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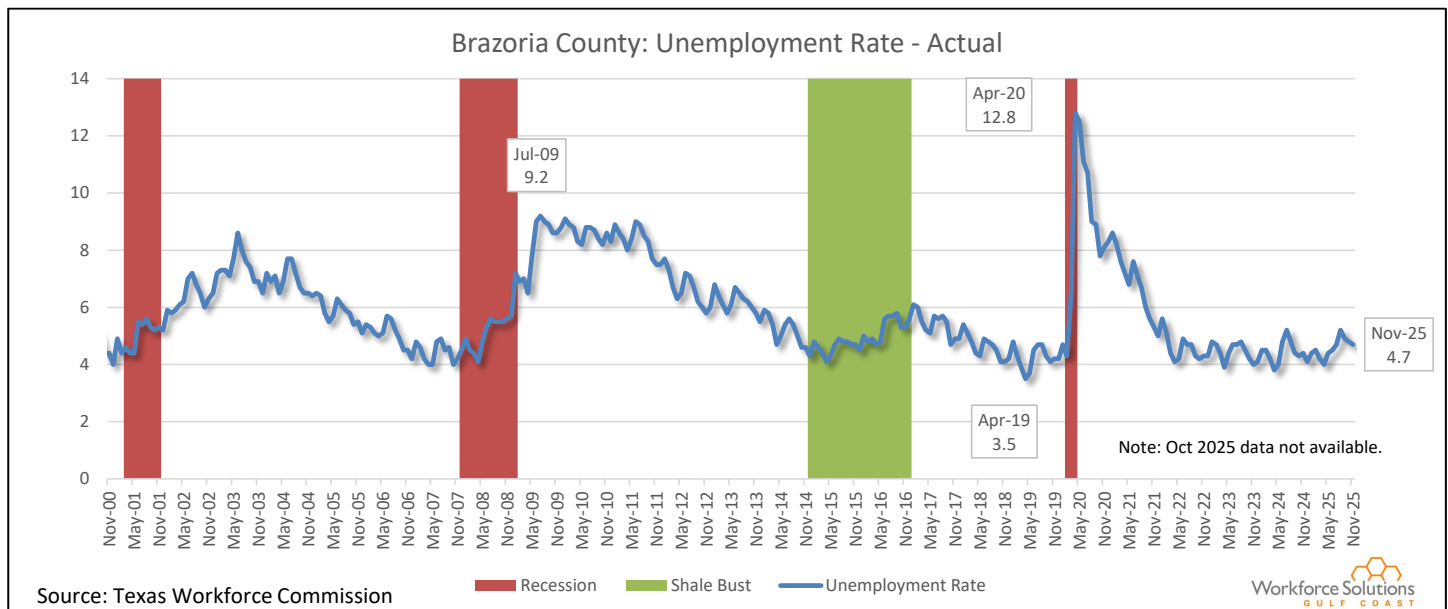
Brazoria County's unemployment rate measured **4.7 percent in November 2025**, representing a **0.3 percentage-point increase** from one year earlier. The local rate remained **slightly higher than broader labor market conditions**, compared with the **Texas rate (4.2 percent)** and the **national rate (4.3 percent)**. October unemployment data were unavailable due to reporting delays associated with the federal government shutdown.

Brazoria County payroll employment increased by **1,743 jobs in the second quarter of 2025**, reflecting a **1.4 percent gain** that aligns with typical second-quarter growth patterns observed since the pandemic. **Nine of the eleven major industry sectors** recorded job gains during the quarter. The largest contributors were **Leisure and Hospitality**, up **867 jobs (+5.6 percent)**; **Professional and Business Services**, up **348 jobs (+3.6 percent)**; and **Education and Health Services**, up **259 jobs (+1.6 percent)**. Modest declines were reported in **Public Administration** (-49 jobs; -0.2 percent), **Construction** (-31 jobs; -0.2 percent), and **Natural Resources and Mining** (-27 jobs; -1.5 percent).

On a year-over-year basis, the county added **1,636 jobs**, while the annual growth rate eased to **1.3 percent**, down from **1.5 percent** in the prior quarter. **Ten of the eleven major industry sectors** posted annual employment gains. The strongest contributors to growth were **Education and Health Services** (+760 jobs; +4.9 percent), **Leisure and Hospitality** (+642 jobs; +4.1 percent), **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+623 jobs; +2.8 percent), and **Professional and Business Services** (+407 jobs; +4.2 percent). **Construction** was the only sector to report a year-over-year decline, down **1,165 jobs (-7.4 percent)**.

Additional detail is available on **pages 2–7**.

	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2024
Civilian Labor Force	203,339	NA	199,840
Total Employment	193,701	NA	191,104
Unemployed	9,638	NA	8,736
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	NA	4.4%
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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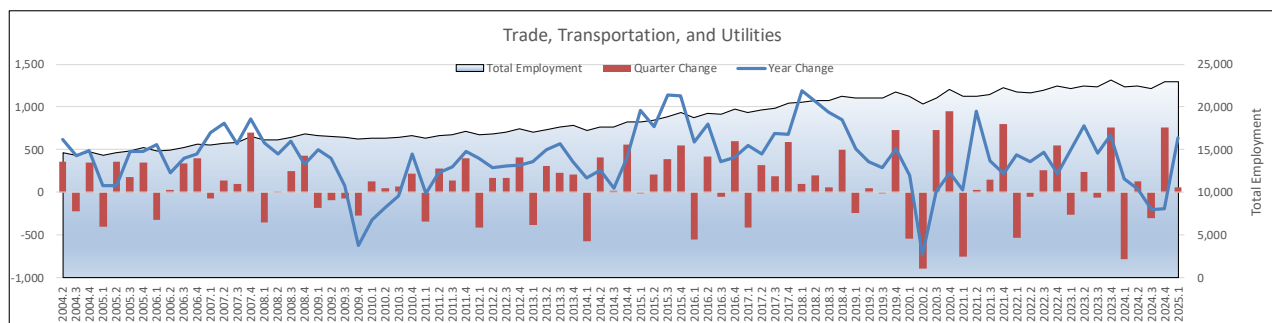
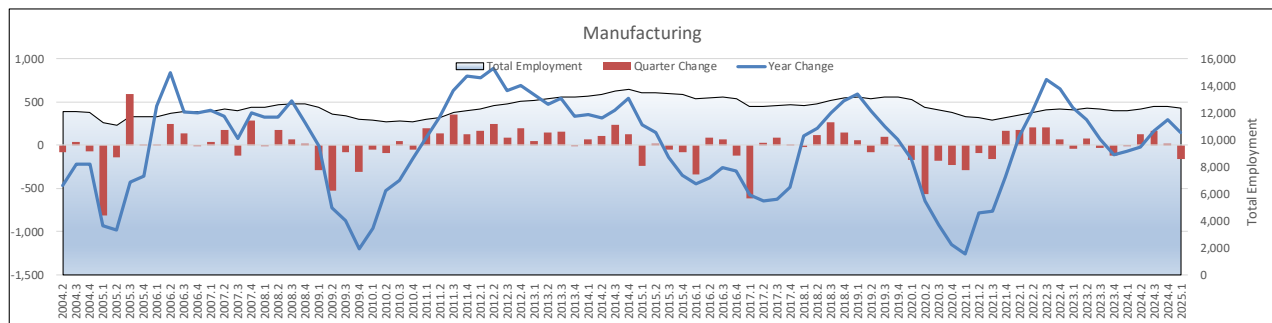
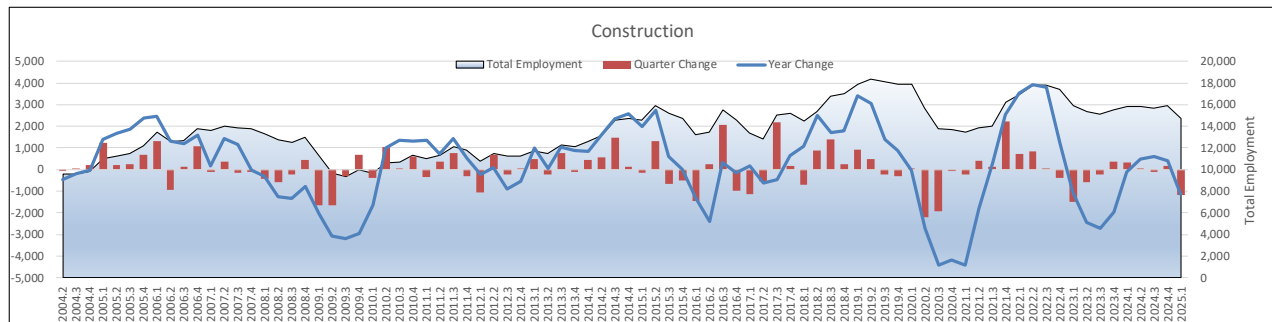
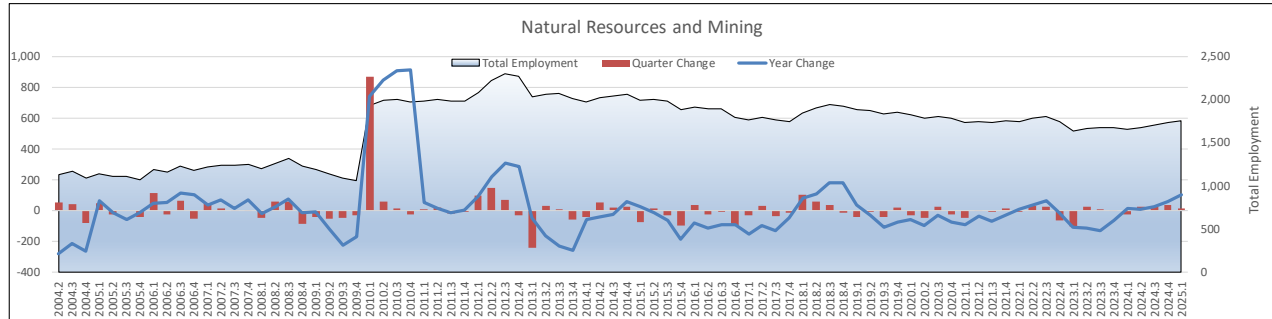
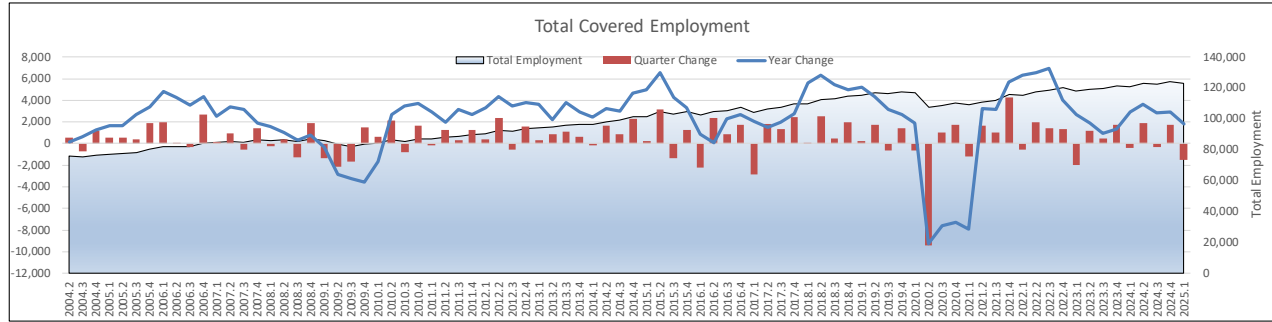
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2025	1ST QTR 2025	2ND QTR 2024	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	124,535	122,792	122,899	1,743	1.4%	1,636	1.3%	\$ 1,362
Natural Resources & Mining	1,726	1,753	1,676	-27	-1.5%	50	3.0%	\$ 3,767
Construction	14,658	14,689	15,823	-31	-0.2%	-1,165	-7.4%	\$ 1,719
Manufacturing	12,392	12,312	12,293	80	0.6%	99	0.8%	\$ 2,789
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	23,093	22,984	22,470	109	0.5%	623	2.8%	\$ 1,110
Information	390	386	367	4	1.0%	23	6.3%	\$ 1,541
Financial Activities	3,991	3,932	4,019	59	1.5%	-28	-0.7%	\$ 1,608
Professional & Business Services	10,082	9,734	9,675	348	3.6%	407	4.2%	\$ 1,678
Education & Health Services	16,229	15,970	15,469	259	1.6%	760	4.9%	\$ 1,099
Leisure & Hospitality	16,324	15,457	15,682	867	5.6%	642	4.1%	\$ 449
Other Services	3,592	3,501	3,621	91	2.6%	-29	-0.8%	\$ 972
Nonclassifiable	181	150	127	31	20.7%	54	42.5%	\$ 1,050
Public Administration	21,875	21,924	21,676	-49	-0.2%	199	0.9%	\$ 1,105
Federal Government	619	648	618	-29	-4.5%	1	0.2%	\$ 1,536
State Government	3,533	3,501	3,389	32	0.9%	144	4.2%	\$ 1,272
Local Government	17,723	17,775	17,669	-52	-0.3%	54	0.3%	\$ 1,056

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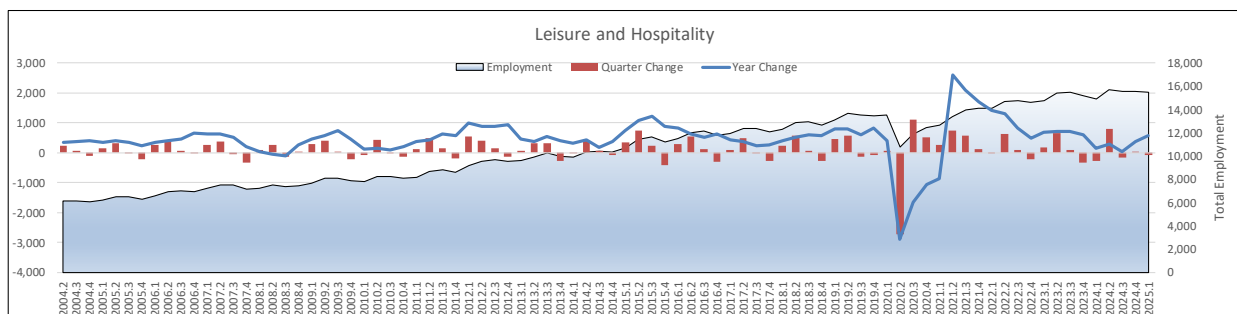
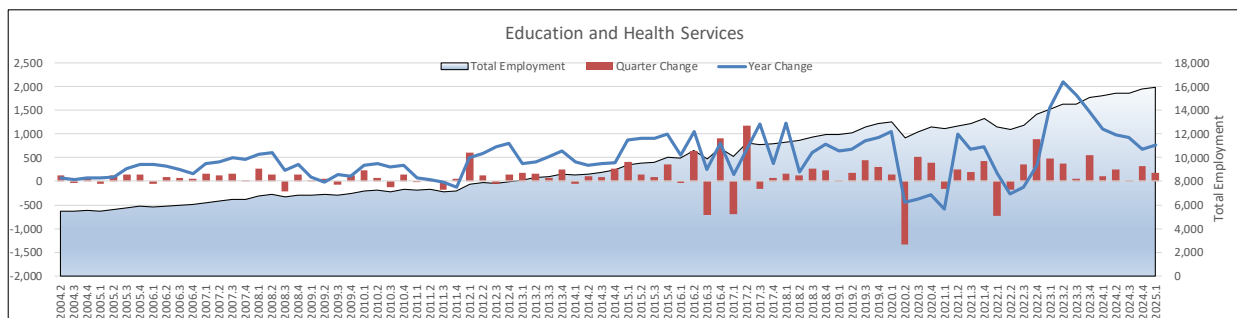
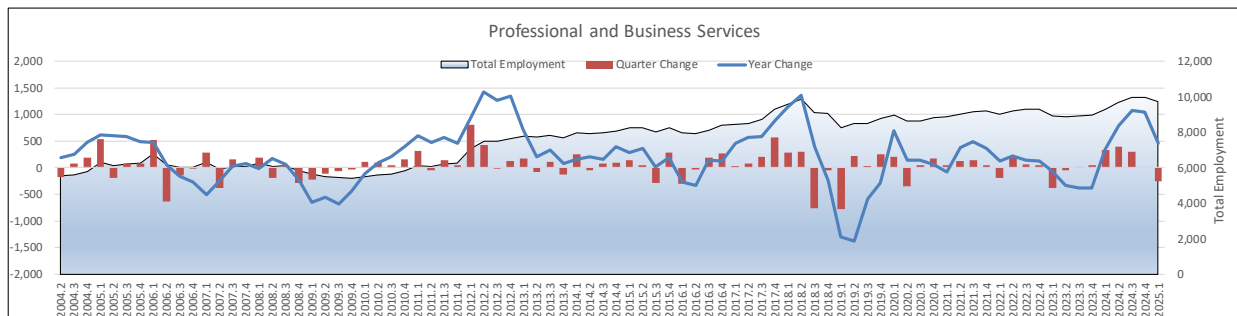
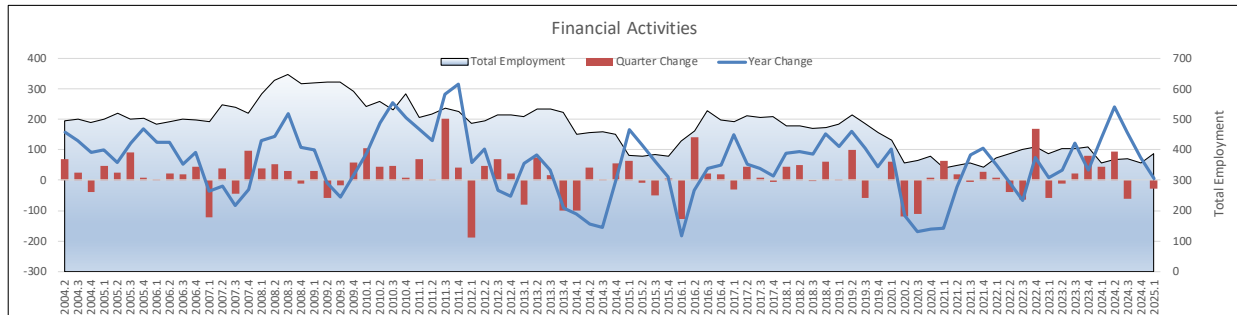
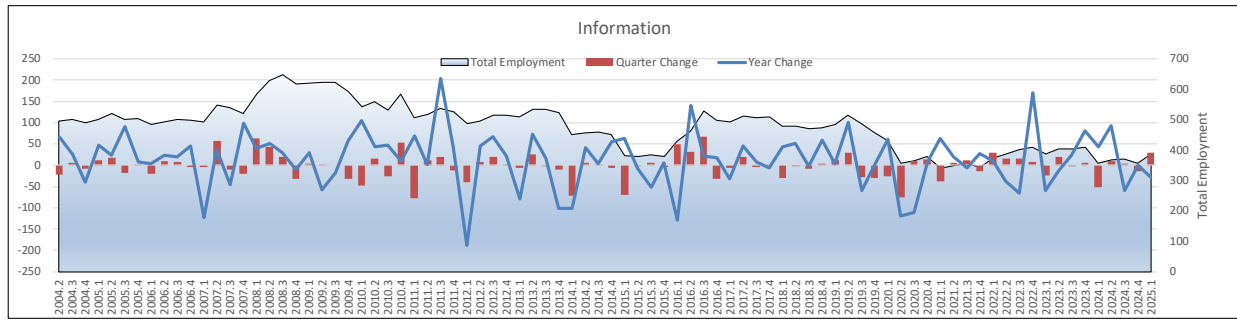
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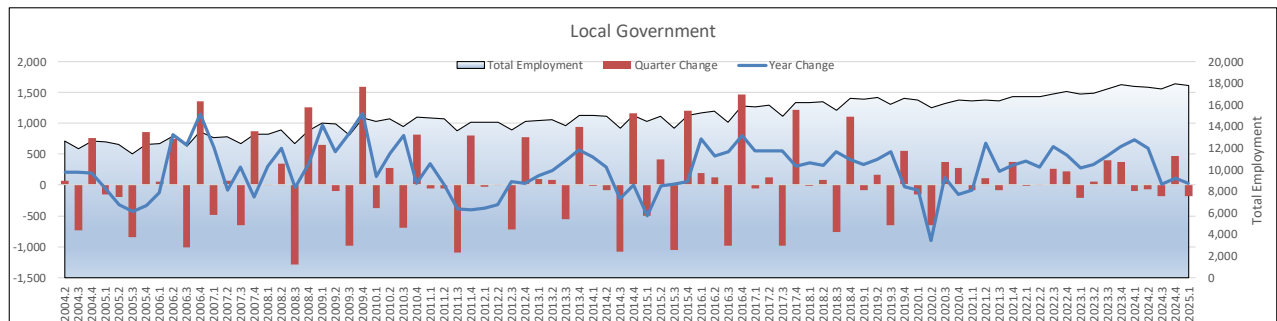
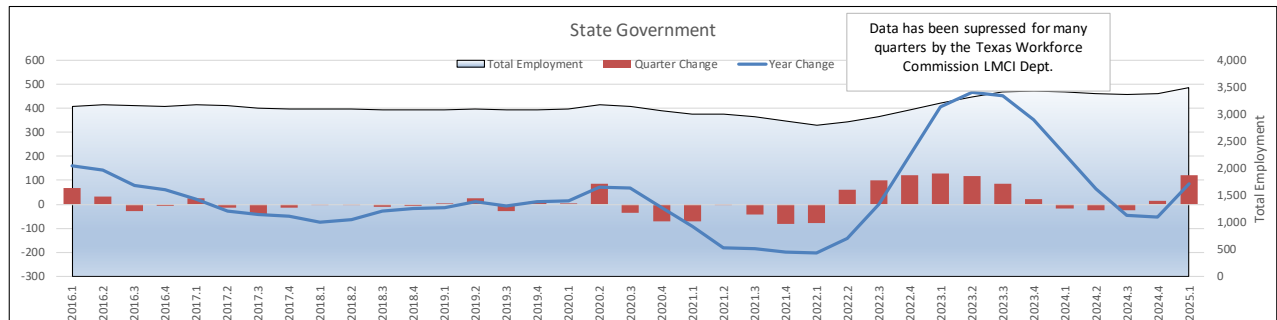
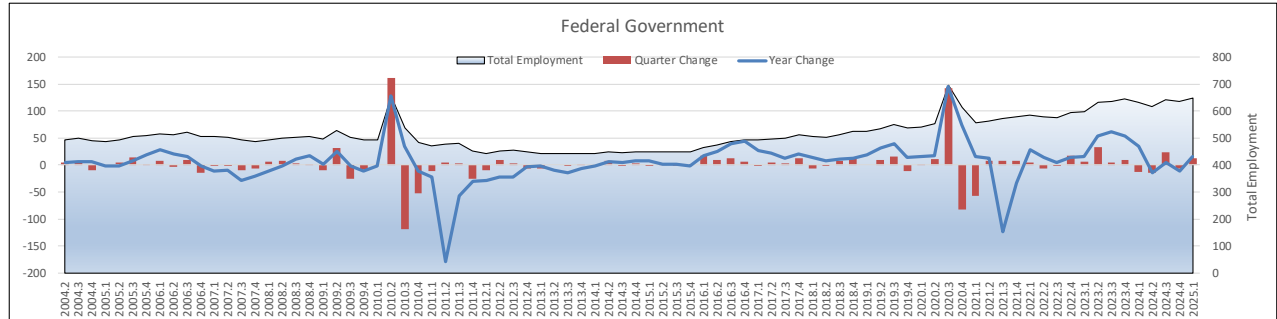
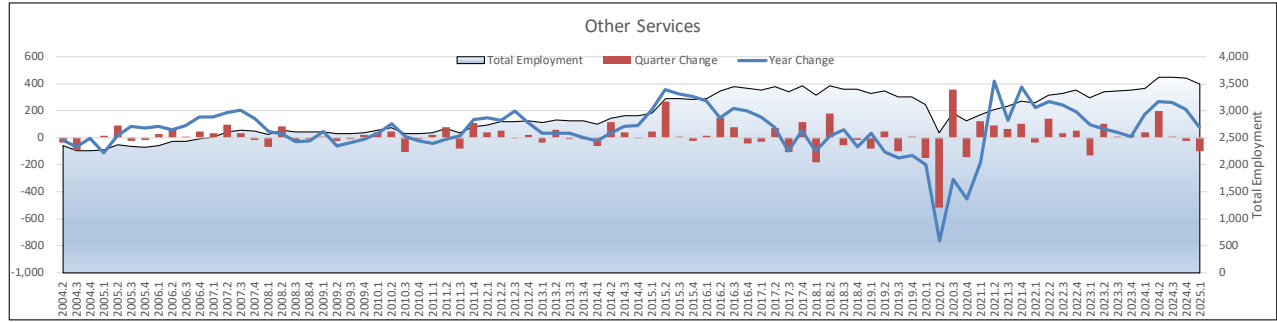
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	124,316	2024.4	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	23,124	2023.4	13,940	2003.3
Information	648	2008.3	341	2021.1
Financial Activities	4,019	2024.2	2,685	2003.2
Professional and Business Services	9,982	2024.3	5,320	2003.4
Education and Health Services	15,970	2025.1	5,382	2004.1
Leisure and Hospitality	15,682	2024.2	5,663	2003.4
Other Services	3,624	2024.3	2,260	2004.3
Federal Government	695	2020.3	441	2014.1
State Government	3,501	2025.1	2,743	2007.4
Local Government	17,952	2024.4	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	-392	-0.3%	828	0.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	15	2.5%	22	1.2%
Construction	-230	-1.5%	26	0.4%
Manufacturing	-109	-0.8%	15	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-253	-1.6%	125	0.8%
Information	-13	-2.3%	11	2.2%
Financial Activities	-5	-0.1%	30	0.9%
Professional and Business Services	113	2.1%	-19	-0.5%
Education and Health Services	48	0.7%	130	1.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	151	1.8%	329	3.6%
Other Services	-15	-0.3%	65	2.2%
Federal Government	-3	-0.5%	13	2.7%
State Government	na	na	na	na
Local Government	-63	-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	-8	-0.1%	1,735	1.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	10	0.7%	-29	-1.9%
Construction	227	1.9%	191	1.7%
Manufacturing	80	0.7%	4	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	112	0.6%	490	2.6%
Information	5	1.1%	-9	-1.7%
Financial Activities	9	0.3%	25	0.7%
Professional and Business Services	23	0.4%	83	1.0%
Education and Health Services	41	0.3%	267	2.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	117	1.1%	-140	-1.5%
Other Services	0	0.0%	5	0.2%
Federal Government	4	1.0%	-7	-1.2%
State Government	na	na	na	na
Local Government	-640	-4.5%	875	6.4%

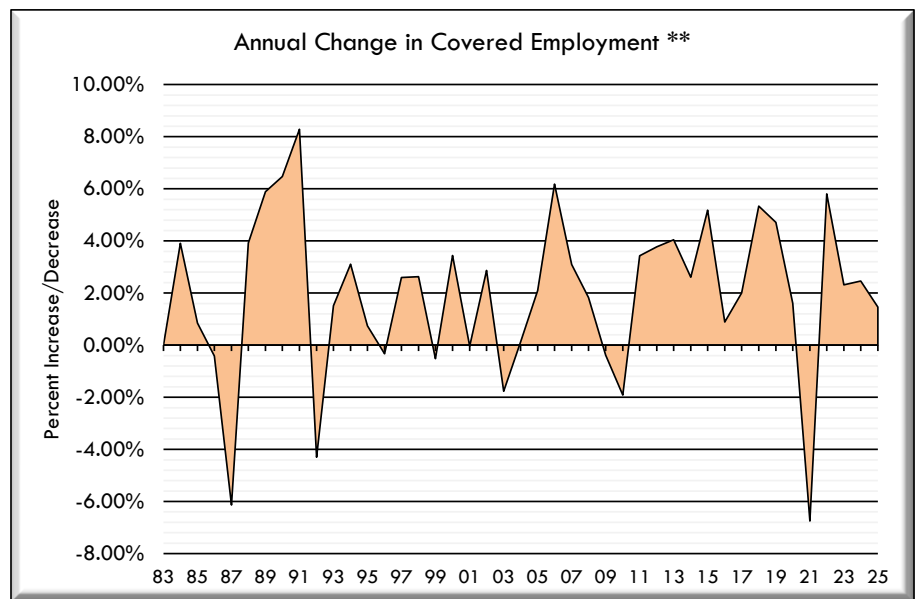
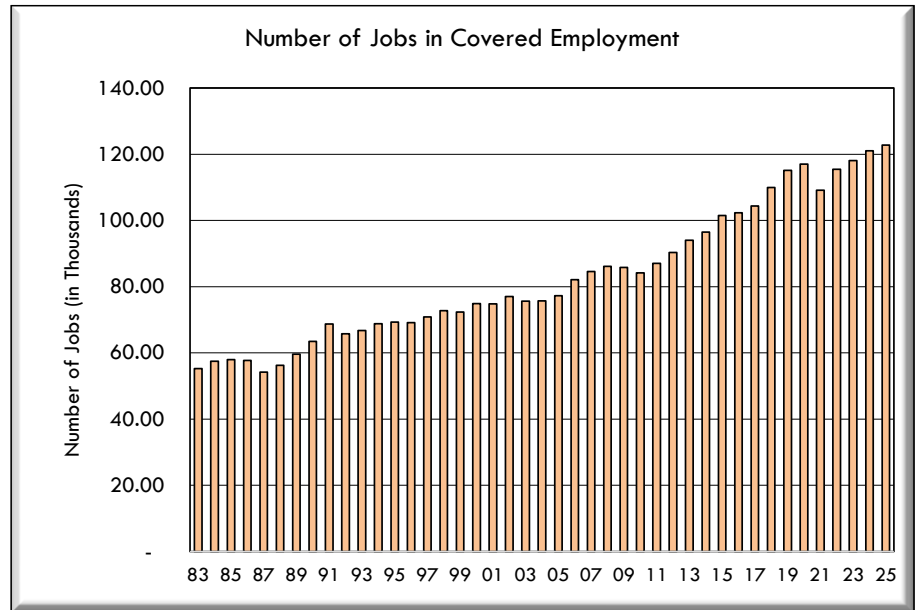
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Brazoria County 1983-2025 Covered Employment**

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%



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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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