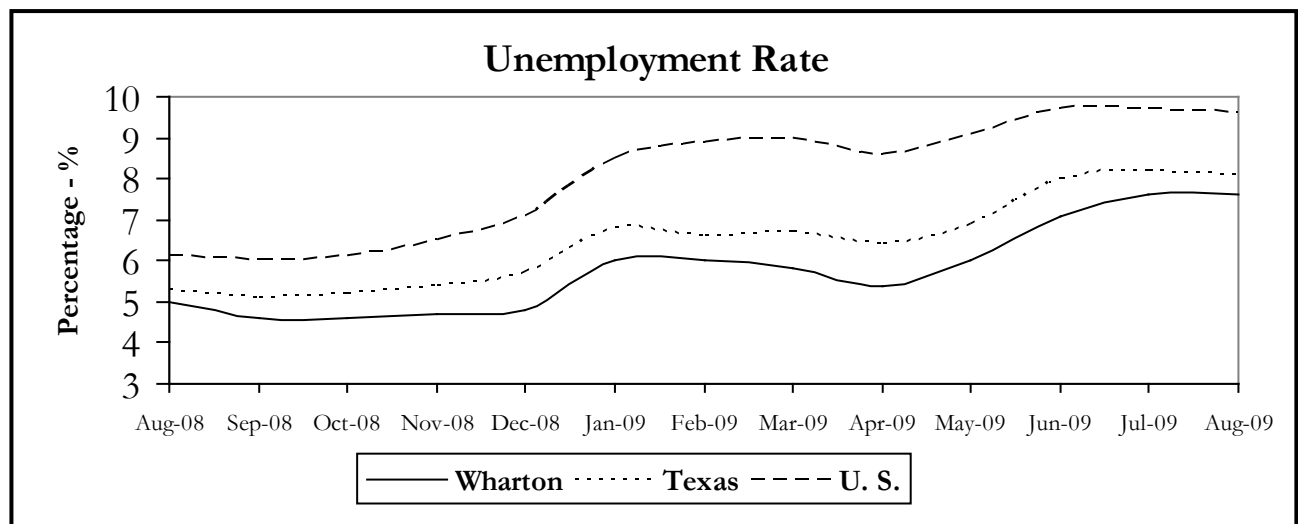


1st Quarter 2009 Data

The current rate of unemployment in Wharton County is 7.6 percent, 2.6 percent higher than it was one year ago. The unemployment rate remains lower than the state's 8.1 percent rate and the nation's 9.6 percent rate. Covered employment in Wharton County was down 537 jobs, -3.5 percent, over first quarter 2009. Largest losses were in Natural Resources & Mining, down 186 jobs or -7.7 percent, and Manufacturing, down 187 jobs or -10.9 percent. Financial Activities and Leisure & Hospitality also incurred significant declines, losing a combined total of 149 jobs. Total covered employment in the county was down -3.0 percent over the year losing 460 jobs from first quarter 2008. Job growth in the county has gone negative from what it was one year ago when the county was up 1.5 percent, see page 3. Over-the-year declines in the county were primarily in Natural Resources & Mining, Manufacturing, Information, and Education & Health Services, see page 2 for details.

	AUG 2009	JULY 2009	AUG 2008
Civilian Labor Force	21,669	21,642	20,765
Total Employment	20,013	20,007	19,721
Unemployed	1,6565	1,635	1,044
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	7.6%	5.0%
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.

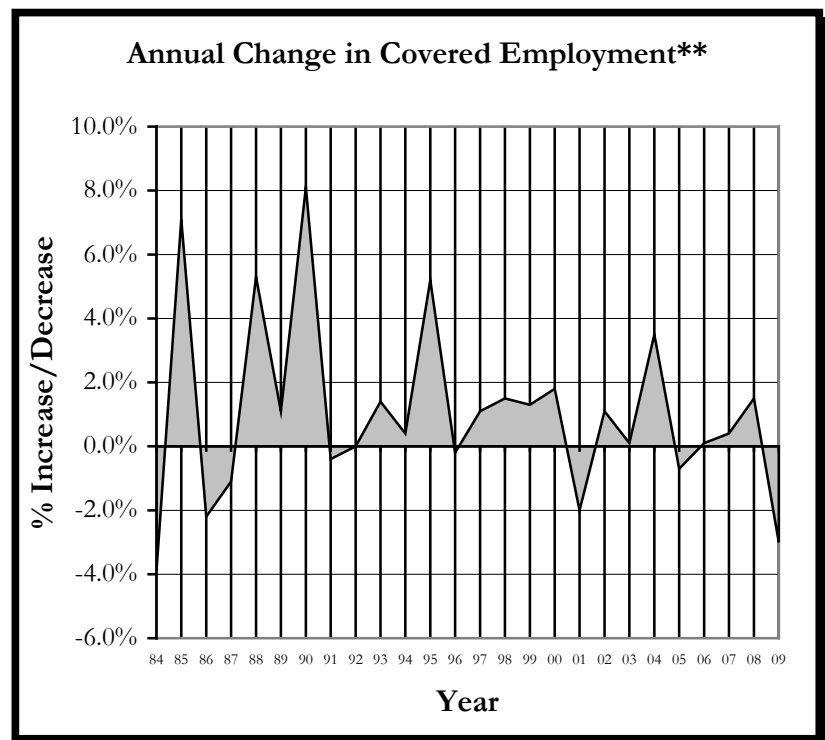
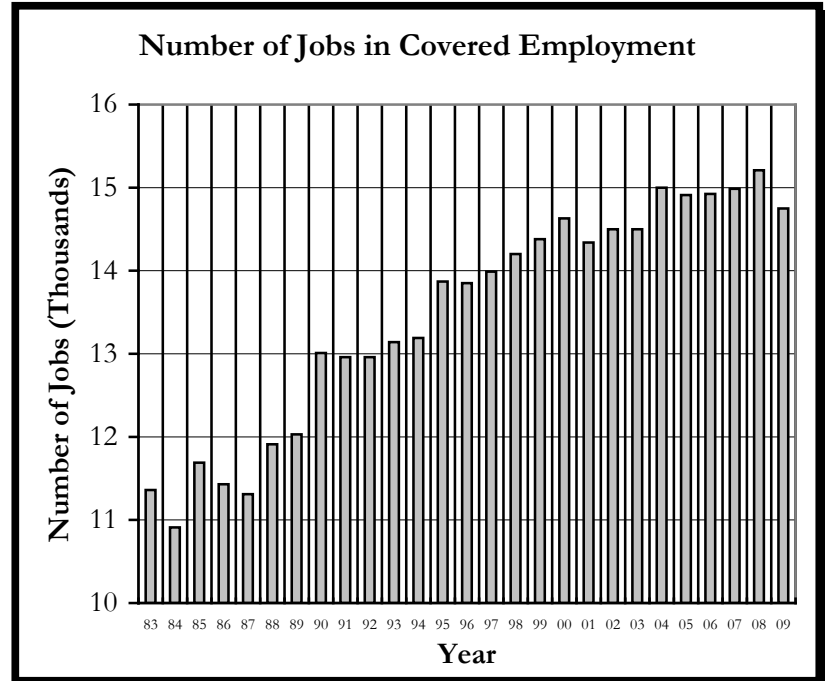
COVERED EMPLOYMENT

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	14,749	15,286	15,209	-537	-3.5%	-460	-3.0%	\$589
Natural Resources & Mining	2,218	2,404	2,364	-186	-7.7%	-146	-6.2%	\$629
Construction	561	579	545	-18	-3.1%	16	2.9%	\$677
Manufacturing	1,527	1,714	1,634	-187	-10.9%	-107	-6.5%	\$648
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	3,109	3,123	3,098	-14	-0.4%	11	0.4%	\$606
Information	113	99	96	14	14.1%	17	17.7%	\$552
Financial Activities	681	752	761	-71	-9.4%	-80	-10.5%	\$949
Professional & Business Services	486	490	536	-4	-0.8%	-50	-9.3%	\$510
Education & Health Services	1,476	1,448	1,497	28	1.9%	-21	-1.4%	\$544
Leisure & Hospitality	1,149	1,227	1,272	-78	-6.4%	-123	-9.7%	\$225
Other Services	340	350	332	-10	-2.9%	8	2.4%	\$372
Nonclassifiable	9	5	04	4	80.0%	5	125.0%	\$270
Public Administration	3,080	3,094	3,071	-14	-0.5%	9	0.3%	\$613
Federal Government	102	98	99	4	4.1%	3	3.0%	\$788
State Government	107	106	109	1	0.9%	-2	-1.8%	\$786
Local Government	2,871	2,890	2,863	-19	-0.7%	8	0.3%	\$600

*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.

Wharton County 1983-2009 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+/(-)	% +/-
83	11,356		
84	10,913	(443)	-3.9%
85	11,693	780	7.1%
86	11,433	(260)	-2.2%
87	11,306	(127)	-1.1%
88	11,905	599	5.3%
89	12,034	129	1.1%
90	13,007	973	8.1%
91	12,958	(49)	-0.4%
92	12,955	(3)	0.0%
93	13,137	182	1.4%
94	13,189	52	0.4%
95	13,872	683	5.2%
96	13,845	(27)	-0.2%
97	13,992	147	1.1%
98	14,199	207	1.5%
99	14,377	178	1.3%
00	14,629	252	1.8%
01	14,342	(287)	-2.0%
02	14,504	162	1.1%
03	14,515	11	0.1%
04	15,019	504	3.5%
05	14,911	(108)	-0.7%
06	14,925	14	0.1%
07	14,985	60	0.4%
08	15,209	224	1.5%
09	14,749	(460)	-3.0%



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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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