

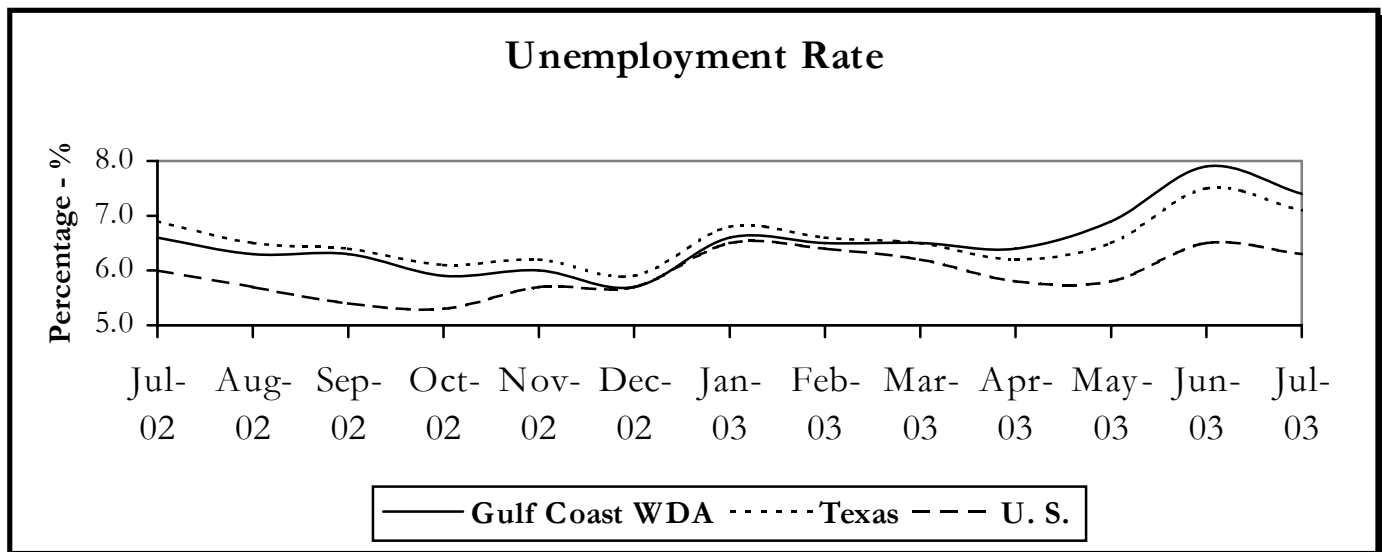
Labor Market Information

Gulf Coast Region

4th Quarter 2002 Data

Covered employment in the WorkSource Area rose by 0.5% over the quarter. Affected by seasonal declines and the uncertain economy, Natural Resources & Mining, -1.4%, Construction, -0.5%, Manufacturing, -1.3%, Information, -1.3%, Professional & Business Services, -1.3%, Leisure & Hospitality, -2.6%, and Other Services, -5.8%, suffered losses. Seasonal hiring for Christmas shopping boosted Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, +1.4%. Population gains and administrative adjustments helped Financial Activities, +0.3%, Education & Health Services, +0.6%, Federal Government, +4.2%, State Government, +2.3%, and Local Government, +7.9%. Over the year, the area's jobs total sank mildly (-0.1%). Hit by the economic doldrums and administrative adjustments were Natural Resources & Mining, -7.8%, Manufacturing, -5.5%, Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, -1.9%, Information, -9.2%, Financial Activities, -0.7%, Professional & Business Services, -0.2%, and Other Services, -1.5%. Increases from population pressures and administrative adjustments helped Education & Health Services, +3.9%, Leisure & Hospitality, +3.7%, Federal Government, +16.1%, State Government, +2.9%, and Local Government, +4.3%.

	JULY 2003	JUNE 2003	JULY 2002
Civilian Labor Force	2,698,680	2,697,636	2,639,112
Total Employment	2,499,241	2,484,481	2,464,032
Unemployed	199,439	213,155	175,080
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.9	6.6
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	7.1%	7.5%	6.9%
U.S.	6.3%	6.5%	5.9%



Civilian Labor Force: Estimated number of employed and unemployed workers residing in Gulf Coast WDA. **Total Employment:** Includes resident wage & salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics in private households, agricultural workers and workers involved in labor-management disputes. Gulf Coast WDA data series are benchmarked to March 2002 levels. Data from April 2002 forward are estimates and are subject to future revisions based on employer reports. Estimated by the Texas Workforce Commission in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. All Data Subject To Revision.

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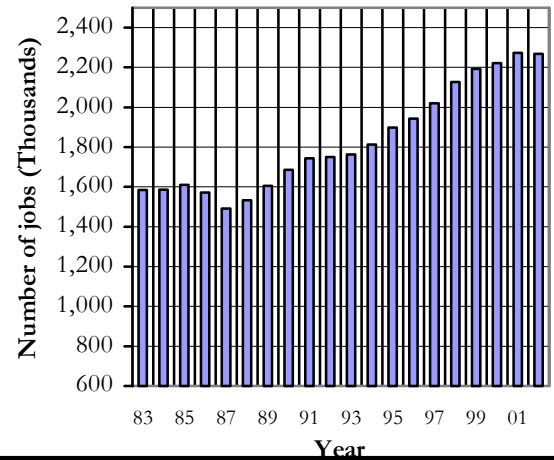
COVERED EMPLOYMENT	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly
	4TH QTR 2002	3RD QTR 2002	4TH QTR 2001	Actual	%	Actual	%	Wage*
Industrial Sector								
Total Employment	2,298,606	2,286,429	2,300,092	12,177	0.5%	-1,486	-0.1%	\$823
Natural Resources & Mining	68,979	69,957	74,824	-978	-1.4%	-5,845	-7.8%	\$2,016
Construction	180,922	181,775	180,834	-853	-0.5%	88	0.0%	\$807
Manufacturing	221,955	224,860	234,785	-2,905	-1.3%	-12,830	-5.5%	\$1,054
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	492,849	485,997	502,193	6,852	1.4%	-9,344	-1.9%	\$805
Information	41,282	41,829	45,480	-547	-1.3%	-4,198	-9.2%	\$1,066
Financial Activities	131,764	131,391	132,657	373	0.3%	-893	-0.7%	\$1,113
Professional & Business Services	314,518	318,780	315,034	-4,262	-1.3%	-516	-0.2%	\$934
Education & Health Services	221,904	220,534	213,529	1,370	0.6%	8,375	3.9%	\$666
Leisure & Hospitality	195,662	200,792	188,760	-5,130	-2.6%	6,902	3.7%	\$293
Other Services	69,923	74,241	70,987	-4,318	-5.8%	-1,064	-1.5%	\$490
Nondassifiable	4,212	2,799	2,777	1,413	50.5%	1,435	51.7%	N.A.
Public Administration	354,636	333,474	338,232	21,162	6.3%	16,404	4.8%	\$679
Federal Government	28,536	27,393	24,574	1,143	4.2%	3,962	16.1%	\$1,181
State Government	78,758	76,952	76,504	1,806	2.3%	2,254	2.9%	\$689
Local Government	247,342	229,129	237,154	18,213	7.9%	10,188	4.3%	\$618

*Wages compiled from 1st quarter 2002 contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. **Data suppressed to not reveal information about individual establishments, included in 'Other Services'. Data is not strictly comparable to past data due to the change from SIC coding to NAICS coding for the 1st Quarter of 2001. Date source: the Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market Information Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

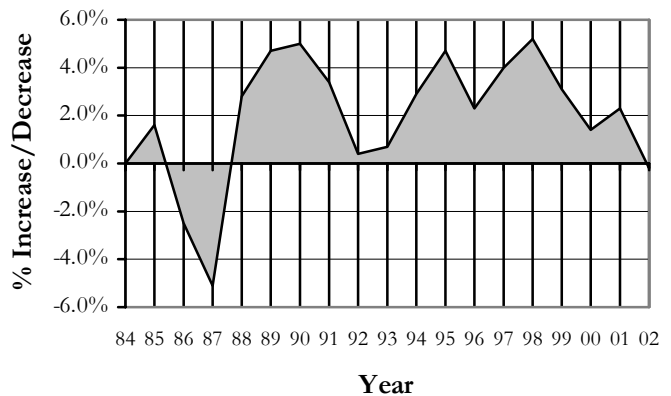
Gulf Coast WDA 1983-2002 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ /(-)	% +/-
83	1,585,286		
84	1,585,605	319	0.0%
85	1,611,402	25,797	1.6%
86	1,571,196	(40,206)	-2.5%
87	1,491,803	(79,393)	-5.1%
88	1,533,415	41,612	2.8%
89	1,605,972	72,557	4.7%
90	1,686,446	80,474	5.0%
91	1,743,983	57,537	3.4%
92	1,750,344	6,361	0.4%
93	1,762,790	12,446	0.7%
94	1,813,050	50,260	2.9%
95	1,898,955	85,905	4.7%
96	1,943,228	44,273	2.3%
97	2,020,305	77,077	4.0%
98	2,125,669	105,364	5.2%
99	2,191,520	65,851	3.1%
00	2,221,326	29,806	1.4%
01	2,272,876	51,550	2.3%
02	2,268,420	(4,456)	-0.2%

Number of Jobs in Covered Employment



Annual Change in Covered Employment**



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Gulf Coast** 2002 Occupational Employment Statistics*

Std. Occ. Code	Occupation	Average Wage	Employment
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	24.85	16,900
51-2000	Assemblers and Fabricators	10.65	23,280
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	19.69	12,020
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	14.31	27,440
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	15.76	4,030
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School	9.69	7,730
47-2031	Carpenters	14.62	12,700
41-2011	Cashiers	7.39	46,020
17-2051	Civil Engineer	35.27	7,120
15-1051	Computer Systems Analyst	30.39	6,530
47-2061	Construction Laborers	9.84	21,590
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	8.05	7,670
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	8.58	5,740
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	26.07	44,160
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	10.96	6,180
17-3000	Drafters, Engineering, and Mapping Technicians	21.06	22,950
47-2111	Electricians	19.02	12,940
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	17.25	35,874
47-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	23.30	15,330
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	20.40	24,930
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	15.17	20,560
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	7.52	13,060
11-9051	Food Service Managers	13.02	n/a
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	33.21	51,860
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	20.02	5,180
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	11.57	8,820
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	7.62	43,630
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	9.90	33,440
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	16.35	10,100
11-9081	Lodging Managers	15.60	n/a
51-4041	Machinists	15.71	10,870
37-2012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	7.23	12,680
49-9042	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	14.11	21,710
11-2021	Marketing Managers	35.61	4,200
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	8.42	12,900
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	11.24	53,170
53-7064	Packers and Packagers, Hand	8.31	16,810
29-1051	Pharmacists	34.61	3,430
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	19.81	12,070
33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	20.03	10,290
13-1023	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	22.97	4,290
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	10.67	23,480
29-1111	Registered Nurses	24.29	28,930
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	10.48	68,600
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	29.90	6,420
43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	13.28	27,616
33-9032	Security Guards	9.05	28,090
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	11.32	14,020
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	10.73	26,950
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	14.84	26,610
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	11.08	15,060
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	14.66	11,680

*Data compiled by the Texas Workforce Commission, LMI Dept. in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics as part of the Occupational Employment Survey. Employment is the estimate of employment based upon the sample, not the sample employment. Wages for the OES survey are straight-time, gross pay, exclusive of premium pay. Base rate, cost-of-living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-duty pay, incentive pay including commissions and production bonuses, tips, and on-call pay are included. Excluded are back pay, jury duty pay, overtime pay, severance pay, shift differentials, nonproduction bonuses, employer cost of supplementary benefits, and tuition reimbursements. The average is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

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

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Gulf Coast Region Information* Registered Applicants - Total 184,879

Type of Work	Total Exp'd Workers	HS Grad/GED or Higher	Bachelors Degree	PC Experience
Accounting	5,600	5,495	2,556	2,376
Air Condition/Refregeration I/M/R Work	724	608	13	9
Arc Welding	2,699	1,910	17	18
Auto Repair Service Writing	422	378	26	19
Building Cleaning	3,396	1,934	28	61
Business Management	7,580	7,189	3,052	992
Carpentry Work	4,408	2,683	61	47
Chemical Processing	2,156	2,079	320	114
Chemistry Lab Technology Work	665	650	340	83
Computer Programming	2,760	2,735	1,806	**
Construction/Maintenance Painting	2,492	1,472	31	16
Drafting	2,502	2,463	646	1,607
Electrical Work	3,117	2,439	58	63
Electrical/Electronic Fabricating	990	840	72	51
Electronic Engineering	626	623	365	**
Financial Analysis	1,360	1,348	1,032	599
Food Processing	473	313	15	20
Graphic Artwork	689	670	228	393
Housekeeping	4,066	2,007	27	78
Licensed Practical Nursing	290	274	17	14
Machinist Work	1,928	1,519	44	31
Marketing Work	3,818	3,762	2,130	803
Motor Vehicle Mechanics	1,536	1,193	20	32
Office Management	7,899	7,494	1,496	2,068
Packaging Work	5,319	4,034	87	316
Personnel Work	2,763	2,615	1,053	726
Printing Work	681	566	42	81
Professional Nursing	286	281	114	20
Real Estate Work	503	493	146	77
Reception Work	16,365	14,987	742	4,418
Routine Assembly	2,656	1,878	56	106
Sales Work	7,402	6,736	1,619	705
Salesclerking	3,824	3,083	182	354
Secretarial Work	14,151	13,369	889	4,304
Security Protection Work	3,056	2,634	128	161
Social Work	596	585	387	78
Technical Sales Work	1,499	1,488	840	250
Truck Driving	4,329	3,430	97	84
Warehousing	13,568	10,710	307	739

* Data compiled 7/15/03. Gulf Coast Region includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties. Does not include workers with entry level skills. **Data not available. For more detailed information contact your local WorkSource office.