

Brazoria County

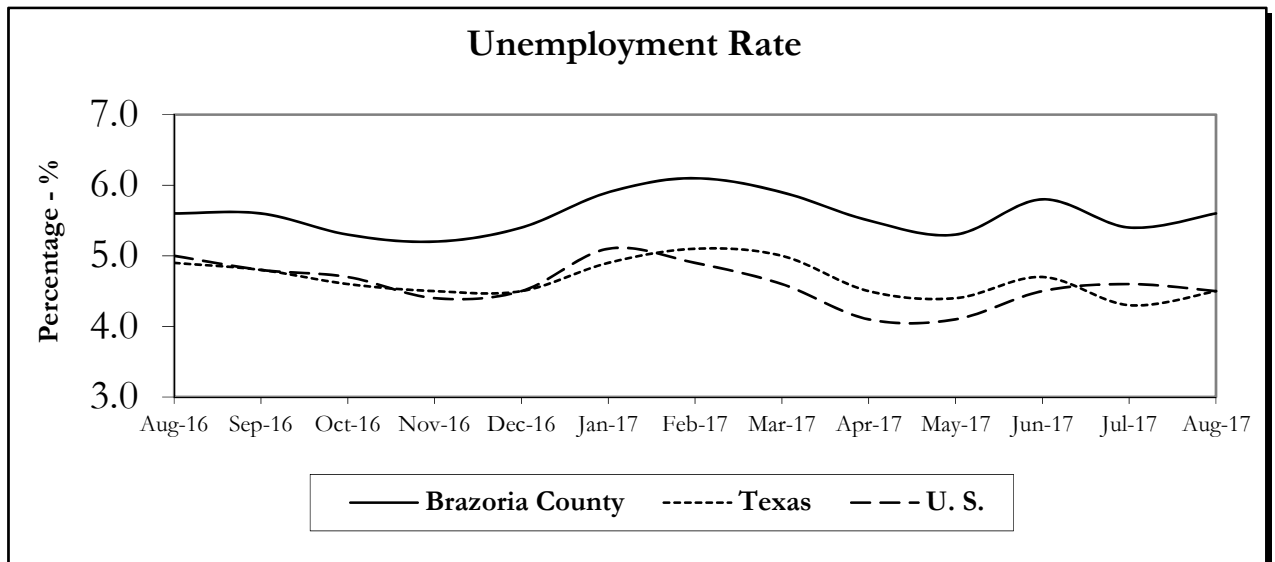
Labor Market Information

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4th Quarter 2016 Data

The rate of unemployment in Brazoria County rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.6 percent in August, more than one full percentage point higher than a 4.5 percent rate at the state and national level. Total covered employment in the county experienced a net increase of 1,705 jobs over fourth quarter 2016. The 1.6 percent increase was made possible by hiring in Local Government, up 1,473 jobs or 10.2 percent, Education & Health Services, up 912 jobs or 9.2 percent, and Trade, Transportation & Utilities, up 596 jobs or 3.1 percent. Gains were offset by declines in Construction, down 978 jobs or 6.3 percent, Leisure & Hospitality, down 301 jobs or 2.5 percent, and Manufacturing, down 123 jobs or 0.9 percent. The pace of job growth in the county rose from 2.2 percent in the third quarter to 2.6 percent representing an increase of 2,704 jobs over the year. Many industry sectors managed to add jobs over the year except for Manufacturing, Natural Resources & Mining, and Construction where payrolls were down a combined total of 534 jobs. Largest increases were in Local Government, up 808 jobs or 5.4 percent, Education & Health Services, up 798 jobs or 8.0 percent, and Leisure & Hospitality, up 615 jobs or 5.5 percent. See page 2 for additional data.

	AUG 2017	JULY 2017	AUG 2016
Civilian Labor Force	170,484	171,065	168,264
Total Employment	160,896	161,898	158,840
Unemployed	9,588	9,167	9,424
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.4%	5.6%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.5%	4.3%	4.9%
U.S.	4.5%	4.6%	5.0%



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. 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 2016	3RD QTR 2016	4TH QTR 2015	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	107,248	105,543	104,544	1,705	1.6%	2,704	2.6%	\$1,065
Natural Resources & Mining	1,792	1,888	1,880	-96	-5.1%	-88	-4.7%	\$2,482
Construction	14,569	15,547	14,712	-978	-6.3%	-143	-1.0%	\$1,339
Manufacturing	13,056	13,179	13,359	-123	-0.9%	-303	-2.3%	\$2,506
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	19,750	19,154	19,342	596	3.1%	408	2.1%	\$707
Information	498	529	380	-31	-5.9%	118	31.1%	\$936
Financial Activities	3,619	3,601	3,568	18	0.5%	51	1.4%	\$1,019
Professional & Business Services	8,395	8,130	8,272	265	3.3%	123	1.5%	\$1,135
Education & Health Services	10,790	9,878	9,992	912	9.2%	798	8.0%	\$666
Leisure & Hospitality	11,814	12,115	11,199	-301	-2.5%	615	5.5%	\$325
Other Services	3,409	3,451	3,211	-42	-1.2%	198	6.2%	\$639
Nonclassifiable	45	30	35	15	50.0%	10	28.6%	\$855
Public Administration	19,510	18,039	18,595	1,471	8.2%	915	4.9%	\$808
Federal Government	493	487	448	6	1.2%	45	10.0%	\$1,140
State Government	3,148	3,156	3,086	-8	-0.3%	na	na	\$873
Local Government	15,869	14,396	15,061	1,473	10.2%	808	5.4%	\$784

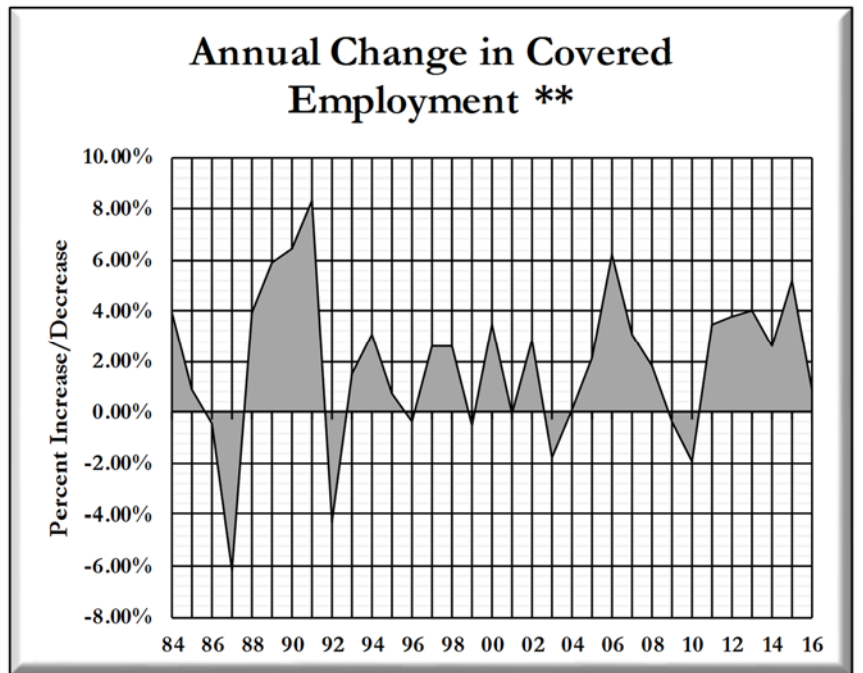
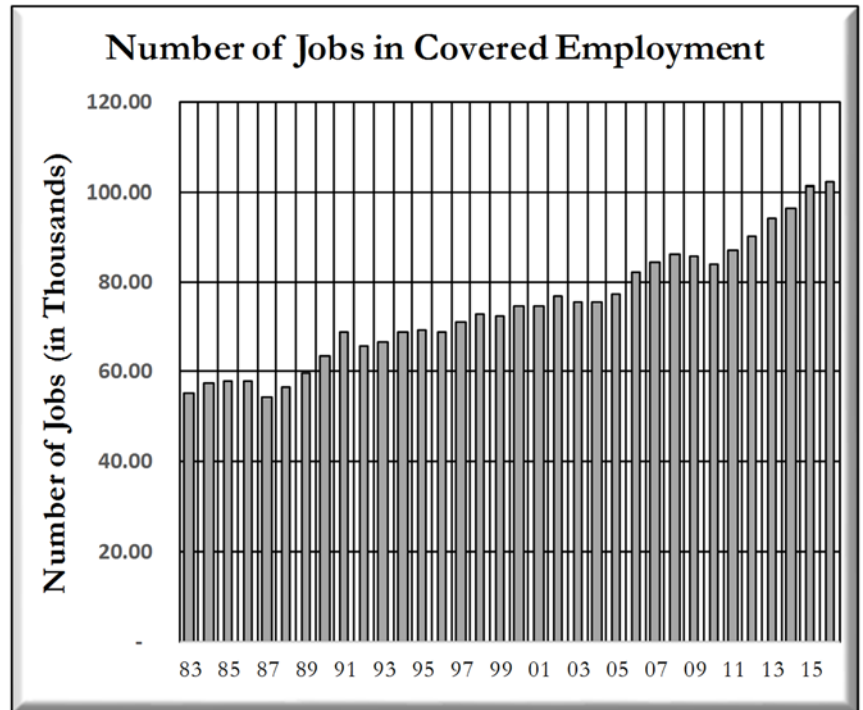
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Brazoria County 1983-2016 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	55,282		
84	57,441	2,159	3.9%
85	57,929	488	0.8%
86	57,687	(242)	-0.4%
87	54,148	(3,539)	-6.1%
88	56,270	2,122	3.9%
89	59,584	3,314	5.9%
90	63,442	3,858	6.5%
91	68,700	5,258	8.3%
92	65,742	(2,958)	-4.3%
93	66,740	998	1.5%
94	68,812	2,072	3.1%
95	69,321	509	0.7%
96	69,090	(231)	-0.3%
97	70,887	1,797	2.6%
98	72,750	1,863	2.6%
99	72,375	(375)	-0.5%
00	74,865	2,490	3.4%
01	74,835	(30)	0.0%
02	76,980	2,145	2.9%
03	75,618	(1,362)	-1.8%
04	75,708	90	0.1%
05	77,296	1,588	2.1%
06	82,077	4,781	6.2%
07	84,615	2,538	3.1%
08	86,159	1,544	1.8%
09	85,827	(332)	-0.4%
10	84,186	(1,641)	-1.9%
11	87,072	2,886	3.4%
12	90,354	3,282	3.8%
13	94,009	3,655	4.0%
14	96,458	2,449	2.6%
15	101,458	5,000	5.2%
16	102,355	897	0.9%



**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: the 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 Steamfitters	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

*Data compiled by the Texas Workforce Commission, LMCI Dept. in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics as part of the Occupational Employment Survey. Employment is the estimate of employment based upon the sample, not the sample employment. Wages for the OES survey are straight-time, gross pay, exclusive of premium pay. Base rate, cost-of-living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-duty pay, incentive pay including commissions and production bonuses, tips, and on-call pay are included. Excluded are back pay, jury duty pay, overtime pay, severance pay, shift differentials, nonproduction bonuses, employer cost of supplementary benefits, and tuition reimbursements. **The Gulf Coast Region is defined as **Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton** Counties.