

Brazoria County

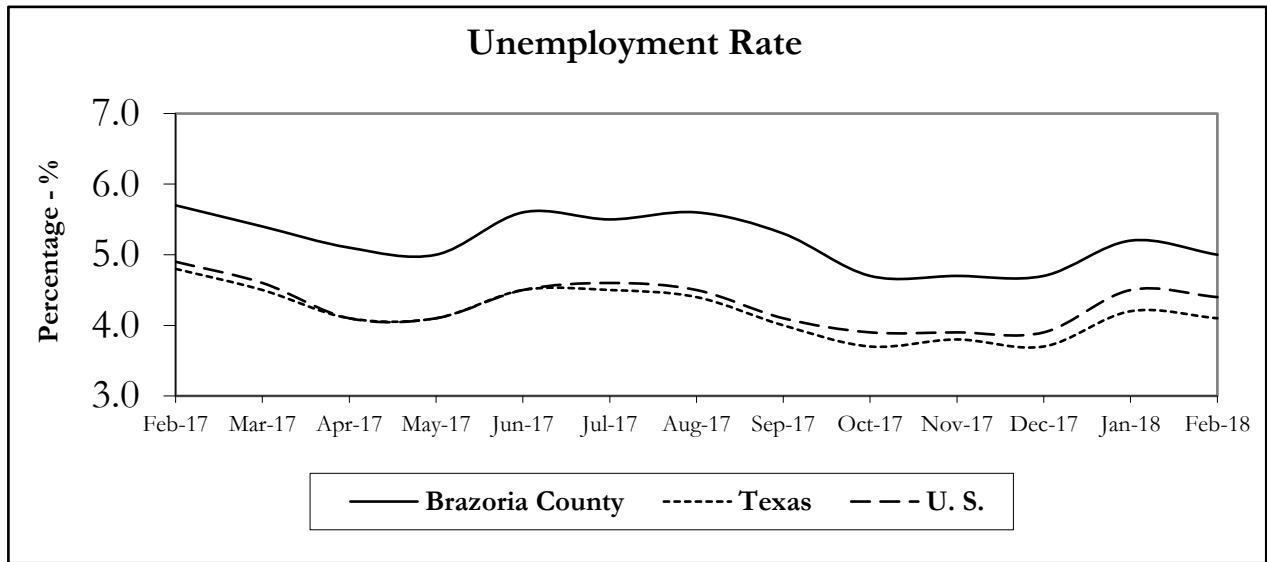
Labor Market Information

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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Brazoria County dropped two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.0 percent in February. Total covered employment in the county gained 1,793 jobs over second quarter 2017. The 1.7 percent second quarter increase was the weakest on record since 2014. Job gains were widespread but most of the new jobs were added in Education & Health Services, up 1,168 jobs or 11.6 percent, Leisure & Hospitality, up 470 jobs or 3.9 percent, and Trade, Transportation & Utilities, up 315 jobs or 1.6 percent. Construction incurred a loss of 551 jobs, down 4.1 percent. The pace of job growth in the county fell from 2.0 percent in the first quarter to 1.4 percent representing an increase of 1,477 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 1,347 jobs. Largest increases were in Education & Health Services, up 666 jobs or 6.3 percent, Professional & Business Services, up 570 jobs or 7.2 percent, and Local Government, up 549 jobs or 3.6 percent. See page 2 for additional data.

	FEB 2018	JAN 2018	FEB 2017
Civilian Labor Force	175,238	173,014	171,273
Total Employment	166,547	164,016	161,503
Unemployed	8,691	8,998	9,770
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	5.2%	5.7%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%
U.S.	4.4%	4.5%	4.9%



*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 2nd 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*
	2ND QTR 2017	1ST QTR 2017	2ND QTR 2016	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	106,194	104,401	104,717	1,793	1.7%	1,477	1.4%	\$1,114
Natural Resources & Mining	1,797	1,764	1,893	33	1.9%	-96	-5.1%	\$2,627
Construction	12,861	13,412	13,470	-551	-4.1%	-609	-4.5%	\$1,492
Manufacturing	12,472	12,444	13,114	28	0.2%	-642	-4.9%	\$2,643
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	19,654	19,339	19,208	315	1.6%	446	2.3%	\$757
Information	511	492	461	19	3.9%	50	10.8%	\$864
Financial Activities	3,633	3,588	3,580	45	1.3%	53	1.5%	\$1,094
Professional & Business Services	8,509	8,430	7,939	79	0.9%	570	7.2%	\$1,177
Education & Health Services	11,256	10,088	10,590	1,168	11.6%	666	6.3%	\$705
Leisure & Hospitality	12,370	11,900	12,012	470	3.9%	358	3.0%	\$337
Other Services	3,452	3,381	3,372	71	2.1%	80	2.4%	\$691
Nonclassifiable	91	86	35	5	5.8%	56	160.0%	\$519
Public Administration	19,589	19,474	19,045	115	0.6%	544	2.9%	\$841
Federal Government	497	492	475	5	1.0%	22	4.6%	\$1,120
State Government	3,158	3,172	3,185	-14	-0.4%	na	na	\$885
Local Government	15,934	15,810	15,385	124	0.8%	549	3.6%	\$823

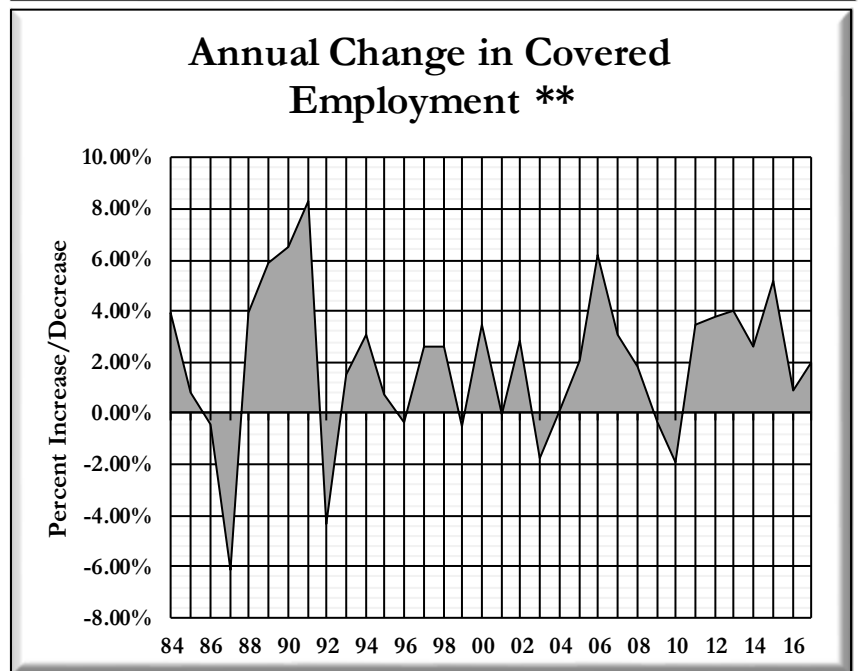
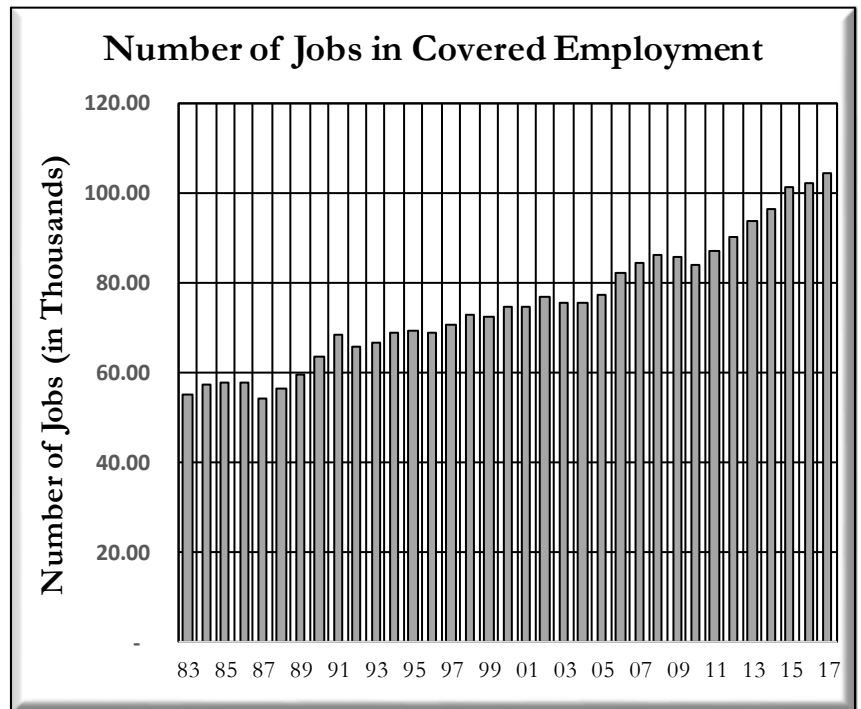
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Brazoria County 1983-2017 Covered Employment**

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%
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 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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