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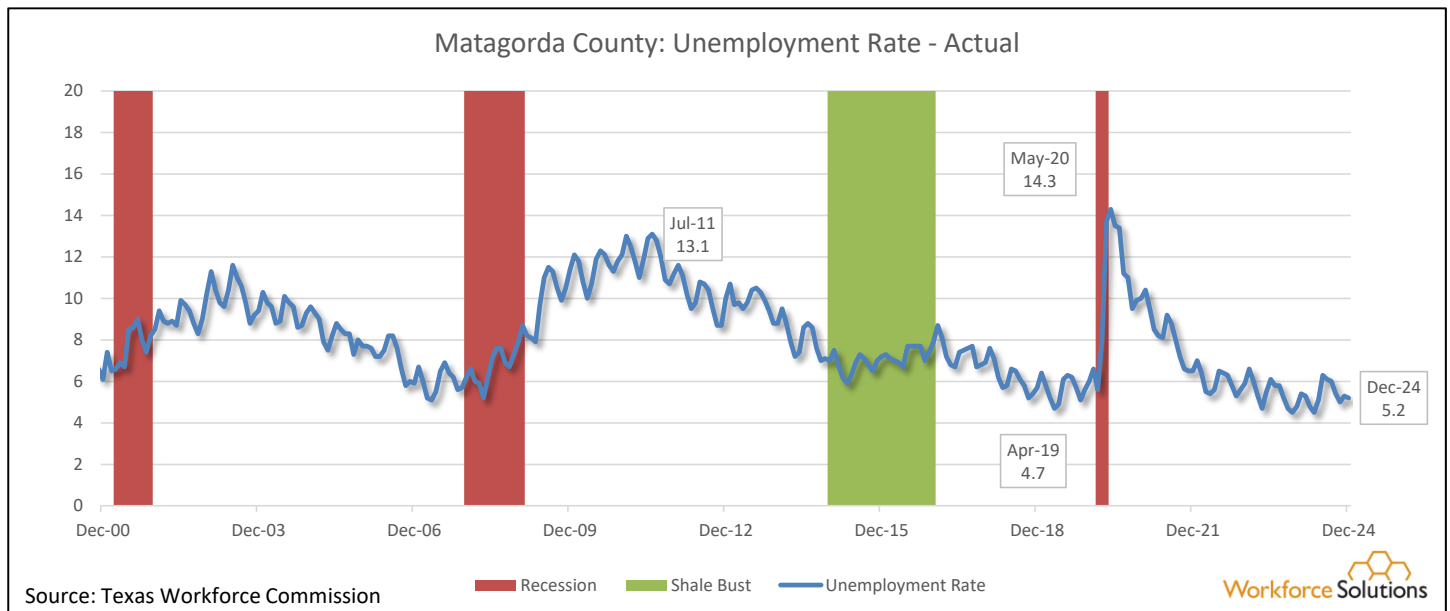
## Labor Market Information

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### County Employment Data\*

The rate of unemployment in Matagorda County fell one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.2 percent in December, four-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 Matagorda County was down 159 jobs over second quarter 2024, down 1.4 percent. Prior to the pandemic the county typically added about 200 jobs over the second quarter but since 2019 it has reported losses each year except for 2021 when it added a mere 9 jobs. Six of the eleven major industry sectors reported declines with the bulk of it found in Local Government, down 134 jobs or 5.9 percent, and Manufacturing, down 52 jobs or 3.3 percent. Largest gains were found in Natural Resources and Mining, up 34 jobs or 7.1 percent, and Other Services, up 21 jobs or 9.3 percent. The county reported its fourth consecutive over-the-year loss, down 25 jobs or 0.2 percent from second quarter 2023. Two industry sectors were primarily responsible for the decline: Manufacturing, down 120 jobs or 7.3 percent, and Professional and Business Services, down 93 jobs or 14.2 percent. Largest gains were found in Leisure and Hospitality, up 97 jobs or 8.5 percent, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 51 jobs or 1.8 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	DEC 2024	NOV 2024	DEC 2023
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	17,503	17,646	16,801
<b>Total Employment</b>	16,593	16,714	15,997
<b>Unemployed</b>	910	932	804
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	5.2%	5.3%	4.8%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	3.7%	4.2%	3.8%
<b>U.S.</b>	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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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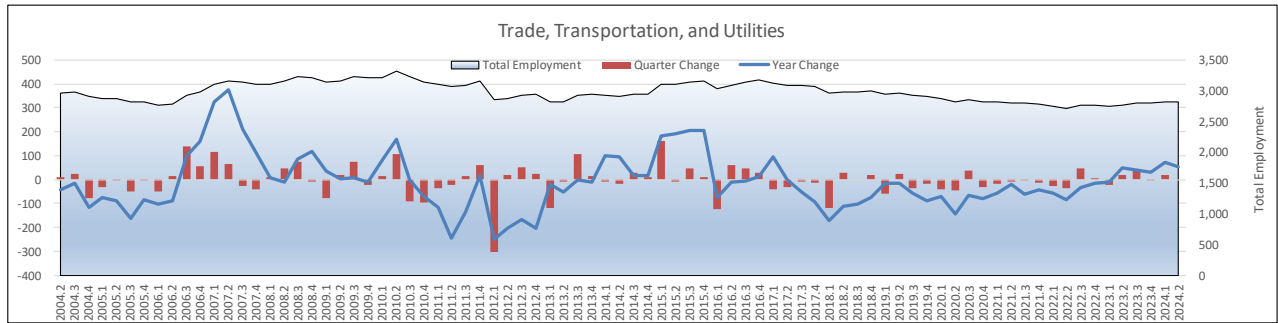
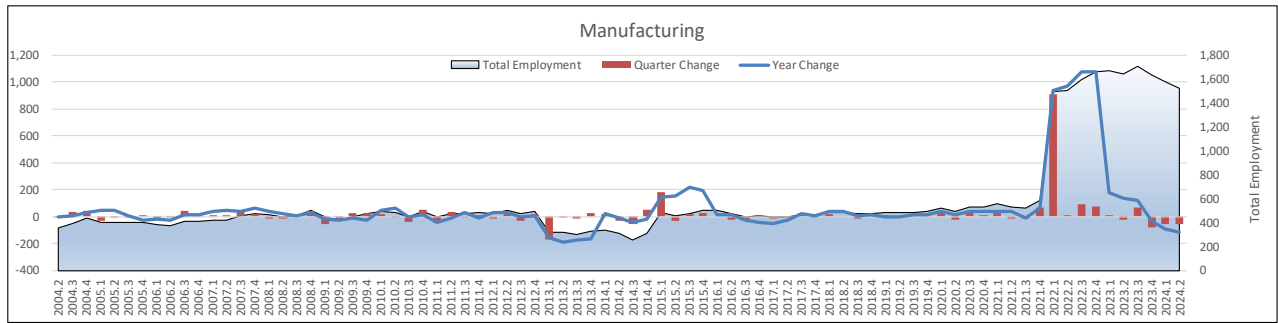
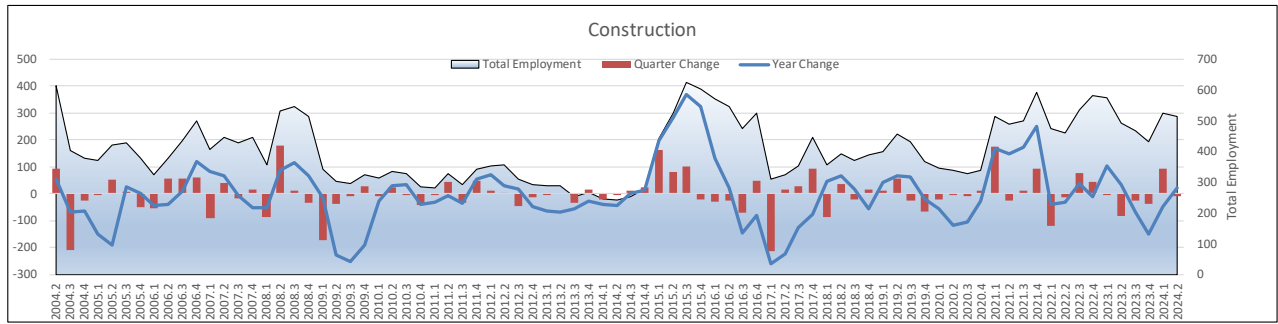
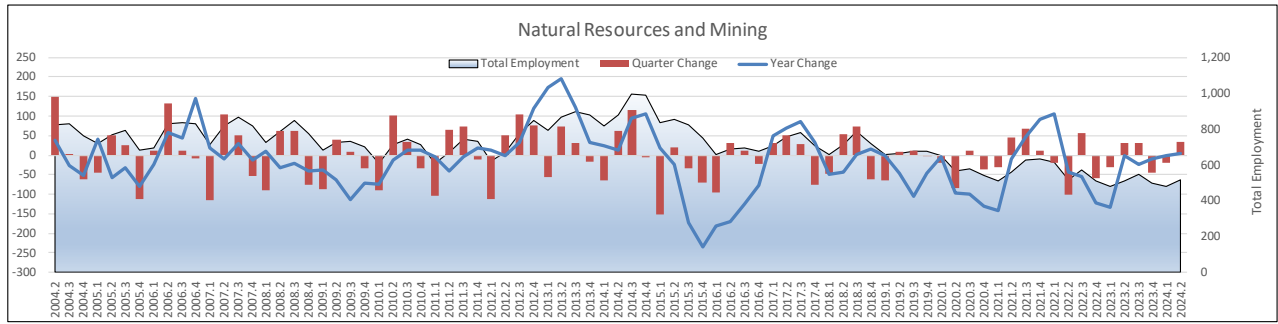
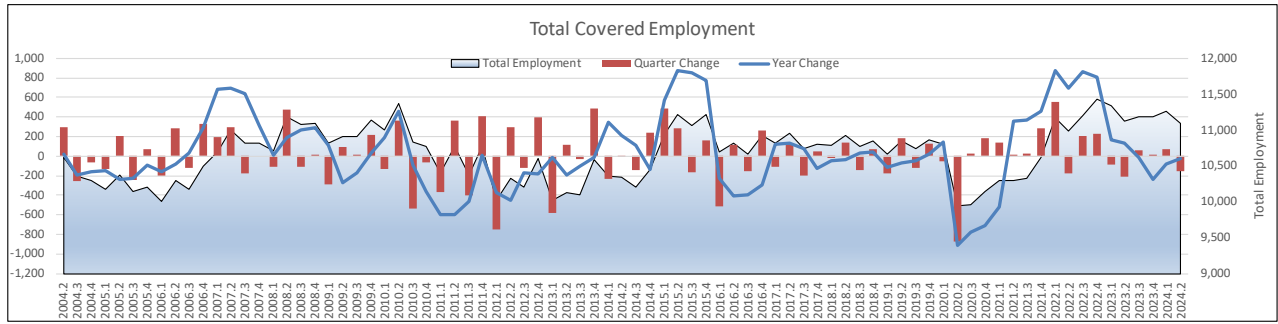
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2024	1ST QTR 2024	2ND QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	11,099	11,258	11,124	-159	-1.4%	-25	-0.2%	\$1,390
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	516	482	513	34	7.1%	3	0.6%	\$895
<b>Construction</b>	515	525	493	-10	-1.9%	22	4.5%	\$1,416
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1,524	1,576	1,644	-52	-3.3%	-120	-7.3%	\$1,840
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	2,815	2,815	2,764	0	0.0%	51	1.8%	\$2,342
<b>Information</b>	121	124	139	-3	-2.4%	-18	-12.9%	\$454
<b>Financial Activities</b>	330	333	325	-3	-0.9%	5	1.5%	\$1,123
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	564	574	657	-10	-1.7%	-93	-14.2%	\$1,230
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	924	914	925	10	1.1%	-1	-0.1%	\$939
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	1,232	1,232	1,135	0	0.0%	97	8.5%	\$398
<b>Other Services</b>	248	227	222	21	9.3%	26	11.7%	\$747
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	2	12	1	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Public Administration</b>	2,308	2,444	2,308	-136	-5.6%	0	0.0%	\$948
<b>Federal Government</b>	76	79	82	-3	-3.8%	-6	-7.3%	\$1,371
<b>State Government</b>	104	103	105	1	1.0%	-1	-1.0%	\$1,076
<b>Local Government</b>	2,128	2,262	2,121	-134	-5.9%	7	0.3%	\$927

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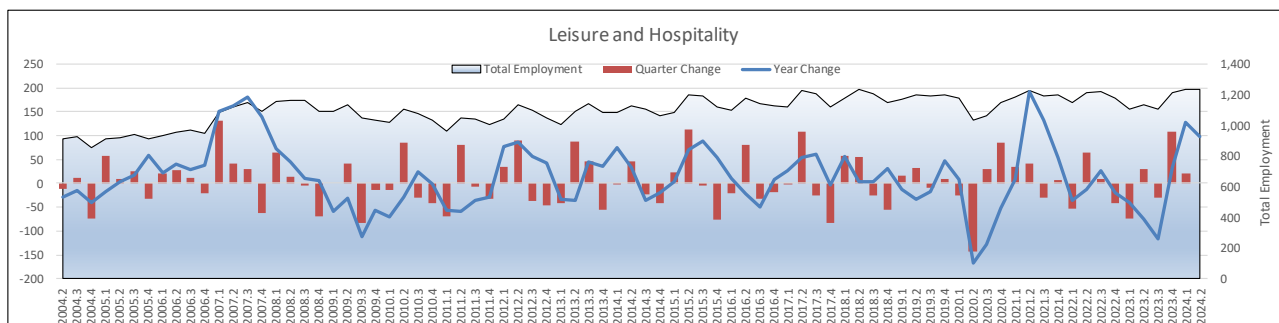
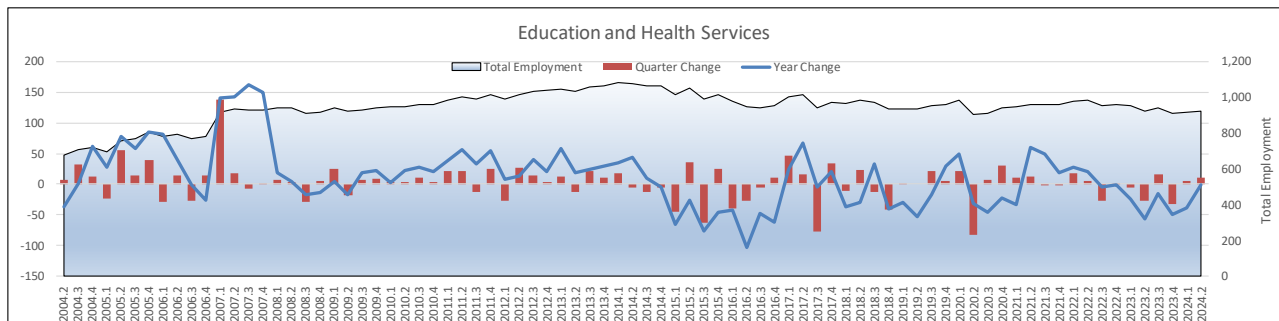
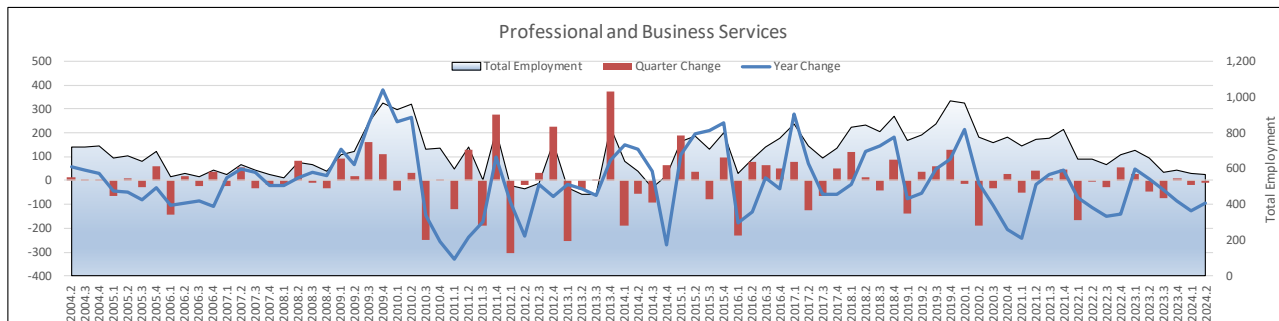
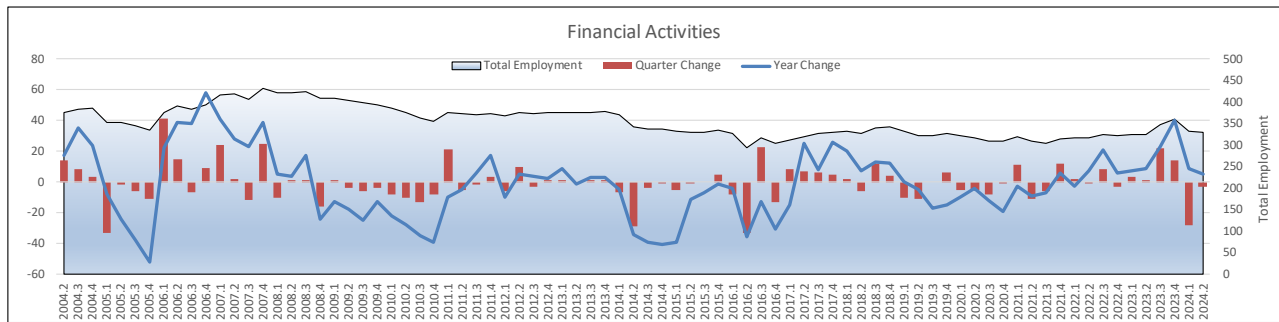
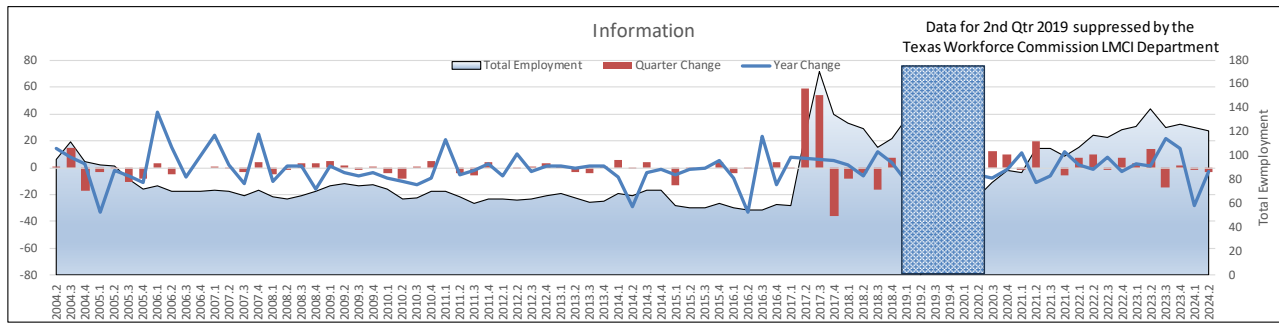
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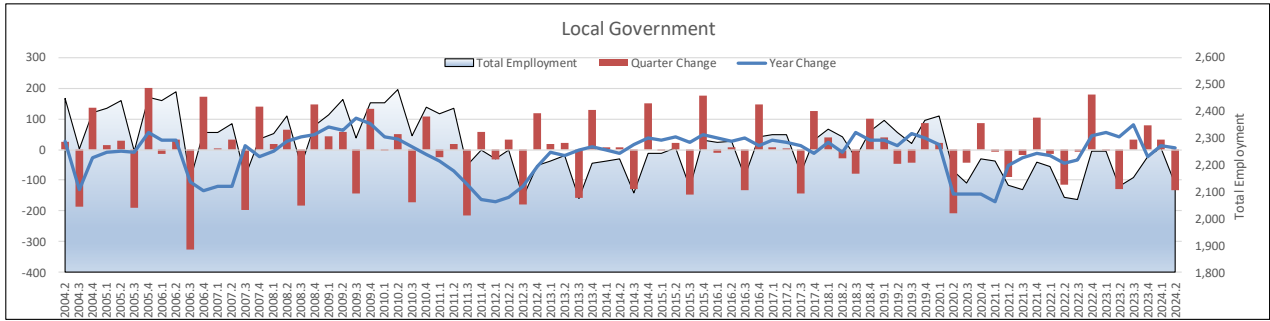
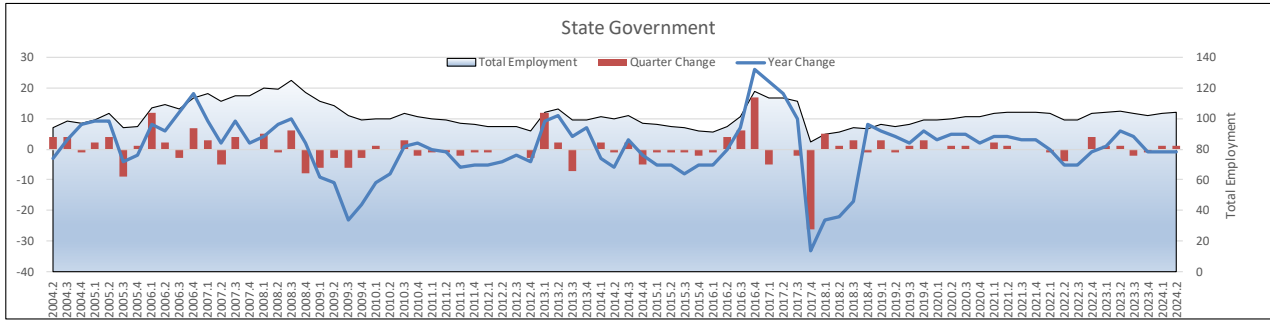
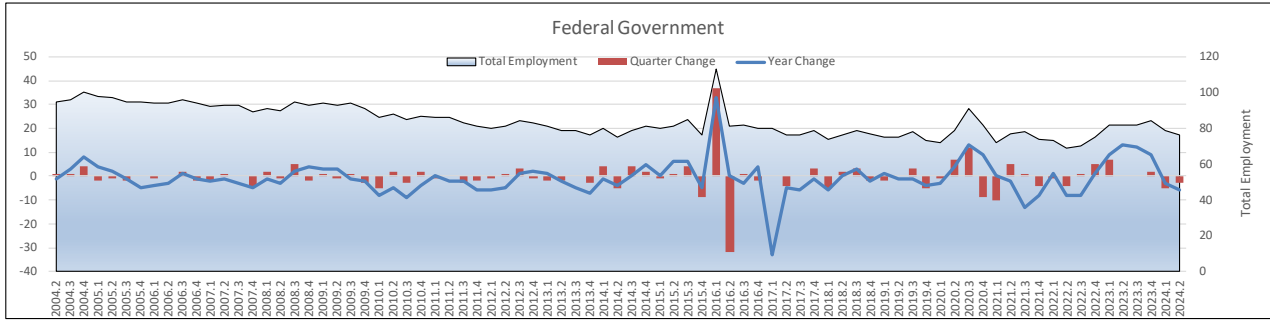
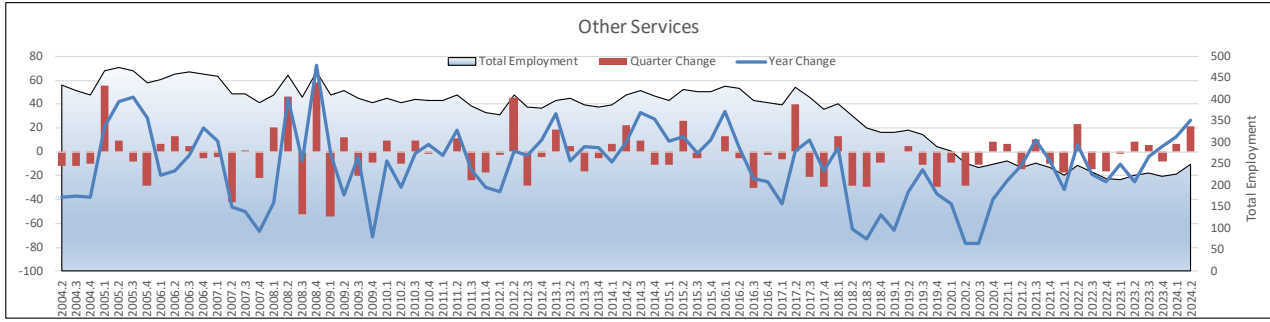
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### Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	11,425	2022.4	9,938	2020.2
Natural Resources and Mining	993	2014.3	482	2023.1
Construction	623	2015.3	242	2014.2
Manufacturing	1,711	2023.3	256	2014.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	3,321	2010.2	2,716	2022.2
Information	171	2017.3	55	2016.2
Financial Activities	432	2007.4	295	2016.2
Professional and Business Services	979	2019.4	455	2013.2
Education and Health Services	1,083	2014.1	660	2003.4
Leisure and Hospitality	1,232	2018.2	851	2004.4
Other Services	474	2005.2	214	2023.1
Federal Government	113	2016.1	69	2022.2
State Government	125	2008.3	85	2017.4
Local Government	2,480	2010.2	2,072	2022.3

### Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-116	-1.1%	107	1.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	-64	-8.3%	46	6.9%
Construction	-19	-1.7%	22	6.5%
Manufacturing	35	7.0%	-9	-1.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-47	-1.3%	11	0.3%
Information	1	0.4%	na	na
Financial Activities	0	0.0%	-3	-1.0%
Professional and Business Services	-60	-6.9%	4	1.3%
Education and Health Services	8	1.0%	4	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	9	1.1%	42	4.0%
Other Services	2	0.6%	7	2.1%
Federal Government	1	1.1%	-2	-1.3%
State Government	2	1.8%	0	0.3%
Local Government	6	0.3%	-17	-0.8%

### Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-125	-1.2%	157	1.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	40	5.7%	-35	-4.7%
Construction	-14	-2.7%	8	2.6%
Manufacturing	10	1.0%	19	4.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	24	0.8%	-4	-0.1%
Information	na	na	-1	0.7%
Financial Activities	0	0.2%	2	0.6%
Professional and Business Services	-28	-3.5%	79	13.7%
Education and Health Services	-6	-0.5%	5	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	-9	-0.7%	-29	-2.6%
Other Services	-12	-3.0%	-8	-2.1%
Federal Government	1	1.8%	-1	-1.6%
State Government	0	-0.1%	-1	-1.1%
Local Government	-128	-5.4%	124	5.7%

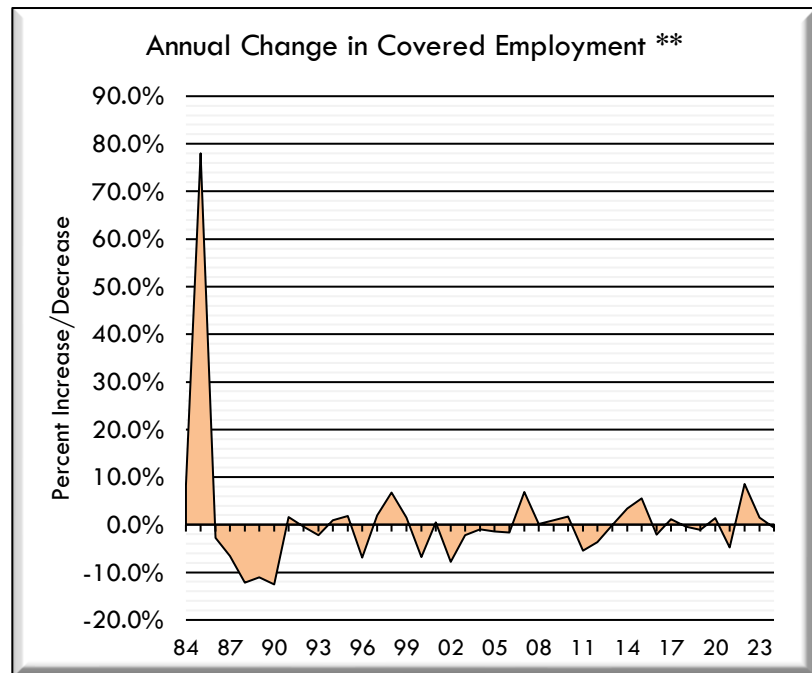
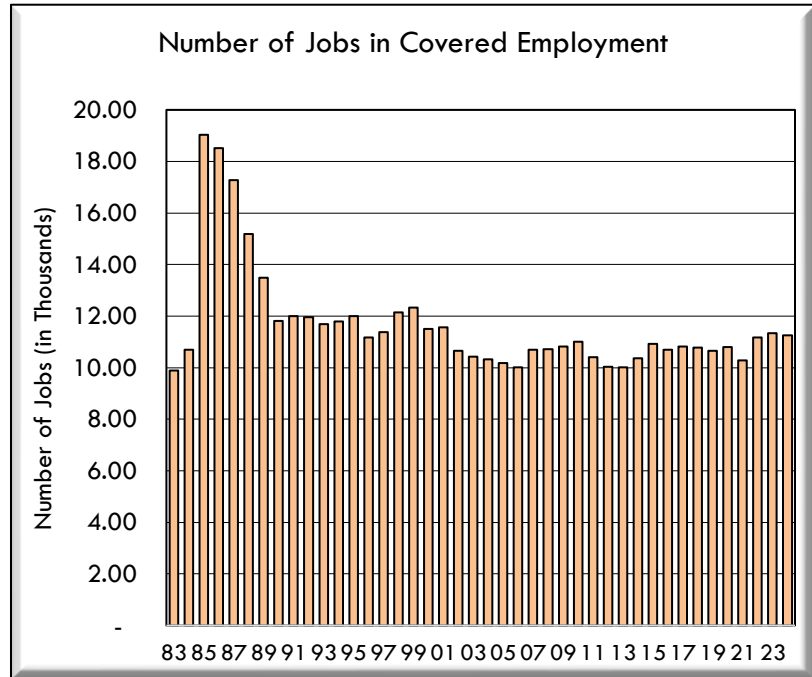
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### Matagorda County 1983-2024 Covered Employment\*\*

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	9,889		
84	10,696	807	8.2%
85	19,040	8,344	78.0%
86	18,506	(534)	-2.8%
87	17,283	(1,223)	-6.6%
88	15,183	(2,100)	-12.2%
89	13,499	(1,684)	-11.1%
90	11,806	(1,693)	-12.5%
91	12,000	194	1.6%
92	11,952	(48)	-0.4%
93	11,692	(260)	-2.2%
94	11,798	106	0.9%
95	12,008	210	1.8%
96	11,172	(836)	-7.0%
97	11,384	212	1.9%
98	12,151	767	6.7%
99	12,332	181	1.5%
00	11,500	(832)	-6.7%
01	11,557	57	0.5%
02	10,652	(905)	-7.8%
03	10,420	(232)	-2.2%
04	10,318	(102)	-1.0%
05	10,170	(148)	-1.4%
06	10,007	(163)	-1.6%
07	10,696	689	6.9%
08	10,709	13	0.1%
09	10,815	106	1.0%
10	11,004	189	1.7%
11	10,404	(600)	-5.5%
12	10,026	(378)	-3.6%
13	10,014	(12)	-0.1%
14	10,356	342	3.4%
15	10,933	577	5.6%
16	10,702	(231)	-2.1%
17	10,822	120	1.1%
18	10,780	(42)	-0.4%
19	10,665	(115)	-1.1%
20	10,808	143	1.3%
21	10,292	(516)	-4.8%
22	11,169	877	8.5%
23	11,336	167	1.5%
24	11,258	(78)	-0.7%



\*\*Data Compiled from 1<sup>st</sup> quarter contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers' subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. For more information on a specific industry, please call 832/681-2535. 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.

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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 Sheriff'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 Assistant, 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 or 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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