

# Galveston County

## Labor Market Information

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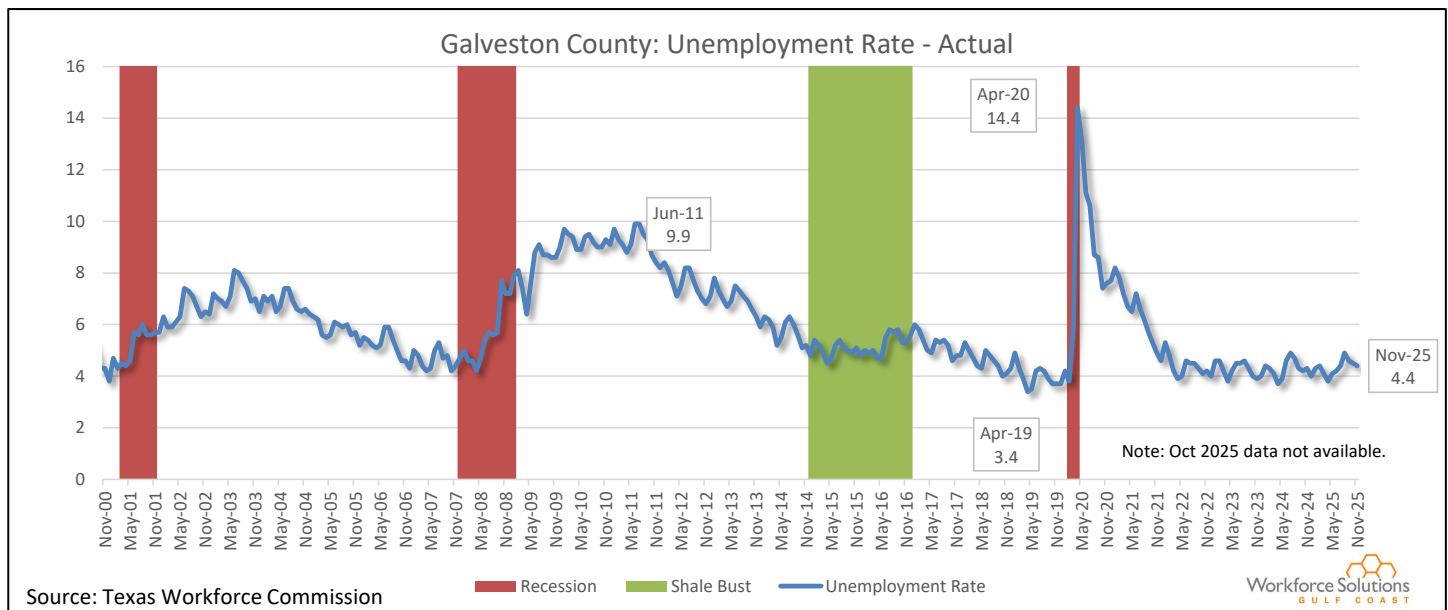
Galveston County's unemployment rate measured **4.4 percent in November 2025**, representing a **0.1 percentage-point increase** from one year earlier. The local rate remained **in line with broader labor market conditions**, slightly higher than the **Texas rate (4.2 percent)** and the **national rate (4.3 percent)**. October unemployment data were unavailable due to reporting delays associated with the federal government shutdown.

Galveston County added **1,406 jobs in the second quarter of 2025**, reflecting a **1.1 percent increase**, which was below the county's long-term second-quarter average growth rate of **1.7 percent**. Employment rose in only **four of the eleven major industry sectors**, with virtually all of the increase concentrated in **Leisure and Hospitality**, up **1,942 jobs (+9.3 percent)**, and **Professional and Business Services**, up **460 jobs (+4.5 percent)**. Among the sectors reporting declines, the largest was **Public Administration**, down **797 jobs (-2.3 percent)**, with losses across **local, state, and federal government**.

Over the year (Q2 2024 to Q2 2025), Galveston County added **1,308 jobs**, and the pace of job growth declined to **1.1 percent**, down from **1.7 percent** in the previous quarter. Employment rose in **six of the eleven major industry sectors**. Top private-sector contributors to annual job growth included **Professional and Business Services** (+825 jobs; +8.4 percent), **Education and Health Services** (+387 jobs; +3.5 percent), **Other Services** (+363 jobs; +8.2 percent), and **Manufacturing** (+310 jobs; +5.2 percent). Three industry sectors continued to drag on overall growth: **Financial Activities** (-430 jobs; -7.1 percent), **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-229 jobs; -1.1 percent), and **Public Administration** (-200 jobs; -0.6 percent) with losses in federal and local government.

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

|                                 | NOV 2025 | OCT 2025 | NOV 2024 |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Civilian Labor Force</b>     | 187,345  | NA       | 184,704  |
| <b>Total Employed</b>           | 179,033  | NA       | 176,704  |
| <b>Unemployed</b>               | 8,312    | NA       | 8,000    |
| <b>Unemployment Rate</b>        | 4.4%     | NA       | 4.3%     |
| <b>Comparative Actual Rates</b> |          |          |          |
| <b>Texas</b>                    | 4.2%     | NA       | 4.1%     |
| <b>U.S.</b>                     | 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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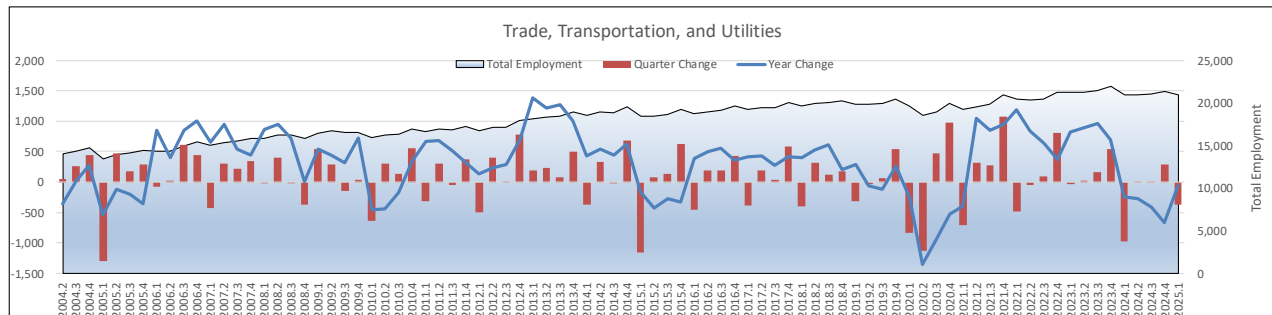
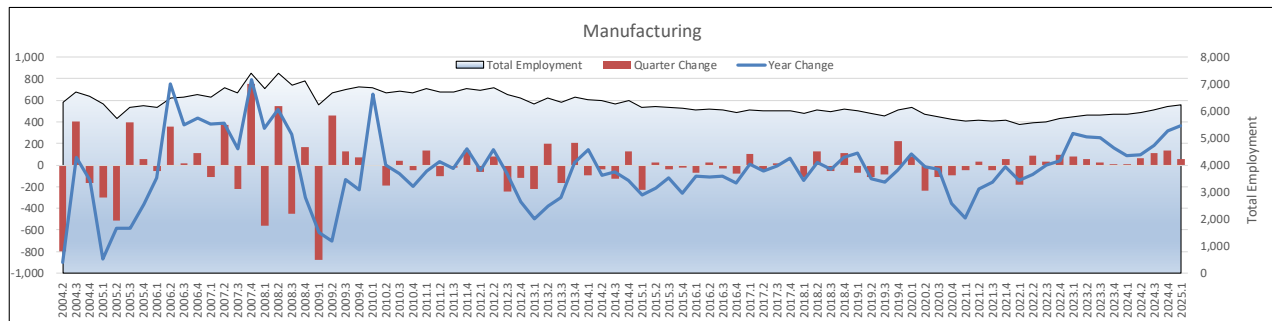
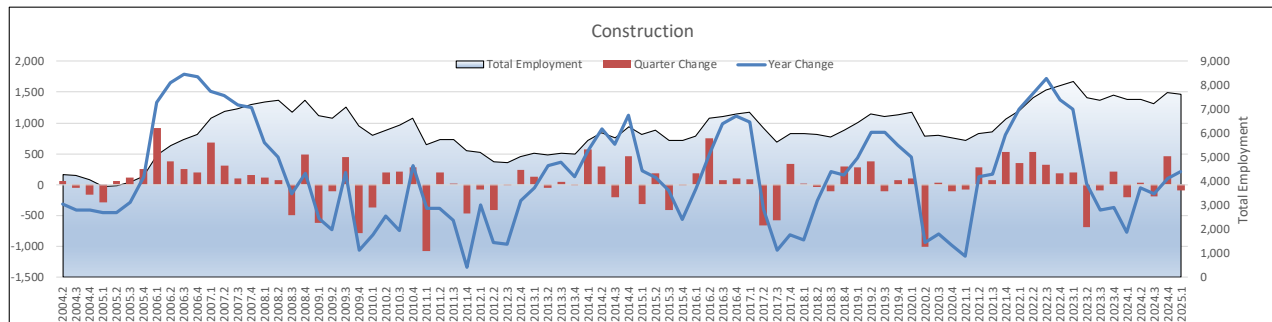
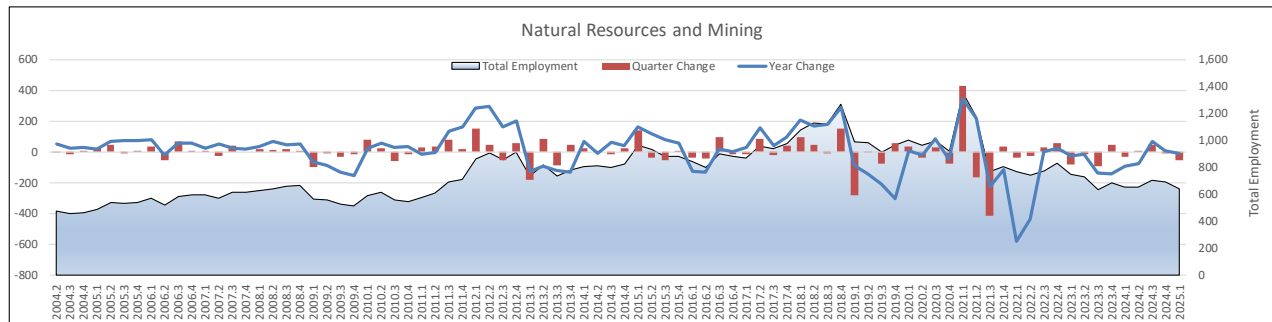
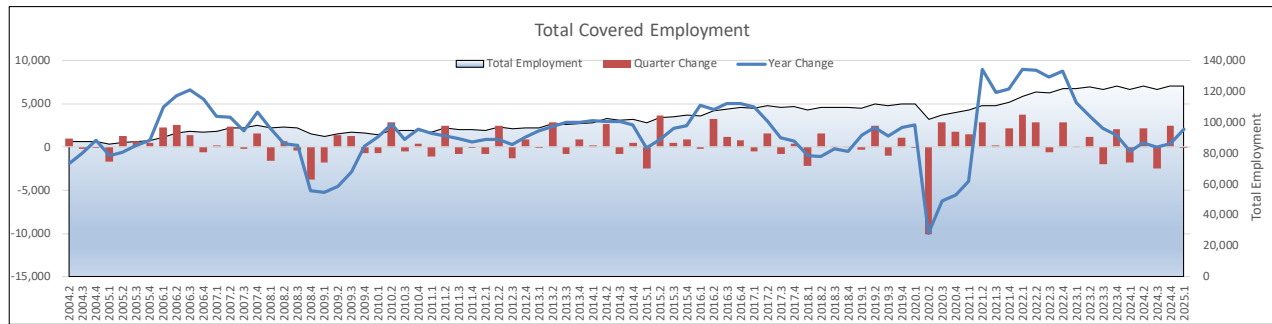
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| COVERED EMPLOYMENT<br><br>Industrial Sector   | Number of Jobs  |                 |                 | Quarter Chg |       | Annual Chg |       | Avg<br>Wkly<br>Wage* |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|------------|-------|----------------------|
|                                               | 2ND QTR<br>2025 | 1ST QTR<br>2025 | 2ND QTR<br>2024 | Actual      | %     | Actual     | %     |                      |
| <b>Total Employment</b>                       | 124,966         | 123,560         | 123,658         | 1,406       | 1.1%  | 1,308      | 1.1%  | \$1,248              |
| <b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>         | 600             | 641             | 656             | -41         | -6.4% | -56        | -8.5% | \$2,989              |
| <b>Construction</b>                           | 7,579           | 7,604           | 7,425           | -25         | -0.3% | 154        | 2.1%  | \$1,666              |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                          | 6,249           | 6,239           | 5,939           | 10          | 0.2%  | 310        | 5.2%  | \$2,938              |
| <b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b> | 20,767          | 20,924          | 20,996          | -157        | -0.8% | -229       | -1.1% | \$982                |
| <b>Information</b>                            | 664             | 675             | 674             | -11         | -1.6% | -10        | -1.5% | \$1,870              |
| <b>Financial Activities</b>                   | 5,635           | 5,653           | 6,065           | -18         | -0.3% | -430       | -7.1% | \$1,715              |
| <b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>   | 10,636          | 10,176          | 9,811           | 460         | 4.5%  | 825        | 8.4%  | \$1,256              |
| <b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>        | 11,358          | 11,339          | 10,971          | 19          | 0.2%  | 387        | 3.5%  | \$1,064              |
| <b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>              | 22,775          | 20,833          | 22,597          | 1,942       | 9.3%  | 178        | 0.8%  | \$485                |
| <b>Other Services</b>                         | 4,815           | 4,819           | 4,452           | -4          | -0.1% | 363        | 8.2%  | \$1,195              |
| <b>Nonclassifiable</b>                        | 148             | 119             | 133             | 29          | 24.4% | 15         | 11.3% | \$1,216              |
| <b>Public Administration</b>                  | 33,740          | 34,537          | 33,940          | -797        | -2.3% | -200       | -0.6% | \$1,415              |
| <b>Federal Government</b>                     | 1,143           | 1,243           | 1,258           | -100        | -8.0% | -115       | -9.1% | \$2,124              |
| <b>State Government</b>                       | 13,254          | 13,363          | 13,077          | -109        | -0.8% | 177        | 1.4%  | \$1,898              |
| <b>Local Government</b>                       | 19,343          | 19,931          | 19,605          | -588        | -3.0% | -262       | -1.3% | \$1,047              |

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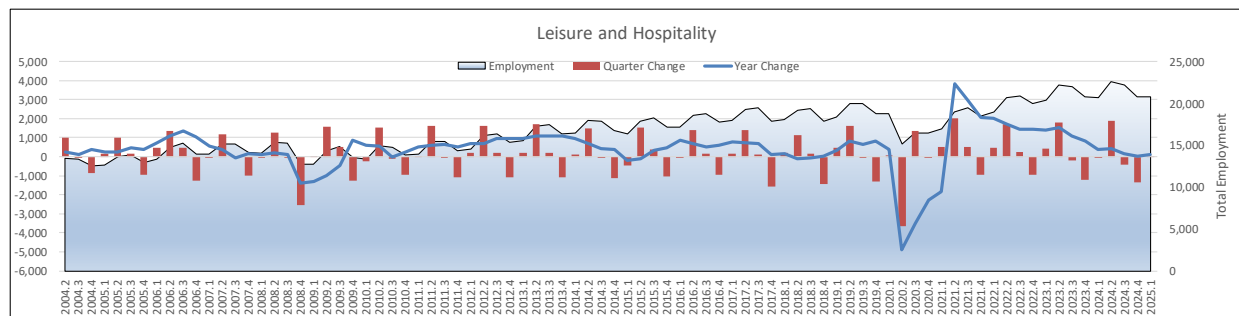
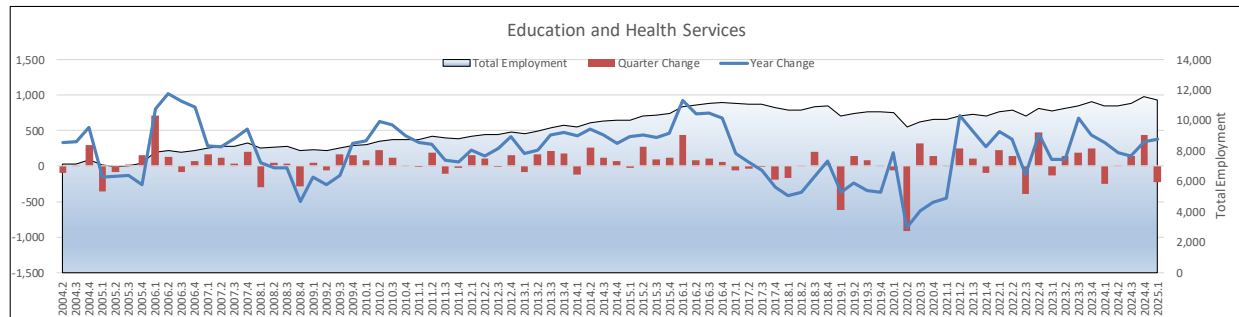
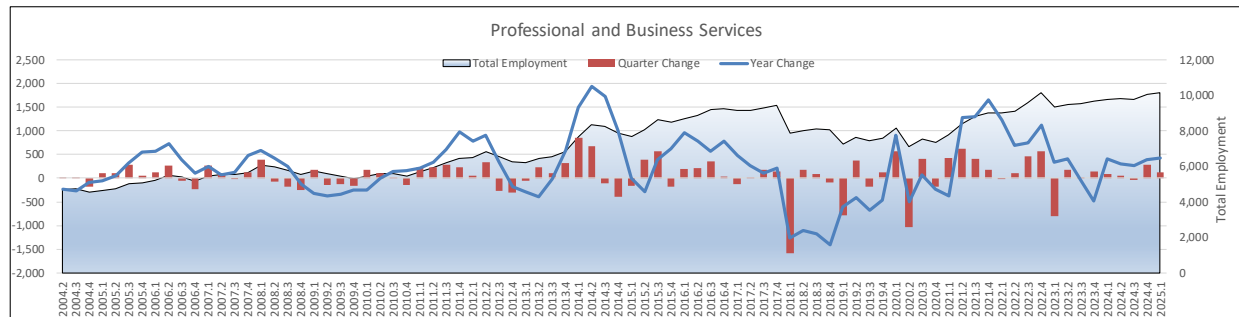
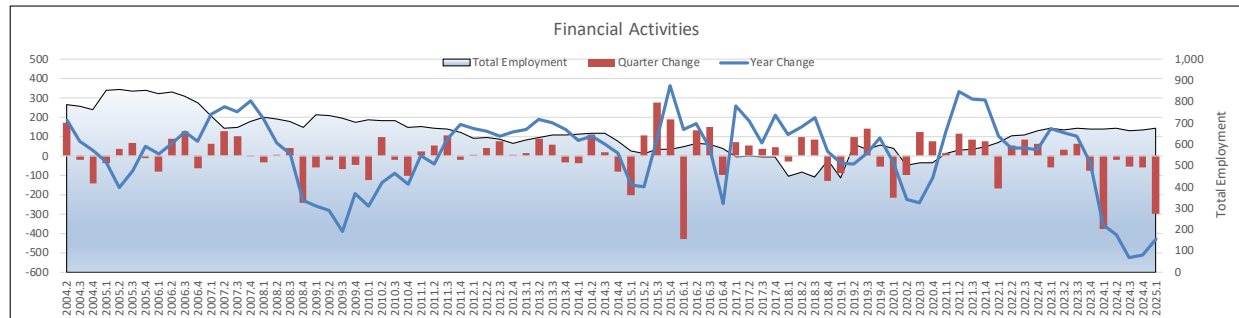
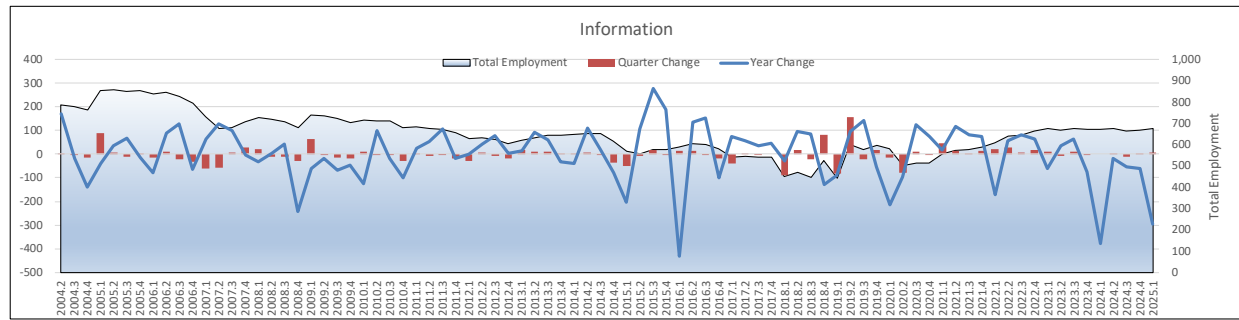
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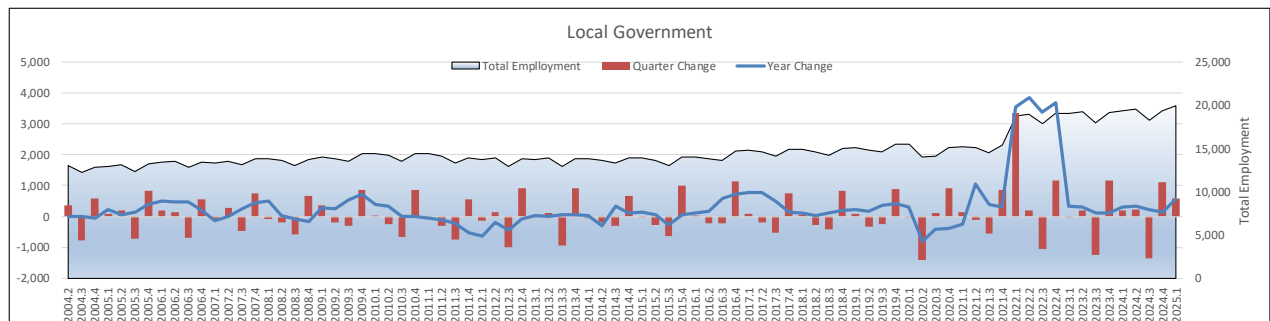
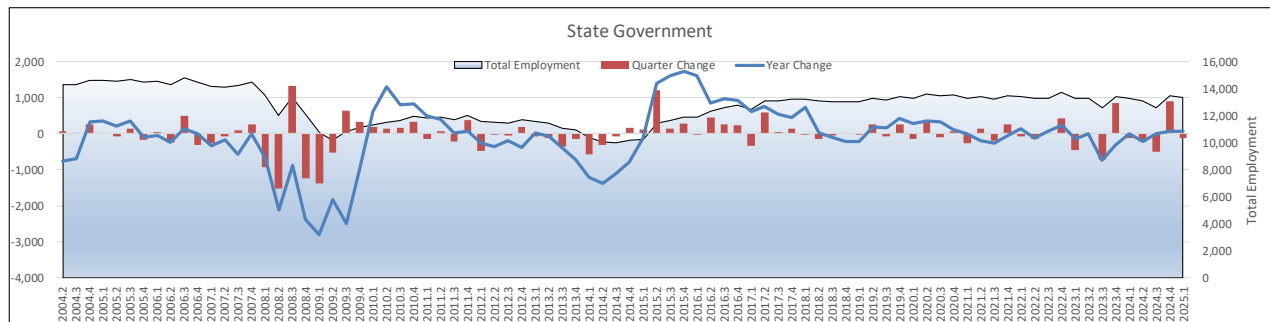
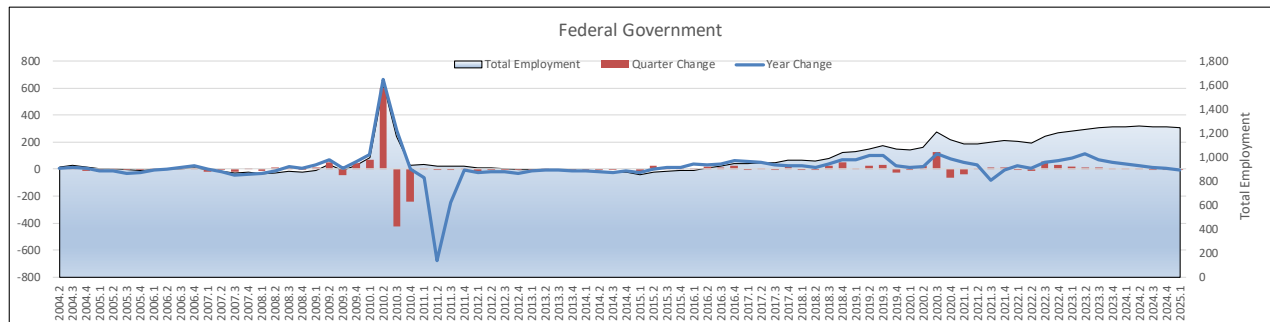
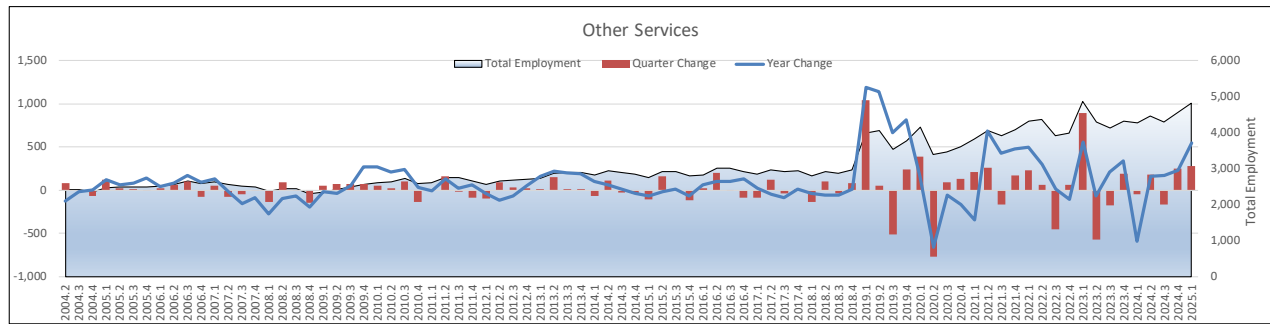
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### Historical Employment Highlights

|                                      | All-Time High | All-Time High Quarter | All-Time Low | All-Time Low Qtr |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Total                                | 123,658       | 2024.2                | 85,813       | 2005.1           |
| Natural Resources and Mining         | 1,348         | 2021.1                | 421          | 2003.2           |
| Construction                         | 8,167         | 2023.1                | 3,775        | 2005.1           |
| Manufacturing                        | 7,409         | 2007.4                | 5,490        | 2022.1           |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 21,965        | 2023.4                | 13,473       | 2005.1           |
| Information                          | 860           | 2005.2                | 444          | 2019.1           |
| Financial Activities                 | 6,538         | 2023.3                | 5,402        | 2010.4           |
| Professional and Business Services   | 10,176        | 2025.1                | 4,542        | 2004.4           |
| Education and Health Services        | 11,560        | 2024.4                | 6,806        | 2003.2           |
| Leisure and Hospitality              | 22,597        | 2024.2                | 12,160       | 2003.4           |
| Other Services                       | 4,863         | 2023.1                | 2,293        | 2008.4           |
| Federal Government                   | 1,602         | 2010.2                | 855          | 2015.1           |
| State Government                     | 15,095        | 2003.2                | 9,989        | 2014.3           |
| Local Government                     | 19,931        | 2025.1                | 12,252       | 2004.3           |

### Average Change from Previous Quarter

|                                      | 1st Qtr Avg Chg # | 1st Qtr Avg Chg % | 2nd Qtr Avg Chg # | 2nd Qtr Avg Chg % |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total                                | -334              | -0.3%             | 1,616             | 1.7%              |
| Natural Resources and Mining         | 13                | 2.6%              | -1                | 0.4%              |
| Construction                         | 11                | 0.5%              | 36                | 0.9%              |
| Manufacturing                        | -96               | -1.4%             | 18                | 0.4%              |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | -382              | -2.3%             | 145               | 0.9%              |
| Information                          | -4                | -0.8%             | 5                 | 1.3%              |
| Financial Activities                 | -93               | -1.5%             | 66                | 1.1%              |
| Professional and Business Services   | 15                | 1.0%              | 137               | 2.0%              |
| Education and Health Services        | -9                | 0.1%              | 52                | 0.6%              |
| Leisure and Hospitality              | 135               | 0.8%              | 1,244             | 8.1%              |
| Other Services                       | 121               | 3.4%              | 27                | 1.6%              |
| Federal Government                   | -2                | -0.2%             | 36                | 3.6%              |
| State Government                     | -232              | -1.8%             | -9                | 0.0%              |
| Local Government                     | 204               | 1.3%              | -101              | -0.7%             |

### Average Change from Previous Quarter

|                                      | 3rd Qtr Avg Chg # | 3rd Qtr Avg Chg % | 4th Qtr Avg Chg # | 4th Qtr Avg Chg % |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total                                | -238              | -0.2%             | 571               | 0.5%              |
| Natural Resources and Mining         | -23               | -1.6%             | 20                | 2.4%              |
| Construction                         | -25               | -0.3%             | 116               | 1.9%              |
| Manufacturing                        | -45               | -0.6%             | 80                | 1.2%              |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 121               | 0.7%              | 469               | 2.6%              |
| Information                          | -4                | -0.6%             | -3                | 0.0%              |
| Financial Activities                 | 72                | 1.2%              | -36               | -0.6%             |
| Professional and Business Services   | 105               | 1.4%              | -12               | -0.6%             |
| Education and Health Services        | 61                | 0.6%              | 104               | 1.1%              |
| Leisure and Hospitality              | 167               | 1.1%              | -1,141            | -6.7%             |
| Other Services                       | -62               | -1.4%             | 18                | 0.1%              |
| Federal Government                   | -9                | -0.3%             | -8                | -0.6%             |
| State Government                     | 42                | 0.4%              | 121               | 1.1%              |
| Local Government                     | -640              | -4.3%             | 847               | 6.0%              |

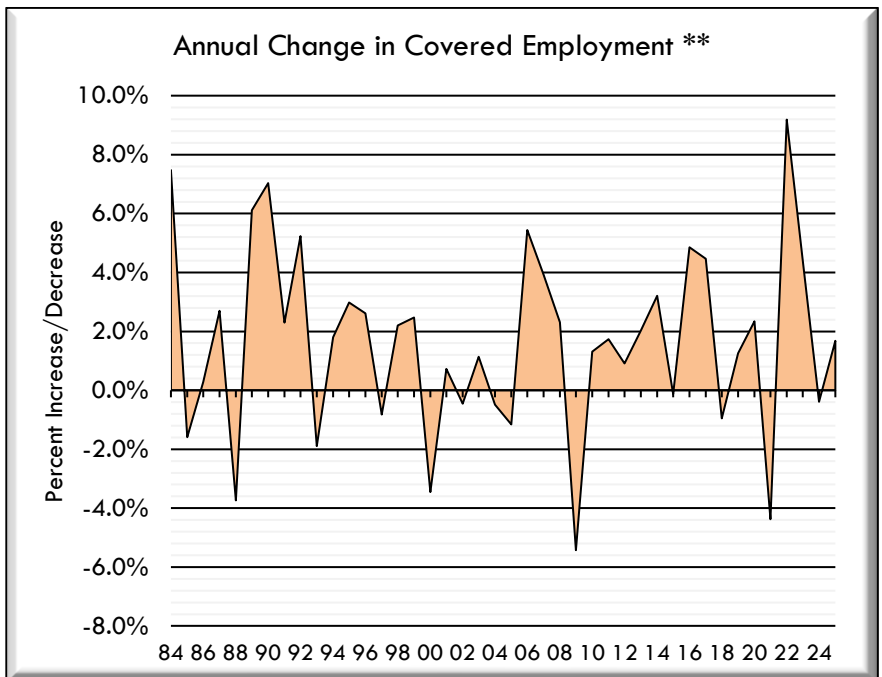
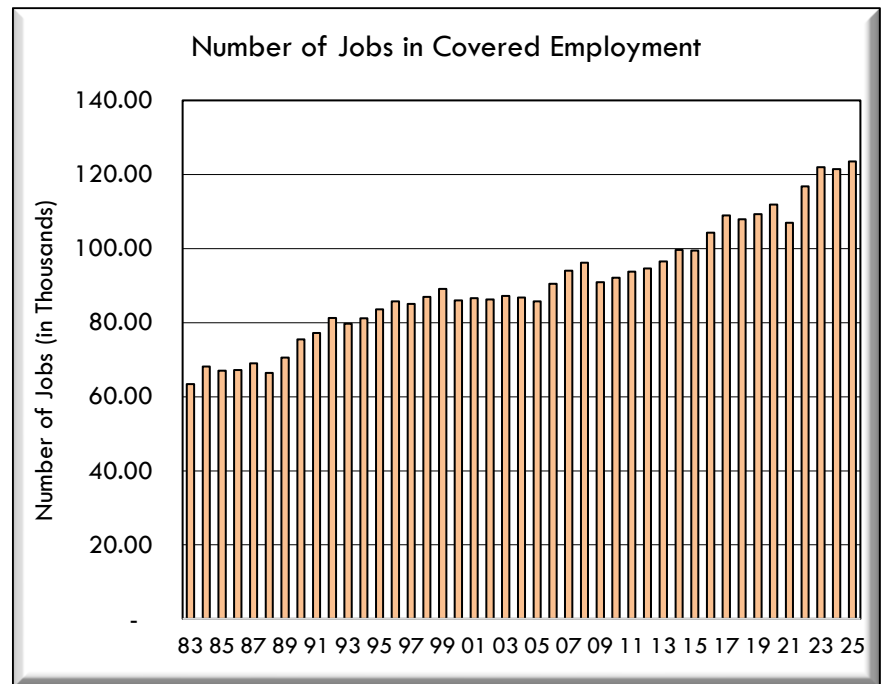
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### Galveston County 1983-2025 Covered Employment\*\*

| YEAR | JOBS    | + / (-) | % +/- |
|------|---------|---------|-------|
| 83   | 63,412  | 0       |       |
| 84   | 68,155  | 4,743   | 7.5%  |
| 85   | 67,070  | (1,085) | -1.6% |
| 86   | 67,261  | 191     | 0.3%  |
| 87   | 69,074  | 1,813   | 2.7%  |
| 88   | 66,495  | (2,579) | -3.7% |
| 89   | 70,562  | 4,067   | 6.1%  |
| 90   | 75,525  | 4,963   | 7.0%  |
| 91   | 77,263  | 1,738   | 2.3%  |
| 92   | 81,312  | 4,049   | 5.2%  |
| 93   | 79,769  | (1,543) | -1.9% |
| 94   | 81,202  | 1,433   | 1.8%  |
| 95   | 83,621  | 2,419   | 3.0%  |
| 96   | 85,803  | 2,182   | 2.6%  |
| 97   | 85,094  | (709)   | -0.8% |
| 98   | 86,963  | 1,869   | 2.2%  |
| 99   | 89,117  | 2,154   | 2.5%  |
| 00   | 86,034  | (3,083) | -3.5% |
| 01   | 86,657  | 623     | 0.7%  |
| 02   | 86,264  | (393)   | -0.5% |
| 03   | 87,246  | 982     | 1.1%  |
| 04   | 86,820  | (426)   | -0.5% |
| 05   | 85,813  | (1,007) | -1.2% |
| 06   | 90,479  | 4,666   | 5.4%  |
| 07   | 94,033  | 3,554   | 3.9%  |
| 08   | 96,208  | 2,175   | 2.3%  |
| 09   | 90,985  | (5,223) | -5.4% |
| 10   | 92,175  | 1,190   | 1.3%  |
| 11   | 93,773  | 1,598   | 1.7%  |
| 12   | 94,627  | 854     | 0.9%  |
| 13   | 96,542  | 1,915   | 2.0%  |
| 14   | 99,641  | 3,099   | 3.2%  |
| 15   | 99,511  | (130)   | -0.1% |
| 16   | 104,348 | 4,837   | 4.9%  |
| 17   | 109,008 | 4,660   | 4.5%  |
| 18   | 107,974 | (1,034) | -0.9% |
| 19   | 109,333 | 1,359   | 1.3%  |
| 20   | 111,892 | 2,559   | 2.3%  |
| 21   | 107,001 | (4,891) | -4.4% |
| 22   | 116,831 | 9,830   | 9.2%  |
| 23   | 121,983 | 5,152   | 4.4%  |
| 24   | 121,512 | (471)   | -0.4% |
| 25   | 123,560 | 2,048   | 1.7%  |



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### Gulf Coast\*\* 2024 Wages\*

(High-Skill High-Growth Occupations Targeted by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board)

| Std. Occ.<br>Code | Occupation                                                                                   | Average<br>Hourly<br>Wage | Average<br>Annual<br>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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