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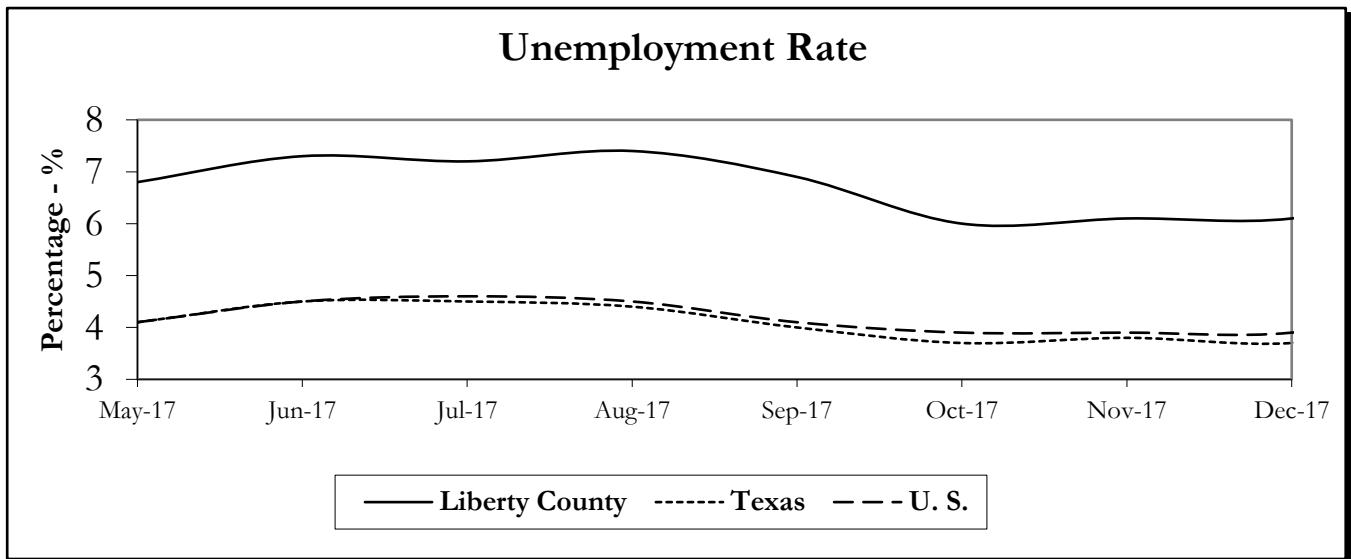
Labor Market Information

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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Liberty County fell one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.7 percent in May, more than one full percentage point lower than a year earlier but considerably 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 was up 566 jobs over fourth quarter 2017. The 3.4 percent increase was the strongest fourth quarter increase since records began in 2003. Healthy job gains in Construction, up 125 jobs or 9.1 percent, and Other Services, up 101 jobs or 26.6 percent, were instrumental in driving up the fourth quarter gains. The only substantial decline was in Natural Resources & Mining, down 92 jobs or 10.6 percent. The pace of job growth in the county rose from 2.7 percent in third quarter to 4.1 percent, up 676 jobs, the fastest pace since fourth quarter 2012. Most of the increase was driven by gains in Construction, up 472 jobs or 45.7 percent, and Manufacturing, up 313 jobs or 35.5 percent. Several industry sectors incurred declines but the largest were in Professional & Business Services, down 164 jobs or 18.0 percent, and Natural Resources & Mining, down 109 jobs or 12.4 percent. In the public sector, State Government reported a loss for the third consecutive quarter, down 63 jobs or 6.1 percent. See page 2 for additional data.

	MAY 2018	APR 2018	MAY 2017
Civilian Labor Force	32,206	32,305	31,638
Total Employment	30,357	30,422	29,487
Unemployed	1,849	1,883	2,151
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.8%	6.8%
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.



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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	17,278	16,712	16,602	566	3.4%	676	4.1%	\$809
Natural Resources & Mining	773	865	882	-92	-10.6%	-109	-12.4%	\$1,243
Construction	1,504	1,379	1,032	125	9.1%	472	45.7%	\$1,111
Manufacturing	1,194	1,190	881	4	0.3%	313	35.5%	\$1,196
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	3,904	3,866	3,791	38	1.0%	113	3.0%	\$861
Information	86	83	86	3	3.6%	0	0.0%	\$1,008
Financial Activities	531	543	505	-12	-2.2%	26	5.1%	\$962
Professional & Business Services	745	664	909	81	12.2%	-164	-18.0%	\$759
Education & Health Services	1,791	1,730	1,818	61	3.5%	-27	-1.5%	\$561
Leisure & Hospitality	1,434	1,426	1,497	8	0.6%	-63	-4.2%	\$321
Other Services	480	379	368	101	26.6%	112	30.4%	\$863
Nonclassifiable	24	36	35	-12	-33.3%	-11	-31.4%	\$566
Public Administration	4,812	4,552	4,797	260	5.7%	15	0.3%	\$751
Federal Government	109	109	103	0	0.0%	6	5.8%	\$1,071
State Government	974	988	1,037	-14	-1.4%	-63	-6.1%	\$847
Local Government	3,729	3,455	3,657	274	7.9%	72	2.0%	\$715

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. 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.

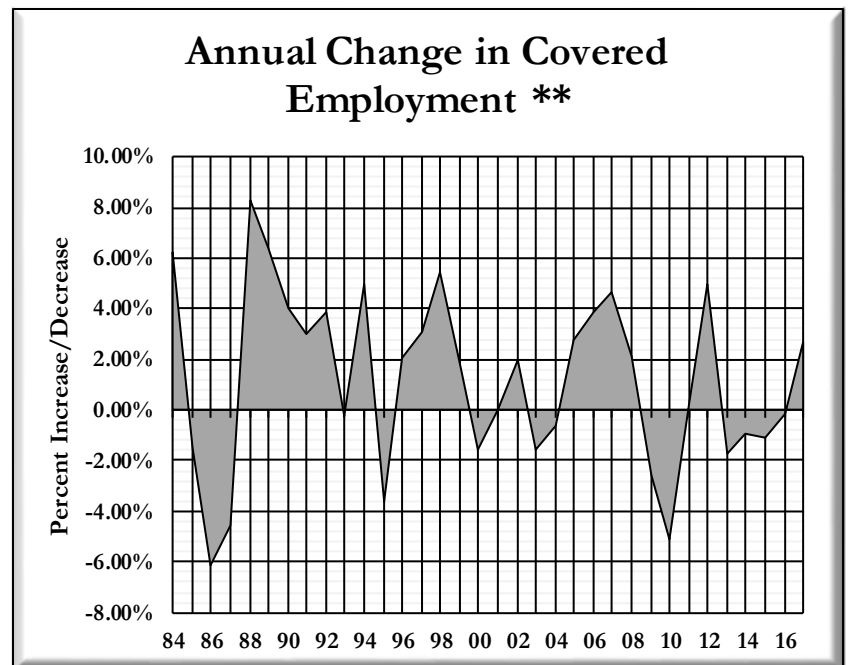
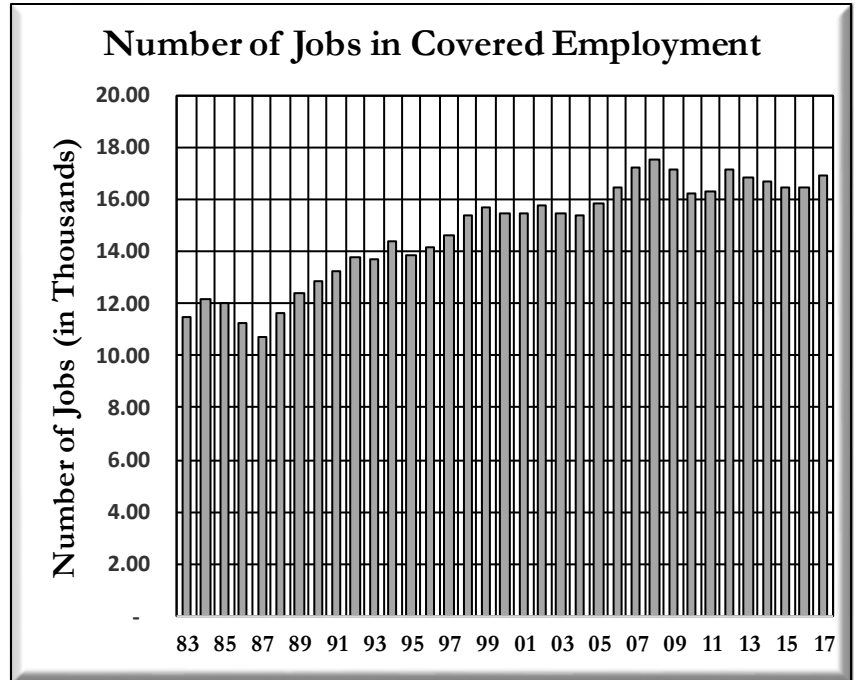


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**Liberty County 1983-2017
 Covered Employment****

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	11,469		
84	12,181	712	6.2%
85	11,998	(183)	-1.5%
86	11,263	(735)	-6.1%
87	10,753	(510)	-4.5%
88	11,646	893	8.3%
89	12,387	741	6.4%
90	12,884	497	4.0%
91	13,268	384	3.0%
92	13,783	515	3.9%
93	13,747	(36)	-0.3%
94	14,428	681	5.0%
95	13,902	(526)	-3.6%
96	14,192	290	2.1%
97	14,625	433	3.1%
98	15,419	794	5.4%
99	15,698	279	1.8%
00	15,452	(246)	-1.6%
01	15,456	4	0.0%
02	15,757	301	1.9%
03	15,508	(249)	-1.6%
04	15,409	(99)	-0.6%
05	15,836	427	2.8%
06	16,449	613	3.9%
07	17,210	761	4.6%
08	17,580	370	2.1%
09	17,127	(453)	-2.6%
10	16,256	(871)	-5.1%
11	16,311	55	0.3%
12	17,126	815	5.0%
13	16,827	(299)	-1.7%
14	16,672	(155)	-0.9%
15	16,485	(187)	-1.1%
16	16,459	(26)	-0.2%
17	16,906	447	2.7%



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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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