

Austin County

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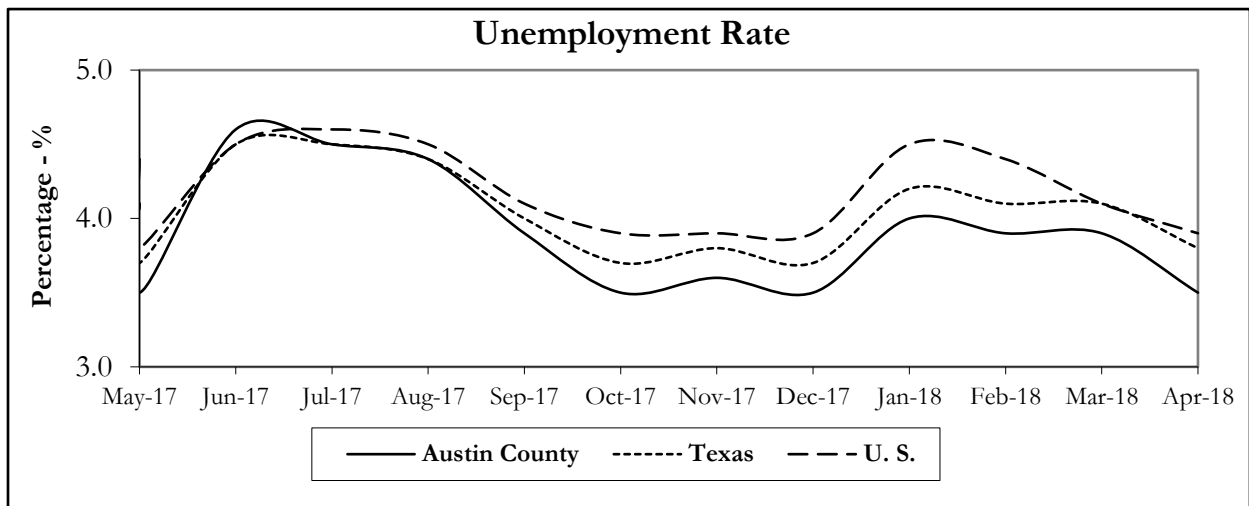
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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Austin County was unchanged at 3.5 percent in May, nearly one full percentage point from 4.4 percent one year earlier. Total covered employment in the county added 289 jobs over fourth quarter 2017, up 2.9 percent. Largest fourth quarter gains were in Local Government, up 104 jobs or 8.6 percent, Education & Health Services, up 75 jobs or 8.7 percent, and Trade, Transportation & Utilities, up 75 jobs or 2.7 percent. The only substantial decline was in Leisure & Hospitality, down 31 jobs or 3.5 percent. Total covered employment in the county reported positive job growth for the first time since first quarter 2017 with payrolls managing a slight increase of 32 jobs, up 0.3 percent from fourth quarter 2016. Largest job gains were in Financial Activities, up 74 jobs or 18.5 percent, Manufacturing, up 49 jobs or 3.6 percent, and Information, up 34 jobs or 49.3 percent. A number of industry sectors suffered declines with largest losses found in Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, down 68 jobs or 2.3 percent, Professional & Business Services, down 30 jobs or 4.0 percent, and Leisure & Hospitality, down 27 jobs or 3.1 percent. See detailed data on page 2

	MAY 2018	APR 2018	MAY 2017
Civilian Labor Force	14,327	14,327	14,062
Employed	13,830	13,829	13,447
Unemployed	497	498	615
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	4.4%

Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%
U.S.	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%



*Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Covered employment data compiled from 4th quarter 2017 contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers' subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. Source: Texas Workforce Commission in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. All data is subject to revision.

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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	4TH QTR 2017	3RD QTR 2017	4TH QTR 2016	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	10,213	9,924	10,181	289	2.9%	32	0.3%	\$860
Natural Resources & Mining	208	207	206	1	0.5%	2	1.0%	\$853
Construction	876	887	865	-11	-1.2%	11	1.3%	\$963
Manufacturing	1,418	1,413	1,369	5	0.4%	49	3.6%	\$991
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,904	2,829	2,972	75	2.7%	-68	-2.3%	\$889
Information	103	118	69	-15	-12.7%	34	49.3%	\$1,284
Financial Activities	474	443	400	31	7.0%	74	18.5%	\$1,521
Professional & Business Services	713	655	743	58	8.9%	-30	-4.0%	\$1,205
Education & Health Services	938	863	960	75	8.7%	-22	-2.3%	\$573
Leisure & Hospitality	852	883	879	-31	-3.5%	-27	-3.1%	\$307
Other Services	213	210	197	3	1.4%	16	8.1%	\$652
Nonclassifiable	61	59	46	2	3.4%	15	32.6%	\$1,344
Public Administration	1,455	1,357	1,475	98	7.2%	-20	-1.4%	\$762
Federal Government	74	73	72	1	1.4%	2	2.8%	\$1,087
State Government	61	68	72	-7	-10.3%	-11	-15.3%	\$977
Local Government	1,320	1,216	1,331	104	8.6%	-11	-0.8%	\$733

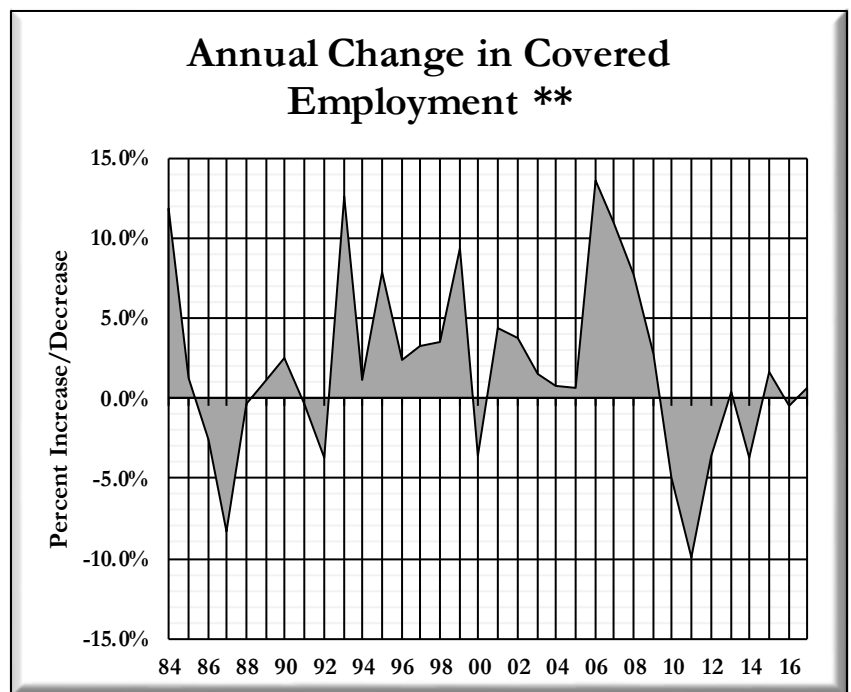
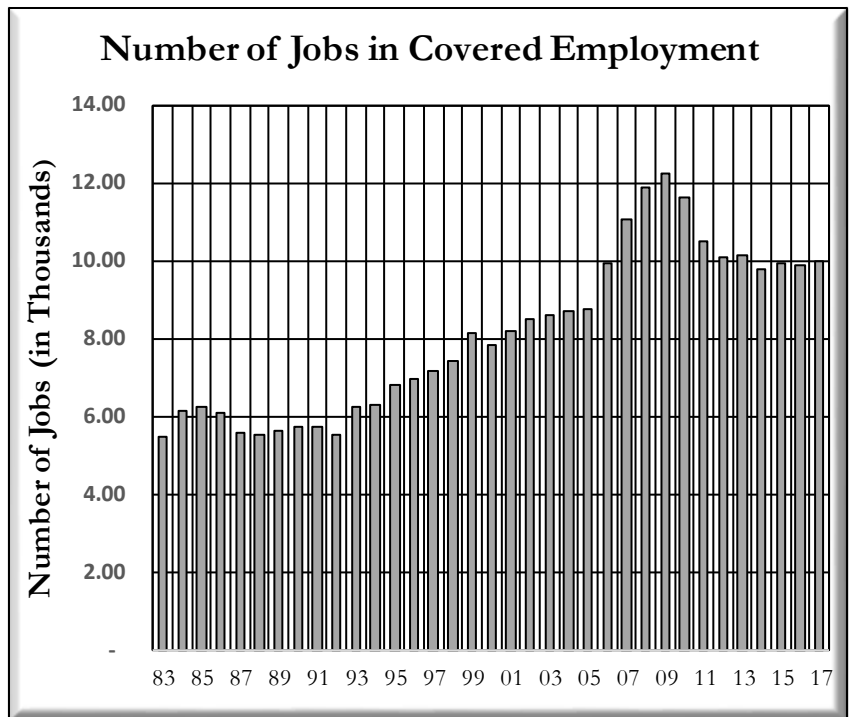
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Austin County 1983-2017 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOB	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	5,482		
84	6,134	652	11.9%
85	6,215	81	1.3%
86	6,055	(160)	-2.6%
87	5,553	(502)	-8.3%
88	5,536	(17)	-0.3%
89	5,601	65	1.2%
90	5,742	141	2.5%
91	5,720	(22)	-0.4%
92	5,512	(208)	-3.6%
93	6,209	697	12.6%
94	6,283	74	1.2%
95	6,782	499	7.9%
96	6,946	164	2.4%
97	7,175	229	3.3%
98	7,427	252	3.5%
99	8,123	696	9.4%
00	7,835	(288)	-3.5%
01	8,179	344	4.4%
02	8,487	308	3.8%
03	8,615	128	1.5%
04	8,683	68	0.8%
05	8,746	63	0.7%
06	9,944	1,198	13.7%
07	11,038	1,094	11.0%
08	11,900	862	7.8%
09	12,235	335	2.8%
10	11,630	(605)	-4.9%
11	10,473	(1,157)	-9.9%
12	10,103	(370)	-3.5%
13	10,150	47	0.5%
14	9,780	(370)	-3.6%
15	9,942	162	1.7%
16	9,893	(49)	-0.5%
17	9,959	66	0.7%



**Data Compiled from 1st quarter contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. For more information on your particular industry, please call 832/681-2535. Data source: Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market and Career Information Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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Gulf Coast** 2016 Wages*

Std. Occ Code	Occupation	Average Wage	Employment
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	43.03	38,410
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	21.17	10,800
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	20.85	30,370
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	23.69	7,460
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School	14.43	8,820
47-2031	Carpenters	19.41	11,350
41-2011	Cashiers	10.17	61,560
17-2051	Civil Engineer	54.57	10,740
15-1121	Computer Systems Analyst	47.42	15,960
47-2061	Construction Laborers	15.77	31,440
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	11.88	7,440
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	11.58	24,930
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	16.79	55,250
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	14.90	4,700
47-2111	Electricians	23.96	18,330
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	28.99	11,160
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	30.94	28,600
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	22.08	21,980
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	10.69	15,980
11-9051	Food Service Managers	26.97	2,410
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	72.31	48,500
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	27.74	11,180
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	16.08	16,490
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	10.85	45,230
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	14.35	43,390
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	24.65	13,310
11-9081	Lodging Managers	26.19	650
51-4041	Machinists	22.08	10,130
11-2021	Marketing Managers	80.23	2,620
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	12.89	19,540
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	17.79	88,020
29-1051	Pharmacists	57.32	6,170
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steam fitters	24.43	13,140
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	30.10	16,510
13-1023	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	35.77	9,280
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	13.13	14,960
29-1141	Registered Nurses	37.14	51,730
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	12.64	89,930
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	50.31	6,810
43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	17.35	43,620
33-9032	Security Guards	13.98	27,480
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	15.13	18,270
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	13.26	40,190
47-1011	Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	36.07	22,360
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	20.33	40,290
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	15.53	16,160
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	23.98	18,380

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