



# Matagorda County

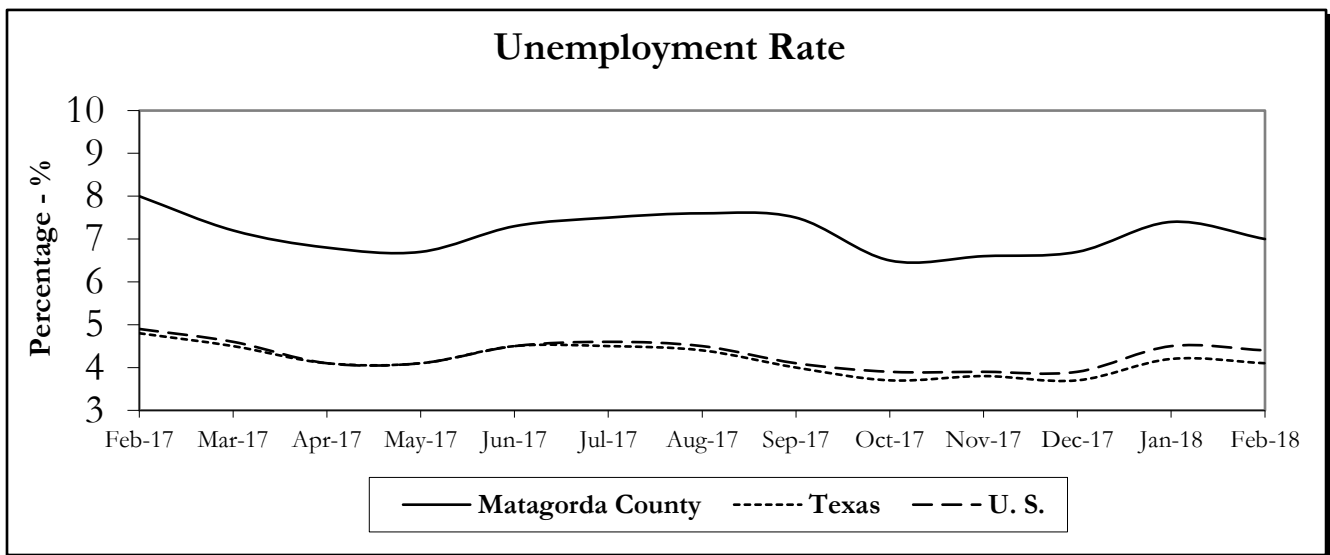
## Labor Market Information

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### County Employment Data\*

The rate of unemployment in Matagorda County dropped four-tenths of a percentage point to 7.0 percent in February, one percentage point lower than a year earlier but considerably higher than a 4.1 percent rate at the state level and 4.4 percent rate at the national level. Total covered employment in the county was up 129 jobs or 1.2 percent over second quarter 2017. Leisure and Hospitality contributed the largest number of new jobs, up 107 jobs or 9.5 percent. Substantial increases were also found in Natural Resources & Mining, Information, and Other Services. Professional and Business Services suffered a loss of 124 jobs, down 14.6 percent. The county reported positive over-the-year growth for the second consecutive quarter adding 131 jobs over the year, up 1.2 percent. Job growth was widespread across the private sector with strongest increases found in Information, up 62 jobs or 112.7 percent, Professional & Business Services, up 73 jobs or 11.2 percent, and Natural Resources & Mining, up 69 jobs or 10.1 percent. A substantial decline of 222 jobs in Construction held back growth in the county, down 40.6 percent. See page 2 for detailed data.

	FEB 2018	JAN 2018	FEB 2017
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	17,108	16,813	16,938
<b>Total Employment</b>	15,908	15,565	15,586
<b>Unemployed</b>	1,200	1,248	1,352
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	7.0%	7.4%	8.0%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%
<b>U.S.</b>	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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2017	1ST QTR 2017	2ND QTR 2016	Actual	%	Actual	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	10,951	10,822	10,820	129	1.2%	131	1.2%	\$1,154
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	755	705	686	50	7.1%	69	10.1%	\$830
<b>Construction</b>	325	311	547	14	4.5%	-222	-40.6%	\$1,364
<b>Manufacturing</b>	445	446	476	-1	-0.2%	-31	-6.5%	\$1,565
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	3,092	3,126	3,092	-34	-1.1%	0	0.0%	\$2,003
<b>Information</b>	117	58	55	59	101.7%	62	112.7%	\$674
<b>Financial Activities</b>	320	313	295	7	2.2%	25	8.5%	\$836
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	724	848	651	-124	-14.6%	73	11.2%	\$1,176
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	1,016	1,000	949	16	1.6%	67	7.1%	\$697
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	1,229	1,122	1,175	107	9.5%	54	4.6%	\$333
<b>Other Services</b>	427	387	426	40	10.3%	1	0.2%	\$738
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	1	1	2	0	0.0%	-1	0.0%	na
<b>Public Administration</b>	2,501	2,504	2,466	-3	-0.1%	35	1.4%	\$742
<b>Federal Government</b>	76	80	81	-4	-5.0%	-5	-6.2%	\$1,050
<b>State Government</b>	113	113	95	0	0.0%	18	18.9%	\$898
<b>Local Government</b>	2,312	2,311	2,290	1	0.0%	22	1.0%	\$724

\*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.

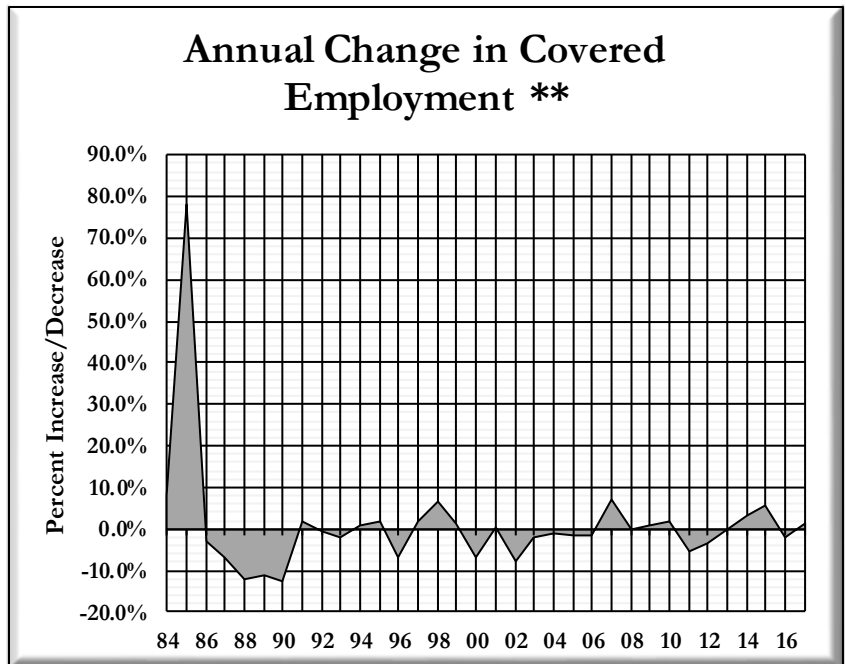
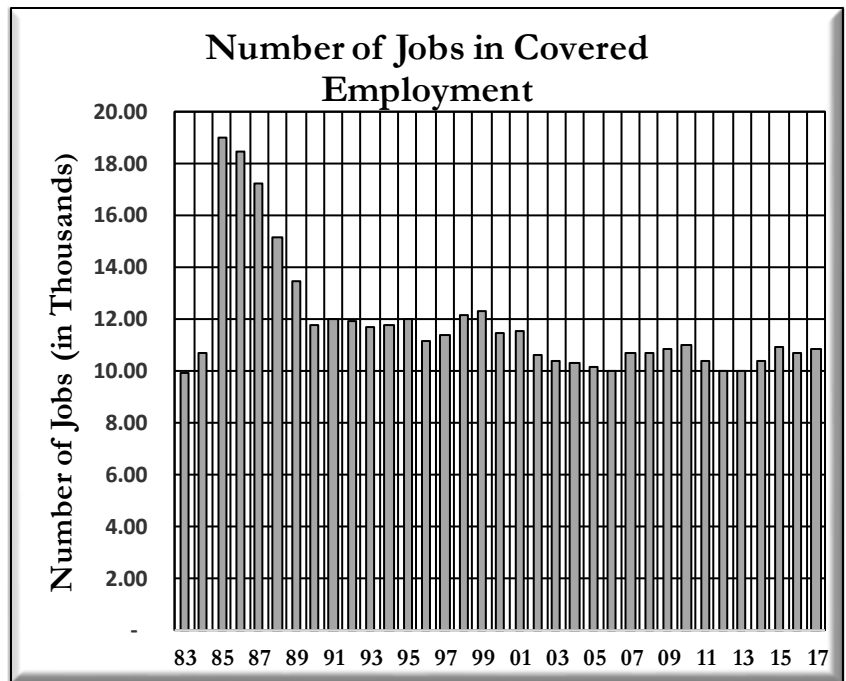


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**Matagorda County 1983-2017  
 Covered Employment\*\***

YEAR	JOB	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	9,889		
84	10,696	807	8.2%
85	19,040	8,344	78.0%
86	18,506	(534)	-2.8%
87	17,283	(1,223)	-6.6%
88	15,183	(2,100)	-12.2%
89	13,499	(1,684)	-11.1%
90	11,806	(1,693)	-12.5%
91	12,000	194	1.6%
92	11,952	(48)	-0.4%
93	11,692	(260)	-2.2%
94	11,798	106	0.9%
95	12,008	210	1.8%
96	11,172	(836)	-7.0%
97	11,384	212	1.9%
98	12,151	767	6.7%
99	12,332	181	1.5%
00	11,500	(832)	-6.7%
01	11,557	57	0.5%
02	10,652	(905)	-7.8%
03	10,420	(232)	-2.2%
04	10,318	(102)	-1.0%
05	10,170	(148)	-1.4%
06	10,007	(163)	-1.6%
07	10,696	689	6.9%
08	10,709	13	0.1%
09	10,815	106	1.0%
10	11,004	189	1.7%
11	10,404	(600)	-5.5%
12	10,026	(378)	-3.6%
13	10,014	(12)	-0.1%
14	10,356	342	3.4%
15	10,933	577	5.6%
16	10,702	(231)	-2.1%
17	10,822	120	1.1%



\*\*Data Compiled from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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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