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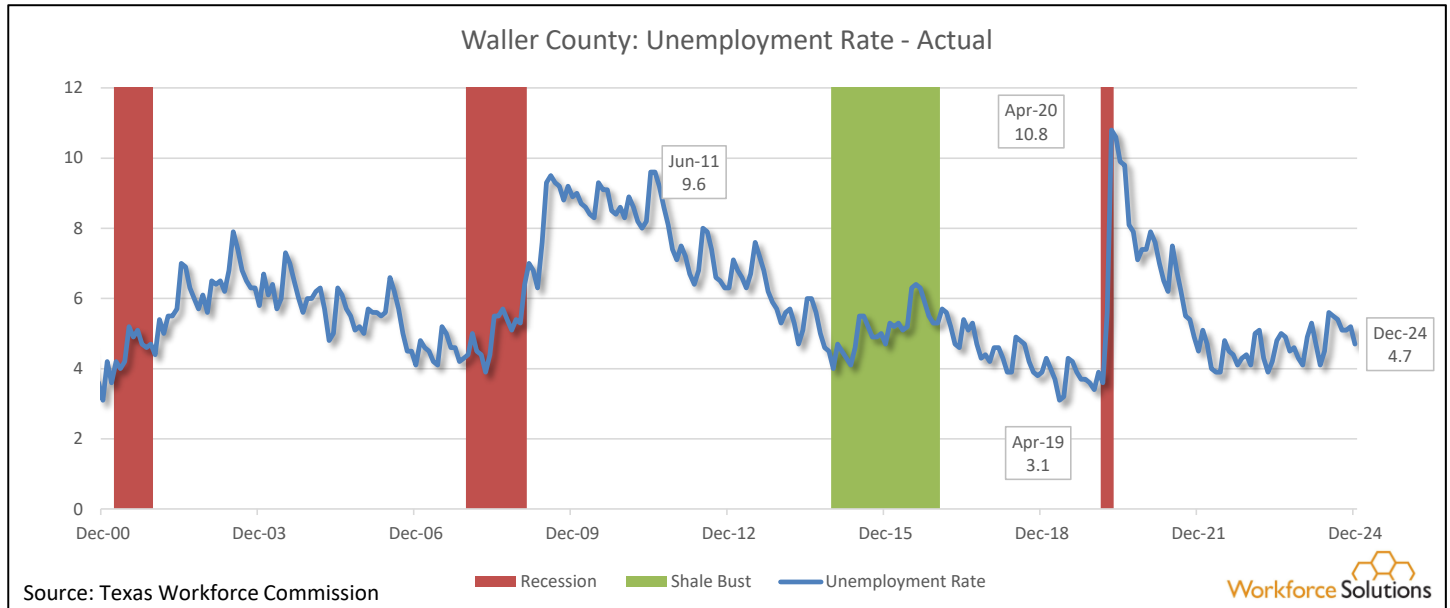
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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Waller County fell one-half of a percentage point to 4.7 percent in December, six-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 Waller County added 49 jobs over second quarter 2024. The 0.2 percent increase was the weakest since 2020 during the pandemic and weaker than the historical average of 1.0 percent. Three of the eleven major industry sectors were reporting losses. Leisure and Hospitality accounted for most of it with a loss of 214 jobs, down 2.3 percent, when on average it incurs a 3.4 percent increase. Most substantial gains were in Leisure and Hospitality, up 97 jobs or 6.5 percent, Professional and Business Services, up 61 jobs or 4.1 percent, and Manufacturing, up 57 jobs or 1.3 percent. The county added 761 jobs over the year with the pace of job growth continuing to fall at 2.9 percent, down from 4.5 percent in the first quarter and 12.6 percent a year earlier. Nine of the eleven major industry sectors were reporting increases. Top contributing industry sectors were Public Administration, up 264 jobs or 5.2 percent, Profession and Business Services, up 233 jobs or 17.9 percent, and Manufacturing, up 133 jobs or 3.0 percent. The only substantial declines were in Other Services, down 82 jobs or 18.5 percent, and Construction, down 55 jobs or 3.1 percent. Compared to a year ago, the pace of job growth in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities has seen the most significant slowdown with payrolls up 56 jobs or 0.6 percent compared to an increase of 1,284 jobs or 16.2 percent in second quarter 2023. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	DEC 2024	NOV 2024	DEC 2023
Civilian Labor Force	27,263	27,342	26,276
Total Employment	25,978	25,920	25,186
Unemployed	1,285	1,422	1,090
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	5.2%	4.1%
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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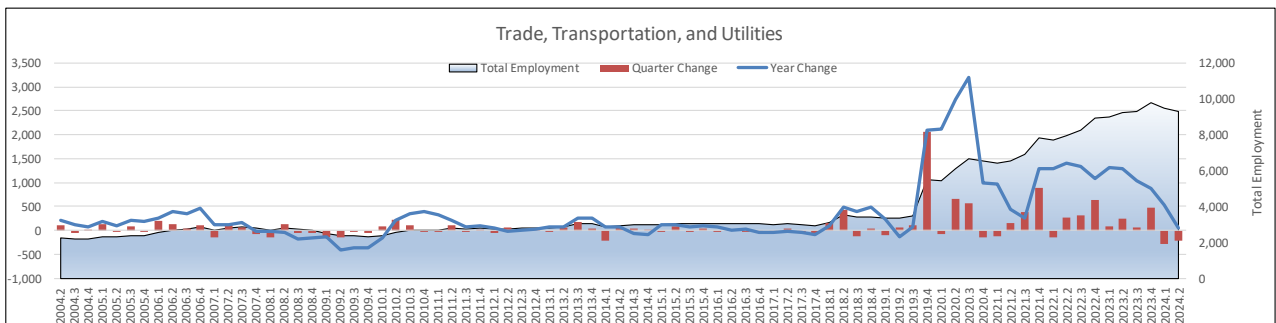
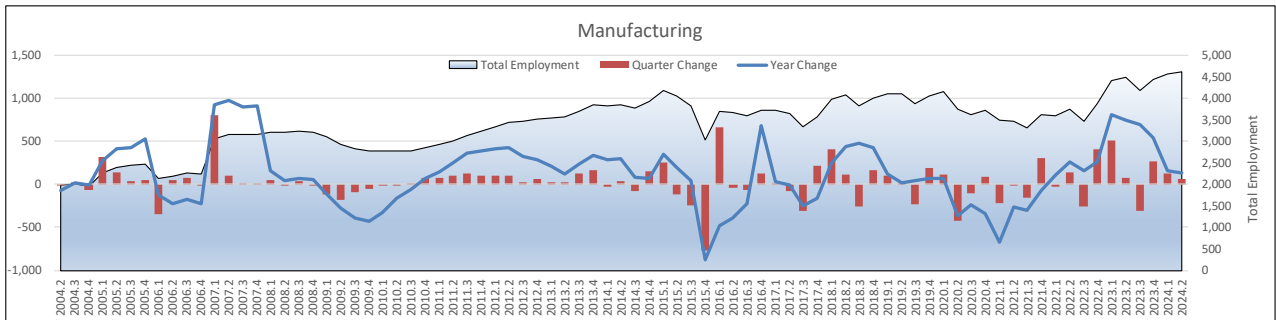
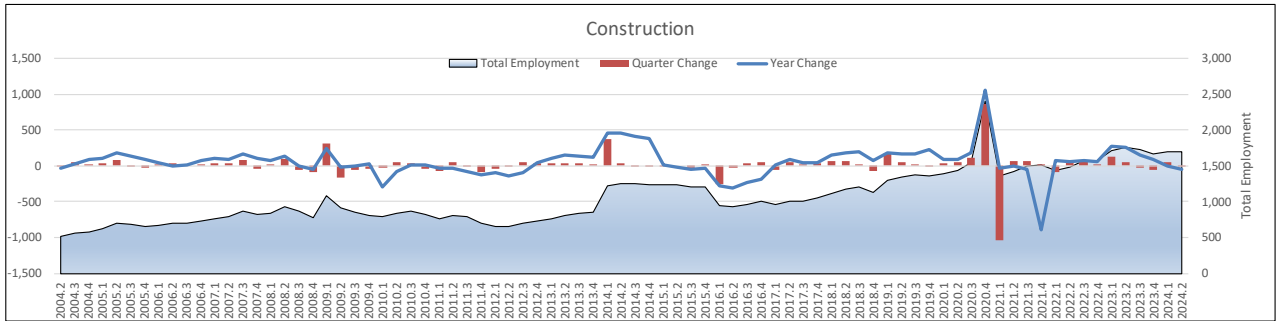
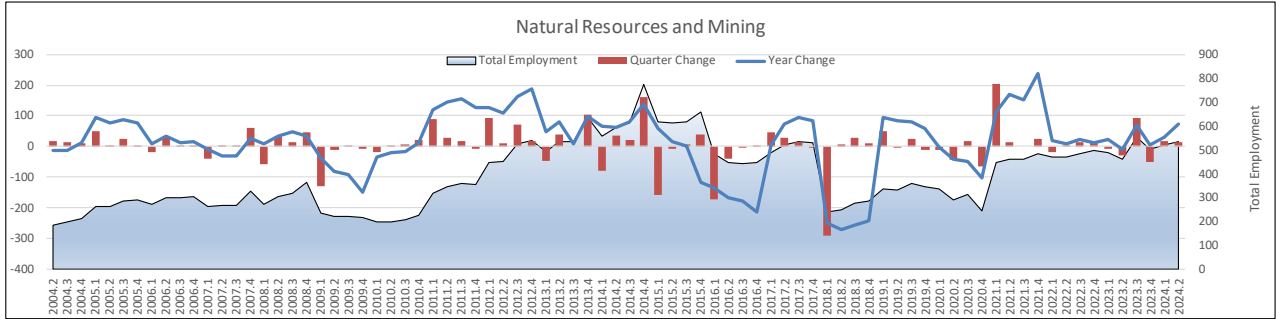
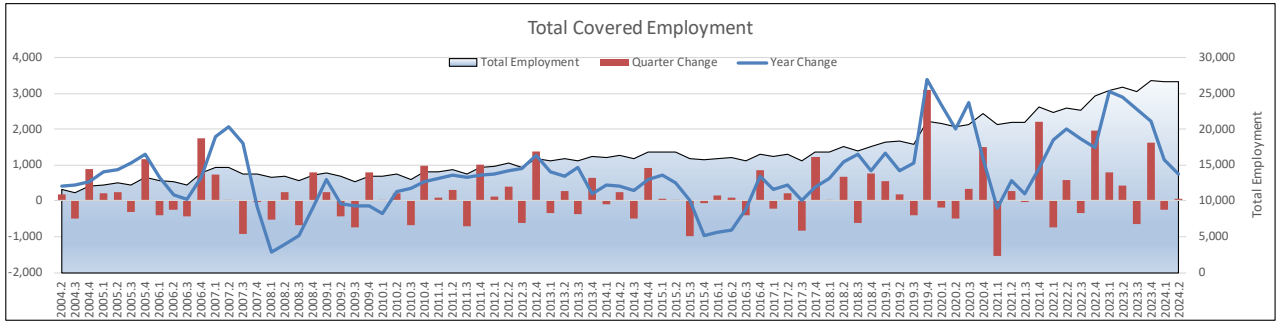
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg.		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2024	1ST QTR 2024	2ND QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	26,585	26,536	25,824	49	0.2%	761	2.9%	\$1,154
Natural Resources & Mining	536	521	462	15	2.9%	74	16.0%	\$1,484
Construction	1,695	1,702	1,750	-7	-0.4%	-55	-3.1%	\$1,204
Manufacturing	4,611	4,554	4,478	57	1.3%	133	3.0%	\$1,614
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	9,289	9,503	9,233	-214	-2.3%	56	0.6%	\$1,082
Information	22	22	17	0	0.0%	5	29.4%	\$1,250
Financial Activities	428	420	407	8	1.9%	21	5.2%	\$1,100
Professional & Business Services	1,538	1,477	1,305	61	4.1%	233	17.9%	\$1,394
Education & Health Services	1,139	1,135	1,078	4	0.4%	61	5.7%	\$656
Leisure & Hospitality	1,579	1,482	1,526	97	6.5%	53	3.5%	\$586
Other Services	361	373	443	-12	-3.2%	-82	-18.5%	\$1,517
Nonclassifiable	14	17	17	-3	-17.6%	-3	-17.6%	\$880
Public Administration	5,372	5,330	5,108	42	0.8%	264	5.2%	\$1,019
Federal Government	243	243	237	0	0.0%	6	2.5%	\$1,394
State Government	2,395	2,314	2,278	81	3.5%	117	5.1%	\$992
Local Government	2,734	2,773	2,593	-39	-1.4%	141	5.4%	\$1,008

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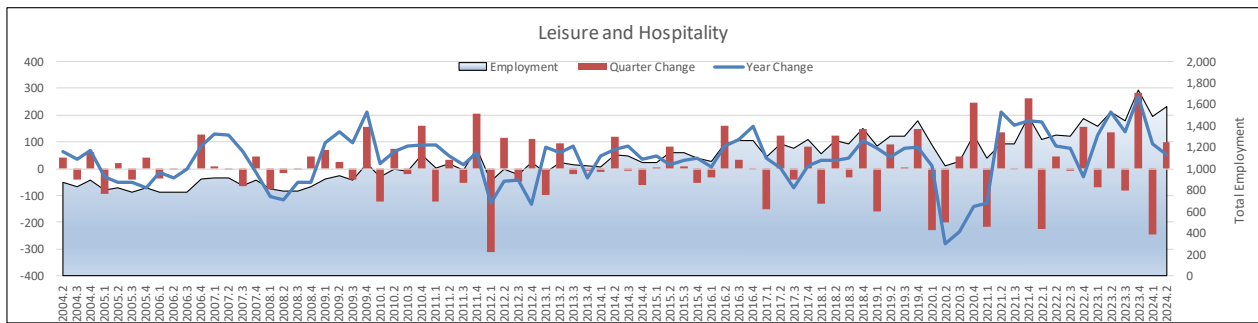
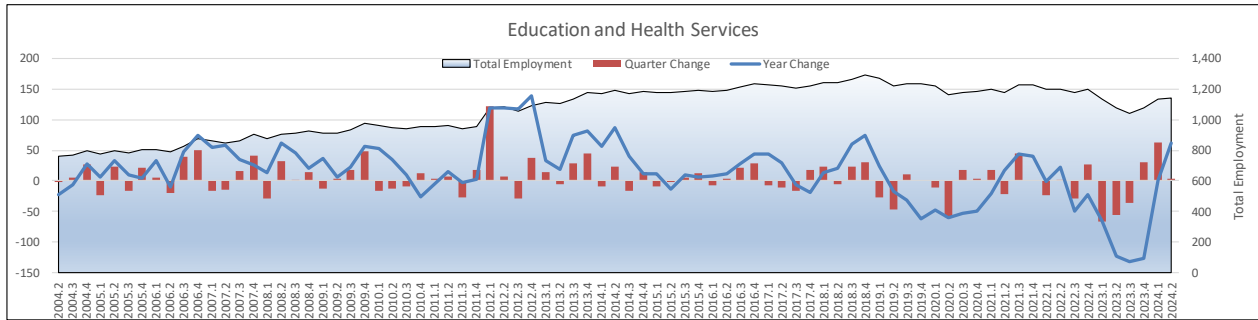
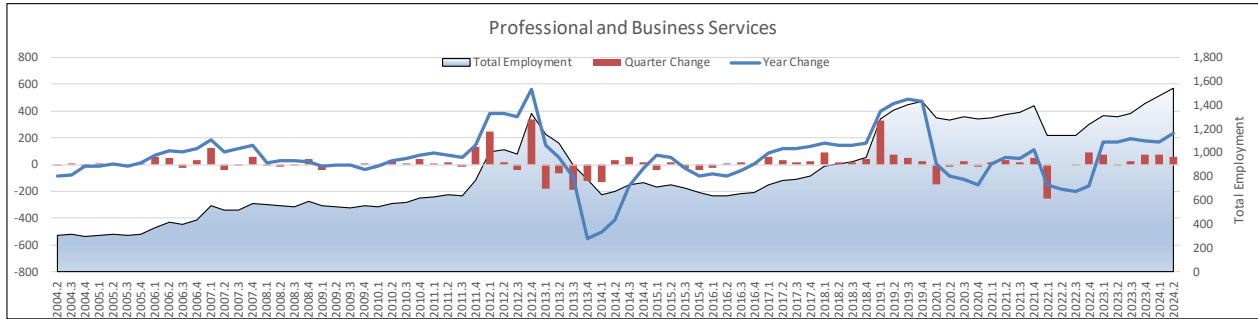
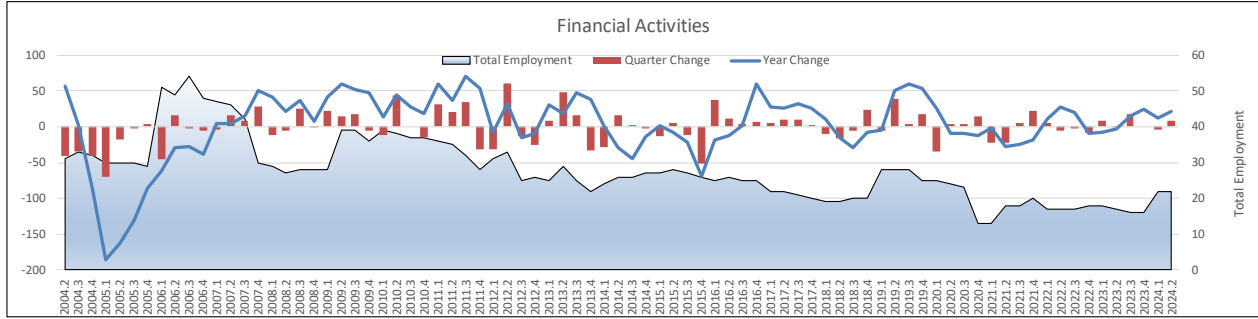
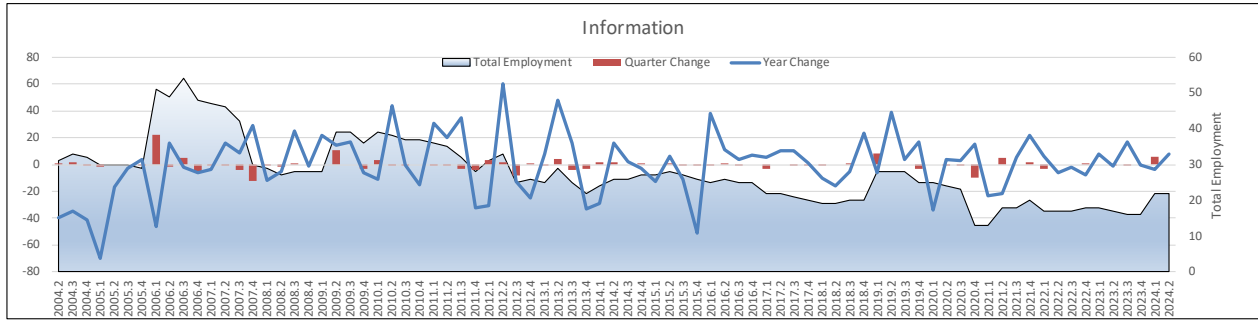
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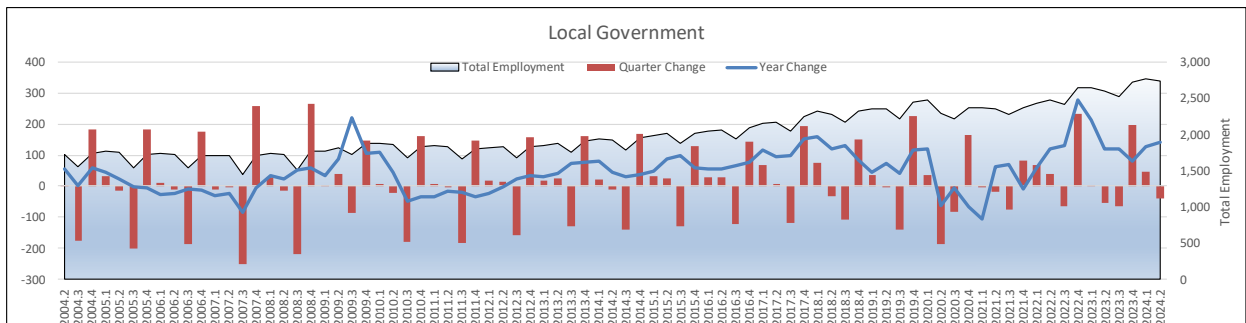
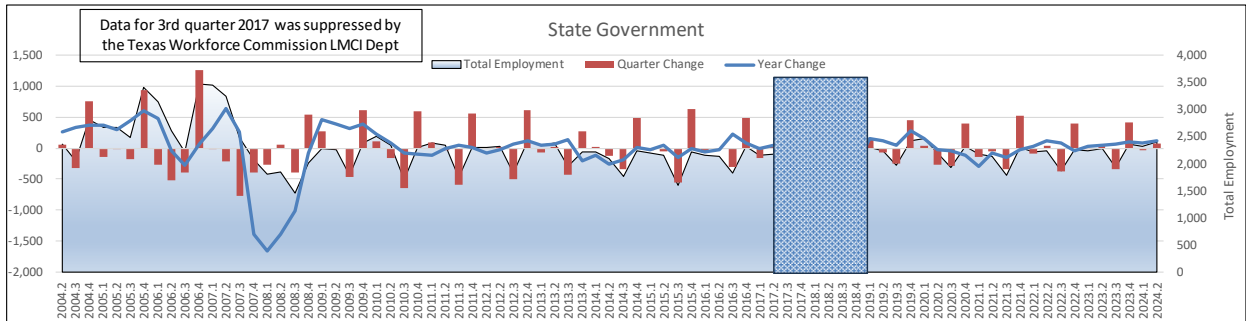
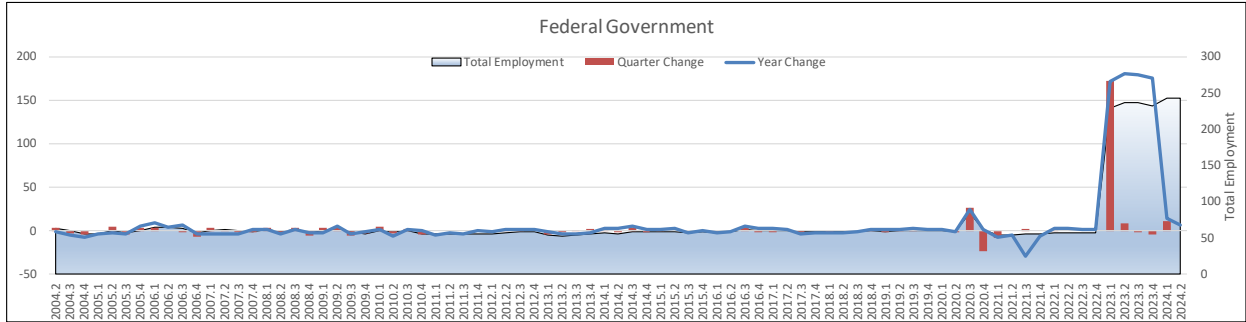
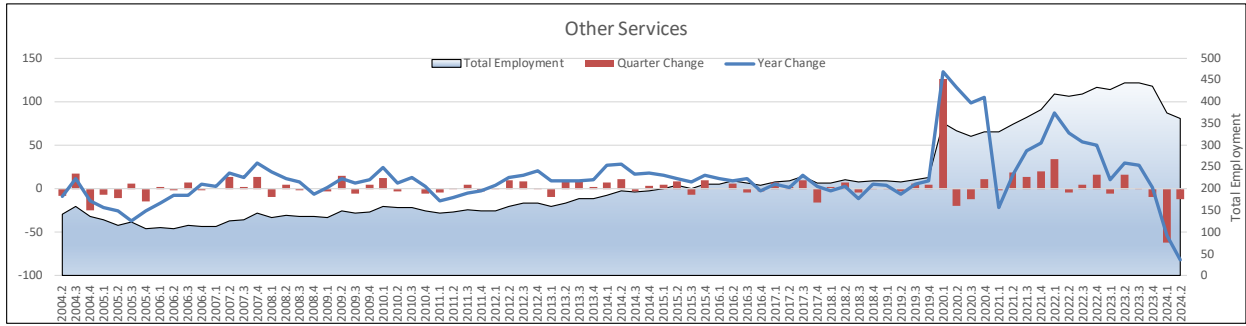
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	26,790	2023.4	10,655	2003.3
Natural Resources and Mining	774	2014.4	169	2004.1
Construction	2,405	2020.4	489	2003.4
Manufacturing	4,611	2024.2	1,950	2004.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	9,783	2023.4	2,013	2003.2
Information	54	2006.3	13	2020.4
Financial Activities	440	2019.4	177	2006.1
Professional and Business Services	1,538	2024.2	300	2004.4
Education and Health Services	1,293	2018.4	764	2004.2
Leisure and Hospitality	1,728	2023.4	779	2005.3
Other Services	444	2023.3	109	2005.4
Federal Government	243	2024.1	53	2013.2
State Government	3,466	2006.4	1,459	2008.3
Local Government	2,773	2024.1	1,451	2007.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-66	-0.3%	168	1.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	-25	-1.1%	6	2.0%
Construction	-14	2.3%	28	3.1%
Manufacturing	134	4.6%	2	0.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-23	-0.8%	122	3.4%
Information	1	5.3%	1	4.4%
Financial Activities	-7	-2.2%	10	3.4%
Professional and Business Services	12	3.5%	11	1.5%
Education and Health Services	-1	0.0%	-7	-0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	-107	-8.4%	61	5.8%
Other Services	4	2.2%	3	1.8%
Federal Government	9	14.8%	1	0.9%
State Government	-55	-2.0%	-59	-2.1%
Local Government	27	1.3%	-11	-0.4%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-522	-3.5%	1,154	7.3%
Natural Resources and Mining	18	5.3%	17	3.5%
Construction	16	1.6%	25	0.9%
Manufacturing	-81	-2.0%	67	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	80	1.6%	188	4.0%
Information	-1	-2.9%	-2	-4.8%
Financial Activities	5	1.6%	-3	-0.4%
Professional and Business Services	-3	-0.5%	35	3.9%
Education and Health Services	2	0.2%	22	2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	-21	-2.0%	103	9.7%
Other Services	2	1.5%	0	-0.2%
Federal Government	1	2.2%	-2	-2.8%
State Government	-402	-17.4%	520	28.0%
Local Government	-140	-7.4%	174	9.7%

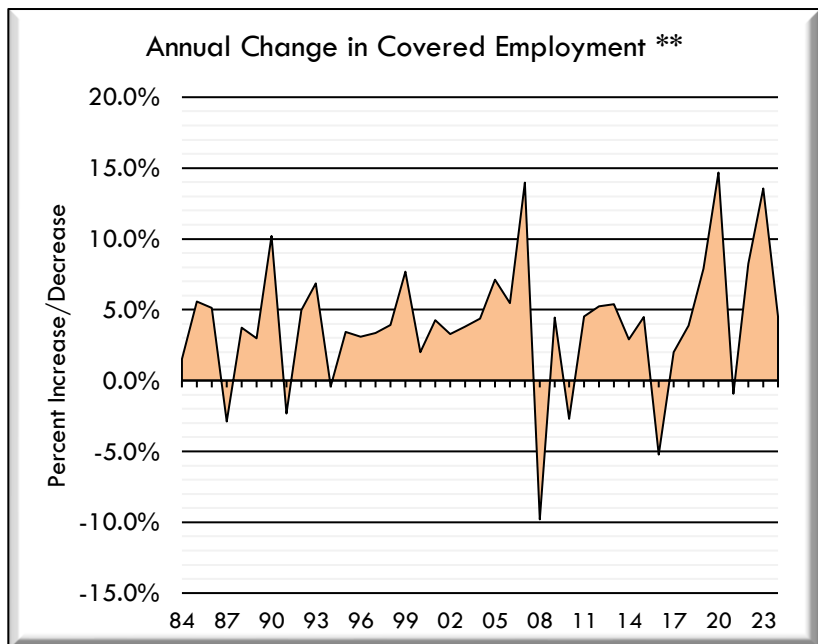
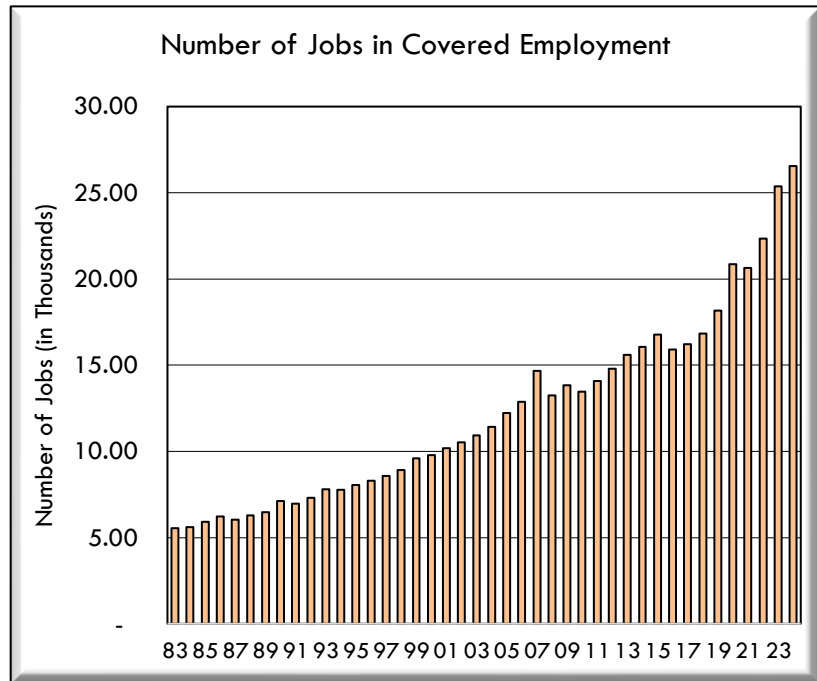
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Waller County 1983-2024 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ /(-)	% +/-
83	5,531		
84	5,615	84	1.5%
85	5,928	313	5.6%
86	6,231	303	5.1%
87	6,050	(181)	-2.9%
88	6,275	225	3.7%
89	6,463	188	3.0%
90	7,123	660	10.2%
91	6,957	(166)	-2.3%
92	7,302	345	5.0%
93	7,803	501	6.9%
94	7,771	(32)	-0.4%
95	8,037	266	3.4%
96	8,287	250	3.1%
97	8,565	278	3.4%
98	8,900	335	3.9%
99	9,584	684	7.7%
00	9,777	193	2.0%
01	10,194	417	4.3%
02	10,527	333	3.3%
03	10,928	401	3.8%
04	11,406	478	4.4%
05	12,217	811	7.1%
06	12,884	667	5.5%
07	14,684	1,800	14.0%
08	13,245	(1,439)	-9.8%
09	13,832	587	4.4%
10	13,460	(372)	-2.7%
11	14,069	609	4.5%
12	14,807	738	5.2%
13	15,606	799	5.4%
14	16,057	451	2.9%
15	16,776	719	4.5%
16	15,900	(876)	-5.2%
17	16,217	317	2.0%
18	16,845	628	3.9%
19	18,179	1,334	7.9%
20	20,848	2,669	14.7%
21	20,651	(197)	-0.9%
22	22,354	1,703	8.2%
23	25,386	3,032	13.6%
24	26,536	1,150	4.5%



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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		Employment
		Hourly Wage	Annual Wage	
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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