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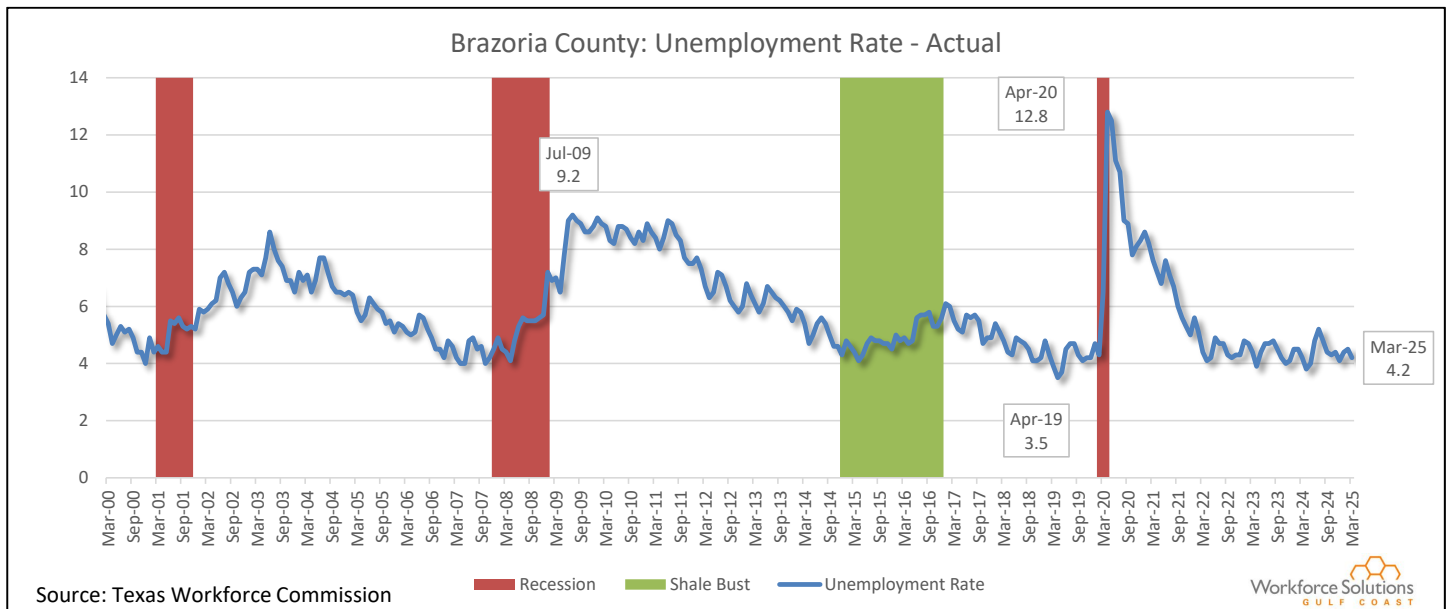
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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Brazoria County fell three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.2 percent in March, the same as it was a year earlier. The local rate of unemployment was slightly higher than the broader state's 4.0 percent rate and the same as the nation's 4.2 percent rate. Total covered employment in the Brazoria County lost 334 jobs over third quarter 2024, down 0.3 percent. This was the first third-quarter loss since 2019. The three primary contributors to the loss were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, down 303 jobs or 1.3 percent, Leisure and Hospitality, down 154 jobs or 1.0 percent, and Local Government, down 184 jobs or 1.0 percent. The only substantial gains were found in Professional and Business Services, up 307 jobs or 3.2 percent, and Manufacturing, up 163 jobs or 1.3 percent. Payrolls in the county were up 2,851 jobs over the year in third quarter 2024 with the pace of job growth falling to 2.4 percent from 3.6 percent in the second quarter. Nine of the eleven major industry sectors were reporting over-the-year increases. The top three contributors to the increase were Professional and Business Services, up 1,080 jobs or 12.1 percent, Education and Health Services, up 929 jobs or 6.4 percent, and Construction, up 584 jobs or 3.9 percent. The only notable decline was in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, down 201 jobs or 0.9 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	MAR 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2024
Civilian Labor Force	201,170	201,475	197,563
Total Employment	192,675	192,364	189,315
Unemployed	8,495	9,111	8,248
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.5%	4.2%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%
U.S.	4.2%	4.5%	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 2024 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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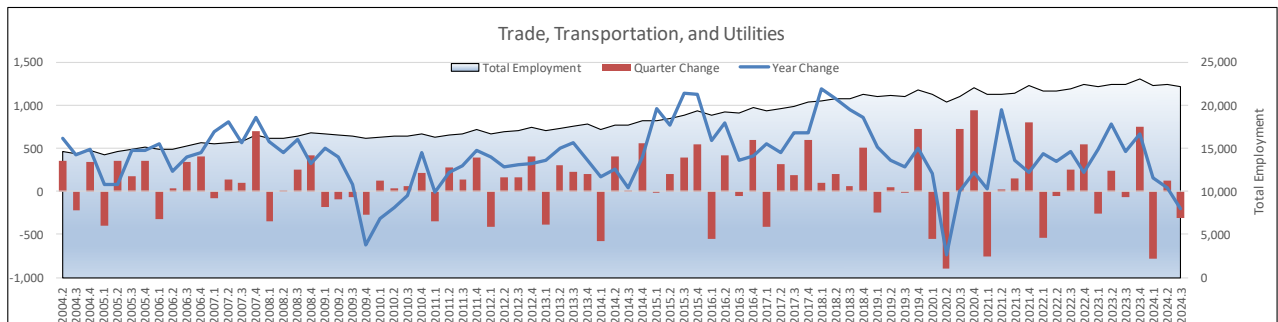
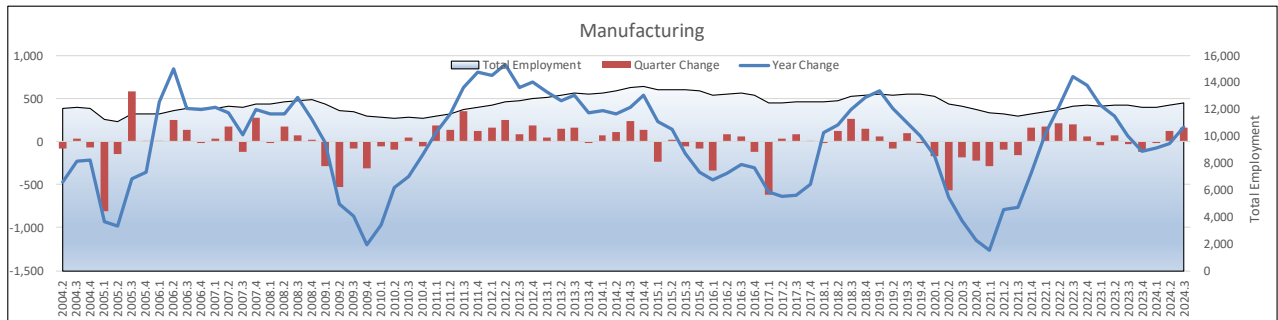
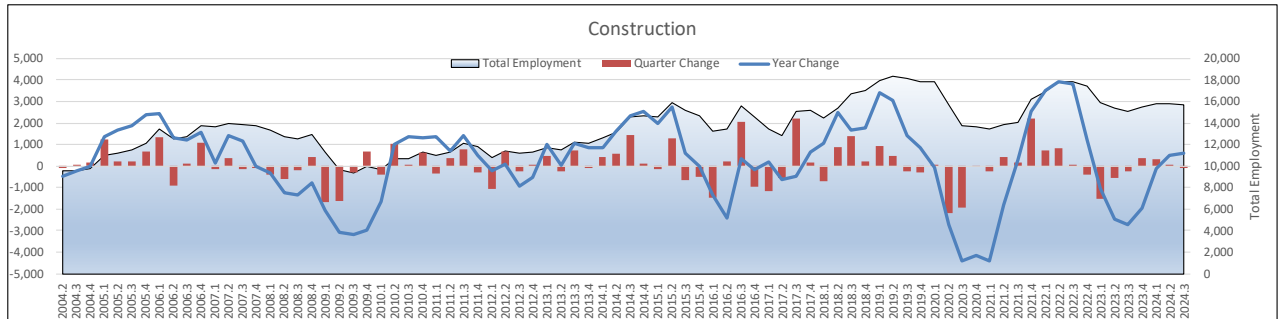
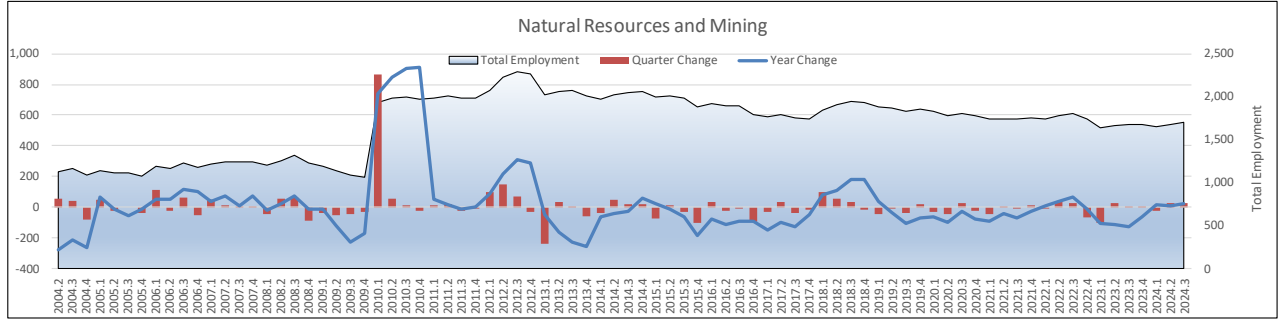
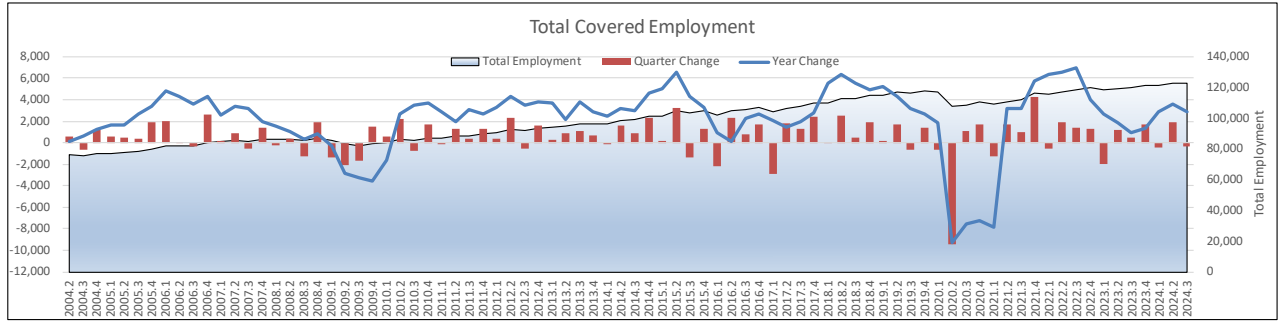
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	3RD QTR 2024	2ND QTR 2024	3RD QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	122,565	122,899	119,714	-334	-0.3%	2,851	2.4%	\$ 1,353
Natural Resources & Mining	1,701	1,676	1,674	25	1.5%	27	1.6%	\$ 3,885
Construction	15,711	15,823	15,127	-112	-0.7%	584	3.9%	\$ 1,752
Manufacturing	12,456	12,293	12,290	163	1.3%	166	1.4%	\$ 2,937
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	22,167	22,470	22,368	-303	-1.3%	-201	-0.9%	\$ 1,053
Information	370	367	404	3	0.8%	-34	-8.4%	\$ 1,443
Financial Activities	3,959	4,019	3,802	-60	-1.5%	157	4.1%	\$ 1,543
Professional & Business Services	9,982	9,675	8,902	307	3.2%	1,080	12.1%	\$ 1,528
Education & Health Services	15,479	15,469	14,550	10	0.1%	929	6.4%	\$ 1,099
Leisure & Hospitality	15,528	15,682	15,503	-154	-1.0%	25	0.2%	\$ 429
Other Services	3,624	3,621	3,365	3	0.1%	259	7.7%	\$ 973
Nonclassifiable	97	127	208	-30	-23.6%	-111	-53.4%	\$ 857
Public Administration	21,491	21,676	21,520	-185	-0.9%	-29	-0.1%	\$ 1,056
Federal Government	641	618	637	23	3.7%	4	0.6%	\$ 1,412
State Government	3,365	3,389	3,413	-24	-0.7%	-48	-1.4%	\$ 1,183
Local Government	17,485	17,669	17,470	-184	-1.0%	15	0.1%	\$ 1,017

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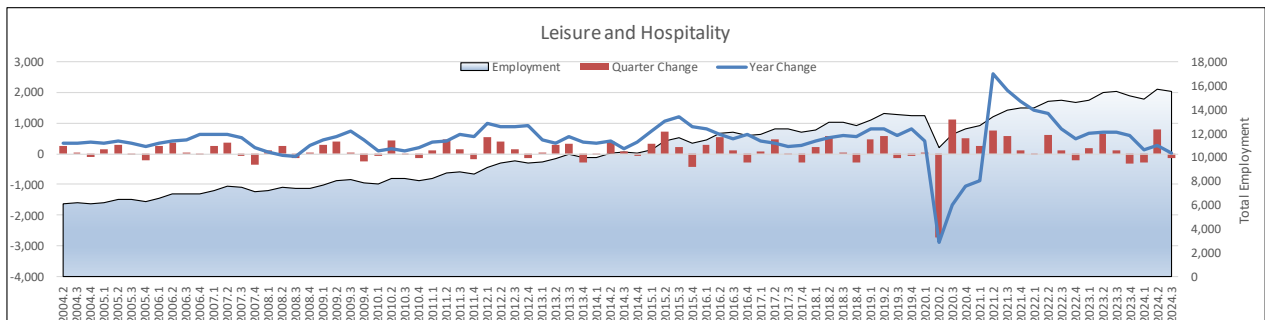
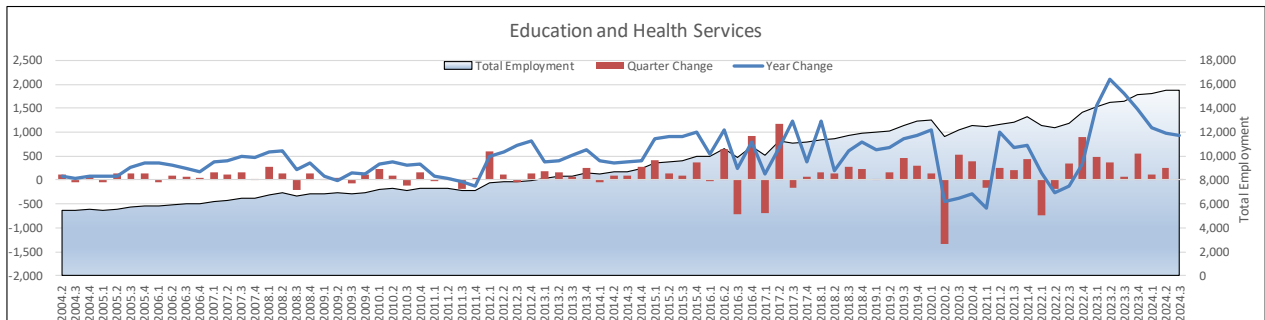
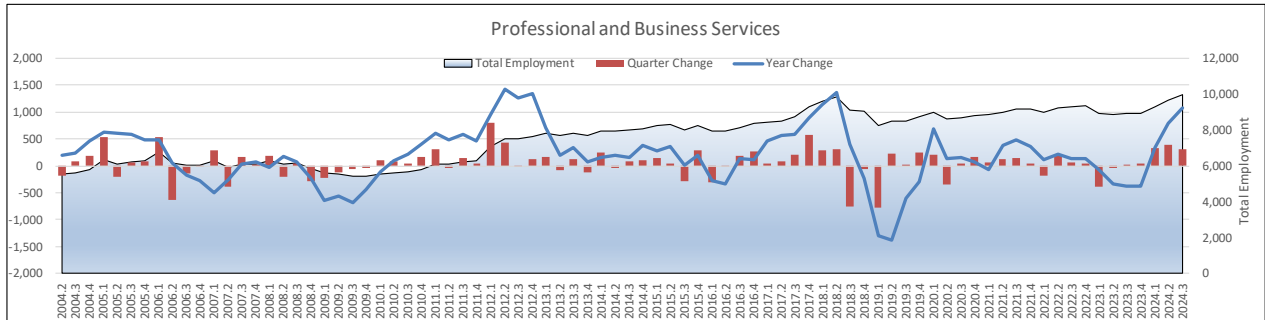
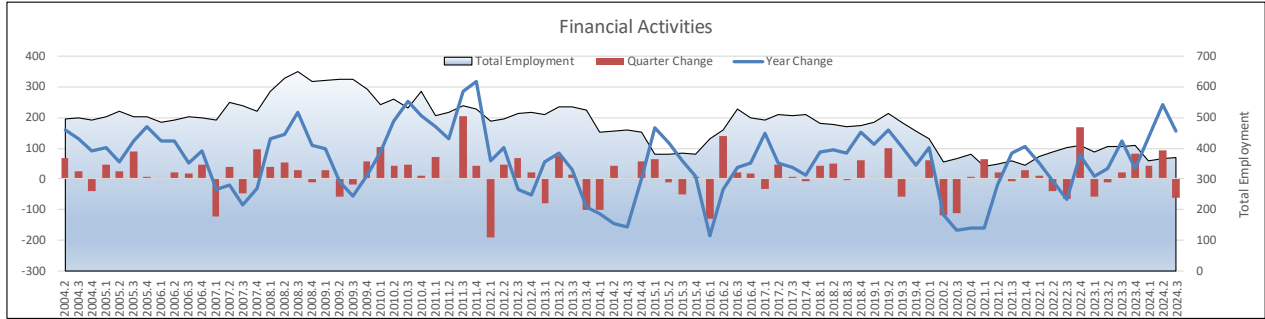
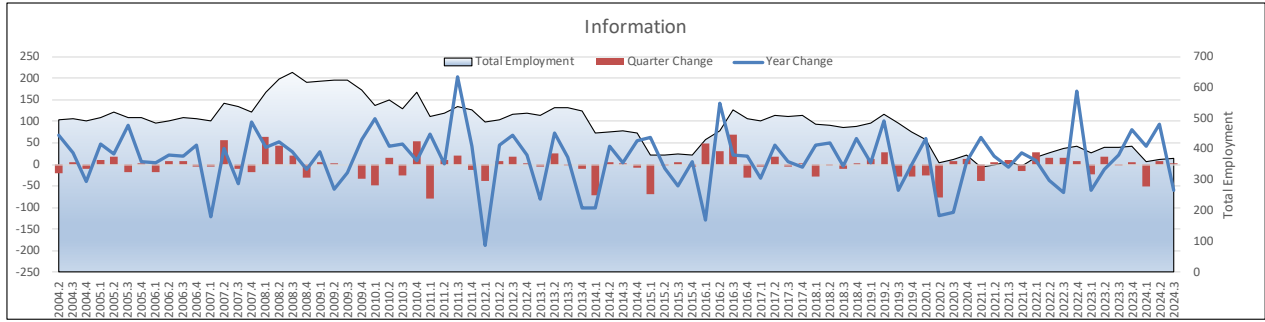
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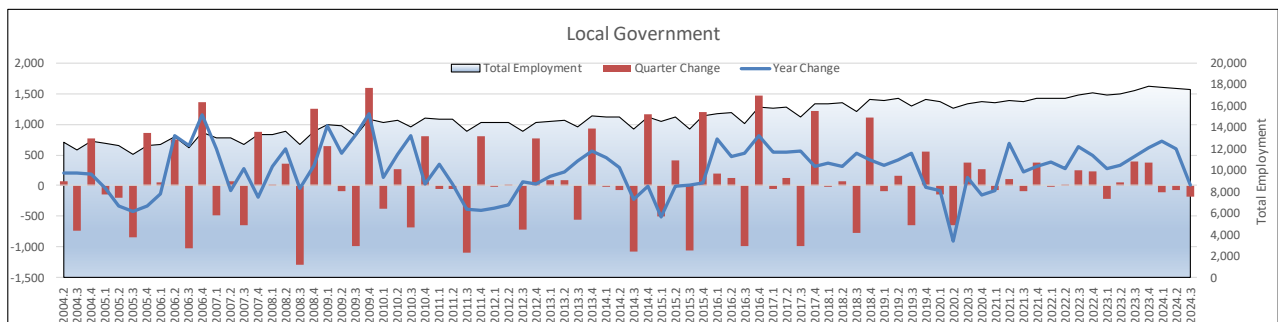
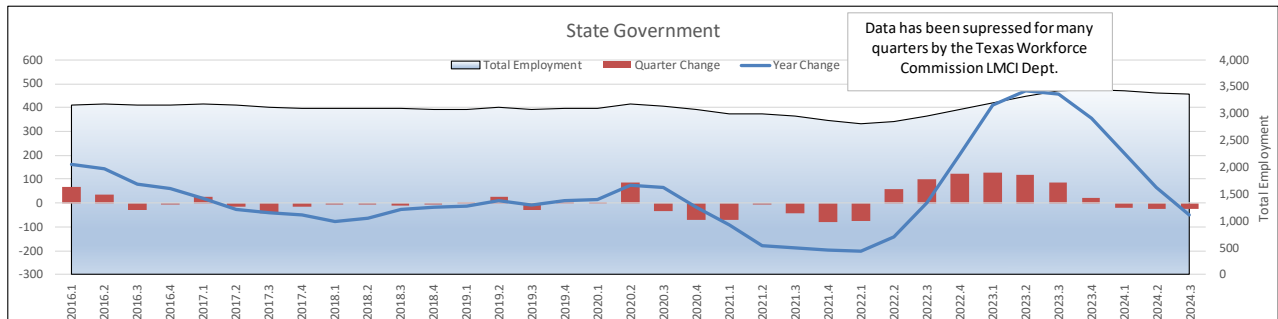
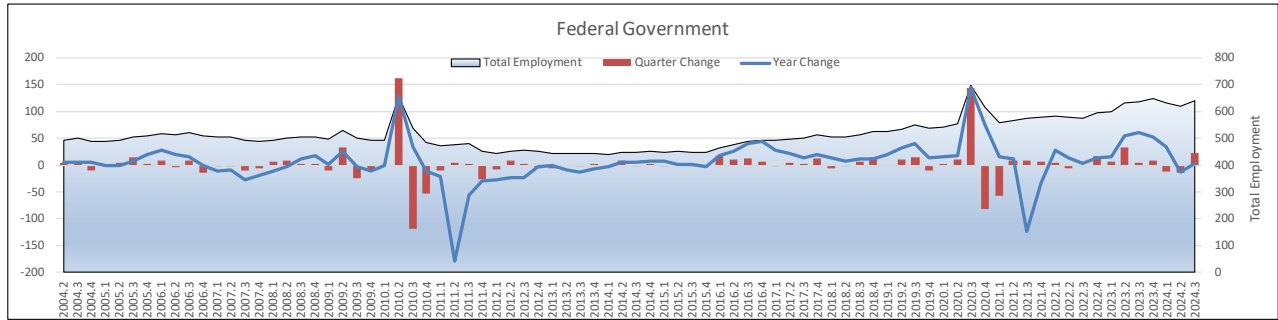
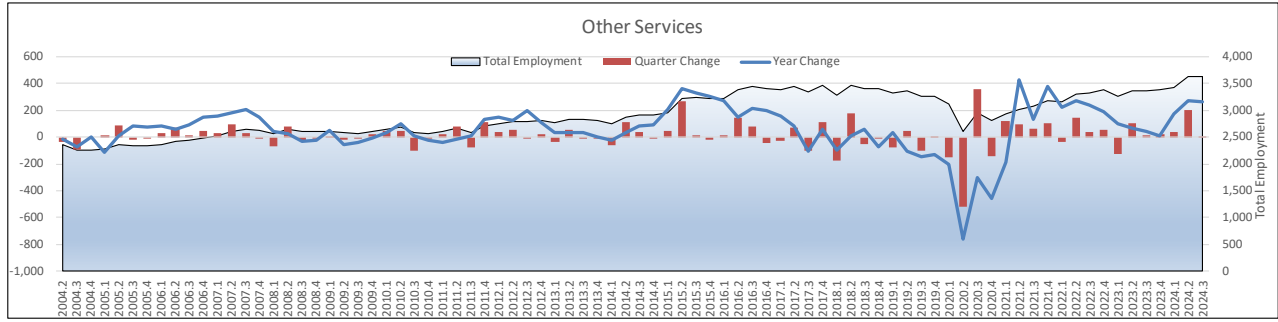
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	122,899	2024.2	74,843	2003.3
Natural Resources and Mining	2,294	2012.3	1,064	2009.4
Construction	18,399	2019.2	9,325	2009.3
Manufacturing	13,712	2014.4	11,093	2005.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	23,124	2023.4	13,940	2003.3
Information	648	2008.3	341	2021.1
Financial Activities	4,019	2024.2	2,685	2003.2
Professional and Business Services	9,982	2024.3	5,320	2003.4
Education and Health Services	15,479	2024.3	5,382	2004.1
Leisure and Hospitality	15,682	2024.2	5,663	2003.4
Other Services	3,624	2024.3	2,260	2004.3
Federal Government	695	2020.3	441	2014.1
State Government	3,433	2023.4	2,743	2007.4
Local Government	17,848	2023.4	11,484	2005.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-338	-0.3%	828	0.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	15	2.5%	22	1.2%
Construction	-185	-1.2%	26	0.4%
Manufacturing	-106	-0.8%	15	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-253	-1.7%	125	0.8%
Information	-15	-2.8%	11	2.2%
Financial Activities	-4	-0.1%	30	0.9%
Professional and Business Services	130	2.3%	-19	-0.5%
Education and Health Services	41	0.7%	130	1.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	162	1.9%	329	3.6%
Other Services	-11	-0.2%	65	2.2%
Federal Government	-3	-0.6%	13	2.7%
State Government	6	0.2%	31	1.0%
Local Government	-57	-0.4%	73	0.6%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-8	-0.1%	1,734	1.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	10	0.7%	-33	-2.1%
Construction	227	1.9%	192	1.7%
Manufacturing	80	0.7%	3	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	112	0.6%	477	2.6%
Information	5	1.1%	-9	-1.6%
Financial Activities	9	0.3%	26	0.7%
Professional and Business Services	23	0.4%	87	1.1%
Education and Health Services	41	0.3%	264	2.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	117	1.1%	-148	-1.6%
Other Services	0	0.0%	7	0.2%
Federal Government	4	1.0%	-7	-1.3%
State Government	-2	-0.1%	-4	-0.1%
Local Government	-640	-4.5%	894	6.6%

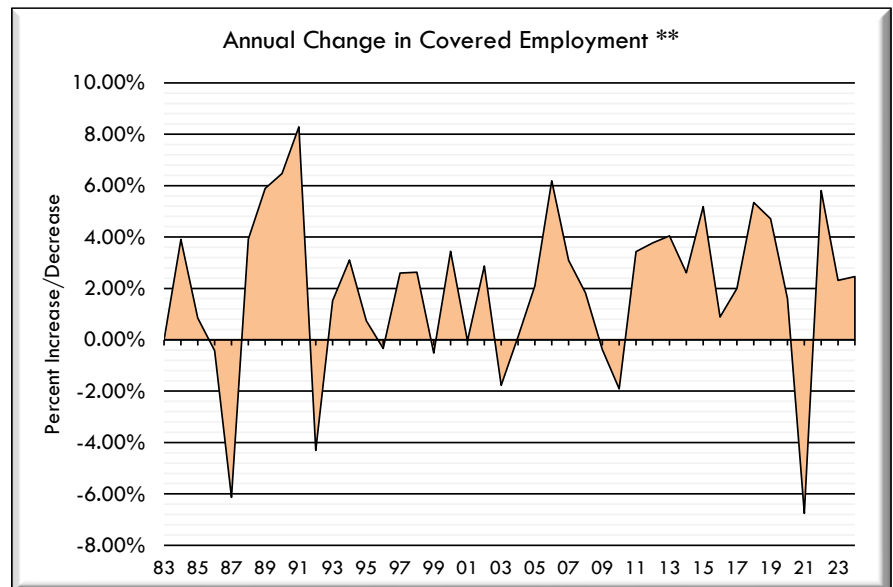
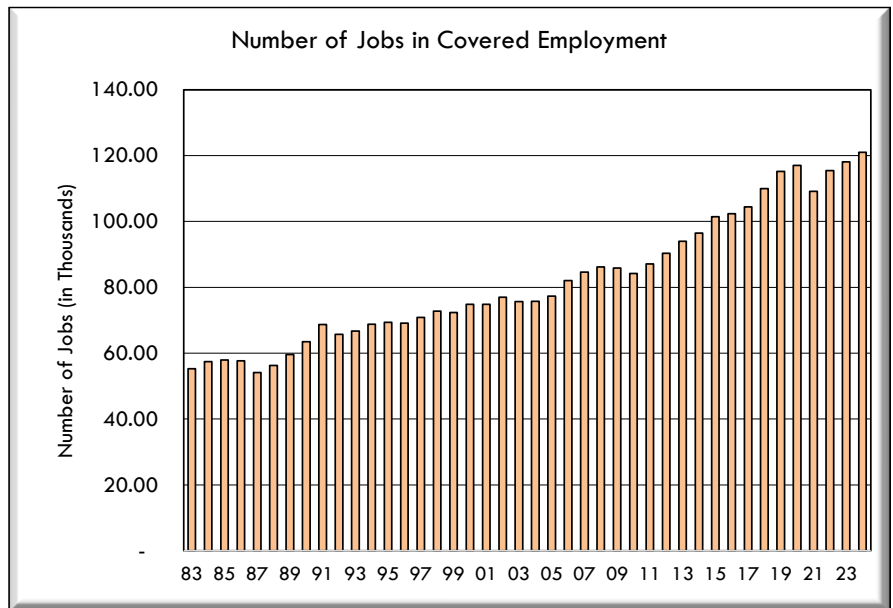
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Brazoria County 1983-2024 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	55,282		
84	57,441	2,159	3.9%
85	57,929	488	0.8%
86	57,687	(242)	-0.4%
87	54,148	(3,539)	-6.1%
88	56,270	2,122	3.9%
89	59,584	3,314	5.9%
90	63,442	3,858	6.5%
91	68,700	5,258	8.3%
92	65,742	(2,958)	-4.3%
93	66,740	998	1.5%
94	68,812	2,072	3.1%
95	69,321	509	0.7%
96	69,090	(231)	-0.3%
97	70,887	1,797	2.6%
98	72,750	1,863	2.6%
99	72,375	(375)	-0.5%
00	74,865	2,490	3.4%
01	74,835	(30)	0.0%
02	76,980	2,145	2.9%
03	75,618	(1,362)	-1.8%
04	75,708	90	0.1%
05	77,296	1,588	2.1%
06	82,077	4,781	6.2%
07	84,615	2,538	3.1%
08	86,159	1,544	1.8%
09	85,827	(332)	-0.4%
10	84,186	(1,641)	-1.9%
11	87,072	2,886	3.4%
12	90,354	3,282	3.8%
13	94,009	3,655	4.0%
14	96,458	2,449	2.6%
15	101,458	5,000	5.2%
16	102,355	897	0.9%
17	104,401	2,046	2.0%
18	109,977	5,576	5.3%
19	115,159	5,182	4.7%
20	117,012	1,853	1.6%
21	109,110	(7,902)	-6.8%
22	115,442	6,332	5.8%
23	118,115	2,673	2.3%
24	121,018	2,903	2.5%



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Gulf Coast** 2023 Wages*

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

Std. Occ. Code	Occupation	Average		Employment
		Hourly Wage	Annual Wage	
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	\$45.78	\$95,229	22,710
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$25.16	\$52,323	14,850
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	\$22.88	\$47,591	32,450
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$28.49	\$59,249	6,960
53-3052	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	\$23.22	\$48,300	3,360
13-1020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$37.19	\$77,359	9,480
47-2031	Carpenters	\$23.82	\$49,554	10,270
41-2011	Cashiers	\$13.59	\$28,264	67,120
39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$13.79	\$28,686	12,200
17-2051	Civil Engineer	\$48.19	\$100,242	9,630
15-1232	Computer User Support Specialists	\$27.93	\$58,085	13,000
47-2061	Construction Laborers	\$19.04	\$39,613	34,550
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	\$15.72	\$32,691	7,750
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	\$15.13	\$31,471	30,590
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	\$19.44	\$40,439	68,830
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$37.10	\$77,165	3,510
47-3013	Electrician Helpers	\$21.52	\$44,766	2,090
47-2111	Electricians	\$28.31	\$58,876	19,800
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	\$34.52	\$71,811	7,570
35-3023	Fast Food and Counter Workers	\$12.26	\$25,505	86,280
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$33.06	\$68,759	39,250
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$23.92	\$49,744	23,310
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	\$13.93	\$28,976	26,640
11-9051	Food Service Managers	\$34.90	\$72,600	4,460
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$61.76	\$128,470	106,480
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$18.75	\$38,999	6,210
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics	\$27.92	\$58,069	7,320
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$32.55	\$67,709	15,910
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	\$20.90	\$43,480	19,970
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	\$14.68	\$30,538	45,960
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$18.22	\$37,890	58,910
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$28.26	\$58,787	11,660
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$35.28	\$73,391	520
51-4041	Machinists	\$27.18	\$56,545	6,650
11-2021	Marketing Managers	\$74.08	\$154,096	7,940
31-9092	Medical Assistants	\$19.51	\$40,585	16,100
49-3042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$30.78	\$64,028	5,500
31-1131	Nursing Assistants	\$17.54	\$36,475	18,340
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	\$19.61	\$40,789	39,980
29-1051	Pharmacists	\$65.83	\$136,925	6,840
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$28.59	\$59,465	11,710
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	\$35.60	\$74,044	14,830
43-5061	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$27.18	\$56,528	7,990
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$16.54	\$34,400	23,060
29-1141	Registered Nurses	\$45.31	\$94,250	62,550
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$16.22	\$33,740	72,840
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	\$23.94	\$49,785	4,570
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products	\$36.85	\$76,649	26,070
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$20.81	\$43,285	36,890
33-9032	Security Guards	\$16.83	\$35,006	27,890
53-7065	Stockers and Order Fillers	\$17.94	\$37,320	61,780
53-1047	Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Exc.Aircraft Cargo Handling	\$29.97	\$62,337	14,200
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	\$26.52	\$55,156	48,570
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$22.18	\$46,126	17,380
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$27.10	\$56,372	16,950

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