



# Wharton County

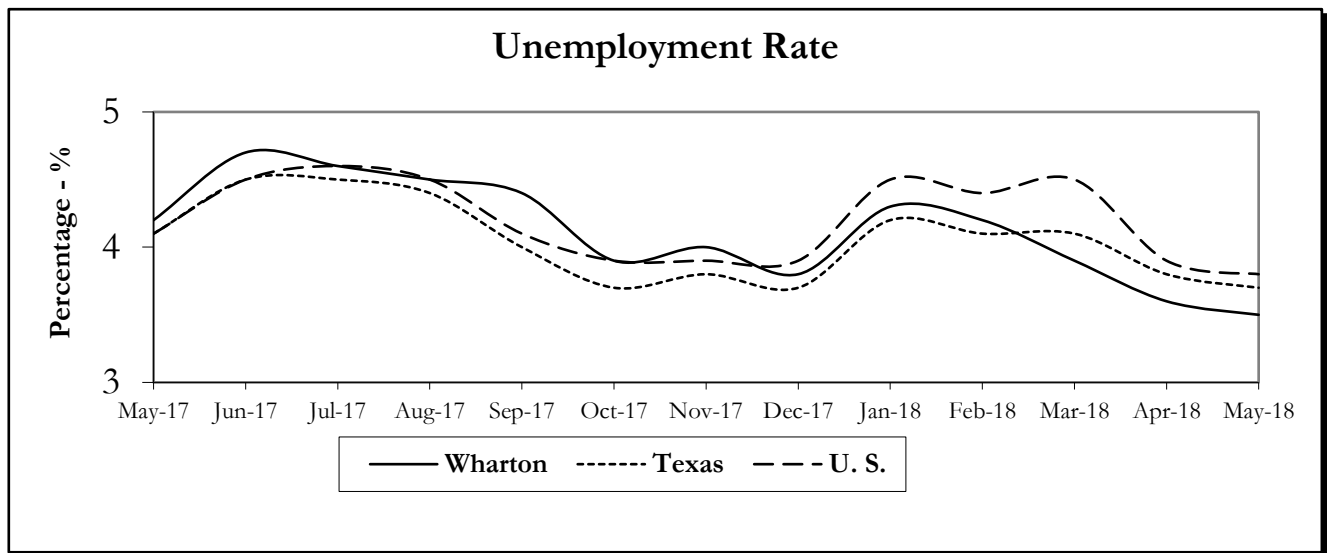
## Labor Market Information

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### County Employment Data\*

The rate of unemployment in Wharton County fell one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.5 percent in May, slightly lower than the state's 3.7 percent rate and nation's 3.8 percent rate. Total covered employment in the county experienced its strongest fourth quarter increases in three years with payrolls up 117 jobs or 0.7 percent over fourth quarter 2017. Most of the increase can be accounted for by an addition of 219 jobs, 8.5 percent, in Local Government. Job gains were few and far between in the private sector with most substantial gains in Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, up 31 jobs or 0.8 percent, and Other Services, up 34 jobs or 8.8 percent. Job growth in the county was positive for the third consecutive quarter, up 492 jobs from fourth quarter 2016, with the pace of job growth rising to 3.2 percent. Strongest increases were in Professional & Business Services, up 129 jobs or 33.0 percent, Other Services, up 68 jobs or 19.3 percent, and Construction, up 89 jobs or 14.2 percent. Leisure & Hospitality experienced a substantial loss of 141 jobs, 10.4 percent, offsetting increases. See additional data on page 2.

	MAY 2018	APR 2018	MAY 2017
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	21,615	21,431	21,282
<b>21,341</b>	20,850	20,652	20,392
<b>Unemployed</b>	765	779	890
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	3.5%	3.6%	4.2%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%
<b>U.S.</b>	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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Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg.		Avg Wkly Wage*
	4TH QTR 2017	3RD QTR 2017	4TH QTR 2016	Actual	%	Actual	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	15,836	15,719	15,344	117	0.7%	492	3.2%	\$716
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	2,312	2,320	2,233	-8	-0.3%	79	3.5%	\$839
<b>Construction</b>	717	747	628	-30	-4.0%	89	14.2%	\$774
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1,557	1,575	1,485	-18	-1.1%	72	4.8%	\$833
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	3,745	3,714	3,617	31	0.8%	128	3.5%	\$775
<b>Information</b>	72	77	80	-5	-6.5%	-8	-10.0%	\$655
<b>Financial Activities</b>	528	533	561	-5	-0.9%	-33	-5.9%	\$1,154
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	520	508	391	12	2.4%	129	33.0%	\$650
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	1,749	1,784	1,663	-35	-2.0%	86	5.2%	\$594
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	1,215	1,289	1,356	-74	-5.7%	-141	-10.4%	\$275
<b>Other Services</b>	421	387	353	34	8.8%	68	19.3%	\$453
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	32	34	14	-2	-5.9%	18	128.6%	\$533
<b>Public Administration</b>	2,968	2,751	2,964	217	7.9%	4	0.1%	\$697
<b>Federal Government</b>	82	82	84	0	0.0%	-2	-2.4%	\$1,062
<b>State Government</b>	99	101	103	-2	-2.0%	-4	-3.9%	\$1,128
<b>Local Government</b>	2,787	2,568	2,777	219	8.5%	10	0.4%	\$670

\*Wages compiled from 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

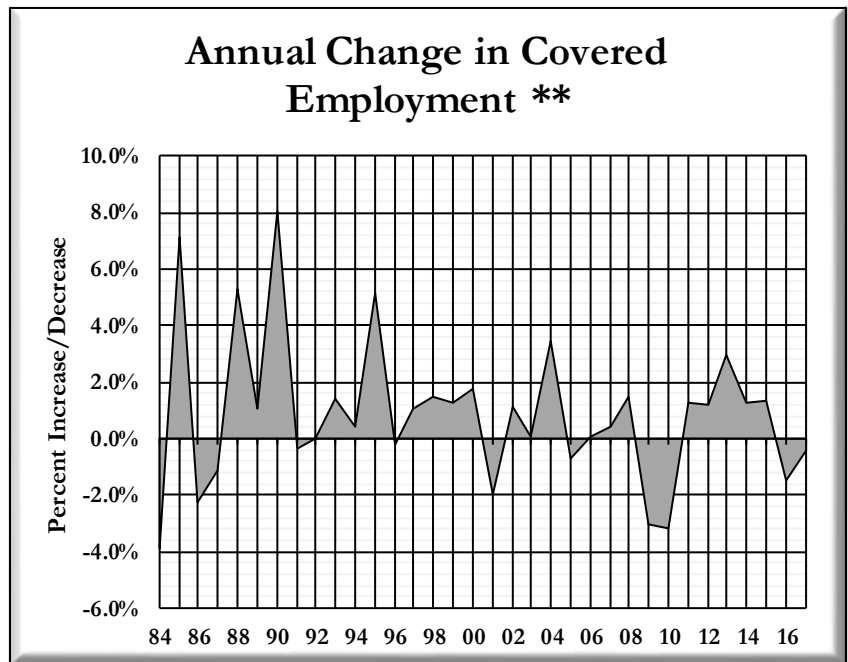
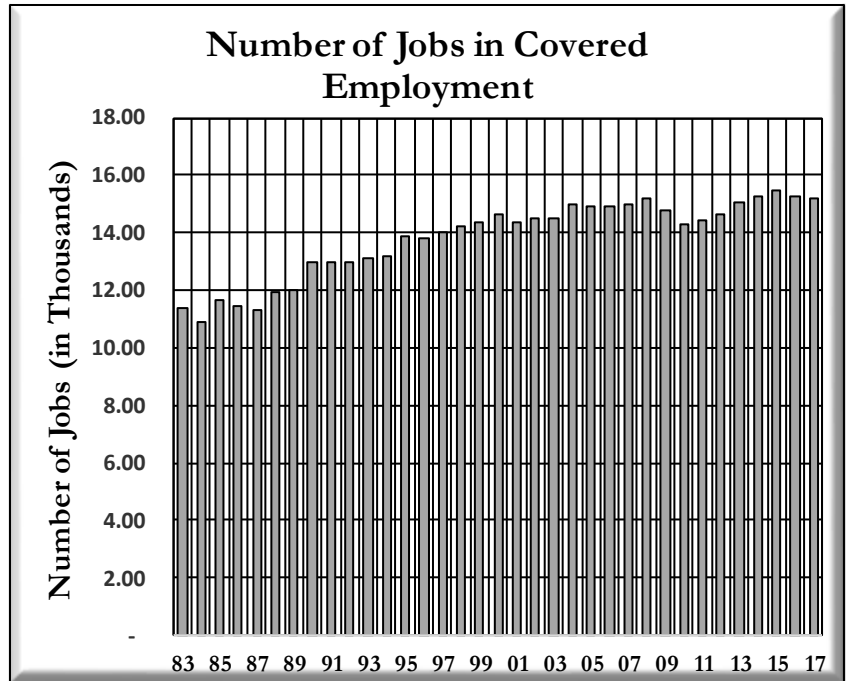


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Wharton County 1983-2017  
Covered Employment\*\*

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%



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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 an 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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