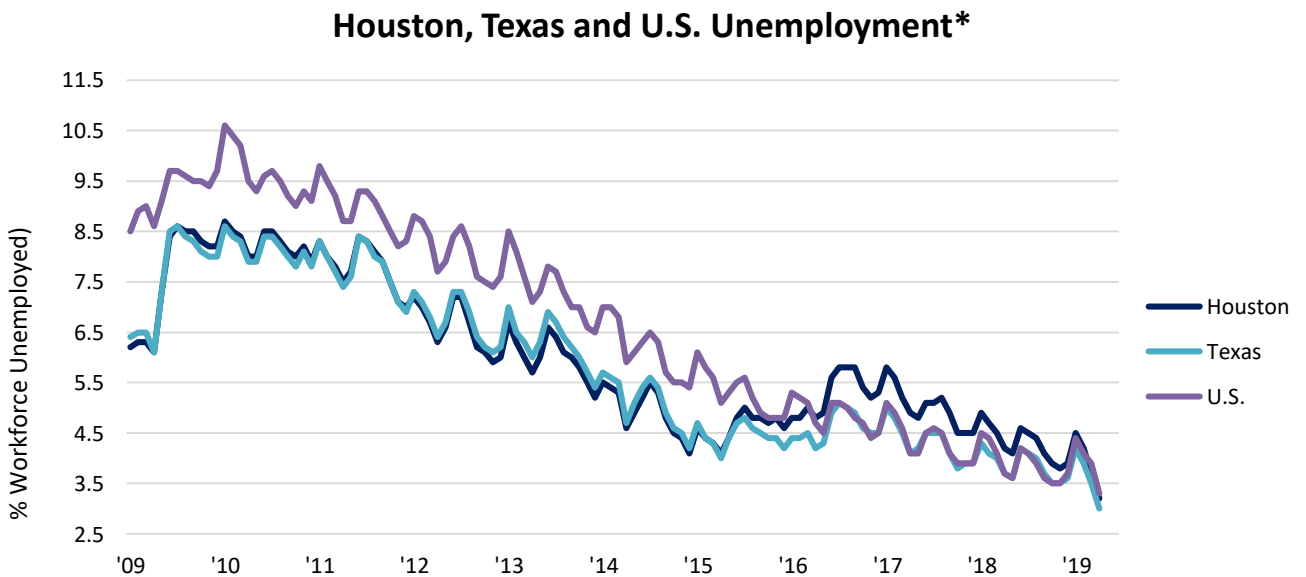
Metro Houston Nonfarm Employment*



Source: Texas Workforce Commission

* not seasonally adjusted

- Houston's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent in April, the second lowest on record, the lowest being 3.1 percent in April '81. Houston's unemployment rate is below that of the nation (3.3 percent but above that of Texas (3.0 percent). The rates are not seasonally adjusted.



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