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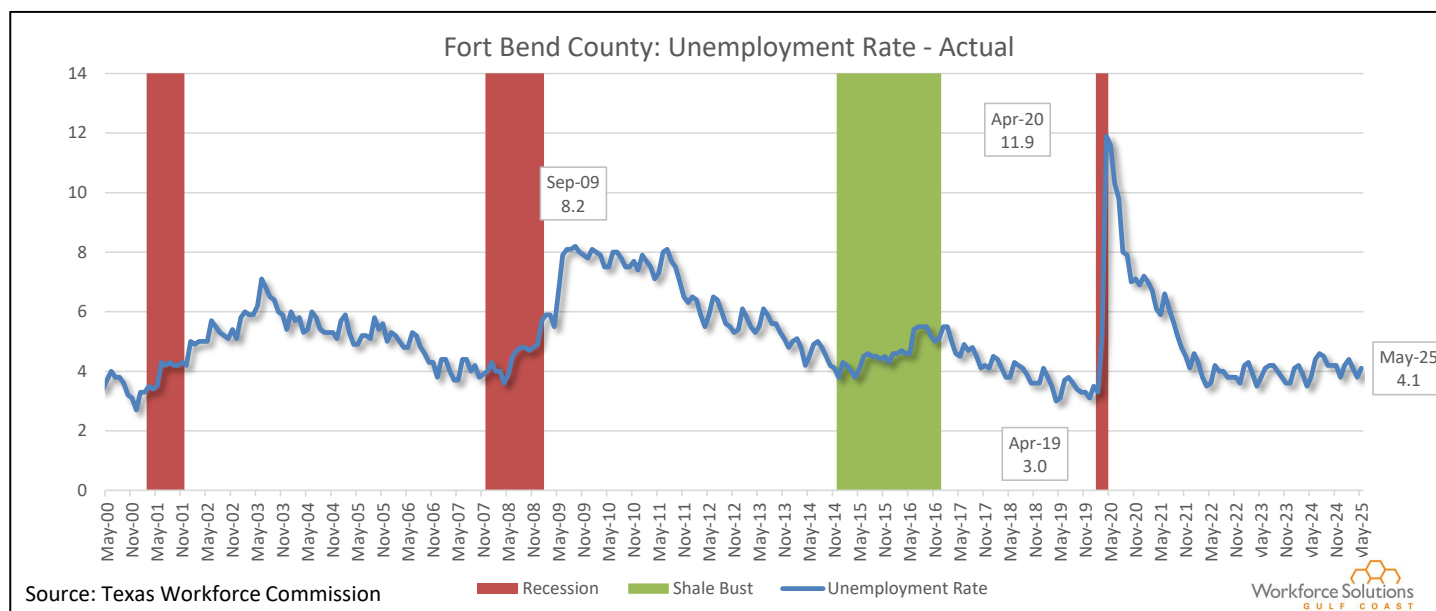
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County Employment Data*

Fort Bend County's unemployment rate rose to 4.1% in May, an increase of 0.3 percentage points from both the previous month and the same period a year ago. The local rate was slightly above the state and national averages, which each stood at 4.0%. Fort Bend County posted its largest fourth-quarter job gain on record, adding 8,362 jobs in Q4 2024—a 3.4% increase that significantly outpaced the historical average of 2.2%. Employment grew across nine of the county's eleven major industry sectors. The strongest gains came from seasonal hiring in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+2,519 jobs; +4.4%) and Public Administration (+4,273 jobs; +10.0%). Employment declined in Other Services (-175 jobs; -2.5%) and Natural Resources and Mining (-140 jobs; -4.3%). On a year-over-year basis, Fort Bend County added 9,280 jobs from Q4 2023 to Q4 2024, with the annual job growth rate rising to 3.0%, up slightly from 3.1% in the third quarter. Job gains were again broad-based, led by: Public Administration: +2,458 jobs (+5.5%) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: +1,816 jobs (+3.1%) Leisure and Hospitality: +1,691 jobs (+5.9%) Education and Health Services: +1,047 jobs (+2.7%) Professional and Business Services: +1,020 jobs (+3.9%). Employment losses were limited to Information (-489 jobs; -19.7%) and Other Services (-142 jobs; -2.0%). Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	MAY 2025	APR 2025	MAY 2024
Civilian Labor Force	476,776	480,482	468,011
Total Employment	457,383	462,209	450,266
Unemployed	19,393	18,273	17,745
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.0%	3.7%	3.7%
U.S.	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%



*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 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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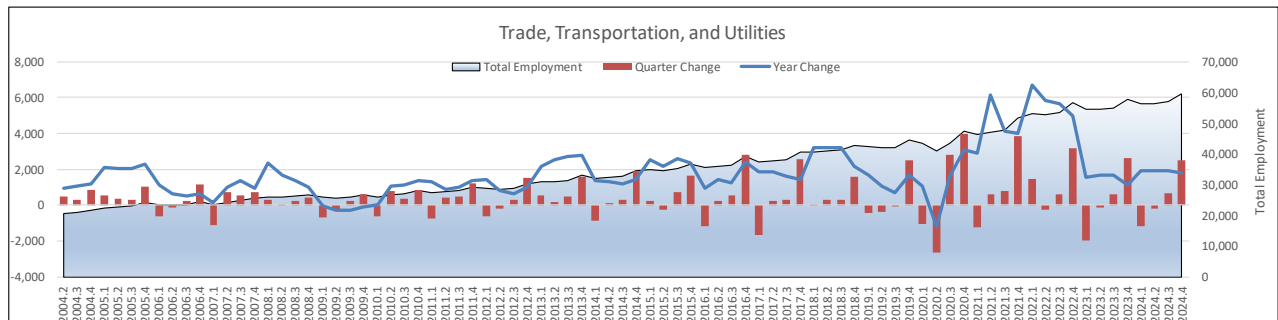
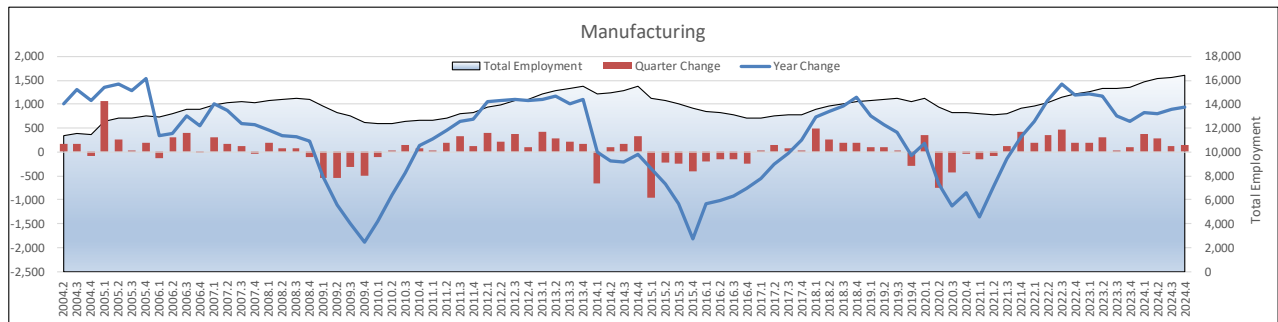
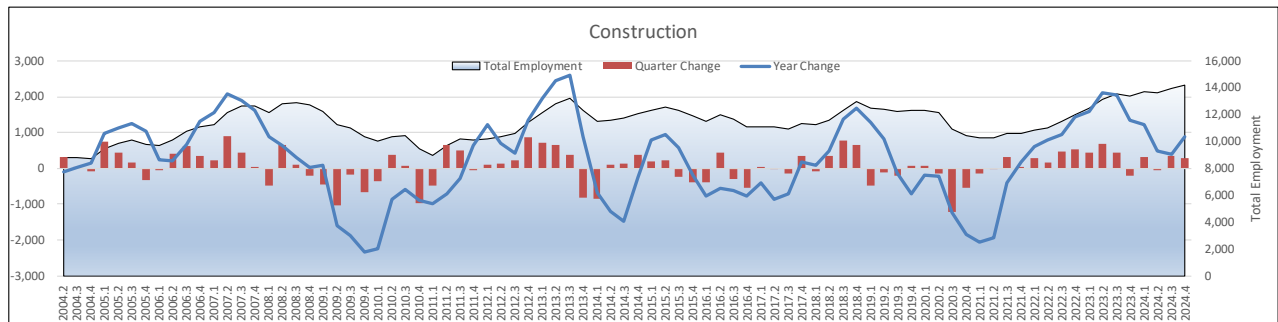
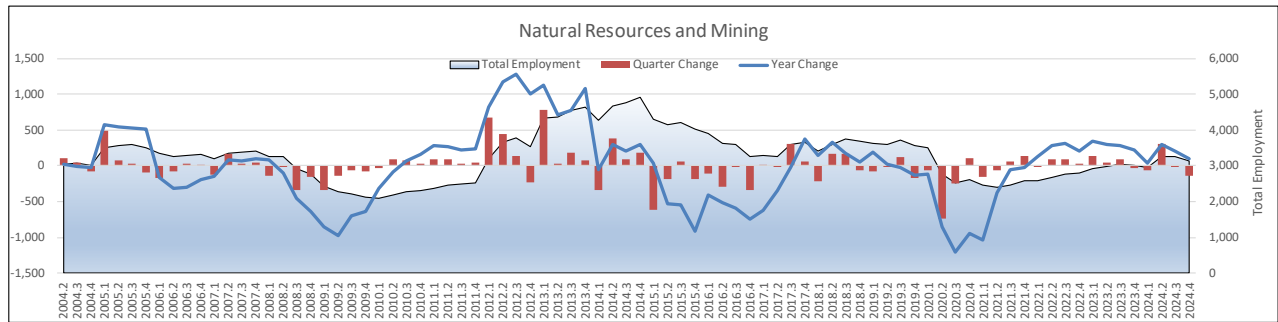
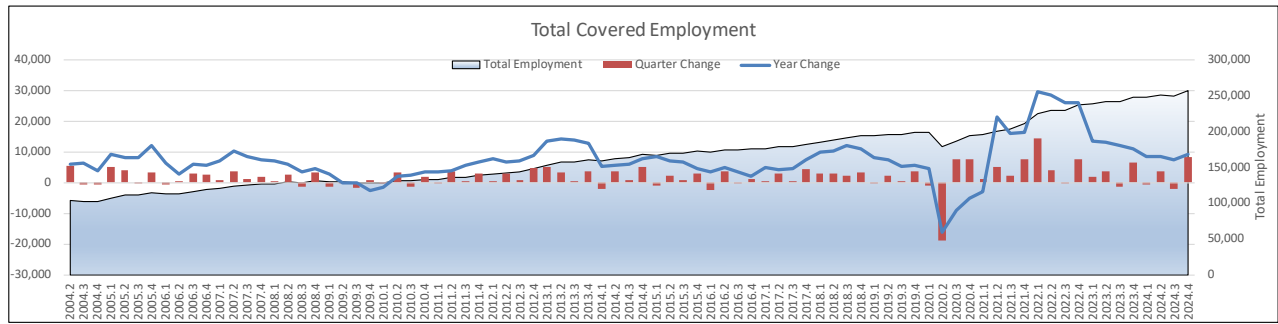
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	4TH QTR 2024	3RD QTR 2024	4TH QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	256,875	248,513	247,593	8,362	3.4%	9,282	3.7%	\$1,277
Natural Resources & Mining	3,121	3,261	3,027	-140	-4.3%	94	3.1%	\$7,462
Construction	14,226	13,955	13,342	271	1.9%	884	6.6%	\$2,400
Manufacturing	16,411	16,263	15,460	148	0.9%	951	6.2%	\$1,821
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	59,549	57,030	57,733	2,519	4.4%	1,816	3.1%	\$1,052
Information	1,997	1,980	2,486	17	0.9%	-489	-19.7%	\$1,522
Financial Activities	9,271	9,125	9,222	146	1.6%	49	0.5%	\$1,936
Professional & Business Services	27,430	27,168	26,410	262	1.0%	1,020	3.9%	\$1,610
Education & Health Services	40,424	39,516	39,377	908	2.3%	1,047	2.7%	\$989
Leisure & Hospitality	30,156	30,059	28,465	97	0.3%	1,691	5.9%	\$476
Other Services	6,797	6,972	6,939	-175	-2.5%	-142	-2.0%	\$833
Nonclassifiable	309	272	406	37	13.6%	-97	-23.9%	\$935
Public Administration	47,184	42,911	44,726	4,273	10.0%	2,458	5.5%	\$1,117
Federal Government	2,105	1,857	1,230	248	13.4%	875	71.1%	\$1,772
State Government	3,036	2,980	2,876	56	1.9%	160	5.6%	\$1,273
Local Government	42,043	38,074	40,620	3,969	10.4%	1,423	3.5%	\$1,086

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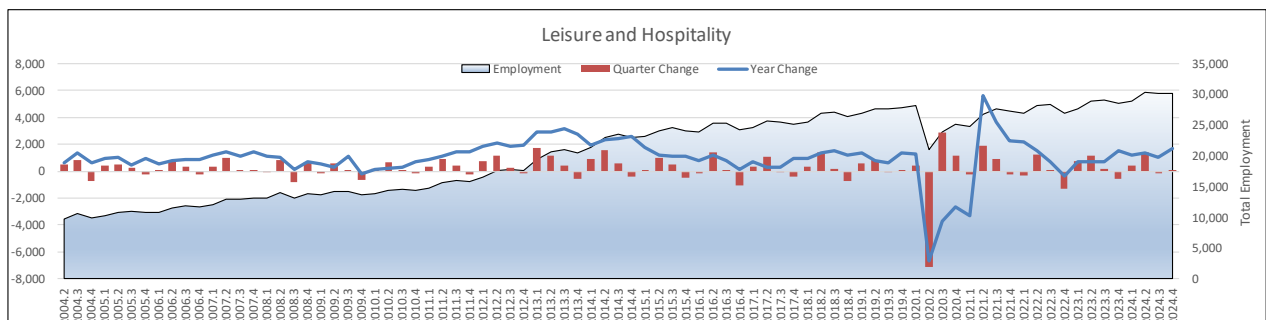
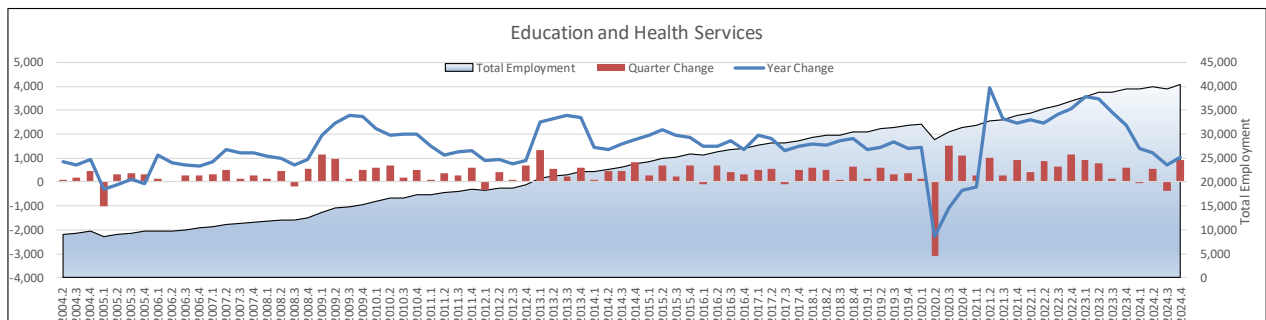
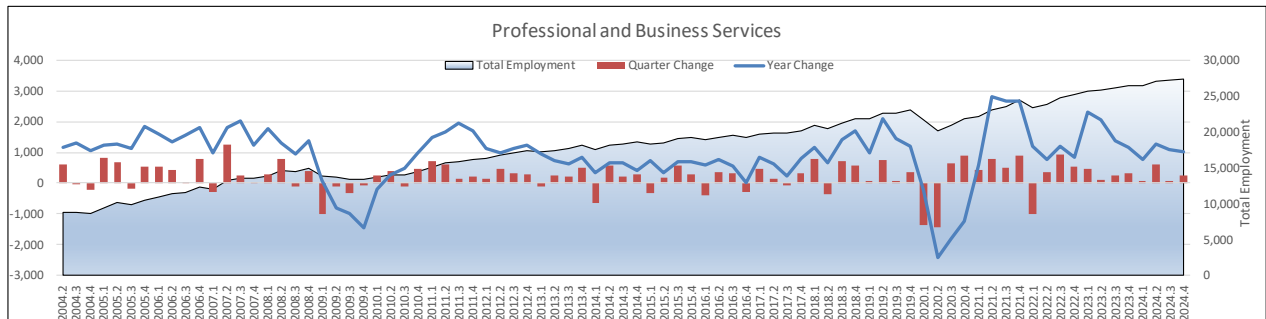
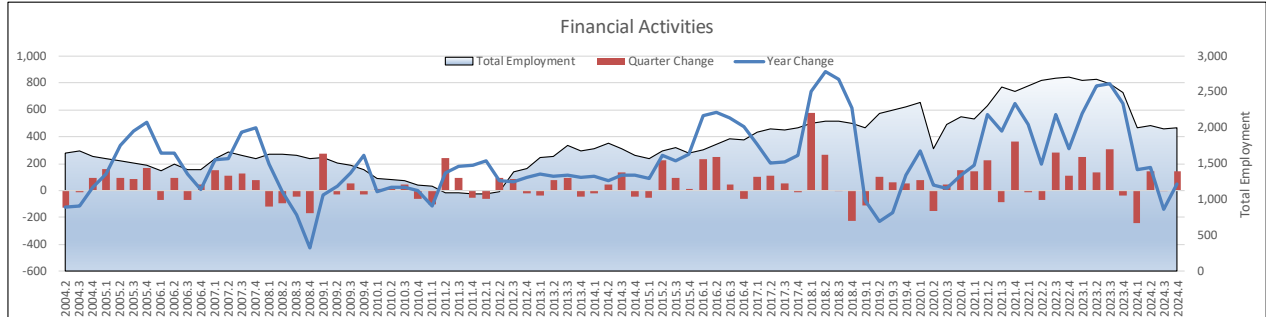
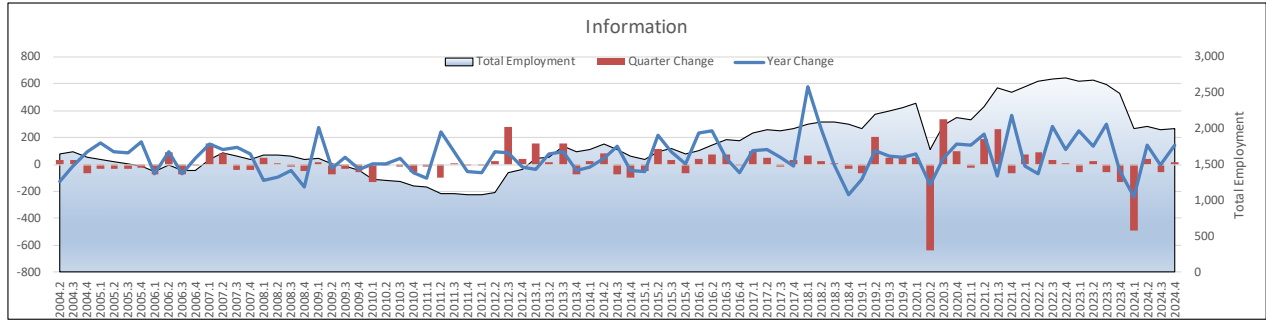
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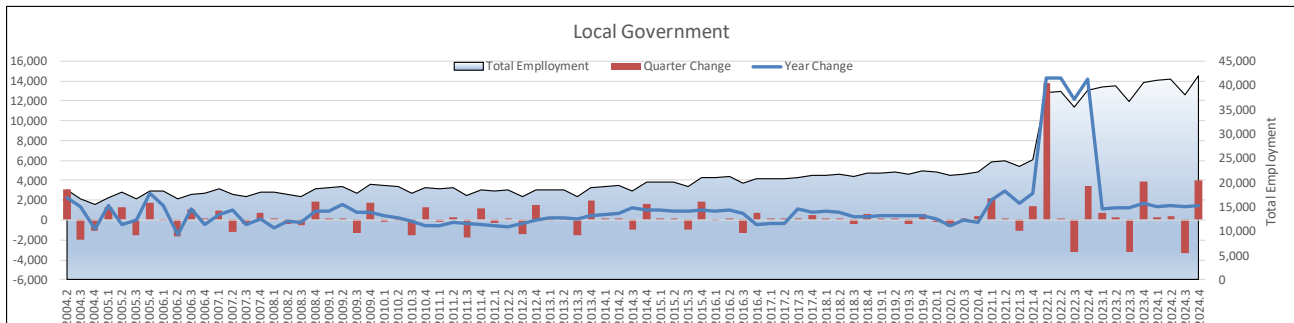
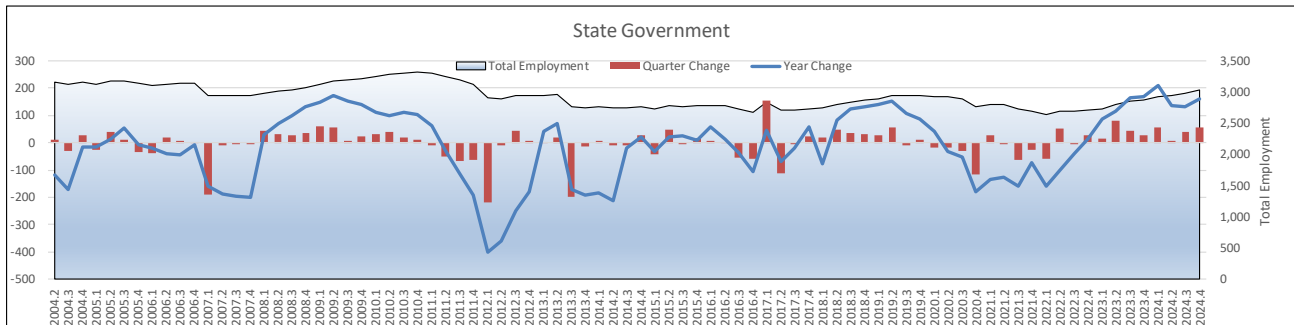
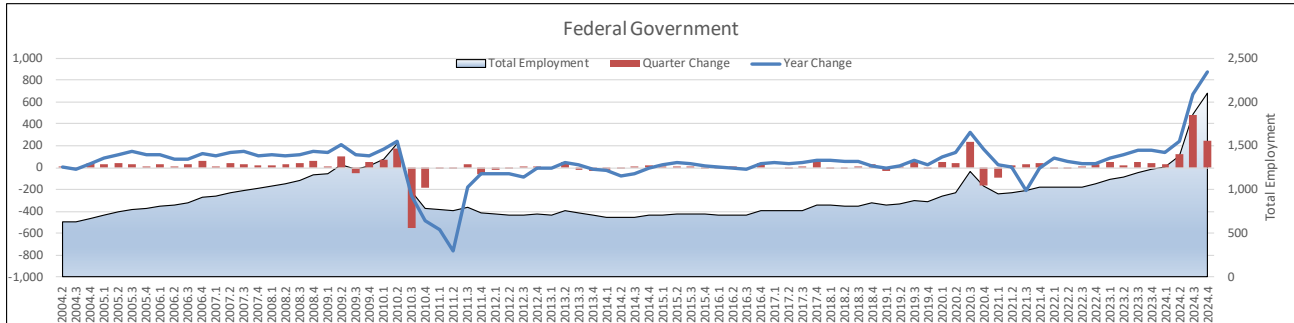
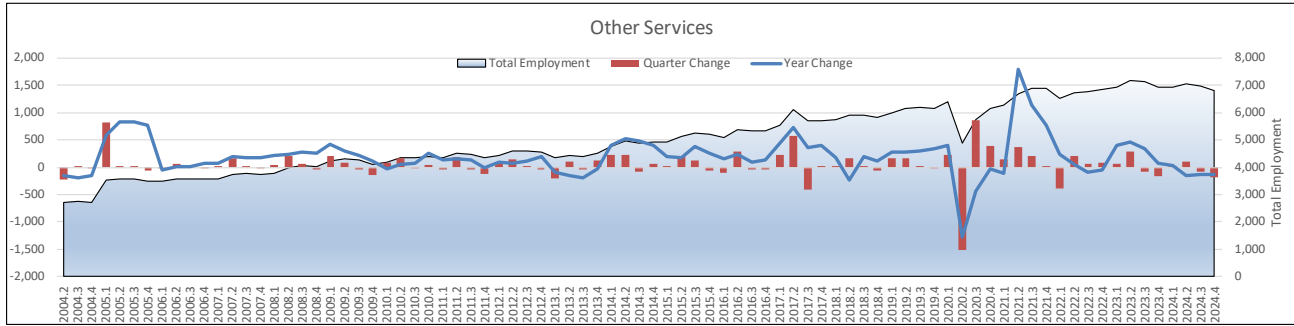
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	256,875	2024.4	96,052	2003.3
Natural Resources and Mining	4,927	2014.4	2,106	2010.1
Construction	14,226	2024.4	8,474	2004.1
Manufacturing	16,411	2024.4	10,252	2003.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	59,549	2024.4	19,685	2003.2
Information	2,705	2022.4	1,080	2012.1
Financial Activities	9,271	2024.4	4,364	2004.3
Professional and Business Services	27,430	2024.4	7,486	2003.3
Education and Health Services	40,424	2024.4	8,246	2003.2
Leisure and Hospitality	30,218	2024.2	9,169	2003.2
Other Services	7,192	2023.2	2,726	2004.2
Federal Government	2,105	2024.4	617	2004.1
State Government	3,310	2010.4	2,637	2022.1
Local Government	42,043	2024.4	15,259	2003.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	1,052	0.6%	2,115	1.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	-18	0.2%	21	0.8%
Construction	-40	-0.3%	242	2.3%
Manufacturing	106	1.0%	70	0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-458	-1.5%	7	0.3%
Information	-24	-0.9%	14	1.0%
Financial Activities	59	1.0%	83	1.3%
Professional and Business Services	27	0.8%	351	2.6%
Education and Health Services	274	1.3%	378	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	306	1.7%	655	4.1%
Other Services	76	2.3%	94	2.0%
Federal Government	5	0.4%	31	3.0%
State Government	-9	-0.2%	14	0.5%
Local Government	835	3.4%	145	0.9%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	442	0.3%	3,810	2.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	43	1.2%	-41	-1.1%
Construction	118	1.1%	-68	-0.6%
Manufacturing	81	0.6%	24	0.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	506	1.5%	1,815	5.0%
Information	35	2.3%	-28	-1.6%
Financial Activities	62	0.9%	19	0.2%
Professional and Business Services	195	0.8%	342	2.0%
Education and Health Services	249	1.3%	590	2.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	314	1.7%	-277	-1.3%
Other Services	31	0.7%	-14	-0.3%
Federal Government	19	2.5%	13	1.1%
State Government	-10	-0.4%	-5	-0.1%
Local Government	-1,188	-5.0%	1,426	6.4%

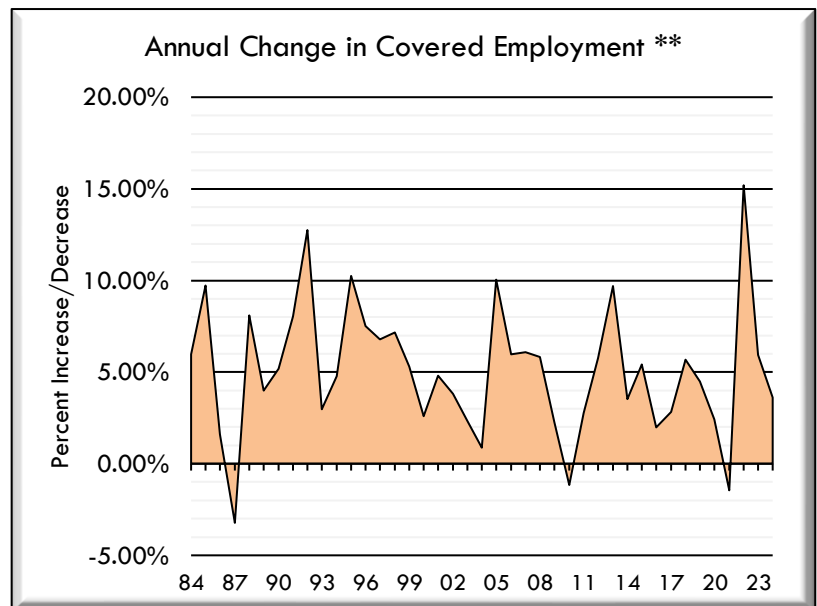
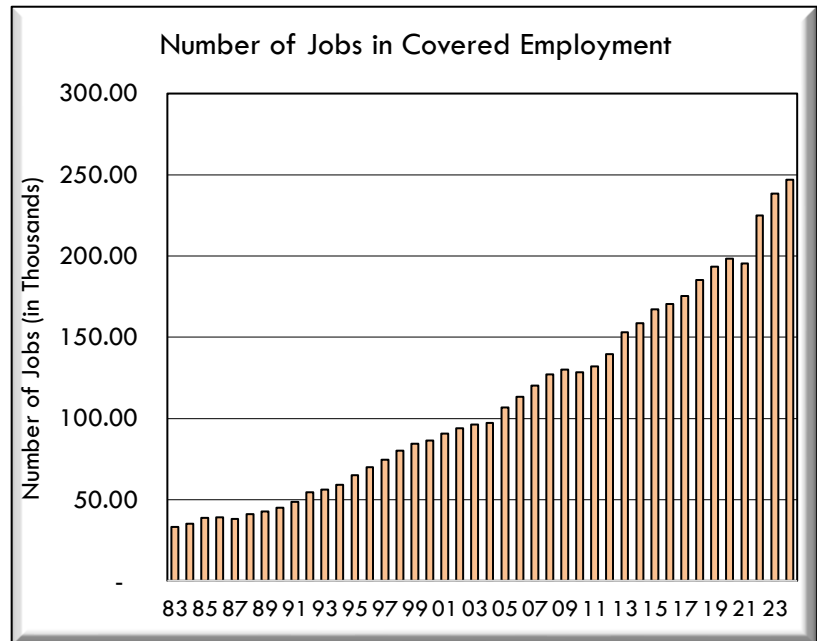
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Fort Bend County 1983-2024 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	33,224		
84	35,208	1,984	6.0%
85	38,627	3,419	9.7%
86	39,241	614	1.6%
87	37,974	(1,267)	-3.2%
88	41,045	3,071	8.1%
89	42,677	1,632	4.0%
90	44,893	2,216	5.2%
91	48,499	3,606	8.0%
92	54,682	6,183	12.7%
93	56,302	1,620	3.0%
94	58,988	2,686	4.8%
95	65,035	6,047	10.3%
96	69,926	4,891	7.5%
97	74,664	4,738	6.8%
98	80,010	5,346	7.2%
99	84,244	4,234	5.3%
00	86,421	2,177	2.6%
01	90,583	4,162	4.8%
02	94,050	3,467	3.8%
03	96,235	2,185	2.3%
04	97,080	845	0.9%
05	106,825	9,745	10.0%
06	113,212	6,387	6.0%
07	120,091	6,879	6.1%
08	127,097	7,006	5.8%
09	129,996	2,899	2.3%
10	128,501	(1,495)	-1.2%
11	132,044	3,543	2.8%
12	139,642	7,598	5.8%
13	153,193	13,551	9.7%
14	158,576	5,383	3.5%
15	167,172	8,596	5.4%
16	170,500	3,328	2.0%
17	175,326	4,826	2.8%
18	185,269	9,943	5.7%
19	193,574	8,305	4.5%
20	198,265	4,691	2.4%
21	195,395	(2,870)	-1.4%
22	225,085	29,690	15.2%
23	238,450	13,365	5.9%
24	247,051	8,601	3.6%



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Gulf Coast** 2024 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	\$45.18	\$93,971	27,680
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$27.04	\$56,235	14,890
19-4021	Biological Technicians	\$25.05	\$52,098	1,870
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	\$24.62	\$51,211	28,210
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$29.78	\$61,932	6,510
53-3052	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	\$23.45	\$48,772	3,260
13-1020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$39.83	\$82,839	9,420
47-2031	Carpenters	\$24.91	\$51,806	9,590
41-2011	Cashiers	\$14.07	\$29,273	62,770
39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$14.17	\$29,467	13,190
17-2051	Civil Engineer	\$53.01	\$110,264	11,330
15-1232	Computer User Support Specialists	\$28.97	\$60,262	11,360
47-2061	Construction Laborers	\$20.10	\$41,802	33,540
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	\$16.33	\$33,958	7,620
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	\$15.97	\$33,215	32,510
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	\$20.38	\$42,385	64,870
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$39.15	\$81,435	3,310
47-3013	Electrician Helpers	\$21.58	\$44,897	1,940
47-2111	Electricians	\$28.40	\$59,077	18,100
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	\$35.86	\$74,596	7,400
35-3023	Fast Food and Counter Workers	\$12.76	\$26,537	91,450
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$34.90	\$72,590	40,050
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$24.00	\$49,913	21,900
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	\$15.25	\$31,728	23,480
11-9051	Food Service Managers	\$37.16	\$77,300	3,640
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$66.54	\$138,394	107,460
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$19.02	\$39,552	5,520
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics	\$28.68	\$59,648	7,090
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$33.43	\$69,541	18,750
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	\$21.96	\$45,678	24,150
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	\$15.20	\$31,618	47,750
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$18.93	\$39,380	53,740
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$30.06	\$62,530	11,660
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$44.31	\$92,155	490
51-4041	Machinists	\$28.61	\$59,501	7,640
11-2021	Marketing Managers	\$75.16	\$156,330	9,250
31-9092	Medical Assistants	\$20.17	\$41,949	16,880
49-3042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$31.75	\$66,044	5,460
31-1131	Nursing Assistants	\$18.70	\$38,892	19,970
19-5011	Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	\$40.82	\$84,898	5,200
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	\$19.61	\$40,780	46,500
29-1051	Pharmacists	\$65.44	\$136,114	6,310
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$29.24	\$60,814	11,280
33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$35.89	\$74,659	16,170
43-5061	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$26.87	\$55,891	8,140
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$16.93	\$35,212	19,050
29-1141	Registered Nurses	\$46.42	\$96,552	66,090
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$16.25	\$33,805	77,290
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	\$24.28	\$50,512	5,900
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products	\$38.17	\$79,398	24,900
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$22.01	\$45,783	34,340
33-9032	Security Guards	\$18.27	\$37,994	27,390
53-7065	Stockers and Order Fillers	\$18.19	\$37,829	64,370
53-1047	Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Exc. Aircraft Cargo Handling	\$31.12	\$64,727	13,970
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	\$27.46	\$57,112	50,120
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$23.24	\$48,334	17,180
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$27.16	\$56,496	18,010

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