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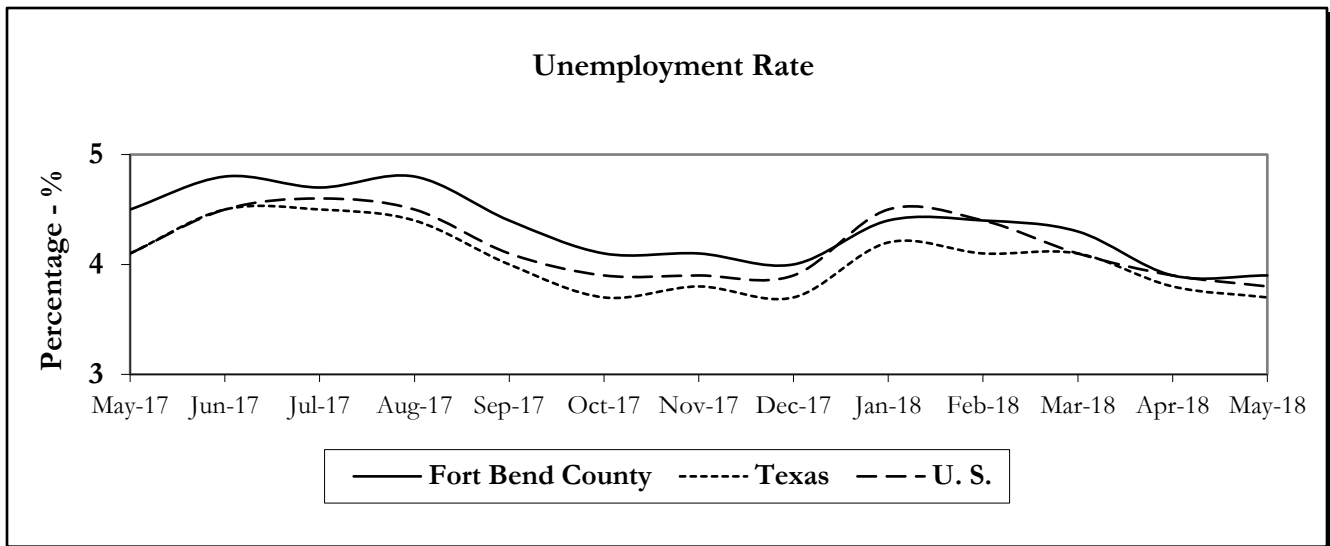
Labor Market Information

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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Fort Bend County was unchanged at 3.9 percent in May, down more than one-half of a percentage point from 4.5 percent a year earlier. Total covered employment in the county was up 4,225 jobs over fourth quarter 2017. The 2.4 percent increase was the strongest increase for the county since fourth quarter 2015. Seasonal hiring in Trade, Transportation, & Utilities were responsible for much of the increase, up 2,588 jobs or 6.8 percent. Leisure & Hospitality incurred the only substantial loss due to seasonal declines, down 390 jobs or 1.5 percent. The pace of job growth in the county rose from 2.6 percent to 4.3 percent with payrolls up 7,472 jobs from fourth quarter 2016. Job gains were widespread with largest increases in Trade Transportation & Utilities, up 1,430 jobs or 3.6 percent, and Education & Health Services, up 1,488 jobs or 5.5 percent. Additionally, Manufacturing and Natural Resources & Mining were no longer reporting over-the-year declines with payrolls up 380 jobs and 243 jobs respectively. In the public sector, Local Government was up 836 jobs or 4.0 percent over the year. See page 2 for detailed data.

	MAY 2018	APR 2018	MAY 2017
Civilian Labor Force	377,419	378,988	368,707
Total Employment	362,739	364,084	352,075
Unemployed	14,680	14,904	16,632
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%
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	182,484	178,259	175,012	4,225	2.4%	7,472	4.3%	\$1,022
Natural Resources & Mining	3,646	3,580	3,266	66	1.8%	380	11.6%	\$3,205
Construction	11,296	10,948	11,125	348	3.2%	171	1.5%	\$1,998
Manufacturing	13,109	13,098	12,866	11	0.1%	243	1.9%	\$1,615
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	40,646	38,058	39,216	2,588	6.8%	1,430	3.6%	\$830
Information	1,994	1,964	1,837	30	1.5%	157	8.5%	\$1,224
Financial Activities	6,772	6,783	6,511	-11	-0.2%	261	4.0%	\$1,579
Professional & Business Services	20,106	19,785	19,283	321	1.6%	823	4.3%	\$1,354
Education & Health Services	28,576	28,069	27,088	507	1.8%	1,488	5.5%	\$700
Leisure & Hospitality	25,171	25,561	24,223	-390	-1.5%	948	3.9%	\$356
Other Services	5,712	5,711	5,320	1	0.0%	392	7.4%	\$589
Nonclassifiable	390	259	178	131	50.6%	212	119.1%	\$631
Public Administration	25,065	24,443	24,099	622	2.5%	966	4.0%	\$964
Federal Government	824	760	753	64	8.4%	71	9.4%	\$1,341
State Government	2,732	2,708	2,673	24	0.9%	59	2.2%	\$847
Local Government	21,509	20,975	20,673	534	2.5%	836	4.0%	\$966

*Wages compiled from 1st quarter 2017 contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. Date source: the Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market and Career Information Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

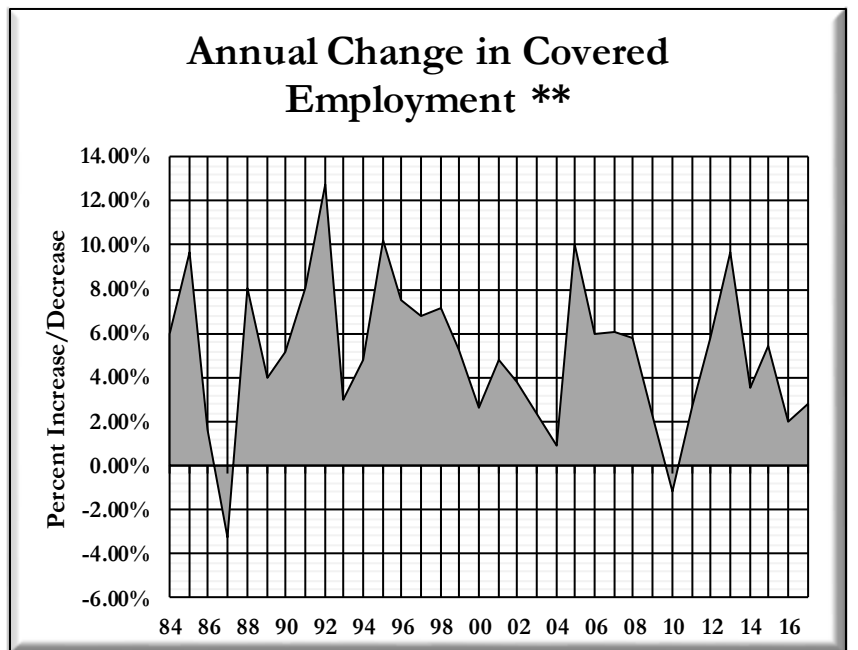
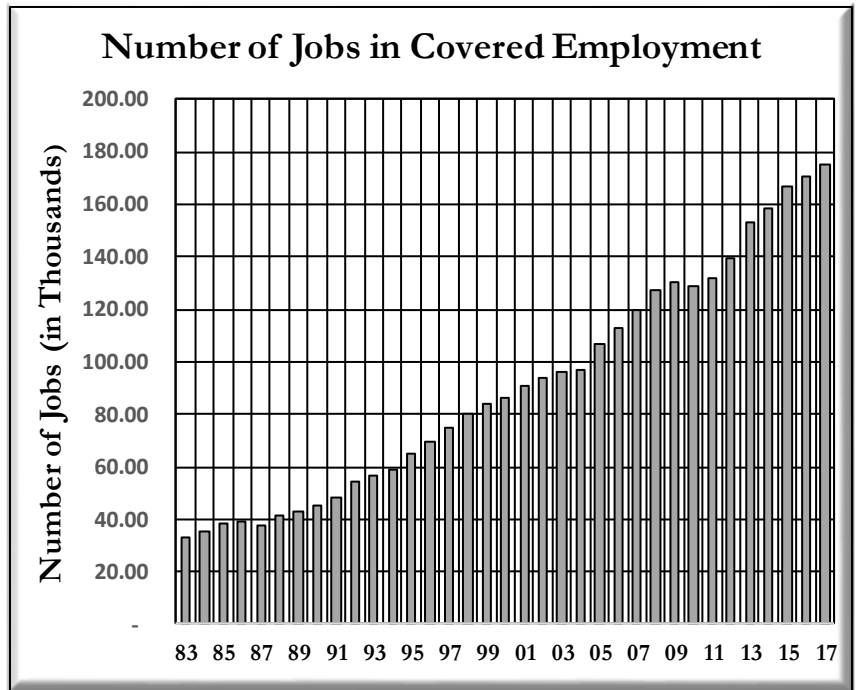


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Fort Bend County 1983-2017 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	33,224		
84	35,208	1,984	6.0%
85	38,627	3,419	9.7%
86	39,241	614	1.6%
87	37,974	(1,267)	-3.2%
88	41,045	3,071	8.1%
89	42,677	1,632	4.0%
90	44,893	2,216	5.2%
91	48,499	3,606	8.0%
92	54,682	6,183	12.7%
93	56,302	1,620	3.0%
94	58,988	2,686	4.8%
95	65,035	6,047	10.3%
96	69,926	4,891	7.5%
97	74,664	4,738	6.8%
98	80,010	5,346	7.2%
99	84,244	4,234	5.3%
00	86,421	2,177	2.6%
01	90,583	4,162	4.8%
02	94,050	3,467	3.8%
03	96,235	2,185	2.3%
04	97,080	845	0.9%
05	106,825	9,745	10.0%
06	113,212	6,387	6.0%
07	120,091	6,879	6.1%
08	127,097	7,006	5.8%
09	129,996	2,899	2.3%
10	128,501	(1,495)	-1.2%
11	132,044	3,543	2.8%
12	139,642	7,598	5.8%
13	153,193	13,551	9.7%
14	158,576	5,383	3.5%
15	167,172	8,596	5.4%
16	170,500	3,328	2.0%
17	175,326	4,826	2.8%



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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 Sheriff'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 and 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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