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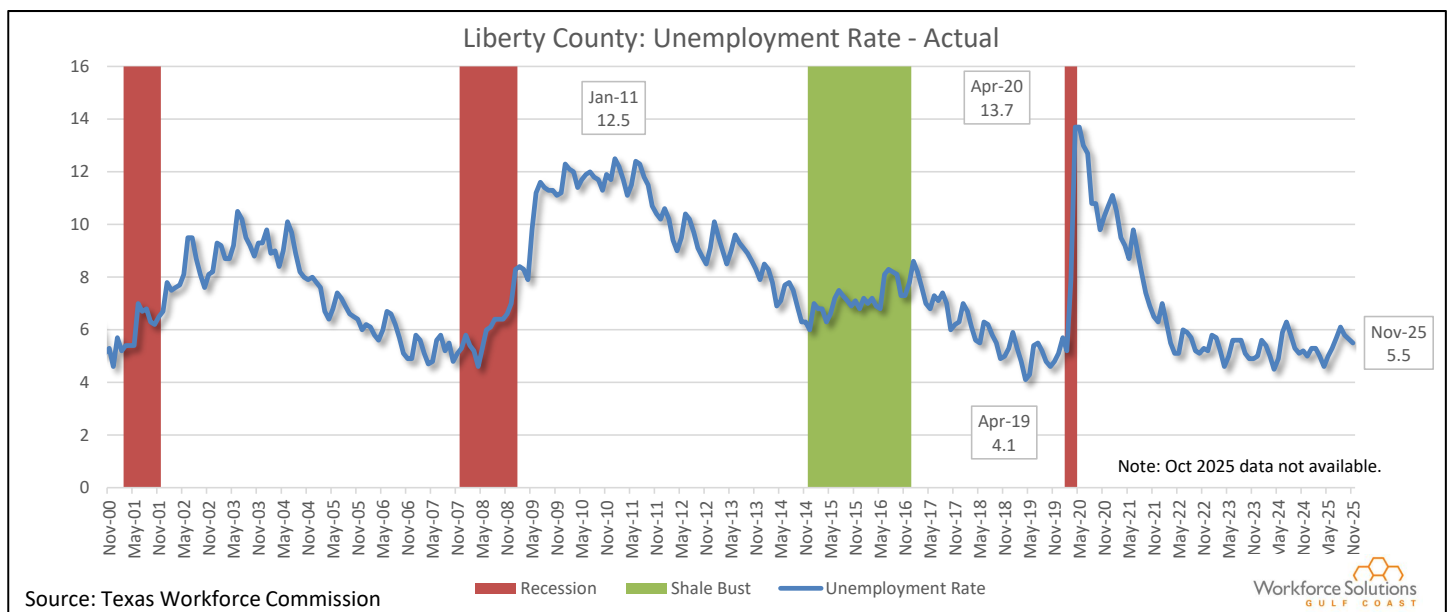
Liberty County's unemployment rate measured **5.5 percent in November 2025**, representing a **0.3 percentage-point increase** from one year earlier. The local rate remained **higher than both the Texas rate (4.2 percent) and the national rate (4.3 percent)**. October unemployment data were unavailable due to reporting delays associated with the federal government shutdown.

Liberty County recorded a **second-quarter employment decline in 2025 for the first time since the pandemic**, with payrolls decreasing by **103 jobs (-0.5 percent)**. Historically, the county typically experiences job gains during the second quarter, averaging an increase of **1.0 percent**, making the current decline notable. Employment increased in only **five of the eleven major industry sectors**, with the only substantial gain occurring in **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities**, which added **120 jobs (+2.9 percent)**. Two sectors were primarily responsible for the net quarterly loss: **Public Administration**, down **128 jobs (-1.9 percent)**, and **Education and Health Services**, down **109 jobs (-5.6 percent)**.

On a year-over-year basis, payroll employment in Liberty County increased by just **42 jobs** from **second quarter 2024 to second quarter 2025**, reflecting a sharp deceleration in the pace of job growth to **0.2 percent**, down from **1.8 percent** in the previous quarter. Employment growth was uneven across sectors. The strongest contributors were **Professional and Business Services** (+140 jobs; +15.9 percent) and **Construction** (+115 jobs; +5.4 percent). These gains were largely offset by declines in **Manufacturing** (-180 jobs; -14.4 percent) and **Education and Health Services** (-113 jobs; -5.8 percent).

Additional details can be found on **pages 2-7**.

	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2024
Civilian Labor Force	43,880	NA	42,966
Total Employment	41,460	NA	42,966
Unemployed	2,420	NA	2,232
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	NA	5.2%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.2%	NA	4.1%
U.S.	4.3%	NA	4.0%



*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 2025 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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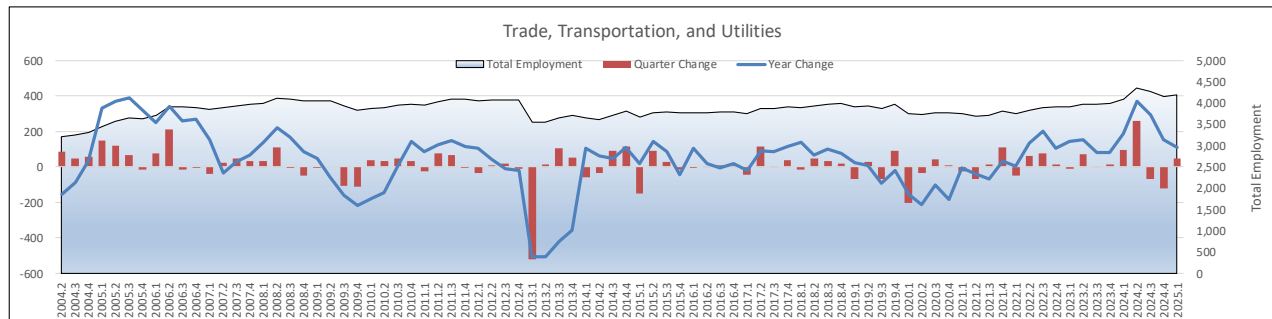
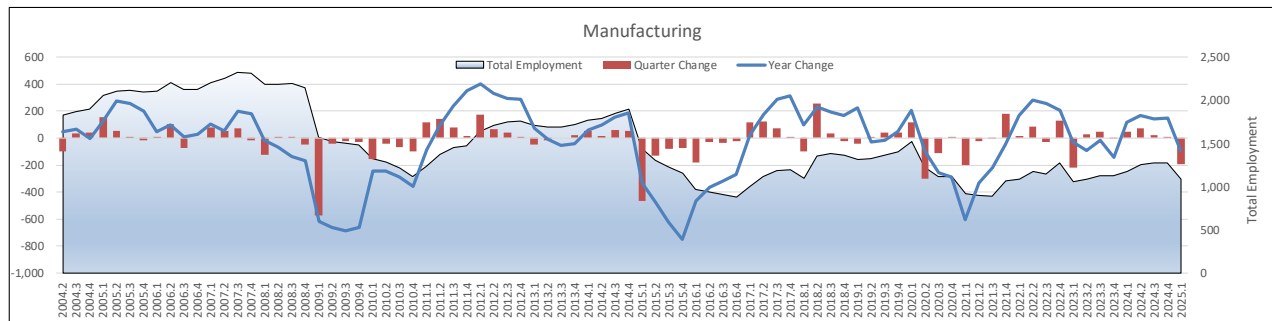
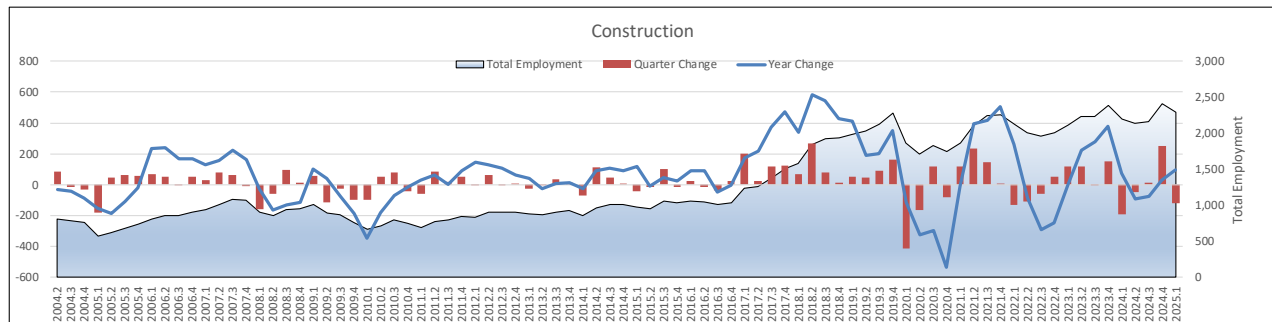
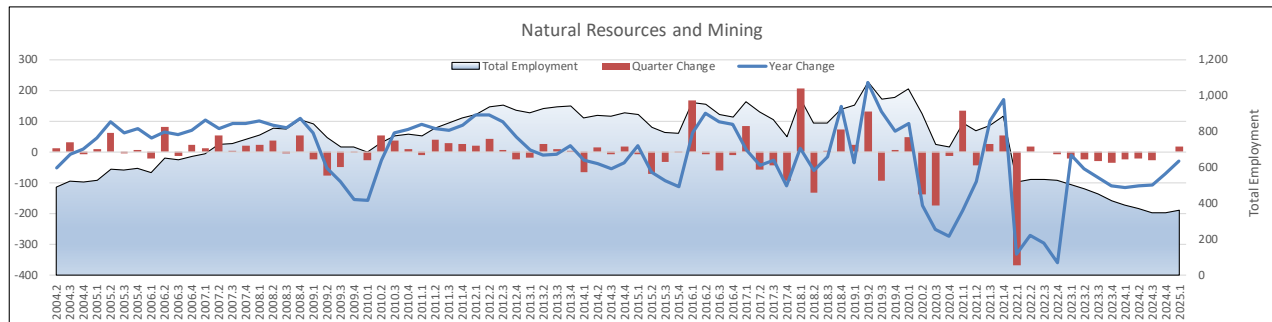
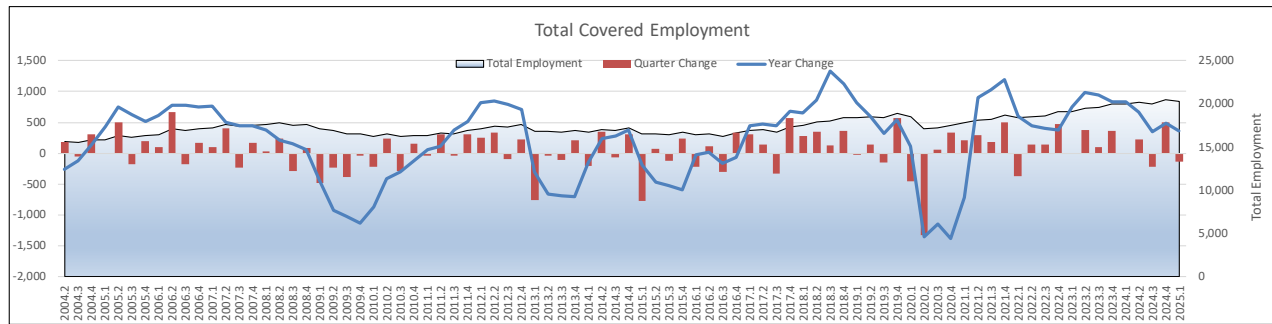
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2025	1ST QTR 2025	2ND QTR 2024	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	20,204	20,307	20,162	-103	-0.5%	42	0.2%	\$1,079
Natural Resources & Mining	403	364	372	39	10.7%	31	8.3%	\$1,547
Construction	2,258	2,288	2,143	-30	-1.3%	115	5.4%	\$1,497
Manufacturing	1,072	1,084	1,252	-12	-1.1%	-180	-14.4%	\$1,489
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4,315	4,195	4,342	120	2.9%	-27	-0.6%	\$1,071
Information	69	72	86	-3	-4.2%	-17	-19.8%	\$1,635
Financial Activities	510	525	521	-15	-2.9%	-11	-2.1%	\$1,637
Professional & Business Services	1,020	1,016	880	4	0.4%	140	15.9%	\$1,264
Education & Health Services	1,835	1,944	1,948	-109	-5.6%	-113	-5.8%	\$970
Leisure & Hospitality	1,792	1,766	1,750	26	1.5%	42	2.4%	\$405
Other Services	361	352	348	9	2.6%	13	3.7%	\$986
Nonclassifiable	10	15	12	-5	-33.3%	-2	-16.7%	\$794
Public Administration	6,558	6,686	6,508	-128	-1.9%	50	0.8%	\$988
Federal Government	135	140	137	-5	-3.6%	-2	-1.5%	\$1,333
State Government	1,195	1,239	1,149	-44	-3.6%	46	4.0%	\$1,108
Local Government	5,228	5,307	5,222	-79	-1.5%	6	0.1%	\$951

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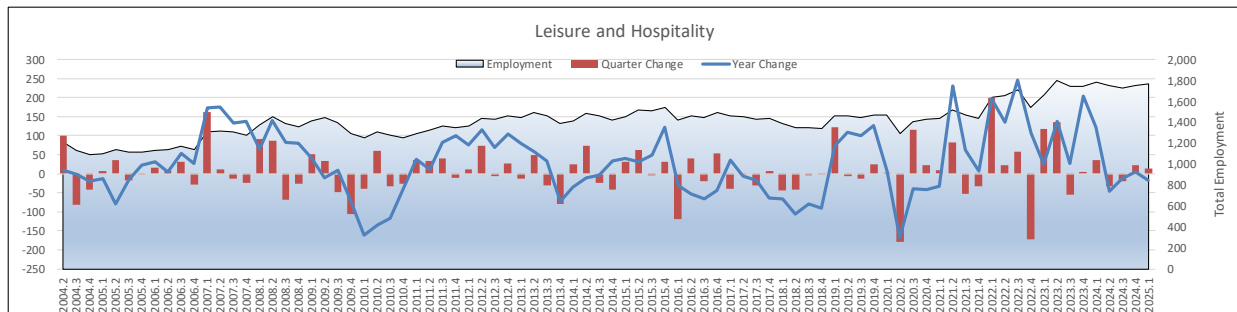
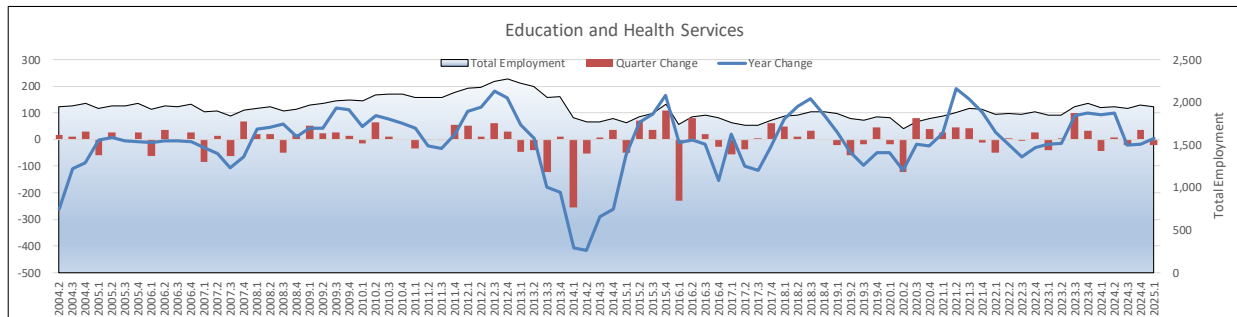
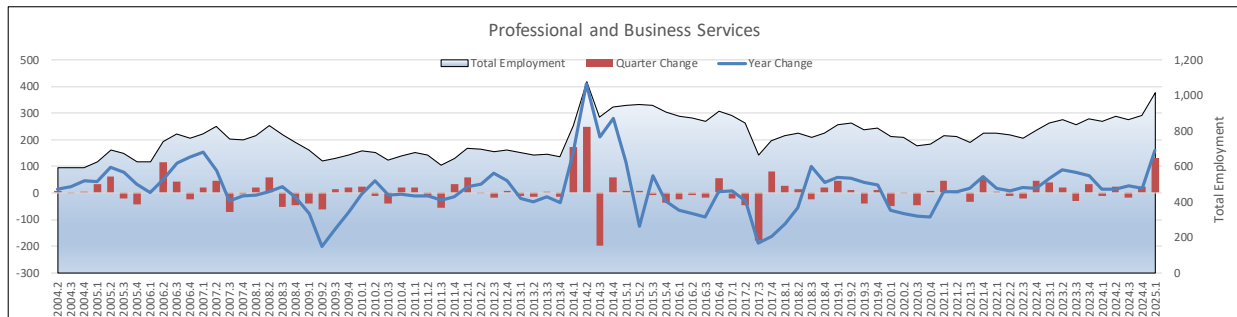
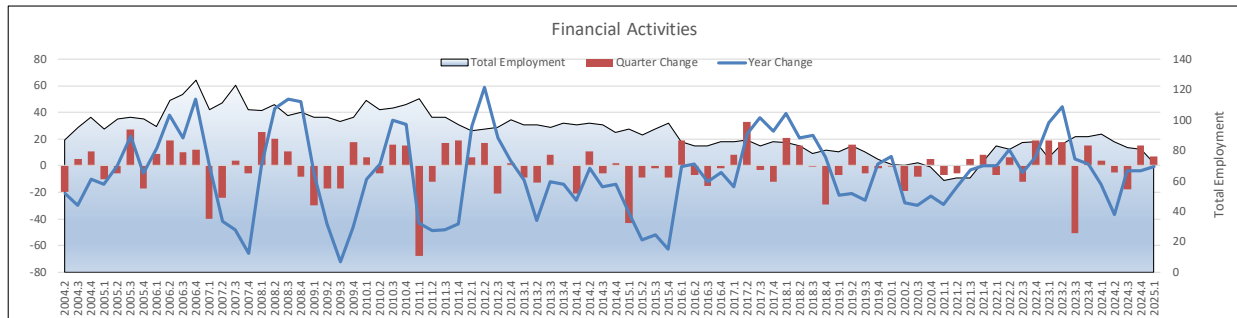
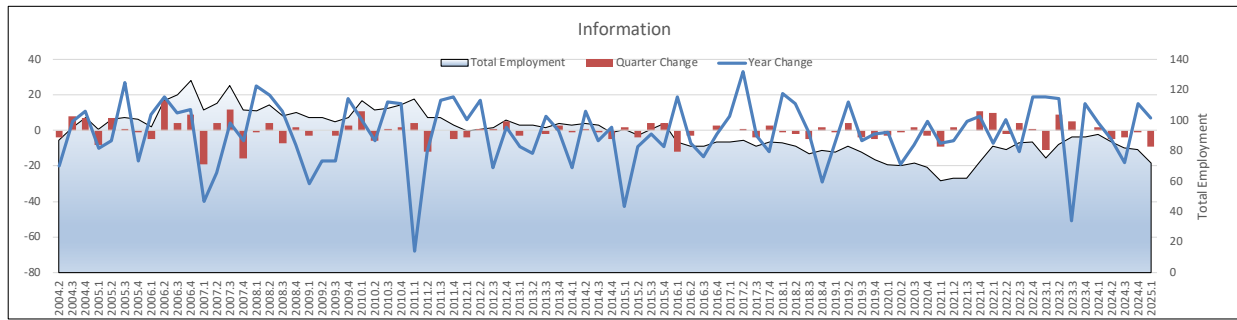
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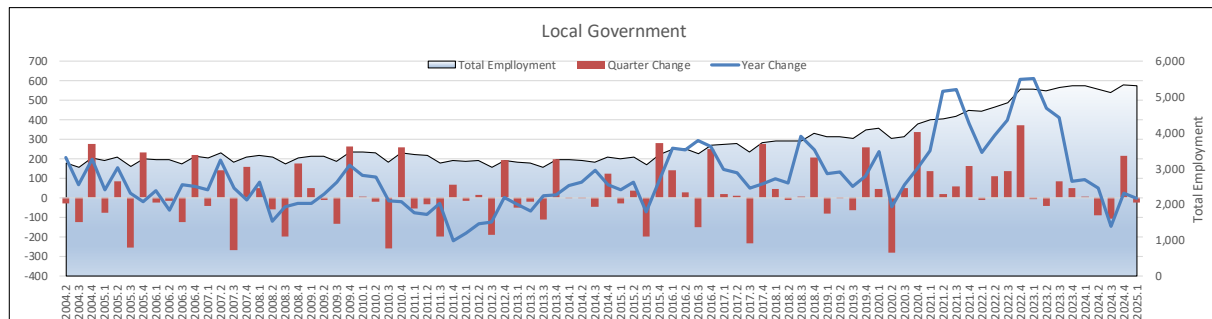
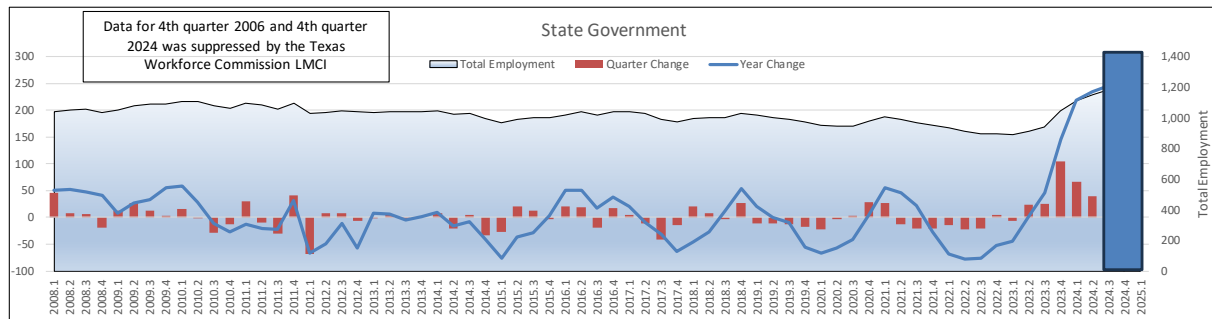
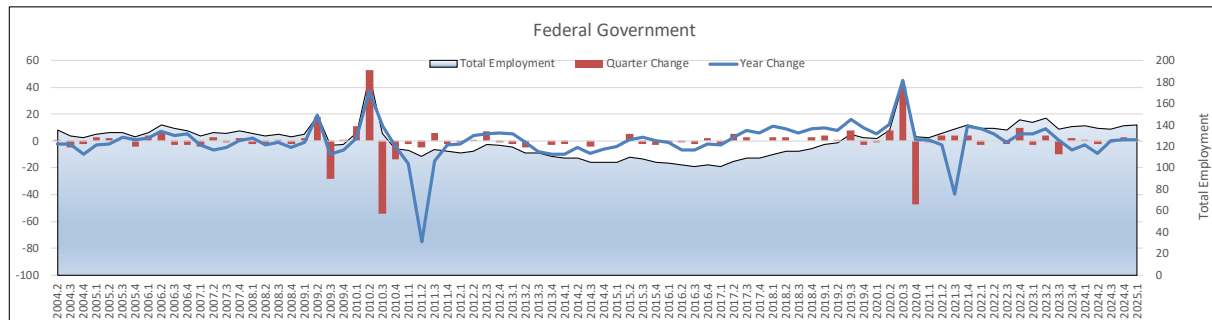
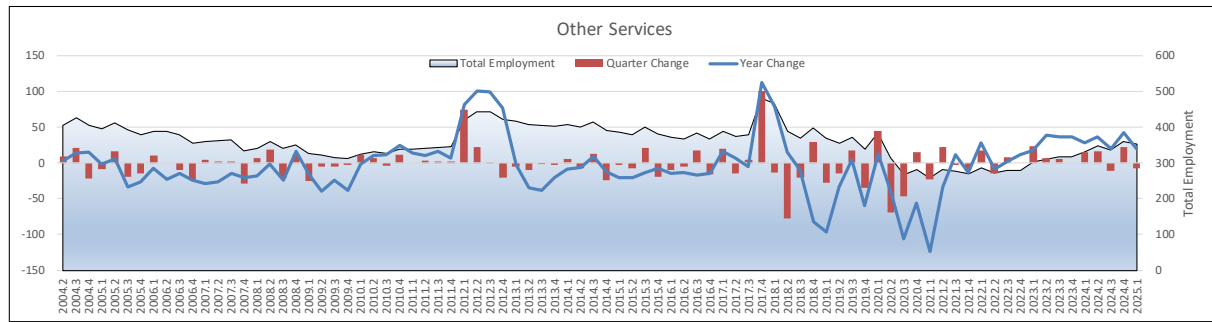
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	20,437	2024.4	15,409	2004.1
Natural Resources and Mining	1,074	2019.2	346	2024.3
Construction	2,409	2024.4	573	2005.1
Manufacturing	2,326	2007.3	881	2016.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,342	2024.2	3,124	2004.1
Information	126	2006.4	60	2021.1
Financial Activities	674	2006.4	502	2021.2
Professional and Business Services	1,076	2014.2	549	2003.4
Education and Health Services	2,270	2012.4	1,691	2020.2
Leisure and Hospitality	1,796	2023.2	1,093	2004.4
Other Services	480	2017.4	259	2021.1
Federal Government	186	2010.2	101	2016.3
State Government	1,239	2025.1	891	2023.1
Local Government	5,331	2024.4	2,946	2003.2

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-123	-0.7%	164	1.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	6	0.9%	0	0.7%
Construction	-40	-3.0%	34	3.6%
Manufacturing	-63	-3.7%	15	1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-52	-1.1%	58	1.5%
Information	-2	-2.3%	1	0.8%
Financial Activities	-6	-0.8%	1	0.1%
Professional and Business Services	24	3.5%	21	2.8%
Education and Health Services	-47	-2.3%	6	0.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	31	2.4%	31	2.3%
Other Services	5	1.8%	-5	-1.0%
Federal Government	0	0.1%	5	3.7%
State Government	na	na	4	0.4%
Local Government	6	0.2%	-9	-0.2%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-119	-0.7%	288	1.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	-18	-2.2%	4	0.2%
Construction	41	3.6%	32	1.8%
Manufacturing	5	0.2%	12	1.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	18	0.5%	9	0.3%
Information	1	0.5%	0	0.6%
Financial Activities	-2	-0.4%	2	0.4%
Professional and Business Services	-38	-4.4%	13	1.7%
Education and Health Services	0	0.1%	29	1.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	-15	-1.1%	-20	-1.4%
Other Services	-1	-0.3%	-2	-0.4%
Federal Government	-2	-0.9%	-2	-1.4%
State Government	na	na	na	na
Local Government	-106	-3.2%	215	6.2%

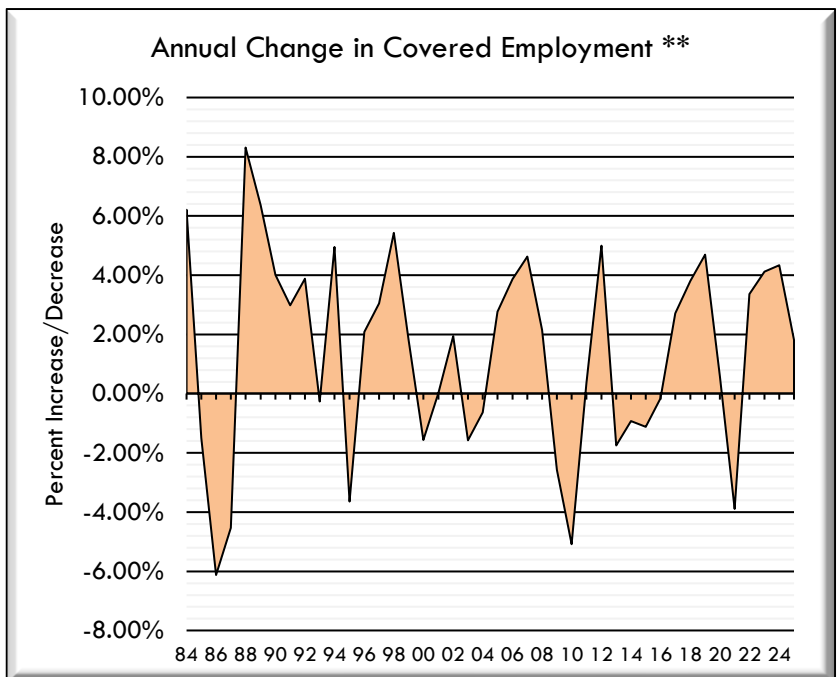
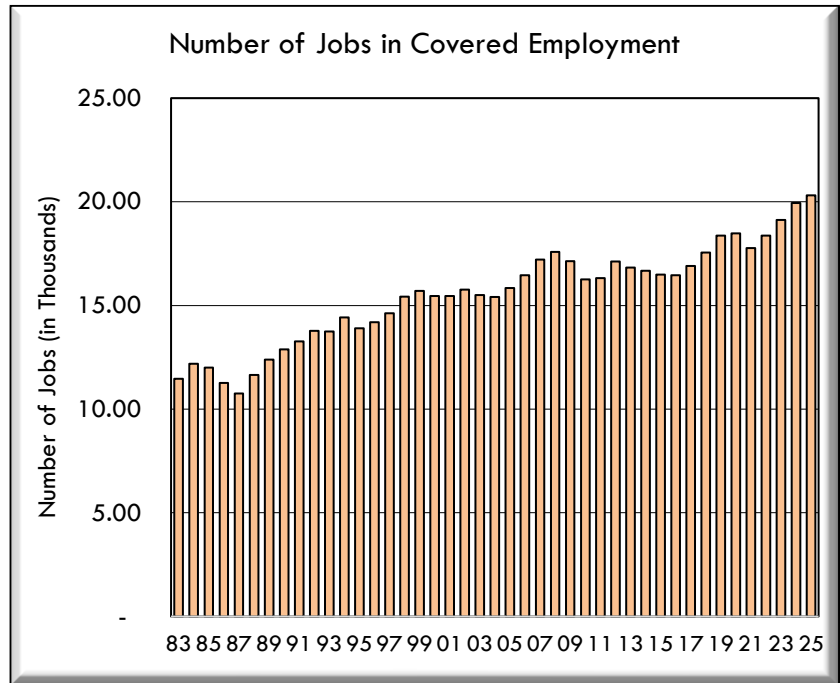
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Liberty County 1983-2025 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	11,469		
84	12,181	712	6.2%
85	11,998	(183)	-1.5%
86	11,263	(735)	-6.1%
87	10,753	(510)	-4.5%
88	11,646	893	8.3%
89	12,387	741	6.4%
90	12,884	497	4.0%
91	13,268	384	3.0%
92	13,783	515	3.9%
93	13,747	(36)	-0.3%
94	14,428	681	5.0%
95	13,902	(526)	-3.6%
96	14,192	290	2.1%
97	14,625	433	3.1%
98	15,419	794	5.4%
99	15,698	279	1.8%
00	15,452	(246)	-1.6%
01	15,456	4	0.0%
02	15,757	301	1.9%
03	15,508	(249)	-1.6%
04	15,409	(99)	-0.6%
05	15,836	427	2.8%
06	16,449	613	3.9%
07	17,210	761	4.6%
08	17,580	370	2.1%
09	17,127	(453)	-2.6%
10	16,256	(871)	-5.1%
11	16,311	55	0.3%
12	17,126	815	5.0%
13	16,827	(299)	-1.7%
14	16,672	(155)	-0.9%
15	16,485	(187)	-1.1%
16	16,459	(26)	-0.2%
17	16,906	447	2.7%
18	17,559	653	3.8%
19	18,373	814	4.7%
20	18,482	109	0.6%
21	17,763	(719)	-3.9%
22	18,361	598	3.4%
23	19,117	756	4.1%
24	19,945	828	4.3%
25	20,307	362	1.8%



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Gulf Coast** 2024 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	\$45.18	\$93,971	27,680
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$27.04	\$56,235	14,890
19-4021	Biological Technicians	\$25.05	\$52,098	1,870
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	\$24.62	\$51,211	28,210
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$29.78	\$61,932	6,510
53-3052	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	\$23.45	\$48,772	3,260
13-1020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$39.83	\$82,839	9,420
47-2031	Carpenters	\$24.91	\$51,806	9,590
41-2011	Cashiers	\$14.07	\$29,273	62,770
39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$14.17	\$29,467	13,190
17-2051	Civil Engineer	\$53.01	\$110,264	11,330
15-1232	Computer User Support Specialists	\$28.97	\$60,262	11,360
47-2061	Construction Laborers	\$20.10	\$41,802	33,540
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	\$16.33	\$33,958	7,620
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	\$15.97	\$33,215	32,510
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	\$20.38	\$42,385	64,870
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$39.15	\$81,435	3,310
47-3013	Electrician Helpers	\$21.58	\$44,897	1,940
47-2111	Electricians	\$28.40	\$59,077	18,100
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	\$35.86	\$74,596	7,400
35-3023	Fast Food and Counter Workers	\$12.76	\$26,537	91,450
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$34.90	\$72,590	40,050
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$24.00	\$49,913	21,900
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	\$15.25	\$31,728	23,480
11-9051	Food Service Managers	\$37.16	\$77,300	3,640
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$66.54	\$138,394	107,460
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$19.02	\$39,552	5,520
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics	\$28.68	\$59,648	7,090
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$33.43	\$69,541	18,750
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	\$21.96	\$45,678	24,150
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	\$15.20	\$31,618	47,750
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$18.93	\$39,380	53,740
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$30.06	\$62,530	11,660
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$44.31	\$92,155	490
51-4041	Machinists	\$28.61	\$59,501	7,640
11-2021	Marketing Managers	\$75.16	\$156,330	9,250
31-9092	Medical Assistants	\$20.17	\$41,949	16,880
49-3042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$31.75	\$66,044	5,460
31-1131	Nursing Assistants	\$18.70	\$38,892	19,970
19-5011	Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	\$40.82	\$84,898	5,200
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	\$19.61	\$40,780	46,500
29-1051	Pharmacists	\$65.44	\$136,114	6,310
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$29.24	\$60,814	11,280
33-3051	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$35.89	\$74,659	16,170
43-5061	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$26.87	\$55,891	8,140
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$16.93	\$35,212	19,050
29-1141	Registered Nurses	\$46.42	\$96,552	66,090
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$16.25	\$33,805	77,290
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	\$24.28	\$50,512	5,900
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products	\$38.17	\$79,398	24,900
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$22.01	\$45,783	34,340
33-9032	Security Guards	\$18.27	\$37,994	27,390
53-7065	Stockers and Order Fillers	\$18.19	\$37,829	64,370
53-1047	Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Exc. Aircraft Cargo Handling	\$31.12	\$64,727	13,970
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	\$27.46	\$57,112	50,120
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$23.24	\$48,334	17,180
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$27.16	\$56,496	18,010

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