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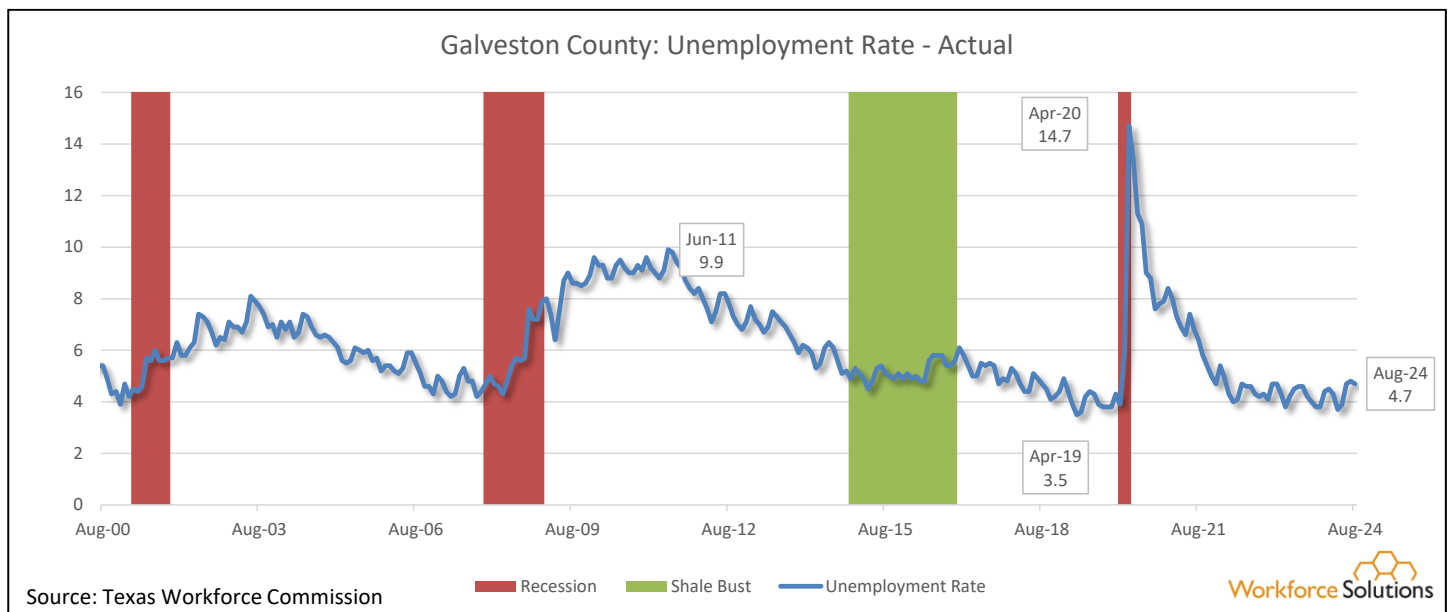
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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Galveston County fell one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.7 percent in August, one-tenth of a percentage point higher than a year earlier. The local rate of unemployment was higher than 4.4 percent at the state and national level. Total covered employment in the Galveston County experienced its largest first quarter decline since 2018, down 1,764 jobs over first quarter 2024. The 1.4 percent decline was much deeper than the historical average of 0.4 percent. While the pandemic caused a break in trends over the last three years where it added jobs in the first quarter, seasonal winter declines appear to be returning although currently stronger than it has historically. Roughly half of the decline was in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities with a stronger than normal loss of 972 jobs or 4.4 percent. The county reported an over-the-year loss for the first time in three years, down 471 jobs or 0.4 percent from first quarter 2023. Five of eleven major industry sectors managed increases with largest private sector gains found in Professional and Business Services, up 413 jobs or 4.4 percent, Leisure and Hospitality, up 364 jobs or 1.8 percent, and Education and Health Services, up 326 jobs or 3.1 percent. While losses were widespread, largest declines were found in Construction, down 776 jobs or 9.5 percent, and Other Services, down 593 jobs or 12.2 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	AUG 2024	JUL 2024	AUG 2023
Civilian Labor Force	179,738	179,201	174,581
Total Employed	171,292	170,660	166,662
Unemployed	8,446	8,541	7,959
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.8%	4.6%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%
U.S.	4.4%	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 1st 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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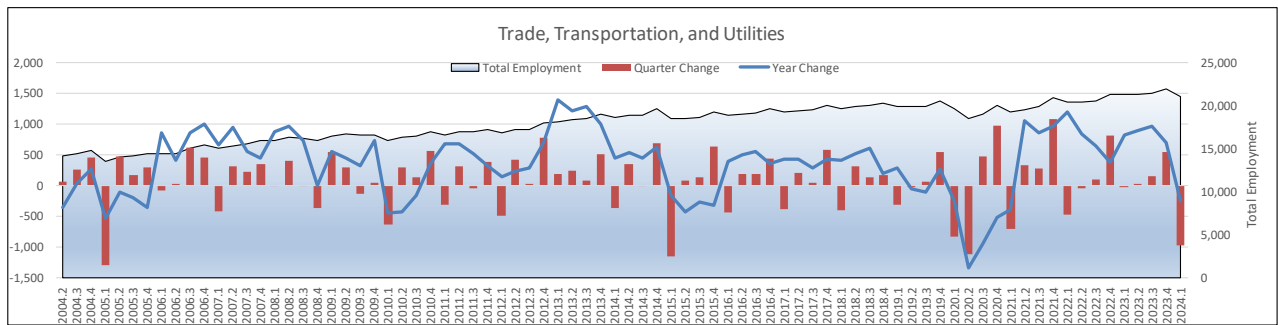
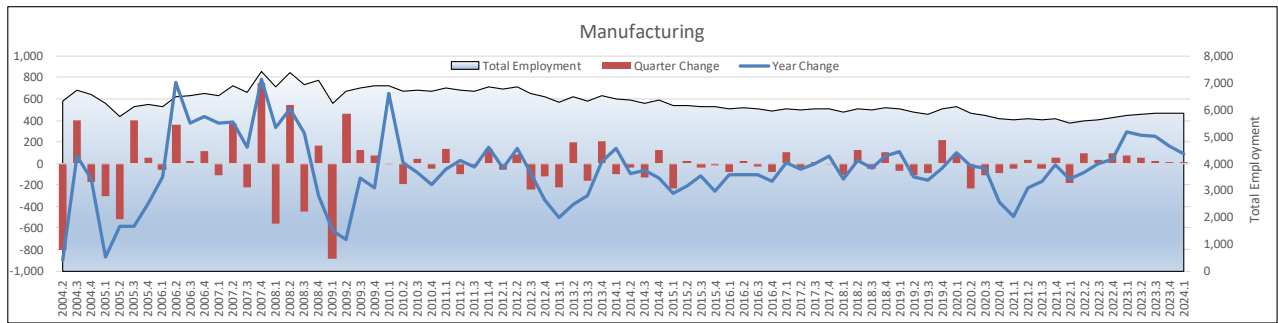
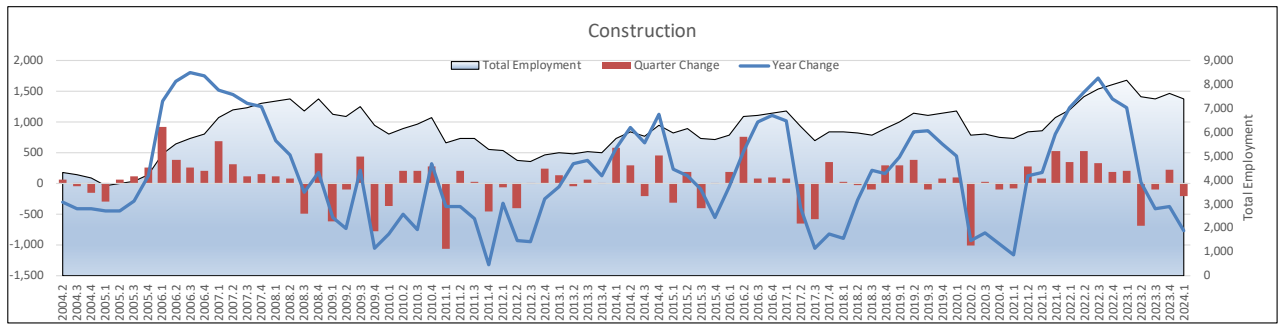
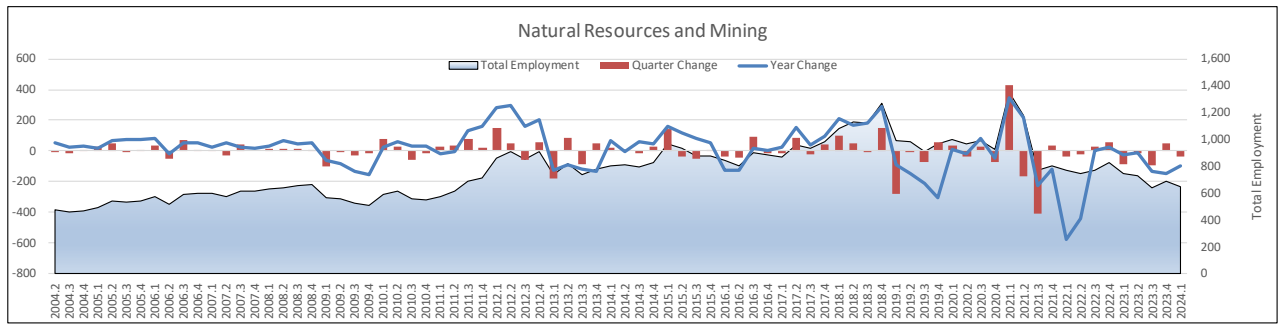
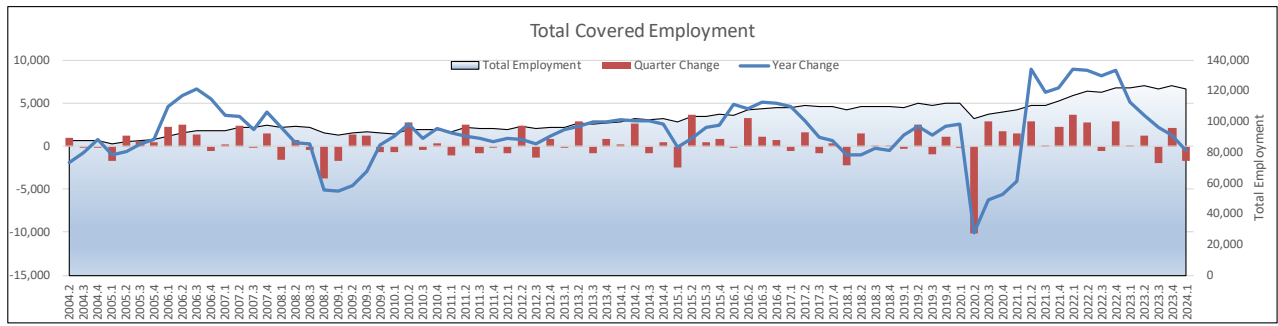
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	1ST QTR 2024	4TH QTR 2023	1ST QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	121,512	123,276	121,983	-1,764	-1.4%	-471	-0.4%	\$1,190
Natural Resources & Mining	652	685	746	-33	-4.8%	-94	-12.6%	\$2,875
Construction	7,391	7,595	8,167	-204	-2.7%	-776	-9.5%	\$1,577
Manufacturing	5,874	5,868	5,786	6	0.1%	88	1.5%	\$2,707
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	20,993	21,965	21,242	-972	-4.4%	-249	-1.2%	\$959
Information	671	671	674	0	0.0%	-3	-0.4%	\$1,679
Financial Activities	6,083	6,461	6,439	-378	-5.9%	-356	-5.5%	\$1,666
Professional & Business Services	9,756	9,662	9,343	94	1.0%	413	4.4%	\$1,253
Education & Health Services	10,964	11,216	10,638	-252	-2.2%	326	3.1%	\$983
Leisure & Hospitality	20,734	20,786	20,370	-52	-0.3%	364	1.8%	\$488
Other Services	4,270	4,314	4,863	-44	-1.0%	-593	-12.2%	\$1,130
Nonclassifiable	188	177	113	11	6.2%	75	66.4%	\$855
Public Administration	33,935	33,876	33,602	59	0.2%	333	1.0%	\$1,345
Federal Government	1,253	1,249	1,218	4	0.3%	35	2.9%	\$1,821
State Government	13,301	13,428	13,296	-127	-0.9%	5	0.0%	\$1,739
Local Government	19,381	19,199	19,088	182	0.9%	293	1.5%	\$1,043

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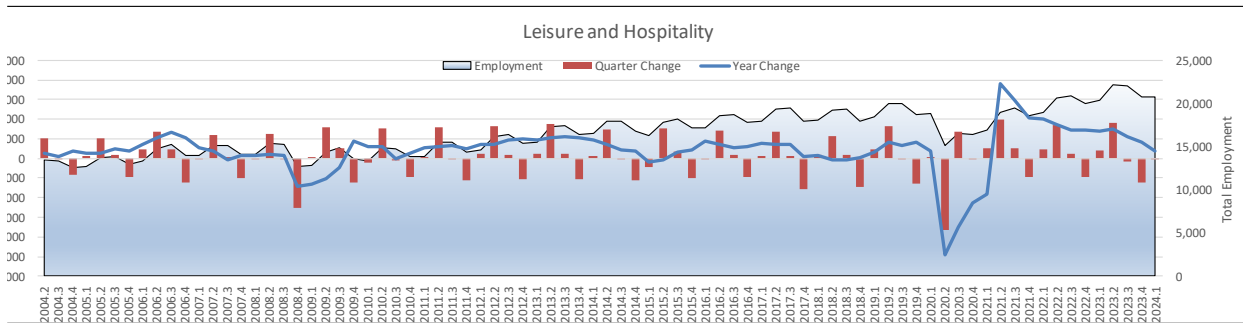
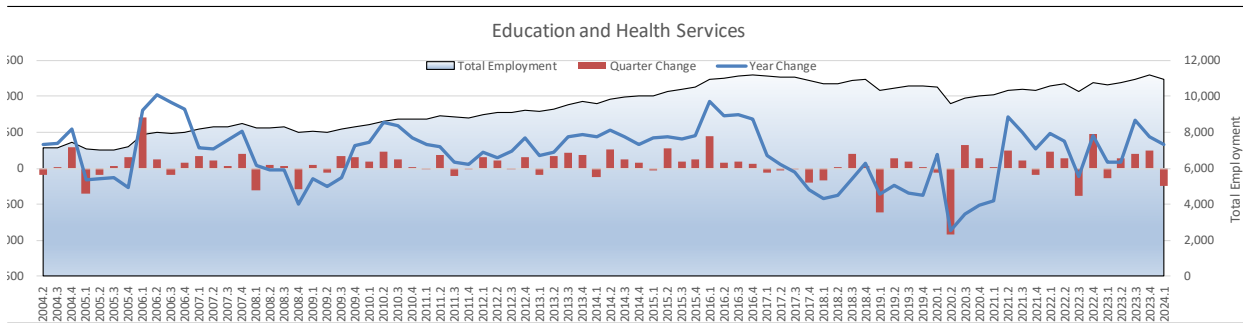
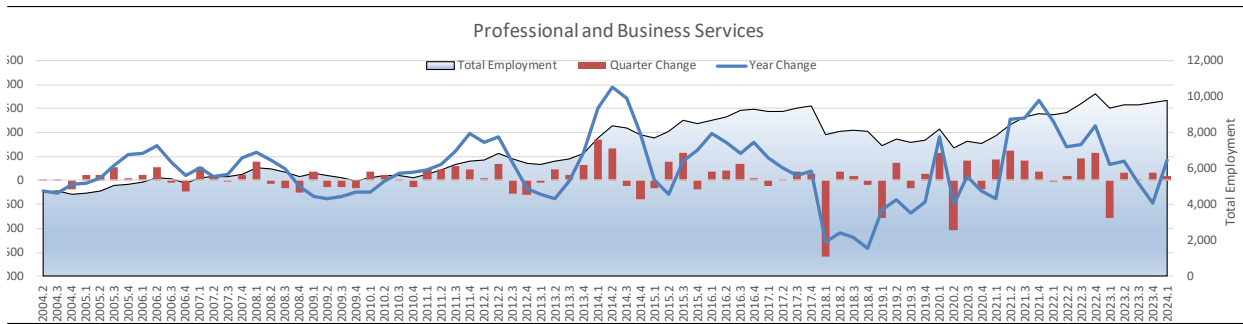
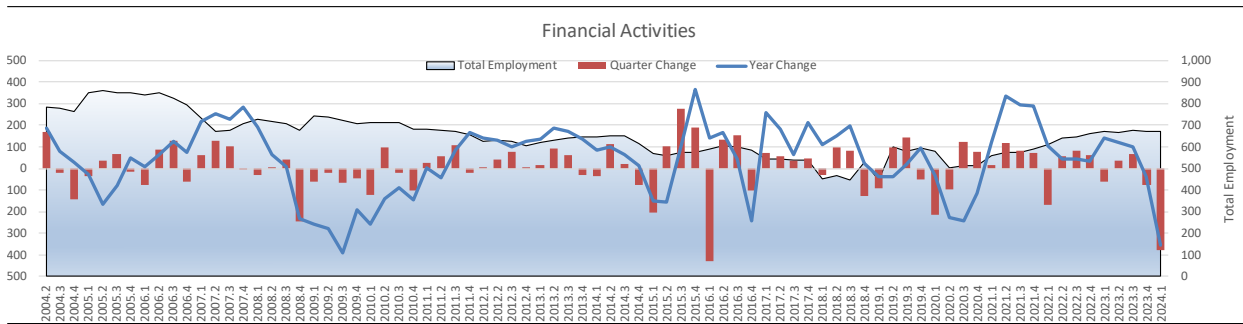
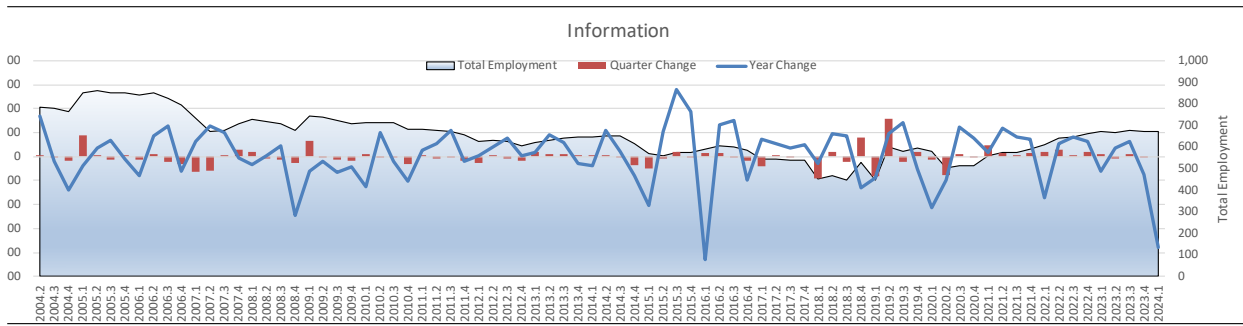
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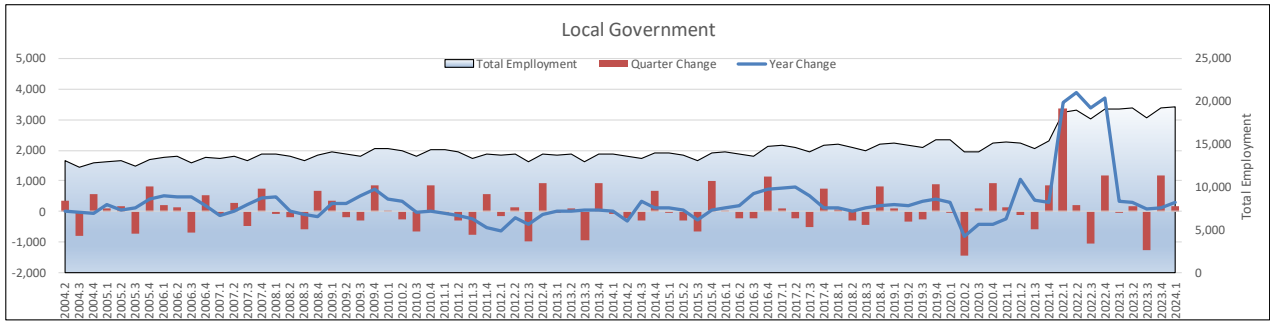
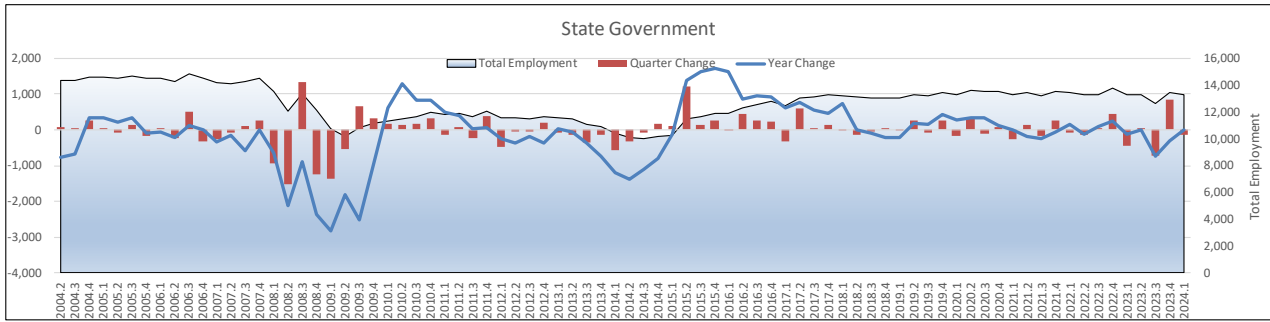
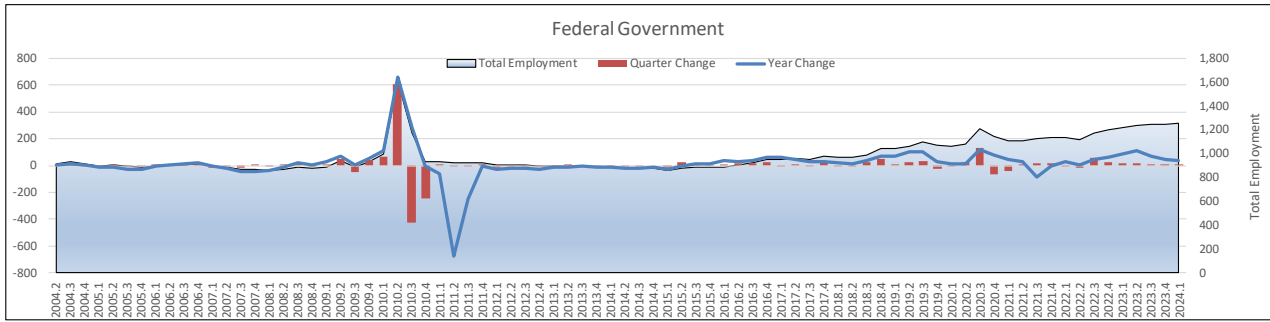
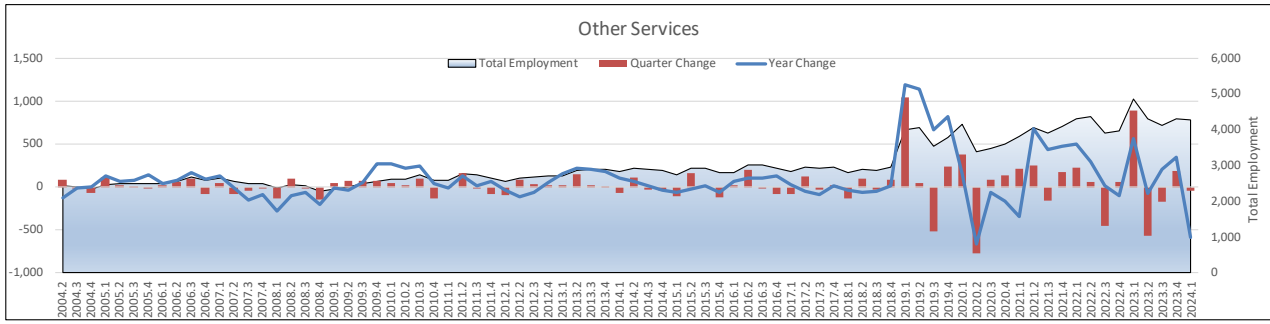
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	123,276	2023.4	85,813	2005.1
Natural Resources and Mining	1,348	2021.1	421	2003.2
Construction	8,167	2023.1	3,775	2005.1
Manufacturing	7,409	2007.4	5,490	2022.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	21,965	2023.4	13,473	2005.1
Information	860	2005.2	444	2019.1
Financial Activities	6,538	2023.3	5,402	2010.4
Professional and Business Services	10,137	2022.4	4,542	2004.4
Education and Health Services	11,216	2023.4	6,806	2003.2
Leisure and Hospitality	22,185	2023.2	12,160	2003.4
Other Services	4,863	2023.1	2,293	2008.4
Federal Government	1,602	2010.2	855	2015.1
State Government	15,095	2003.2	9,989	2014.3
Local Government	19,381	2024.1	12,252	2004.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-345	-0.4%	1,590	1.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	16	3.1%	-1	0.2%
Construction	16	0.6%	36	0.9%
Manufacturing	-104	-1.5%	16	0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-382	-2.4%	152	1.0%
Information	-4	-0.9%	5	1.4%
Financial Activities	-83	-1.3%	70	1.2%
Professional and Business Services	10	1.0%	141	2.1%
Education and Health Services	1	0.2%	55	0.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	140	0.9%	1,213	8.0%
Other Services	114	3.3%	19	1.5%
Federal Government	-1	-0.1%	37	3.8%
State Government	-237	-1.8%	2	0.1%
Local Government	185	1.2%	-117	-0.8%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-132	-0.1%	481	0.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	-26	-2.1%	22	2.6%
Construction	-17	-0.2%	99	1.7%
Manufacturing	-53	-0.7%	77	1.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	126	0.7%	477	2.6%
Information	-4	-0.5%	-3	-0.1%
Financial Activities	78	1.3%	-35	-0.6%
Professional and Business Services	111	1.5%	-26	-0.7%
Education and Health Services	57	0.6%	88	1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	196	1.2%	-1,130	-6.8%
Other Services	-57	-1.3%	6	-0.4%
Federal Government	-9	-0.3%	-8	-0.6%
State Government	67	0.6%	83	0.8%
Local Government	-606	-4.2%	835	6.0%

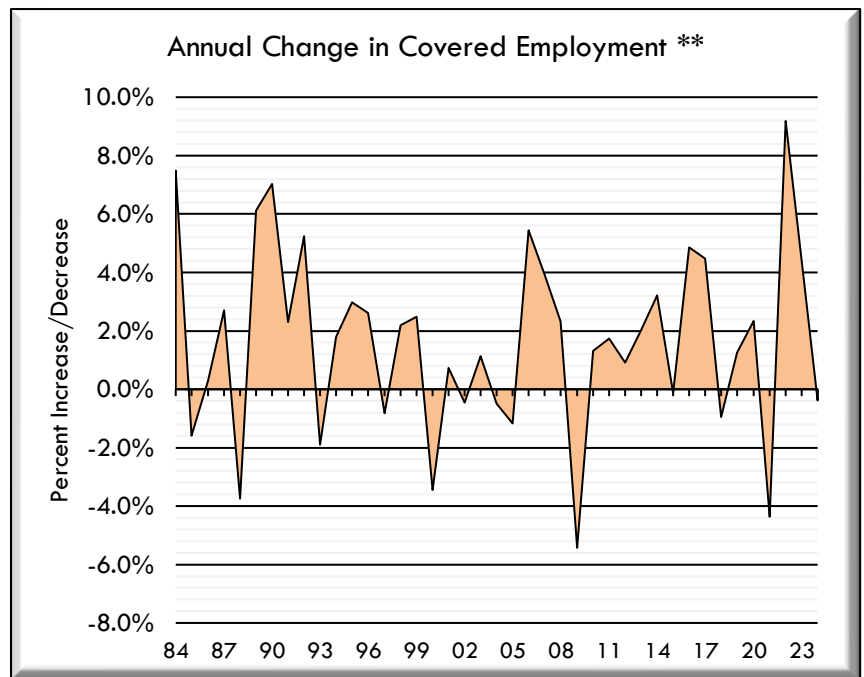
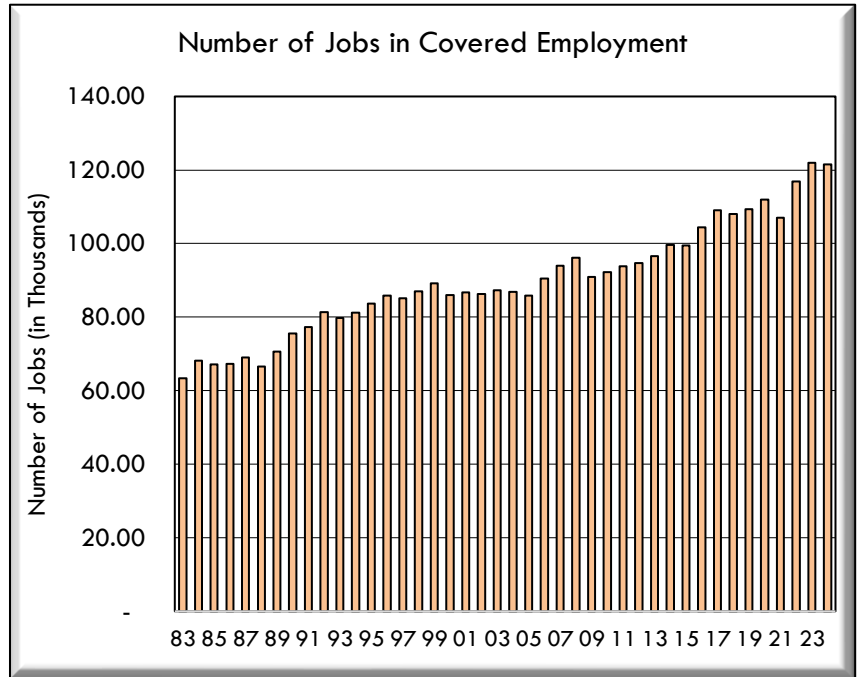
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Galveston County 1983-2024 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	63,412	0	
84	68,155	4,743	7.5%
85	67,070	(1,085)	-1.6%
86	67,261	191	0.3%
87	69,074	1,813	2.7%
88	66,495	(2,579)	-3.7%
89	70,562	4,067	6.1%
90	75,525	4,963	7.0%
91	77,263	1,738	2.3%
92	81,312	4,049	5.2%
93	79,769	(1,543)	-1.9%
94	81,202	1,433	1.8%
95	83,621	2,419	3.0%
96	85,803	2,182	2.6%
97	85,094	(709)	-0.8%
98	86,963	1,869	2.2%
99	89,117	2,154	2.5%
00	86,034	(3,083)	-3.5%
01	86,657	623	0.7%
02	86,264	(393)	-0.5%
03	87,246	982	1.1%
04	86,820	(426)	-0.5%
05	85,813	(1,007)	-1.2%
06	90,479	4,666	5.4%
07	94,033	3,554	3.9%
08	96,208	2,175	2.3%
09	90,985	(5,223)	-5.4%
10	92,175	1,190	1.3%
11	93,773	1,598	1.7%
12	94,627	854	0.9%
13	96,542	1,915	2.0%
14	99,641	3,099	3.2%
15	99,511	(130)	-0.1%
16	104,348	4,837	4.9%
17	109,008	4,660	4.5%
18	107,974	(1,034)	-0.9%
19	109,333	1,359	1.3%
20	111,892	2,559	2.3%
21	107,001	(4,891)	-4.4%
22	116,831	9,830	9.2%
23	121,983	5,152	4.4%
24	121,512	(471)	-0.4%



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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 Hourly Wage	Average Annual Wage	Employment
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 on 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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