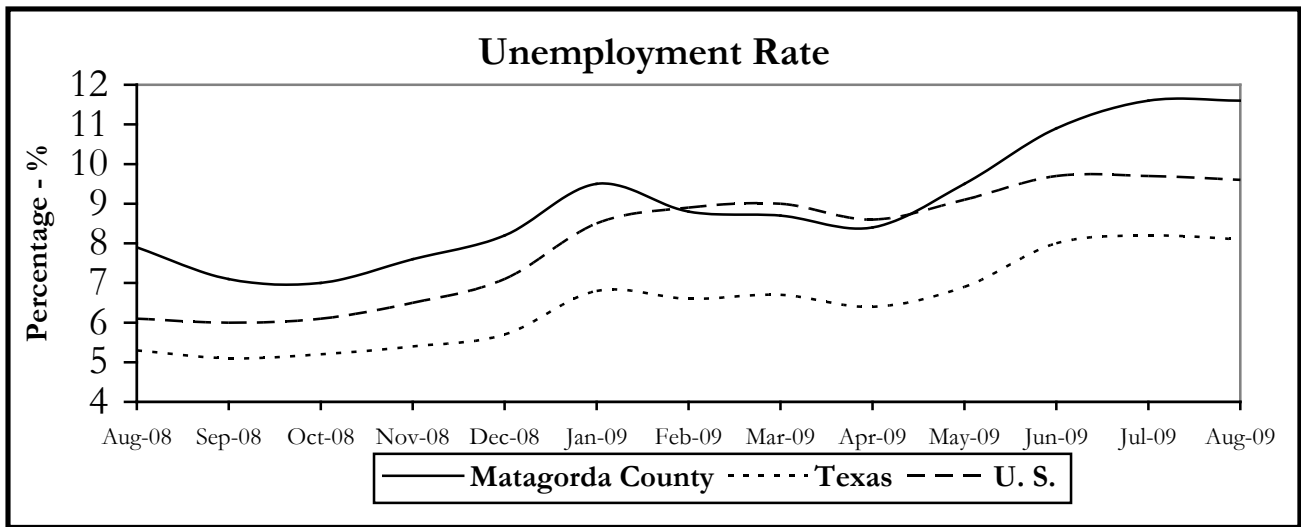


1st Quarter 2009 Data

The current rate of unemployment in Matagorda County is 11.6 percent, 3.7 percentage points higher than one year ago. The unemployment rate is higher than the state's 8.1 percent rate and the nation's 9.6 percent rate. Total covered employment in the county was down 285 jobs or -2.6 percent over first quarter 2009. Construction suffered the largest loss, down 172 jobs or -33.5 percent. Additional first quarter losses are found in Natural Resources & Mining, Manufacturing, and Other Services, each suffering more than an eleven percent loss. Professional and Business Services, Local Government, and Education & Health Services managed job gains to help minimize losses. The county added 106 jobs over the year, up 1.0 percent from first quarter 2008, with employment remaining relatively unchanged over the past three years, see page 3. An increase of 131 jobs, up 23.9 percent, in Professional & Business Services made job gains possible. The only other significant over-the-year increase was in Local Government, up 72 jobs or 3.1 percent. Several super sectors experienced losses with Natural Resources & Mining and Leisure & Hospitality being most adversely affected, see page 2.

	AUG 2009	JULY 2009	AUG 2008
Civilian Labor Force	17,977	18,022	17,021
Total Employment	15,893	15,925	15,670
Unemployed	2,084	2,097	1,351
Unemployment Rate	11.6%	11.6%	7.9%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	8.1%	8.2%	5.3%
U.S.	9.6%	9.7%	6.1%



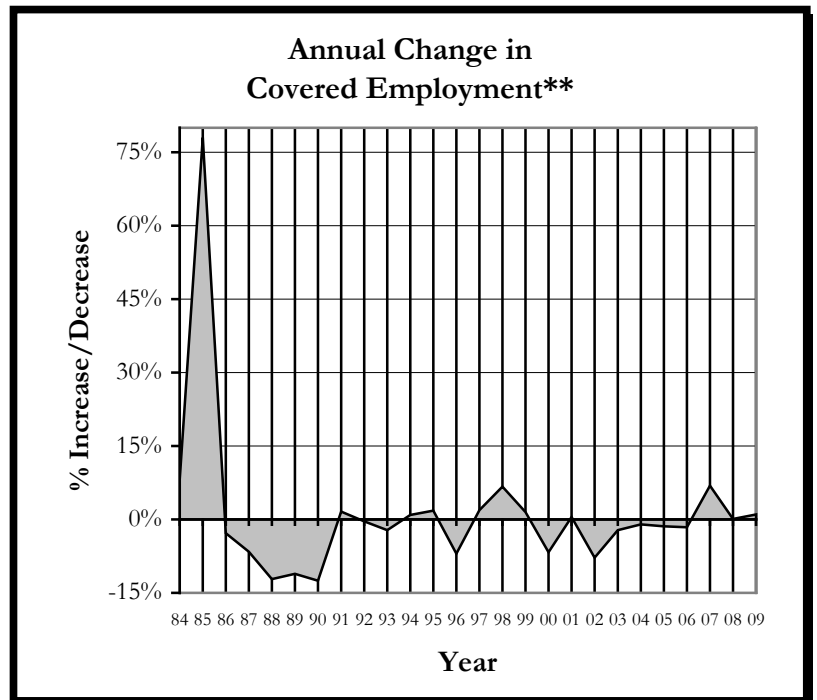
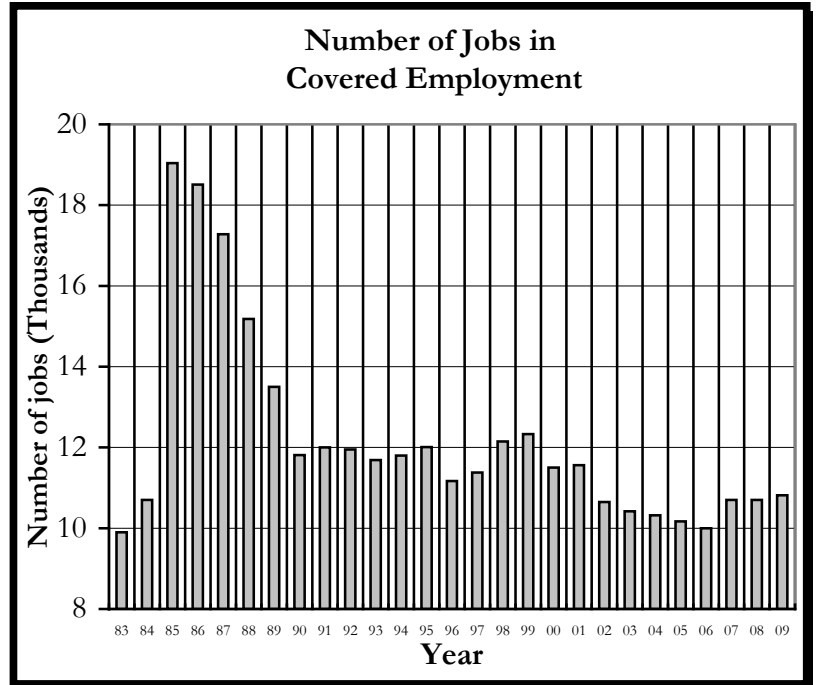
Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Source: Texas Workforce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

COVERED EMPLOYMENT	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	1ST QTR 2009	4TH QTR 2008	1ST QTR 2008	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	10,815	11,100	10,709	-285	-2.6%	106	1.0%	\$862
Natural Resources & Mining	685	773	724	-88	-11.4%	-39	-5.4%	\$637
Construction	341	513	356	-172	-33.5%	-15	-4.2%	\$759
Manufacturing	445	504	461	-59	-11.7%	-16	-3.5%	\$1,211
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	3,137	3,214	3,104	-77	-2.4%	33	1.1%	\$1,459
Information	75	70	66	5	7.1%	9	13.6%	\$596
Financial Activities	409	408	422	1	0.2%	-13	-3.1%	\$731
Professional & Business Services	678	587	547	91	15.5%	131	23.9%	\$889
Education & Health Services	942	917	938	25	2.7%	4	0.4%	\$490
Leisure & Hospitality	1,092	1,092	1,152	0	0.0%	-60	-5.2%	\$235
Other Services	409	463	411	-54	-11.7%	-2	-0.5%	\$633
Nonclassifiable	9	2	0	7	NA	9	na	\$260
Public Administration	2,593	2,556	2,527	37	1.4%	66	2.6%	\$613
Federal Government	94	93	91	1	1.1%	3	3.3%	\$870
State Government	111	117	120	-6	-5.1%	-9	-7.5%	\$722
Local Government	2,388	2,346	2,316	42	1.8%	72	3.1%	\$598

*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.

Matagorda County 1983-2009 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+/(-)	% +/-
83	9,889		
84	10,696	807	8.2%
85	19,040	8,344	78.0%
86	18,506	(534)	-2.8%
87	17,283	(1,223)	-6.6%
88	15,183	(2,100)	-12.2%
89	13,499	(1,684)	-11.1%
90	11,806	(1,693)	-12.5%
91	12,000	194	1.6%
92	11,952	(48)	-0.4%
93	11,692	(260)	-2.2%
94	11,798	106	0.9%
95	12,008	210	1.8%
96	11,172	(836)	-7.0%
97	11,384	212	1.9%
98	12,151	767	6.7%
99	12,332	181	1.5%
00	11,500	(832)	-6.7%
01	11,557	57	0.5%
02	10,652	(905)	-7.8%
03	10,420	(232)	-2.2%
04	10,318	(102)	-1.0%
05	10,170	(148)	-1.4%
06	10,007	(163)	-1.6%
07	10,696	689	6.9%
08	10,709	13	0.1%
09	10,815	106	1.0%



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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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