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County Employment Data*

Colorado County's unemployment rate measured **3.9 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 lower 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.

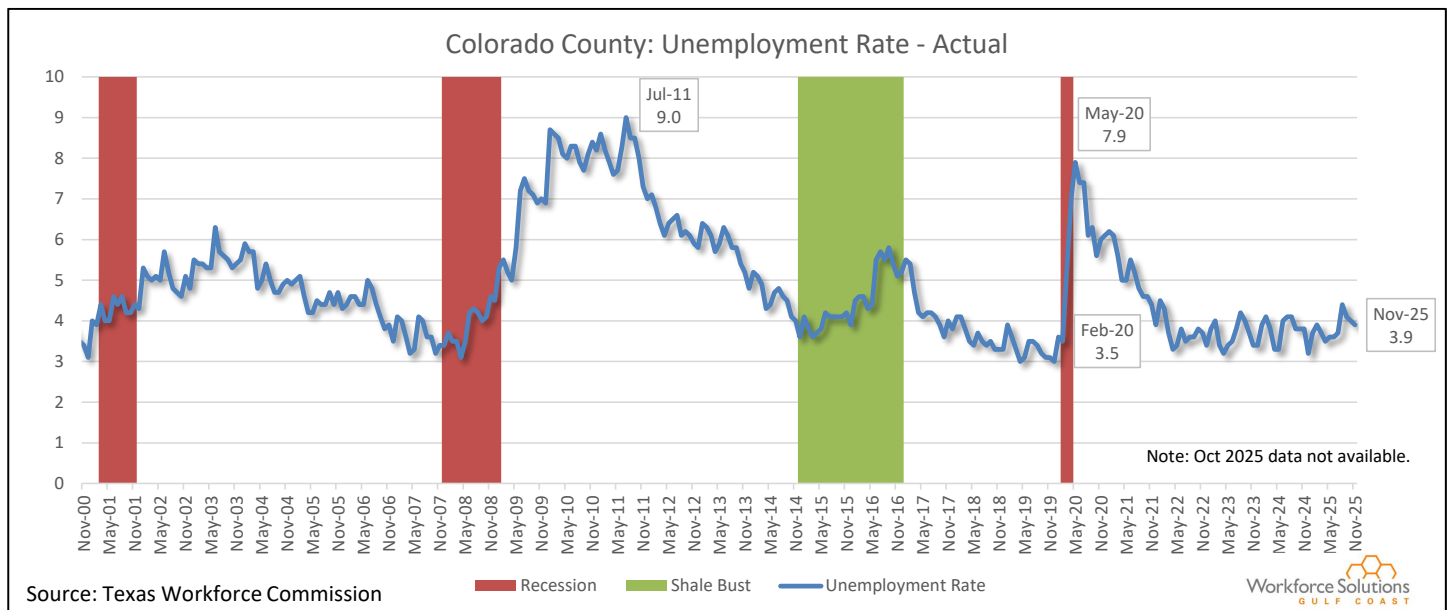
Colorado County recorded a gain of **238 jobs in the second quarter of 2025**, reflecting a **3.2 percent increase** that exceeded the historical second-quarter average growth rate of **2.8 percent**. Employment gains were reported in **ten of the eleven major industry sectors**, though employment levels in **Information** were suppressed due to privacy concerns. Consistent with historical patterns, the majority of the increase occurred in **Leisure and Hospitality**, which added **203 jobs (+20.6 percent)**. The second-largest gain was in **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities**, up **61 jobs (+4.1 percent)**. These gains were partially offset by a **seasonal decline in Public Administration**, which lost **76 jobs (-6.6 percent)** as the academic year concluded.

On a year-over-year basis, total employment in the county was **essentially unchanged**

d, reflecting offsetting gains and losses across sectors. Job losses in **Manufacturing** (-44 jobs; -3.6 percent) and **Natural Resources and Mining** (-61 jobs; -11.4 percent) constrained overall growth. These declines were offset by gains in **Leisure and Hospitality** (+55 jobs; +4.9 percent), **Education and Health Services** (+26 jobs; +2.6 percent), and an increase of **35 jobs in Nonclassifiable employment**.

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

	NOV 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2024
Civilian Labor Force	9,671	NA	9,370
Total Employment	9,296	NA	9,370
Unemployed	375	NA	354
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	NA	3.8%
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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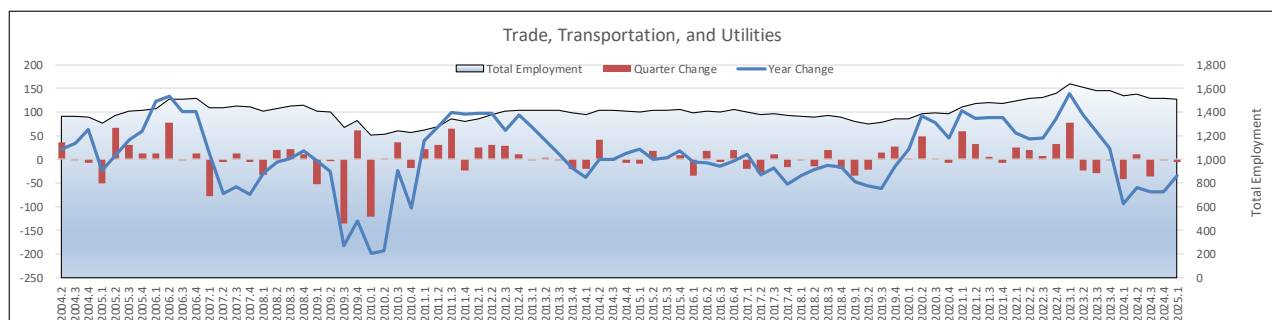
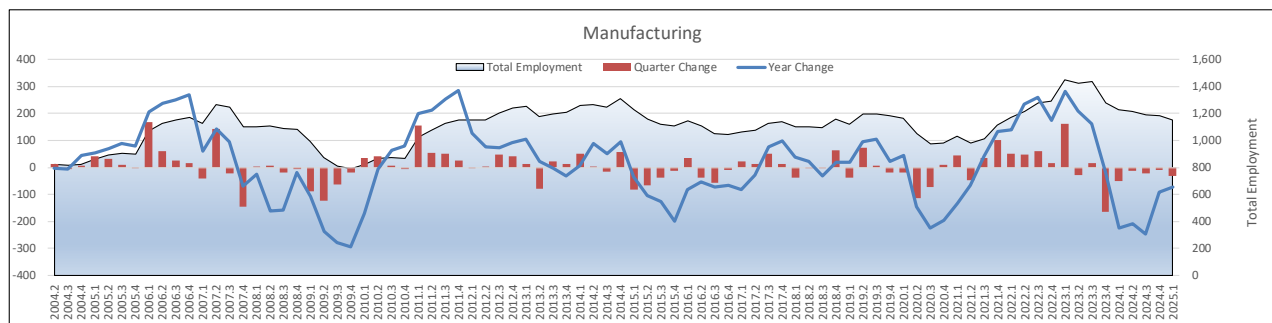
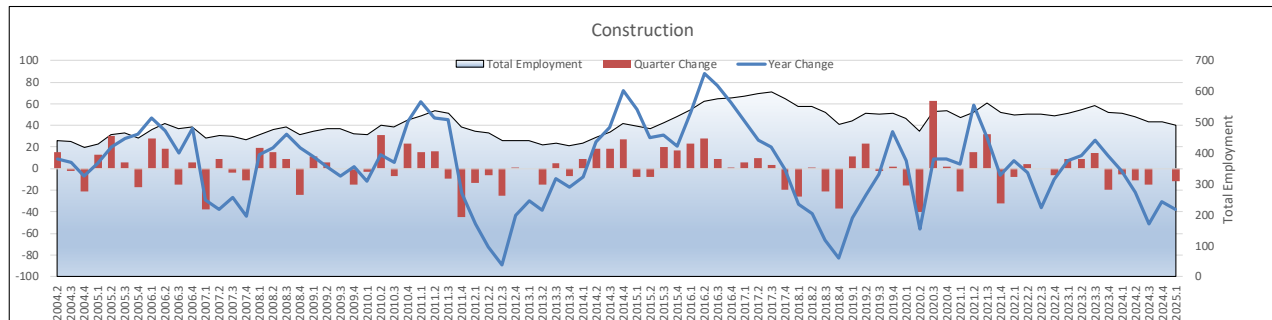
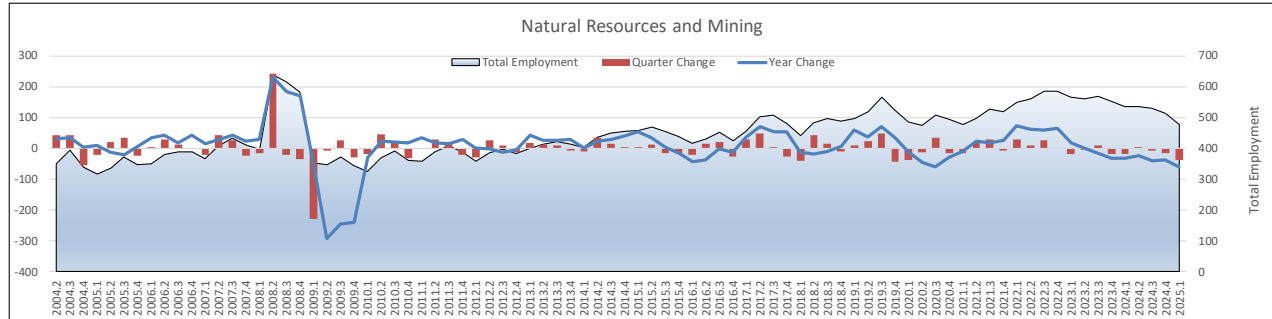
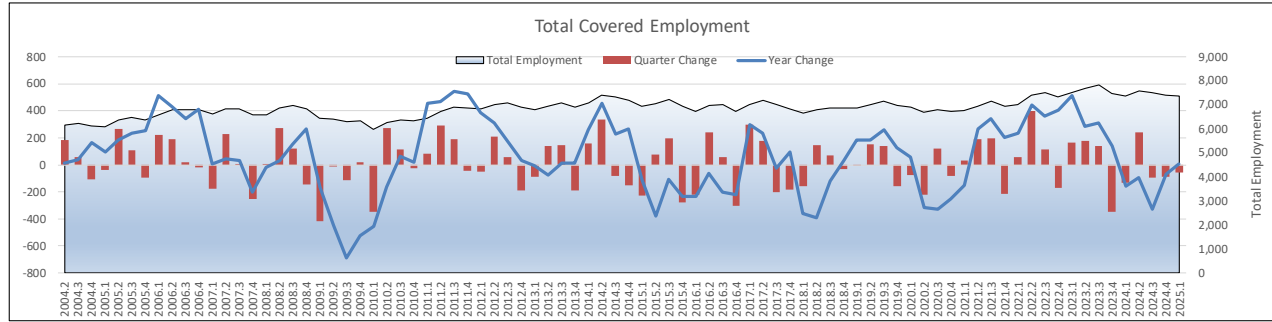
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	2ND QTR 2025	1ST QTR 2025	2ND QTR 2024	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	7,603	7,365	7,600	238	3.2%	3	0.0%	\$1,021
Natural Resources & Mining	475	476	536	-1	-0.2%	-61	-11.4%	\$1,229
Construction	507	490	517	17	3.5%	-10	-1.9%	\$1,388
Manufacturing	1,169	1,151	1,213	18	1.6%	-44	-3.6%	\$1,310
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,567	1,506	1,551	61	4.1%	16	1.0%	\$1,019
Information	---	---	---	na	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	191	184	197	7	3.8%	-6	-3.0%	\$1,165
Professional & Business Services	237	238	248	-1	-0.4%	-11	-4.4%	\$1,189
Education & Health Services	1,028	1,025	1,002	3	0.3%	26	2.6%	\$937
Leisure & Hospitality	1,187	984	1,132	203	20.6%	55	4.9%	\$538
Other Services	119	119	103	0	0.0%	16	15.5%	\$922
Nonclassifiable	39	32	4	7	0.0%	35	875.0%	\$ 69
Public Administration	1,083	1,159	1,097	-76	-6.6%	-14	-1.3%	\$951
Federal Government	50	52	48	-2	-3.8%	2	4.2%	\$1,313
State Government	103	104	101	-1	-1.0%	2	2.0%	\$1,071
Local Government	930	1,003	948	-73	-7.3%	-18	-1.9%	\$920

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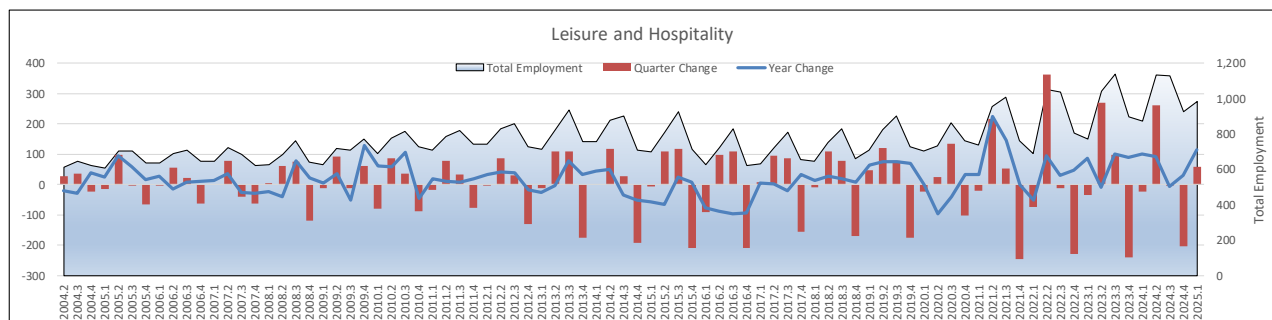
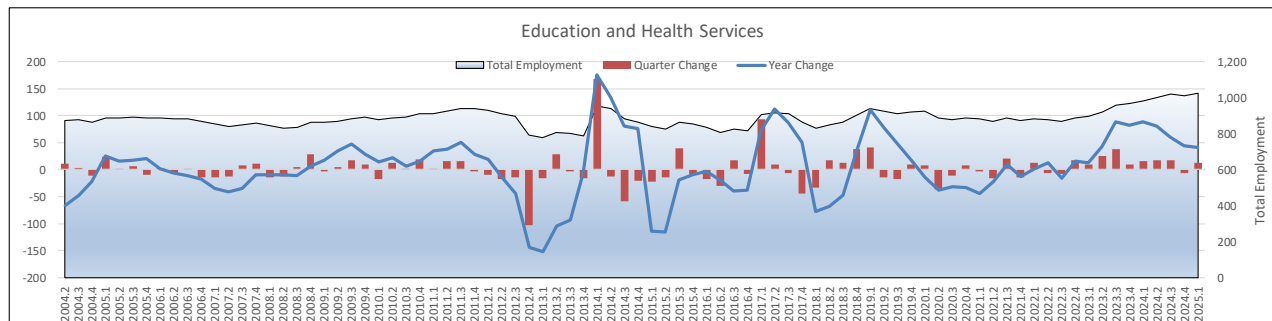
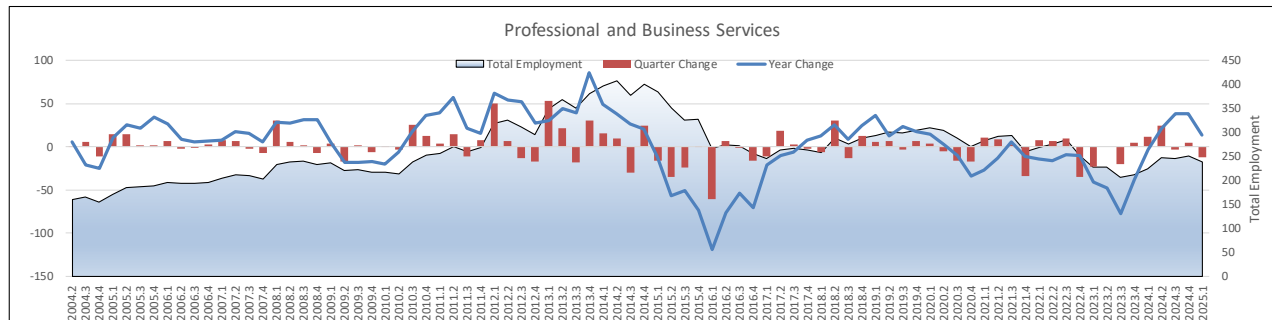
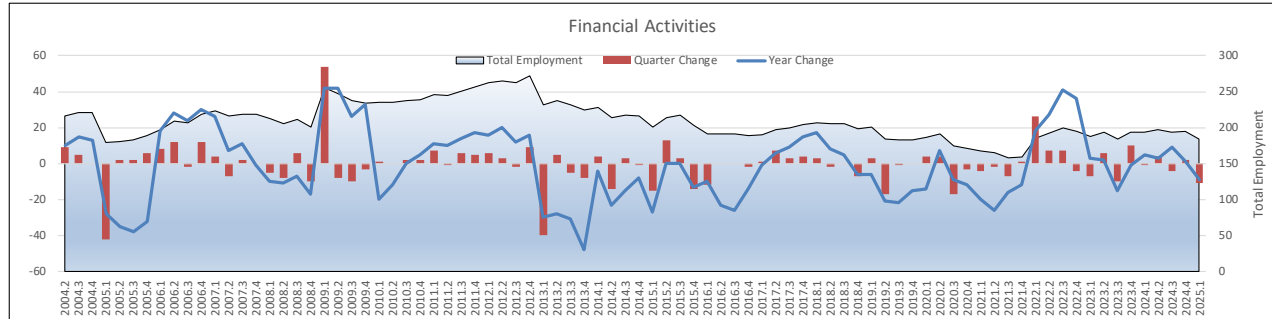
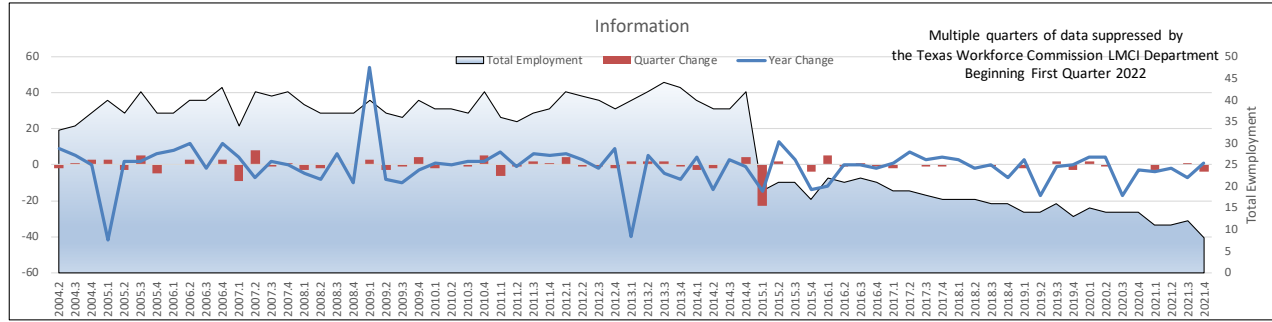
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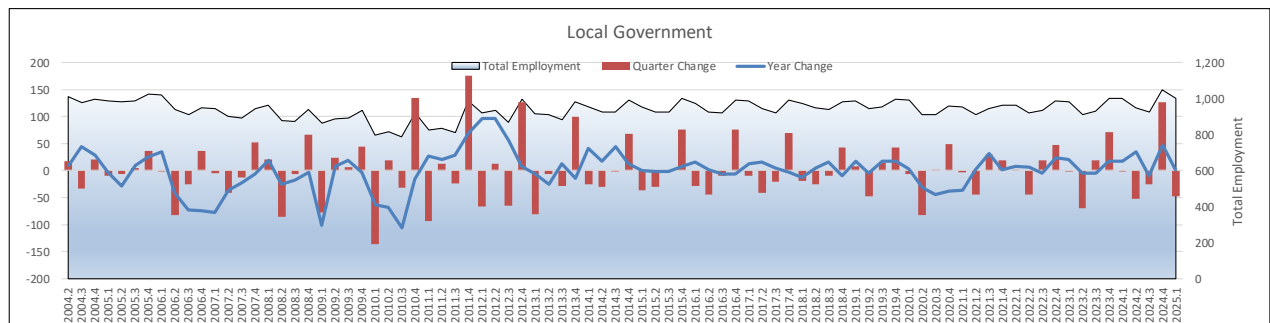
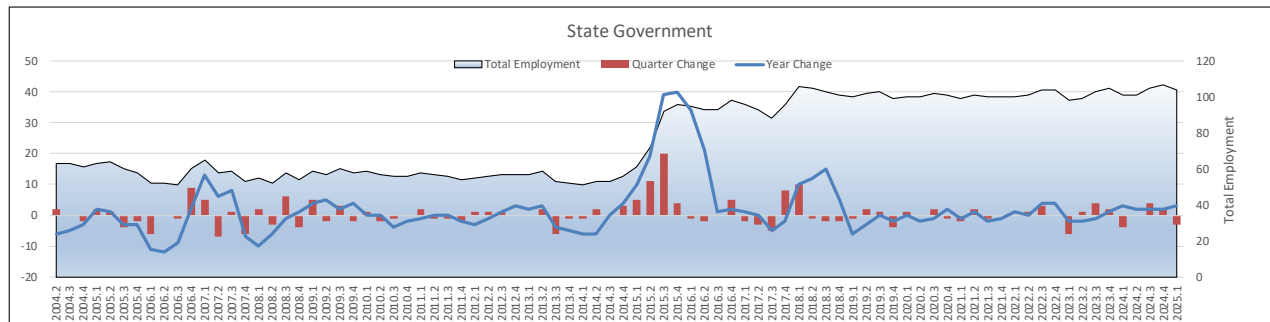
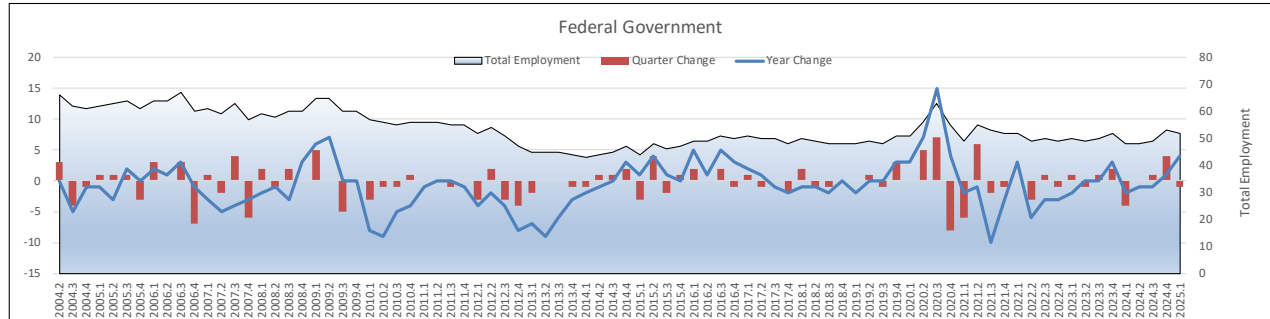
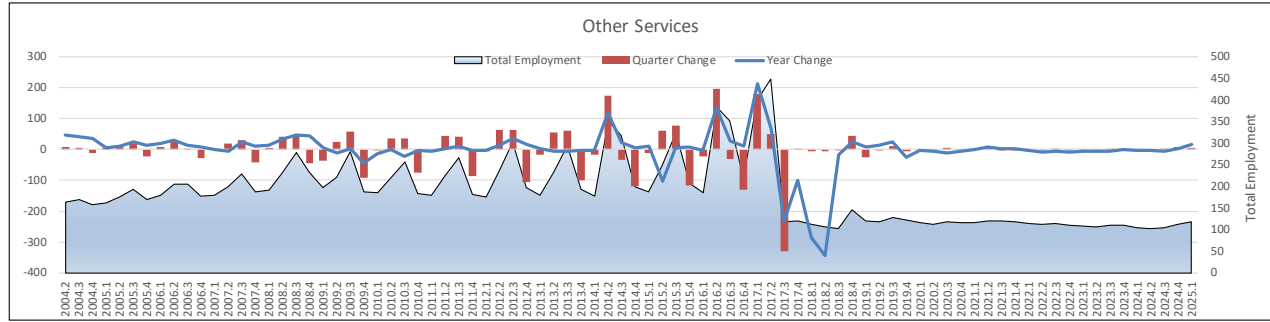
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	7,834	2023.3	5,959	2003.4
Natural Resources and Mining	639	2008.2	308	2004.1
Construction	597	2017.3	417	2004.4
Manufacturing	1,450	2023.1	777	2003.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,635	2023.1	1,207	2010.1
Information	44	2013.3	8	2021.4
Financial Activities	272	2012.4	158	2021.3
Professional and Business Services	407	2014.2	154	2003.2
Education and Health Services	1,025	2025.1	777	2013.1
Leisure and Hospitality	1,137	2023.3	582	2004.1
Other Services	449	2017.2	103	2018.3
Federal Government	67	2003.3	43	2014.1
State Government	107	2024.4	51	2006.3
Local Government	1,050	2024.4	785	2010.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-41	-0.6%	189	2.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	-21	-4.3%	32	8.3%
Construction	0	0.1%	8	1.7%
Manufacturing	19	2.2%	-1	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-23	-0.8%	17	1.3%
Information	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	-1	0.0%	1	0.4%
Professional and Business Services	4	1.7%	6	2.5%
Education and Health Services	9	1.2%	-2	-0.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	-14	-1.9%	121	17.2%
Other Services	3	1.5%	38	20.0%
Federal Government	0	-0.4%	1	1.3%
State Government	0	0.8%	0	0.3%
Local Government	-27	-2.8%	-31	-3.1%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	64	0.9%	-148	-2.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	18	4.5%	-20	-4.5%
Construction	4	0.8%	-8	-1.6%
Manufacturing	0	-0.1%	-3	-0.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1	0.2%	1	0.1%
Information	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	-1	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	-3	-0.2%	-2	-1.1%
Education and Health Services	3	0.4%	-7	-0.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	50	6.4%	-136	-15.1%
Other Services	3	5.8%	-43	-13.9%
Federal Government	0	0.4%	-1	-1.8%
State Government	1	1.4%	0	0.0%
Local Government	-12	-1.3%	69	7.8%

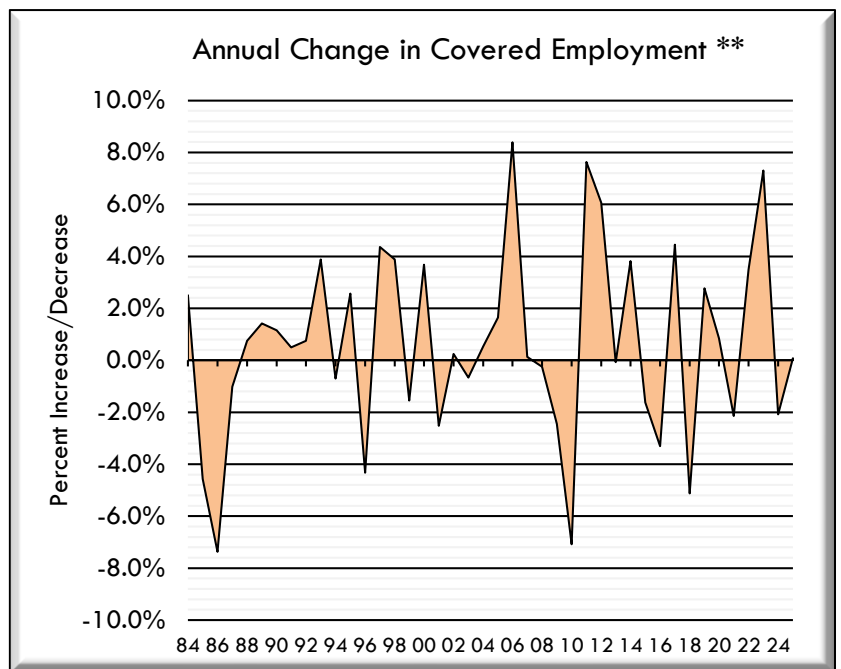
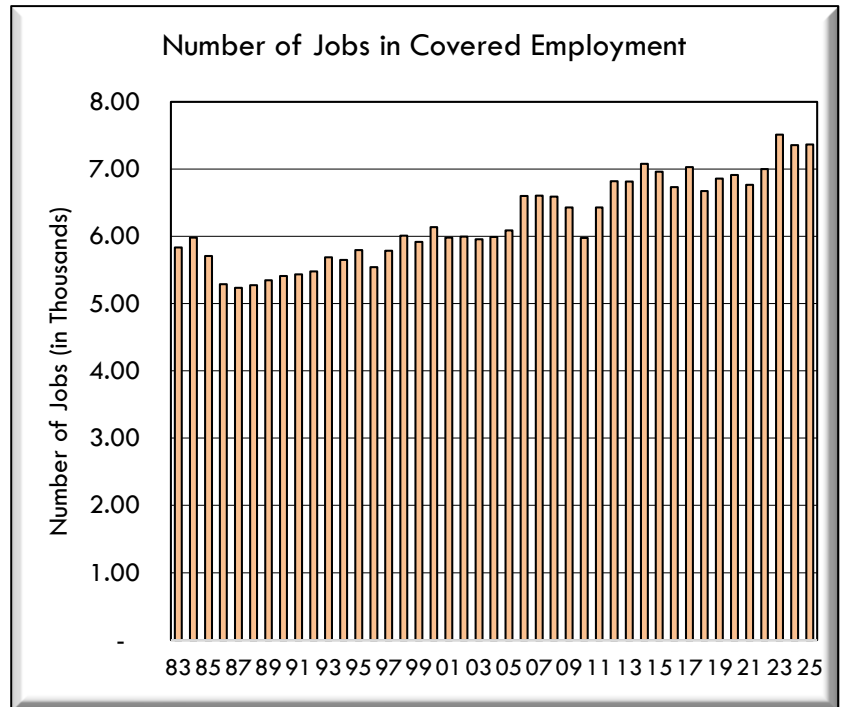
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Colorado County 1983-2025 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	5,836		
84	5,982	146	2.5%
85	5,709	(273)	-4.6%
86	5,288	(421)	-7.4%
87	5,234	(54)	-1.0%
88	5,273	39	0.7%
89	5,348	75	1.4%
90	5,410	62	1.2%
91	5,437	27	0.5%
92	5,478	41	0.8%
93	5,691	213	3.9%
94	5,651	(40)	-0.7%
95	5,796	145	2.6%
96	5,545	(251)	-4.3%
97	5,787	242	4.4%
98	6,012	225	3.9%
99	5,919	(93)	-1.5%
00	6,137	218	3.7%
01	5,982	(155)	-2.5%
02	5,997	15	0.3%
03	5,957	(40)	-0.7%
04	5,989	32	0.5%
05	6,088	99	1.7%
06	6,599	511	8.4%
07	6,608	9	0.1%
08	6,592	(16)	-0.2%
09	6,431	(161)	-2.4%
10	5,976	(455)	-7.1%
11	6,432	456	7.6%
12	6,822	390	6.1%
13	6,817	(5)	-0.1%
14	7,077	260	3.8%
15	6,962	(115)	-1.6%
16	6,732	(230)	-3.3%
17	7,032	300	4.5%
18	6,672	(360)	-5.1%
19	6,857	185	2.8%
20	6,915	58	0.8%
21	6,767	(148)	-2.1%
22	7,003	236	3.5%
23	7,515	512	7.3%
24	7,359	(156)	-2.1%
25	7,365	6	0.1%



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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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