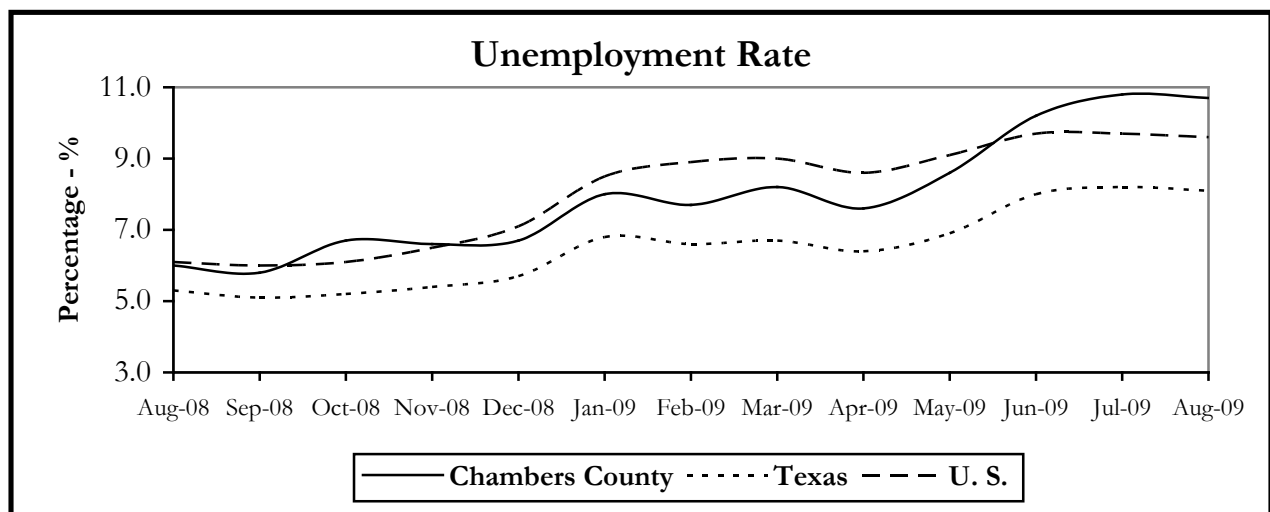
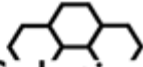


1st Quarter 2009 Data

The current rate of unemployment in Chambers County is 10.7 percent, 4.7 percent higher than one year ago. The unemployment rate remains higher than the state's 8.1 percent rate and higher than the nation's 9.6 percent rate. Total covered employment in the county lost 106 jobs over first quarter 2009, down -1.0 percent. The decline was largely due to a loss of 166 jobs in Construction, down -21.3 percent. Although several other sectors also lost jobs over the quarter, strong gains in Manufacturing and Leisure & Hospitality helped to minimize the losses. Over-the-year growth in the county plummeted in the first quarter with covered employment ending up basically unchanged 2008 following a mixture of ups and downs across the different sectors. Leisure & Hospitality experienced the largest increase, up 116 jobs or 13.9 percent. Manufacturing and Trade Transportation & Utilities rounded the top three job producers up 80 jobs and 64 jobs respectively. Most significant declines were in Natural Resources & Mining, down 102 jobs, and Education & Health Services, down 81 jobs.

	AUG 2009	JULY 2009	AUG 2008
Civilian Labor Force	14,741	14,874	14,340
Total Employment	13,171	13,267	13,476
Unemployed	1,570	1,607	864
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	10.8%	6.0%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	8.1%	8.2%	5.3%
U.S.	9.6%	9.7%	6.1%



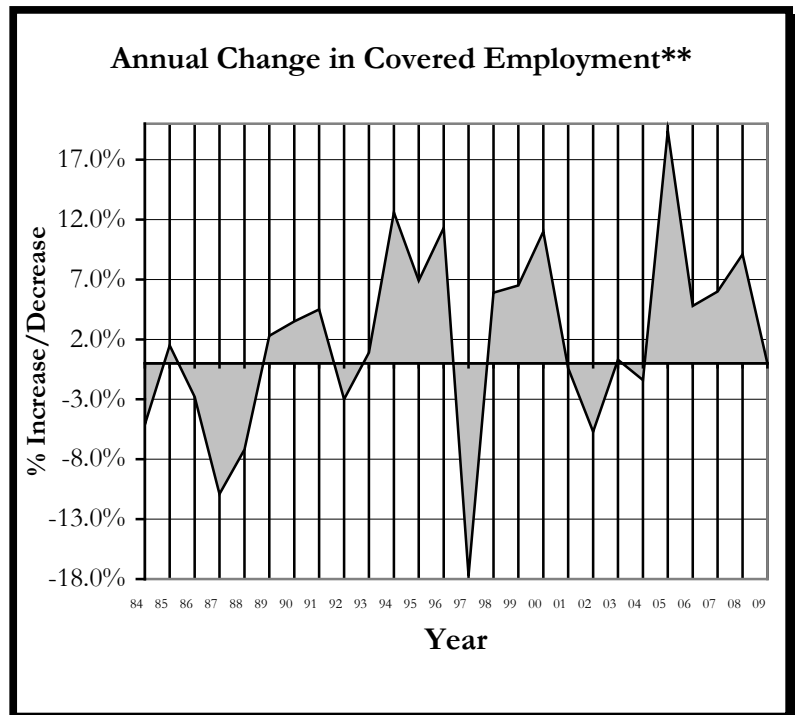
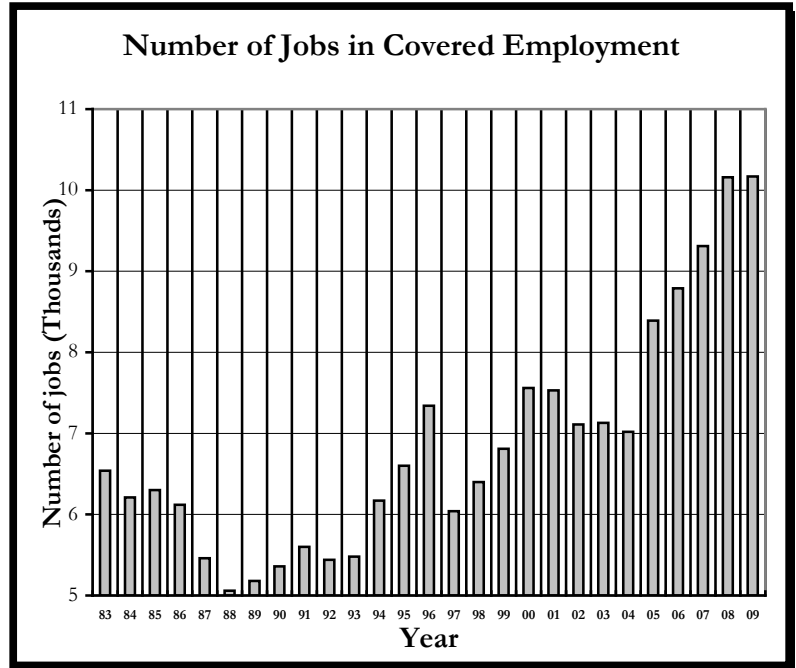


COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	1ST QTR 2009*	4TH QTR 2008*	1ST QTR 2008*	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	10,172	10,278	10,168	-106	-1.0%	4	0.0%	\$921
Natural Resources & Mining	461	500	563	-39	-7.8%	-102	-18.1%	\$1,441
Construction	612	778	637	-166	-21.3%	-25	-3.9%	\$829
Manufacturing	1,878	1,715	1,798	163	9.5%	80	4.4%	\$1,611
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,896	1,892	1,832	4	0.2%	64	3.5%	\$925
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Financial Activities	839	883	798	-44	-5.0%	41	5.1%	\$720
Professional & Business Services	857	907	905	-50	-5.5%	-48	-5.3%	\$959
Education & Health Services	398	414	479	-16	-3.9%	-81	-16.9%	\$478
Leisure & Hospitality	949	877	833	72	8.2%	116	13.9%	\$233
Other Services	386	426	432	-40	-9.4%	-46	-10.6%	\$692
Nonclassifiable	23	19	31	4	21.1%	-8	-25.8%	\$271
Public Administration	1,872	1,867	1,859	5	0.3%	13	0.7%	\$693
Federal Government	55	54	55	1	1.9%	0	0.0%	\$1,019
State Government	44	47	48	-3	-6.4%	-4	-8.3%	\$820
Local Government	1,773	1,766	1,756	7	0.4%	17	1.0%	\$680

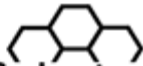
*When one employer comprises 80% or more of the employment for an industry group in a county, or there are fewer than three employers for an industry group in a county, a dash (---) is shown and the employment for that industry is included in Nonclassified as to not reveal information about individual establishments. Wages compiled from 1st quarter 2009 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.

**Chambers County 1983-2009
Covered Employment****

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	6,545		
84	6,210	(335)	-5.1%
85	6,302	92	1.5%
86	6,124	(178)	-2.8%
87	5,456	(668)	-10.9%
88	5,063	(393)	-7.2%
89	5,181	118	2.3%
90	5,361	180	3.5%
91	5,603	242	4.5%
92	5,436	(167)	-3.0%
93	5,483	47	0.9%
94	6,173	690	12.6%
95	6,596	423	6.9%
96	7,344	748	11.3%
97	6,043	(1,301)	-17.7%
98	6,400	357	5.9%
99	6,813	413	6.5%
00	7,561	748	11.0%
01	7,534	(27)	-0.4%
02	7,107	(427)	-5.7%
03	7,126	19	0.3%
04	7,024	(102)	-1.4%
05	8,389	1,365	19.4%
06	8,791	402	4.8%
07	9,316	525	6.0%
08	10,168	852	9.1%
09	10,172	4	0.0%



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Workforce Solutions

Labor Market Information

Chambers County

Gulf Coast** 2008 Wages Released July 2009, next update August 2010*

Std. Occ. Code	Occupation	Average Wage	Employment
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	32.65	24,450
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	18.98	10,570
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	16.35	33,340
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	17.88	5,300
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School	10.68	9,770
47-2031	Carpenters	15.86	11,020
41-2011	Cashiers	6.72	60,570
17-2051	Civil Engineer	46.56	13,970
15-1051	Computer Systems Analyst	37.35	11,330
47-2061	Construction Laborers	11.16	36,170
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	10.13	4,130
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	9.07	19,270
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	14.39	53,710
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	12.60	4,330
47-2111	Electricians	20.04	15,690
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	20.43	39,360
47-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	27.70	16,490
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	24.86	30,560
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	19.92	22,340
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	8.78	6,610
11-9051	Food Service Managers	27.42	3,490
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	56.26	42,870
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	21.35	10,170
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	13.24	11,760
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	8.94	42,820
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	10.71	42,370
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	19.51	12,730
11-9081	Lodging Managers	29.58	540
51-4041	Machinists	17.07	14,870
49-9042	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	14.67	25,420
11-2021	Marketing Managers	61.20	2,420
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	10.44	19,690
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	12.07	49,670
29-1051	Pharmacists	49.26	5,300
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	21.50	10,420
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	24.69	13,470
13-1023	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	27.18	7,010
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	11.89	18,580
29-1111	Registered Nurses	31.57	42,010
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	11.50	81,690
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	37.30	6,810
43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	13.47	47,060
33-9032	Security Guards	11.63	22,340
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	13.34	15,810
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	11.14	32,850
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	17.16	30,160
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	14.67	17,360
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	18.01	19,300

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