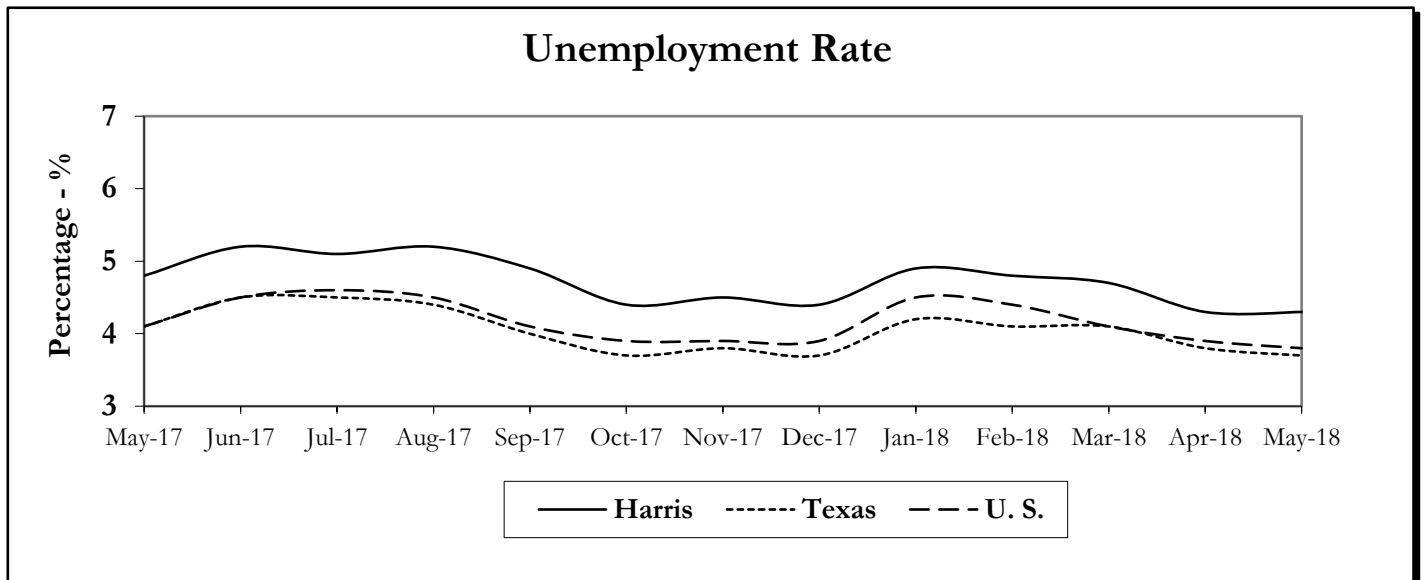


County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Harris County was unchanged at 4.3 percent in May, one-half of a percentage point lower than one year earlier and slightly higher than a 3.7 percent rate at the state level and 3.8 percent at the national level. Total covered employment in the county reported its strongest fourth quarter increase since 2014 with payrolls up 21,654 jobs or 1.0 percent from fourth quarter 2016. Most of the increase was in Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, up 10,973 jobs or 2.4 percent, and Local Government, up 9,263 jobs or 4.8 percent. The pace of job growth in the county rose from 0.3 percent in the third quarter to 0.8 percent with payrolls up 18,225 jobs from fourth quarter 2016. Job gains improved in many industry sectors with the largest year over year increase in Professional & Business Services, up 9,125 jobs or 2.4 percent. Several industry sectors suffered declines with the most substantial found in Natural Resources & Mining, down 5,972 jobs or 8.2 percent. Construction losses improved with payrolls down 594 jobs or 0.4 percent over the year compared to third quarters loss of 4,444 jobs or 2.8 percent. See page 2 for additional data by industry sector.

	MAY 2018	APR 2018	MAY 2017
Civilian Labor Force	2,316,421	2,327,141	2,260,587
Total Employment	2,217,876	2,226,843	2,151,782
Unemployed	98,545	100,298	108,805
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.3%	4.8%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%
U.S.	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%



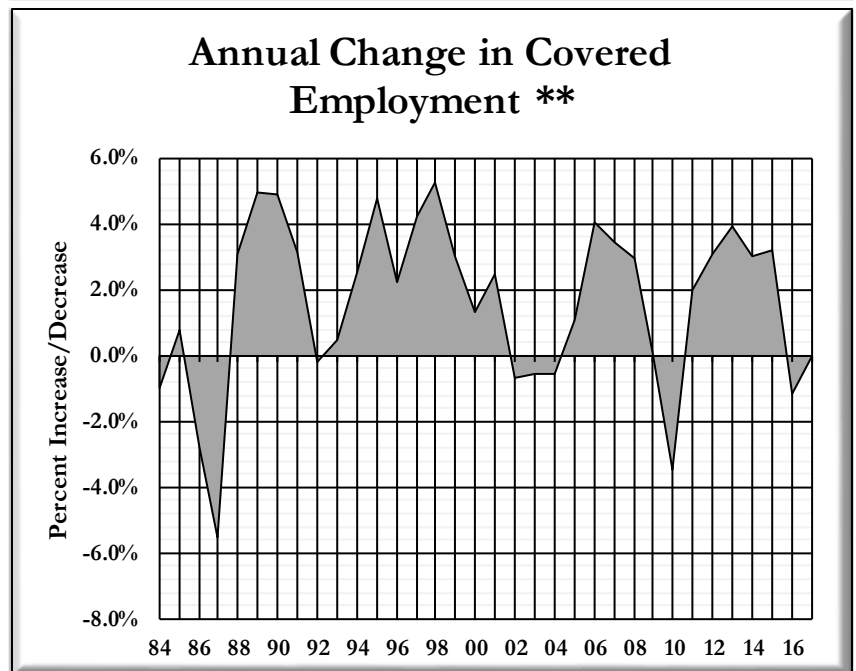
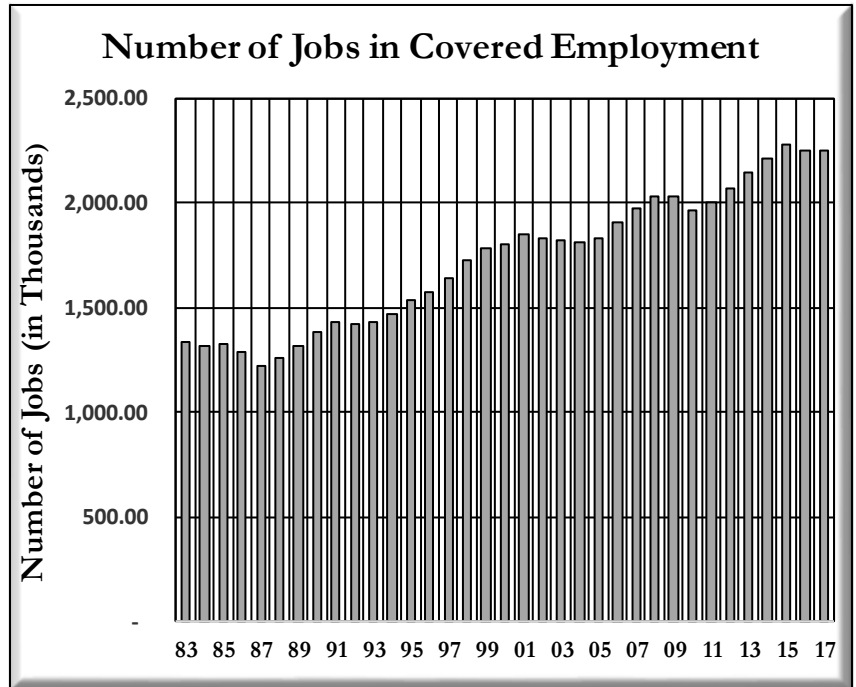
*Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Covered employment data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

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	2,289,053	2,267,399	2,270,828	21,654	1.0%	18,225	0.8%	\$1,443
Natural Resources & Mining	67,184	66,758	73,156	426	0.6%	-5,972	-8.2%	\$4,706
Construction	158,230	156,015	158,824	2,215	1.4%	-594	-0.4%	\$1,434
Manufacturing	170,325	170,164	166,147	161	0.1%	4,178	2.5%	\$1,821
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	477,311	466,338	471,953	10,973	2.4%	5,358	1.1%	\$1,349
Information	26,099	26,208	27,018	-109	-0.4%	-919	-3.4%	\$1,633
Financial Activities	126,830	126,687	124,333	143	0.1%	2,497	2.0%	\$2,310
Professional & Business Services	395,543	396,968	386,418	-1,425	-0.4%	9,125	2.4%	\$1,812
Education & Health Services	291,692	290,801	291,246	891	0.3%	446	0.2%	\$1,006
Leisure & Hospitality	228,292	232,213	226,490	-3,921	-1.7%	1,802	0.8%	\$445
Other Services	66,318	65,452	65,683	866	1.3%	635	1.0%	\$820
Nonclassifiable	2,882	2,144	1,597	738	34.4%	1,285	80.5%	\$621
Public Administration	278,348	267,651	277,963	10,697	4.0%	385	0.1%	\$1,111
Federal Government	25,235	24,949	25,118	286	1.1%	117	0.5%	\$1,758
State Government	51,370	50,222	51,959	1,148	2.3%	-589	-1.1%	\$1,458
Local Government	201,743	192,480	200,886	9,263	4.8%	857	0.4%	\$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%



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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 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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