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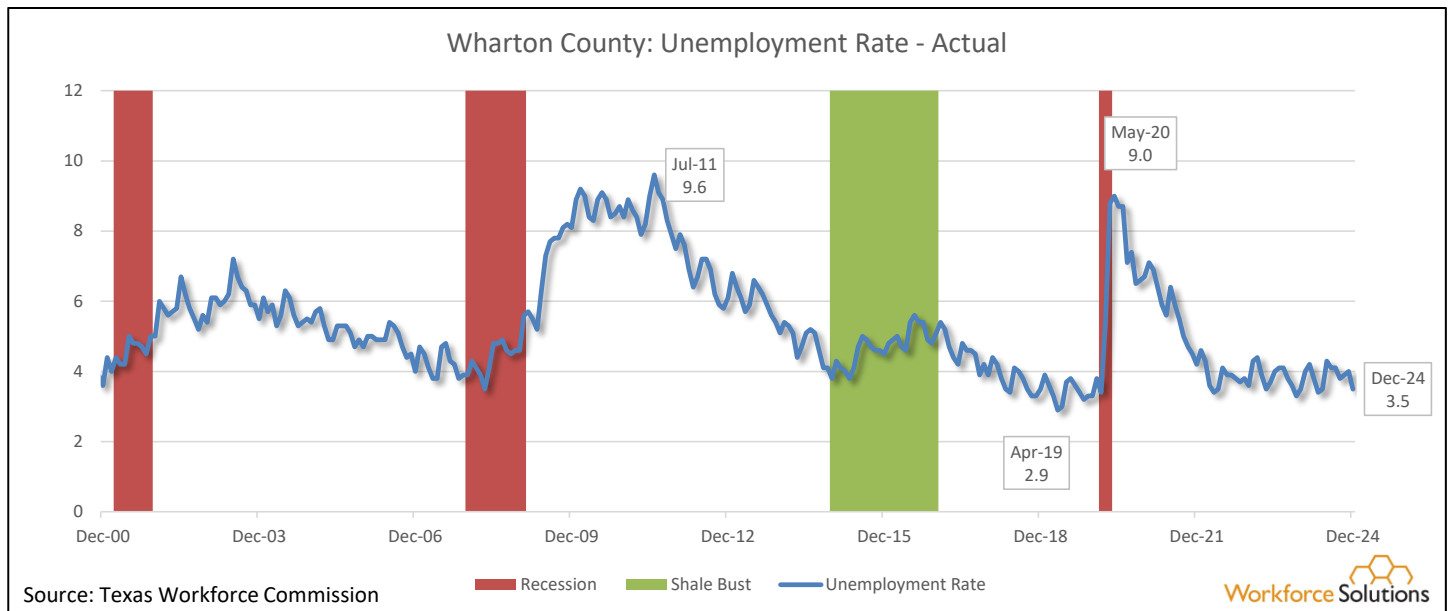
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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Wharton County fell one-half of a percentage point to 3.5 percent in December, the same as it was a year earlier. The local rate of unemployment was slightly lower than 3.8 percent at the state level and 3.7 percent at the national level. Total covered employment in Wharton County was down 58 jobs or 0.4 percent over second quarter 2024. This was the only second quarter decline on record excluding during the pandemic back in 2020. Notable increases were found in: Natural Resources and Mining, up 64 jobs or 3.1 percent, Leisure and Hospitality, up 40 jobs or 3.2 percent, Education and Health Services, up 38 jobs or 1.5 percent, and Construction, up 36 jobs or 5.9 percent. A loss of 186 jobs in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, down 4.2 percent, was primarily responsible for a weak second quarter. Job growth has eroded over the last three consecutive quarter in Wharton County reporting its first over-the-year loss since the pandemic during first quarter 2021, down 101 jobs or 0.6 percent from second quarter 2023. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities takes responsibility for the loss with payrolls down 254 jobs or 5.7 percent over the year. Largest gains were found in Education and Health Services, up 83 jobs or 3.4 percent, Manufacturing, up 80 jobs or 6.0 percent, and Construction, up 45 jobs or 7.5 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	DEC 2024	NOV 2024	DEC 2023
Civilian Labor Force	22,210	22,293	21,453
Employed	21,433	21,410	20,710
Unemployed	777	883	743
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	4.0%	3.5%
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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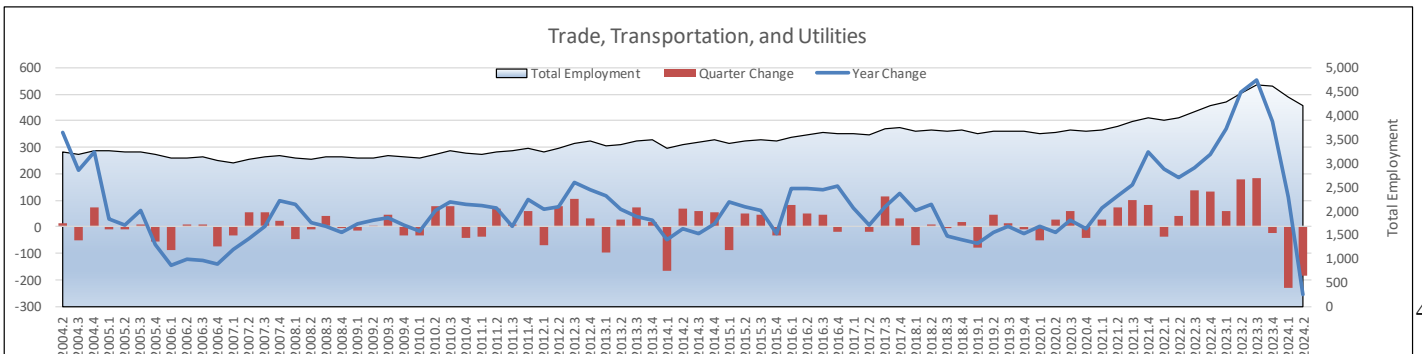
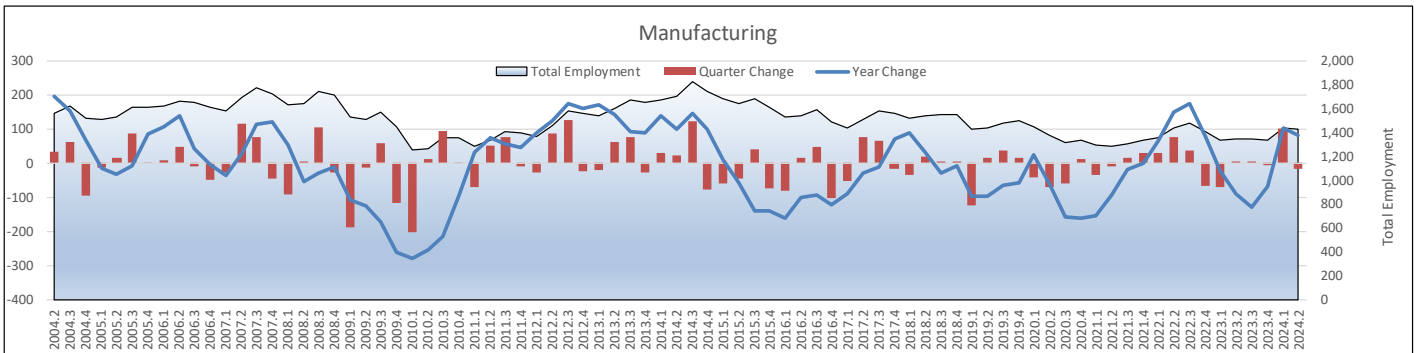
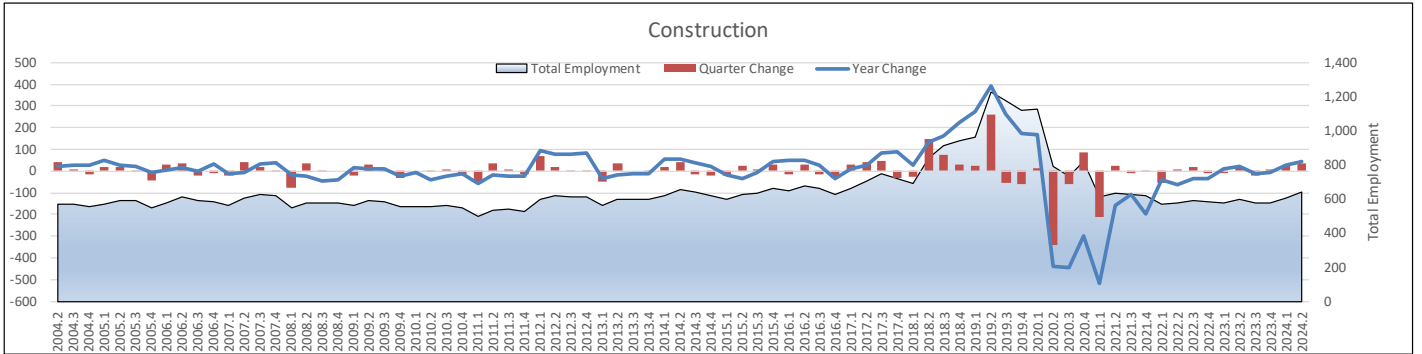
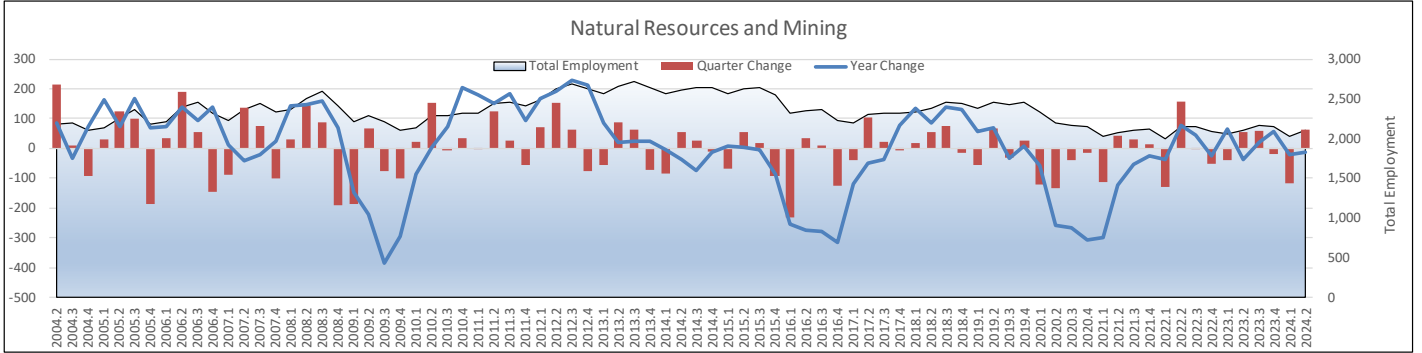
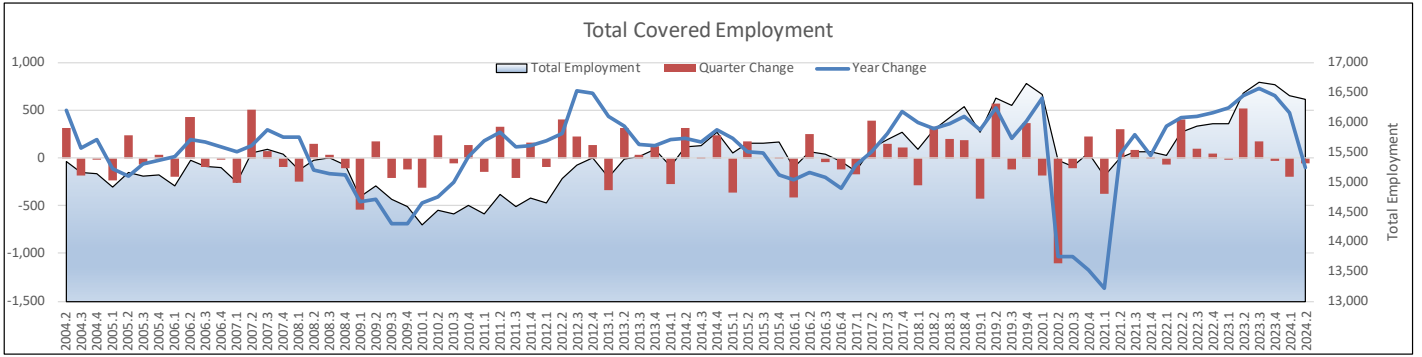
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Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg.		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2024	1ST QTR 2024	2ND QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	16,387	16,445	16,488	-58	-0.4%	-101	-0.6%	\$981
Natural Resources & Mining	2,098	2,034	2,111	64	3.1%	-13	-0.6%	\$1,078
Construction	642	606	597	36	5.9%	45	7.5%	\$1,033
Manufacturing	1,424	1,440	1,344	-16	-1.1%	80	6.0%	\$1,185
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4,197	4,383	4,451	-186	-4.2%	-254	-5.7%	\$1,044
Information	50	55	57	-5	-9.1%	-7	-12.3%	\$755
Financial Activities	529	523	538	6	1.1%	-9	-1.7%	\$1,510
Professional & Business Services	554	550	560	4	0.7%	-6	-1.1%	\$920
Education & Health Services	2,519	2,481	2,436	38	1.5%	83	3.4%	\$1,011
Leisure & Hospitality	1,299	1,259	1,284	40	3.2%	15	1.2%	\$379
Other Services	275	276	275	-1	-0.4%	0	0.0%	\$596
Nonclassifiable	5	10	8	-5	-50.0%	-3	-37.5%	\$455
Public Administration	2,794	2,829	2,827	-35	-1.2%	-33	-1.2%	\$896
Federal Government	91	94	95	-3	-3.2%	-4	-4.2%	\$1,358
State Government	98	98	94	0	0.0%	4	4.3%	\$1,238
Local Government	2,605	2,637	2,638	-32	-1.2%	-33	-1.3%	\$867

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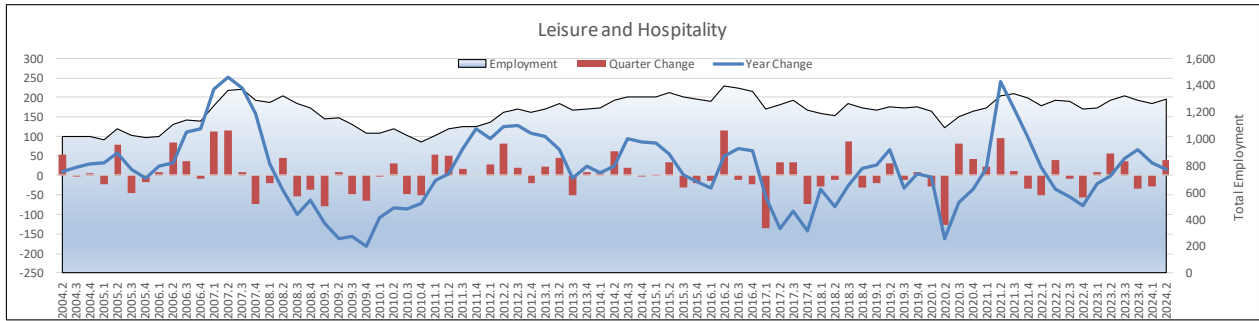
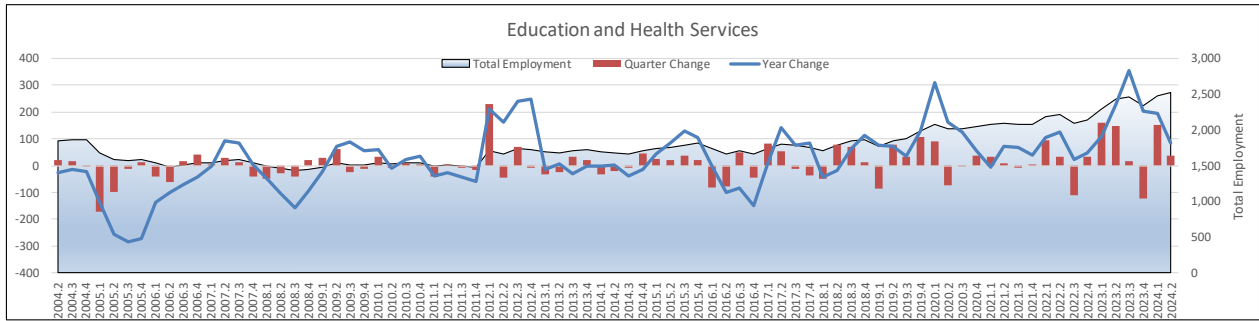
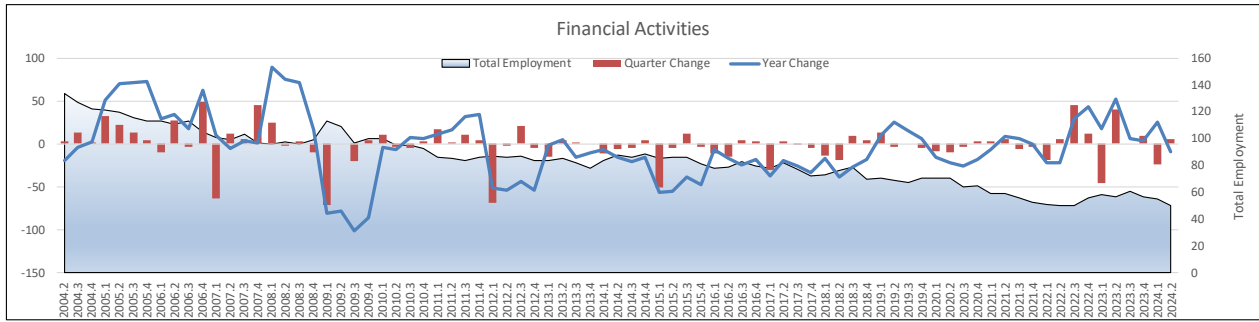
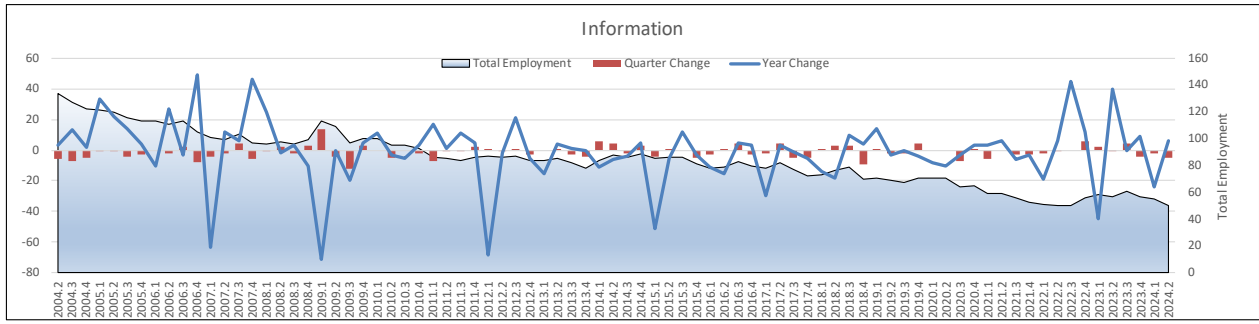
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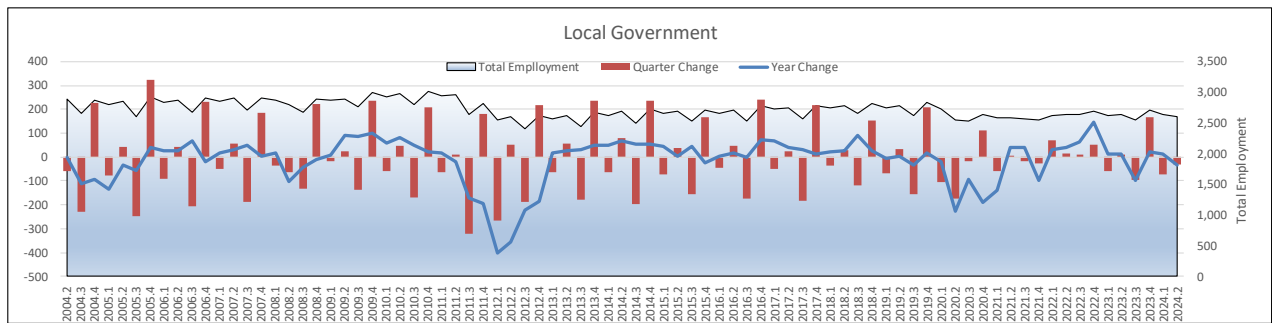
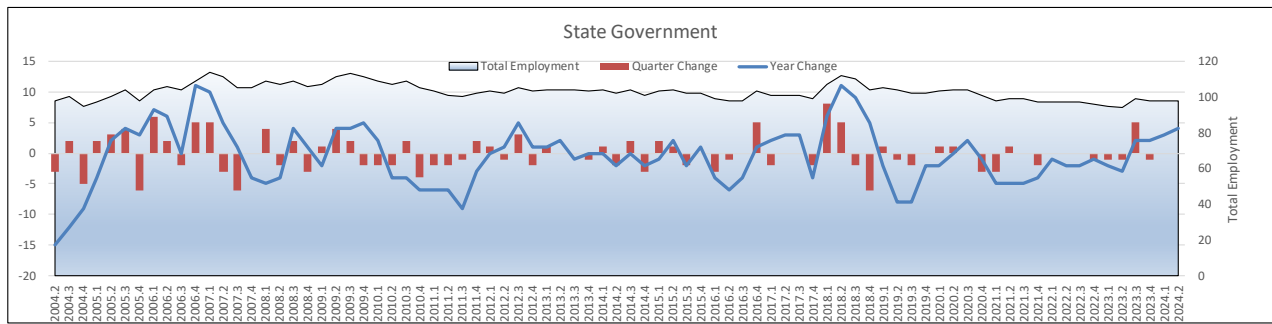
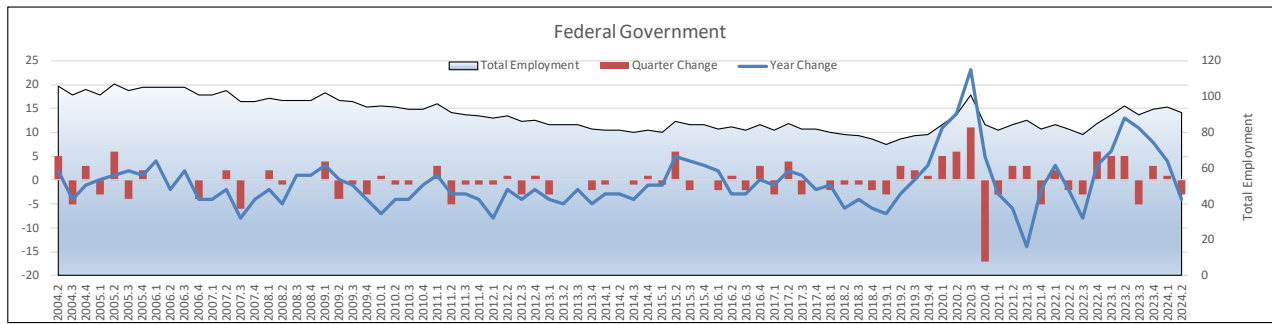
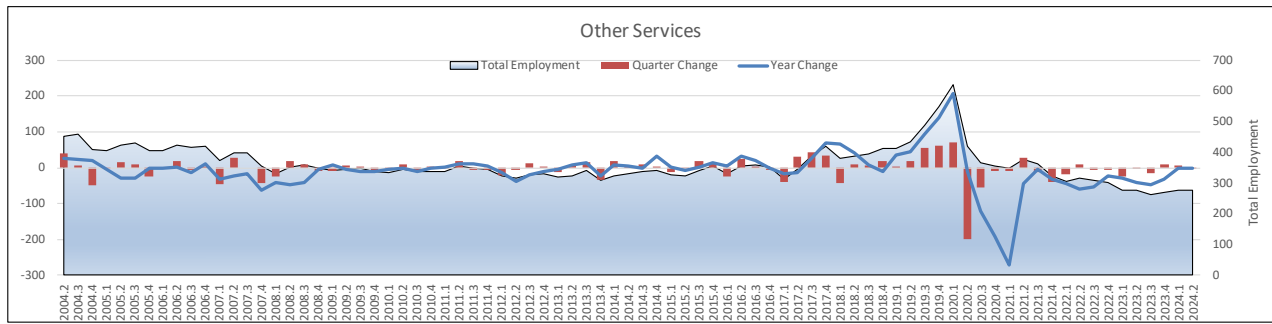
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Historical Employment Highlights

	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	2,519	2024.2	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%	248	1.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	-57	-2.4%	93	4.2%
Construction	-15	-2.0%	28	5.2%
Manufacturing	-43	-2.7%	24	1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-32	-0.9%	30	0.9%
Information	0	-0.5%	-1	-0.7%
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%	7	0.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	-9	-0.6%	45	3.9%
Other Services	-8	-2.6%	4	2.1%
Federal Government	0	-0.2%	1	1.4%
State Government	1	0.8%	0	0.0%
Local Government	-63	-2.2%	13	0.5%

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%

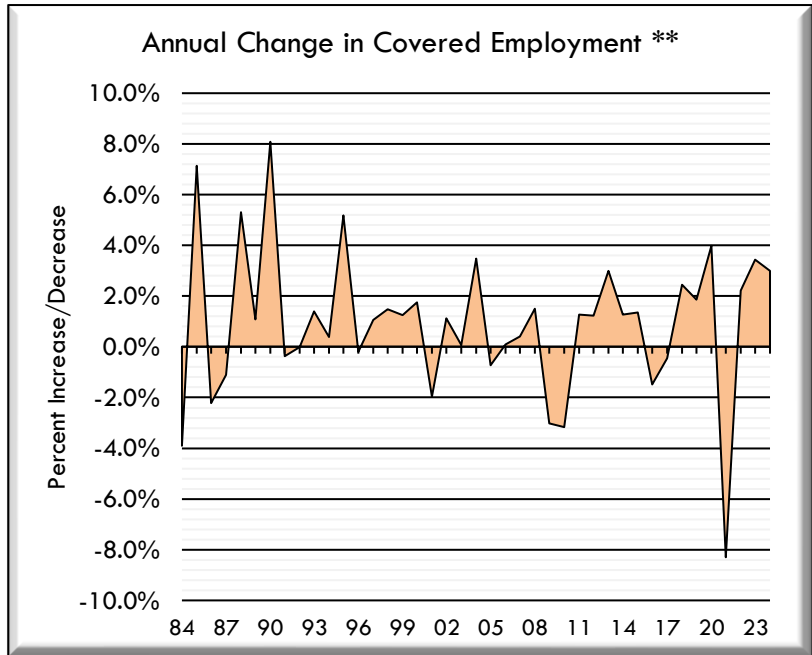
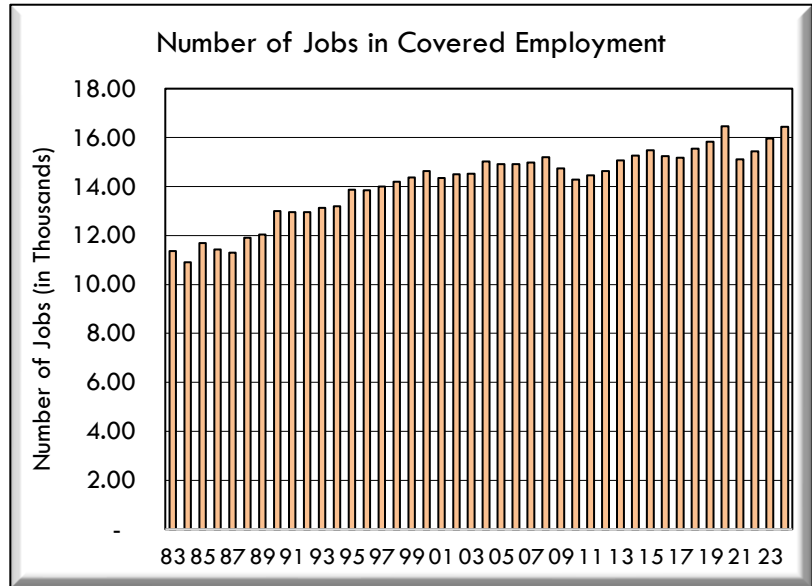
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Wharton County 1983-2024 Covered Employment**

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
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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