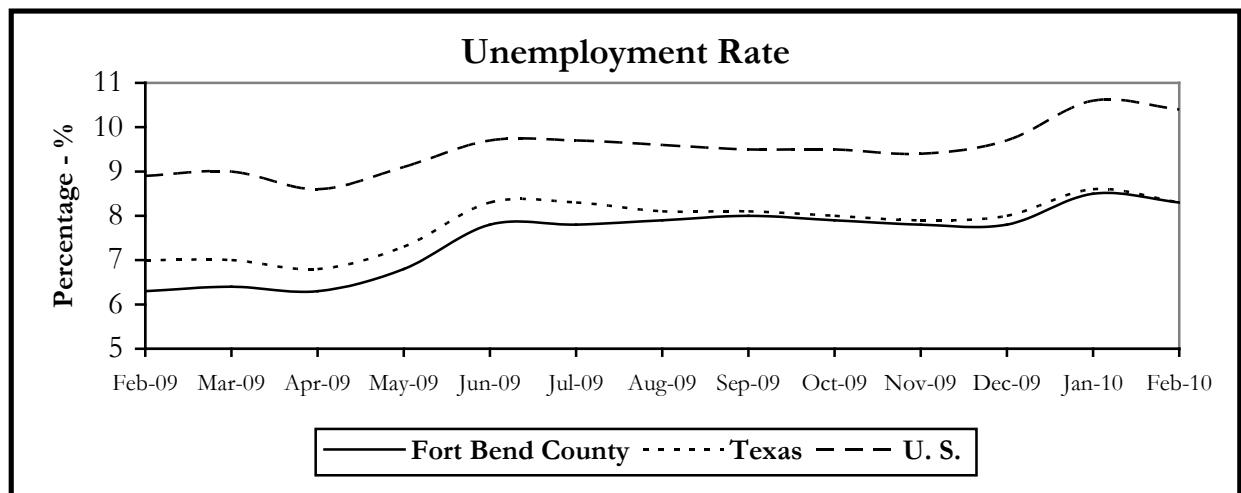


## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2009 Data

The rate of unemployment in Fort Bend County dropped two-tenths of a percentage point in February to 8.3 percent. The rate of unemployment in the county is the same as the state's rate but lower than the nation's 10.4 percent rate. Covered employment in the county was down 1,817 jobs or -1.4 percent over third quarter 2009. Much of the loss was due to seasonal declines in Local Government, down 1,260 jobs or -6.6 percent. Additional declines were observed in Manufacturing, Professional & Business Services, and Construction for a combined loss of 826 jobs. Covered employment in Fort Bend County remained basically unchanged over the year, down 232 jobs or -0.2 percent. The over-the-year growth rate is at its lowest level since the mid 1980's. While Public Administration continued to add jobs, up 1,096 jobs or 5.2 percent, many areas of the private sector were not as fortunate and encountered losses. Notable exceptions were Education & Health Services, up 2,773 jobs or 23.2 percent, and Leisure & Hospitality, up 1,117 jobs or 8.5 percent. Much of the job losses are found in the high wage earning sectors; Natural Resources & Mining, down 700 jobs, Construction, down 1,893 jobs, and Manufacturing, down 1,508 jobs, and Professional & Business Services, down 1,002 jobs. See page 2 for additional data and average weekly wages.

	FEB 2010	JAN 2010	FEB 2009
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	275,607	275,206	268,642
<b>Total Employment</b>	252,712	251,711	251,686
<b>Unemployed</b>	22,895	23,495	16,956
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	8.3%	8.5%	6.3%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	8.3%	8.6%	7.0%
<b>U.S.</b>	10.4%	10.6%	8.9%



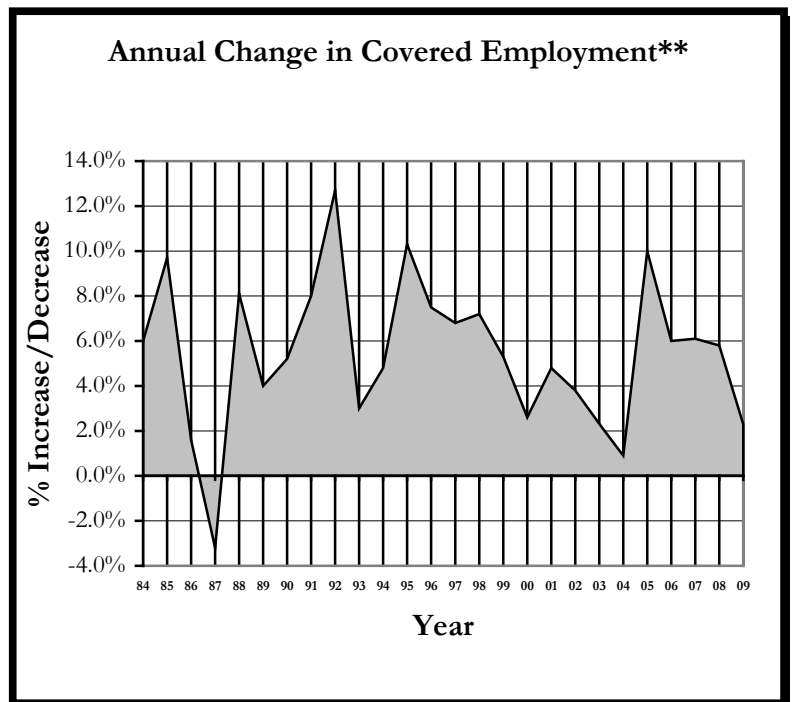
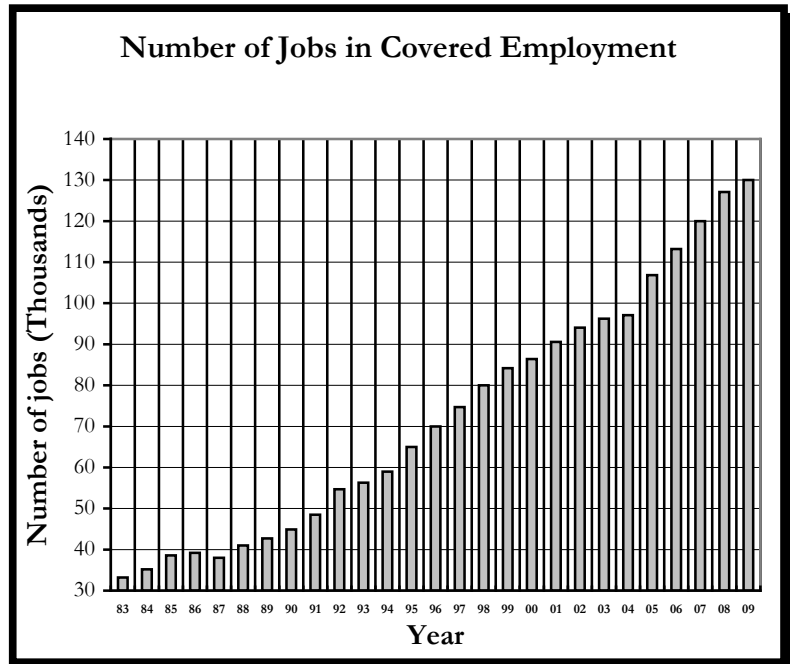
Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Source: Texas Workforce 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*
	3RD QTR 2009	2ND QTR 2009	3RD QTR 2008	Actual	%	Actual	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	128,034	129,851	128,266	-1,817	-1.4%	-232	-0.2%	\$956
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	2,215	2,283	2,915	-68	-3.0%	-700	-24.0%	\$2,208
<b>Construction</b>	11,026	11,215	12,919	-189	-1.7%	-1,893	-14.7%	\$1,939
<b>Manufacturing</b>	13,003	13,323	14,511	-320	-2.4%	-1,508	-10.4%	\$1,434
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	25,952	25,687	26,235	265	1.0%	-283	-1.1%	\$712
<b>Information</b>	1,480	1,511	1,619	-31	-2.1%	-139	-8.6%	\$994
<b>Financial Activities</b>	5,312	5,261	5,182	51	1.0%	130	2.5%	\$1,273
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	13,459	13,776	14,461	-317	-2.3%	-1,002	-6.9%	\$1,136
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	14,732	14,604	11,959	128	0.9%	2,773	23.2%	\$612
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	14,262	14,256	13,145	6	0.0%	1,117	8.5%	\$293
<b>Other Services</b>	4,261	4,297	4,051	-36	-0.8%	210	5.2%	\$496
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	109	108	142	1	0.9%	-33	-23.2%	\$577
<b>Public Administration</b>	22,222	23,530	21,126	-1,308	-5.6%	1,096	5.2%	\$791
<b>Federal Government</b>	1,228	1,281	1,108	-53	-4.1%	120	10.8%	\$1,184
<b>State Government</b>	3,186	3,181	3,034	5	0.2%	152	5.0%	\$698
<b>Local Government</b>	17,808	19,068	16,984	-1,260	-6.6%	824	4.9%	\$780

\*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. Date source: the Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market and Career Information Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

## Fort Bend County 1983-2009 Covered Employment\*\*

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	33,224		
84	35,208	1,984	6.0%
85	38,627	3,419	9.7%
86	39,241	614	1.6%
87	37,974	(1,267)	-3.2%
88	41,045	3,071	8.1%
89	42,677	1,632	4.0%
90	44,893	2,216	5.2%
91	48,499	3,606	8.0%
92	54,682	6,183	12.7%
93	56,302	1,620	3.0%
94	58,988	2,686	4.8%
95	65,035	6,047	10.3%
96	69,926	4,891	7.5%
97	74,664	4,738	6.8%
98	80,010	5,346	7.2%
99	84,244	4,234	5.3%
00	86,421	2,177	2.6%
01	90,583	4,162	4.8%
02	94,050	3,467	3.8%
03	96,235	2,185	2.3%
04	97,080	845	0.9%
05	106,825	9,745	10.0%
06	113,212	6,387	6.0%
07	120,091	6,879	6.1%
08	127,097	7,006	5.8%
09	129,996	2,899	2.3%



\*\*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. Date 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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