

Chambers County

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County Employment Data*

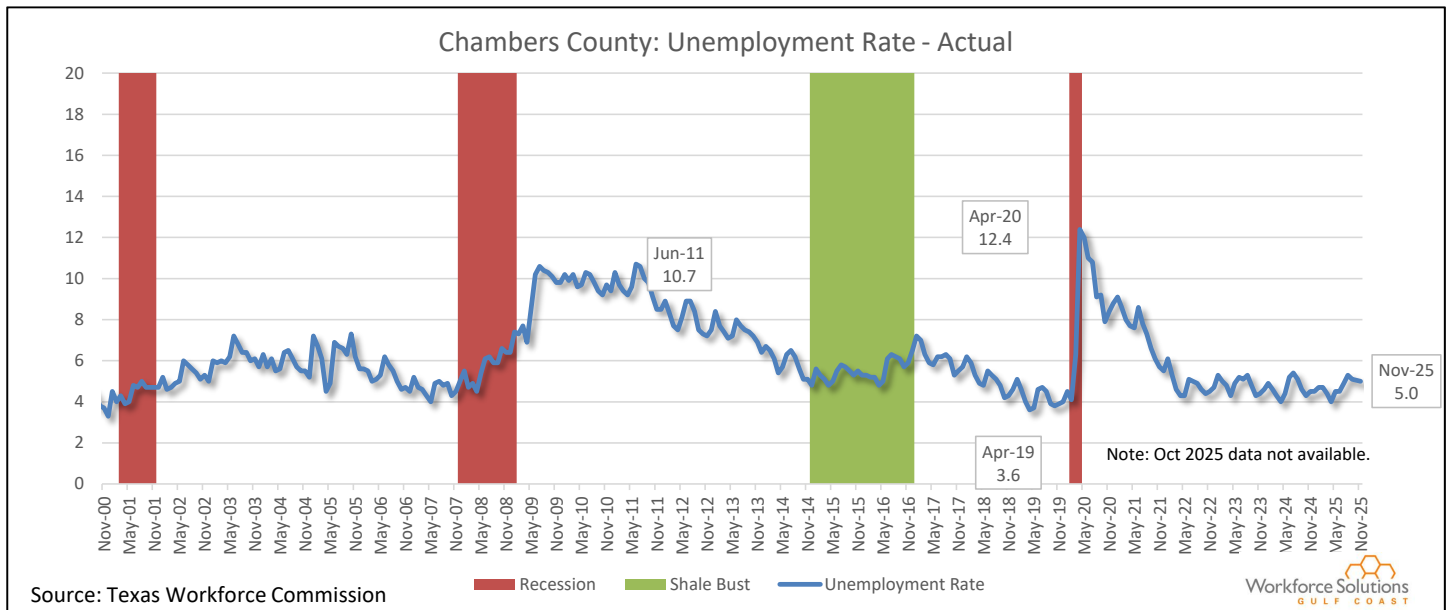
Chambers County's unemployment rate measured **5.0 percent in November 2025**, representing a **0.5 percentage-point increase** from one year earlier. The local rate remained **higher than both the Texas rate (4.2 percent) and the national rate (4.3 percent)**. October unemployment data were unavailable due to reporting delays associated with the federal government shutdown.

Chambers County added **76 jobs in the second quarter of 2025**, reflecting a **0.3 percent increase**. Historically, second-quarter employment in Chambers County does not follow a consistent pattern of gains or losses. **Seven of the eleven major industry sectors** recorded employment growth during the quarter; however, overall gains were largely offset by declines in **Construction**, down **338 jobs (-16.6 percent)**, and **Natural Resources and Mining**, down **71 jobs (-9.8 percent)**. The largest contributor to second-quarter growth was **Other Services**, which added **259 jobs (+19.7 percent)**. Additional gains were recorded in **Education and Health Services** (+63 jobs; +3.6 percent), **Leisure and Hospitality** (+57 jobs; +2.6 percent), and **Professional and Business Services** (+41 jobs; +3.5 percent).

On a year-over-year basis, the county added **1,136 jobs**, with the annual growth rate holding steady at **5.2 percent**. Employment increased in **seven of the eleven major industry sectors** over the year. The strongest gains occurred in **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+756 jobs; +12.3 percent), **Other Services** (+557 jobs; +54.6 percent), and **Education and Health Services** (+341 jobs; +23.2 percent). These increases were partially offset by job losses in **Construction** (-302 jobs; -15.1 percent), **Manufacturing** (-212 jobs; -6.0 percent), and **Natural Resources and Mining** (-99 jobs; -13.1 percent).

Additional details are available on **pages 2-7**.

	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2024
Civilian Labor Force	27,508	NA	26,963
Total Employment	26,138	NA	25,747
Unemployed	1,370	NA	1,216
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	NA	4.5%
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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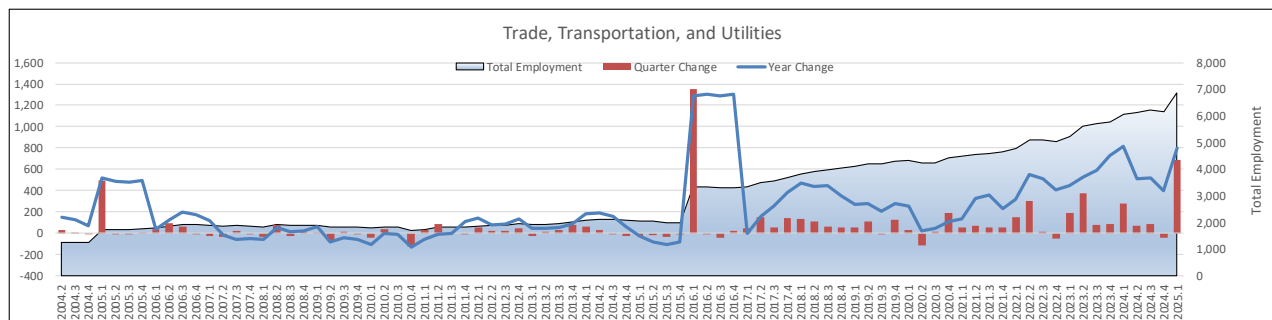
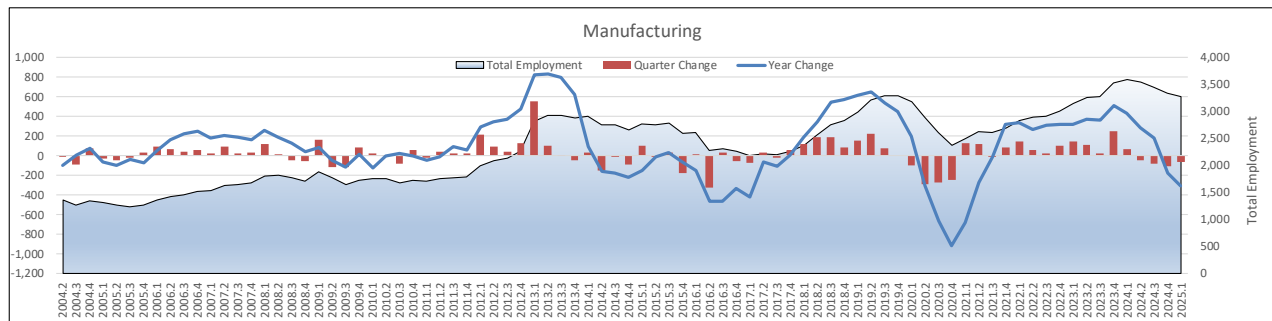
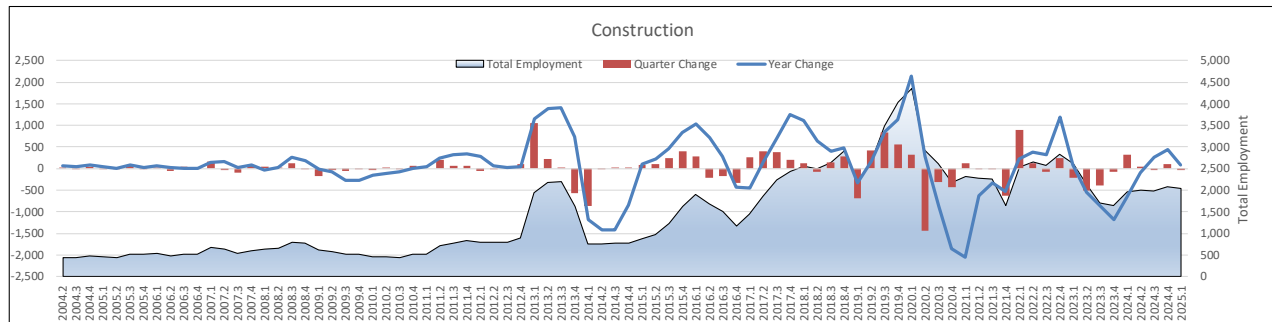
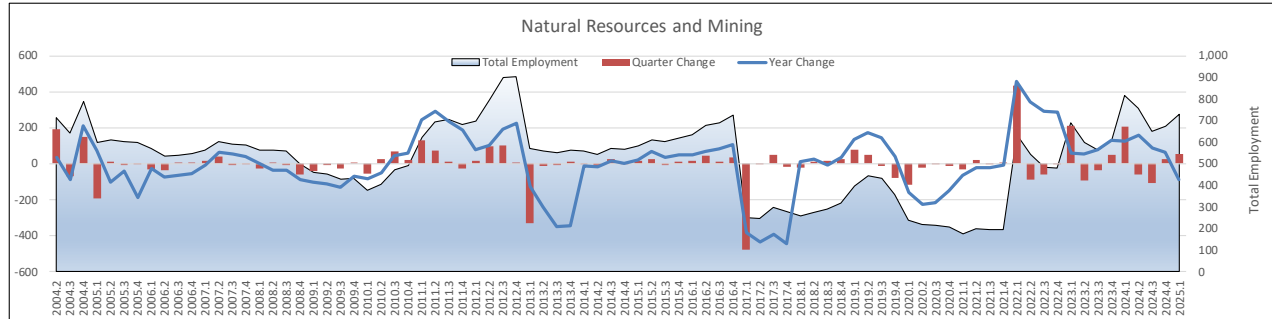
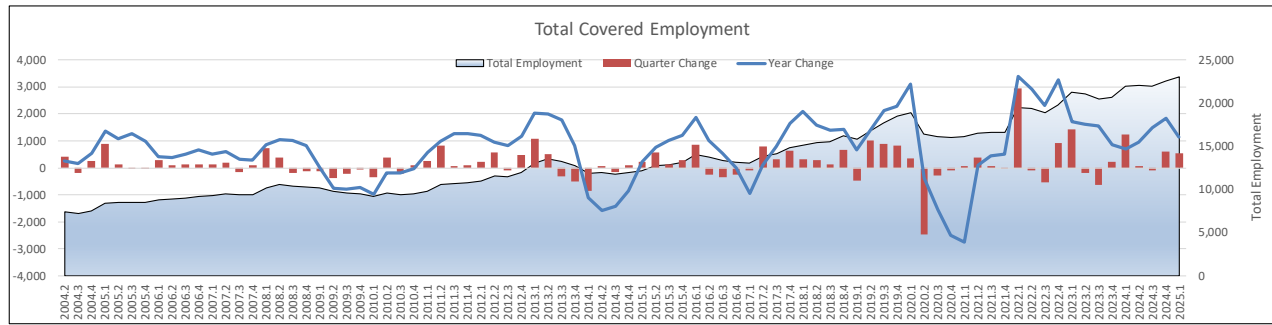
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2025	1ST QTR 2025	2ND QTR 2024	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	23,152	23,076	22,016	76	0.3%	1,136	5.2%	\$1,532
Natural Resources & Mining	657	728	756	-71	-9.8%	-99	-13.1%	\$1,685
Construction	1,702	2,040	2,004	-338	-16.6%	-302	-15.1%	\$1,705
Manufacturing	3,324	3,277	3,536	47	1.4%	-212	-6.0%	\$2,217
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	6,881	6,854	6,125	27	0.4%	756	12.3%	\$1,724
Information	17	15	12	2	13.3%	5	41.7%	\$1,501
Financial Activities	447	453	359	-6	-1.3%	88	24.5%	\$1,469
Professional & Business Services	1,214	1,173	1,348	41	3.5%	-134	-9.9%	\$1,547
Education & Health Services	1,811	1,748	1,470	63	3.6%	341	23.2%	\$938
Leisure & Hospitality	2,224	2,167	2,180	57	2.6%	44	2.0%	\$470
Other Services	1,577	1,318	1,020	259	19.7%	557	54.6%	\$2,027
Nonclassifiable	21	23	12	-2	-8.7%	9	75.0%	\$637
Public Administration	3,275	3,280	3,194	-5	-0.2%	81	2.5%	\$1,119
Federal Government	53	53	57	0	0.0%	-4	-7.0%	\$1,877
State Government	48	47	41	1	2.1%	7	17.1%	\$1,462
Local Government	3,174	3,180	3,096	-6	-0.2%	78	2.5%	\$1,117

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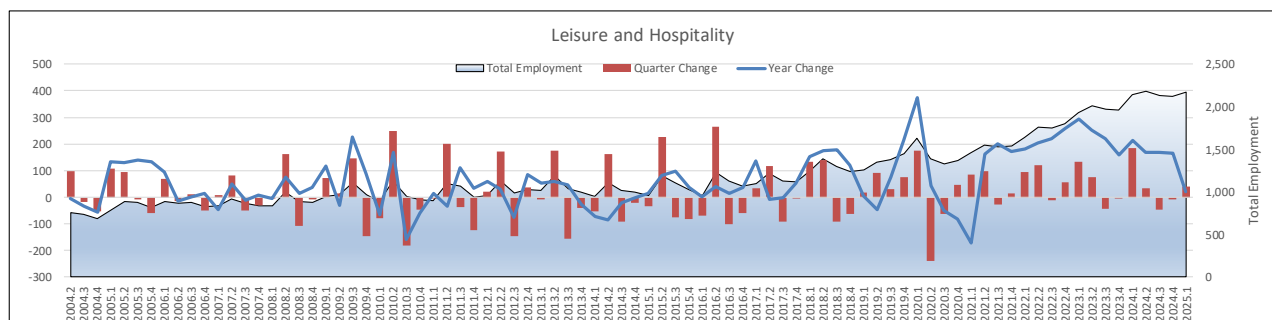
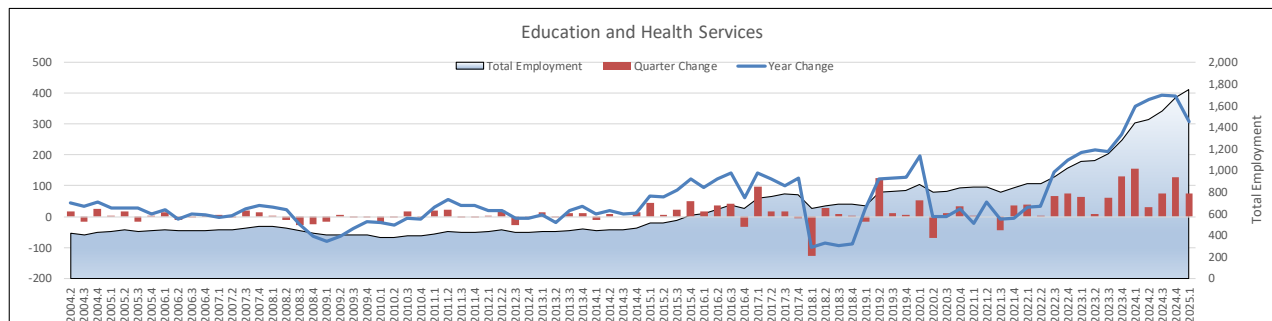
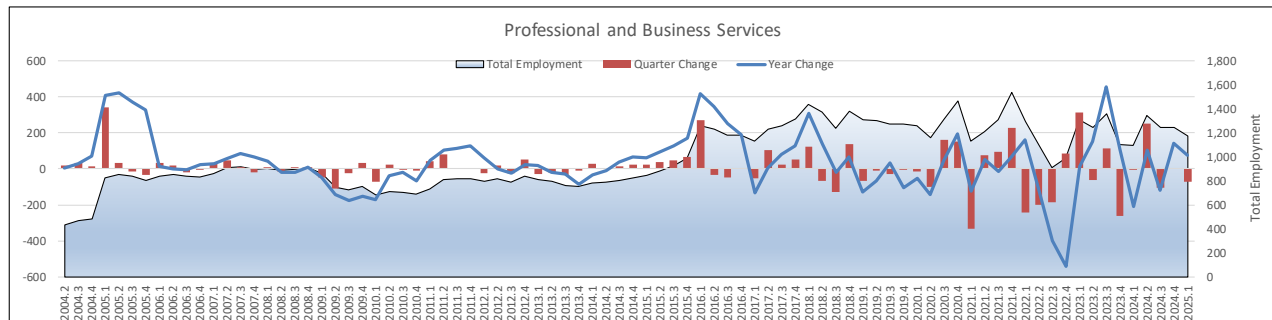
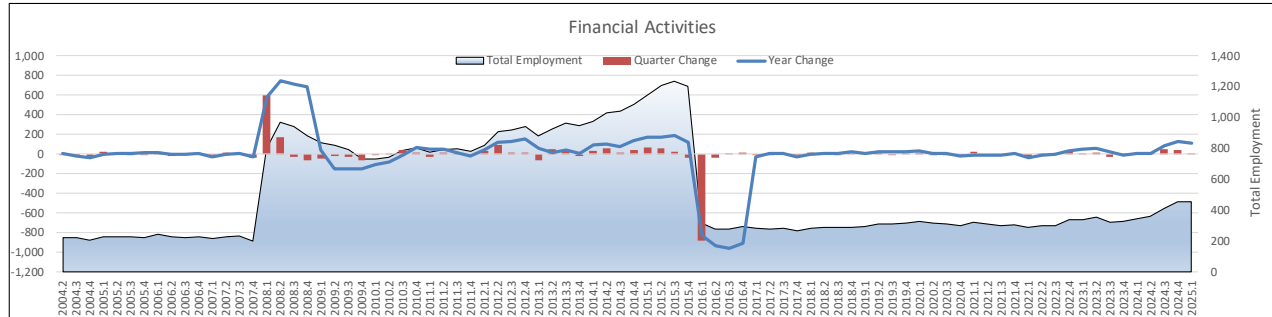
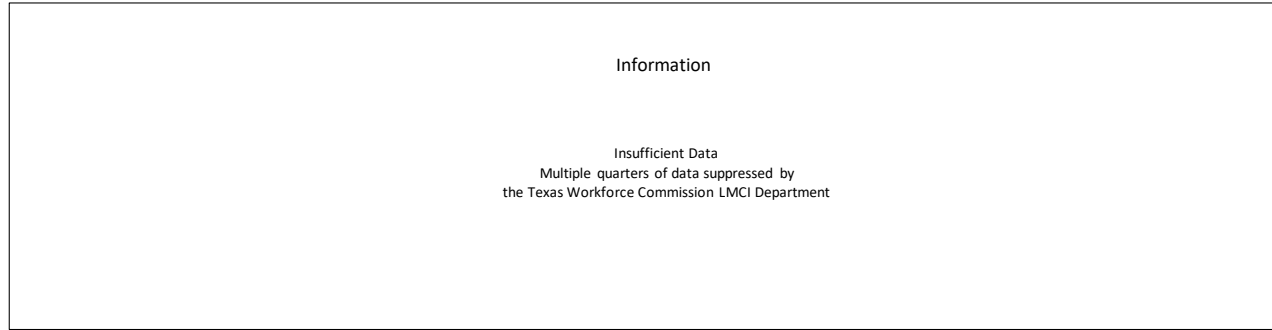
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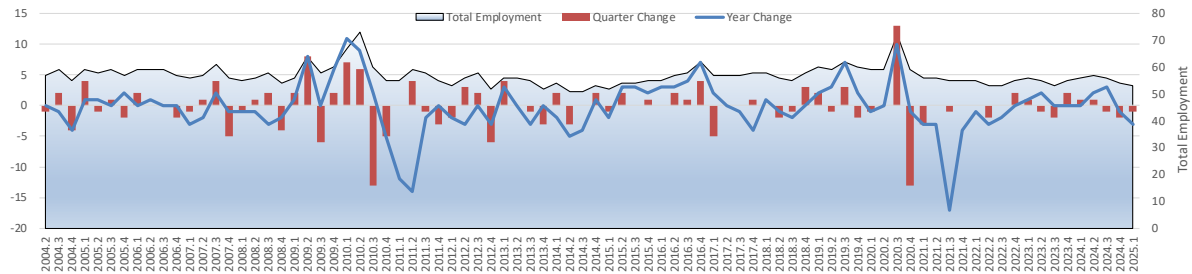
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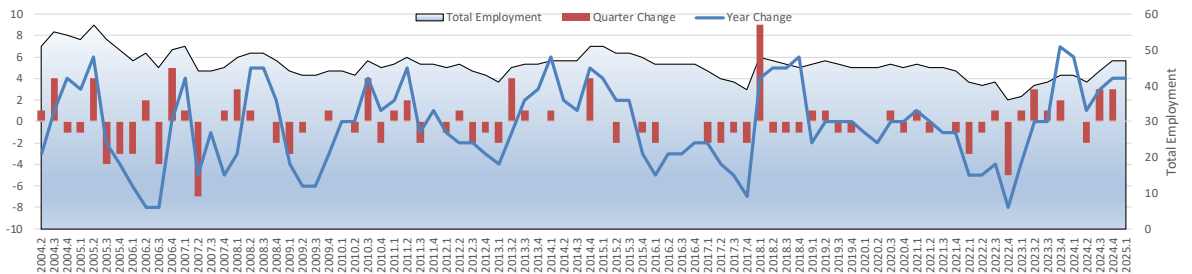
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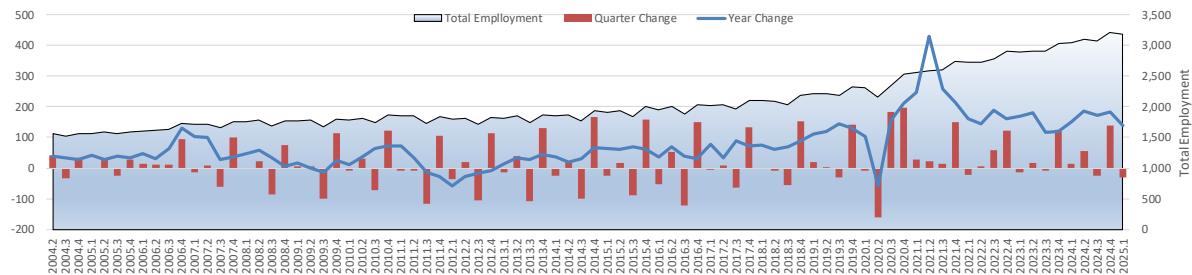
Federal Government



State Government



Local Government



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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	23,076	2025.1	6,941	2003.4
Natural Resources and Mining	905	2012.4	176	2021.1
Construction	4,361	2020.1	371	2003.2
Manufacturing	3,583	2024.1	1,235	2005.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,854	2025.1	1,106	2003.2
Information	25	2005.1	7	2016.2
Financial Activities	1,236	2015.3	197	2007.4
Professional and Business Services	1,535	2021.4	406	2003.4
Education and Health Services	1,748	2025.1	372	2003.3
Leisure and Hospitality	2,180	2024.2	658	2004.1
Other Services	1,885	2023.1	87	2003.4
Federal Government	73	2010.2	51	2014.2
State Government	57	2005.2	36	2022.4
Local Government	3,210	2024.4	1,492	2003.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	449	3.2%	162	1.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	-9	6.7%	12	3.0%
Construction	75	8.6%	-40	1.3%
Manufacturing	85	4.2%	6	0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	133	6.5%	61	1.8%
Information	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	-10	11.8%	20	2.2%
Professional and Business Services	12	4.0%	5	1.2%
Education and Health Services	20	2.3%	11	2.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	38	2.6%	110	11.6%
Other Services	na	na	na	na
Federal Government	0	0.8%	1	1.4%
State Government	0	0.3%	0	0.2%
Local Government	-9	-0.5%	11	0.6%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-78	-0.6%	198	1.3%
Natural Resources and Mining	0	0.7%	0	-0.2%
Construction	34	2.9%	5	2.2%
Manufacturing	-22	-1.3%	13	1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	18	0.6%	25	0.7%
Information	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	5	0.9%	-4	-0.6%
Professional and Business Services	-5	-0.2%	22	1.9%
Education and Health Services	10	0.9%	21	2.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	-52	-4.2%	-27	-3.0%
Other Services	na	na	na	na
Federal Government	0	0.6%	-2	-2.4%
State Government	0	0.2%	0	-0.8%
Local Government	-44	-2.4%	118	6.0%

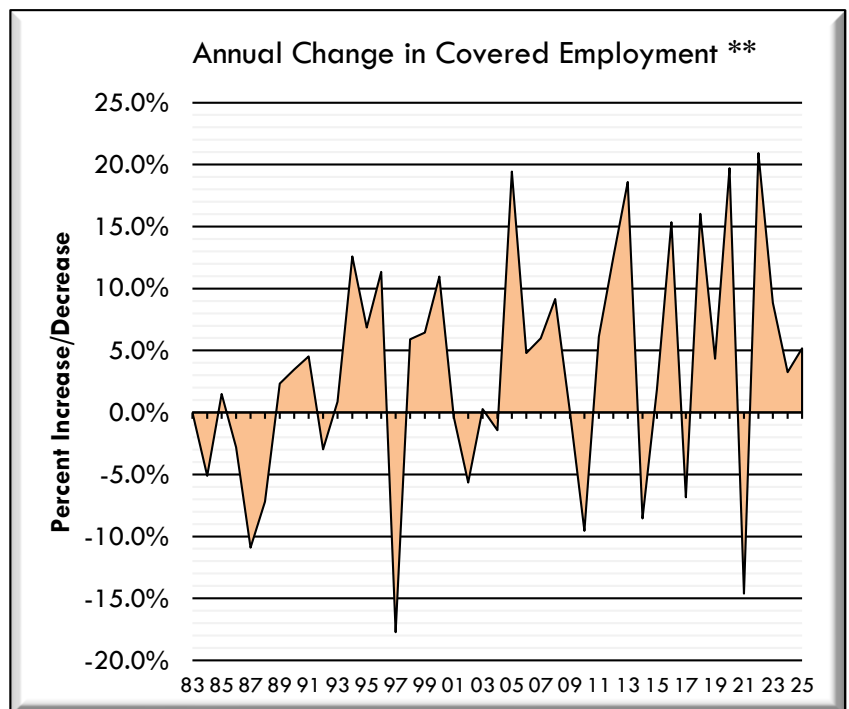
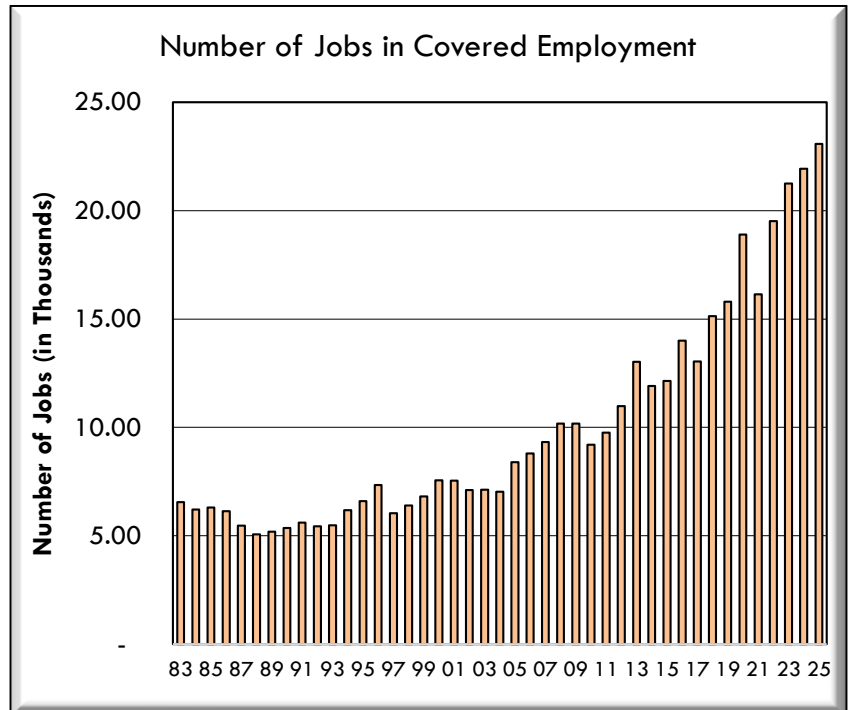
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Chambers County 1983-2025 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	6,545		
84	6,210	(335)	-5.1%
85	6,302	92	1.5%
86	6,124	(178)	-2.8%
87	5,456	(668)	-10.9%
88	5,063	(393)	-7.2%
89	5,181	118	2.3%
90	5,361	180	3.5%
91	5,603	242	4.5%
92	5,436	(167)	-3.0%
93	5,483	47	0.9%
94	6,173	690	12.6%
95	6,596	423	6.9%
96	7,344	748	11.3%
97	6,043	(1,301)	-17.7%
98	6,400	357	5.9%
99	6,813	413	6.5%
00	7,561	748	11.0%
01	7,534	(27)	-0.4%
02	7,107	(427)	-5.7%
03	7,126	19	0.3%
04	7,024	(102)	-1.4%
05	8,389	1,365	19.4%
06	8,791	402	4.8%
07	9,316	525	6.0%
08	10,168	852	9.1%
09	10,172	4	0.0%
10	9,200	(972)	-9.6%
11	9,763	563	6.1%
12	10,984	1,221	12.5%
13	13,028	2,044	18.6%
14	11,914	(1,114)	-8.6%
15	12,140	226	1.9%
16	14,003	1,863	15.3%
17	13,046	(957)	-6.8%
18	15,137	2,091	16.0%
19	15,793	656	4.3%
20	18,905	3,112	19.7%
21	16,144	(2,761)	-14.6%
22	19,523	3,379	20.9%
23	21,250	1,727	8.8%
24	21,942	692	3.3%
25	23,076	1,134	5.2%



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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 on 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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