

Brazoria County

Labor Market Information

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County Employment Data*

Brazoria County's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in August 2026, an increase of 0.3 percentage point from the previous month and unchanged from one year earlier. The county's rate remained above both the Texas rate of 4.6 percent and the U.S. rate of 4.3 percent.

Brazoria County payroll employment declined by 1,666 jobs (1.3 percent) during the first quarter of 2026, similar to the 1.2 percent decline recorded in the first quarter of 2025. All 11 major industry sectors lost jobs during the quarter. The largest contributors to the decline were:

Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: -448 jobs (-1.9 percent)

Manufacturing: -302 jobs (-2.5 percent)

Professional and Business Services: -185 jobs (-1.9 percent)

On a year-over-year basis, the county added 1,329 jobs (1.1 percent), although the pace of growth slowed slightly from 1.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 2025. Seven of the 11 major industry sectors added jobs over the year, down from 10 in the previous quarter. The largest contributors to annual growth were:

Construction: +868 jobs (+5.9 percent)

Education and Health Services: +572 jobs (+3.6 percent)

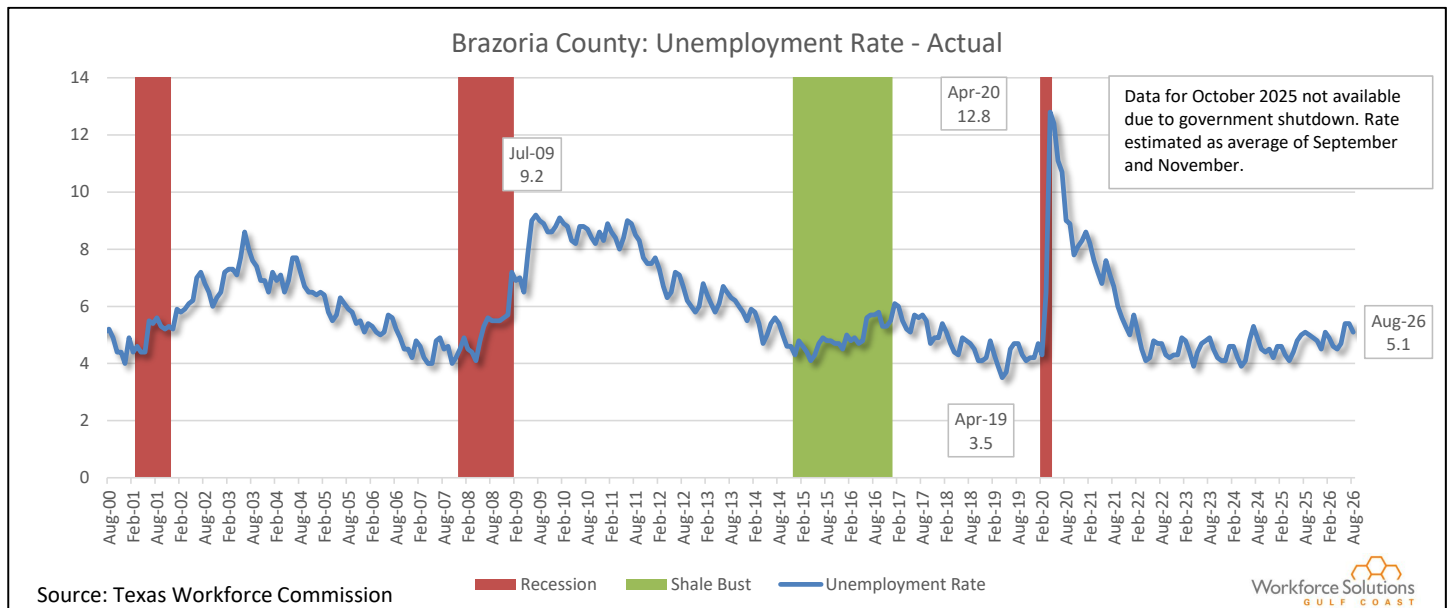
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: +312 jobs (+1.4 percent)

Leisure and Hospitality: +203 jobs (+1.3 percent)

Overall employment growth was constrained by significant losses in Manufacturing, down 439 jobs (3.6 percent), and Natural Resources and Mining, down 94 jobs (5.4 percent).

Additional details are provided on pages 2–7.

	AUG 2026	JULY 2026	AUG 2025
Civilian Labor Force	202,994	202,888	201,622
Total Employment	192,554	192,005	191,249
Unemployed	10,440	10,883	10,373
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.4%	5.1%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%
U.S.	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%



*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 2026 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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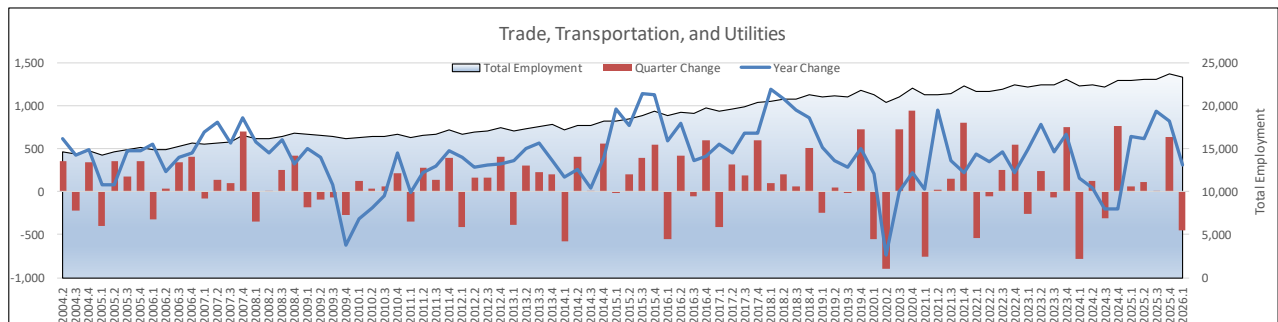
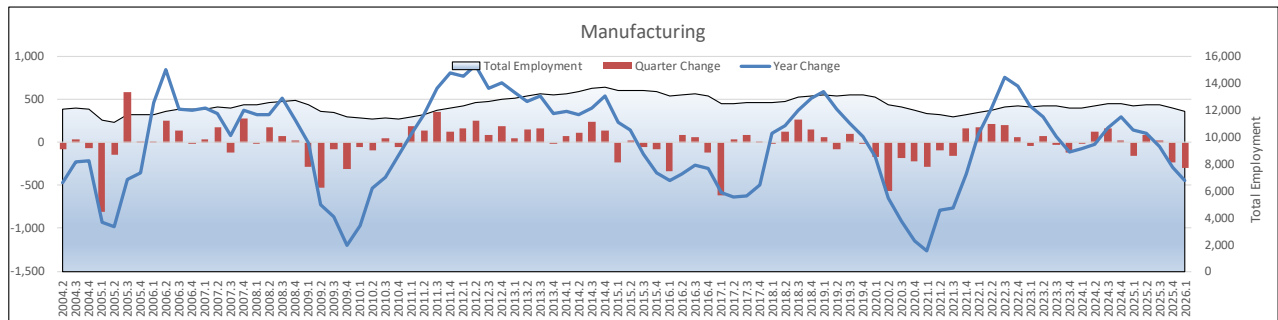
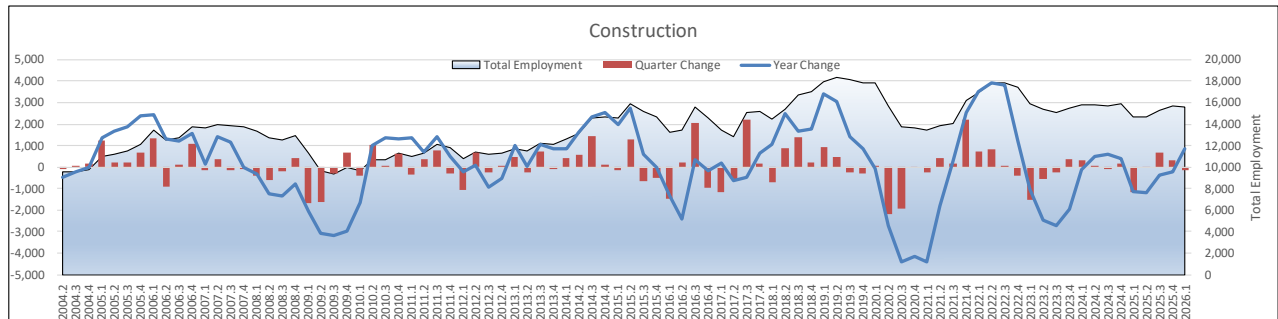
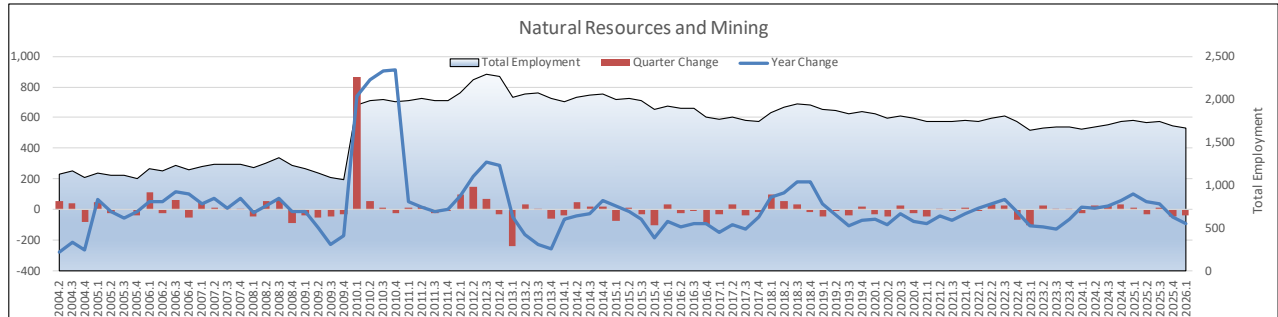
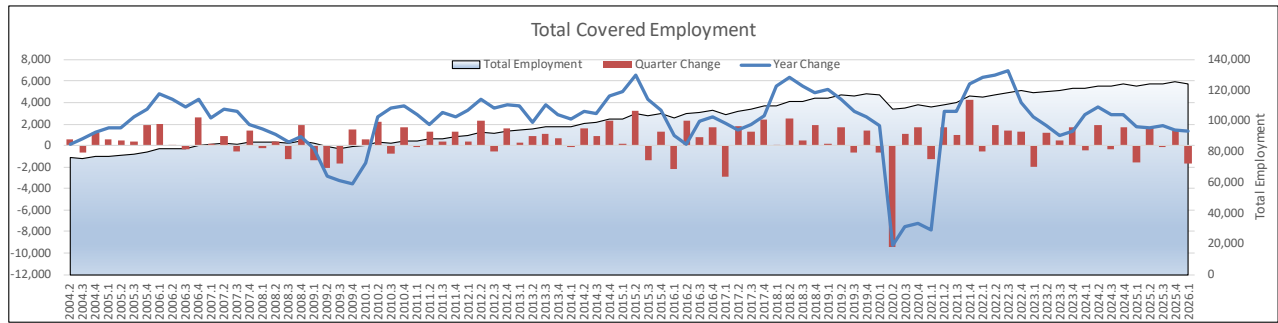
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	1ST QTR 2026	4TH QTR 2025	1ST QTR 2025	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	124,121	125,787	122,792	-1,666	-1.3%	1,329	1.1%	\$ 1,406
Natural Resources & Mining	1,659	1,694	1,753	-35	-2.1%	-94	-5.4%	\$ 3,813
Construction	15,557	15,674	14,689	-117	-0.7%	868	5.9%	\$ 1,829
Manufacturing	11,873	12,175	12,312	-302	-2.5%	-439	-3.6%	\$ 2,787
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23,296	23,744	22,984	-448	-1.9%	312	1.4%	\$ 1,131
Information	371	389	386	-18	-4.6%	-15	-3.9%	\$ 1,558
Financial Activities	3,989	4,095	3,932	-106	-2.6%	57	1.4%	\$ 1,689
Professional & Business Services	9,758	9,943	9,734	-185	-1.9%	24	0.2%	\$ 1,744
Education & Health Services	16,542	16,647	15,970	-105	-0.6%	572	3.6%	\$ 1,188
Leisure & Hospitality	15,660	15,753	15,457	-93	-0.6%	203	1.3%	\$ 441
Other Services	3,517	3,558	3,501	-41	-1.2%	16	0.5%	\$ 1,009
Nonclassifiable	192	195	150	-3	-1.5%	42	28.0%	\$ 915
Public Administration	21,707	21,919	21,924	-212	-1.0%	-217	-1.0%	\$ 1,183
Federal Government	581	589	648	-8	-1.4%	-67	-10.3%	\$ 1,568
State Government	3,308	3,312	3,501	-4	-0.1%	-193	-5.5%	\$ 1,376
Local Government	17,818	18,018	17,775	-200	-1.1%	43	0.2%	\$ 1,135

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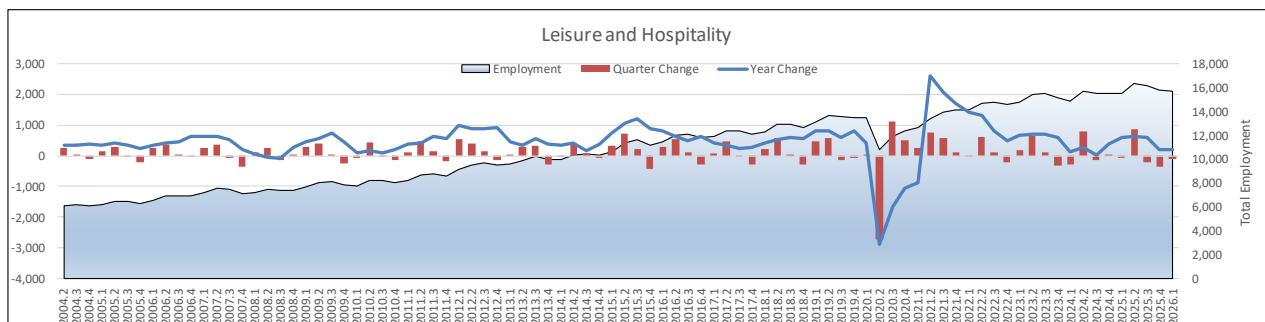
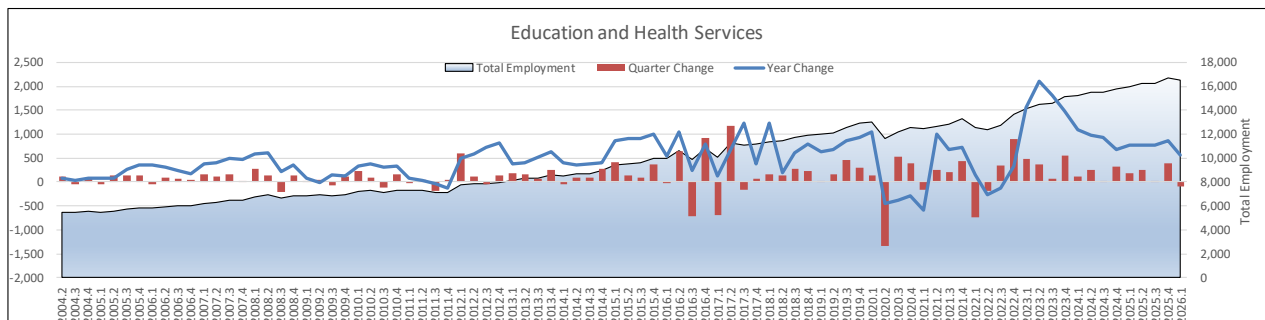
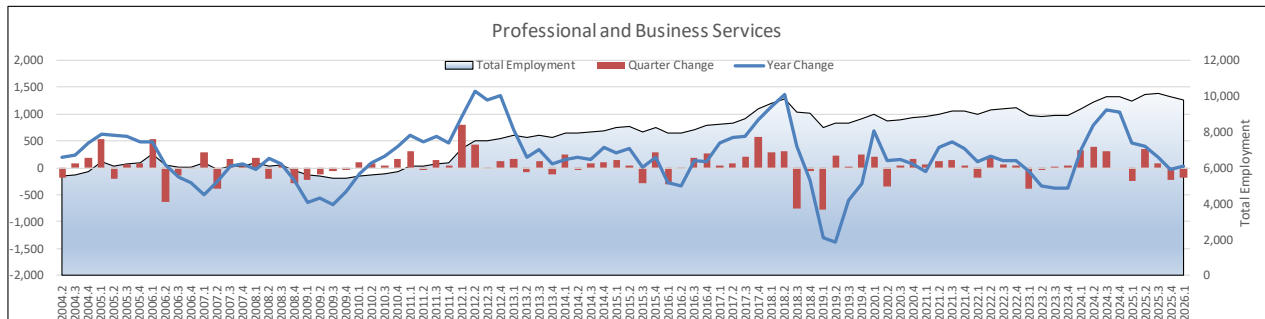
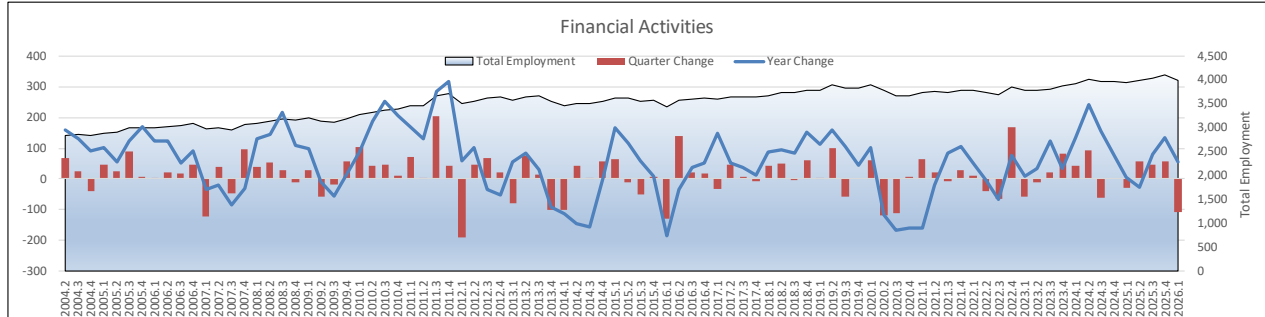
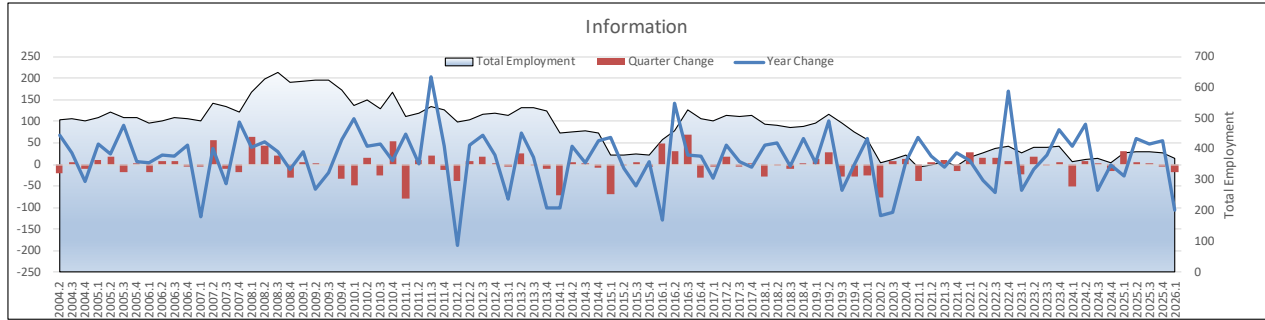
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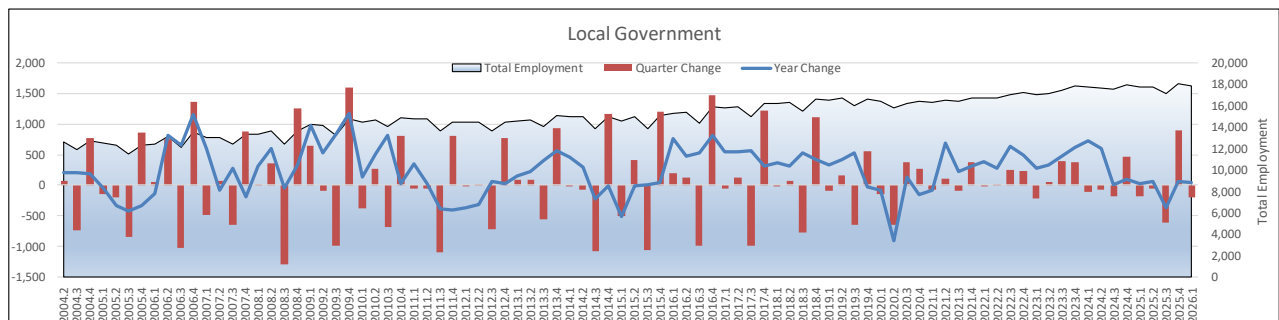
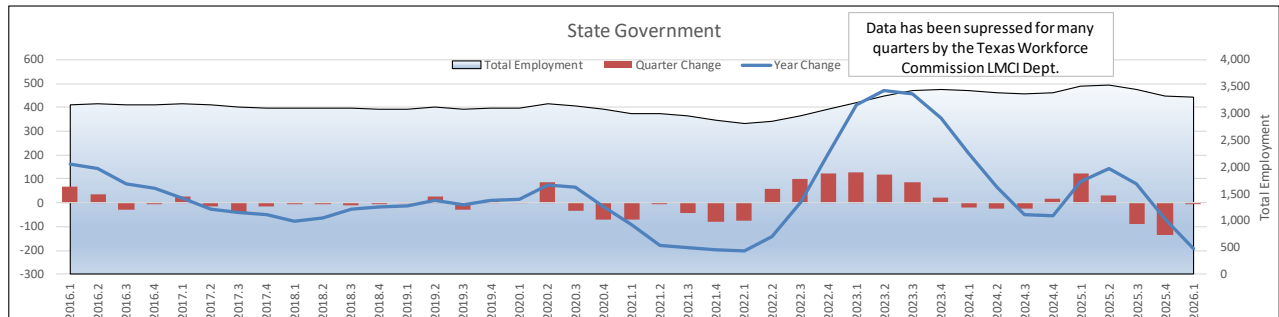
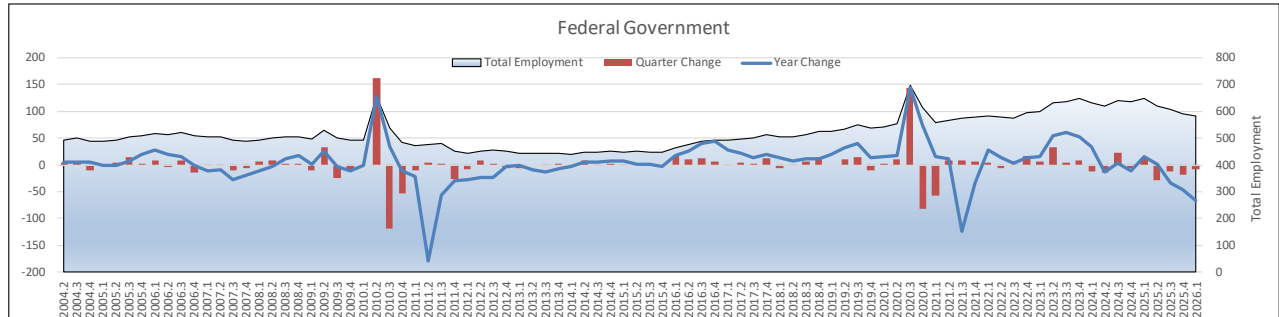
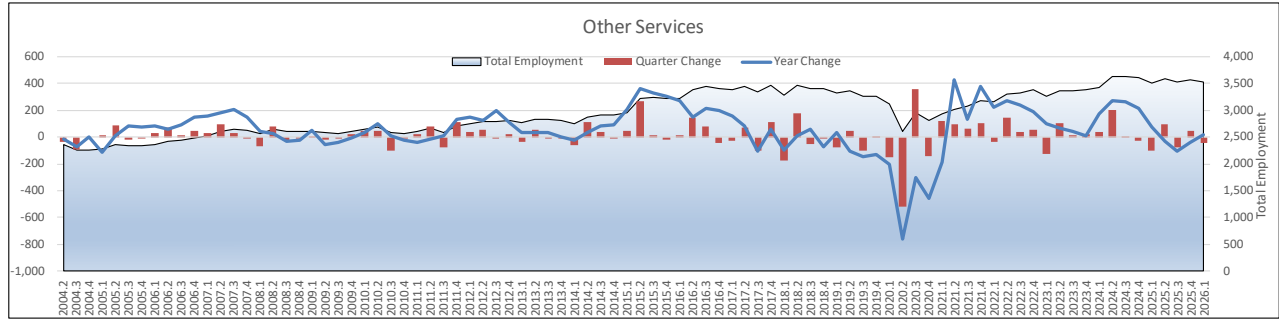
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	125,787	2025.4	74,843	2003.3
Natural Resources and Mining	2,294	2012.3	1,064	2009.4
Construction	18,399	2019.2	9,325	2009.3
Manufacturing	13,712	2014.4	11,093	2005.2
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	23,744	2025.4	13,940	2003.3
Information	648	2008.3	341	2021.1
Financial Activities	4,095	2025.4	2,685	2003.2
Professional and Business Services	10,171	2025.3	5,320	2003.4
Education and Health Services	16,647	2025.4	5,382	2004.1
Leisure and Hospitality	16,324	2025.2	5,663	2003.4
Other Services	3,624	2024.3	2,260	2004.3
Federal Government	695	2020.3	441	2014.1
State Government	3,533	2025.2	2,743	2007.4
Local Government	18,018	2025.4	11,484	2005.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-447	-0.3%	828	0.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	13	2.3%	22	1.2%
Construction	-225	-1.4%	26	0.4%
Manufacturing	-117	-0.9%	15	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-253	-1.6%	125	0.8%
Information	-13	-2.4%	11	2.2%
Financial Activities	-10	-0.2%	30	0.9%
Professional and Business Services	100	1.9%	-19	-0.5%
Education and Health Services	41	0.7%	130	1.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	140	1.7%	329	3.6%
Other Services	-16	-0.3%	65	2.2%
Federal Government	-3	-0.5%	13	2.7%
State Government	na	na	na	na
Local Government	-69	-0.4%	73	0.6%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-12	-0.1%	1,735	1.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	10	0.7%	-29	-1.9%
Construction	246	2.0%	191	1.7%
Manufacturing	77	0.6%	4	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	108	0.6%	490	2.6%
Information	4	1.1%	-9	-1.7%
Financial Activities	10	0.4%	25	0.7%
Professional and Business Services	26	0.4%	83	1.0%
Education and Health Services	41	0.3%	267	2.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	103	1.0%	-140	-1.5%
Other Services	-4	-0.1%	5	0.2%
Federal Government	4	0.9%	-7	-1.2%
State Government	na	na	na	na
Local Government	-638	-4.5%	875	6.4%

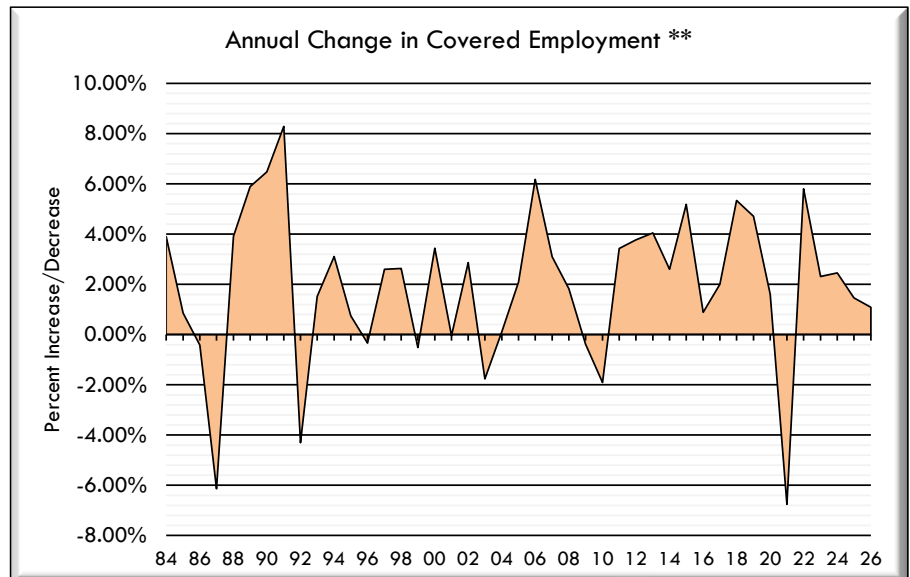
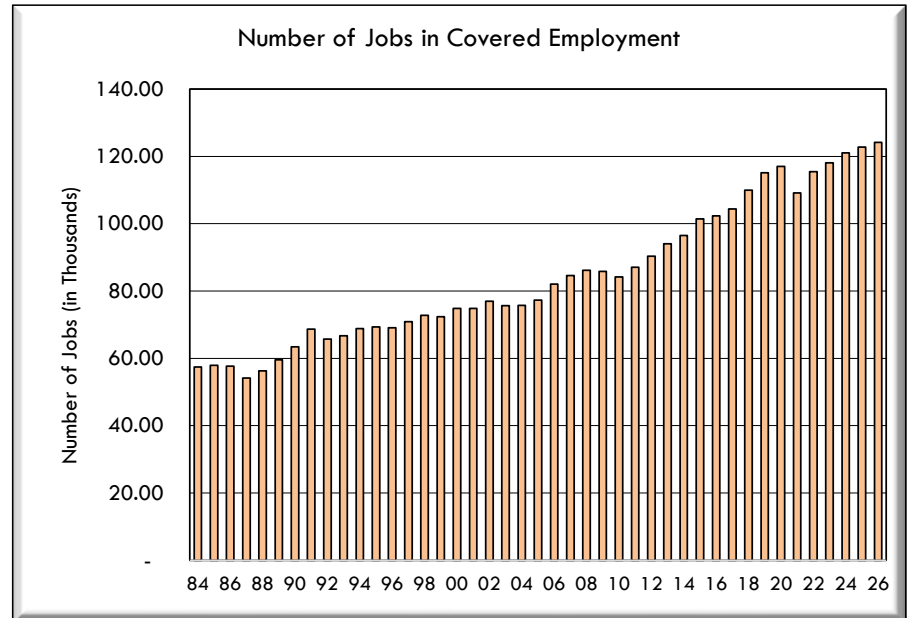
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Brazoria County 1983-2026 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	55,282		
84	57,441	2,159	3.9%
85	57,929	488	0.8%
86	57,687	(242)	-0.4%
87	54,148	(3,539)	-6.1%
88	56,270	2,122	3.9%
89	59,584	3,314	5.9%
90	63,442	3,858	6.5%
91	68,700	5,258	8.3%
92	65,742	(2,958)	-4.3%
93	66,740	998	1.5%
94	68,812	2,072	3.1%
95	69,321	509	0.7%
96	69,090	(231)	-0.3%
97	70,887	1,797	2.6%
98	72,750	1,863	2.6%
99	72,375	(375)	-0.5%
00	74,865	2,490	3.4%
01	74,835	(30)	0.0%
02	76,980	2,145	2.9%
03	75,618	(1,362)	-1.8%
04	75,708	90	0.1%
05	77,296	1,588	2.1%
06	82,077	4,781	6.2%
07	84,615	2,538	3.1%
08	86,159	1,544	1.8%
09	85,827	(332)	-0.4%
10	84,186	(1,641)	-1.9%
11	87,072	2,886	3.4%
12	90,354	3,282	3.8%
13	94,009	3,655	4.0%
14	96,458	2,449	2.6%
15	101,458	5,000	5.2%
16	102,355	897	0.9%
17	104,401	2,046	2.0%
18	109,977	5,576	5.3%
19	115,159	5,182	4.7%
20	117,012	1,853	1.6%
21	109,110	(7,902)	-6.8%
22	115,442	6,332	5.8%
23	118,115	2,673	2.3%
24	121,018	2,903	2.5%
25	122,792	1,774	1.5%
26	124,121	1,329	1.1%



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Gulf Coast** 2025 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	\$45.86	\$95,386	28,750
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$26.34	\$54,782	15,230
19-4021	Biological Technicians	\$25.84	\$53,744	1,660
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	\$25.08	\$52,163	26,620
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$30.77	\$64,003	7,530
53-3052	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	\$23.81	\$49,528	3,420
13-1020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$39.17	\$81,470	10,990
47-2031	Carpenters	\$25.47	\$52,975	9,700
41-2011	Cashiers	\$14.46	\$30,074	56,290
39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$14.44	\$30,033	8,820
17-2051	Civil Engineer	\$53.47	\$111,213	12,200
15-1232	Computer User Support Specialists	\$30.15	\$62,706	12,980
47-2061	Construction Laborers	\$21.06	\$43,800	34,510
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	\$17.03	\$35,414	5,000
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	\$15.84	\$32,938	33,180
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	\$20.83	\$43,328	66,170
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$40.16	\$83,541	4,490
47-3013	Electrician Helpers	\$21.33	\$44,357	1,830
47-2111	Electricians	\$29.60	\$61,574	19,980
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	\$36.71	\$76,367	7,680
35-3023	Fast Food and Counter Workers	\$13.27	\$27,601	108,070
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$35.04	\$72,889	37,870
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$24.31	\$50,556	23,290
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	\$15.94	\$33,156	16,660
11-9051	Food Service Managers	\$33.35	\$69,374	5,130
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$70.07	\$145,740	98,820
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$19.53	\$41,255	5,540
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics	\$28.98	\$60,282	7,780
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$32.99	\$68,617	18,630
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	\$21.95	\$45,652	21,160
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	\$15.70	\$32,658	49,540
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$19.14	\$39,820	53,160
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$31.31	\$65,117	11,150
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$35.49	\$73,827	780
51-4041	Machinists	\$29.98	\$62,351	8,250
11-2021	Marketing Managers	\$77.60	\$161,401	8,980
31-9092	Medical Assistants	\$19.97	\$41,532	18,580
49-3042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$32.46	\$67,511	5,400
31-1131	Nursing Assistants	\$19.38	\$40,316	19,690
19-5011	Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	\$43.34	\$90,153	5,730
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	\$20.78	\$43,216	50,990
29-1051	Pharmacists	\$65.90	\$137,073	6,500
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$30.66	\$63,782	11,090
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	\$35.62	\$74,090	16,560
43-5061	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$29.43	\$61,210	8,940
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$17.19	\$35,760	17,430
29-1141	Registered Nurses	\$48.13	\$100,112	66,750
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$16.64	\$34,610	80,470
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	\$24.01	\$49,931	6,040
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products	\$39.67	\$82,520	25,940
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$22.72	\$47,248	34,870
33-9032	Security Guards	\$18.46	\$34,802	29,550
53-7065	Stockers and Order Fillers	\$18.57	\$38,630	74,310
53-1047	Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Exc.Aircraft Cargo Handling	\$31.40	\$65,307	15,500
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	\$27.93	\$58,091	50,590
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$23.42	\$48,712	19,220
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$28.60	\$59,491	16,090

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