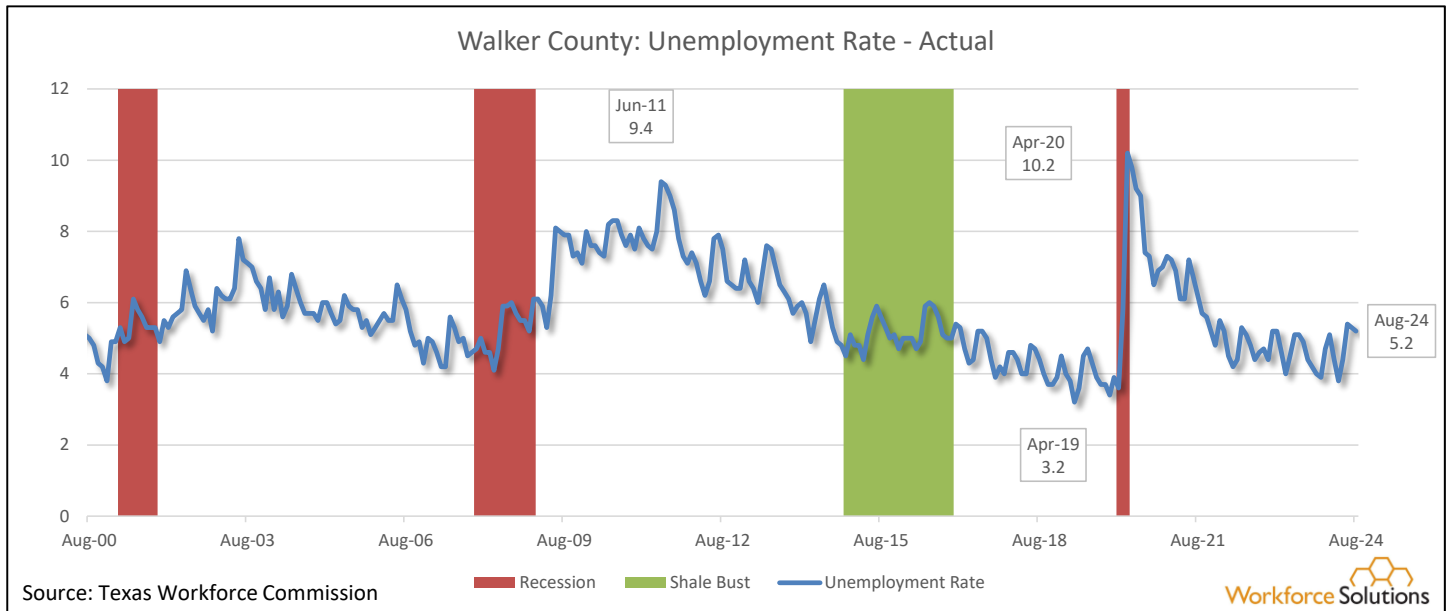


County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Walker County rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.5 percent in August, six-tenths 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 county added 62 jobs over first quarter 2024, up 0.2 percent. The county reports a loss during most years with the last increase found back during recovery from the pandemic in 2021. The increase was made possible by hiring in Manufacturing, up 156 jobs or 12.0 percent, and Professional and Business Services, up 109 jobs or 13.4 percent. Overall gains were offset by seasonal declines in Trade, Transportation and Utilities, down 91 jobs or 2.6 percent, and Leisure and Hospitality, down 141 jobs or 5.7 percent. While the decline in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities was in line with historical trends, Leisure and Hospitality's 5.7 percent decline was much deeper than the historical average of 1.6 percent. The county added 897 jobs over the year, up 3.6 percent from first quarter 2023. Largest increases were in State Government, up 599 jobs or 6.0 percent, Construction, up 197 jobs or 20.9 percent, and Manufacturing, up 75 jobs or 5.4 percent. A substantial loss of 158 jobs in Leisure and Hospitality, down 6.4 percent, held back overall gains. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	AUG 2024	JUL 2024	AUG 2023
Civilian Labor Force	24,652	24,698	24,094
Total Employment	23,375	23,401	22,909
Unemployed	1,277	1,297	1,185
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.3%	4.9%
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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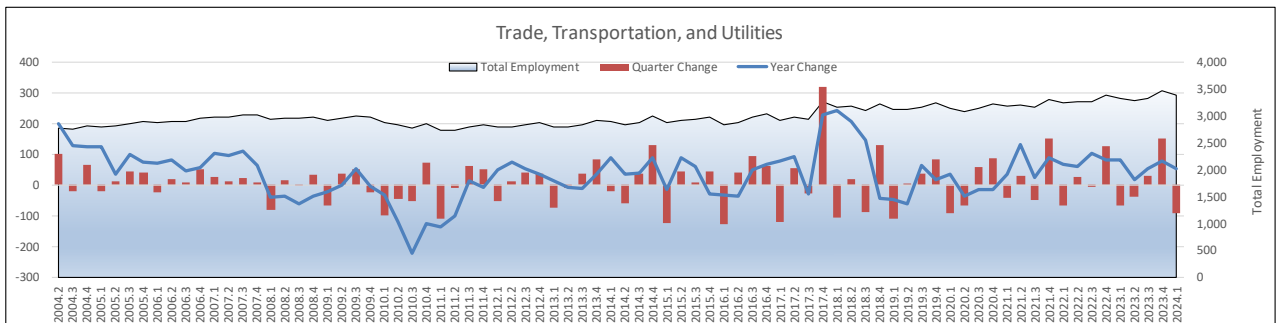
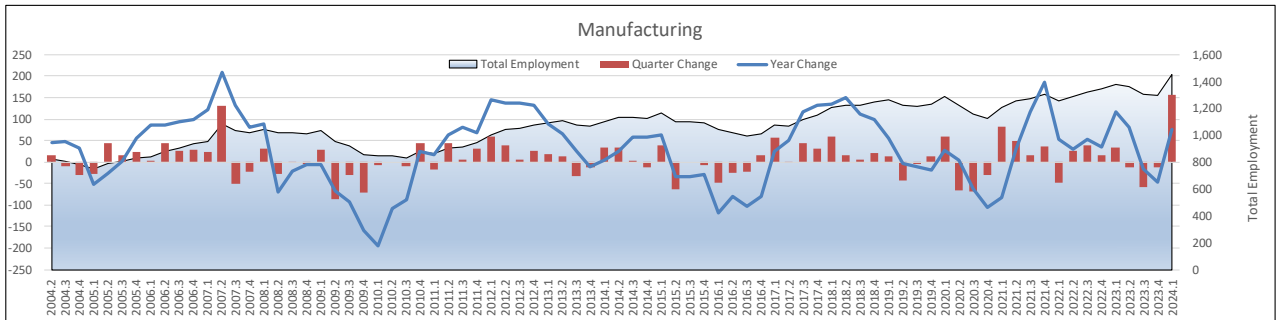
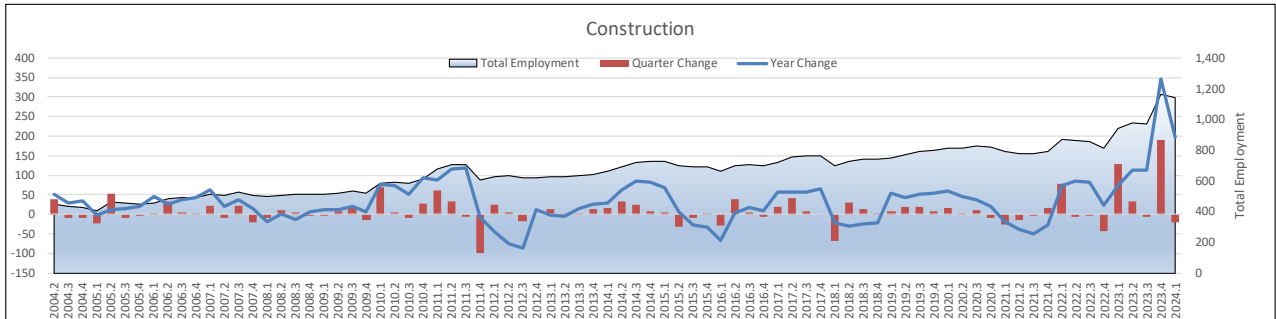
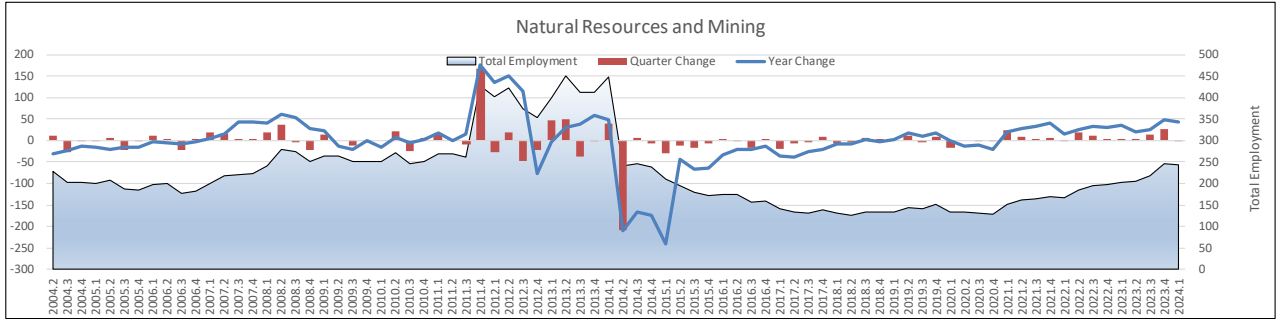
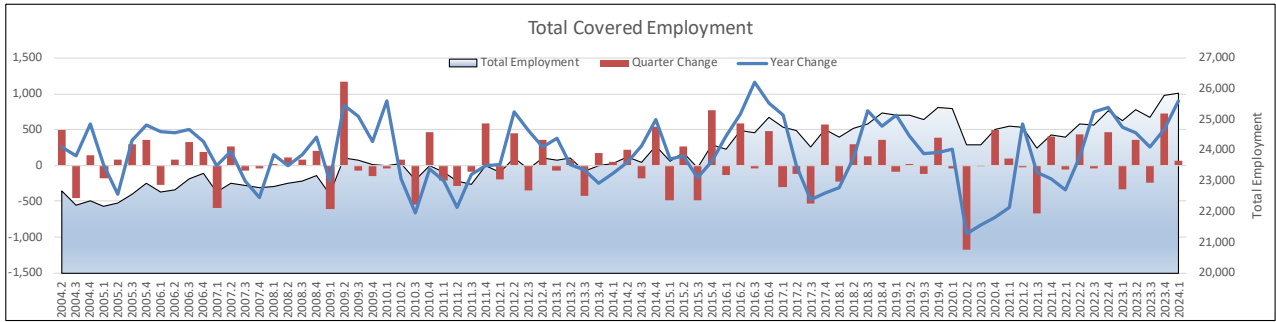
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	1ST QTR 2024	4TH QTR 2023	1ST QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	25,856	25,794	24,959	62	0.2%	897	3.6%	\$1,006
Natural Resources & Mining	244	245	202	-1	-0.4%	42	20.8%	\$1,256
Construction	1,139	1,160	942	-21	-1.8%	197	20.9%	\$1,323
Manufacturing	1,452	1,296	1,377	156	12.0%	75	5.4%	\$1,372
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	3,374	3,465	3,322	-91	-2.6%	52	1.6%	\$776
Information	83	84	83	-1	-1.2%	0	0.0%	\$1,030
Financial Activities	657	677	718	-20	-3.0%	-61	-8.5%	\$991
Professional & Business Services	925	816	895	109	13.4%	30	3.4%	\$831
Education & Health Services	2,236	2,193	2,176	43	2.0%	60	2.8%	\$885
Leisure & Hospitality	2,322	2,463	2,480	-141	-5.7%	-158	-6.4%	\$389
Other Services	372	376	376	-4	-1.1%	-4	-1.1%	\$698
Nonclassifiable	19	11	9	8	72.7%	10	111.1%	\$1,329
Public Administration	13,034	13,008	12,377	26	0.2%	657	5.3%	\$1,145
Federal Government	152	146	147	6	4.1%	5	3.4%	\$1,535
State Government	10,652	10,635	10,053	17	0.2%	599	6.0%	\$1,174
Local Government	2,230	2,227	2,177	3	0.1%	53	2.4%	\$978

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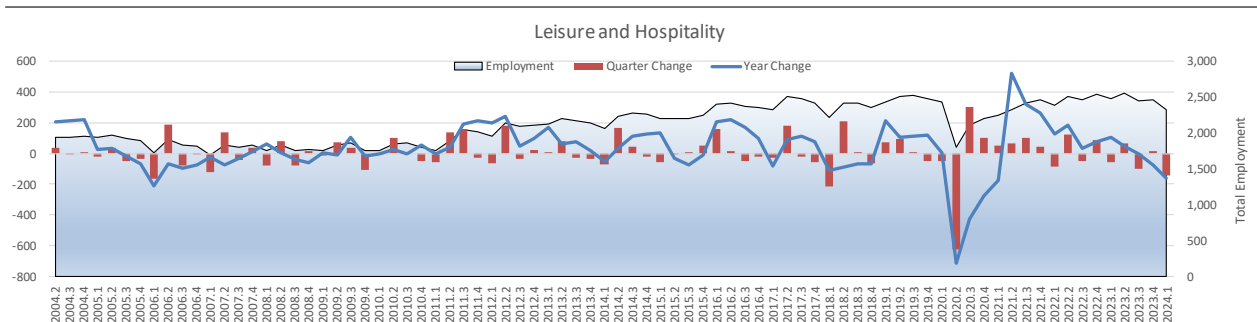
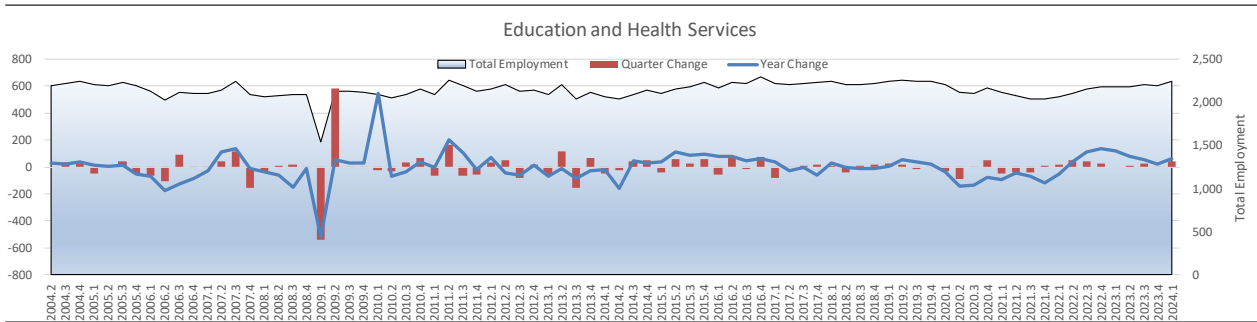
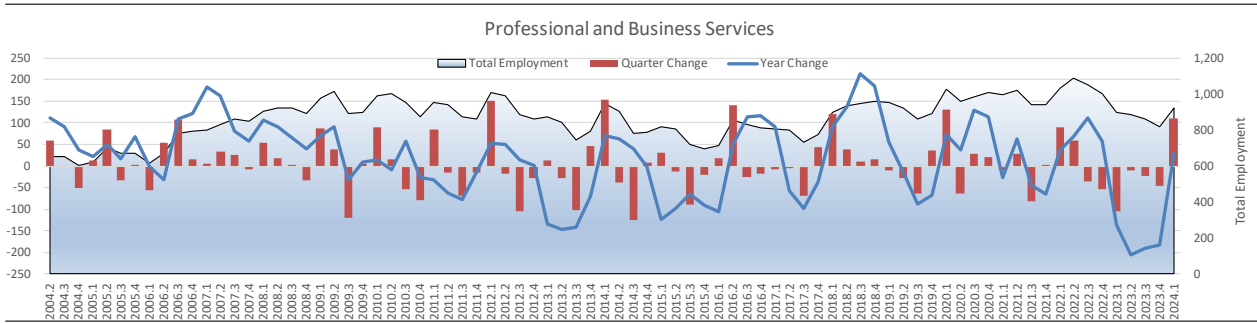
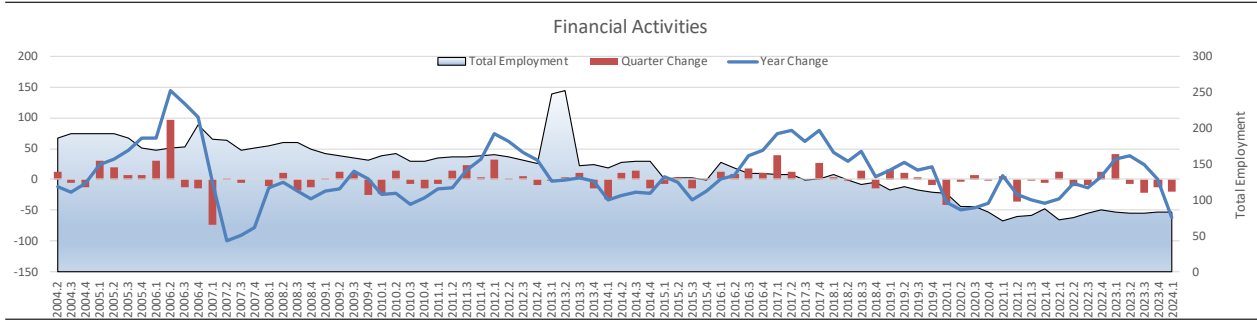
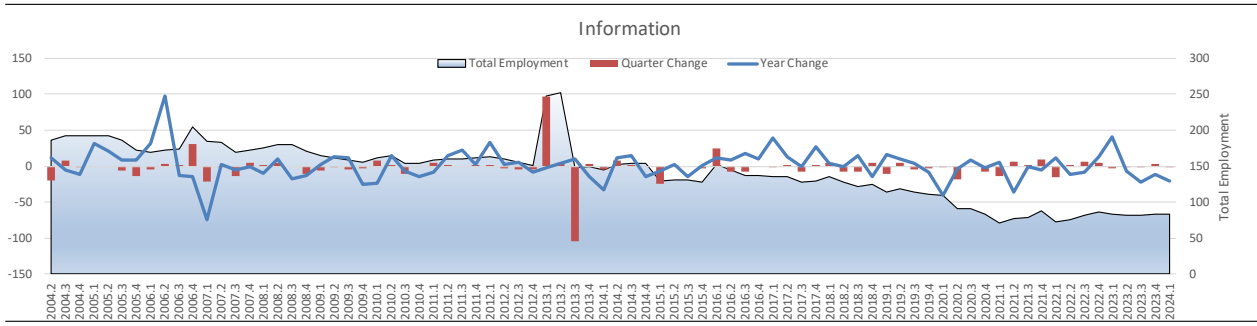
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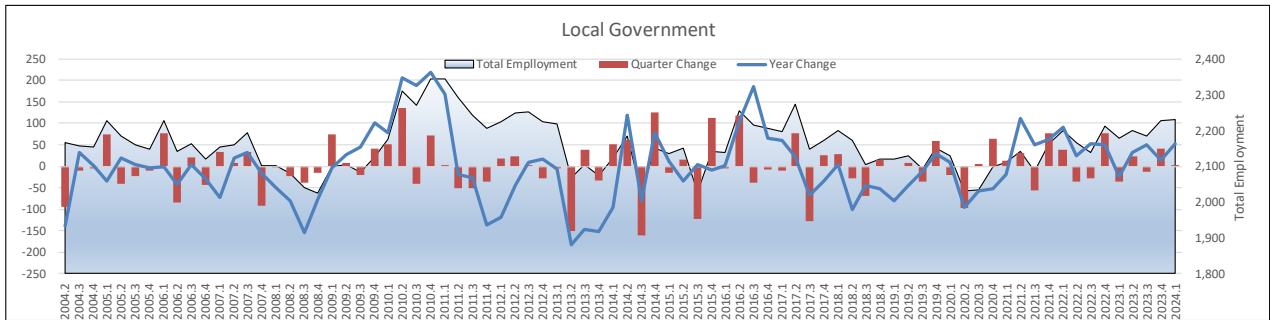
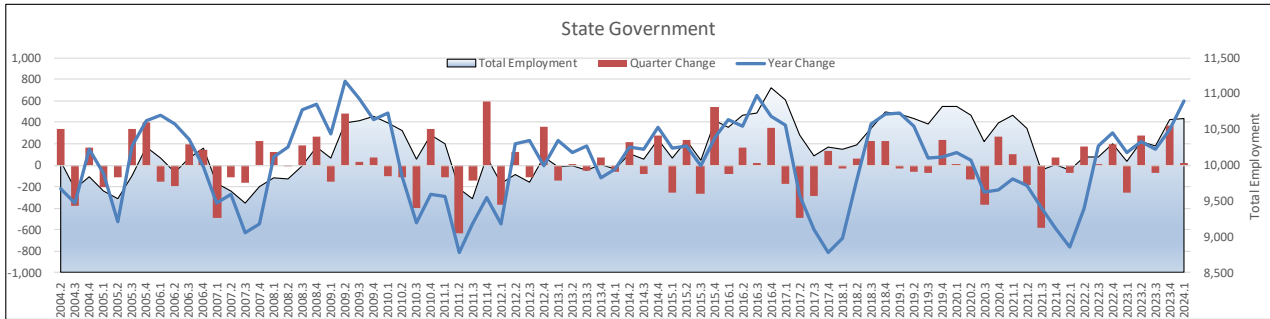
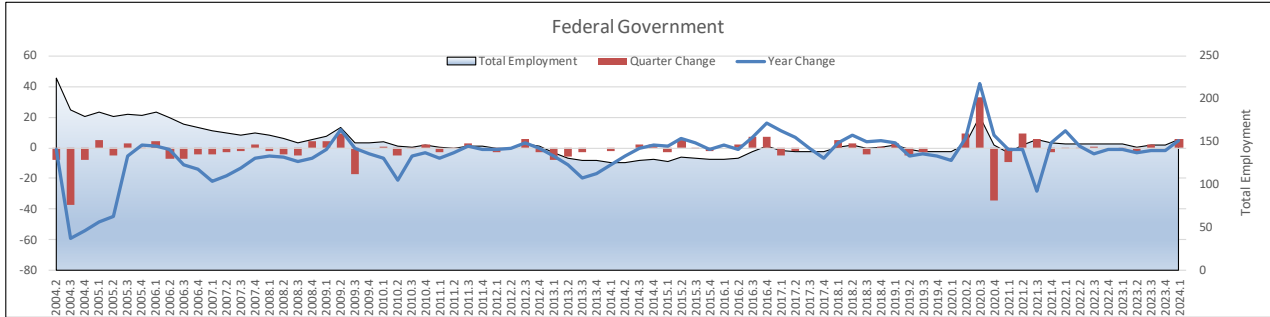
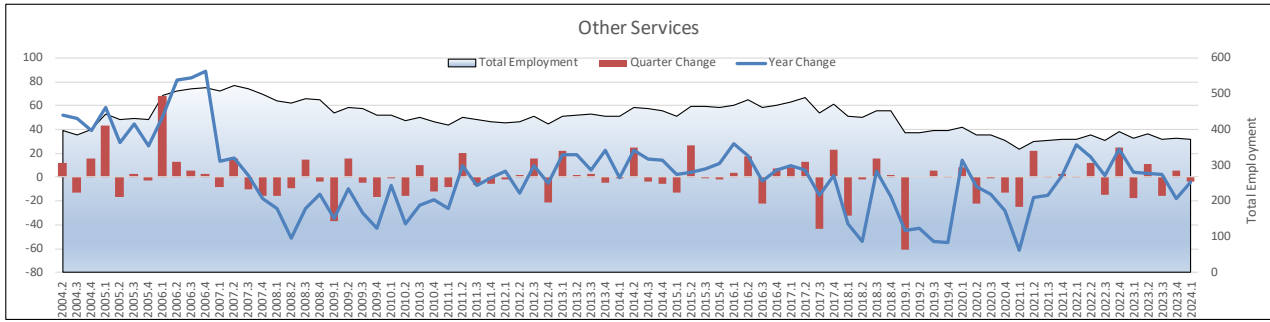
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	25,856	2024.1	21,775	2003.4
Natural Resources and Mining	450	2013.2	127	2018.2
Construction	1,160	2023.4	395	2003.2
Manufacturing	1,452	2024.1	745	2003.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	3,465	2023.4	2,578	2003.2
Information	252	2013.2	71	2021.1
Financial Activities	758	2019.3	543	2004.4
Professional and Business Services	1,090	2022.2	543	2003.2
Education and Health Services	2,293	2016.4	1,538	2009.1
Leisure and Hospitality	2,548	2023.2	1,695	2007.1
Other Services	523	2007.2	335	2003.3
Federal Government	246	2003.3	126	2014.1
State Government	11,076	2016.4	9,475	2007.3
Local Government	2,344	2011.1	2,024	2008.4

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-155	-0.6%	168	0.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	5	1.6%	-1	1.1%
Construction	14	2.3%	16	2.9%
Manufacturing	29	2.6%	7	1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-71	-2.3%	10	0.4%
Information	1	0.5%	-1	-0.5%
Financial Activities	0	0.2%	9	1.5%
Professional and Business Services	47	5.7%	17	2.7%
Education and Health Services	-50	-2.3%	41	2.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	-36	-1.6%	66	3.6%
Other Services	-2	-0.3%	7	1.7%
Federal Government	-1	-0.5%	-1	-0.2%
State Government	-114	-1.1%	2	0.1%
Local Government	23	1.1%	-5	-0.2%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-183	-0.8%	342	1.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	-12	-4.2%	7	3.4%
Construction	4	0.6%	2	-0.1%
Manufacturing	-6	-0.6%	3	0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	16	0.6%	84	2.8%
Information	-7	-3.4%	1	1.0%
Financial Activities	1	0.2%	-6	-0.9%
Professional and Business Services	-38	-3.9%	-7	-0.8%
Education and Health Services	6	0.3%	8	0.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	6	0.4%	-5	-0.3%
Other Services	-3	-0.8%	0	0.2%
Federal Government	0	0.4%	-2	-1.2%
State Government	-105	-1.0%	235	2.3%
Local Government	-44	-2.0%	22	1.1%

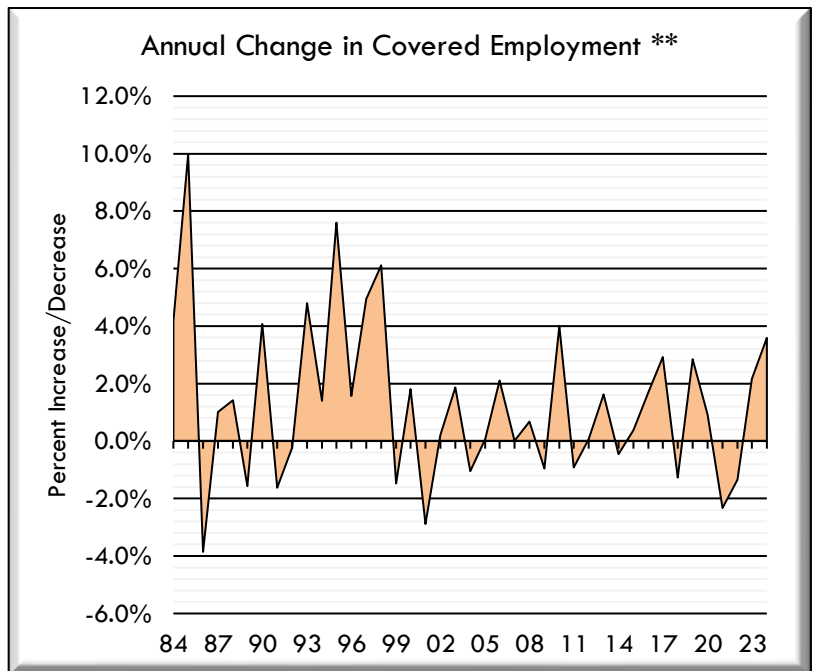
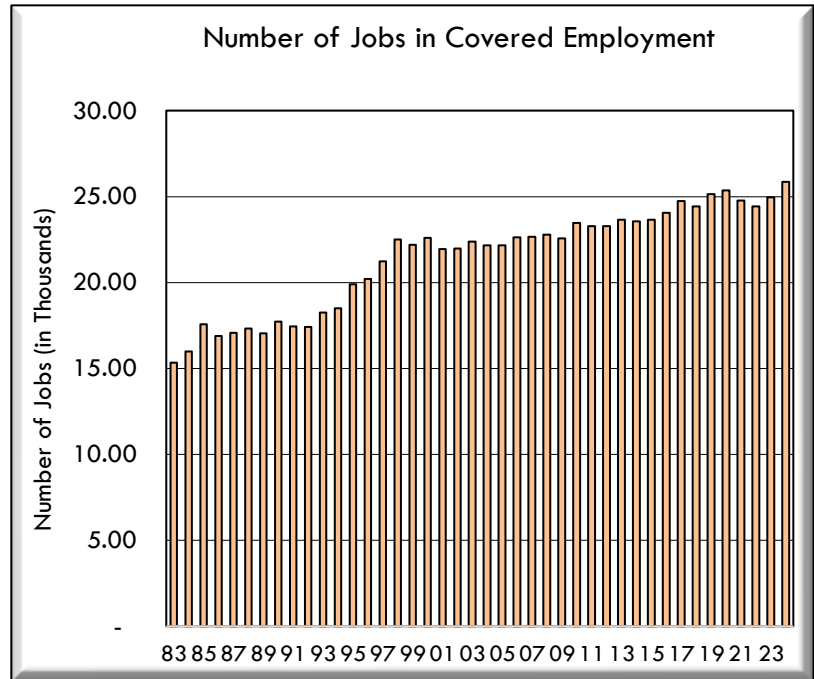
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Walker County 1983-2024 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	15,346		
84	15,986	640	4.2%
85	17,580	1,594	10.0%
86	16,902	(678)	-3.9%
87	17,073	171	1.0%
88	17,314	241	1.4%
89	17,042	(272)	-1.6%
90	17,737	695	4.1%
91	17,448	(289)	-1.6%
92	17,408	(40)	-0.2%
93	18,243	835	4.8%
94	18,499	256	1.4%
95	19,906	1,407	7.6%
96	20,218	312	1.6%
97	21,218	1,000	4.9%
98	22,517	1,299	6.1%
99	22,185	(332)	-1.5%
00	22,588	403	1.8%
01	21,936	(652)	-2.9%
02	21,983	47	0.2%
03	22,392	409	1.9%
04	22,159	(233)	-1.0%
05	21,926	(233)	0.1%
06	22,642	716	2.1%
07	22,643	1	0.0%
08	22,797	154	0.7%
09	22,578	(219)	-1.0%
10	23,480	902	4.0%
11	23,263	(217)	-0.9%
12	23,280	17	0.1%
13	23,658	378	1.6%
14	23,552	(106)	-0.4%
15	23,640	88	0.4%
16	24,043	403	1.7%
17	24,746	703	2.9%
18	24,430	(316)	-1.3%
19	25,126	696	2.8%
20	25,356	230	0.9%
21	24,766	(590)	-2.3%
22	24,431	(335)	-1.4%
23	24,959	528	2.2%
24	25,856	897	3.6%



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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 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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