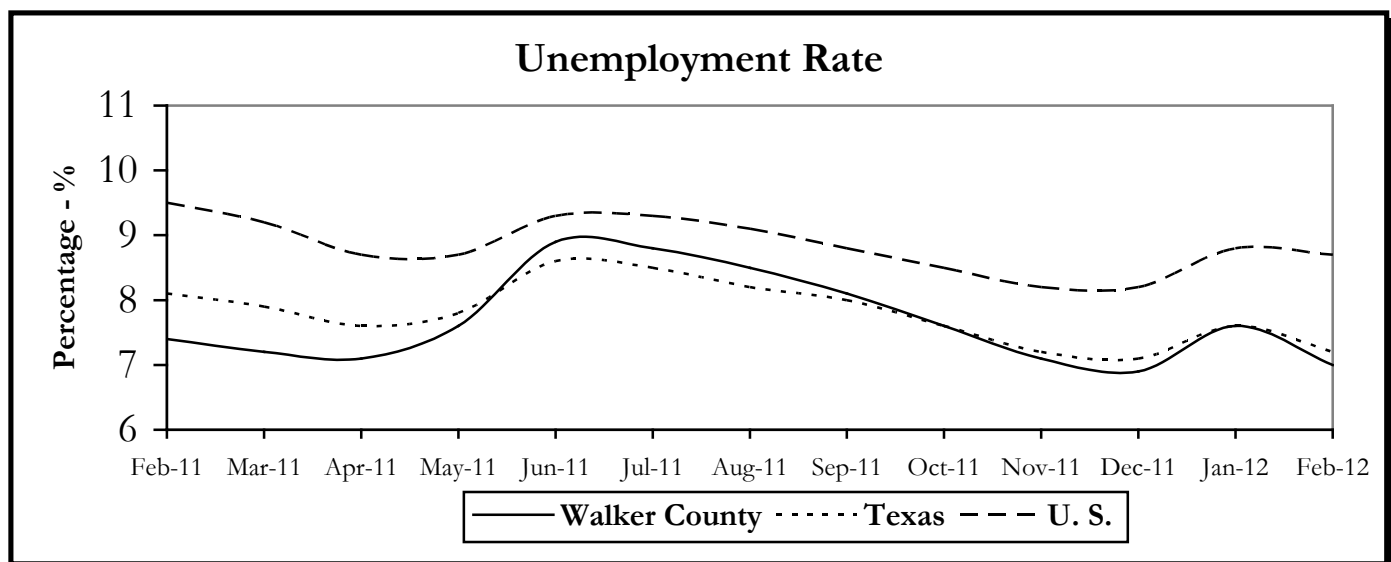


3rd Quarter 2011 Data

The rate of unemployment in Walker County dropped six-tenths of a percentage point to 7.0 percent in February 2012, down considerably from a peak of 8.9 percent in June 2011. The unemployment rate was lower than the state's 7.2 percent rate and the nation's 8.7 percent rate. Total covered employment in the county experienced a net loss of 84 jobs over third quarter 2011, down 0.4 percent. Declines in State and Local Government were primarily responsible for the loss. Job growth in the private sector was mixed, see page 2. Total covered employment in the county was down 120 jobs or 0.5 percent over the year. The decline was primarily due to a loss of 552 jobs in State Government, down 5.5 percent due to tighter budgets. Private sector growth was mixed but mostly positive with strongest gains found in Construction, up 119 jobs or 20.4 percent, Manufacturing, up 80 jobs or 9.6 percent, and Leisure & Hospitality, up 190 jobs or 10.2 percent. The only significant private sector loss was in Professional & Business Services, down 77 jobs or 8.1 percent. Unlike many other counties, losses in Local Government were minimal, down 28 jobs or 1.2 percent. See page 2 for additional data.

	FEB 2012	JAN 2012	FEB 2011
Civilian Labor Force	27,797	27,788	28,226
Total Employment	25,862	25,690	26,127
Unemployed	1,935	2,098	2,099
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.6%	7.4%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	7.2%	7.6%	8.1%
U.S.	8.7%	8.8%	9.5%



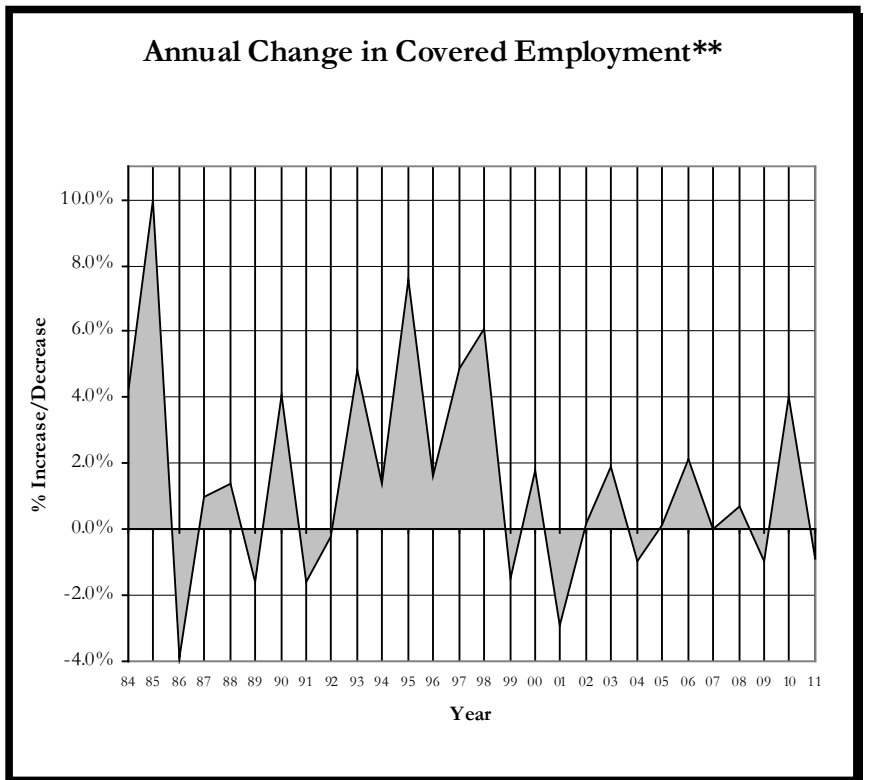
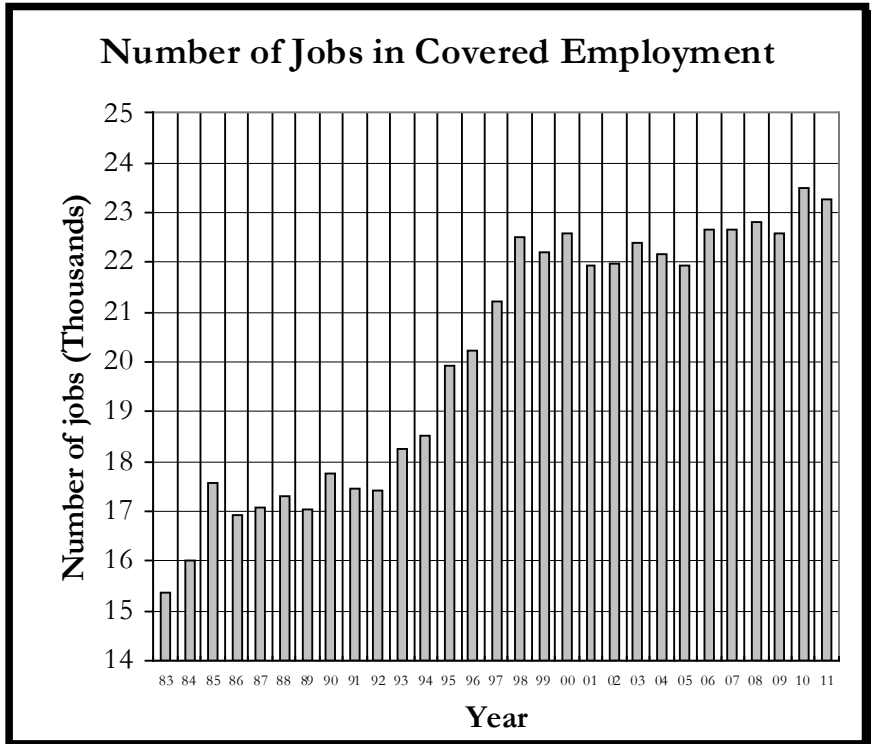
Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Source: Texas Workforce Commission in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. All Data Subject To Revision.

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	%	
Total Employment	22,890	22,974	23,010	-84	-0.4%	-120	-0.5%	\$640
Natural Resources & Mining	260	270	246	-10	-3.7%	14	5.7%	\$570
Construction	703	708	584	-5	-0.7%	119	20.4%	\$583
Manufacturing	914	907	834	7	0.8%	80	9.6%	\$901
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,788	2,726	2,774	62	2.3%	14	0.5%	\$498
Information	160	160	154	0	0.0%	6	3.9%	\$732
Financial Activities	604	581	588	23	4.0%	16	2.7%	\$678
Professional & Business Services	874	942	951	-68	-7.2%	-77	-8.1%	\$508
Education & Health Services	2,186	2,250	2,087	-64	-2.8%	99	4.7%	\$623
Leisure & Hospitality	2,047	1,889	1,857	158	8.4%	190	10.2%	\$219
Other Services	426	433	433	-7	-1.6%	-7	-1.6%	\$377
Nonclassifiable	7	1	2	na	na	na	na	na
Public Administration	11,916	12,102	12,495	-186	-1.5%	-579	-4.6%	\$732
Federal Government	145	142	144	3	2.1%	1	0.7%	\$1,019
State Government	9,528	9,667	10,080	-139	-1.4%	-552	-5.5%	\$759
Local Government	2,243	2,293	2,271	-50	-2.2%	-28	-1.2%	\$600

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

**Walker County 1983-2011
Covered Employment****

YEAR	JOB	+ / (-)	% +/-
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%



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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 and 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

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