

# Wharton County Profile

**Wharton County** is located in East Central Texas and is one of 13 counties in the Gulf Coast Workforce Development Area. Wharton County's 2007 population is estimated to be 40,791. Wharton is the county seat. Other towns include El Campo and East Bernard. The Trade, Services, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Local Government and Manufacturing Sectors fuel county employment. Wharton County is one of the leading rice-producing counties in Texas. The average unemployment rate in Wharton County for 2008 was 4.5 percent.

## Per Capita Personal Income (2007)

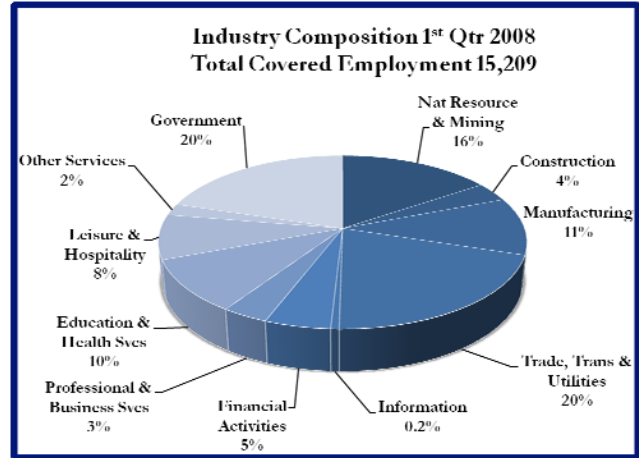
\$29,861 ranking 105<sup>th</sup> in the State and was 81 percent of the State average, \$37,083. The annual growth rate over the past 10 years was 4.2 percent as compared to 4.6 percent for the State and 4.3 percent for the nation.

## Total Personal Income (2007)

\$1,216,262,000 ranking 68<sup>th</sup> in the State with an annual growth rate of 4.2 percent as compared to 6.6 percent for the State and 5.4 percent for the nation.

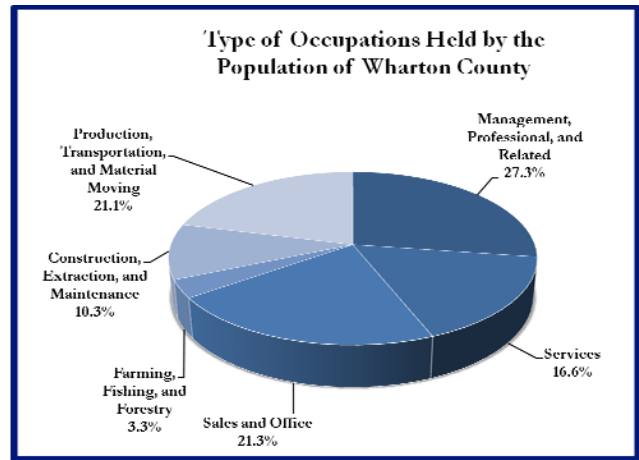
## Median Household Income (2007)

\$40,185



## Major Employers

Cardell Cabinets  
El Campo ISD  
Greenleaf Nursery Co Inc  
Leedo Manufacturing Company Inc  
Nan Ya Plastics Corp  
Signature Gulf Coast Hospital  
Texas Home Health of America Inc  
Wal-Mart  
Wharton County Junior College  
Wharton ISD



## Size Class of Employers (2006)

Employees per Firm	Number of Firms
Total	935
1-19	808
20-99	109
100-499	18
>499	0

*Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Texas Workforce Commission*

*\*Hispanic Persons are of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or South American or some other Spanish Origin.*

## Race Statistics of the Population (2000)

	Population
Total	41,188
White	28,423
Black or African American	6,159
American Indian and Alaska Native	153
Asian	129
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	26
Some Other Race	5,621
<u>Two or More Races</u>	<u>677</u>
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)*	12,888

## Race and Population 2007 Estimate

Total	40,791
White	83.6%
Black or African American	14.7%
Hispanic	35.3%
Asian	0.6%