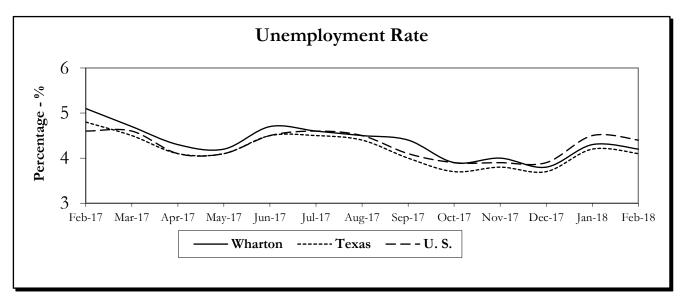


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## County Employment Data\*

The rate of unemployment in Wharton County dropped one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.2 percent in February, slightly higher than a 4.1 percent rate at the state level but lower than a 4.4 percent rate at the national level. Total covered employment in the county was up 390 jobs over second quarter 2017. The 2.6 percent increase was the strongest since second quarter 2012. Job gains were widespread with largest increases in Natural Resources & Mining, up 104 jobs or 4.7 percent, and Manufacturing, up 75 jobs or 5.2 percent. Total covered employment in the county was up year over year for the first time since third quarter 2015 adding 65 jobs from second quarter 2016, up 0.4 percent. Job gains in Education & Health Services, up 141 jobs or 8.5 percent, and Professional & Business Services, up 74 jobs or 17.9 percent, were largely responsible for the increase. Several private sector industries were reporting losses but Leisure & Hospitality reported the most significant loss, down 137 jobs or 9.8 percent. See additional data on page 2.

	FEB 2018	JAN 2018	<b>FEB 2017</b>
Civilian Labor Force	21,152	20,762	20,828
21,341	20,270	19,866	19,765
Unemployed	882	896	1,063
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.3%	5.1%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%
U.S.	4.4%	4.5%	4.9%



<sup>\*</sup>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.



# Labor Market Information

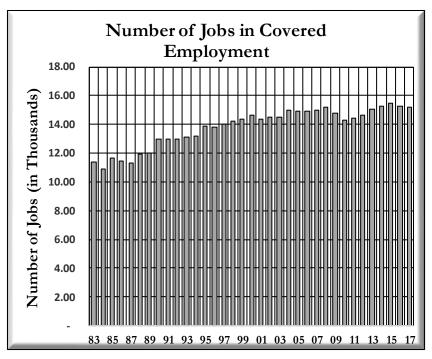
	Nu 2ND QTR	mber of Jo	obs 2ND	Quarte	r Chg.	Annual	Chg.	Avg Wkly
Industrial Sector	2017	2017	QTR 2016	Actual	0/0	Actual	%	Wage*
Total Employment	15,568	15,178	15,503	390	2.6%	65	0.4%	\$716
Natural Resources & Mining	2,297	2,193	2,346	104	4.7%	-49	-2.1%	\$839
Construction	702	660	676	42	6.4%	26	3.8%	\$774
Manufacturing	1,509	1,434	1,540	75	5.2%	-31	-2.0%	\$833
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	3,599	3,617	3,593	-18	-0.5%	6	0.2%	\$775
Information	82	78	79	4	5.1%	3	3.8%	\$655
Financial Activities	534	531	553	3	0.6%	-19	-3.4%	\$1,154
Professional & Business Services	487	454	413	33	7.3%	74	17.9%	\$650
Education & Health Services	1,797	1,744	1,656	53	3.0%	141	8.5%	\$594
Leisure & Hospitality	1,255	1,222	1,392	33	2.7%	-137	-9.8%	\$275
Other Services	344	313	357	31	9.9%	-13	-3.6%	\$453
Nonclassifiable	23	20	7	3	15.0%	16	228.6%	\$533
Public Administration	2,939	2,911	2,892	28	1.0%	47	1.6%	\$697
Federal Government	85	81	83	4	4.9%	2	2.4%	\$1,062
State Government	101	101	98	0	0.0%	3	3.1%	\$1,128
Local Government	2,753	2,729	2,711	24	0.9%	42	1.5%	\$670

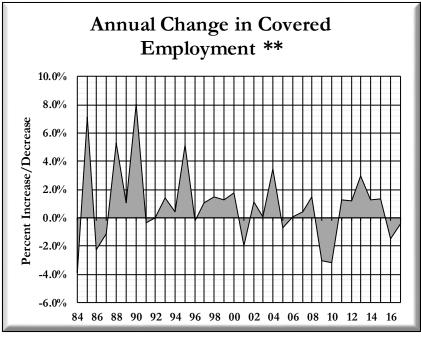
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### Labor Market Information

#### Wharton County 1983-2017 Covered Employment\*\*

	1000		01.1
YEAR	JOBS	+/(-)	% +/-
83	11,356		
84	10,913	(443)	-3.9%
85	11,693	780	7.1%
86	11,433	(260)	-2.2%
87	11,306	(127)	-1.1%
88	11,905	599	5.3%
89	12,034	129	1.1%
90	13,007	973	8.1%
91	12,958	(49)	-0.4%
92	12,955	(3)	0.0%
93	13,137	182	1.4%
94	13,189	52	0.4%
95	13,872	683	5.2%
96	13,845	(27)	-0.2%
97	13,992	147	1.1%
98	14,199	207	1.5%
99	14,377	178	1.3%
00	14,629	252	1.8%
01	14,342	(287)	-2.0%
02	14,504	162	1.1%
03	14,515	11	0.1%
04	15,019	504	3.5%
05	14,911	(108)	-0.7%
06	14,925	14	0.1%
07	14,985	60	0.4%
08	15,209	224	1.5%
09	14,749	(460)	-3.0%
10	14,282	(467)	-3.2%
11	14,462	180	1.3%
12	14,641	179	1.2%
13	15,078	437	3.0%
14	15,270	192	1.3%
15	15,478	208	1.4%
16	15,247	(231)	-1.5%
17	15,178	(69)	-0.5%





<sup>\*\*</sup>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. 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.



# Wharton County

# Labor Market Information

Gulf Coast\*\* 2016 Wages\*

Std. Occ. Code	Our series	Average Wage	E1:
	Occupation		Employmen
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	43.03	38,41
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	21.17	10,80
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acetg and Auditing Clerks	20.85	30,37
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	23.69	7,40
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School	14.43	8,82
47-2031	Carpenters	19.41	11,35
41-2011	Cashiers	10.17	61,50
17-2051	Civil Engineer	54.57	10,7
15-1121	Computer Systems Analyst	47.42	15,9
47-2061	Construction Laborers	15.77	31,4
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	11.88	7,4
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	11.58	24,93
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	16.79	55,2
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	14.90	4,7
47-2111	Electricians	23.96	18,3
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	28.99	11,1
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	30.94	28,6
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	22.08	21,9
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	10.69	15,9
11-9051	Food Service Managers	26.97	2,4
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	72.31	48,5
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	27.74	11,1
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	16.08	16,4
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	10.85	45,2
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	14.35	43,3
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	24.65	13,3
11-9081	Lodging Managers	26.19	6
51-4041	Machinists	22.08	10,1
11-2021	Marketing Managers	80.23	2,6
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	12.89	19,5
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	17.79	88,0
29-1051	Pharmacists	57.32	6,1
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	24.43	13,1
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	30.10	16,5
13-1023	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	35.77	9,2
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	13.13	14,9
29-1141	Registered Nurses	37.14	51,7
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	12.64	89,9
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	50.31	6,8
43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	17.35	43,6
33-9032	Security Guards	13.98	27,4
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	15.13	18,2
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	13.26	40,1
47-1011	Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	36.07	22,3
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	20.33	40,2
53-3032		15.53	
51-4121	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	23.98	16,1 18,3

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reimbursements. \*\*The Gulf Coast Region is defined as Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties.