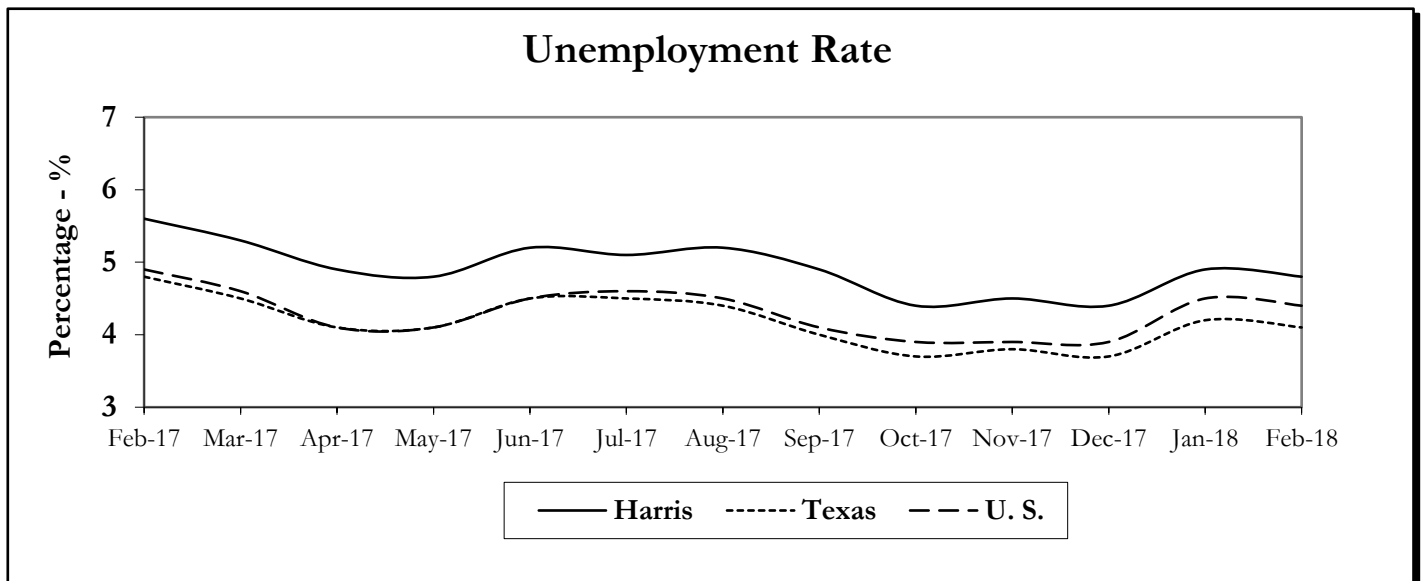


County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Harris County dropped one-tenth of a percentage point in February to 4.8 percent, higher than a 4.1 percent rate at the state level and 4.4 percent at the national level. Total covered employment in the county was up 23,051 jobs or 1.0 percentage point over second quarter 2017. Job gains were widespread with largest increases in Professional & Business Services, up 5,255 jobs or 1.4 percent, and Leisure & Hospitality, up 6,149 jobs or 2.7 percent. The county experienced a year over year increase for the first time since third quarter 2015, up 4,908 jobs or 0.2 percent from second quarter 2016. Largest private-sector job gains were in Education & Health Services, up 5,443 jobs or 1.9 percent, and Professional & Business Services, up 4,371 jobs or 1.1 percent. Several private industry sectors suffered declines with the largest found in Natural Resources & Mining, down 10,071 jobs or 13.1 percent, and Construction, down 6,141 jobs or 3.7 percent. See page 2 for additional data by industry sector.

	FEB 2018	JAN 2018	FEB 2017
Civilian Labor Force	2,316,556	2,286,406	2,266,140
Total Employment	2,206,092	2,174,543	2,138,378
Unemployed	110,464	111,863	127,762
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.9%	5.6%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%
U.S.	4.4%	4.5%	4.9%



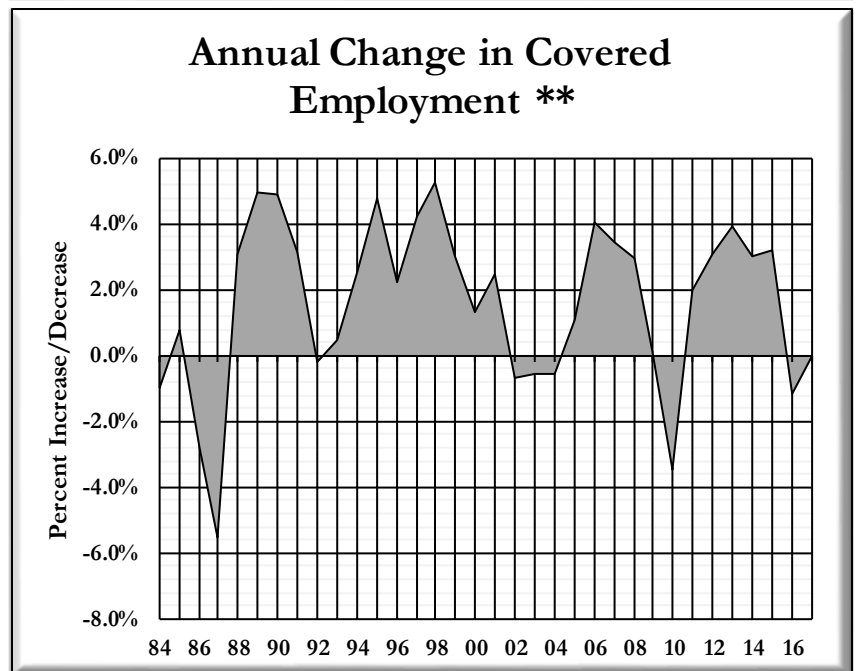
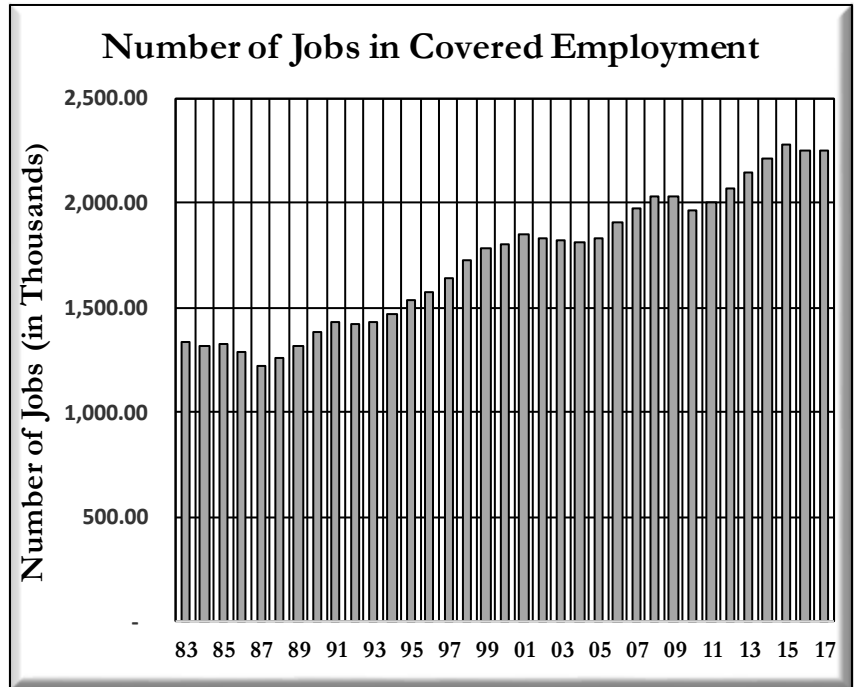
*Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Covered employment data 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.

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	2,278,727	2,255,676	2,273,819	23,051	1.0%	4,908	0.2%	\$1,443
Natural Resources & Mining	66,541	65,609	76,612	932	1.4%	-10,071	-13.1%	\$4,706
Construction	158,682	156,043	164,823	2,639	1.7%	-6,141	-3.7%	\$1,434
Manufacturing	168,366	167,839	171,777	527	0.3%	-3,411	-2.0%	\$1,821
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	466,965	465,483	464,725	1,482	0.3%	2,240	0.5%	\$1,349
Information	26,905	26,866	27,523	39	0.1%	-618	-2.2%	\$1,633
Financial Activities	125,534	124,961	122,714	573	0.5%	2,820	2.3%	\$2,310
Professional & Business Services	391,040	385,785	386,669	5,255	1.4%	4,371	1.1%	\$1,812
Education & Health Services	291,267	290,083	285,824	1,184	0.4%	5,443	1.9%	\$1,006
Leisure & Hospitality	233,767	227,618	231,784	6,149	2.7%	1,983	0.9%	\$445
Other Services	68,035	66,150	65,253	1,885	2.8%	2,782	4.3%	\$820
Nonclassifiable	2,615	2,419	1,249	196	8.1%	1,366	109.4%	\$621
Public Administration	279,011	276,821	274,869	2,190	0.8%	4,142	1.5%	\$1,111
Federal Government	24,958	24,946	24,680	12	0.0%	278	1.1%	\$1,758
State Government	51,464	51,351	51,019	113	0.2%	445	0.9%	\$1,458
Local Government	202,589	200,524	199,168	2,065	1.0%	3,421	1.7%	\$941

*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.

Harris County 1983-2017
Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	1,332,179		
84	1,318,891	(13,288)	-1.0%
85	1,328,977	10,086	0.8%
86	1,292,088	(36,889)	-2.8%
87	1,220,869	(71,219)	-5.5%
88	1,258,130	37,261	3.1%
89	1,320,449	62,319	5.0%
90	1,385,405	64,956	4.9%
91	1,429,301	43,896	3.2%
92	1,426,216	(3,085)	-0.2%
93	1,432,853	6,637	0.5%
94	1,469,444	36,591	2.6%
95	1,540,031	70,587	4.8%
96	1,574,596	34,565	2.2%
97	1,641,593	66,997	4.3%
98	1,728,169	86,576	5.3%
99	1,780,815	52,646	3.0%
00	1,803,910	23,095	1.3%
01	1,848,040	44,130	2.4%
02	1,835,377	(12,663)	-0.7%
03	1,825,209	(10,168)	-0.6%
04	1,815,440	(9,769)	-0.5%
05	1,835,463	20,023	1.1%
06	1,909,566	74,103	4.0%
07	1,975,901	66,335	3.5%
08	2,034,465	58,564	3.0%
09	2,036,427	1,962	0.1%
10	1,965,500	(70,927)	-3.5%
11	2,004,248	38,748	2.0%
12	2,066,426	62,178	3.1%
13	2,147,197	80,771	3.9%
14	2,211,537	64,340	3.0%
15	2,282,431	70,894	3.2%
16	2,256,393	(26,038)	-1.1%
17	2,255,676	(717)	0.0%



**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. 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.

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 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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