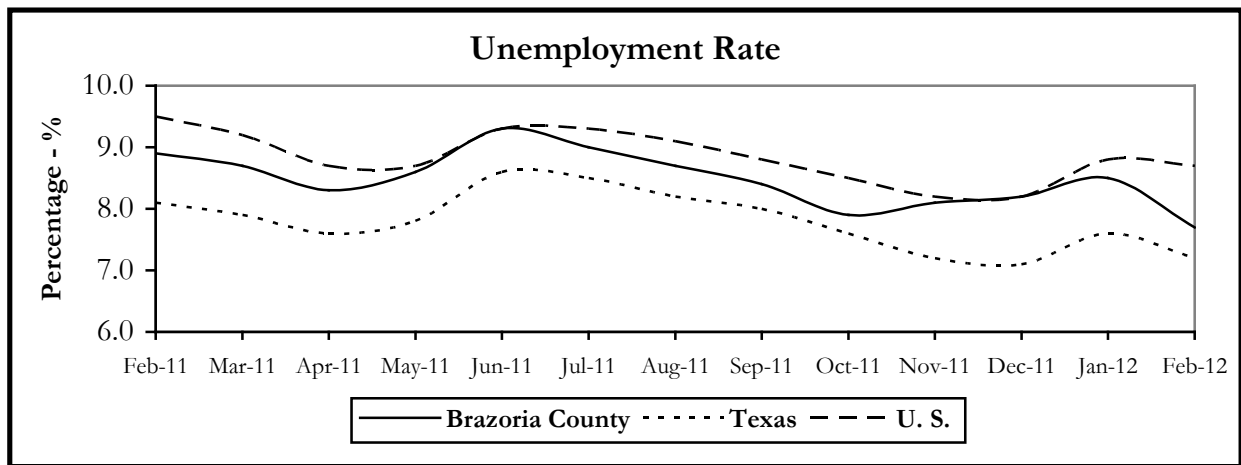


### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2011 Data

The rate of unemployment in Brazoria County was 7.7 percent in February 2012, down considerably from a peak of 9.4 percent in January 2011. The unemployment rate was higher than the state's 7.2 percent rate but lower than the nation's 8.7 percent rate. Total covered employment in the county experienced a net increase of 337 jobs over third quarter 2011, up 0.4 percent. Most areas in the private sector managed to increase payrolls with the only significant declines found in Other Services, down 79 jobs or 3.0 percent, and Education & Health Services, down 188 jobs or 2.6 percent. Strongest increases were in Construction, up 772 jobs or 6.8 percent, and Financial Activities, up 203 jobs or 5.9 percent. In the public sector, Local Government suffered a loss of 1,097 jobs, down 7.5 percent. Most of the loss in Local Government was seasonal in nature but some of the jobs will not be filled in the near future until budgets shortfalls improve. Data for State Government was not provided with the employment levels being placed in the Nonclassifiable sector. The county posted an over-the-year increase of 3,118 jobs or 3.6 percent from third quarter 2010. Most industries within the private sector continue to report positive job growth over the year. Private sector increases were strong in Construction, up 1,428 jobs or 13.3 percent, Manufacturing, up 628 jobs or 5.5 percent, Professional & Business Services, up 574 jobs or 10.2 percent, and Leisure & Hospitality, up 614 jobs or 7.5 percent. The public sector was reporting losses with Local Government reporting the largest decline of 391 jobs, down 2.8 percent. Since State Government employment was placed in the Nonclassifiable sector we can conclude that it also incurred a loss of over 250 jobs over the year. See page 2 for additional data.

	FEB 2012	JAN 2012	FEB 2011
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	154,422	155,265	151,496
<b>Total Employment</b>	142,490	142,007	138,000
<b>Unemployed</b>	11,932	13,258	13,496
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	7.7%	8.5%	8.9%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	7.2%	7.6%	8.1%
<b>U.S.</b>	8.7%	8.8%	9.5%



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. Source: 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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## Labor Market Information

COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	3RD QTR 2011*	2ND QTR 2011	3RD QTR 2010	Actual	%	Actual	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	88,683	88,346	85,565	337	0.4%	3,118	3.6%	\$922
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	1,985	2,004	2,000	-19	-0.9%	-15	-0.8%	\$213
<b>Construction</b>	12,125	11,353	10,697	772	6.8%	1,428	13.3%	\$1,093
<b>Manufacturing</b>	12,014	11,663	11,386	351	3.0%	628	5.5%	\$2,083
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	16,738	16,597	16,438	141	0.8%	300	1.8%	\$627
<b>Information</b>	538	518	532	20	3.9%	6	1.1%	\$886
<b>Financial Activities</b>	3,659	3,456	3,375	203	5.9%	284	8.4%	\$940
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	6,228	6,079	5,654	149	2.5%	574	10.2%	\$853
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	7,108	7,296	7,134	-188	-2.6%	-26	-0.4%	\$620
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	8,812	8,655	8,198	157	1.8%	614	7.5%	\$279
<b>Other Services</b>	2,592	2,671	2,579	-79	-3.0%	13	0.5%	\$504
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	2,777	25	26	na	na	na	na	\$556
<b>Public Administration</b>	14,104	18,024	17,540	-3,920	-21.7%	-3,436	-19.6%	\$1,018
<b>Federal Government</b>	479	476	536	3	0.6%	-57	-10.6%	\$1,018
<b>State Government</b>	---	2,826	2,988	na	na	na	na	\$715
<b>Local Government</b>	13,625	14,722	14,016	-1,097	-7.5%	-391	-2.8%	\$690

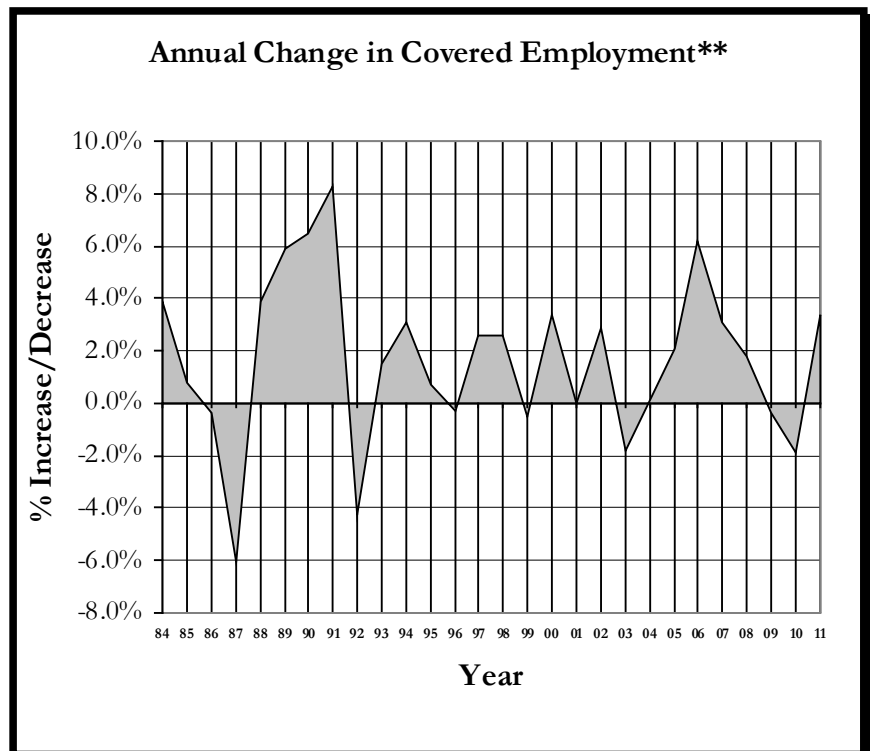
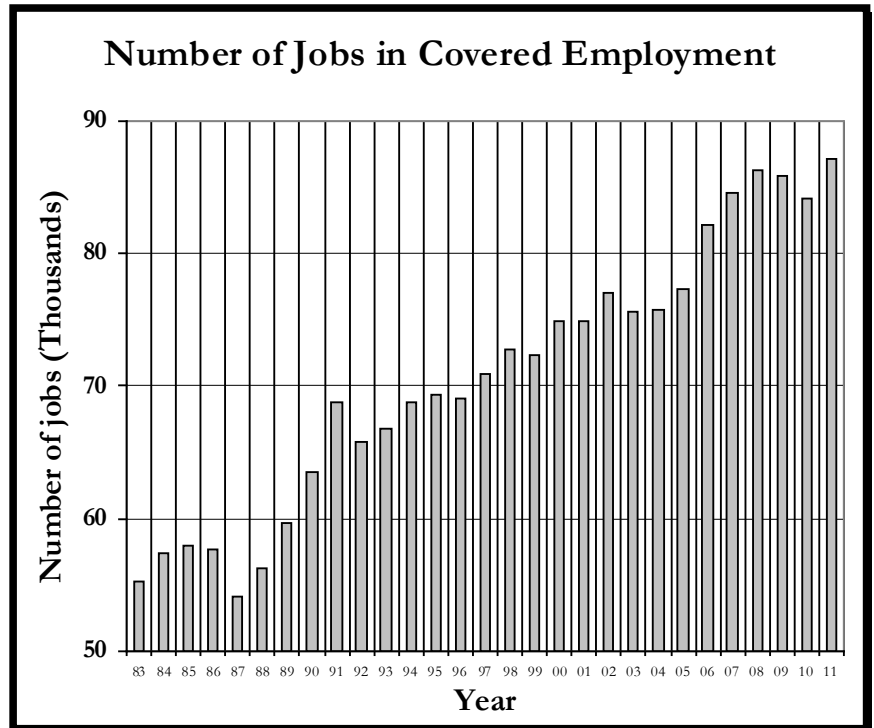
\*When one employer comprises 80% or more of the employment for an industry group in a county, or there are fewer than three employers for an industry group in a county, a dash (---) is shown and the employment for that industry is included in Nonclassified as to not reveal information about individual establishments. Wages compiled from 1st quarter 2011 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.

# Brazoria County

## Labor Market Information

### Brazoria County 1983-2011 Covered Employment\*\*

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	55,282		
84	57,441	2,159	3.9%
85	57,929	488	0.8%
86	57,687	(242)	-0.4%
87	54,148	(3,539)	-6.1%
88	56,270	2,122	3.9%
89	59,584	3,314	5.9%
90	63,442	3,858	6.5%
91	68,700	5,258	8.3%
92	65,742	(2,958)	-4.3%
93	66,740	998	1.5%
94	68,812	2,072	3.1%
95	69,321	509	0.7%
96	69,090	(231)	-0.3%
97	70,887	1,797	2.6%
98	72,750	1,863	2.6%
99	72,375	(375)	-0.5%
00	74,865	2,490	3.4%
01	74,835	(30)	0.0%
02	76,980	2,145	2.9%
03	75,618	(1,362)	-1.8%
04	75,708	90	0.1%
05	77,296	1,588	2.1%
06	82,077	4,781	6.2%
07	84,615	2,538	3.1%
08	86,159	1,544	1.8%
09	85,827	(332)	-0.4%
10	84,186	(1,641)	-1.9%
11	87,072	2,886	3.4%



\*\*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.

### Gulf Coast\*\* 2010 Wages Released July 2011, next update August 2012\*

Std. Occ Code	Occupation	Average Wage	Employment
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	34.46	22,820
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	18.72	9,970
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	17.65	31,290
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	19.74	4,630
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School	12.34	9,270
47-2031	Carpenters	16.57	8,810
41-2011	Cashiers	9.12	63,410
17-2051	Civil Engineer	49.61	10,230
15-1051	Computer Systems Analyst	41.31	11,980
47-2061	Construction Laborers	12.05	29,590
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	10.41	8,590
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	9.08	17,480
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	14.77	48,520
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	13.35	4,770
47-2111	Electricians	22.11	13,360
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	22.72	25,820
47-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	29.41	16,690
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	26.31	29,120
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	19.66	24,140
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	9.85	9,090
11-9051	Food Service Managers	27.91	4,090
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	57.22	43,650
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	24.13	11,730
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	13.80	9,870
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	10.06	41,000
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	12.55	43,070
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	20.76	12,860
11-9081	Lodging Managers	26.89	270
51-4041	Machinists	18.91	12,580
49-9042	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	16.43	24,610
11-2021	Marketing Managers	63.81	2,660
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	11.00	20,260
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	14.18	60,730
29-1051	Pharmacists	51.30	5,600
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	22.46	8,960
33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	25.46	14,800
13-1023	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	30.12	7,010
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	12.58	15,320
29-1111	Registered Nurses	34.40	42,840
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	11.21	83,710
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	38.59	7,900
43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	14.77	36,780
33-9032	Security Guards	10.63	22,700
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	14.02	14,670
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	11.37	29,740
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	18.23	27,800
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	16.27	13,370
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	18.78	15,730

\*Data compiled by the Texas Workforce Commission, LMCI 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 Gulf Coast Region is defined as **Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton** Counties.