

# Waller County Profile

**Waller County** is located in East Central Texas and is one of 13 counties in the Gulf Coast Workforce Development Area. Walker County's 2000 population of 32,663 ranked 82<sup>nd</sup> in the state. Hempstead is the county seat. Other towns include Brookshire, Prairieview and Waller. The Trade, Services, State and Local Government and Manufacturing Sectors fuel county employment. Waller County is home to Prairie View A & M University. The average unemployment rate in Waller County in 2002 was 5.8 percent.

## Per Capita Personal Income (2001)

\$20,746 ranking 150<sup>th</sup> in the State and was 73 percent of the State average, \$28,472. The annual growth rate over the past 10 years was 3.1 percent as compared to 4.6 percent for the State and 4.3 percent for the nation.

## Total Personal Income (2001)

\$691,181,000 ranking 85<sup>th</sup> in the State with an annual growth rate of 6.8 percent as compared to 6.8 percent for the State and 5.5 percent for the nation.

## Median Household Income (1999)

\$38,136

## Major Employers

Briarwood-Brookwood Inc  
 Hempstead ISD  
 Igloo  
 PCC Flow Technologies LP  
 Prairie View A & M University  
 Ray Childress Auto Group  
 Royal ISD  
 Waller ISD  
 Wal-Mart Associates Inc

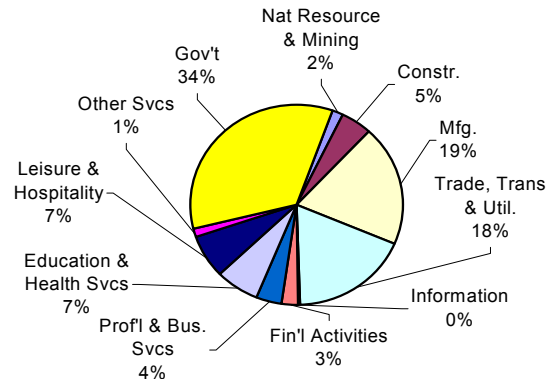
## Size Class of Employers

Employees per Firm	Number of Firms
Total	542
1-19	468
20-99	66
100-499	7
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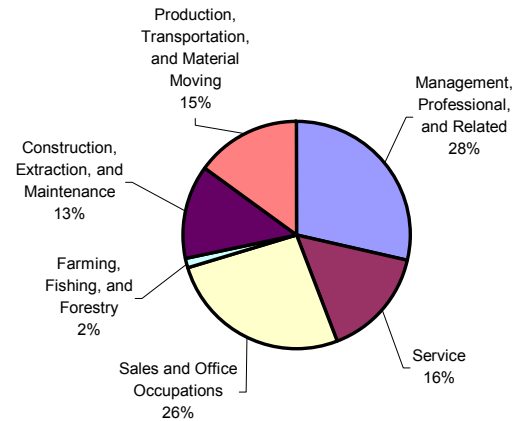
*Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Texas Workforce Commission.*

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

## Industry Composition 1st Qtr 2003



## Occupational Breakout



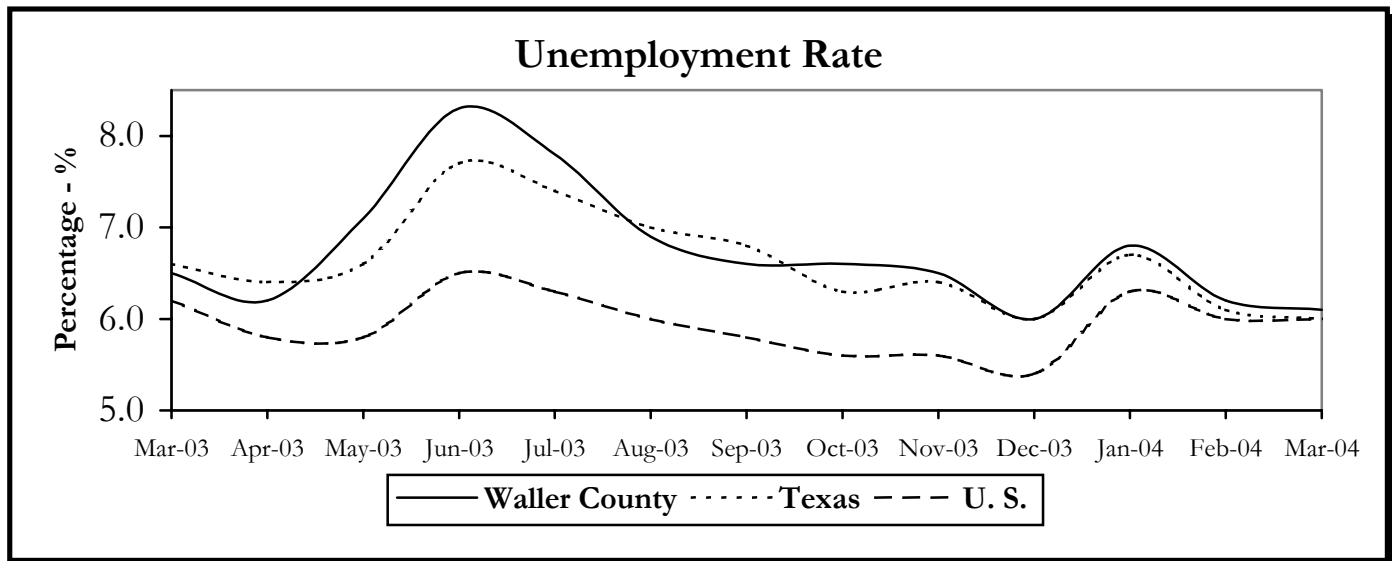
## Race Statistics of the Population (2000)

	Population
Total	32,663
White	18,889
Black or African American	9,553
American Indian and Alaska Native	159
Asian	124
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	6
Some Other Race	3,357
<u>Two or More Races</u>	<u>575</u>
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)*	6,344

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2003 Data

Covered employment in Waller County suffered a number of declines over the third quarter, down 518 jobs or -4.6 percent. The majority of the decline is found in Public Administration where State Government lost 373 jobs, down -17.8 percent, and Local Government lost 123 jobs, down -7.4 percent. In the private sector, small declines were seen in Construction, Manufacturing, Education & Health Services, and Leisure & Hospitality. The only significant increases were in Natural Resources & Mining, up 14 jobs or 7.1 percent, Trade Transportation & Utilities, up 40 jobs or 2.0 percent, and Financial Activities, up 19 jobs or 5.8 percent. Over the year, Waller County added 450 jobs, up 4.4 percent from third quarter 2002. The largest contributor was Trade, Transportation, & Utilities with a gain of 308 jobs, up 17.7 percent. Leisure & Hospitality and Construction followed with an increase of 94 jobs and 84 jobs respectively. Professional & Business Services also managed an increase, up 52 jobs or 15.2 percent. In the public sector, State Government had a 1.5 percent increase, up 25 jobs, and Local Government had a 3.6 percent increase, up 53 jobs. As for declines resulting from weak demand, Manufacturing lost 109 jobs, down -5.2 percent, Natural Resources & Mining lost 59 jobs, down -21.9 percent, and Financial Activities lost 24 jobs, down -6.5 percent.

	MAR 2004	FEB 2004	MAR 2003
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	15,121	15,118	14,996
<b>Total Employment</b>	14,204	14,184	14,020
<b>Unemployed</b>	917	934	976
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	6.1%	6.2%	6.5%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	6.0%	6.1%	6.6%
<b>U.S.</b>	6.0%	6.0%	6.2%



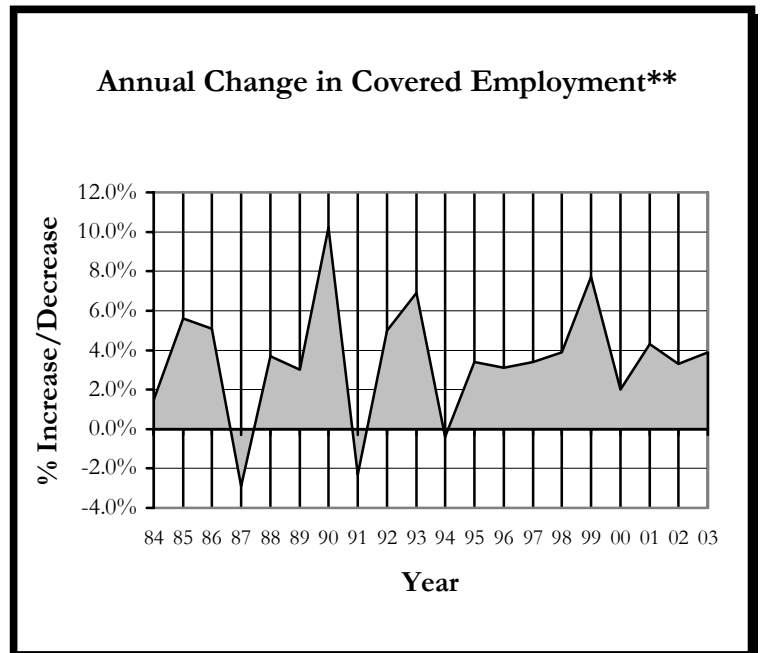
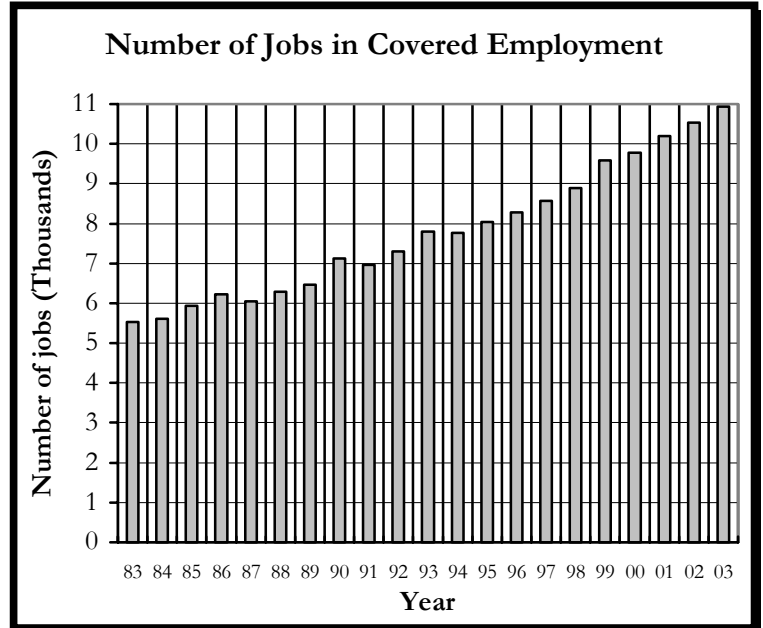
**Civilian Labor Force:** Estimated number of employed and unemployed workers residing in Waller County. **Total Employment:** Includes resident wage & salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics in private households, agricultural workers and workers involved in labor-management disputes. Waller County data series are benchmarked to March 2003 levels. Data from April 2003 forward are estimates and are subject to future revisions based on employer reports. Estimated by the 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 2003	2ND QTR 2003	3RD QTR 2002	Actual	%	Actual	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	10,655	11,173	10,205	-518	-4.6%	450	4.4%	\$553
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	211	197	270	14	7.1%	-59	-21.9%	\$390
<b>Construction</b>	533	550	449	-17	-3.1%	84	18.7%	\$693
<b>Manufacturing</b>	2,002	2,060	2,111	-58	-2.8%	-109	-5.2%	\$708
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	2,053	2,013	1,745	40	2.0%	308	17.7%	\$578
<b>Information</b>	31	33	31	-2	-6.1%	0	0.0%	\$784
<b>Financial Activities</b>	347	328	371	19	5.8%	-24	-6.5%	\$470
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	395	394	343	1	0.3%	52	15.2%	\$690
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	777	787	762	-10	-1.3%	15	2.0%	\$344
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	798	807	704	-9	-1.1%	94	13.4%	\$185
<b>Other Services</b>	148	151	145	-3	-2.0%	3	2.1%	\$463
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	22	20	16	2	10.0%	6	37.5%	\$469
<b>Public Administration</b>	3,338	3,833	3,258	-495	-12.9%	80	2.5%	\$553
<b>Federal Government</b>	65	64	63	1	1.6%	2	3.2%	\$799
<b>State Government</b>	1,728	2,101	1,703	-373	-17.8%	25	1.5%	\$544
<b>Local Government</b>	1,545	1,668	1,492	-123	-7.4%	53	3.6%	\$556

\*Wages compiled from 1st quarter 2003 contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. \*\*Data suppressed to not reveal information about individual establishments, included in 'Other Services'. Data is not strictly comparable to past data due to the change from SIC coding to NAICS coding for the 1st Quarter of 2001. Data source: the Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market Information Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

## Waller County 1983-2003 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	10,934	407	3.9%



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# Labor Market Information

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## Gulf Coast\*\* 2002-2003 Occupational Employment Statistics\*

Std. Occ. Code	Occupation	Average	
		Wage	Employment
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	24.00	17,840
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	17.17	13,160
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	14.18	28,490
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	15.54	4,170
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School	9.26	7,410
47-2031	Carpenters	13.86	12,880
41-2011	Cashiers	7.28	49,680
17-2051	Civil Engineer	34.52	7,990
15-1051	Computer Systems Analyst	30.35	6,250
47-2061	Construction Laborers	9.68	23,270
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	7.92	7,230
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	8.16	7,380
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	12.89	39,440
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	10.78	6,210
47-2111	Electricians	16.57	29,030
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	16.57	29,030
47-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	22.39	14,900
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	19.74	24,700
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	15.28	22,820
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	7.23	14,760
11-9051	Food Service Managers	14.66	7,120
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	34.43	47,230
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	19.91	4,730
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	11.24	8,310
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	7.31	44,660
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	9.67	32,170
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	16.31	10,230
11-9081	Lodging Managers	16.37	700
51-4041	Machinists	15.17	10,790
49-9042	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	13.31	22,660
11-2021	Marketing Managers	34.59	4,410
31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	7.95	13,620
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	10.90	52,830
53-7064	Packers and Packagers, Hand	8.18	14,890
29-1051	Pharmacists	35.02	4,630
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	18.34	11,120
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	19.89	11,470
13-1023	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	22.13	4,440
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	10.14	21,620
29-1111	Registered Nurses	24.21	31,540
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	9.92	71,700
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	27.34	6,470
43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	12.45	29,680
33-9032	Security Guards	9.06	22,840
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	11.72	14,220
43-5081	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	10.46	25,910
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	14.61	26,990
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	10.99	14,600
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	14.20	11,600

\*Data compiled by the Texas Workforce Commission, LMI Dept. in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics as part of the Occupational Employment Survey. Employment is the estimate of employment based upon the sample, not the sample employment. Wages for the OES survey are straight-time, gross pay, exclusive of premium pay. Base rate, cost-of-living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-duty pay, incentive pay including commissions and production bonuses, tips, and on-call pay are included. Excluded are back pay, jury duty pay, overtime pay, severance pay, shift differentials, nonproduction bonuses, employer cost of supplementary benefits, and tuition reimbursements. The average is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

\*\*The Gulf Coast Region is defined as **Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton** Counties.



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## Gulf Coast Region Information\* Registered Applicants - Total 230,666

Type of Work	Total Exp'd Workers	HS Grad/GED or Higher	Bachelors Degree	PC Experience
Accounting	6,927	6,791	3,046	2,960
Air Condition/Refregeration I/M/R Work	1,038	858	20	17
Arc Welding	3,381	2,394	29	29
Blood Bank Technician Work	368	343	27	30
Building Cleaning	4,559	2,606	46	71
Business Management	9,376	8,869	3,656	1,322
Carpentry Work	5,998	3,705	87	69
Chemical Processing	2,644	2,543	367	148
Chemistry Lab Technology Work	825	806	409	68
Computer Programming	3,088	3,047	2,024	**
Construction/Maintenance Painting	3,520	2,130	44	36
Drafting	2,989	2,943	735	1,919
Electrical Work	4,525	3,556	101	102
Electrical/Electronic Fabricating	1,152	993	75	64
Electronic Engineering	726	721	406	165
Emergency Medical Technician Work (EMT)	469	453	56	42
Financial Analysis	1,535	1,525	1,098	110
Graphic Artwork	778	757	275	435
LAN Administration Work	2,003	1,985	678	**
Licensed Practical Nursing	513	490	32	39
Machinist Work	2,304	1,835	36	35
Marketing Work	4,546	4,456	2,425	962
Motor Vehicle Mechanics	2,142	1,623	22	47
Office Management	10,280	9,690	1,940	2,680
Packaging Work	6,730	5,122	116	434
Personnel Work	3,253	3,182	1,268	834
Pharmacy Technician Work	309	292	26	49
Printing Work	856	706	41	100
Professional Nursing	404	392	179	40
Real Estate Work	750	732	180	155
Reception Work	21,195	19,385	882	5,737
Sales Work	9,280	8,306	1,805	956
Secretarial Work	18,106	17,021	1,090	5,623
Security Protection Work	4,026	3,473	160	227
Social Work	858	843	546	125
Software Engineering	1,230	1,224	967	**
Technical Sales Work	1,656	1,642	945	266
Truck Driving	5,437	4,281	100	99
Warehousing	17,961	14,050	385	967

\* Data compiled 03/15/04. Gulf Coast Region includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties. Does not include workers with entry level skills. \*\*Data not available. For more detailed information contact your local WorkSource office.