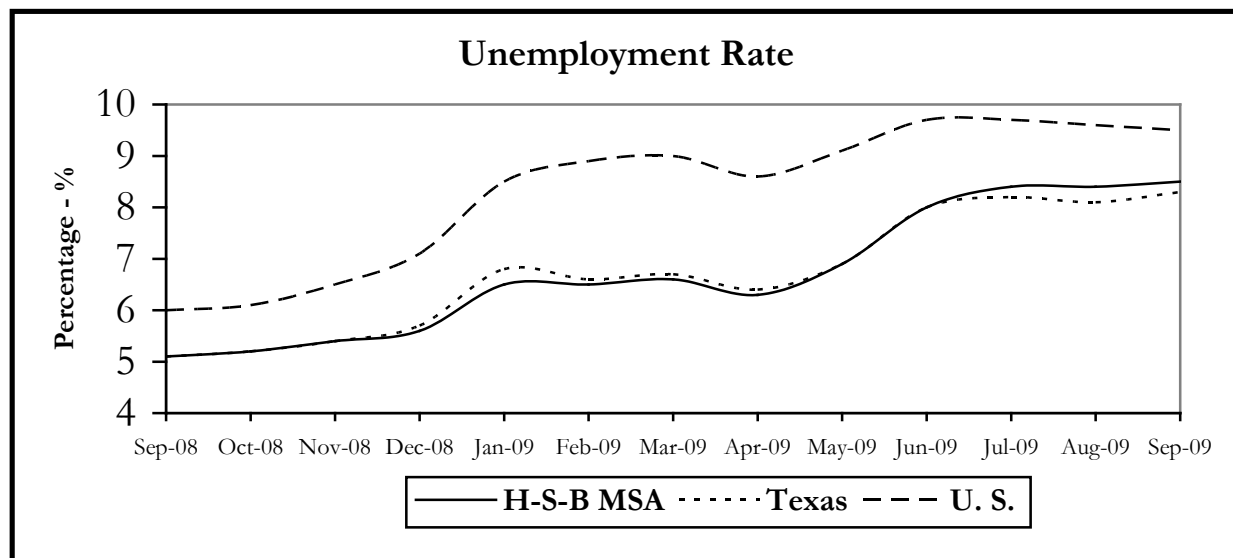


September 2009 Data

Unemployment in the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area (H-S-B MSA) increased by 0.1 percent in September to 8.5 percent. The rate continues to rise in contrast to the nation's unemployment rate which has begun to decline over the past two months. During times of boom or bust, our local economy typically lags the national and global scene because of ties to the energy. The rate of over-the-year job losses in the H-S-B MSA dropped to -3.0 percent in September compared to a -3.9 percent loss one month earlier. At first glance this appears to be a major improvement, but most if not all of the decline in the rate of job loss was due to the effect of Hurricane Ike on employment, making landfall September 13th, last September. Most major sectors are experiencing over-the-year loss excluding Education & Health Services, Leisure & Health Services, and Government, see page 2. The increase of 6,200 jobs in September was a result of seasonal gains in Local Government as educational institutions geared up for the new school year. Return to sustained job growth will not likely happen until a broad economic recovery takes hold. For more detailed job growth information see the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Industry Comments report located at www.wrksolutions.com.

	SEP 2009	AUG 2009	SEP 2008
Civilian Labor Force	2,834,457	2,831,046	2,785,984
Total Employment	2,592,979	2,594,161	2,644,387
Unemployed	241,478	236,885	141,597
Unemployment Rate	8.5%	8.4%	5.1%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	8.3%	8.1%	5.1%
U.S.	9.5%	9.6%	6.0%



The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown MSA includes the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto and Waller. 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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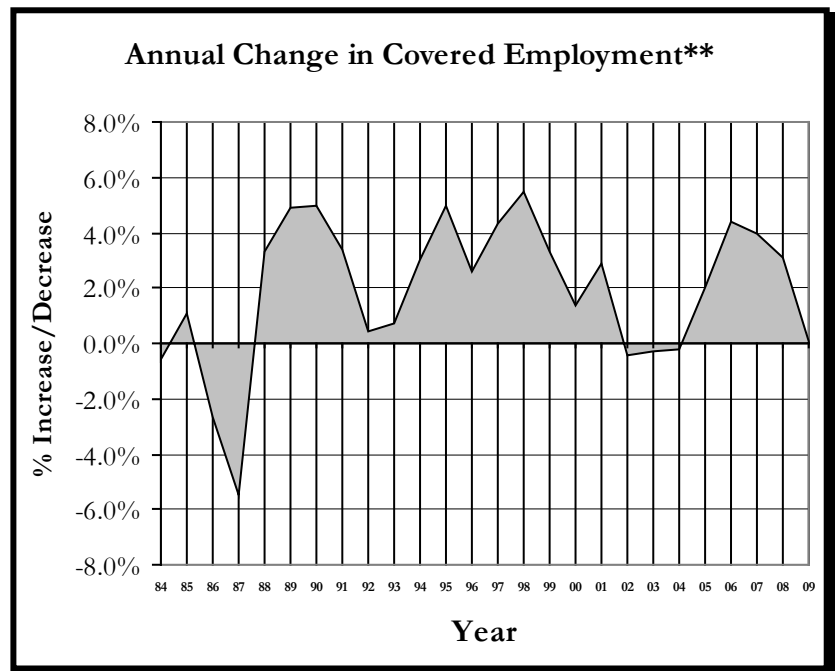
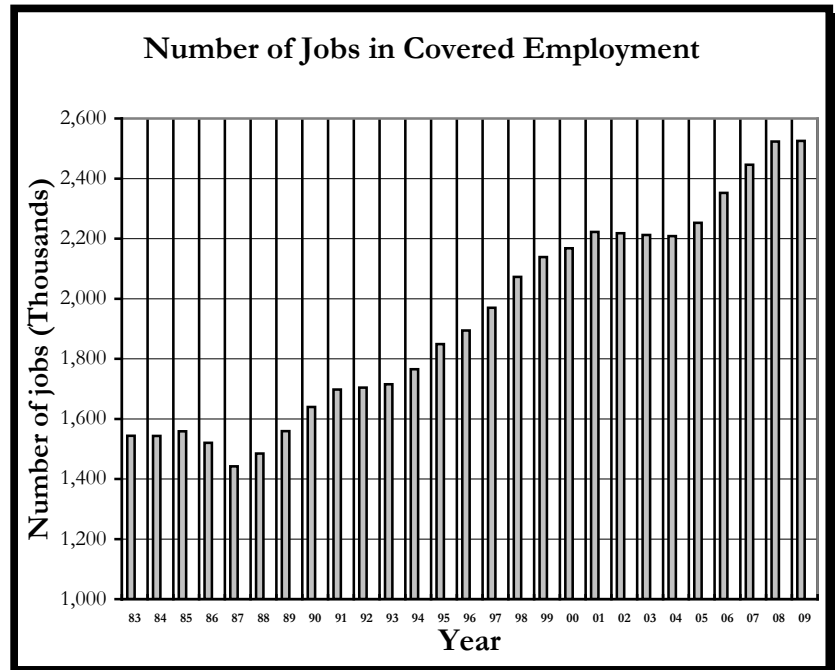
NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs					Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	SEP 2009	AUG 2009	SEP 2008	Monthly Chg Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	2,516,600	2,510,400	2,593,300	6,200	0.2%	-76,700	-3.0%	\$1,081
Mining and Logging	90,100	90,000	91,700	100	0.1%	-1,600	-1.7%	\$3,249
Construction	183,400	183,600	202,800	-200	-0.1%	-19,400	-9.6%	\$1,107
Manufacturing	226,100	227,000	242,300	-900	-0.4%	-16,200	-6.7%	\$1,414
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	498,200	504,100	530,200	-5,900	-1.2%	-32,000	-6.0%	\$956
Information	34,400	34,500	35,900	-100	-0.3%	-1,500	-4.2%	\$1,277
Financial Activities	141,800	141,700	143,100	100	0.1%	-1,300	-0.9%	\$1,440
Professional & Business Services	365,000	367,000	380,500	-2,000	-0.5%	-15,500	-4.1%	\$1,278
Education & Health Services	294,300	293,200	287,200	1,100	0.4%	7,100	2.5%	\$824
Leisure & Hospitality	233,600	237,800	229,300	-4,200	-1.8%	4,300	1.9%	\$355
Other Services	88,900	89,300	90,700	-400	-0.4%	-1,800	-2.0%	\$607
Government	360,800	342,200	359,600	18,600	5.4%	1,200	0.3%	\$866
Federal Government	29,000	29,100	29,100	-100	-0.3%	-100	-0.3%	\$1,384
State Government	72,100	70,200	71,600	1,900	2.7%	500	0.7%	\$1,034
Local Government	259,700	242,900	258,900	16,800	6.9%	800	0.3%	\$770

*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

H-S-B MSA 1983-2009 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+/(-)	% +/-
83	1,543,942		
84	1,543,149	(793)	-0.1%
85	1,558,567	15,418	1.0%
86	1,520,335	(38,232)	-2.5%
87	1,442,092	(78,243)	-5.1%
88	1,484,857	42,765	3.0%
89	1,559,345	74,488	5.0%
90	1,639,774	80,429	5.2%
91	1,697,524	57,750	3.5%
92	1,703,986	6,462	0.4%
93	1,715,577	11,591	0.7%
94	1,765,565	49,988	2.9%
95	1,848,950	83,385	4.7%
96	1,894,137	45,187	2.4%
97	1,969,700	75,563	4.0%
98	2,072,673	102,973	5.2%
99	2,138,591	65,918	3.2%
00	2,168,217	29,626	1.4%
01	2,222,119	53,902	2.5%
02	2,217,849	(4,270)	-0.2%
03	2,212,206	(5,643)	-0.3%
04	2,208,703	(3,503)	-0.2%
05	2,252,685	43,982	2.0%
06	2,352,291	99,606	4.4%
07	2,446,228	93,937	4.0%
08	2,523,139	76,911	3.1%
09	2,525,360	2,221	0.1%



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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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