

Brazoria County

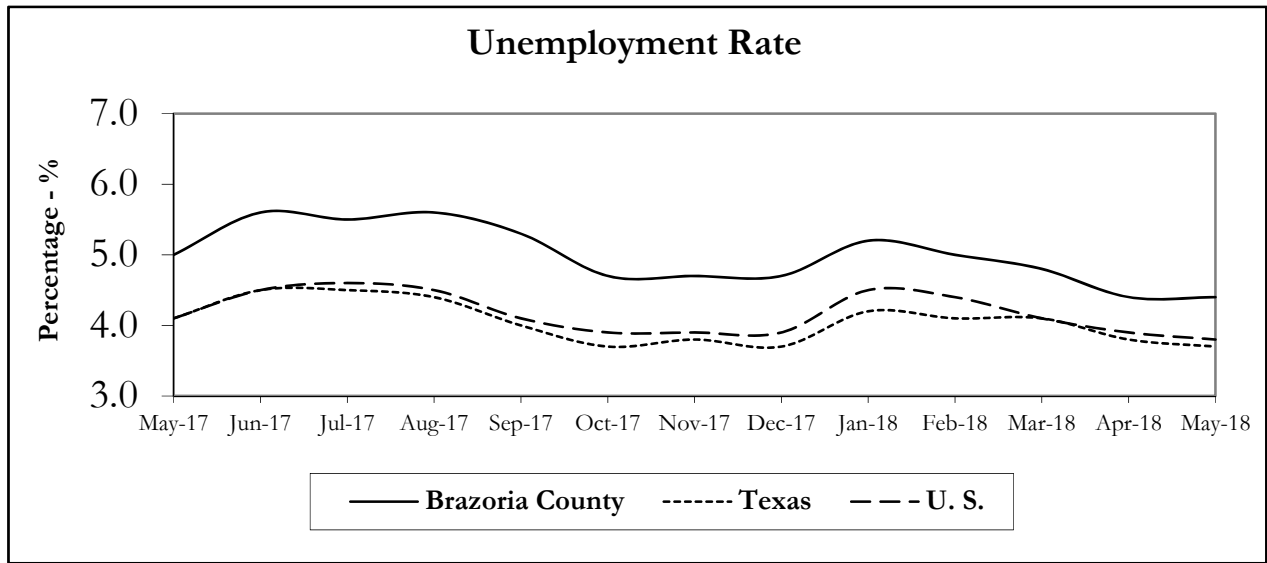
Labor Market Information

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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Brazoria County was unchanged at 4.4 percent in May, slightly higher than the state’s 3.7 percent rate and nation’s 3.8 percent rate. Total covered employment in the county was up 2,462 jobs over fourth quarter 2017. The 2.3 percent increase was the strongest fourth quarter increase in three years. Fourth quarter gains were largely driven by seasonal increases in Local Government, up 1,225 jobs or 8.2 percent, and Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, up 593 jobs or 3.0 percent. Professional & Business Services also managed a substantial increase of 571 jobs, up 6.6 percent. The only substantial decline was in Leisure & Hospitality, down 278 jobs or 2.3 percent. The pace of job growth in the county rose from 1.9 percent in the third quarter to 2.5 percent representing an increase of 2,727 jobs over the year. Professional & Business Services was responsible for the largest increase, up 885 jobs, and the fastest growth, up 10.5 percent. Substantial gains were also found in Construction, up 639 jobs or 4.4 percent, and Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, up 683 jobs or 3.5 percent. The only substantial decline was in Manufacturing where payrolls were down year over year for the tenth consecutive quarter, down 490 jobs or 3.8 percent. Local Government was up 308 jobs over the year but the pace of growth fell to 1.9 percent, its weakest level since 2015. See page 2 for additional data.

	MAY 2018	APR 2018	MAY 2017
Civilian Labor Force	175,173	175,775	171,337
Total Employment	167,526	168,025	162,711
Unemployed	7,647	7,750	8,626
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.4%	5.0%
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	109,975	107,513	107,248	2,462	2.3%	2,727	2.5%	\$1,114
Natural Resources & Mining	1,746	1,759	1,792	-13	-0.7%	-46	-2.6%	\$2,627
Construction	15,208	15,061	14,569	147	1.0%	639	4.4%	\$1,492
Manufacturing	12,566	12,557	13,056	9	0.1%	-490	-3.8%	\$2,643
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	20,433	19,840	19,750	593	3.0%	683	3.5%	\$757
Information	509	507	498	2	0.4%	11	2.2%	\$864
Financial Activities	3,633	3,640	3,619	-7	-0.2%	14	0.4%	\$1,094
Professional & Business Services	9,280	8,709	8,395	571	6.6%	885	10.5%	\$1,177
Education & Health Services	11,161	11,097	10,790	64	0.6%	371	3.4%	\$705
Leisure & Hospitality	12,071	12,349	11,814	-278	-2.3%	257	2.2%	\$337
Other Services	3,464	3,349	3,408	115	3.4%	56	1.6%	\$691
Nonclassifiable	116	79	45	37	46.8%	71	157.8%	\$519
Public Administration	19,789	18,566	19,510	1,223	6.6%	279	1.4%	\$841
Federal Government	513	500	493	13	2.6%	20	4.1%	\$1,120
State Government	3,099	3,114	3,148	-15	-0.5%	na	na	\$885
Local Government	16,177	14,952	15,869	1,225	8.2%	308	1.9%	\$823

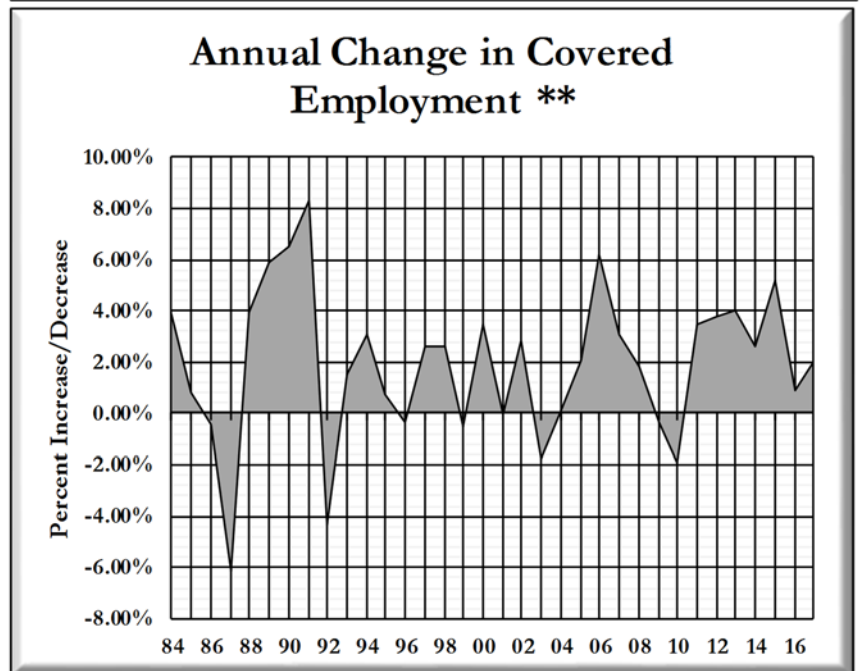
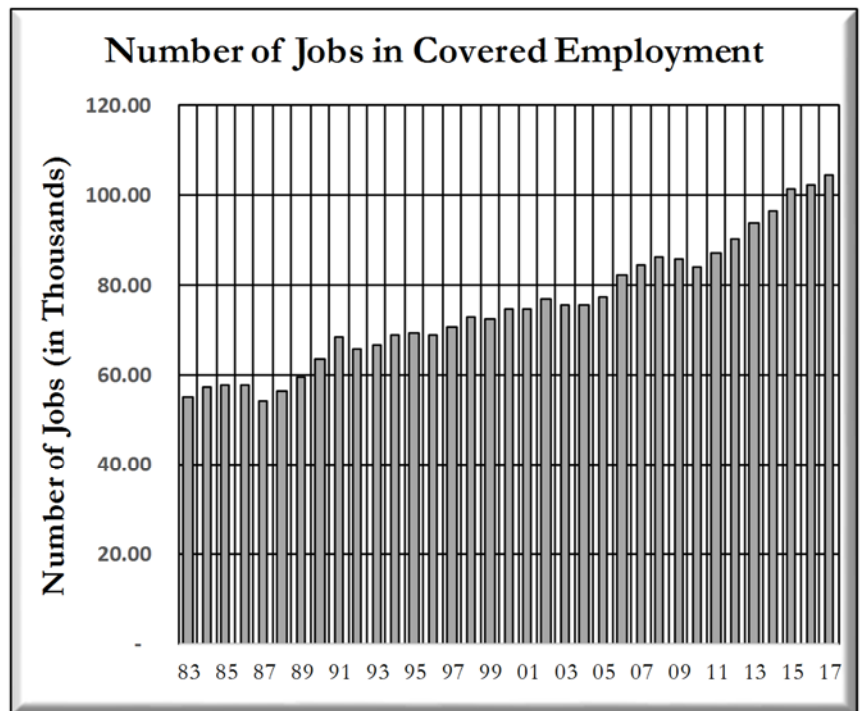
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Brazoria County 1983-2017 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOB	+ / (-)	% +/-
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%
17	104,401	2,046	2.0%



**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

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