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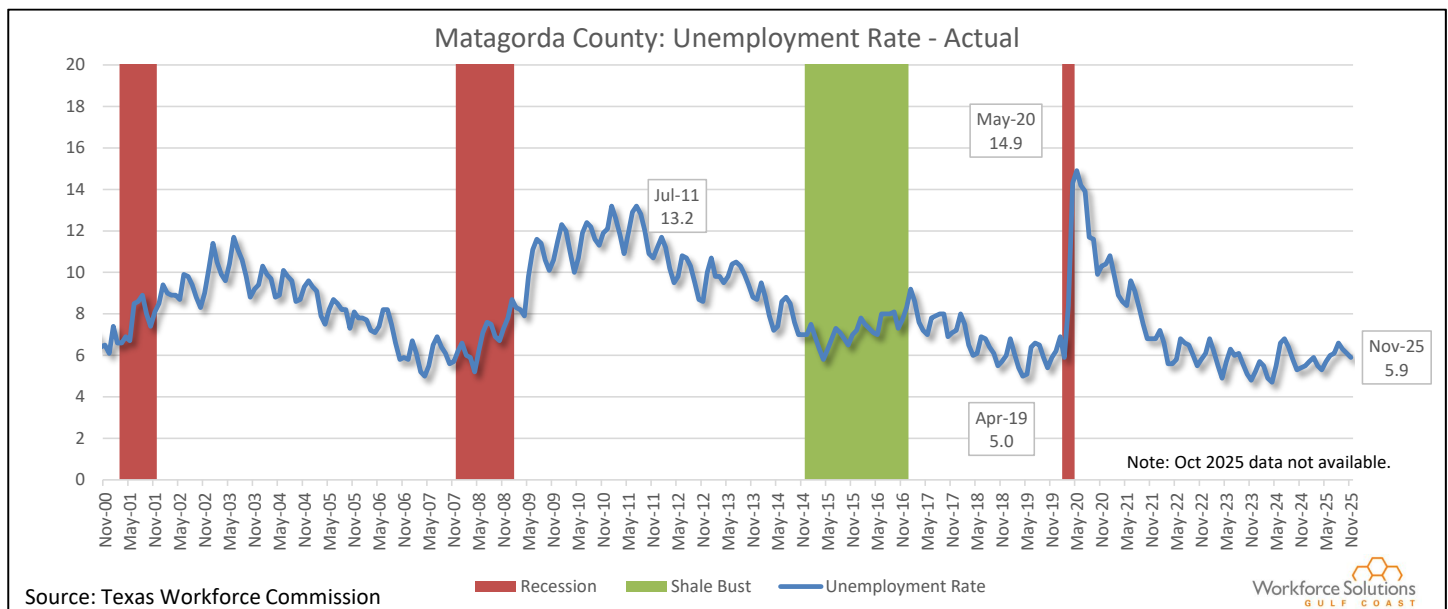
Matagorda County's unemployment rate measured **5.9 percent in November 2025**, representing a **0.5 percentage-point increase** from one year earlier. The local rate remained **higher than both the Texas rate (4.2 percent)** and the **national rate (4.3 percent)**. October unemployment data were unavailable due to reporting delays associated with the federal government shutdown.

Total covered employment in Matagorda County declined by **68 jobs in the second quarter of 2025 (-0.6 percent)**. While long-term historical averages reflect an average **second-quarter increase of 1.0 percent**, the county has not recorded a substantial second-quarter gain since **2019**. Employment increased in **six of the eleven major industry sectors**, with the largest gain occurring in **Leisure and Hospitality**, which added **69 jobs (+5.5 percent)**. These gains were offset by notable losses in **Construction**, down **144 jobs (-20.2 percent)**, and **Public Administration**, down **44 jobs (-1.9 percent)**.

On a year-over-year basis, Matagorda County added **201 jobs (+1.8 percent)**. Job gains were recorded in **six of the eleven major industry sectors**. The largest increases occurred in **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+107 jobs; +3.8 percent), **Leisure and Hospitality** (+89 jobs; +7.2 percent), and **Construction** (+55 jobs; +10.7 percent). A substantial decline in **Natural Resources and Mining**, down **83 jobs (-16.1 percent)**, constrained overall employment growth.

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

	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2024
Civilian Labor Force	17,115	NA	16,468
Total Employment	16,104	NA	15,575
Unemployed	1,011	NA	893
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	NA	5.4%
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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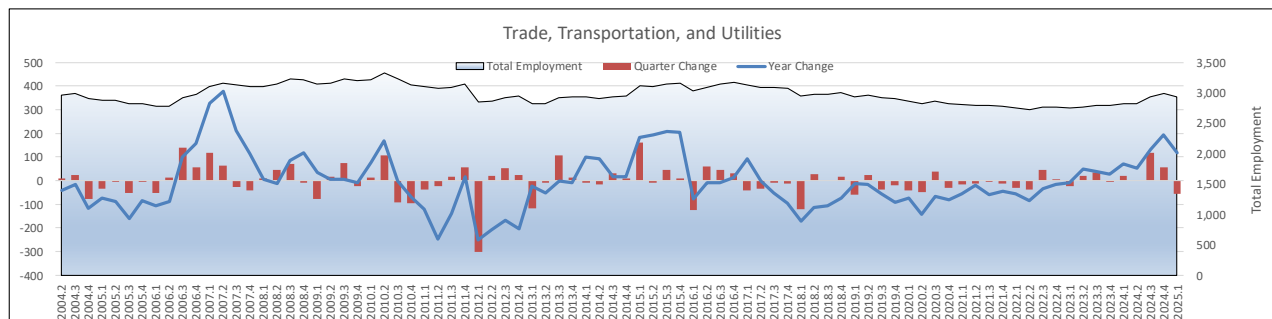
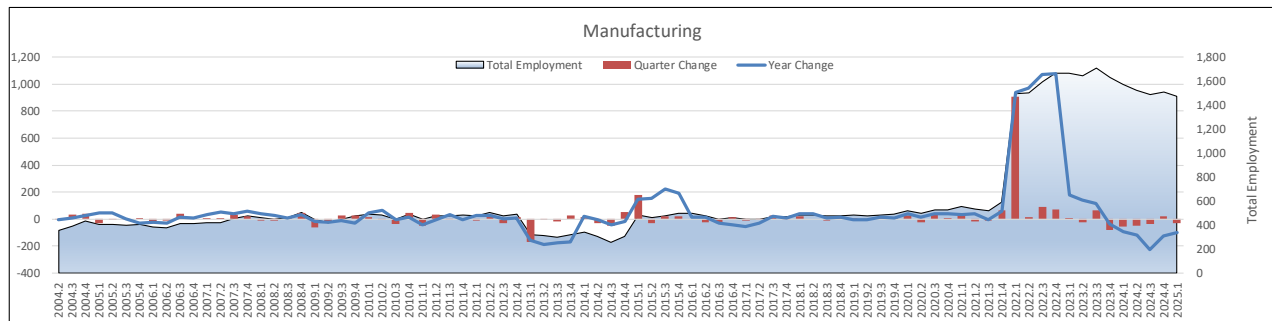
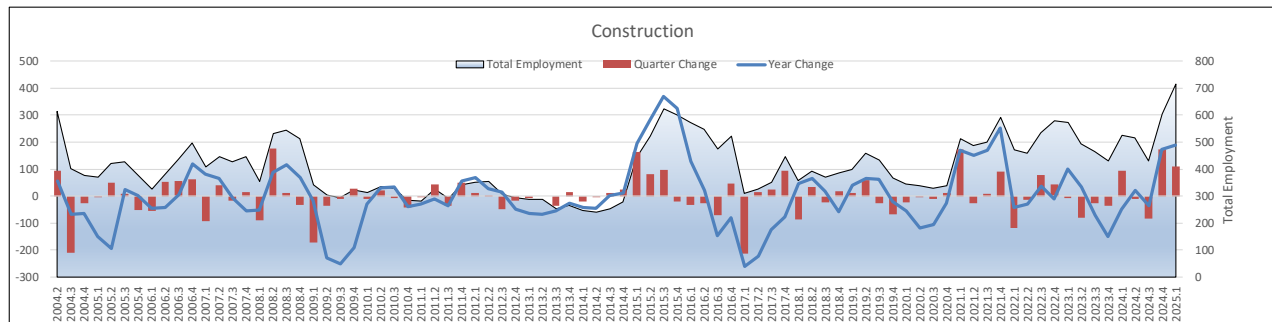
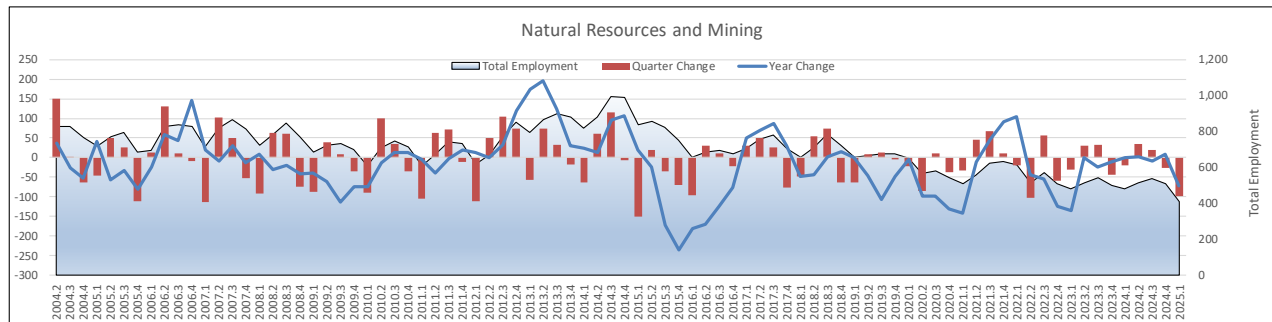
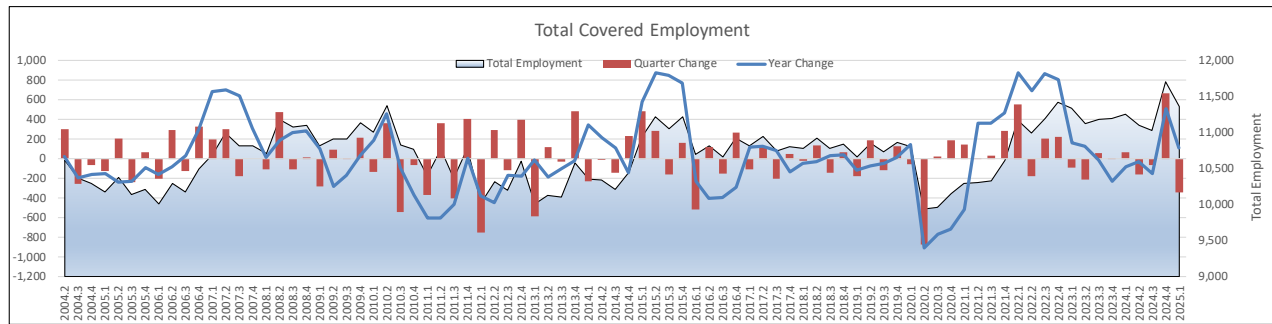
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2025	1ST QTR 2025	2ND QTR 2024	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	11,300	11,368	11,099	-68	-0.6%	201	1.8%	\$1,287
Natural Resources & Mining	433	411	516	22	5.4%	-83	-16.1%	\$893
Construction	570	714	515	-144	-20.2%	55	10.7%	\$1,233
Manufacturing	1,491	1,475	1,524	16	1.1%	-33	-2.2%	\$1,931
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,922	2,932	2,815	-10	-0.3%	107	3.8%	\$1,824
Information	123	117	121	6	5.1%	2	1.7%	\$597
Financial Activities	329	333	330	-4	-1.2%	-1	-0.3%	\$1,094
Professional & Business Services	554	563	564	-9	-1.6%	-10	-1.8%	\$1,414
Education & Health Services	964	945	924	19	2.0%	40	4.3%	\$976
Leisure & Hospitality	1,321	1,252	1,232	69	5.5%	89	7.2%	\$411
Other Services	248	236	248	12	5.1%	0	0.0%	\$703
Nonclassifiable	15	16	2	-1	na	na	na	na
Public Administration	2,331	2,375	2,308	-44	-1.9%	23	1.0%	\$987
Federal Government	73	79	76	-6	-7.6%	-3	-3.9%	\$1,587
State Government	111	110	104	1	0.9%	7	6.7%	\$1,099
Local Government	2,147	2,186	2,128	-39	-1.8%	19	0.9%	\$960

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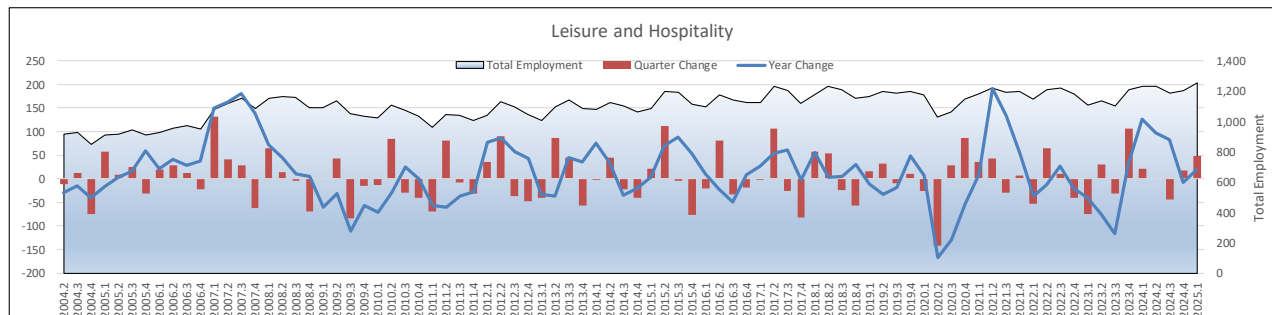
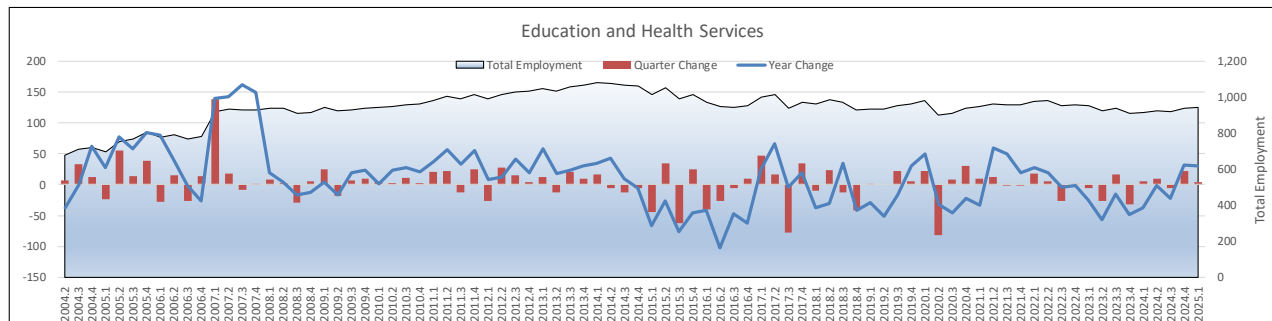
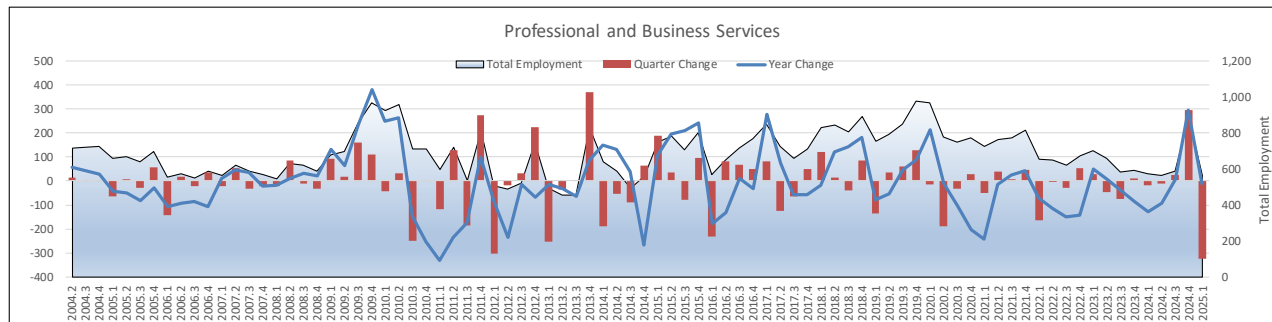
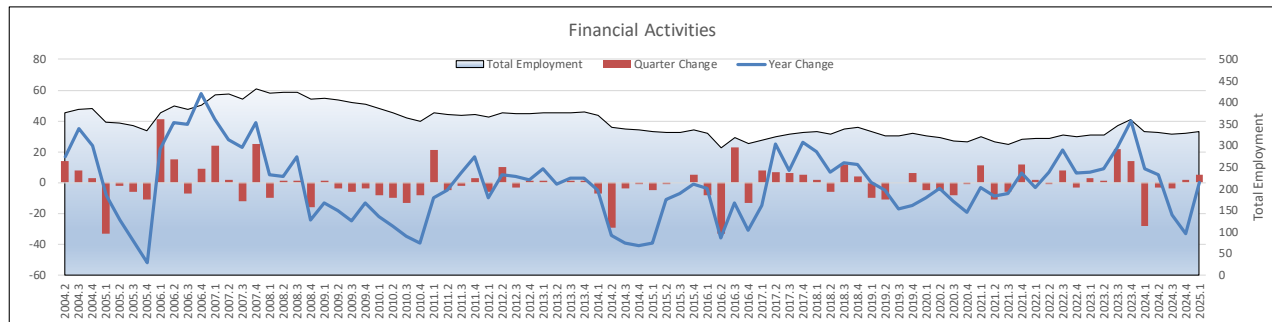
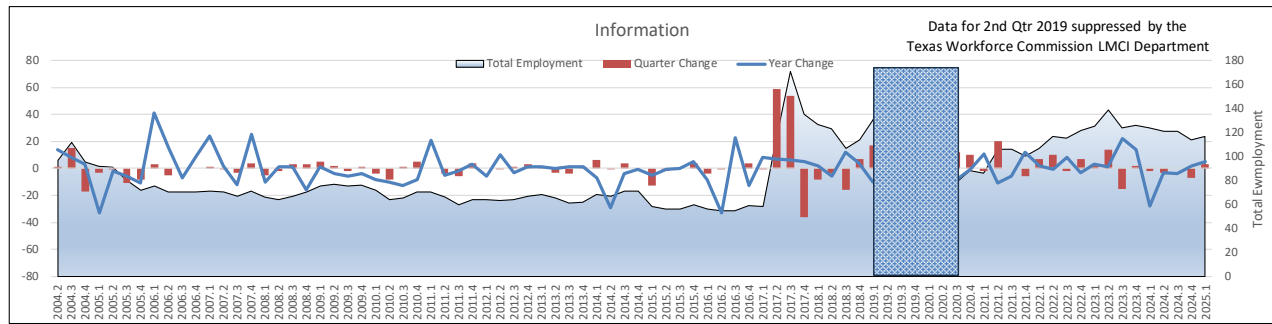
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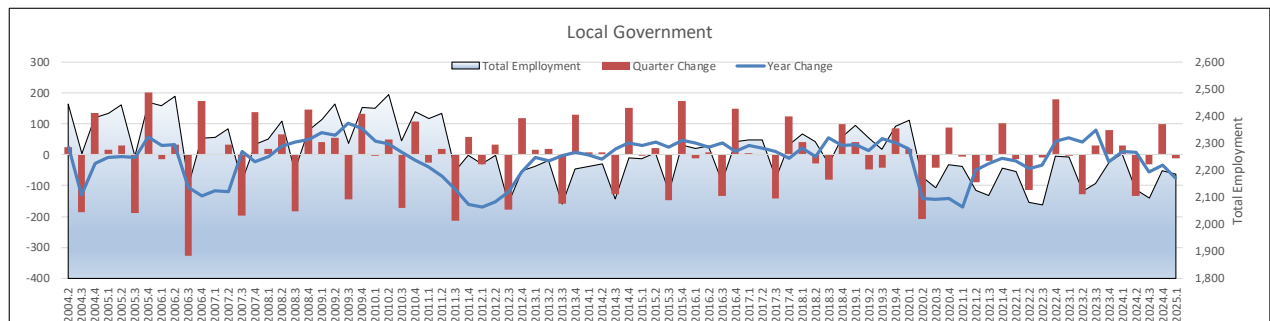
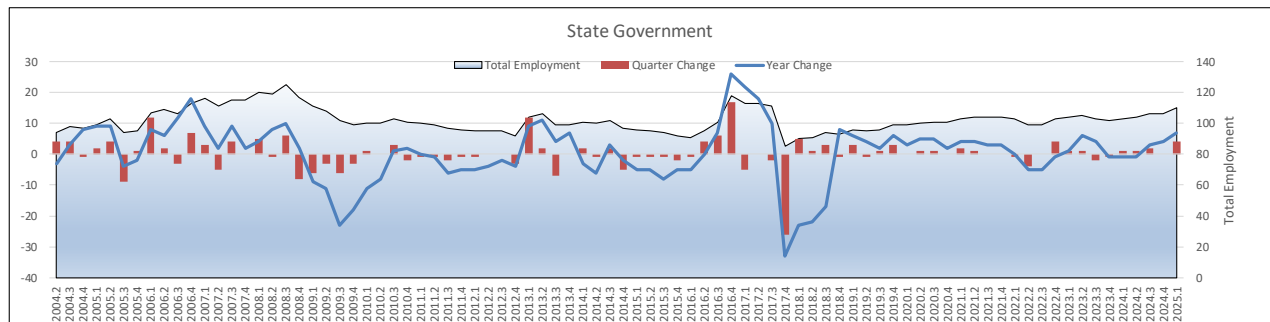
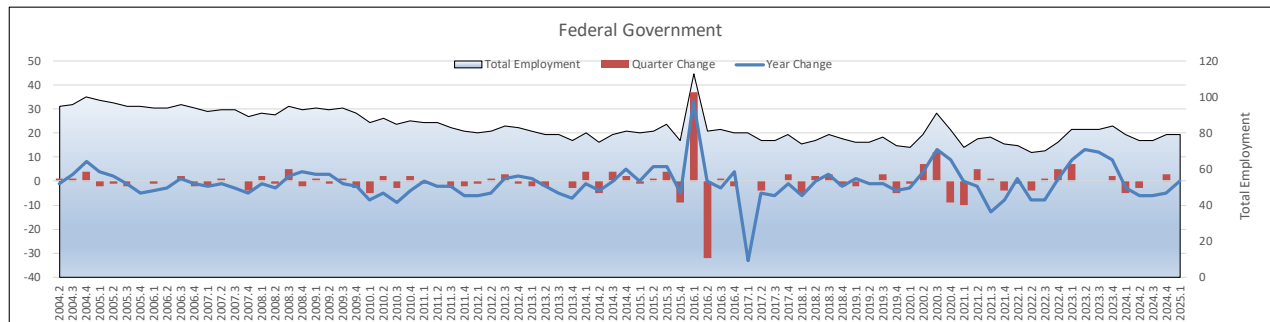
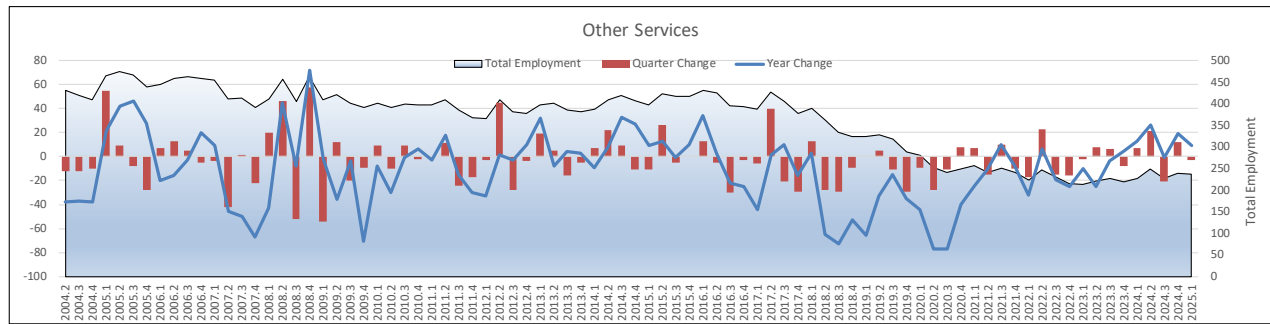
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	11,706	2024.4	9,938	2020.2
Natural Resources and Mining	993	2014.3	411	2025.1
Construction	714	2025.1	242	2014.2
Manufacturing	1,711	2023.3	256	2014.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	3,321	2010.2	2,716	2022.2
Information	171	2017.3	55	2016.2
Financial Activities	432	2007.4	295	2016.2
Professional and Business Services	979	2019.4	455	2013.2
Education and Health Services	1,083	2014.1	660	2003.4
Leisure and Hospitality	1,252	2025.1	851	2004.4
Other Services	474	2005.2	214	2023.1
Federal Government	113	2016.1	69	2022.2
State Government	125	2008.3	85	2017.4
Local Government	2,480	2010.2	2,072	2022.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-126	-1.1%	107	1.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	-65	-8.8%	46	6.9%
Construction	-13	-0.8%	22	6.5%
Manufacturing	32	6.6%	-9	-1.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-47	-1.3%	11	0.3%
Information	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	0	0.1%	-3	-1.0%
Professional and Business Services	-72	-8.3%	4	1.3%
Education and Health Services	8	0.9%	4	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	11	1.2%	42	4.0%
Other Services	2	0.5%	7	2.1%
Federal Government	1	1.0%	-2	-1.3%
State Government	2	1.9%	0	0.3%
Local Government	6	0.2%	-17	-0.8%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-122	-1.1%	181	1.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	39	5.7%	-35	-4.7%
Construction	-17	-3.4%	16	4.3%
Manufacturing	7	0.8%	20	4.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	28	1.0%	-1	0.0%
Information	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	0	0.1%	2	0.6%
Professional and Business Services	-26	-3.2%	89	15.4%
Education and Health Services	-6	-0.5%	6	0.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	-10	-0.8%	-27	-2.5%
Other Services	-13	-3.2%	-7	-1.8%
Federal Government	1	1.8%	-1	-1.4%
State Government	0	0.0%	-1	-1.1%
Local Government	-123	-5.2%	123	5.7%

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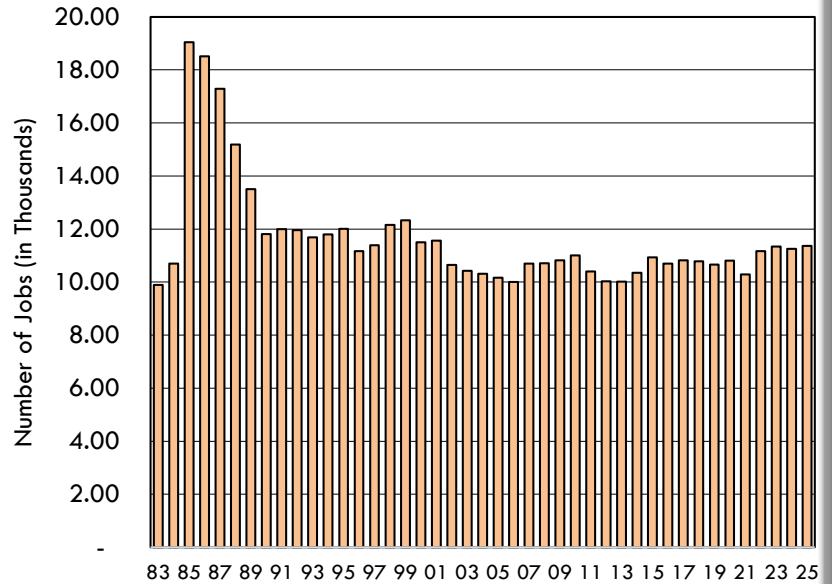
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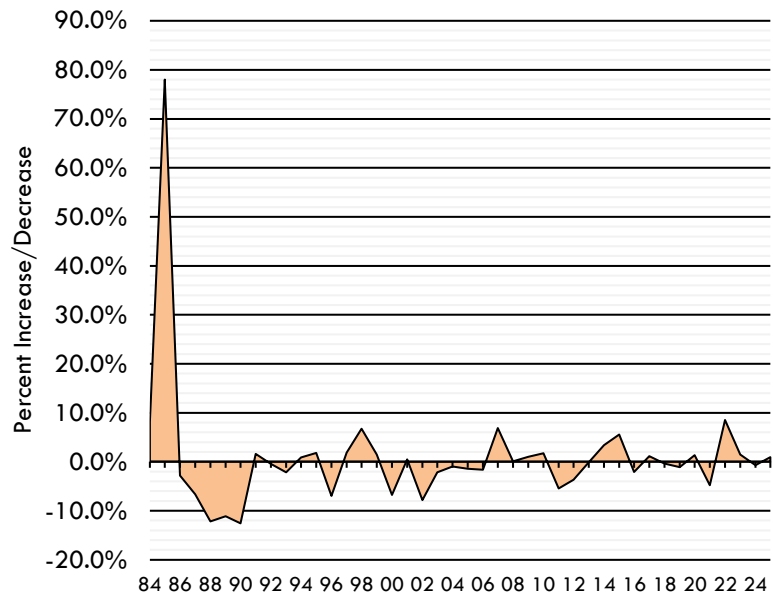
Matagorda County 1983-2025 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	9,889		
84	10,696	807	8.2%
85	19,040	8,344	78.0%
86	18,506	(534)	-2.8%
87	17,283	(1,223)	-6.6%
88	15,183	(2,100)	-12.2%
89	13,499	(1,684)	-11.1%
90	11,806	(1,693)	-12.5%
91	12,000	194	1.6%
92	11,952	(48)	-0.4%
93	11,692	(260)	-2.2%
94	11,798	106	0.9%
95	12,008	210	1.8%
96	11,172	(836)	-7.0%
97	11,384	212	1.9%
98	12,151	767	6.7%
99	12,332	181	1.5%
00	11,500	(832)	-6.7%
01	11,557	57	0.5%
02	10,652	(905)	-7.8%
03	10,420	(232)	-2.2%
04	10,318	(102)	-1.0%
05	10,170	(148)	-1.4%
06	10,007	(163)	-1.6%
07	10,696	689	6.9%
08	10,709	13	0.1%
09	10,815	106	1.0%
10	11,004	189	1.7%
11	10,404	(600)	-5.5%
12	10,026	(378)	-3.6%
13	10,014	(12)	-0.1%
14	10,356	342	3.4%
15	10,933	577	5.6%
16	10,702	(231)	-2.1%
17	10,822	120	1.1%
18	10,780	(42)	-0.4%
19	10,665	(115)	-1.1%
20	10,808	143	1.3%
21	10,292	(516)	-4.8%
22	11,169	877	8.5%
23	11,336	167	1.5%
24	11,258	(78)	-0.7%
25	11,368	110	1.0%

Number of Jobs in Covered Employment



Annual Change in Covered Employment **



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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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