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Labor Market Information

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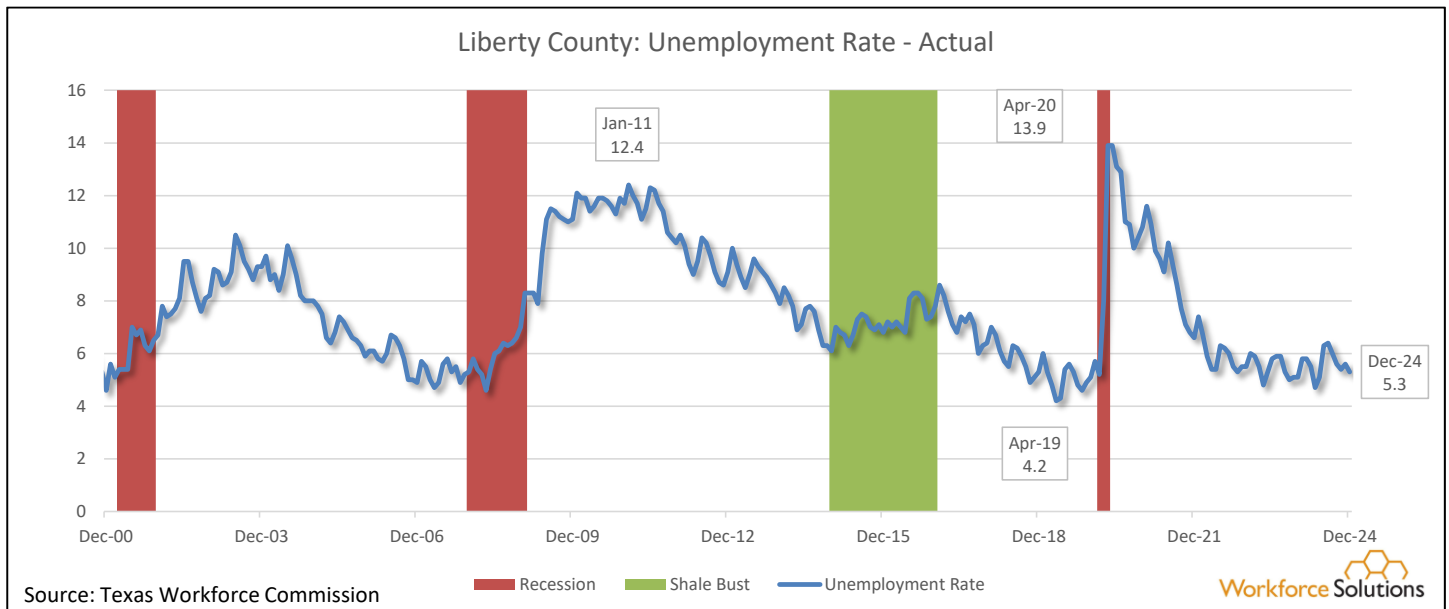
County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Liberty County fell three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.3 percent in December, two-tenths of a percentage point higher than it was a year earlier. The local rate of unemployment was higher than 3.7 percent at the state level and 3.8 percent at the national level. Total covered employment in Liberty County was up 217 jobs over second quarter 2024. While the 1.1 percent increase was in line with the historical average second quarter increase of 1.0 percent it was weaker than a 2.0 percent increase a year earlier. Second quarter growth was mixed with five of the eleven major industry sectors reporting increases. Most of the growth was in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities which added its largest number of jobs ever since records began in 2003, up 257 jobs or 6.3 percent. Manufacturing also incurred a substantial increase of 75 jobs, up 6.4 percent. While declines were minimal in many reporting losses, the largest were found in Local Government, down 89 jobs or 1.7 percent, and Construction, down 49 jobs or 2.2 percent. Payrolls in the county were up 668 jobs over the year with the pace of job growth falling to 3.4 percent from 4.3 percent in the first quarter. Seven of the eleven major industry sectors managed gains. The top three contributors to job growth were: Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 368 jobs or 9.3 percent, Manufacturing, up 169 jobs or 15.6 percent, and State Government, up 235 jobs or 25.7 percent. Most of the decline was found in Natural Resources and Mining, down 110 jobs or 22.8 percent, and Construction, down 93 jobs or 4.2 percent. Employment in Natural Resources and Mining is now at an all-time low according to records dating back to 2003. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	DEC 2024	NOV 2024	DEC 2023
Civilian Labor Force	37,553	37,574	36,340
Total Employment	35,561	35,457	34,479
Unemployed	1,992	2,117	1,861
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.6%	5.1%

Comparative Actual Rates

Texas	3.7%	4.2%	3.8%
U.S.	3.8%	4.0%	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 2nd 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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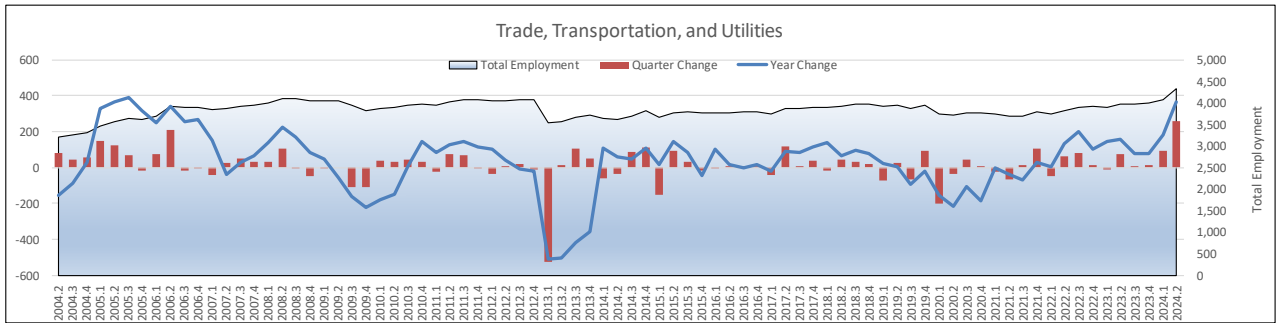
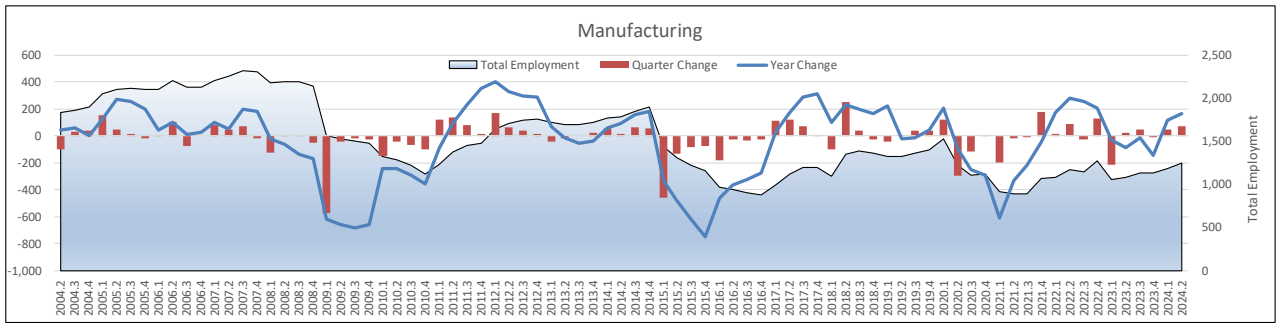
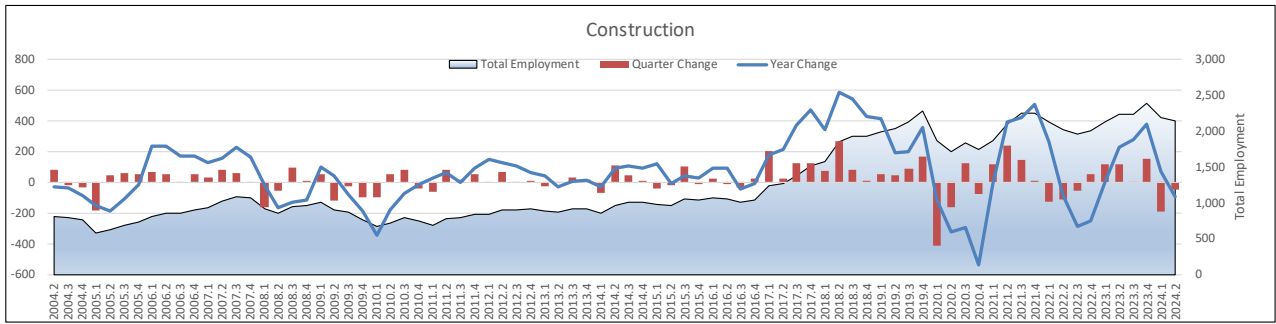
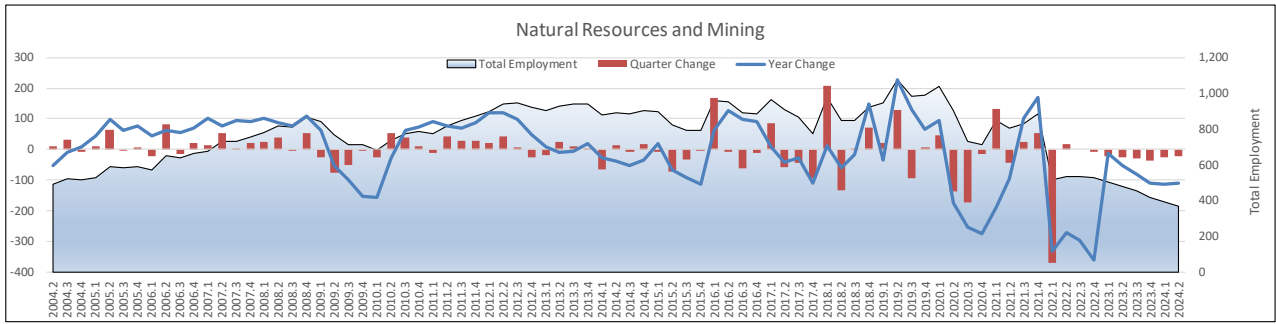
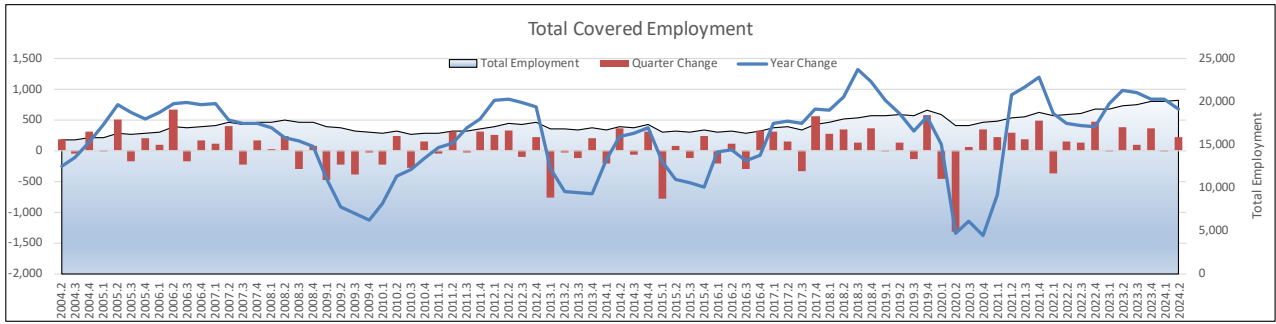
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2024	1ST QTR 2024	2ND QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	20,162	19,945	19,494	217	1.1%	668	3.4%	\$1,057
Natural Resources & Mining	372	393	482	-21	-5.3%	-110	-22.8%	\$1,583
Construction	2,143	2,192	2,236	-49	-2.2%	-93	-4.2%	\$1,458
Manufacturing	1,252	1,177	1,083	75	6.4%	169	15.6%	\$1,425
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4,342	4,085	3,974	257	6.3%	368	9.3%	\$1,068
Information	86	91	84	-5	-5.5%	2	2.4%	\$1,419
Financial Activities	521	526	558	-5	-1.0%	-37	-6.6%	\$1,373
Professional & Business Services	880	856	865	24	2.8%	15	1.7%	\$1,417
Education & Health Services	1,948	1,939	1,850	9	0.5%	98	5.3%	\$966
Leisure & Hospitality	1,750	1,783	1,796	-33	-1.9%	-46	-2.6%	\$416
Other Services	348	332	311	16	4.8%	37	11.9%	\$947
Nonclassifiable	12	12	23	0	0.0%	-11	-47.8%	\$488
Public Administration	6,508	6,559	6,234	-51	-0.8%	274	4.4%	\$948
Federal Government	137	139	146	-2	-1.4%	-9	-6.2%	\$1,281
State Government	1,149	1,109	914	40	3.6%	235	25.7%	\$1,052
Local Government	5,222	5,311	5,174	-89	-1.7%	48	0.9%	\$917

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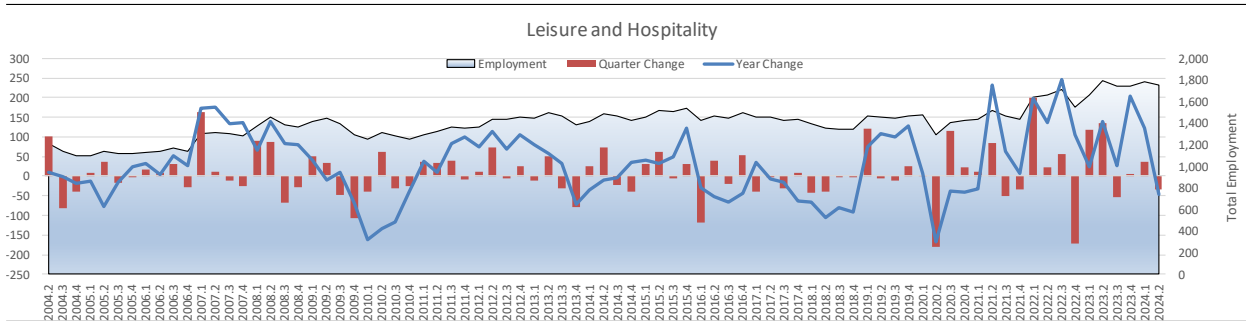
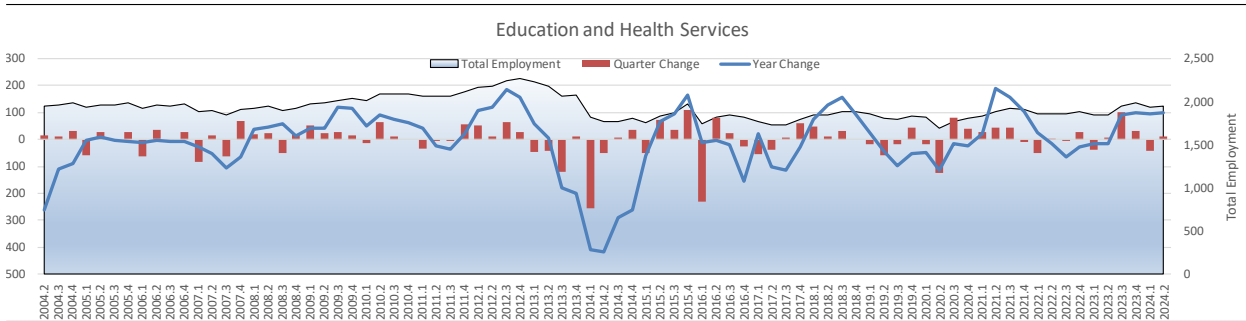
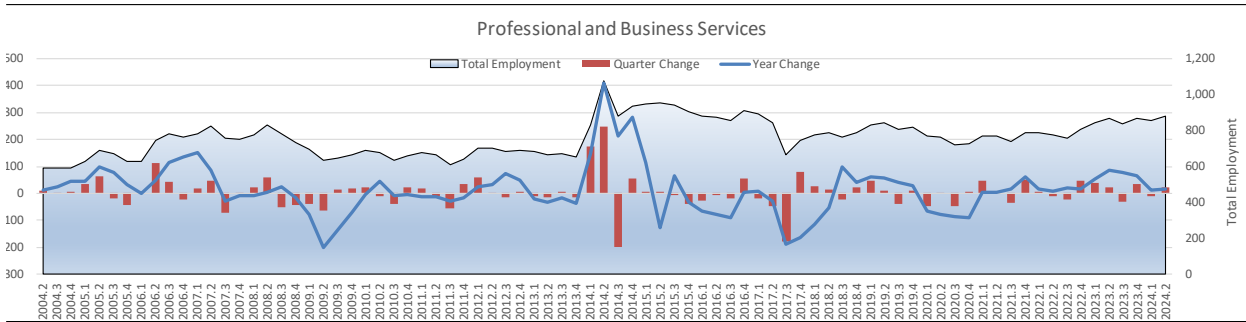
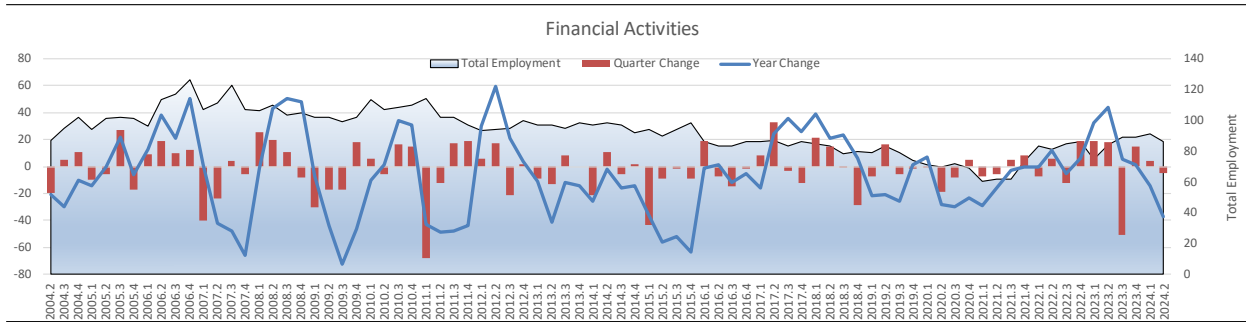
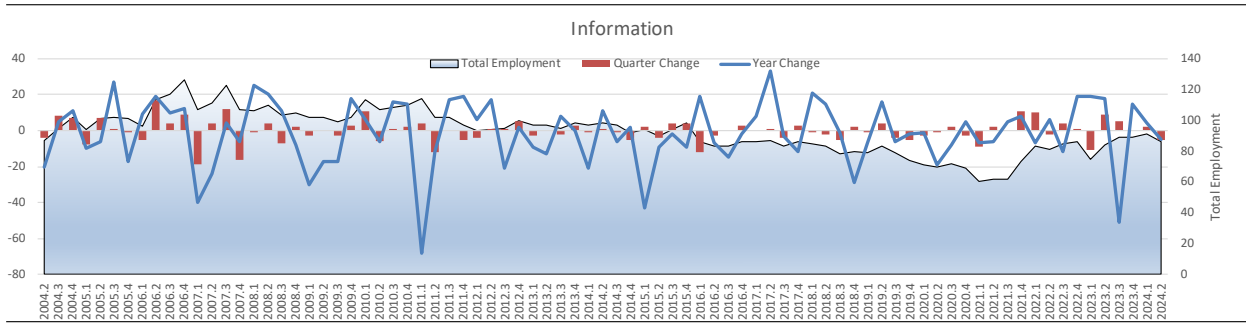
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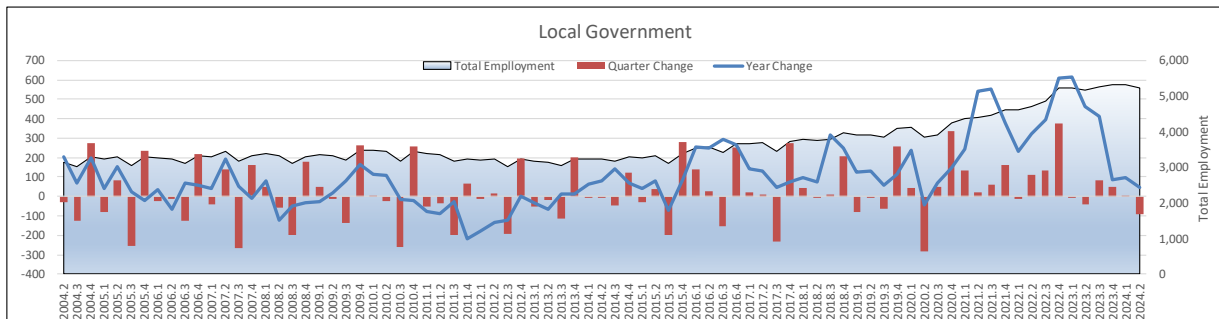
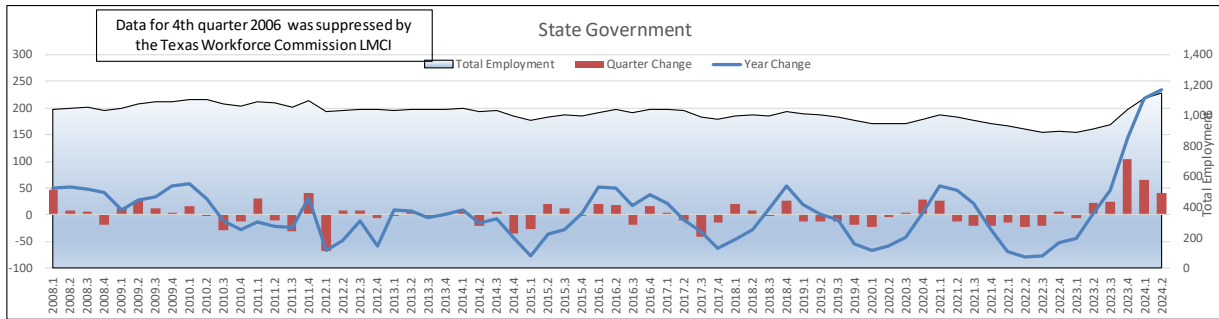
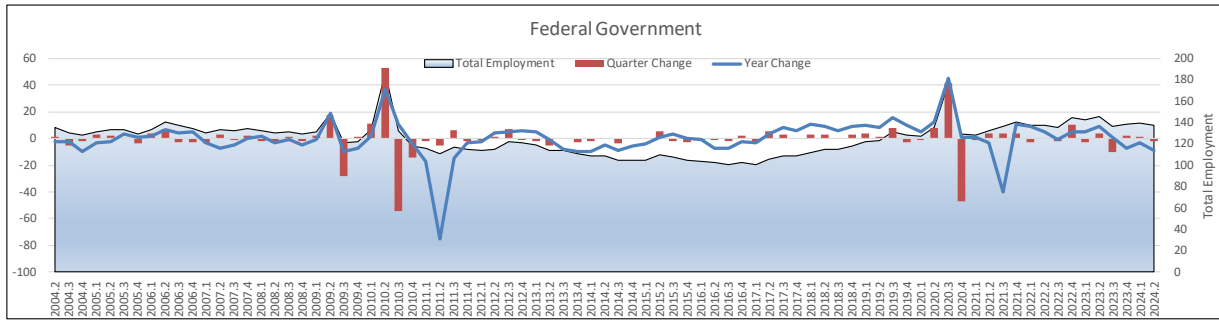
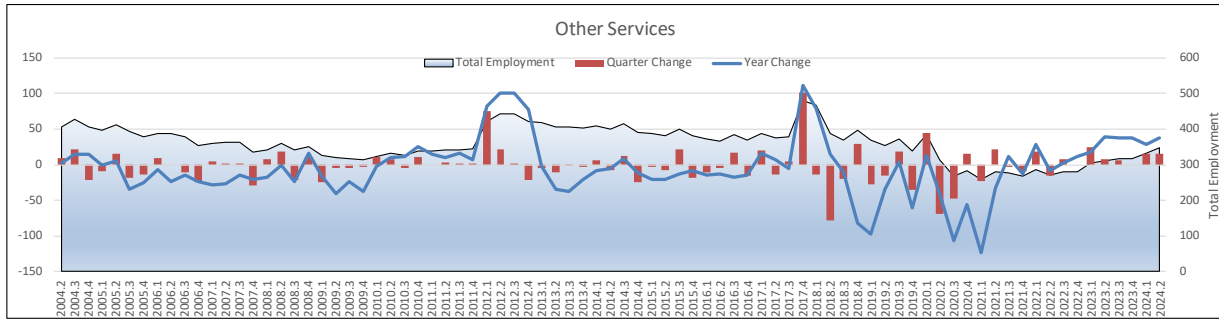
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	20,162	2024.2	15,409	2004.1
Natural Resources and Mining	1,074	2019.2	372	2024.2
Construction	2,382	2023.4	573	2005.1
Manufacturing	2,326	2007.3	881	2016.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,342	2024.2	3,124	2004.1
Information	126	2006.4	60	2021.1
Financial Activities	674	2006.4	502	2021.2
Professional and Business Services	1,076	2014.2	549	2003.4
Education and Health Services	2,270	2012.4	1,691	2020.2
Leisure and Hospitality	1,796	2023.2	1,093	2004.4
Other Services	480	2017.4	259	2021.1
Federal Government	186	2010.2	101	2016.3
State Government	1,149	2024.2	891	2023.1
Local Government	5,311	2024.1	2,946	2003.2

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-123	-0.7%	164	1.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	6	0.7%	0	0.7%
Construction	-37	-2.9%	34	3.6%
Manufacturing	-57	-3.1%	15	1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-52	-1.2%	58	1.5%
Information	-2	-1.9%	1	0.8%
Financial Activities	-6	-0.9%	1	0.1%
Professional and Business Services	19	3.0%	21	2.8%
Education and Health Services	-48	-2.4%	6	0.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	32	2.4%	31	2.3%
Other Services	6	2.0%	-5	-1.0%
Federal Government	0	0.0%	5	3.7%
State Government	8	0.8%	4	0.4%
Local Government	8	0.2%	-9	-0.2%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-115	-0.7%	279	1.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	-18	-1.9%	4	0.2%
Construction	43	3.8%	22	1.3%
Manufacturing	4	0.1%	13	1.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	22	0.6%	15	0.4%
Information	1	0.8%	0	0.7%
Financial Activities	-1	-0.3%	2	0.3%
Professional and Business Services	-39	-4.5%	13	1.7%
Education and Health Services	1	0.2%	28	1.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	-15	-1.1%	-21	-1.5%
Other Services	0	-0.2%	-3	-0.8%
Federal Government	-2	-0.9%	-3	-1.5%
State Government	-5	-0.5%	1	0.2%
Local Government	-106	-3.3%	215	6.3%

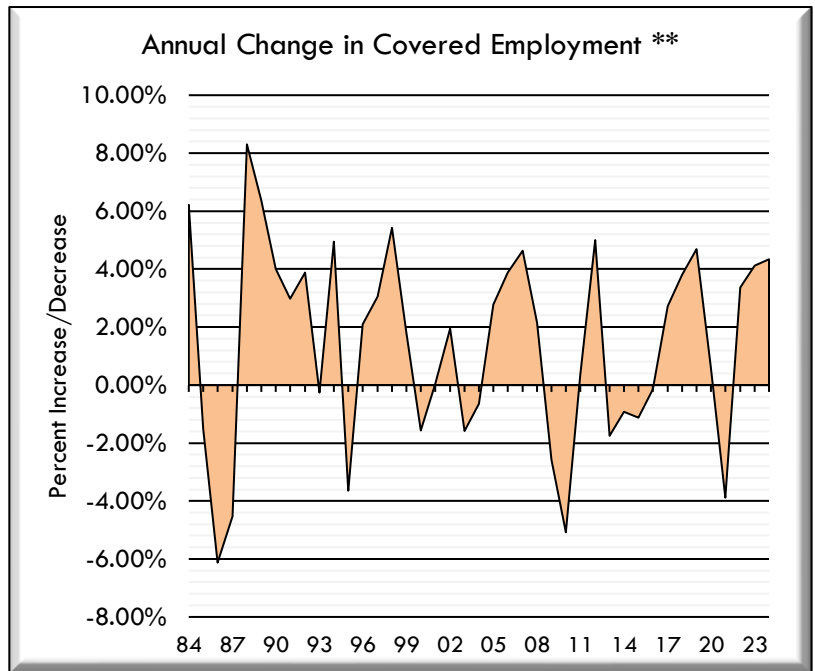
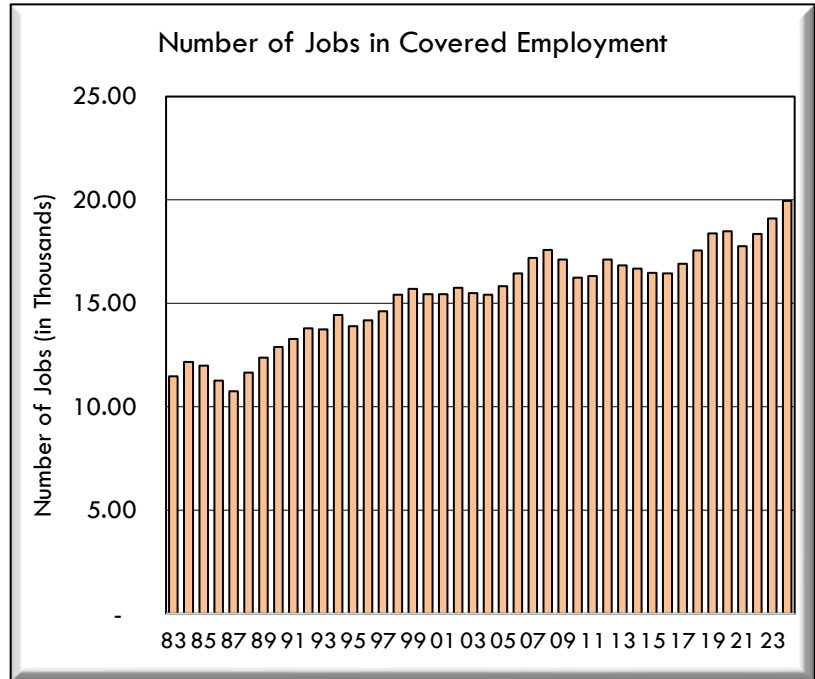
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Liberty County 1983-2024 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	11,469		
84	12,181	712	6.2%
85	11,998	(183)	-1.5%
86	11,263	(735)	-6.1%
87	10,753	(510)	-4.5%
88	11,646	893	8.3%
89	12,387	741	6.4%
90	12,884	497	4.0%
91	13,268	384	3.0%
92	13,783	515	3.9%
93	13,747	(36)	-0.3%
94	14,428	681	5.0%
95	13,902	(526)	-3.6%
96	14,192	290	2.1%
97	14,625	433	3.1%
98	15,419	794	5.4%
99	15,698	279	1.8%
00	15,452	(246)	-1.6%
01	15,456	4	0.0%
02	15,757	301	1.9%
03	15,508	(249)	-1.6%
04	15,409	(99)	-0.6%
05	15,836	427	2.8%
06	16,449	613	3.9%
07	17,210	761	4.6%
08	17,580	370	2.1%
09	17,127	(453)	-2.6%
10	16,256	(871)	-5.1%
11	16,311	55	0.3%
12	17,126	815	5.0%
13	16,827	(299)	-1.7%
14	16,672	(155)	-0.9%
15	16,485	(187)	-1.1%
16	16,459	(26)	-0.2%
17	16,906	447	2.7%
18	17,559	653	3.8%
19	18,373	814	4.7%
20	18,482	109	0.6%
21	17,763	(719)	-3.9%
22	18,361	598	3.4%
23	19,117	756	4.1%
24	19,945	828	4.3%



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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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