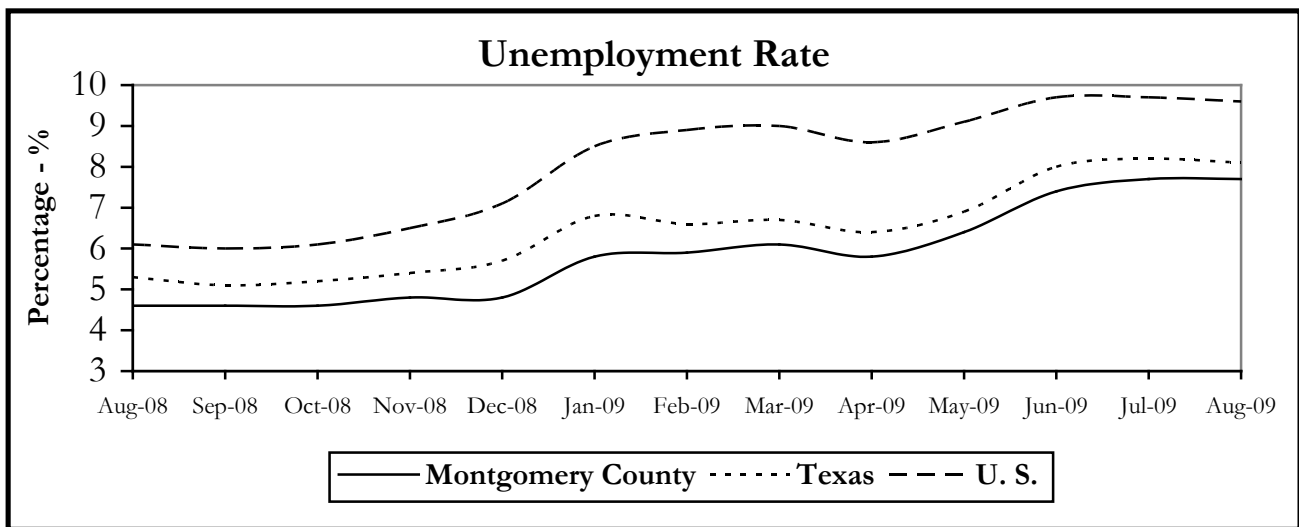


## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009 Data

The current rate of unemployment in Montgomery County is 7.7 percent, 3.1 percentage points higher than one year earlier. The unemployment rate remains lower than the state's 8.1 percent rate and nation's 9.6 percent rate. The county is suffering rippling effects from the current recession that resulted in a first quarter loss, down 2,009 jobs or -1.6 percent. Trade Transportation & Utilities suffered the largest decline, down 1,051 jobs or -3.8 percent, followed by a loss of 426 jobs in Local Government, down -2.0 percent, see page 2. The rate of over-the-year job growth continued to plummet as well, up 1.9 percent or 2,421 jobs from first quarter 2008 compared to a 6.0 percent growth rate one year earlier, see page 3. The Largest job increases were in Education & Health Services, up 980 jobs or 8.3 percent, and Local Government, up 499 jobs or 2.4 percent. Although there were no large job losses to report, most super sectors experienced reduced job growth as compared to prior years.

	AUG 2009	JULY 2009	AUG 2008
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	211,125	212,641	209,021
<b>Total Employment</b>	194,857	196,281	199,365
<b>Unemployed</b>	16,268	16,360	9,656
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	7.7%	7.7%	4.6%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	8.1%	8.2%	5.3%
<b>U.S.</b>	9.6%	9.7%	6.1%



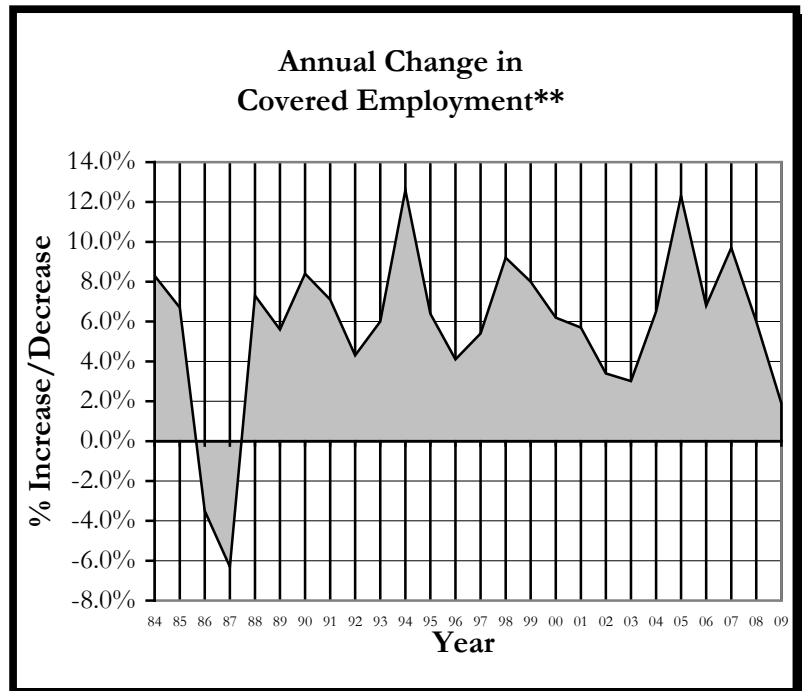
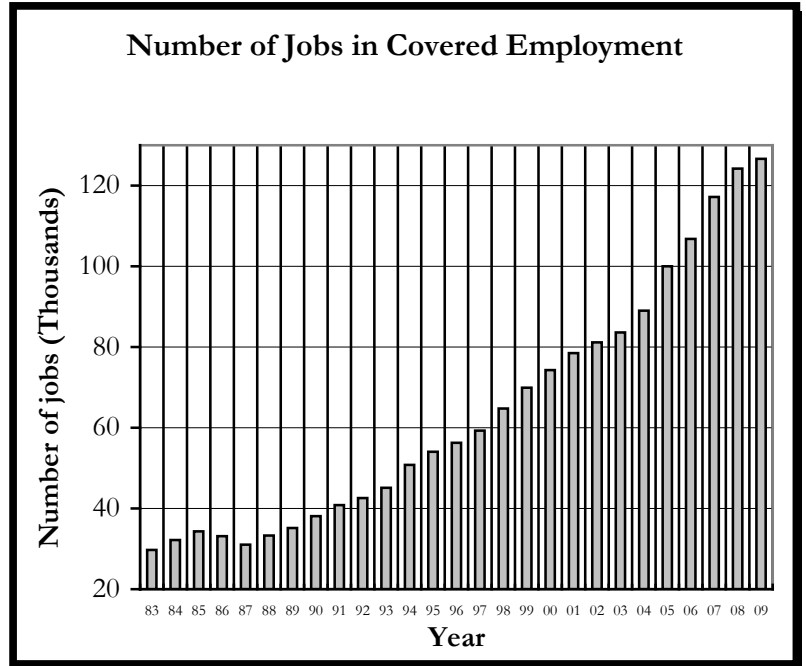
Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Source: Texas Workforce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

COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	1ST QTR 2009	4TH QTR 2008	1ST QTR 2008	Actual	%	Actual	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	126,631	128,640	124,210	-2,009	-1.6%	2,421	1.9%	\$797
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	3,543	3,590	3,409	-47	-1.3%	134	3.9%	\$2,144
<b>Construction</b>	9,736	9,662	9,583	74	0.8%	153	1.6%	\$991
<b>Manufacturing</b>	9,652	9,978	9,534	-326	-3.3%	118	1.2%	\$1,211
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	26,860	27,911	26,921	-1,051	-3.8%	-61	-0.2%	\$677
<b>Information</b>	924	893	943	31	3.5%	-19	-2.0%	\$1,134
<b>Financial Activities</b>	5,657	5,670	5,552	-13	-0.2%	105	1.9%	\$1,065
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	14,669	15,019	14,653	-350	-2.3%	16	0.1%	\$970
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	12,774	12,603	11,794	171	1.4%	980	8.3%	\$788
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	15,768	15,999	15,462	-231	-1.4%	306	2.0%	\$334
<b>Other Services</b>	4,782	4,617	4,581	165	3.6%	201	4.4%	\$520
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	94	66	111	28	42.4%	-17	-15.3%	\$726
<b>Public Administration</b>	22,172	22,631	21,667	-459	-2.0%	505	2.3%	\$661
<b>Federal Government</b>	731	754	712	-23	-3.1%	19	2.7%	\$1,014
<b>State Government</b>	437	447	450	-10	-2.2%	-13	-2.9%	\$800
<b>Local Government</b>	21,004	21,430	20,505	-426	-2.0%	499	2.4%	\$646

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

## Montgomery County 1983-2009 Covered Employment\*\*

YEAR	JOBS	+/(-)	% +/-
83	29,735		
84	32,193	2,458	8.3%
85	34,334	2,141	6.7%
86	33,117	(1,217)	-3.5%
87	31,030	(2,087)	-6.3%
88	33,280	2,250	7.3%
89	35,145	1,865	5.6%
90	38,111	2,966	8.4%
91	40,829	2,718	7.1%
92	42,566	1,737	4.3%
93	45,121	2,555	6.0%
94	50,812	5,691	12.6%
95	54,048	3,236	6.4%
96	56,264	2,216	4.1%
97	59,278	3,014	5.4%
98	64,752	5,474	9.2%
99	69,938	5,186	8.0%
00	74,276	4,338	6.2%
01	78,475	4,199	5.7%
02	81,168	2,693	3.4%
03	83,613	2,445	3.0%
04	89,019	5,406	6.5%
05	99,994	10,975	12.3%
06	106,787	6,793	6.8%
07	117,189	10,402	9.7%
08	124,210	7,021	6.0%
09	126,631	2,421	1.9%



\*\*Data Compiled from 1<sup>st</sup> quarter contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. For more information on your particular industry, please call 832/681-2535. 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.

## 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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