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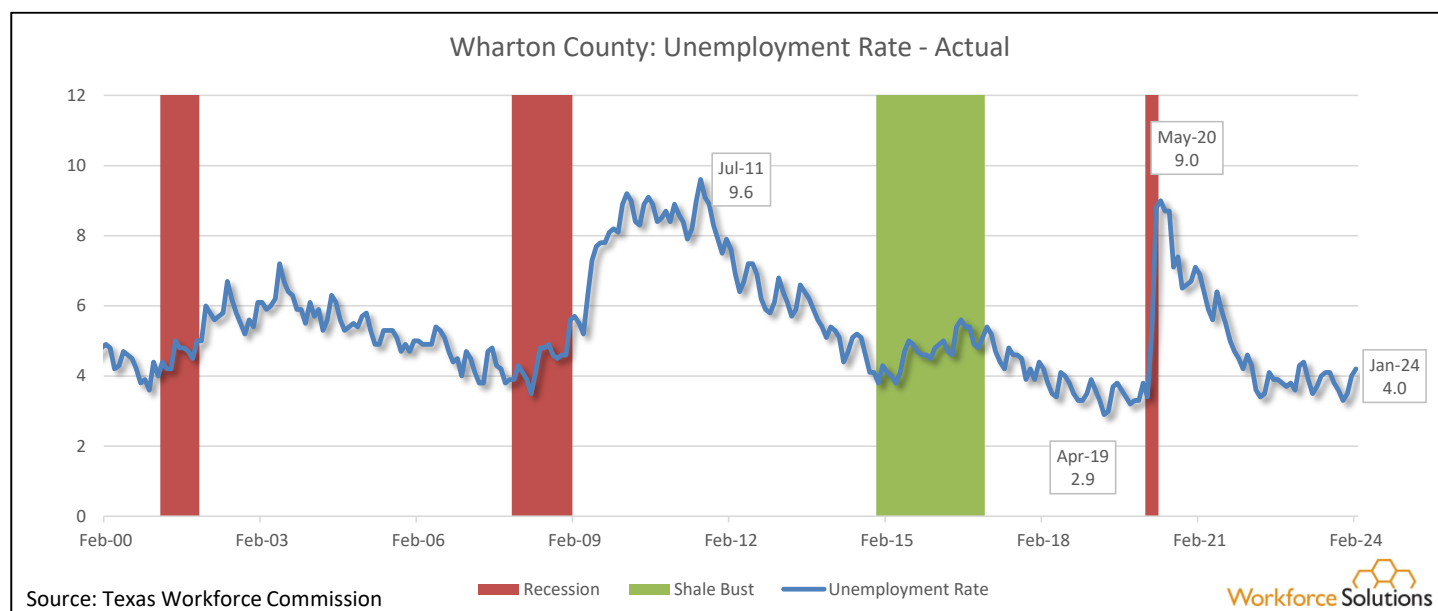
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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Wharton County rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2 percent in February. The county's rate of unemployment was the same as the nation's and slightly lower than the state's 4.4 percent rate. Total covered employment in Wharton County added 181 jobs over third quarter 2023, up 1.1 percent. While the county typically adds jobs in the third quarter, this was the largest increase since 2018. Most of the increase was in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 184 jobs or 4.1 percent, with substantial gains also found in Natural Resources and Mining, up 59 jobs or 2.8 percent, and Leisure and Hospitality, up 36 jobs or 2.8 percent. Overall gains were offset by a loss of 97 jobs in Local Government. Wharton County added 730 jobs over the year with the pace of job growth rising to 4.6 percent from 4.1 percent in the second quarter. Most of the increase was in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 507 jobs or 12.9 percent, and Education and Health Services, up 553 jobs or 13.5 percent, and Education and Health Services, up 356 jobs or 17.0 percent. Offsetting gains were losses in Manufacturing, down 128 jobs or 8.7 percent, Other Services, down 48 jobs or 15.5 percent, and Local Government, down 96 jobs or 3.6 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	FEB 2024	JAN 2023	FEB 2023
Civilian Labor Force	22,089	21,704	21,862
Employed	21,167	20,846	20,901
Unemployed	922	858	961
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.0%	4.4%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.4%	4.1%	4.4%
U.S.	4.2%	4.1%	3.9%



*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. Covered employment data compiled from 3rd quarter 2023 contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers' subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. Source: Texas Workforce Commission in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. All data is subject to revision.

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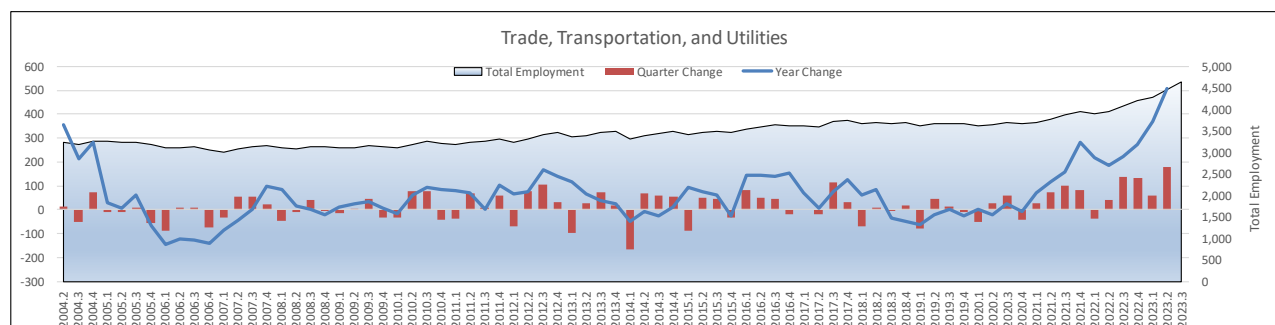
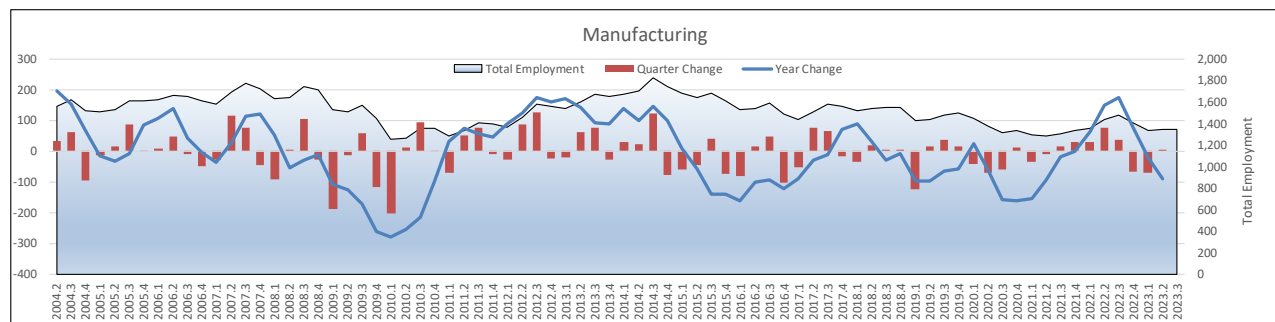
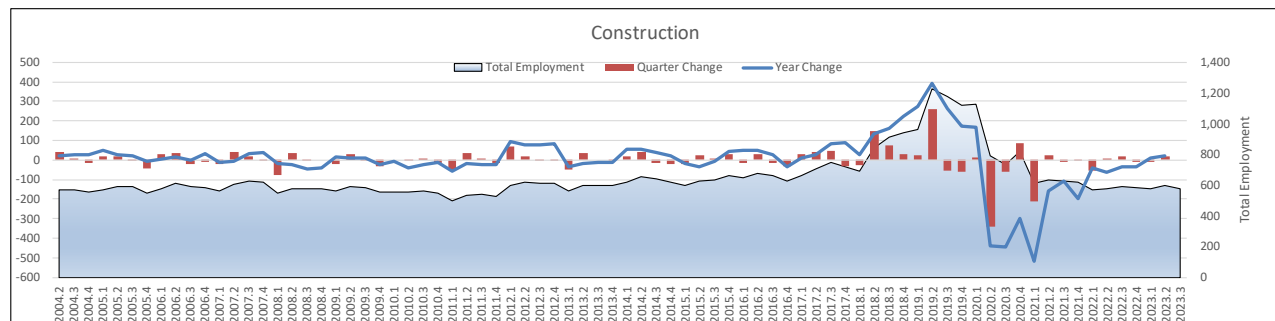
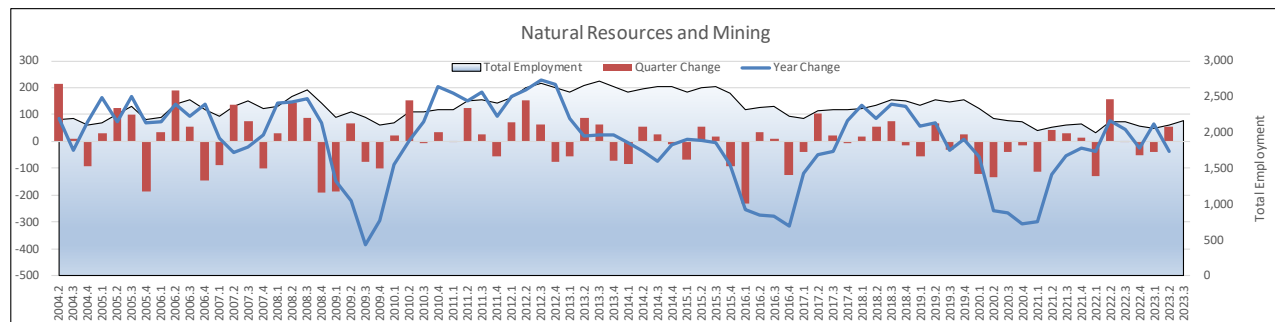
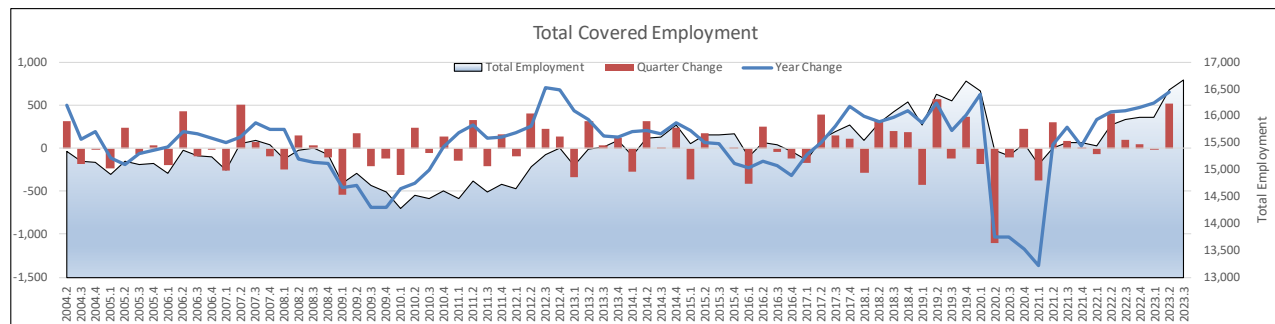
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Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg.		Avg Wkly Wage*
	3RD QTR 2023	2ND QTR 2023	3RD QTR 2022	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	16,669	16,488	15,939	181	1.1%	730	4.6%	\$935
Natural Resources & Mining	2,170	2,111	2,149	59	2.8%	21	1.0%	\$1,088
Construction	578	597	592	-19	-3.2%	-14	-2.4%	\$971
Manufacturing	1,345	1,344	1,473	1	0.1%	-128	-8.7%	\$989
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4,635	4,451	4,082	184	4.1%	553	13.5%	\$1,009
Information	61	57	50	4	7.0%	11	22.0%	\$804
Financial Activities	538	538	531	0	0.0%	7	1.3%	\$1,488
Professional & Business Services	569	560	562	9	1.6%	7	1.2%	\$898
Education & Health Services	2,454	2,436	2,098	18	0.7%	356	17.0%	\$958
Leisure & Hospitality	1,320	1,284	1,277	36	2.8%	43	3.4%	\$361
Other Services	261	275	309	-14	-5.1%	-48	-15.5%	\$571
Nonclassifiable	8	8	3	0	0.0%	5	166.7%	\$584
Public Administration	2,730	2,827	2,813	-97	-3.4%	-83	-3.0%	\$857
Federal Government	90	95	79	-5	-5.3%	11	13.9%	\$1,354
State Government	99	94	97	5	5.3%	2	2.1%	\$1,205
Local Government	2,541	2,638	2,637	-97	-3.7%	-96	-3.6%	\$827

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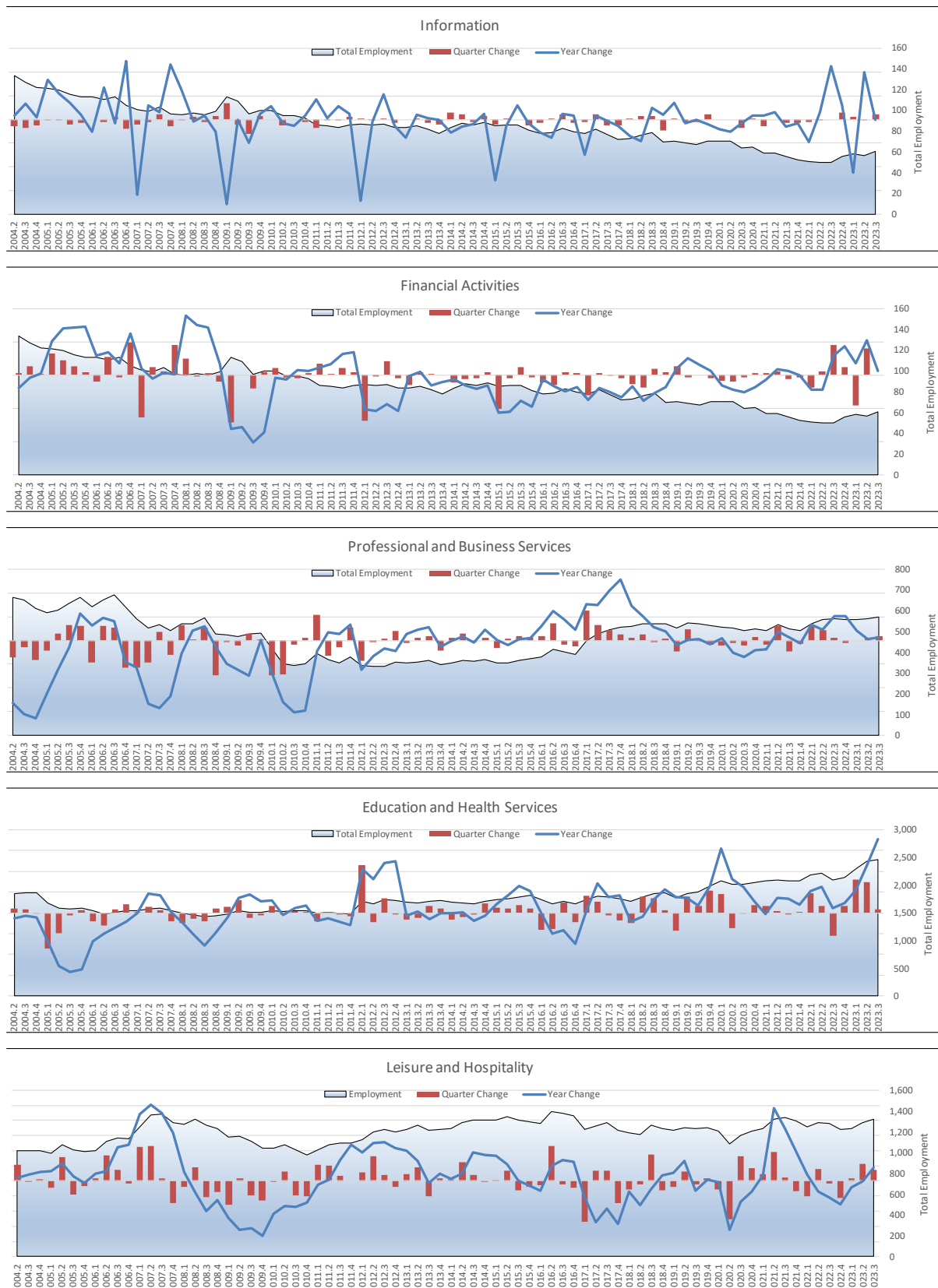
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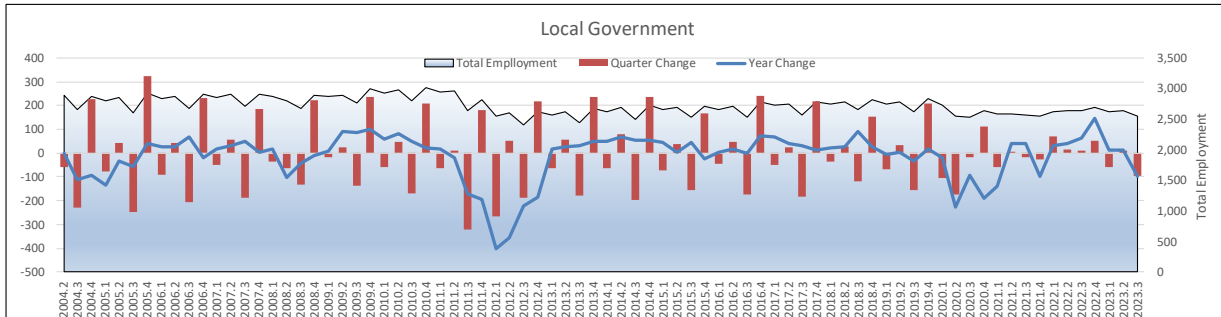
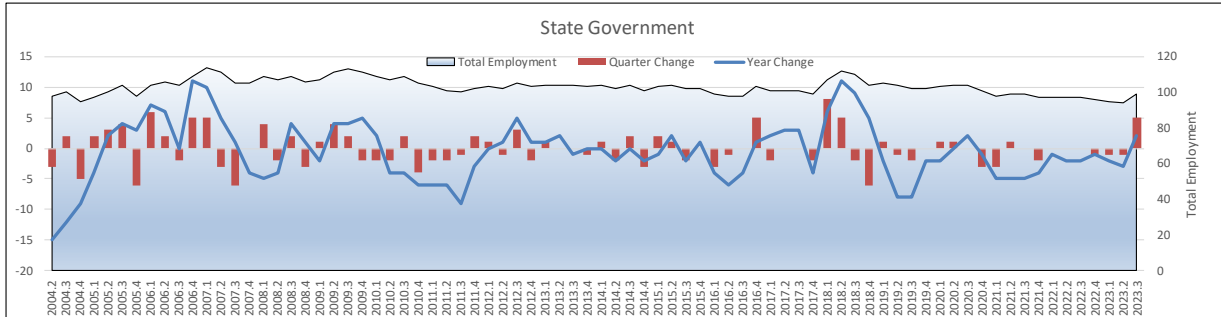
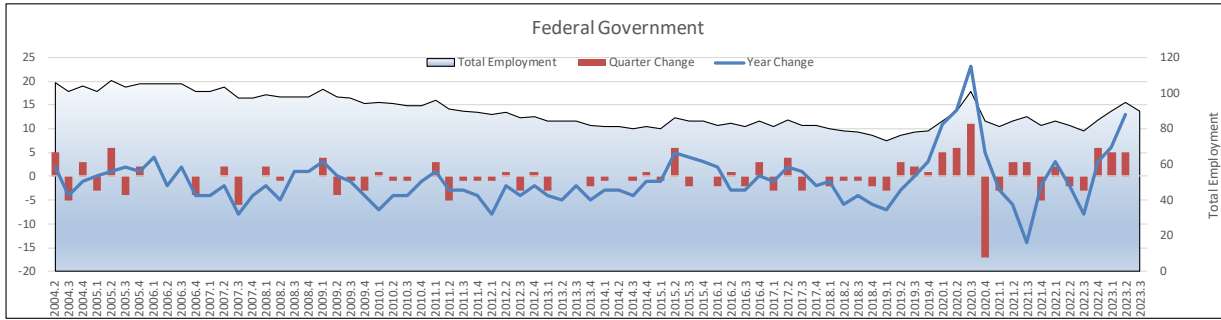
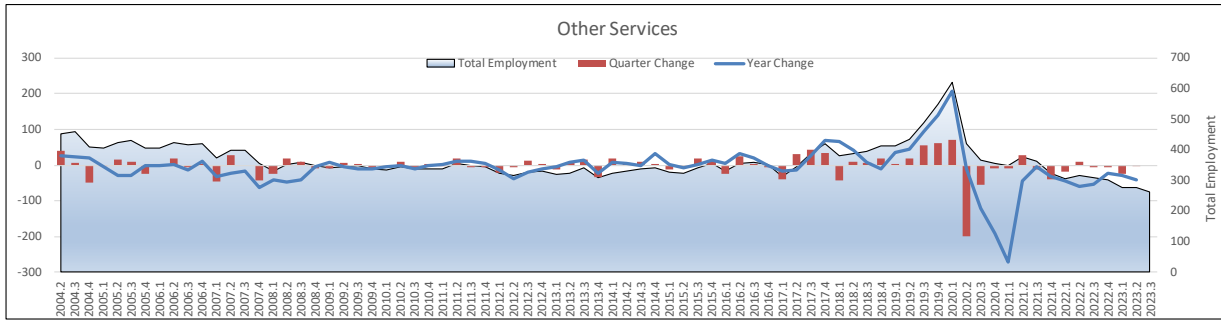
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	16,669	2023.3	14,282	2010.1
Natural Resources and Mining	2,717	2013.3	1,972	2004.1
Construction	1,228	2019.2	500	2011.1
Manufacturing	1,822	2014.3	1,248	2010.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,635	2023.3	2,875	2003.2
Information	143	2003.3	50	2022.2
Financial Activities	762	2008.3	480	2022.1
Professional and Business Services	805	2003.3	331	2012.2
Education and Health Services	2,454	2023.3	1,427	2008.3
Leisure and Hospitality	1,392	2016.2	963	2004.1
Other Services	620	2020.1	261	2023.3
Federal Government	107	2005.2	73	2019.1
State Government	114	2007.1	94	2023.2
Local Government	3,011	2010.4	2,409	2012.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-244	-1.6%	263	1.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	-54	-2.2%	95	4.1%
Construction	-17	-2.3%	28	5.2%
Manufacturing	-50	-3.2%	26	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-32	-0.7%	41	1.2%
Information	0	-0.3%	-1	-0.3%
Financial Activities	-16	-2.6%	3	0.5%
Professional and Business Services	-9	-1.0%	1	0.3%
Education and Health Services	7	0.4%	5	0.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	-8	-0.5%	46	4.0%
Other Services	-9	-2.8%	4	2.2%
Federal Government	0	-0.2%	1	1.7%
State Government	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Local Government	-63	-2.2%	16	0.6%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	11	0.1%	61	0.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	34	1.4%	-73	-3.0%
Construction	-2	-0.2%	-8	-1.2%
Manufacturing	55	3.7%	-34	-2.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	58	1.7%	11	0.3%
Information	-1	-1.3%	-2	-1.7%
Financial Activities	5	0.9%	5	0.8%
Professional and Business Services	5	0.8%	-8	-1.1%
Education and Health Services	7	0.4%	10	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	1	0.1%	-23	-1.8%
Other Services	4	1.1%	-7	-2.0%
Federal Government	-1	-1.0%	-1	-0.8%
State Government	0	0.3%	-2	-1.7%
Local Government	-154	-5.5%	191	7.3%

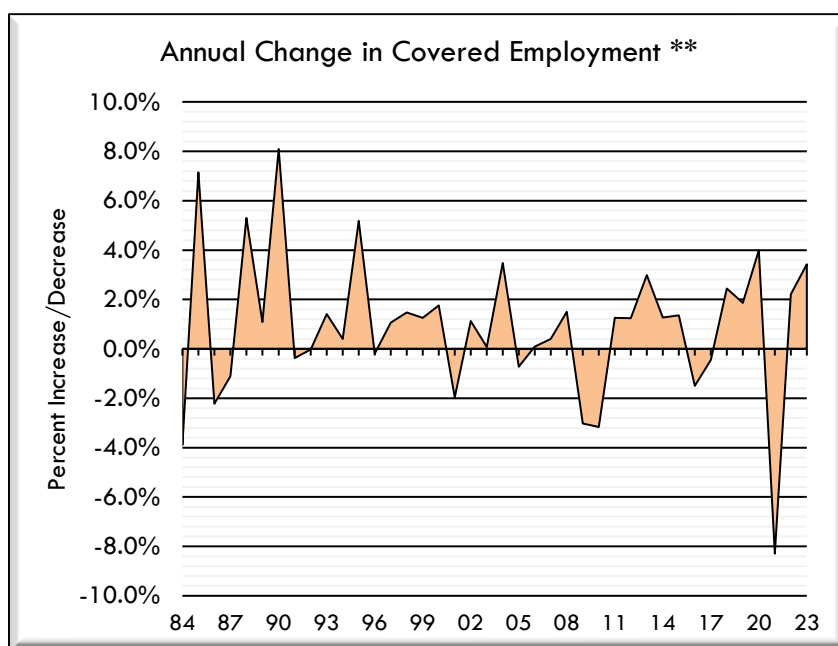
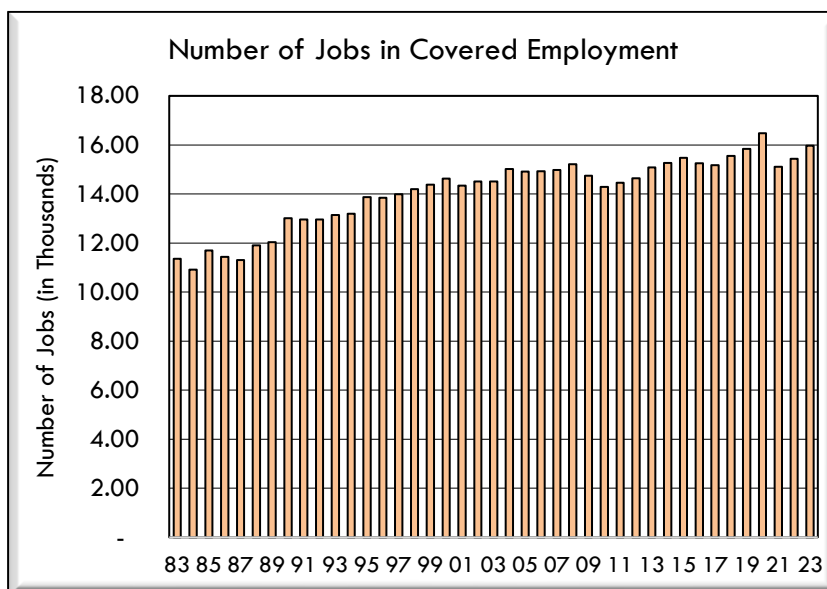
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Wharton County 1983-2023 Covered Employment**

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%
10	14,282	(467)	-3.2%
11	14,462	180	1.3%
12	14,641	179	1.2%
13	15,078	437	3.0%
14	15,270	192	1.3%
15	15,478	208	1.4%
16	15,247	(231)	-1.5%
17	15,178	(69)	-0.5%
18	15,549	371	2.4%
19	15,839	290	1.9%
20	16,471	632	4.0%
21	15,104	(1,367)	-8.3%
22	15,438	334	2.2%
23	15,967	529	3.4%



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Gulf Coast** 2022 Wages*

(High-Skill High-Growth Occupations Targeted by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board)

Std. Occ. Code	Occupation	Average Hourly Wage	Average Annual Wage	Employment
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	\$45.20	\$94,015	26,910
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$24.20	\$50,337	14,820
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	\$22.10	\$45,976	29,540
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$27.28	\$56,739	6,330
53-3052	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	\$22.53	\$46,864	2,510
13-1020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$37.87	\$78,765	9,710
47-2031	Carpenters	\$23.50	\$48,885	9,380
41-2011	Cashiers	\$12.81	\$26,654	68,220
39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$12.34	\$25,665	10,470
17-2051	Civil Engineer	\$49.40	\$102,762	9,010
15-1232	Computer User Support Specialists	\$27.66	\$57,526	12,960
47-2061	Construction Laborers	\$18.51	\$38,500	33,910
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	\$14.56	\$30,278	9,430
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	\$14.64	\$30,458	30,020
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	\$18.56	\$38,601	65,910
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$35.49	\$73,814	2,970
47-3013	Electrician Helpers	\$20.62	\$33,629	2,720
47-2111	Electricians	\$27.68	\$57,569	18,330
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	\$36.73	\$76,403	8,470
35-3023	Fast Food and Counter Workers	\$11.72	\$24,377	70,360
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$30.90	\$64,252	39,710
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$24.14	\$50,201	23,970
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	\$13.32	\$27,716	31,280
11-9051	Food Service Managers	\$34.39	\$71,536	3,770
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$56.75	\$118,048	99,060
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$13.81	\$28,716	7,040
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics	\$25.84	\$53,757	6,730
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$31.05	\$64,594	13,080
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	\$19.53	\$40,619	19,380
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	\$13.63	\$28,349	47,070
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$17.59	\$36,579	61,550
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$26.57	\$55,271	12,530
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$38.61	\$80,305	1,040
51-4041	Machinists	\$26.63	\$55,398	6,070
11-2021	Marketing Managers	\$71.42	\$148,544	6,230
31-9092	Medical Assistants	\$18.60	\$38,688	16,340
49-3042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$28.50	\$59,274	5,600
31-1131	Nursing Assistants	\$16.13	\$33,549	17,470
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	\$18.68	\$38,846	43,280
29-1051	Pharmacists	\$64.06	\$133,252	6,370
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$28.18	\$58,261	9,820
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	\$32.21	\$66,988	15,270
43-5061	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$28.33	\$58,926	7,840
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$15.44	\$32,106	26,340
29-1141	Registered Nurses	\$42.66	\$88,724	59,310
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$16.02	\$33,314	72,480
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	\$22.30	\$46,392	4,430
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products	\$36.19	\$75,275	23,820
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$20.31	\$42,250	35,840
33-9032	Security Guards	\$15.85	\$32,969	26,620
53-7065	Stockers and Order Fillers	\$16.74	\$34,811	60,190
53-1047	Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Exc.Aircraft Cargo Handling	\$29.20	\$60,733	14,570
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	\$24.68	\$51,343	48,370
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$22.11	\$45,996	18,700
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$26.93	\$56,012	15,760

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