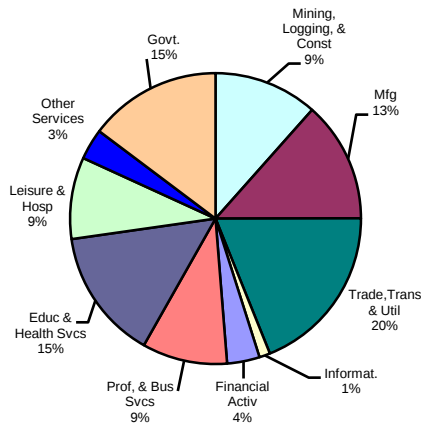
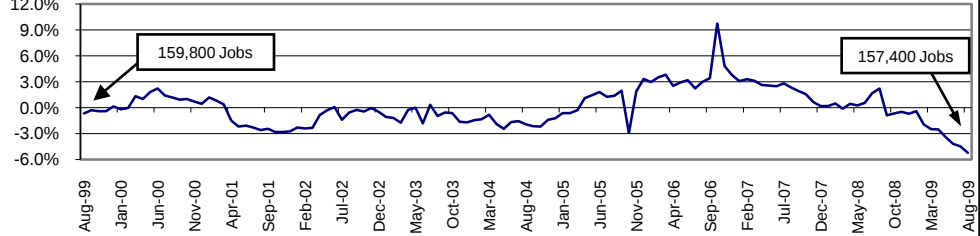


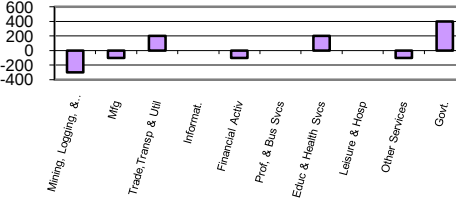
Industry Composition



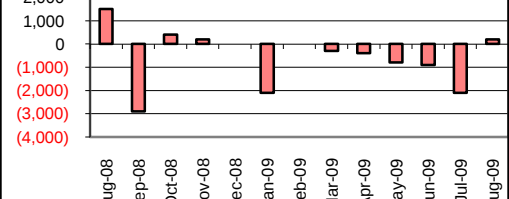
Annual Growth Rate for Total NonAgricultural Employment



Monthly Change by Industry



Monthly Change in Total Nonag Employment



Employment by Industry

				Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	Aug-2009	Jul-2009	Aug-2008	Actual	%	Actual	%
Total Nonagricultural	157,400	157,200	166,100	200	0.1%	-8,700	-5.2%
Mining, Logging, & Const	18,200	18,500	20,000	-300	-1.6%	-1,800	-9.0%
Manufacturing	21,100	21,200	23,000	-100	-0.5%	-1,900	-8.3%
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	29,800	29,600	31,500	200	0.7%	-1,700	-5.4%
Information	1,900	1,900	2,100	0	0.0%	-200	-9.5%
Financial Activities	5,700	5,800	5,900	-100	-1.7%	-200	-3.4%
Profes., & Business Svcs	14,900	14,900	15,600	0	0.0%	-700	-4.5%
Education & Health Svcs	22,900	22,700	22,900	200	0.9%	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,300	14,300	15,000	0	0.0%	-700	-4.7%
Other Services	5,400	5,500	5,800	-100	-1.8%	-400	-6.9%
Government	23,200	22,800	24,300	400	1.8%	-1,100	-4.5%

Size Class of Industries

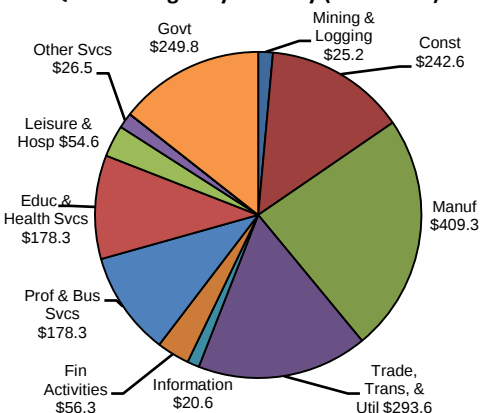
as of March 2009

Size Class	Employees Per Firm	Number of Firms	Employment in Size Class	% of Total Employment
9	1000+	17	28061	17.6%
8	500-999	29	20391	12.8%
7	250-499	52	19175	12.0%
6	100-249	173	26763	16.8%
5	50-99	286	19795	12.4%
4	20-49	645	19697	12.4%
3	10-19	854	11550	7.2%
2	5-9	1190	7828	4.9%
1	1-4	2916	6168	3.9%
0	0	514	0	0.0%
TOTAL		6676	159428	100.0%

Comments for August 2009

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Beaumont - Port Arthur MSA increased by 200 jobs in August. Since August 2008, the MSA lost 8,700 jobs or -5.2 percent. The majority of the increase was in Local Government and Education and Health Services, with increases of 300 jobs and 200 jobs, respectively. Local Government employment increased with the return of employees to local school districts. Since the beginning of the year, Education and Health Services gained 600 positions. Retail Trade gained 100 jobs, following two months of over-the-month decreases. Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities had a slight increase in August. The majority of the lost positions occurred in Mining, Logging, and Construction with 300 jobs lost. Financial Services and Other Services lost 100 positions each.

1st Quarter Wages by Industry (in millions)



Unemployment Information (all estimates are in thousands)

	Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA				Texas (Actual)				United States (Actual)			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	% Rate
Aug-2009	184.0	164.2	19.8	10.8	12,061.4	11,079.4	982.0	8.1	154,897.0	140,074.0	14,823.0	9.6
Jul-2009	184.5	164.9	19.6	10.6	12,136.6	11,138.2	998.4	8.2	156,255.0	141,055.0	15,201.0	9.7
Aug-2008	182.8	170.4	12.4	6.8	11,750.7	11,129.8	620.9	5.3	155,387.0	145,909.0	9,479.0	6.1