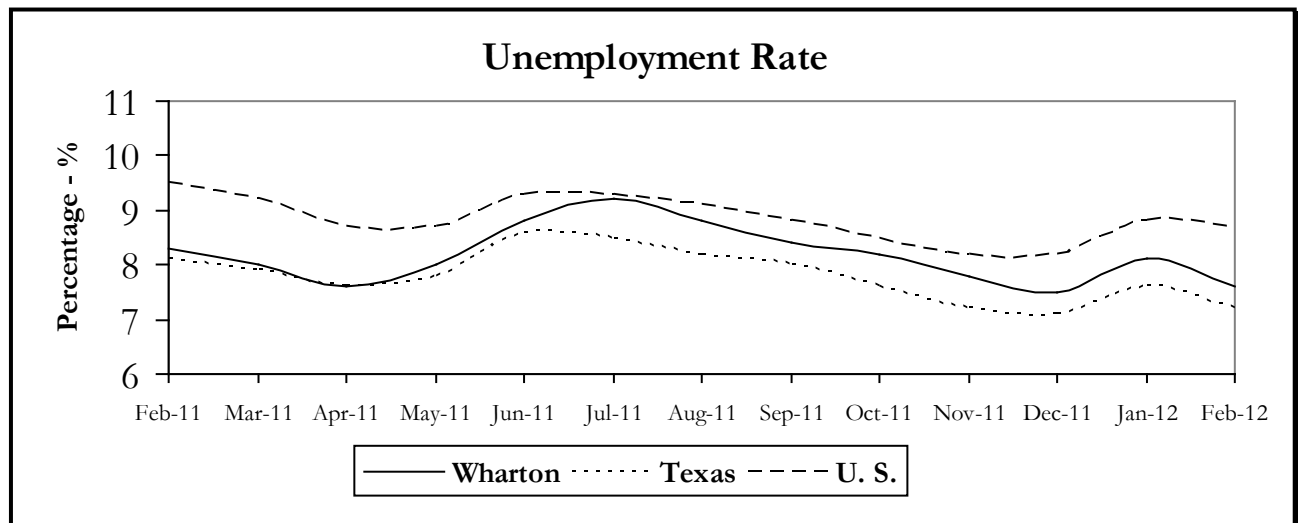


3rd Quarter 2011 Data

The rate of unemployment in Wharton County dropped five-tenths of a percentage point to 7.6 percent in February, down considerably from a peak of 9.2 percent in July 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 was down 211 jobs or 1.4 percent over third quarter 2011. Most of the loss was in Local Government, down 323 jobs or 10.9 percent. While a seasonal decline is expected for Local Government in the third quarter, the current loss was larger than normal due to budget shortfalls. In the private sector many major industry sectors managed to increase payrolls with the largest gain found in Manufacturing, up 75 jobs or 5.6 percent. Total covered employment in the county was up 111 jobs over the year with the rate of job growth falling from 1.8 percent in previous quarter to 0.8 percent. All of the increase was in the private sector with largest gains in Natural Resources & Mining, up 183 jobs or 8.0 percent, Manufacturing, up 55 jobs or 4.1 percent, and Leisure & Hospitality, up 68 jobs or 6.6 percent. A loss of 172 jobs in Local Government held job gains to a minimum. See page 2 for additional data.

	FEB 2012	JAN 2012	FEB 2011
Civilian Labor Force	21,305	21,374	21,443
Total Employment	19,683	19,650	19,654
Unemployed	1,622	1,724	1,789
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	8.1%	8.3%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	7.2%	7.6%	8.1%
U.S.	8.7%	8.8%	9.5%



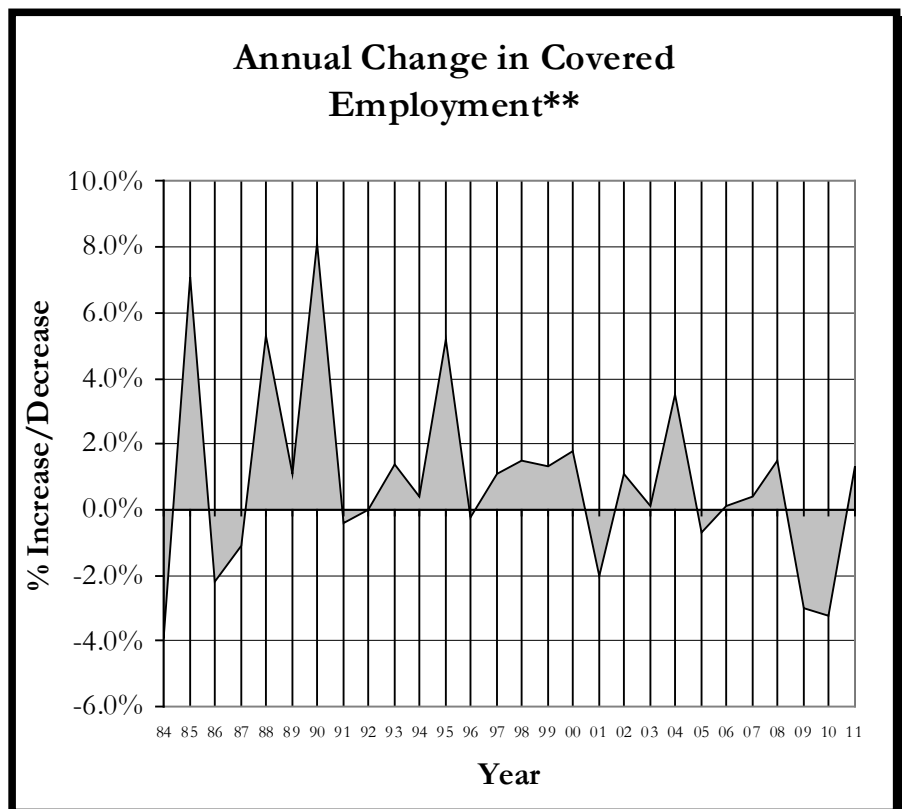
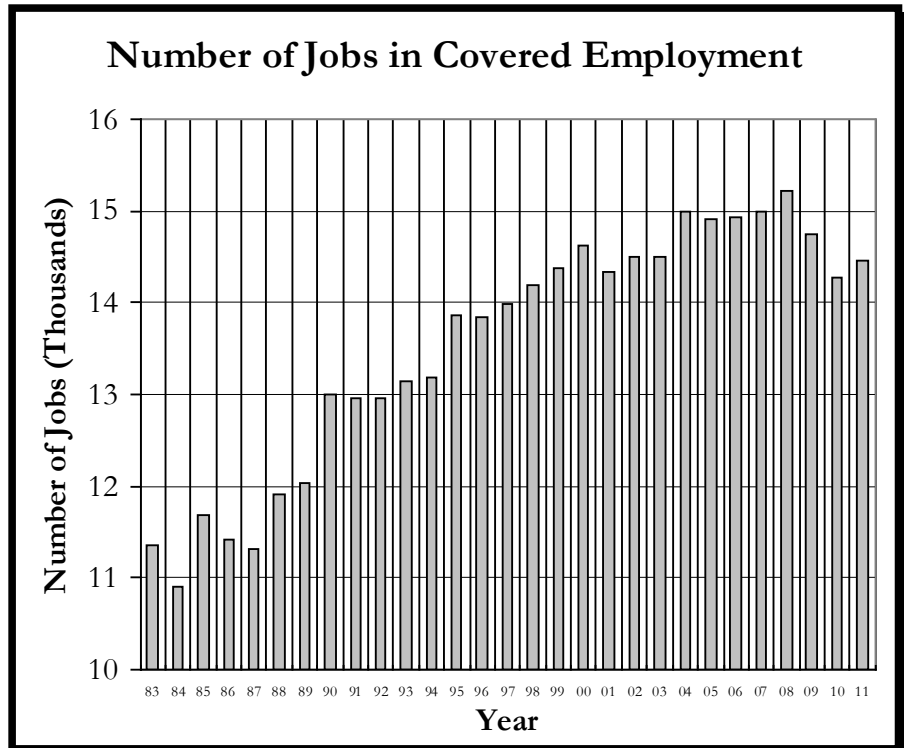
Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Source: Texas Workforce 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	14,578	14,789	14,467	-211	-1.4%	111	0.8%	\$618
Natural Resources & Mining	2,464	2,439	2,281	25	1.0%	183	8.0%	\$689
Construction	538	536	561	2	0.4%	-23	-4.1%	\$629
Manufacturing	1,408	1,333	1,353	75	5.6%	55	4.1%	\$697
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	3,253	3,244	3,251	9	0.3%	2	0.1%	\$640
Information	84	85	95	-1	-1.2%	-11	-11.6%	\$585
Financial Activities	701	690	669	11	1.6%	32	4.8%	\$978
Professional & Business Services	350	364	337	-14	-3.8%	13	3.9%	\$532
Education & Health Services	1,494	1,502	1,536	-8	-0.5%	-42	-2.7%	\$555
Leisure & Hospitality	1,092	1,076	1,024	16	1.5%	68	6.6%	\$236
Other Services	349	355	337	-6	-1.7%	12	3.6%	\$359
Nonclassifiable	19	11	12	8	72.7%	7	58.3%	\$277
Public Administration	2,823	3,148	3,007	-325	-10.3%	-184	-6.1%	\$629
Federal Government	90	91	93	-1	-1.1%	-3	-3.2%	\$845
State Government	100	101	109	-1	-1.0%	-9	-8.3%	\$847
Local Government	2,633	2,956	2,805	-323	-10.9%	-172	-6.1%	\$613

*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.

Wharton County 1983-2011 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%



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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 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

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