

# Wharton County

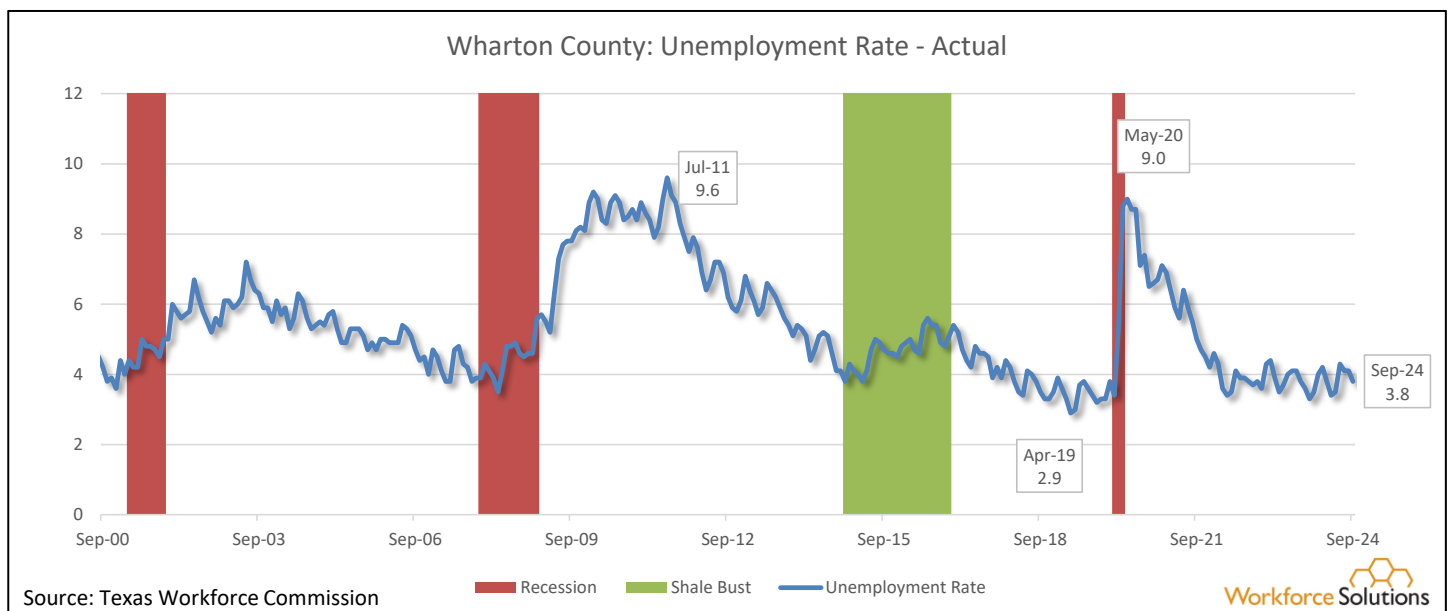
## Labor Market Information

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### County Employment Data\*

The rate of unemployment in Wharton County fell three-tenths of a percentage point to 3.8 percent in September, the same as it was a year earlier. The rate of unemployment in the month of September typically falls during most years as the academic year gets started except during economic slowdowns or other uncommon events. The local rate of unemployment was slightly lower than 4.1 percent at the state level and 3.9 percent at the national level. Total covered employment in Wharton County was down 195 jobs over first quarter 2024. The 1.2 percent decline was the largest first quarter decline in three years. A larger than normal seasonal decline in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities was primarily responsible for the weakness, down 230 jobs or 5.0 percent. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities typically incurs a seasonal decline of around 0.9 percent. Natural Resources also contributed to the decline although it reports a loss during most years, down 117 jobs or 5.4 percent. Helping offset losses were substantial increase in Education and Health Services, up 150 jobs or 6.4 percent, and Manufacturing, up 102 jobs or 7.6 percent. Wharton County added 478 jobs over the year with payrolls up 3.0 percent from first quarter 2023, down from 4.1 percent in fourth quarter 2023. Most of the increase was in Education and Health Services, up 193 jobs or 8.4 percent, Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 110 jobs or 2.6 percent, and Manufacturing, up 102 jobs or 7.6 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	SEP 2024	AUG 2024	SEP 2023
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	22,358	22,251	21,928
<b>Employed</b>	21,511	21,336	21,097
<b>Unemployed</b>	847	915	831
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	3.8%	4.1%	3.8%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	4.1%	4.4%	3.9%
<b>U.S.</b>	3.9%	4.4%	3.6%



\*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 1<sup>st</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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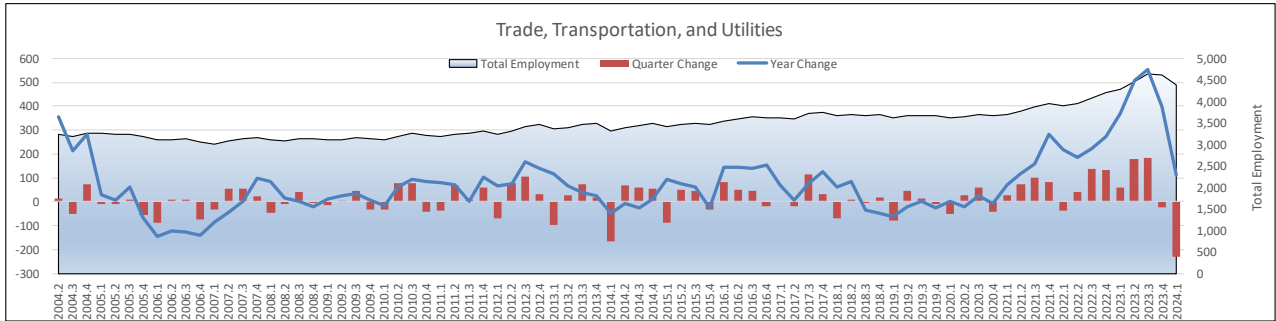
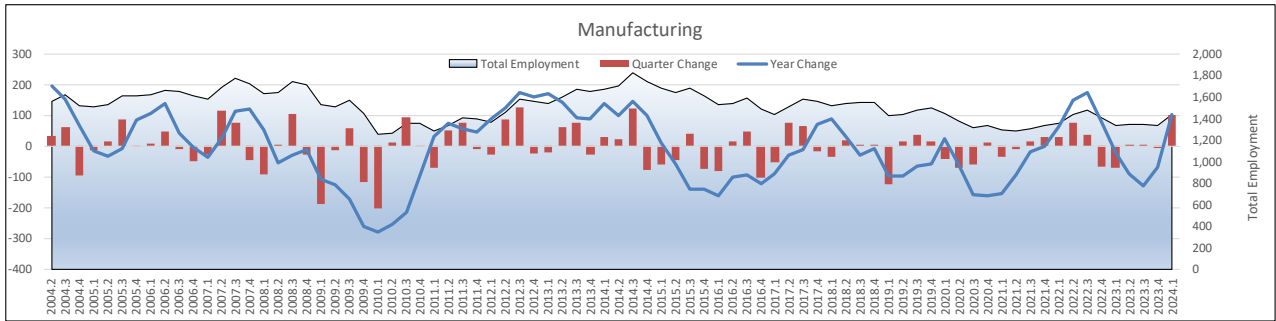
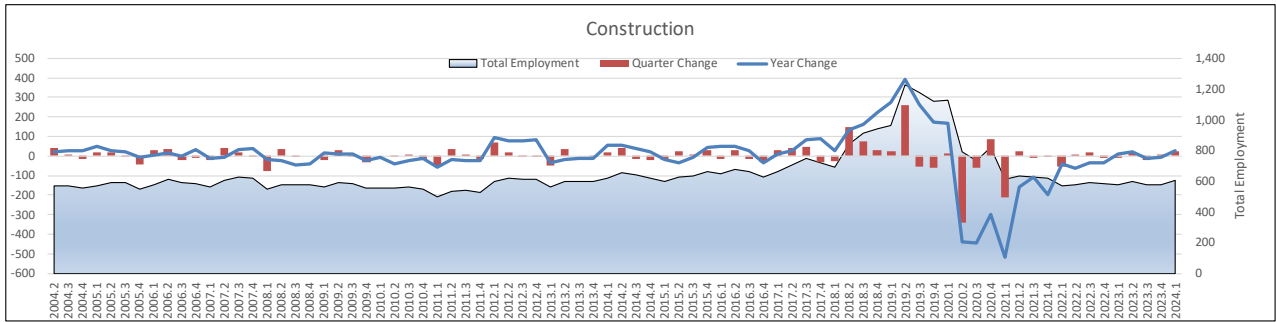
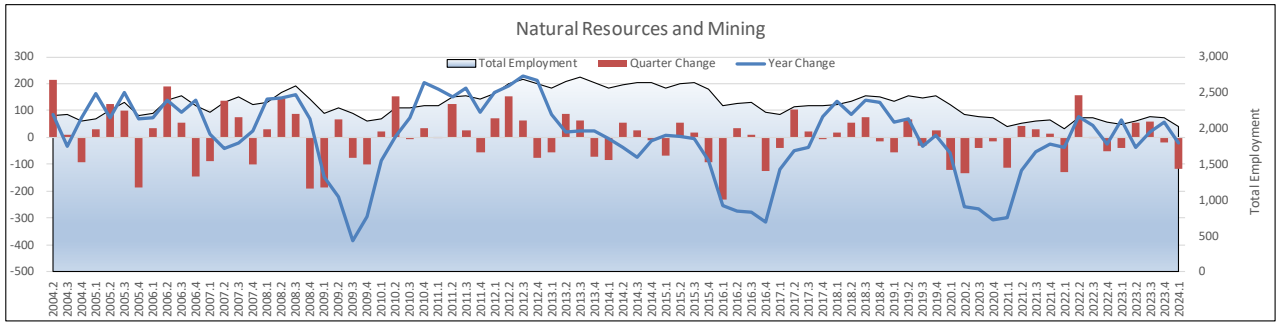
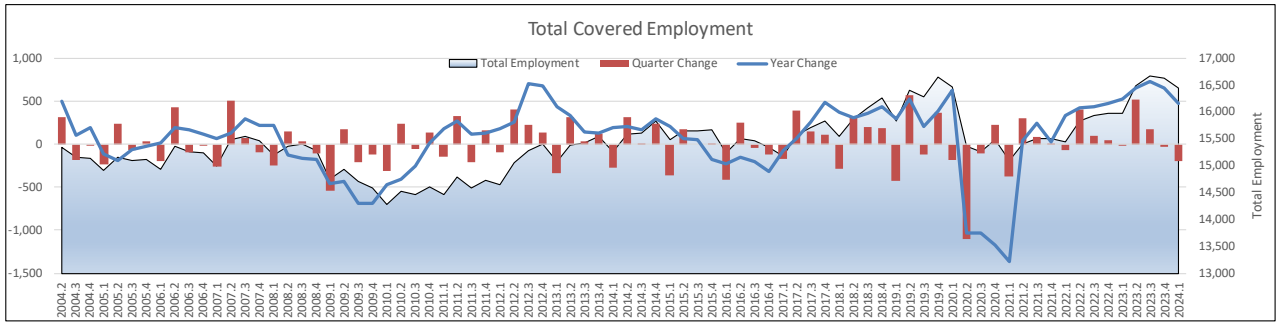
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Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg.		Avg Wkly Wage*
	1ST QTR 2024	4TH QTR 2023	1ST QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	16,445	16,640	15,967	-195	-1.2%	478	3.0%	\$981
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	2,034	2,151	2,056	-117	-5.4%	-22	-1.1%	\$1,078
<b>Construction</b>	606	579	577	27	4.7%	29	5.0%	\$1,033
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1,440	1,338	1,338	102	7.6%	102	7.6%	\$1,185
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	4,383	4,613	4,273	-230	-5.0%	110	2.6%	\$1,044
<b>Information</b>	55	57	58	-2	-3.5%	-3	-5.2%	\$755
<b>Financial Activities</b>	523	547	498	-24	-4.4%	25	5.0%	\$1,510
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	550	562	556	-12	-2.1%	-6	-1.1%	\$920
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	2,481	2,331	2,288	150	6.4%	193	8.4%	\$1,011
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	1,259	1,286	1,228	-27	-2.1%	31	2.5%	\$379
<b>Other Services</b>	276	271	278	5	1.8%	-2	-0.7%	\$596
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	10	6	6	4	66.7%	4	66.7%	\$455
<b>Public Administration</b>	2,829	2,899	2,811	-70	-2.4%	18	0.6%	\$896
<b>Federal Government</b>	94	93	90	1	1.1%	4	4.4%	\$1,358
<b>State Government</b>	98	98	95	0	0.0%	3	3.2%	\$1,238
<b>Local Government</b>	2,637	2,708	2,626	-71	-2.6%	11	0.4%	\$867

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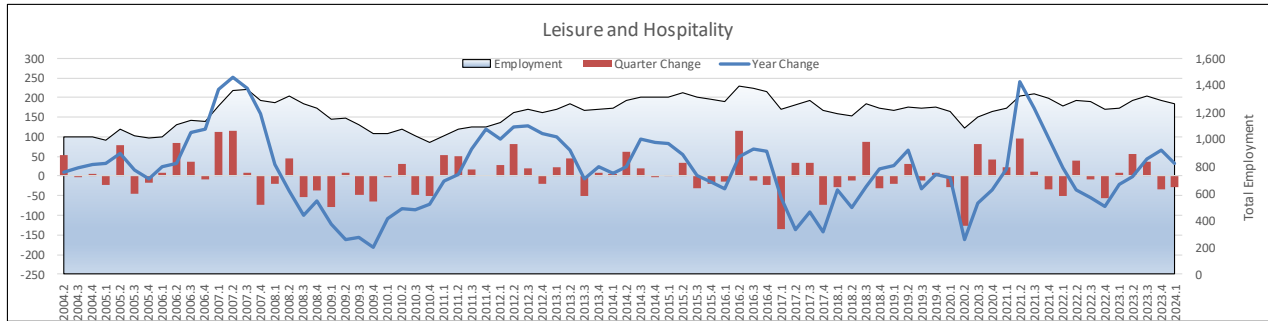
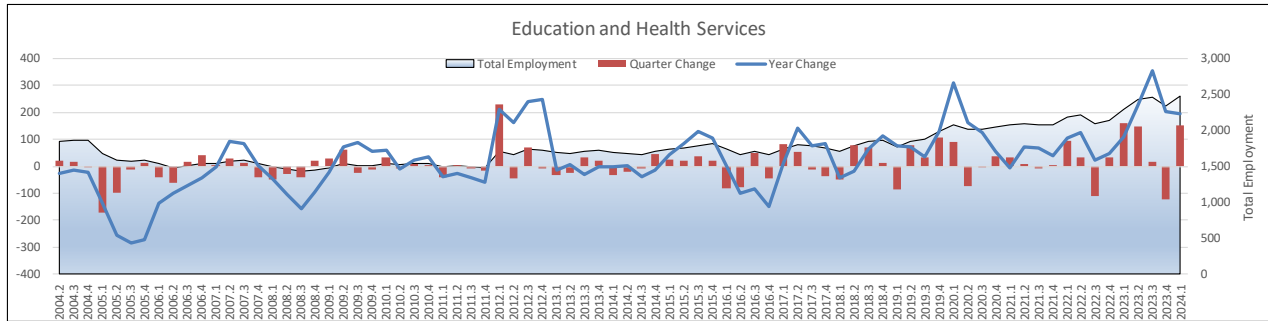
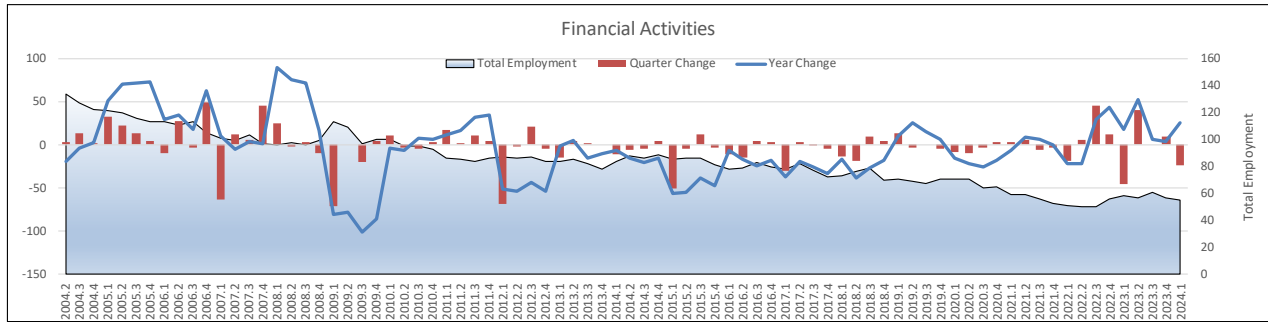
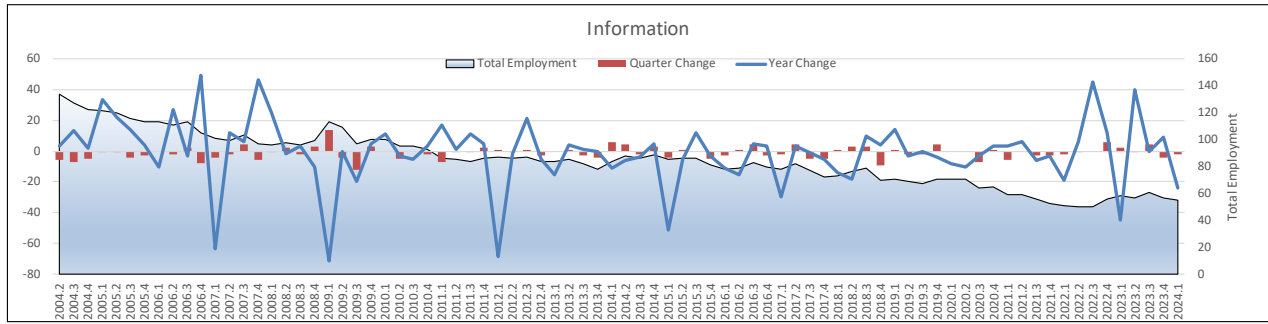
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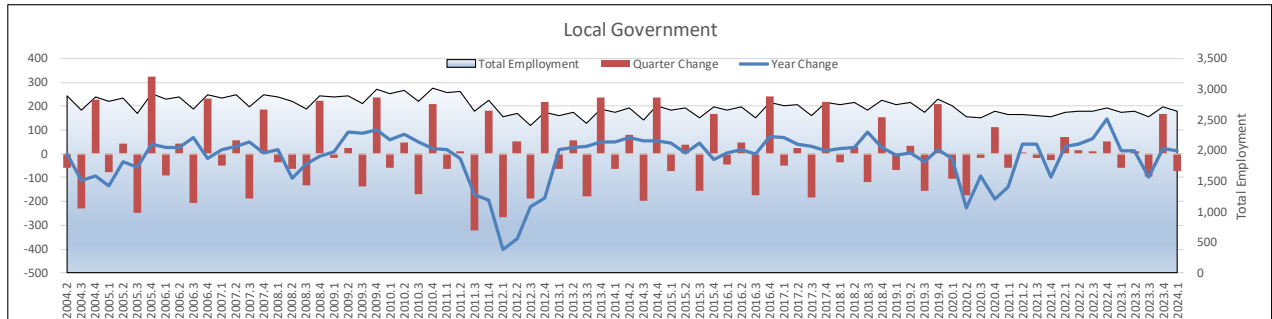
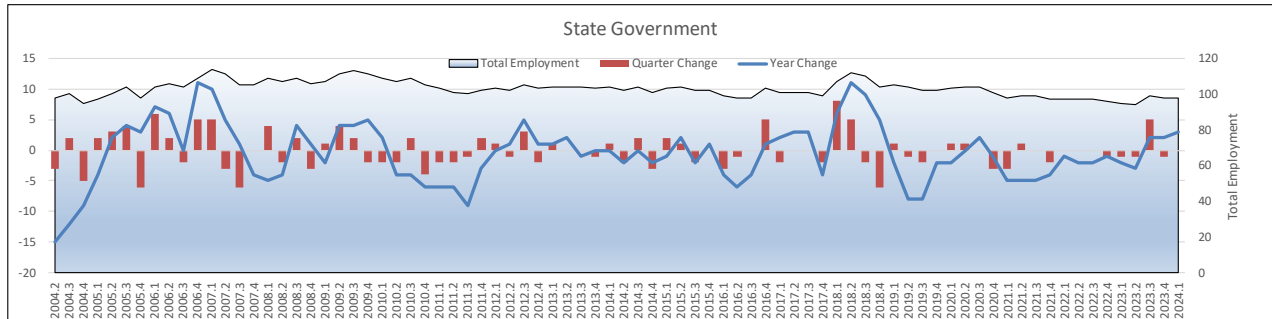
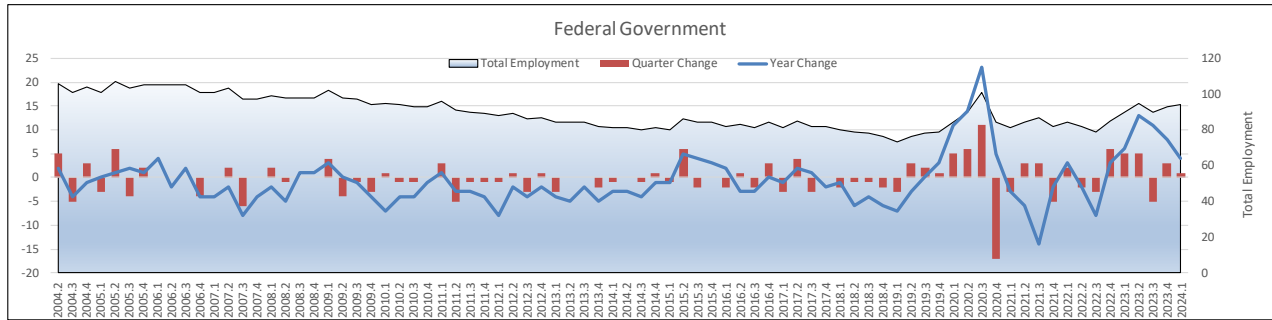
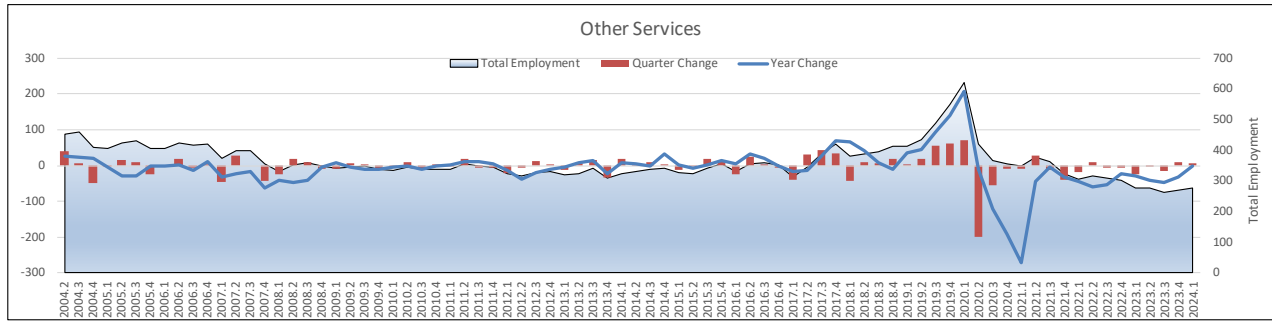
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### Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	16,669	2023.3	14,282	2010.1
Natural Resources and Mining	2,717	2013.3	1,972	2004.1
Construction	1,228	2019.2	500	2011.1
Manufacturing	1,822	2014.3	1,248	2010.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,635	2023.3	2,875	2003.2
Information	143	2003.3	50	2022.2
Financial Activities	762	2008.3	480	2022.1
Professional and Business Services	805	2003.3	331	2012.2
Education and Health Services	2,481	2024.1	1,427	2008.3
Leisure and Hospitality	1,392	2016.2	963	2004.1
Other Services	620	2020.1	261	2023.3
Federal Government	107	2005.2	73	2019.1
State Government	114	2007.1	94	2023.2
Local Government	3,011	2010.4	2,409	2012.3

### Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-241	-1.6%	263	1.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	-57	-2.4%	95	4.1%
Construction	-15	-2.0%	28	5.2%
Manufacturing	-43	-2.7%	26	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-32	-0.9%	41	1.2%
Information	0	-0.5%	-1	-0.3%
Financial Activities	-17	-2.6%	3	0.5%
Professional and Business Services	-9	-1.0%	1	0.3%
Education and Health Services	14	0.7%	5	0.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	-9	-0.6%	46	4.0%
Other Services	-8	-2.6%	4	2.2%
Federal Government	0	-0.2%	1	1.7%
State Government	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Local Government	-63	-2.2%	16	0.6%

### Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	11	0.1%	56	0.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	34	1.4%	-70	-2.9%
Construction	-2	-0.2%	-7	-1.2%
Manufacturing	55	3.7%	-33	-2.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	58	1.7%	9	0.2%
Information	-1	-1.3%	-2	-2.0%
Financial Activities	5	0.9%	6	0.8%
Professional and Business Services	5	0.8%	-8	-1.1%
Education and Health Services	7	0.4%	4	0.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	1	0.1%	-23	-1.9%
Other Services	4	1.1%	-7	-2.0%
Federal Government	-1	-1.0%	-1	-0.6%
State Government	0	0.3%	-2	-1.6%
Local Government	-154	-5.5%	191	7.3%

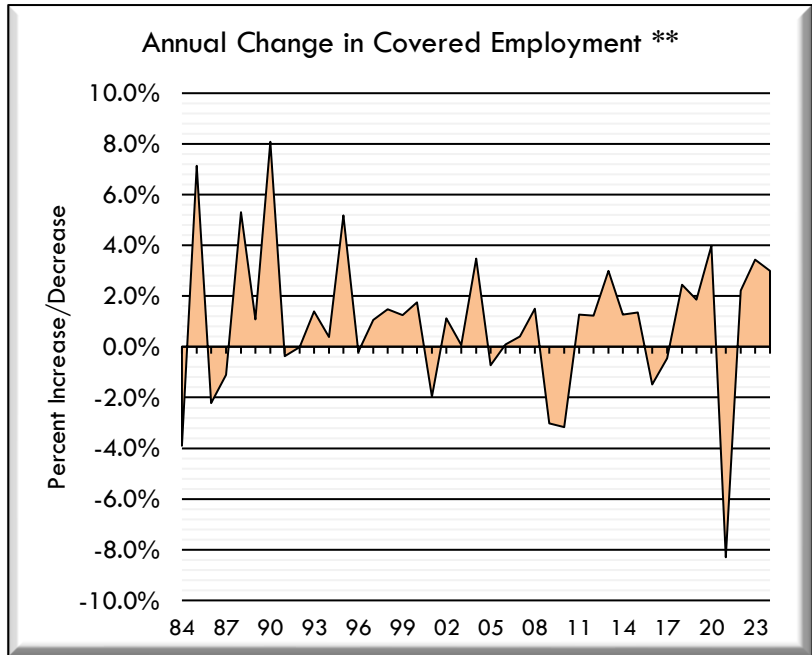
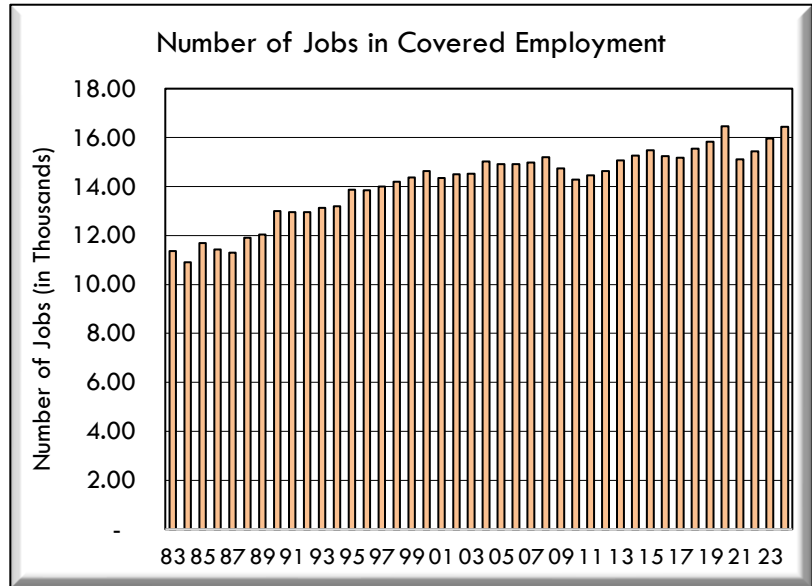
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### Wharton County 1983-2024 Covered Employment\*\*

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	11,356		
84	10,913	(443)	-3.9%
85	11,693	780	7.1%
86	11,433	(260)	-2.2%
87	11,306	(127)	-1.1%
88	11,905	599	5.3%
89	12,034	129	1.1%
90	13,007	973	8.1%
91	12,958	(49)	-0.4%
92	12,955	(3)	0.0%
93	13,137	182	1.4%
94	13,189	52	0.4%
95	13,872	683	5.2%
96	13,845	(27)	-0.2%
97	13,992	147	1.1%
98	14,199	207	1.5%
99	14,377	178	1.3%
00	14,629	252	1.8%
01	14,342	(287)	-2.0%
02	14,504	162	1.1%
03	14,515	11	0.1%
04	15,019	504	3.5%
05	14,911	(108)	-0.7%
06	14,925	14	0.1%
07	14,985	60	0.4%
08	15,209	224	1.5%
09	14,749	(460)	-3.0%
10	14,282	(467)	-3.2%
11	14,462	180	1.3%
12	14,641	179	1.2%
13	15,078	437	3.0%
14	15,270	192	1.3%
15	15,478	208	1.4%
16	15,247	(231)	-1.5%
17	15,178	(69)	-0.5%
18	15,549	371	2.4%
19	15,839	290	1.9%
20	16,471	632	4.0%
21	15,104	(1,367)	-8.3%
22	15,438	334	2.2%
23	15,967	529	3.4%
24	16,445	478	3.0%



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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
<b>49-3031</b>	<b>Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists</b>	<b>\$28.49</b>	<b>\$59,249</b>	<b>6,960</b>
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
<b>47-2031</b>	<b>Carpenters</b>	<b>\$23.82</b>	<b>\$49,554</b>	<b>10,270</b>
41-2011	Cashiers	\$13.59	\$28,264	67,120
39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$13.79	\$28,686	12,200
<b>17-2051</b>	<b>Civil Engineer</b>	<b>\$48.19</b>	<b>\$100,242</b>	<b>9,630</b>
<b>15-1232</b>	<b>Computer User Support Specialists</b>	<b>\$27.93</b>	<b>\$58,085</b>	<b>13,000</b>
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
<b>49-9051</b>	<b>Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers</b>	<b>\$37.10</b>	<b>\$77,165</b>	<b>3,510</b>
47-3013	Electrician Helpers	\$21.52	\$44,766	2,090
<b>47-2111</b>	<b>Electricians</b>	<b>\$28.31</b>	<b>\$58,876</b>	<b>19,800</b>
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
<b>11-9051</b>	<b>Food Service Managers</b>	<b>\$34.90</b>	<b>\$72,600</b>	<b>4,460</b>
<b>11-1021</b>	<b>General and Operations Managers</b>	<b>\$61.76</b>	<b>\$128,470</b>	<b>106,480</b>
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$18.75	\$38,999	6,210
<b>49-9021</b>	<b>Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics</b>	<b>\$27.92</b>	<b>\$58,069</b>	<b>7,320</b>
<b>49-9041</b>	<b>Industrial Machinery Mechanics</b>	<b>\$32.55</b>	<b>\$67,709</b>	<b>15,910</b>
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
<b>29-2061</b>	<b>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</b>	<b>\$28.26</b>	<b>\$58,787</b>	<b>11,660</b>
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$35.28	\$73,391	520
<b>51-4041</b>	<b>Machinists</b>	<b>\$27.18</b>	<b>\$56,545</b>	<b>6,650</b>
<b>11-2021</b>	<b>Marketing Managers</b>	<b>\$74.08</b>	<b>\$154,096</b>	<b>7,940</b>
<b>31-9092</b>	<b>Medical Assistants</b>	<b>\$19.51</b>	<b>\$40,585</b>	<b>16,100</b>
<b>49-3042</b>	<b>Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines</b>	<b>\$30.78</b>	<b>\$64,028</b>	<b>5,500</b>
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
<b>47-2152</b>	<b>Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters</b>	<b>\$28.59</b>	<b>\$59,465</b>	<b>11,710</b>
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	\$35.60	\$74,044	14,830
<b>43-5061</b>	<b>Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks</b>	<b>\$27.18</b>	<b>\$56,528</b>	<b>7,990</b>
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$16.54	\$34,400	23,060
<b>29-1141</b>	<b>Registered Nurses</b>	<b>\$45.31</b>	<b>\$94,250</b>	<b>62,550</b>
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$16.22	\$33,740	72,840
<b>47-5071</b>	<b>Roustabouts, Oil and Gas</b>	<b>\$23.94</b>	<b>\$49,785</b>	<b>4,570</b>
<b>41-4012</b>	<b>Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products</b>	<b>\$36.85</b>	<b>\$76,649</b>	<b>26,070</b>
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
<b>53-3032</b>	<b>Truck Drivers, Heavy on Tractor-Trailer</b>	<b>\$26.52</b>	<b>\$55,156</b>	<b>48,570</b>
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$22.18	\$46,126	17,380
<b>51-4121</b>	<b>Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers</b>	<b>\$27.10</b>	<b>\$56,372</b>	<b>16,950</b>

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