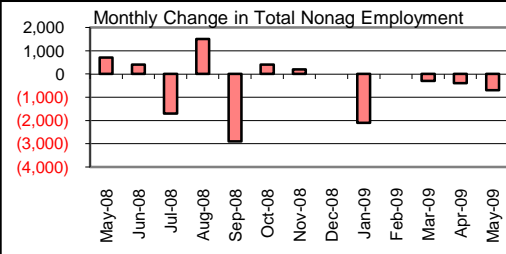
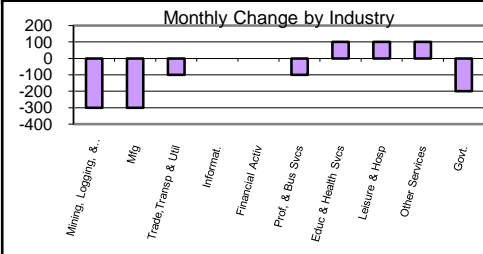
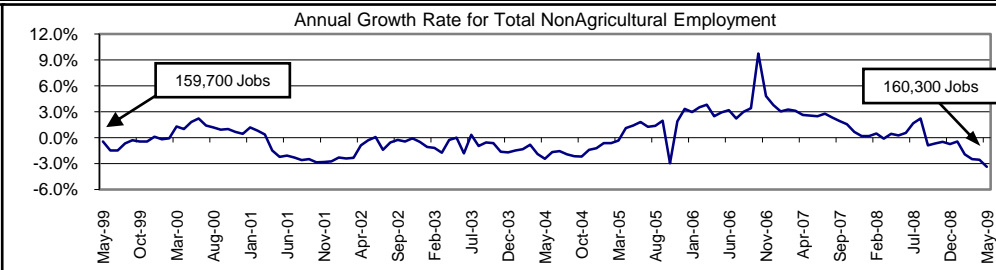
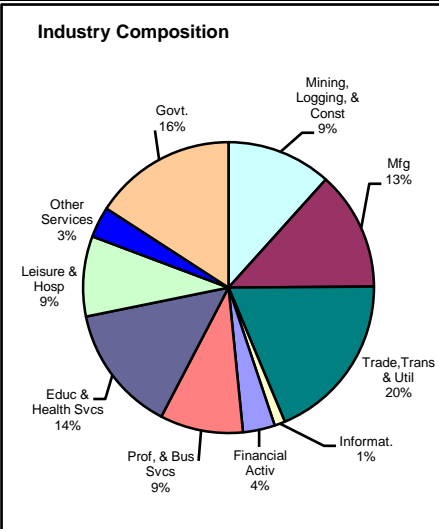


Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA

(Hardin, Jefferson, Orange)

May-2009



Employment by Industry

	Employment			Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	May-2009	Apr-2009	May-2008	Actual	%	Actual	%
Total Nonagricultural	160,300	161,000	165,900	-700	-0.4%	-5,600	-3.4%
Mining, Logging, & Const	18,700	19,000	18,900	-300	-1.6%	-200	-1.1%
Manufacturing	21,200	21,500	23,000	-300	-1.4%	-1,800	-7.8%
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	30,100	30,200	31,000	-100	-0.3%	-900	-2.9%
Information	1,900	1,900	2,100	0	0.0%	-200	-9.5%
Financial Activities	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	0.0%	-200	-3.4%
Profes., & Business Svcs	14,800	14,900	15,500	-100	-0.7%	-700	-4.5%
Education & Health Svcs	22,700	22,600	22,700	100	0.4%	0	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,300	14,200	14,800	100	0.7%	-500	-3.4%
Other Services	5,500	5,400	5,900	100	1.9%	-400	-6.8%
Government	25,400	25,600	26,100	-200	-0.8%	-700	-2.7%

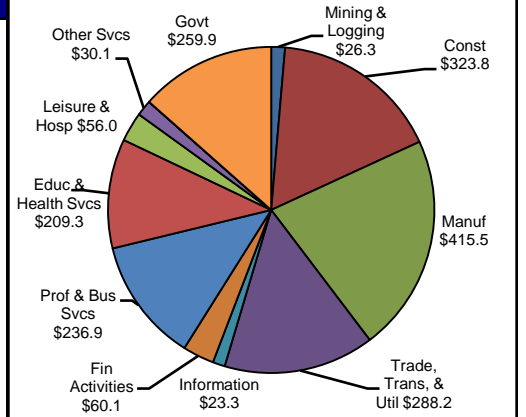
Size Class of Industries as of December 2008

Size Class	Employees Per Firm	Number of Firms	Employment in Size Class	% of Total Employment
9	1000+	18	29350	17.9%
8	500-999	31	22152	13.5%
7	250-499	57	20075	12.2%
6	100-249	178	27224	16.6%
5	50-99	279	19358	11.8%
4	20-49	670	20598	12.6%
3	10-19	823	11028	6.7%
2	5-9	1171	7749	4.7%
1	1-4	3041	6388	3.9%
0	0	460	0	0.0%
TOTAL		6728	163922	100.0%

Comments for May 2009

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA decreased by 700 jobs in May. Mining, Logging and Construction lost 300 positions over the month. Since May 2008, the industry has lost 200 jobs or -1.1 percent, the first negative annual growth rate since December 2006. Manufacturing employment decreased by 300 jobs. Local Government employment lost 200 jobs for the month, the first monthly loss in 2009. Leisure and Hospitality employment had a gain for the fourth consecutive month with 100 new positions. Education and Health Services and Other Services each gained 100 jobs in May. The annual growth rate for the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA was -3.4 percent in May.

4th 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
May-2009	181.9	165.4	16.5	9.1	11,920.6	11,098.5	822.0	6.9	154,336.0	140,363.0	13,973.0	9.1
Apr-2009	181.6	166.6	15.0	8.2	11,873.4	11,118.9	754.5	6.4	153,834.0	140,586.0	13,248.0	8.6
May-2008	179.9	169.4	10.5	5.8	11,639.3	11,120.2	519.1	4.5	154,003.0	145,927.0	8,076.0	5.2