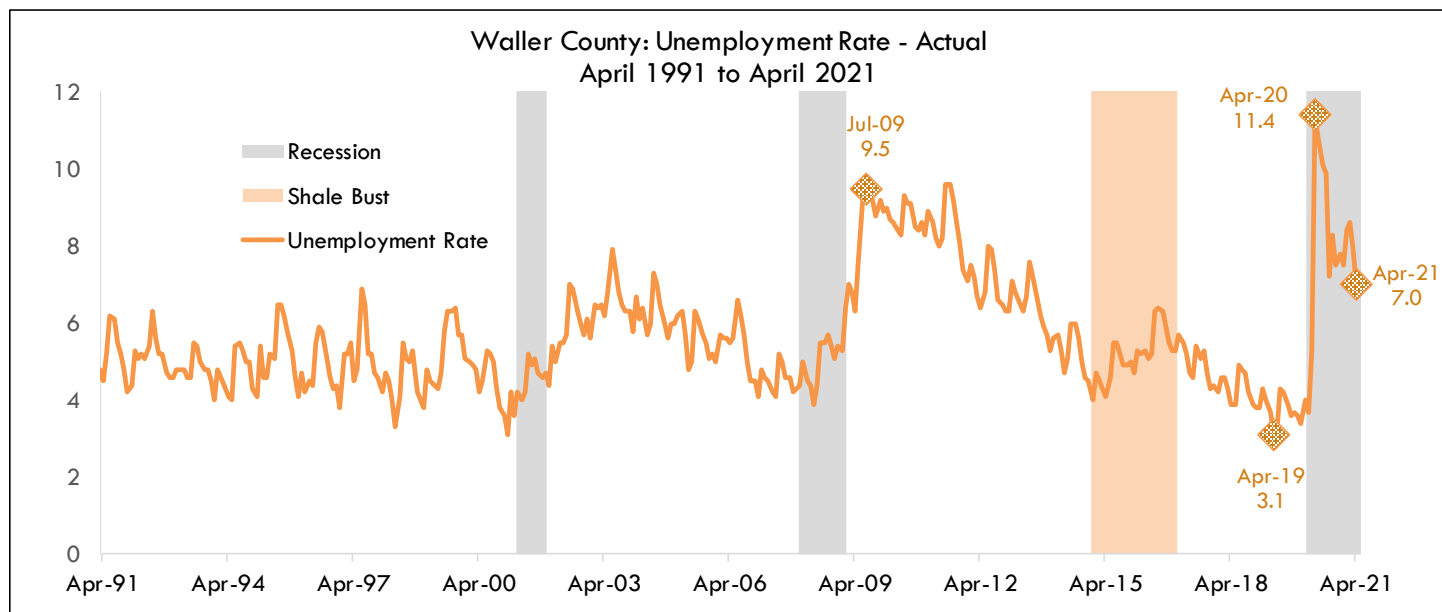


County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Waller County fell nine-tenths of a percentage point to 7.0 percent in April. The local rate of unemployment was higher than the state rate which fell eight-tenths of a percentage-point to 6.3 percent and the national unemployment rate which fell five-tenths of a percentage-point to 5.7 percent. Total covered employment in the county experienced an increase of 1,504 jobs over fourth quarter 2020. The 7.3 percent was slightly stronger than the historical average 7.1 percent increase. Construction accounted for the largest portion of the increase adding 858 jobs, up 55.5 percent, followed by seasonal hiring in State Government, up 390 jobs or 20.2 percent. Leisure and Hospitality also make a substantial contribution, up 244 jobs or 22.9 percent. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities suffered a loss of 151 jobs holding back fourth quarter gains, down 2.3 percent. The county reported an increase of 1,163 jobs over the year in fourth quarter 2020, up 5.5 percent. The increase was made possible by gains in Construction, up 1,069 jobs or 77.4 percent, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 996 jobs or 18.0 percent. Several of the remaining industry sectors were reporting losses. The largest declines were in Manufacturing, down 345 jobs or 8.5 percent, Professional and Business Services, down 154 jobs or 10.7 percent, and Leisure and Hospitality, down 140 jobs or 9.7 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

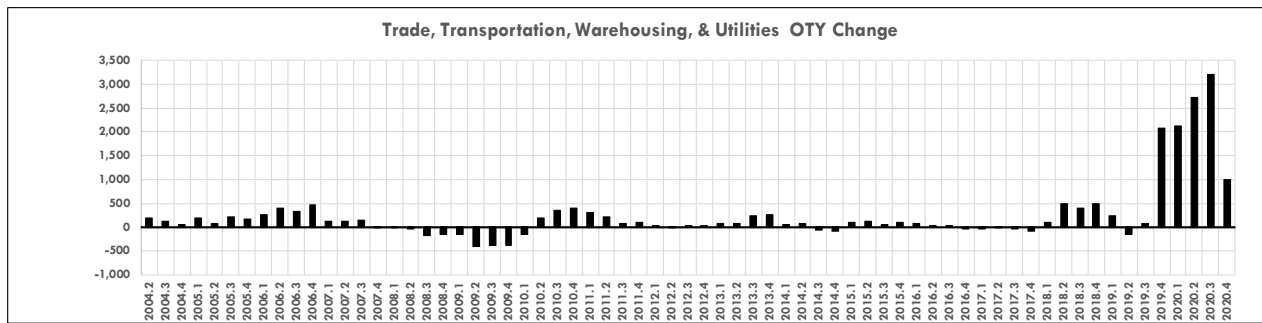
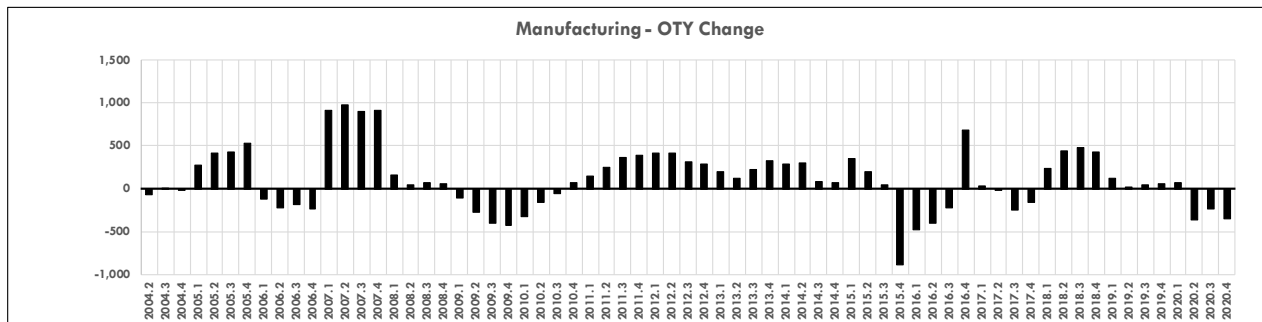
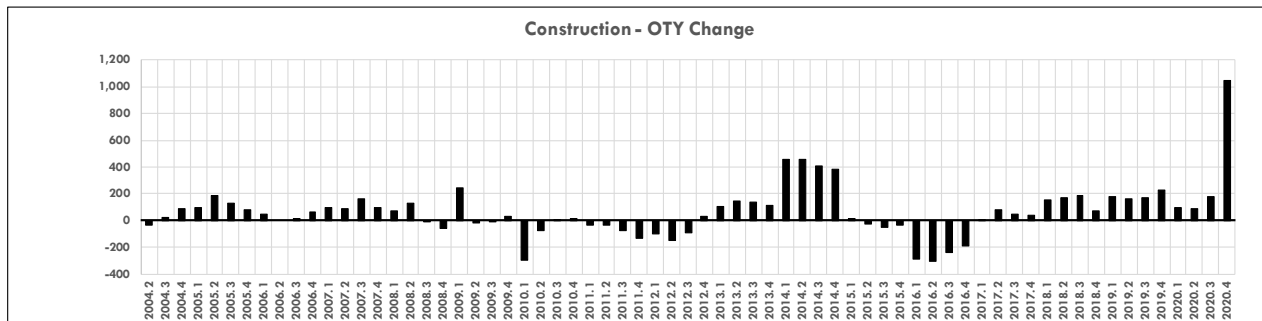
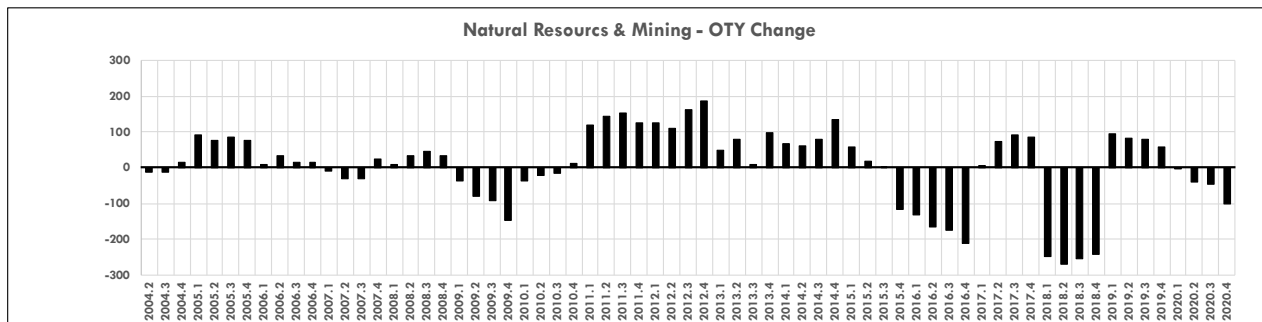
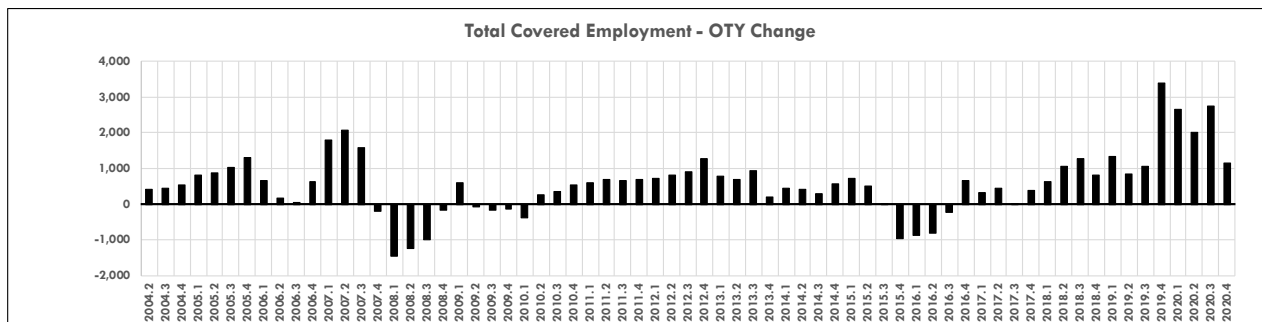
	APR 2021	MAR 2021	APR 2020
Civilian Labor Force	24,052	24,093	22,531
Total Employment	22,357	22,188	19,954
Unemployed	1,695	1,905	2,577
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.9%	11.4%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	6.3%	7.1%	12.7%
U.S.	5.7%	6.2%	14.4%

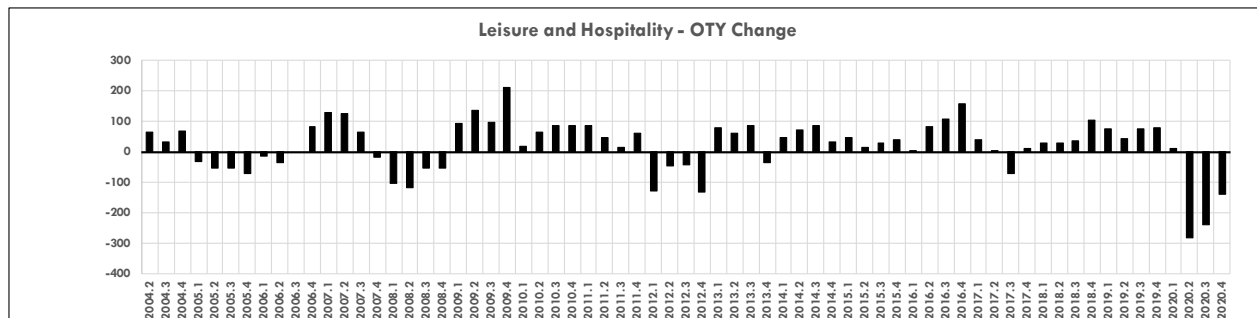
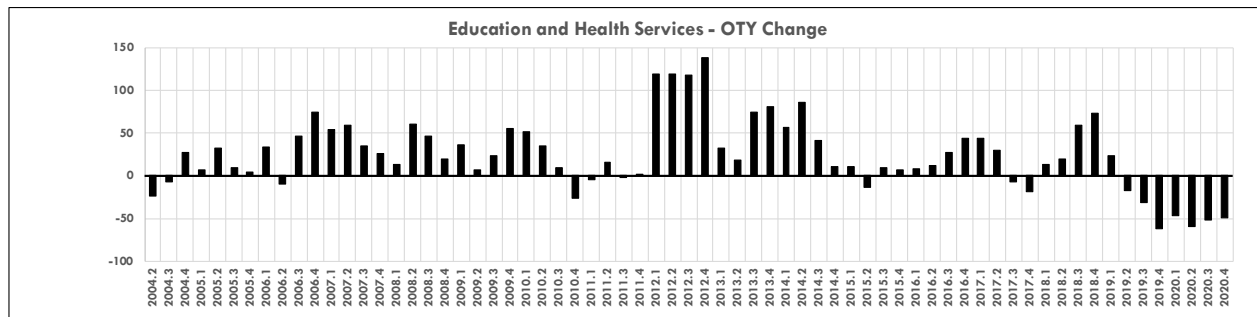
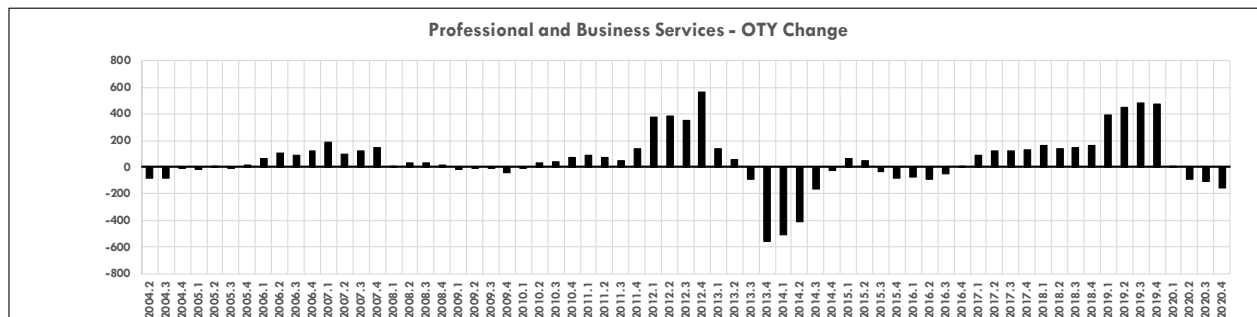
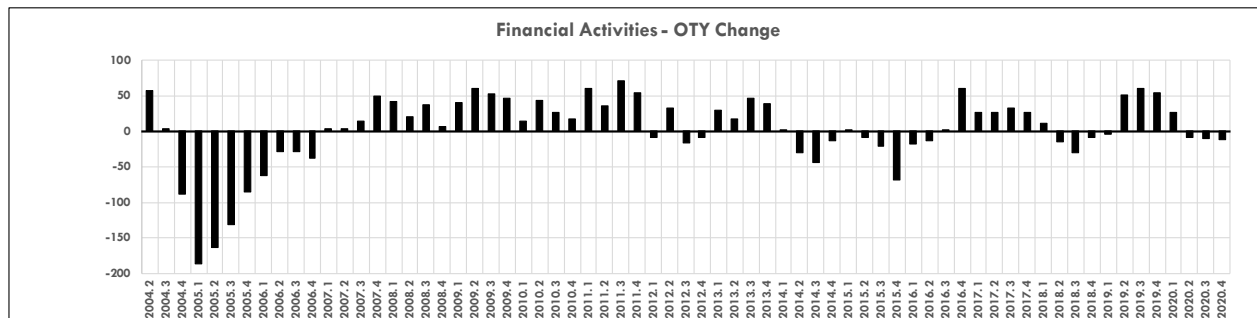
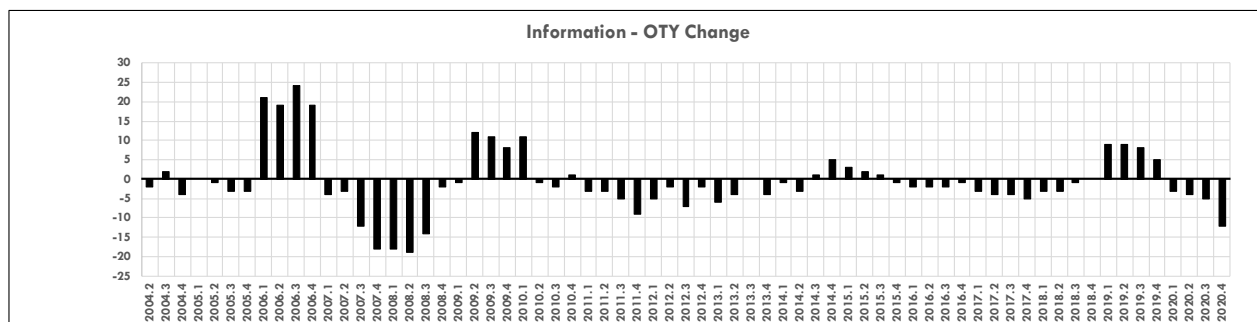


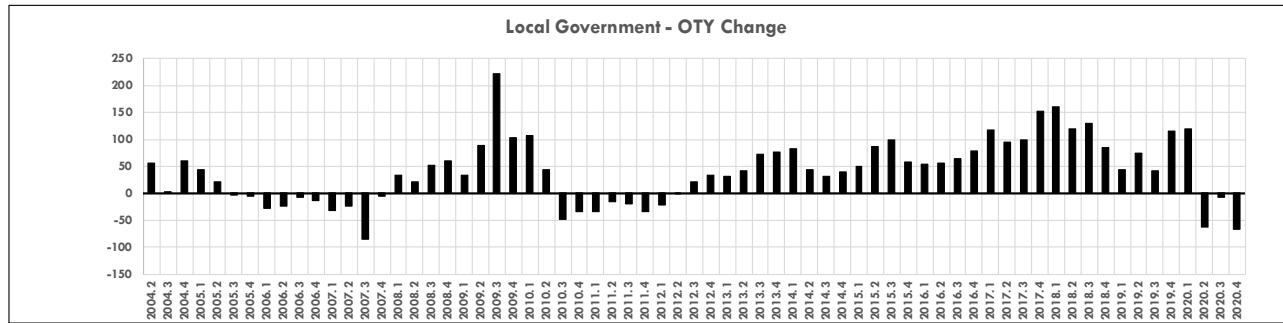
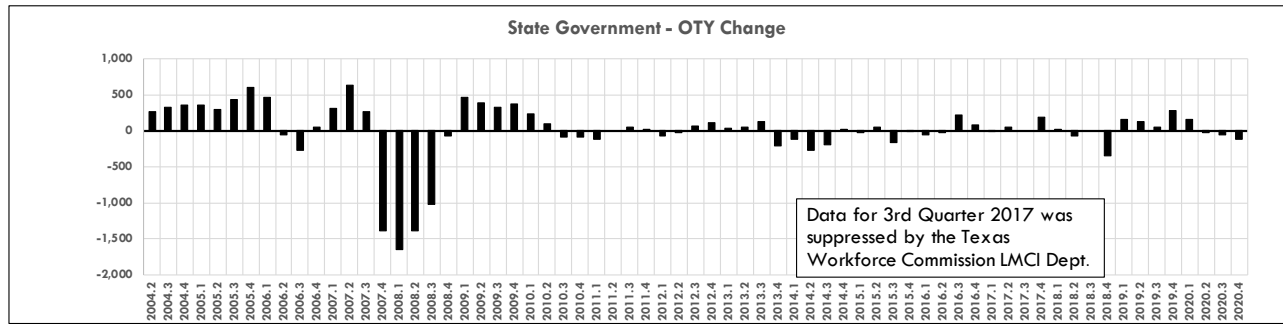
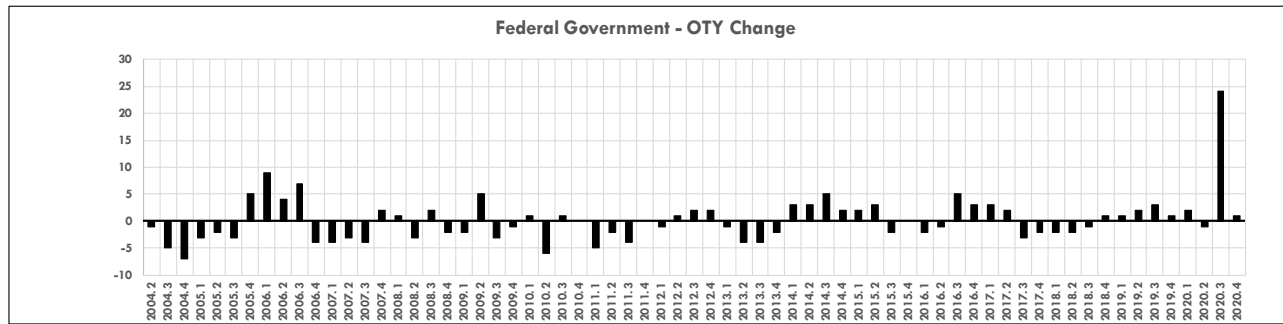
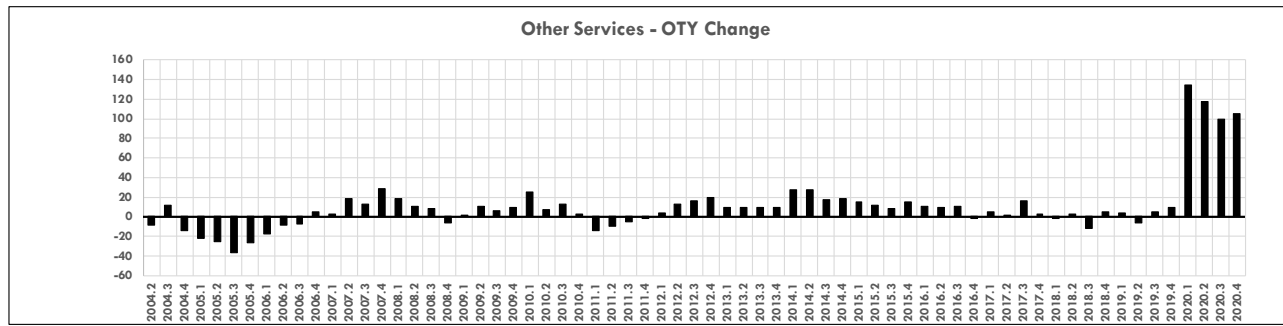
*Estimates reflect actual (not seasonal adjusted) data. Civilian Labor Force includes wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestics in private households, agricultural workers, workers involved in labor disputes and the unemployed, all by place of residence. Covered employment data compiled from 4th quarter 2020 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.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg.		Avg Wkly Wage*
	4TH QTR 2020	3RD QTR 2020	4TH QTR 2019	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	22,190	20,686	21,027	1,504	7.3%	1,163	5.5%	\$889
Natural Resources & Mining	246	312	347	-66	-21.2%	-101	-29.1%	\$1,117
Construction	2,405	1,547	1,356	858	55.5%	1,049	77.4%	\$1,033
Manufacturing	3,707	3,626	4,052	81	2.2%	-345	-8.5%	\$1,237
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	6,517	6,668	5,521	-151	-2.3%	996	18.0%	\$781
Information	13	23	25	-10	-43.5%	-12	-48.0%	\$1,425
Financial Activities	428	413	440	15	3.6%	-12	-2.7%	\$881
Professional & Business Services	1,280	1,297	1,434	-17	-1.3%	-154	-10.7%	\$877
Education & Health Services	1,182	1,179	1,231	3	0.3%	-49	-4.0%	\$491
Leisure & Hospitality	1,310	1,066	1,450	244	22.9%	-140	-9.7%	\$405
Other Services	331	320	226	11	3.4%	105	46.5%	\$1,086
Nonclassifiable	18	15	13	3	20.0%	5	38.5%	\$737
Public Administration	4,752	4,221	4,931	531	12.6%	-179	-3.6%	\$863
Federal Government	62	85	61	-23	-27.1%	1	1.6%	\$979
State Government	2,316	1,926	2,429	390	20.2%	-113	-4.7%	\$883
Local Government	2,374	2,210	2,441	164	7.4%	-67	-2.7%	\$841

*Wages compiled from 1st quarter 2020 contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers' subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. Data source: the Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market and Career Information Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.







Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	22,190	2020.4	10,655	2003.3
Natural Resources and Mining	774	2014.4	169	2004.1
Construction	2,405	2020.4	489	2003.4
Manufacturing	4,176	2015.1	1,950	2004.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,668	2020.3	2,013	2003.2
Information	54	2006.3	13	2020.4
Financial Activities	440	2019.4	177	2006.1
Professional and Business Services	1,434	2019.4	300	2004.4
Education and Health Services	1,293	2018.4	764	2004.2
Leisure and Hospitality	1,450	2019.4	779	2005.3
Other Services	352	2020.1	109	2005.4
Federal Government	85	2020.3	53	2013.2
State Government	3,466	2006.4	1,459	2008.3
Local Government	2,478	2020.1	1,451	2007.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	32	0.2%	129	0.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	-44	-6.3%	8	2.5%
Construction	39	5.3%	26	3.3%
Manufacturing	145	5.3%	-13	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-23	-0.5%	124	3.8%
Information	1	5.5%	1	3.5%
Financial Activities	-6	-2.2%	13	4.5%
Professional and Business Services	31	5.6%	8	1.5%
Education and Health Services	0	0.0%	-4	-0.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	-79	-6.9%	51	5.2%
Other Services	0	-0.1%	2	1.9%
Federal Government	1	0.9%	0	0.9%
State Government	-51	-1.8%	-79	-2.8%
Local Government	26	1.3%	-9	-0.3%

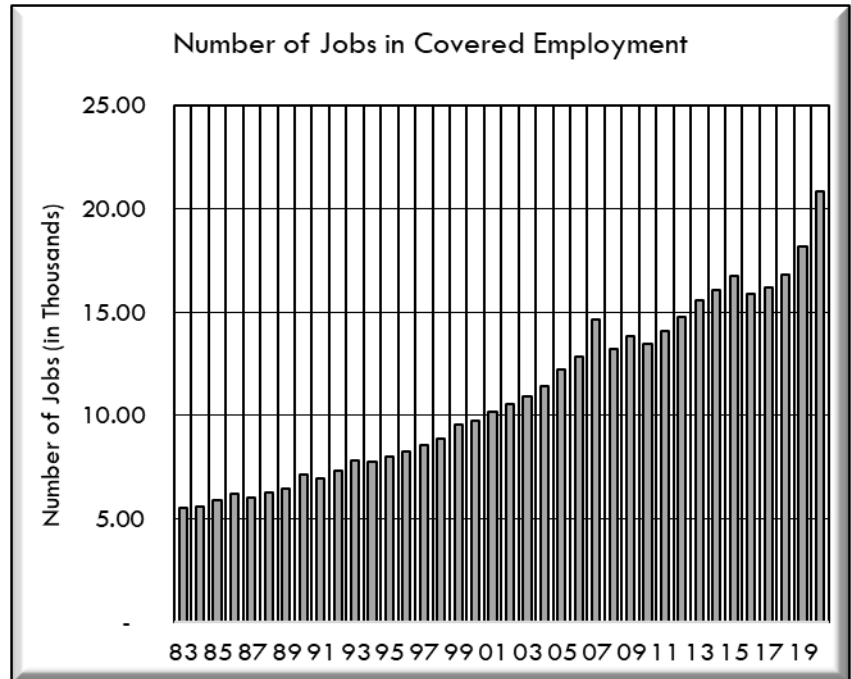
Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-552	-3.8%	1,024	7.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	15	4.9%	20	4.2%
Construction	12	1.4%	31	1.1%
Manufacturing	-55	-1.3%	23	0.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	51	1.3%	108	3.2%
Information	-1	-3.0%	-2	-6.5%
Financial Activities	4	1.6%	-4	-0.7%
Professional and Business Services	-6	-0.8%	29	3.5%
Education and Health Services	3	0.3%	23	2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	-19	-2.0%	81	8.4%
Other Services	2	1.5%	-1	-0.8%
Federal Government	1	2.4%	-2	-3.1%
State Government	na	na	na	na
Local Government	-152	-8.1%	174	10.1%

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**Waller County 1983-2020
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	10,928	401	3.8%
04	11,406	478	4.4%
05	12,217	811	7.1%
06	12,884	667	5.5%
07	14,684	1,800	14.0%
08	13,245	(1,439)	-9.8%
09	13,832	587	4.4%
10	13,460	(372)	-2.7%
11	14,069	609	4.5%
12	14,807	738	5.2%
13	15,606	799	5.4%
14	16,057	451	2.9%
15	16,776	719	4.5%
16	15,900	(876)	-5.2%
17	16,217	317	2.0%
18	16,845	628	3.9%
19	18,179	1,334	7.9%
20	20,848	2,669	14.7%



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Gulf Coast** 2019 Wages*

Std. Occ. Code	Occupation	Average Hourly Wage	Average Annual Wage	Employment
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	\$40.01	\$83,225	32,510
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$21.69	\$45,125	11,430
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	\$21.25	\$44,199	32,080
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$24.17	\$50,264	6,710
53-3052	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	\$19.73	\$41,034	2,850
13-1020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$35.76	\$74,379	10,960
47-2031	Carpenters	\$21.31	\$44,329	14,430
41-2011	Cashiers	\$11.12	\$23,125	67,230
17-2051	Civil Engineer	\$51.73	\$107,595	10,830
15-1231	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$38.13	\$79,318	3,590
47-2061	Construction Laborers	\$17.46	\$36,319	33,210
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	\$11.91	\$24,773	4,970
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	\$12.60	\$26,210	29,770
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	\$16.94	\$35,235	61,770
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	\$15.73	\$32,716	4,110
47-2111	Electricians	\$27.64	\$57,487	17,990
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	\$30.51	\$63,451	9,220
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$28.79	\$59,890	28,790
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$23.00	\$47,840	23,790
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	\$11.94	\$24,829	16,110
11-9051	Food Service Managers	\$29.76	\$61,905	4,060
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$61.07	\$127,020	56,540
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$31.06	\$64,604	13,930
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	\$17.84	\$37,097	18,300
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	\$12.03	\$25,021	43,780
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$14.86	\$30,904	50,380
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$23.18	\$48,224	14,640
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$32.28	\$67,140	620
51-4041	Machinists	\$23.26	\$48,389	11,300
11-2021	Marketing Managers	\$82.00	\$170,556	4,230
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	\$13.59	\$28,277	16,800
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	\$19.60	\$40,769	75,370
29-1051	Pharmacists	\$61.43	\$127,778	5,760
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$26.26	\$54,624	12,010
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	\$31.37	\$65,246	15,670
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$13.74	\$28,584	18,650
29-1141	Registered Nurses	\$39.03	\$81,183	55,470
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$12.47	\$25,939	90,270
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	\$43.36	\$90,184	7,930
43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$18.79	\$39,077	41,850
33-9032	Security Guards	\$15.01	\$31,217	27,870
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	\$17.69	\$36,802	18,840
53-7065	Stockers and Order Fillers	\$14.00	\$29,127	46,740
53-1047	Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Exc.Aircraft Cargo Handling	\$27.79	\$57,812	10,300
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	\$21.83	\$45,416	43,160
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$19.76	\$41,093	15,440
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$24.35	\$50,648	18,950

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