NOTE 1: The unemployment rate measures the number of people actively looking for a job as a percentage of the labor force.

NOTE 2: Data refer to place of residence. Estimates for the current month are subject to revision the following months.

Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area experienced the second lowest unemployment rate among the top ten populous cities in the US in October 2014.

Houston Metro gained 120,600 jobs, following New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island Metro (123,900 jobs).

Unemployment rates in the top ten populous cities (San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, San Jose and Philadelphia) are below the US average of 5.5%.

Unemployment rate in the US was close to 10% in 2009 and 2010 during the months of Oct-Nov and since then have been declining.