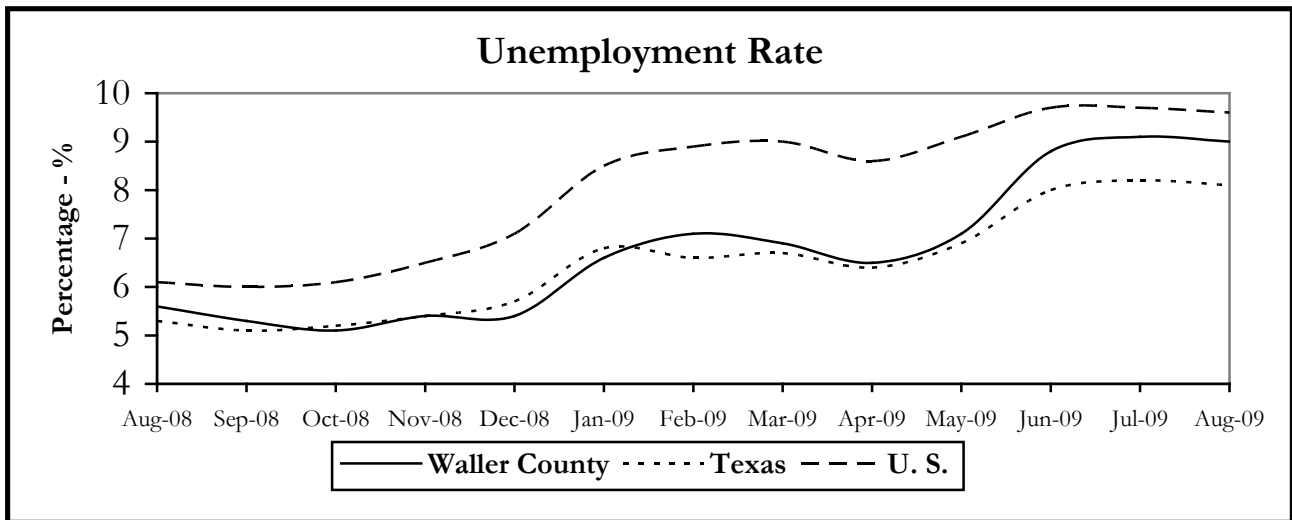


1st Quarter 2009 Data

The current rate of unemployment in Waller County is 9.0 percent, 3.4 percent higher than it was one year ago. The unemployment rate is higher than the state's 8.1 percent rate and lower than the nation's 9.6 percent rate. Total covered employment in the county added 234 jobs over first quarter 2009, up 1.7 percent. First quarter gains were primarily due to additions in Construction, up 307 jobs or 39.7 percent, and State Government, up 265 jobs or 13.2 percent. Several super sectors experienced first quarter job losses with the largest found in Manufacturing, down 114 jobs or -3.5 percent, and Trade Transportation & Utilities, down 139 jobs or -5.2 percent. The county added 587 jobs over the year, up 4.4 percent. The increase was primarily due to an addition of 466 jobs in State Government, up 25.8 percent, and 95 jobs in Leisure & Hospitality, up 11.7 percent. Several super sectors incurred losses with the largest in Manufacturing, down 112 jobs or -3.5 percent, and Trade Transportation & Utilities, down 147 jobs or -5.5 percent. See additional detail on page 2.

	AUG 2009	JULY 2009	AUG 2008
Civilian Labor Force	16,810	16,965	16,593
Total Employment	15,302	15,414	15,656
Unemployed	1,508	1,551	937
Unemployment Rate	9.0%	9.1%	5.6%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	8.1%	8.2%	5.3%
U.S.	9.6%	9.7%	6.1%



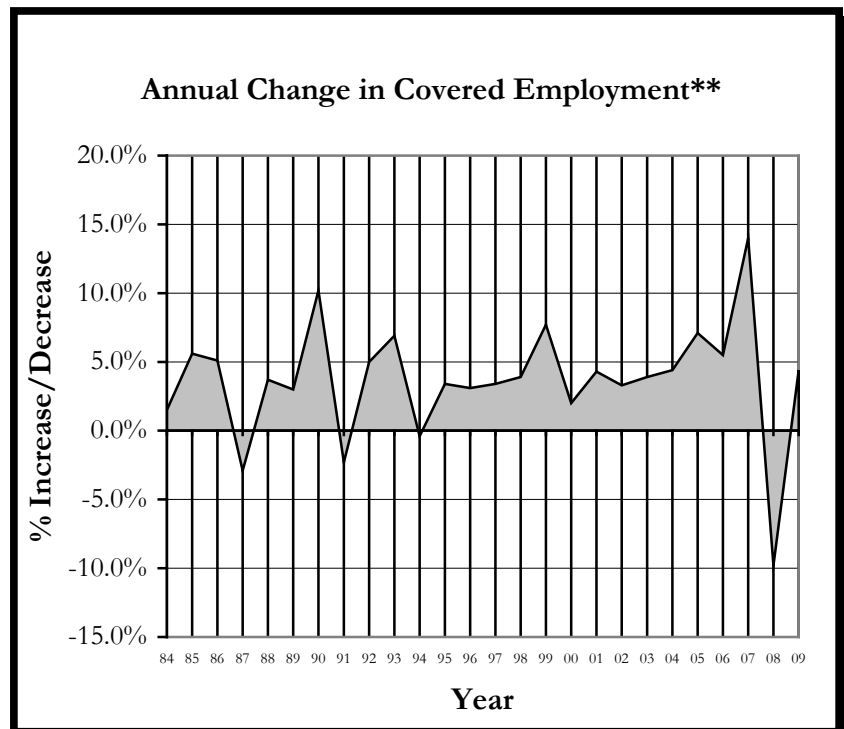
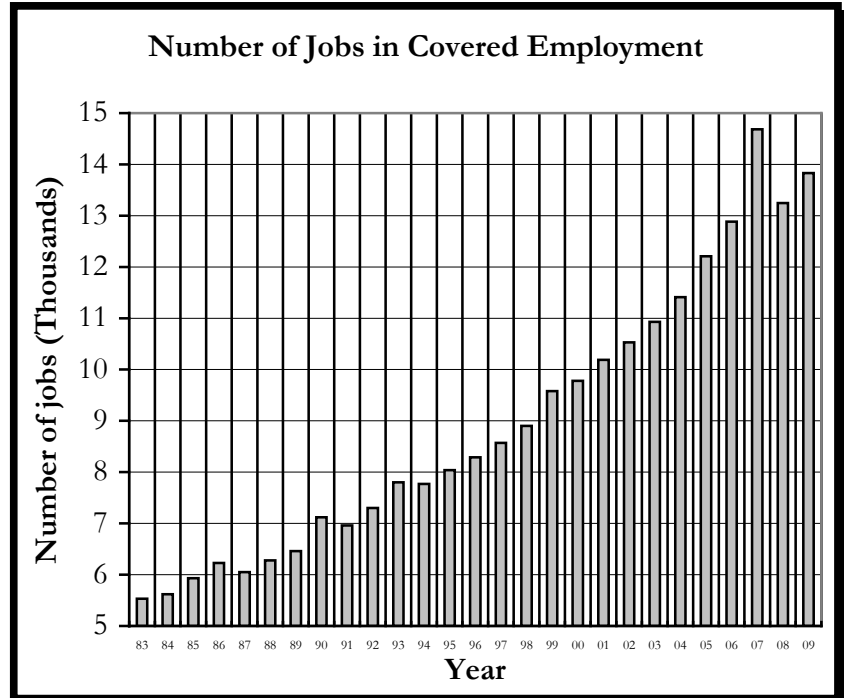
Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Source: Texas Workforce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

COVERED EMPLOYMENT 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	13,832	13,598	13,245	234	1.7%	587	4.4%	\$748
Natural Resources & Mining	234	364	271	-130	-35.7%	-37	-13.7%	\$722
Construction	1,081	774	833	307	39.7%	248	29.8%	\$785
Manufacturing	3,101	3,215	3,213	-114	-3.5%	-112	-3.5%	\$988
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,513	2,652	2,660	-139	-5.2%	-147	-5.5%	\$850
Information	28	28	29	0	0.0%	-1	-3.4%	\$794
Financial Activities	264	242	223	22	9.1%	41	18.4%	\$586
Professional & Business Services	553	593	567	-40	-6.7%	-14	-2.5%	\$1,134
Education & Health Services	910	923	874	-13	-1.4%	36	4.1%	\$379
Leisure & Hospitality	905	836	810	69	8.3%	95	11.7%	\$261
Other Services	134	137	133	-3	-2.2%	1	0.8%	\$443
Nonclassifiable	10	4	30	6	150.0%	-20	-66.7%	na
Public Administration	4,098	3,828	3,601	270	7.1%	497	13.8%	\$653
Federal Government	60	57	62	3	5.3%	-2	-3.2%	\$806
State Government	2,269	2,004	1,803	265	13.2%	466	25.8%	\$621
Local Government	1,769	1,767	1,736	2	0.1%	33	1.9%	\$689

*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.

Waller County 1983-2009 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+/(-)	% +/-
83	5,531		
84	5,615	84	1.5%
85	5,928	313	5.6%
86	6,231	303	5.1%
87	6,050	(181)	-2.9%
88	6,275	225	3.7%
89	6,463	188	3.0%
90	7,123	660	10.2%
91	6,957	(166)	-2.3%
92	7,302	345	5.0%
93	7,803	501	6.9%
94	7,771	(32)	-0.4%
95	8,037	266	3.4%
96	8,287	250	3.1%
97	8,565	278	3.4%
98	8,900	335	3.9%
99	9,584	684	7.7%
00	9,777	193	2.0%
01	10,194	417	4.3%
02	10,527	333	3.3%
03	10,928	401	3.8%
04	11,406	478	4.4%
05	12,217	811	7.1%
06	12,884	667	5.5%
07	14,684	1,800	14.0%
08	13,245	(1,439)	-9.8%
09	13,832	587	4.4%



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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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