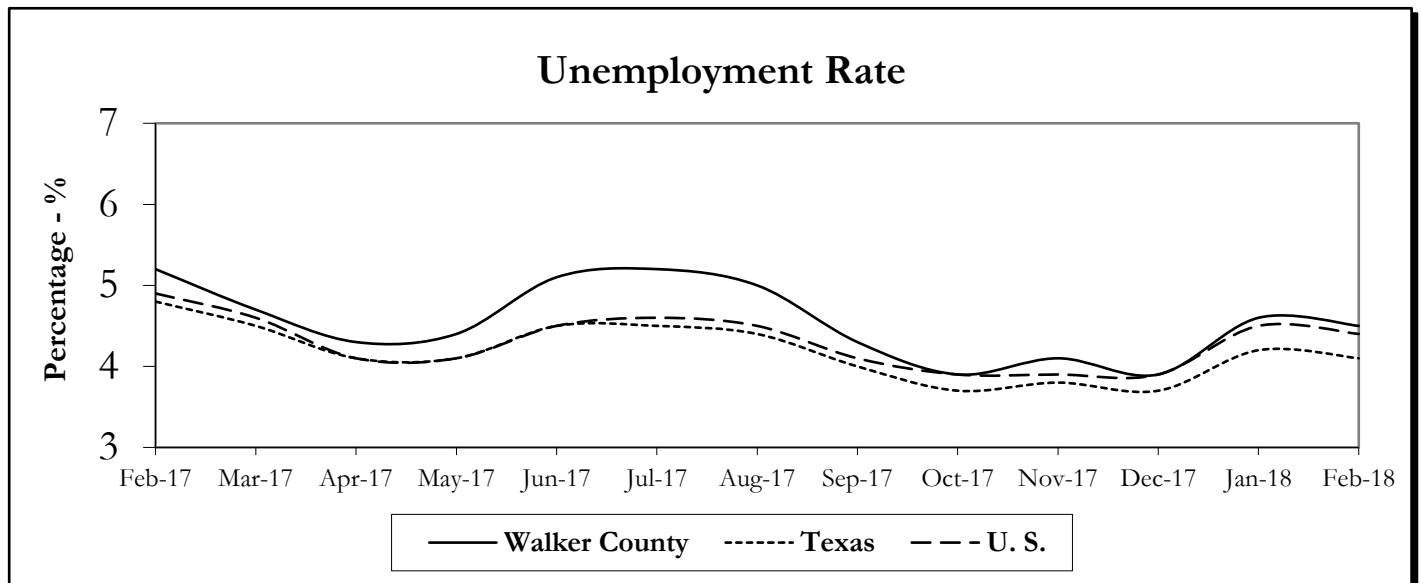


## County Employment Data\*

The rate of unemployment in Walker County dropped one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.5 percent in February, down from 5.2 percent a year earlier but slightly higher than 4.1 percent at the state level and 4.4 percent at the national level. Total covered employment in the county was down 122 jobs or 0.5 percent over second quarter 2017. State Government, which comprises more than 40 percent of the county’s total employment, was responsible for the decline, down 487 jobs or 4.5 percent. Several other industries managed increases with the largest found in Leisure & Hospitality, up 183 jobs or 7.9 percent. Total covered employment in the county was unchanged over the year, down from a 2.9 percent increase in the first quarter. Job growth was mixed with largest gains found in Leisure & Hospitality, up 87 jobs or 3.6 percent, and Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, up 91 jobs or 3.2 percent. While several private-sector industries suffered declines, a loss of 281 jobs, 2.6 percent, in State Government was responsible for holding back county gains. See page 2 for additional data.

	FEB 2018	JAN 2018	FEB 2017
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	23,918	23,544	23,948
<b>Total Employment</b>	22,841	22,462	22,704
<b>Unemployed</b>	1,077	1,082	1,244
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	4.5%	4.6%	5.2%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%
<b>U.S.</b>	4.4%	4.5%	4.9%



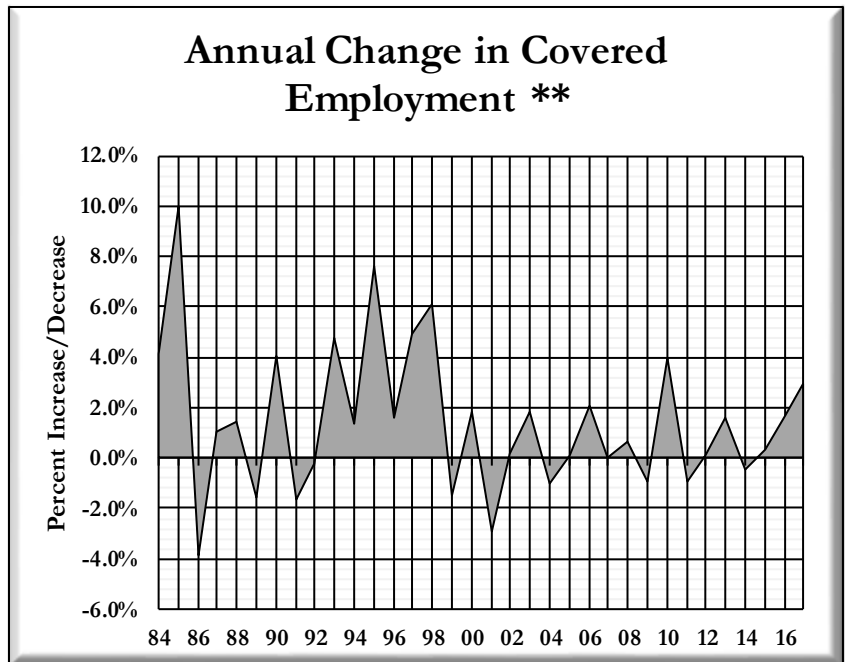
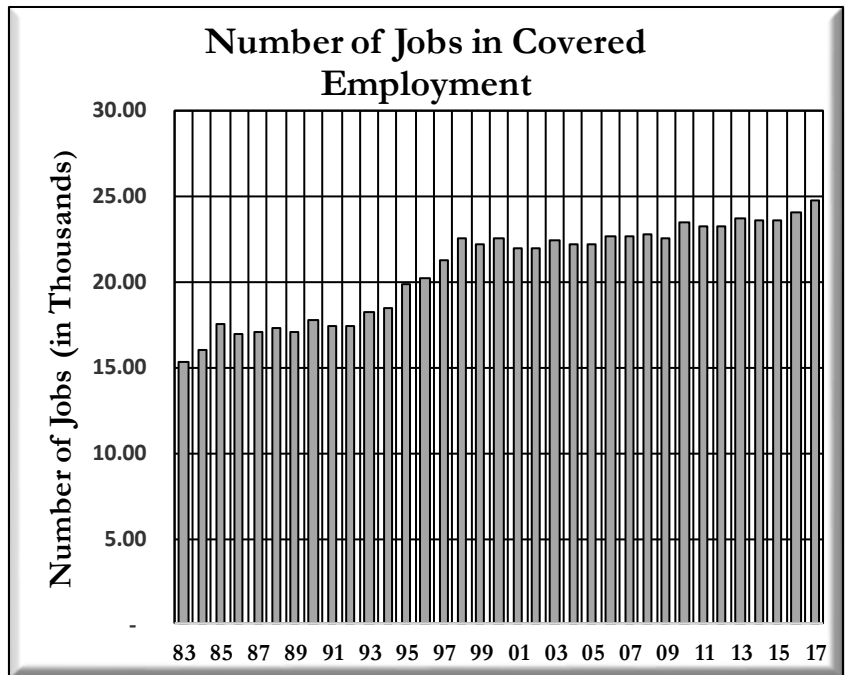
\*Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Covered employment data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

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	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	24,624	24,746	24,624	-122	-0.5%	-	0.0%	\$754
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	134	140	174	-6	-4.3%	-40	-23.0%	\$800
<b>Construction</b>	757	717	700	40	5.6%	57	8.1%	\$654
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1,071	1,072	1,020	-1	-0.1%	51	5.0%	\$1,046
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	2,971	2,915	2,880	56	1.9%	91	3.2%	\$567
<b>Information</b>	136	135	145	1	0.7%	-9	-6.2%	\$886
<b>Financial Activities</b>	697	684	618	13	1.9%	79	12.8%	\$823
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	800	806	857	-6	-0.7%	-57	-6.7%	\$644
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	2,207	2,212	2,233	-5	-0.2%	-26	-1.2%	\$732
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	2,504	2,321	2,417	183	7.9%	87	3.6%	\$291
<b>Other Services</b>	489	476	483	13	2.7%	6	1.2%	\$441
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	24	23	10	1	4.3%	14	140.0%	\$924
<b>Public Administration</b>	12,833	13,245	13,086	-412	-3.1%	-253	-1.9%	\$875
<b>Federal Government</b>	138	140	131	-2	-1.4%	7	5.3%	\$1,220
<b>State Government</b>	10,420	10,907	10,701	-487	-4.5%	-281	-2.6%	\$897
<b>Local Government</b>	2,275	2,198	2,254	77	3.5%	21	0.9%	\$744

\*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 and Career Market Information Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	15,346		
84	15,986	640	4.2%
85	17,580	1,594	10.0%
86	16,902	(678)	-3.9%
87	17,073	171	1.0%
88	17,314	241	1.4%
89	17,042	(272)	-1.6%
90	17,737	695	4.1%
91	17,448	(289)	-1.6%
92	17,408	(40)	-0.2%
93	18,243	835	4.8%
94	18,499	256	1.4%
95	19,906	1,407	7.6%
96	20,218	312	1.6%
97	21,218	1,000	4.9%
98	22,517	1,299	6.1%
99	22,185	(332)	-1.5%
00	22,588	403	1.8%
01	21,936	(652)	-2.9%
02	21,983	47	0.2%
03	22,392	409	1.9%
04	22,159	(233)	-1.0%
05	21,926	(233)	0.1%
06	22,642	716	2.1%
07	22,643	1	0.0%
08	22,797	154	0.7%
09	22,578	(219)	-1.0%
10	23,480	902	4.0%
11	23,263	(217)	-0.9%
12	23,280	17	0.1%
13	23,658	378	1.6%
14	23,552	(106)	-0.4%
15	23,640	88	0.4%
16	24,043	403	1.7%
17	24,746	703	2.9%



\*\*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.



# Walker County

## Labor Market Information

### 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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