

Chambers County

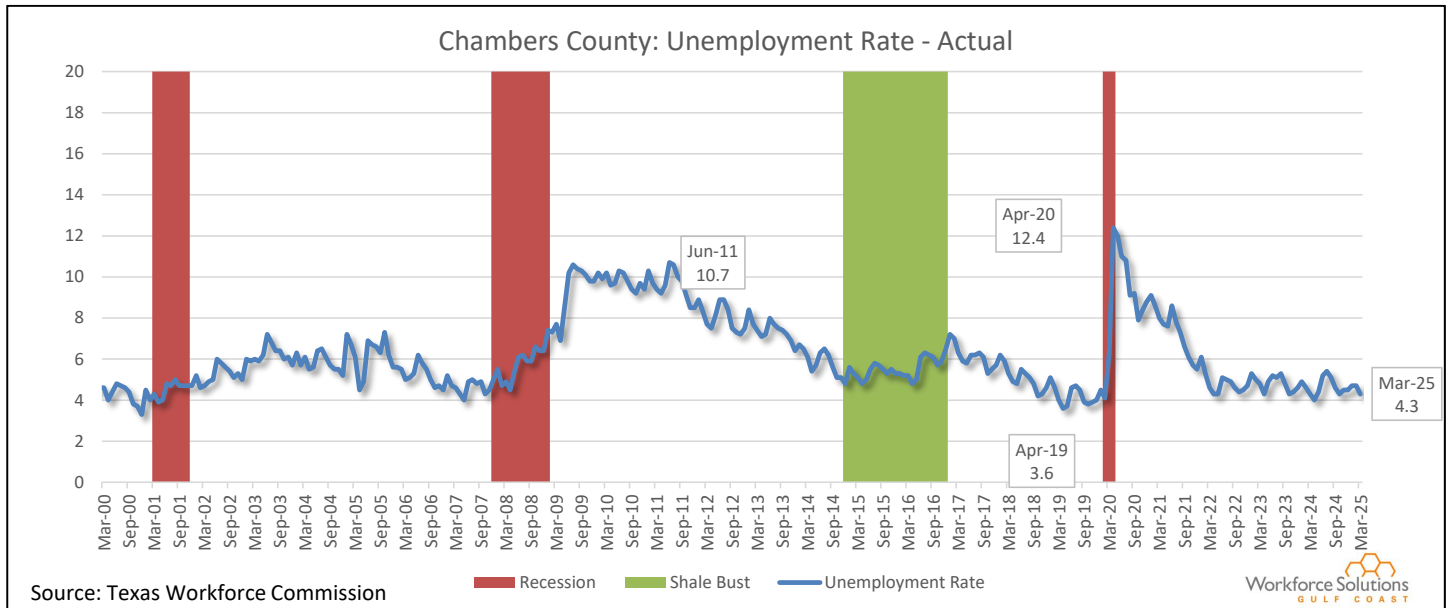
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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Chambers County fell four-tenths of a percentage point to 4.3 percent in March, the same as it was a year earlier. The local rate of unemployment was higher than the broader state and national rates. Total covered employment in Chambers County experienced a net loss of 79 jobs over third quarter 2024, down 0.4 percent. The loss was a considerable improvement to third-quarter losses of the last two years, down 613 jobs in 2023 and 521 jobs in 2022. Largest third-quarter gains were found in Other Services, up 93 jobs or 9.1 percent, Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 87 jobs or 1.4 percent, and Education and Health Services, up 76 jobs or 5.2 percent. The largest contributors to third-quarter's decline were Professional and Business Services, down 105 jobs or 7.8 percent, Natural Resources and Mining, down 105 jobs or 13.9 percent, and Manufacturing, down 80 jobs or 2.3 percent. The county added 1,480 jobs over the year with the pace of job growth rising to 7.2 percent from 4.5 percent in the second quarter. Given that Chamber's County is among the top 10 U.S. counties with the fastest growth rates, it's no surprise to see the corresponding rapid job growth, as illustrated in the chart on page 7. Job gains were found in eight of eleven major industry sectors. Job gains were widespread with largest growth in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 520 jobs or 9.1 percent, Education and Health Services, up 394 jobs or 34.2 percent, and Construction, up 261 jobs or 15.2 percent. Overall gains were offset by losses in Other Services, down 275 jobs or 19.8 percent, and Professional and Business Services, down 118 jobs or 8.7 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	MAR 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2024
Civilian Labor Force	27,153	27,242	26,668
Total Employment	25,973	25,965	25,528
Unemployed	1,180	1,277	1,140
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.7%	4.3%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%
U.S.	4.2%	4.5%	3.9%



*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 3rd quarter 2024 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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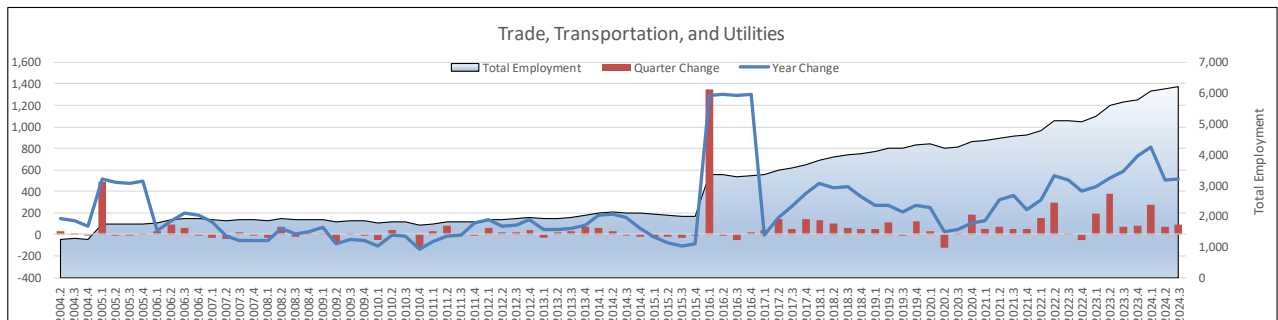
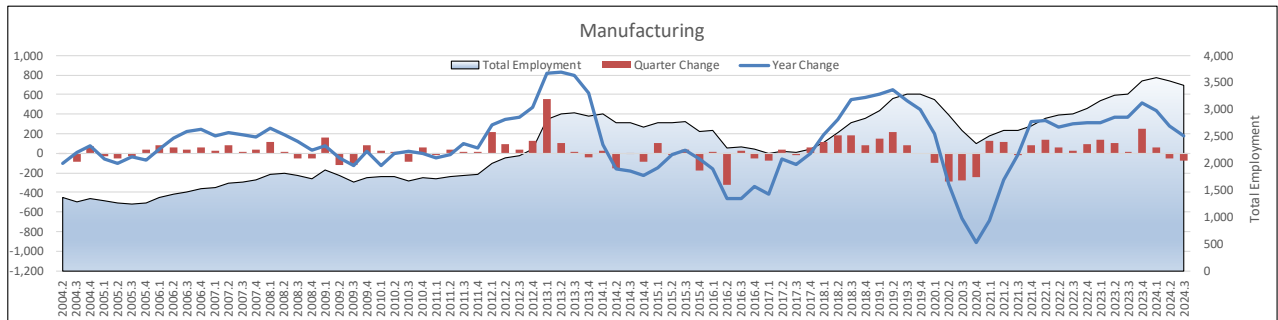
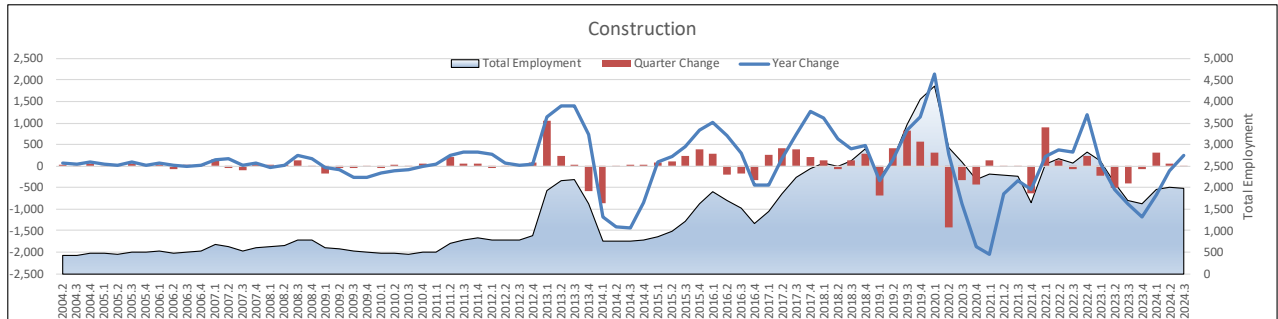
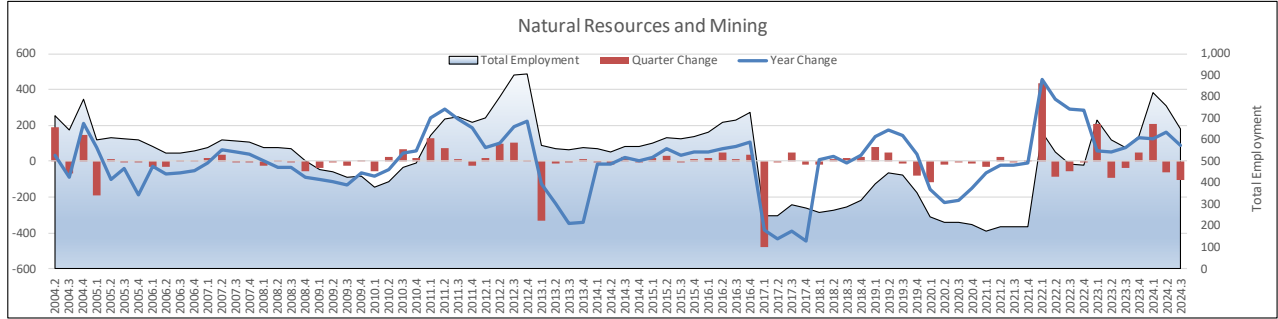
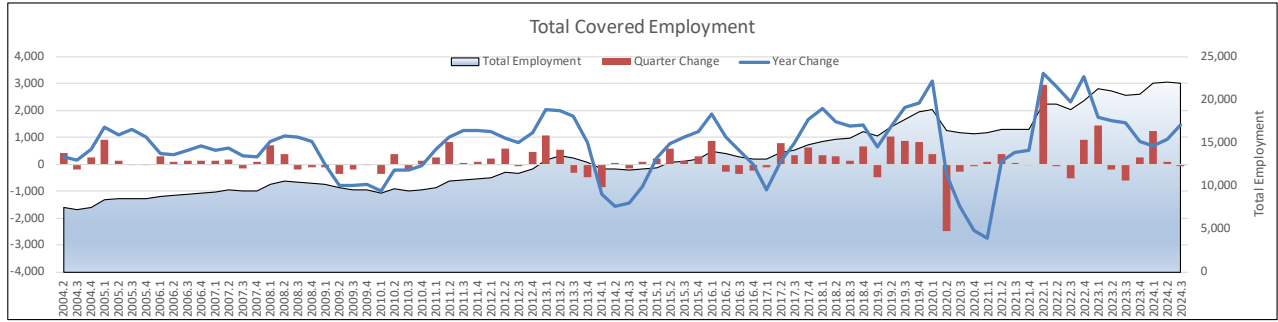
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	3RD QTR 2024	2ND QTR 2024	3RD QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	21,937	22,016	20,457	-79	-0.4%	1,480	7.2%	\$1,571
Natural Resources & Mining	651	756	562	-105	-13.9%	89	15.8%	\$1,742
Construction	1,973	2,004	1,712	-31	-1.5%	261	15.2%	\$1,626
Manufacturing	3,456	3,536	3,273	-80	-2.3%	183	5.6%	\$2,223
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	6,212	6,125	5,692	87	1.4%	520	9.1%	\$1,816
Information	13	12	14	1	8.3%	-1	-7.1%	\$1,520
Financial Activities	410	359	324	51	14.2%	86	26.5%	\$1,512
Professional & Business Services	1,243	1,348	1,361	-105	-7.8%	-118	-8.7%	\$1,440
Education & Health Services	1,546	1,470	1,152	76	5.2%	394	34.2%	\$913
Leisure & Hospitality	2,135	2,180	1,968	-45	-2.1%	167	8.5%	\$445
Other Services	1,113	1,020	1,388	93	9.1%	-275	-19.8%	\$2,226
Nonclassifiable	12	12	14	0	0.0%	-2	-14.3%	\$935
Public Administration	3,172	3,194	2,995	-22	-0.7%	177	5.9%	\$1,120
Federal Government	56	57	53	-1	-1.8%	3	5.7%	\$1,684
State Government	44	41	41	3	7.3%	3	7.3%	\$1,384
Local Government	3,072	3,096	2,901	-24	-0.8%	171	5.9%	\$1,106

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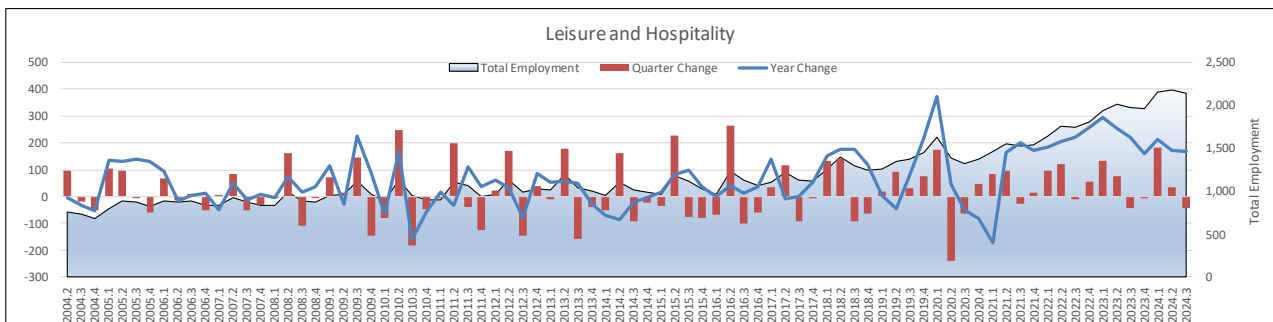
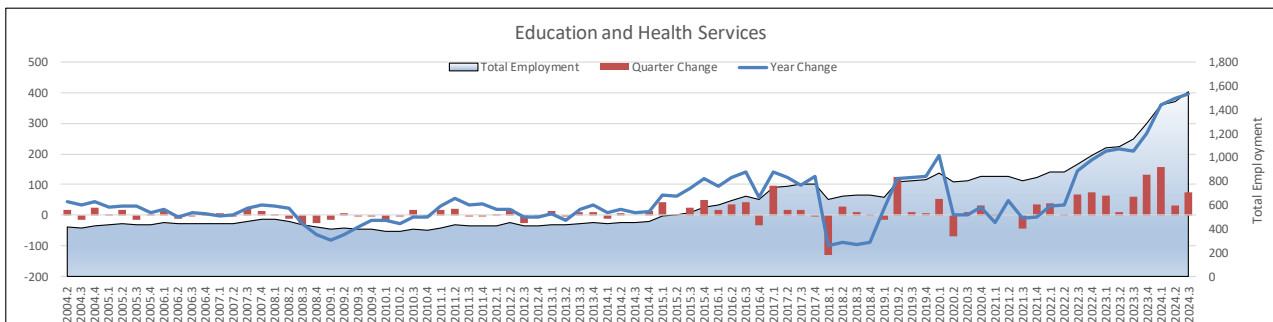
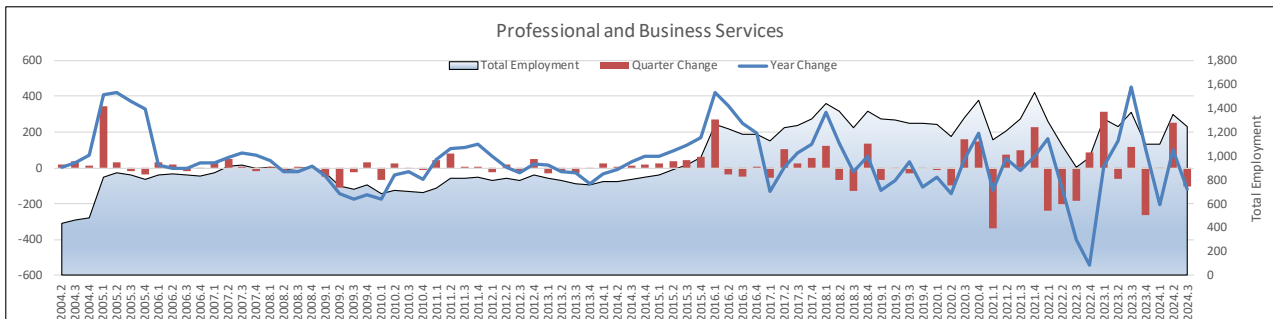
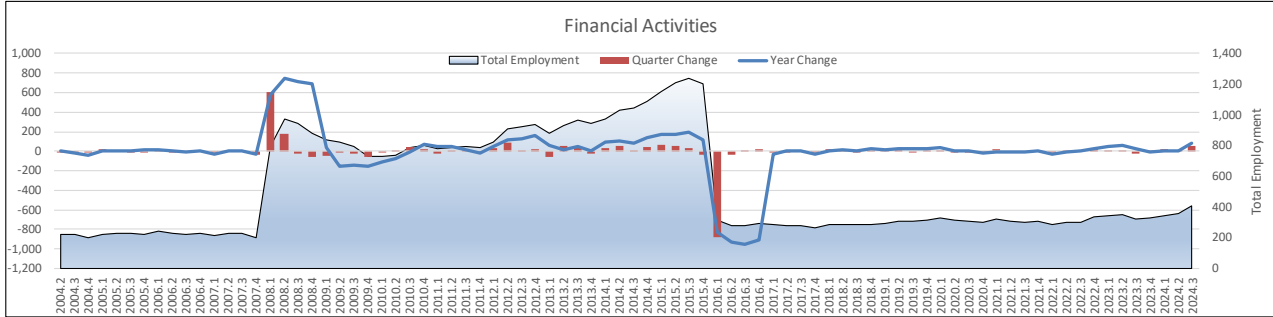


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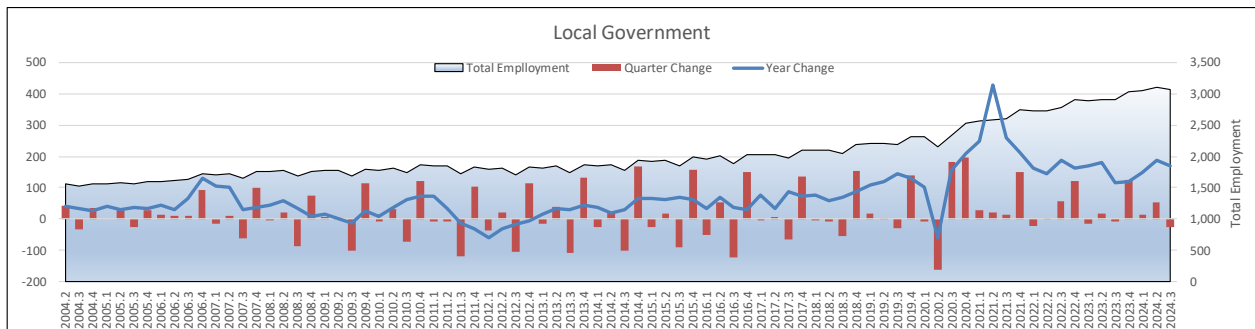
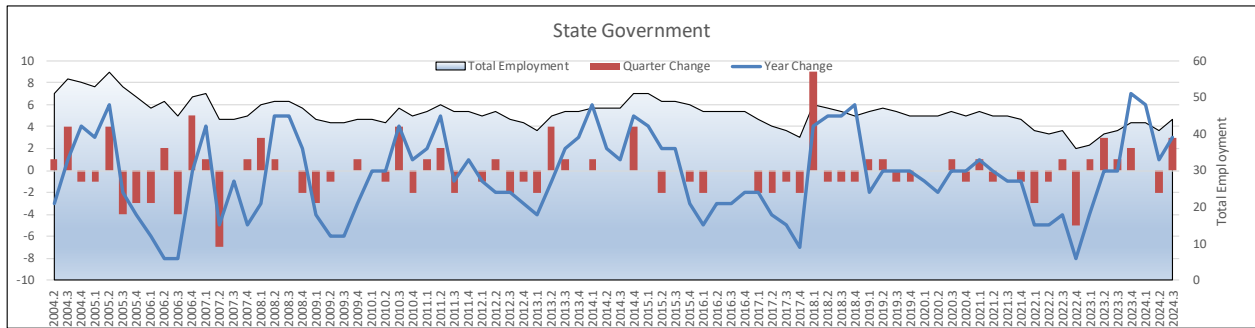
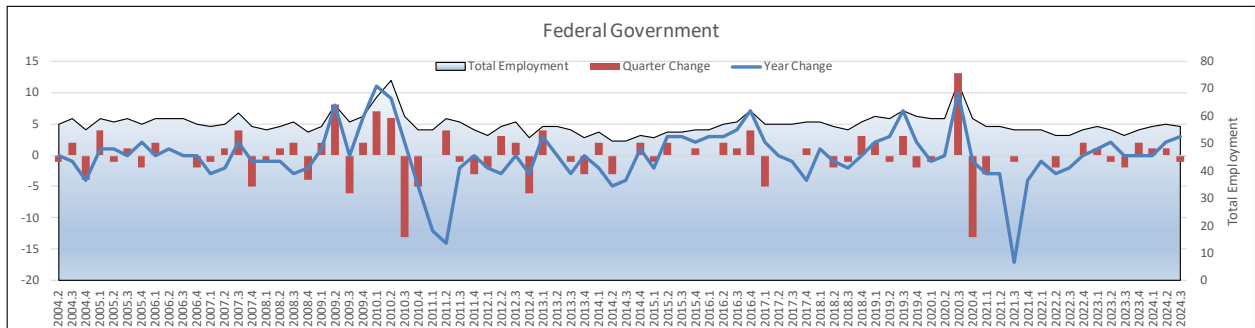
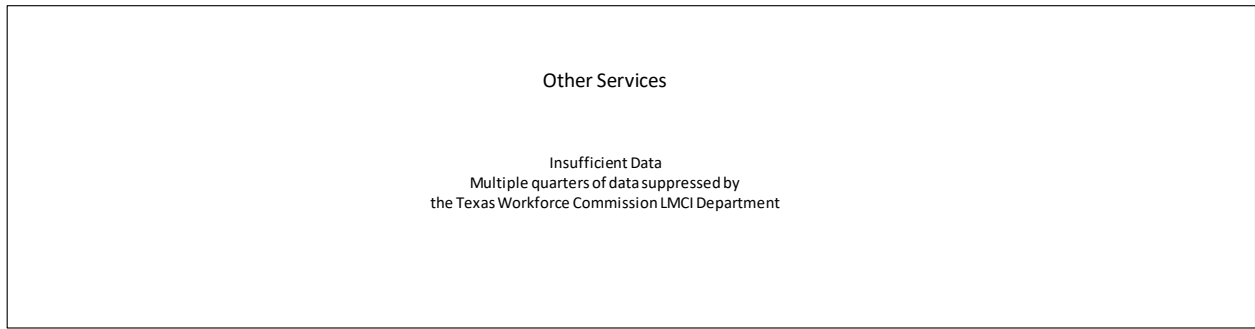
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	22,016	2024.2	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	6,212	2024.3	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	1,546	2024.3	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	3,096	2024.2	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	444	3.3%	162	1.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	-12	6.6%	12	3.0%
Construction	81	9.1%	-40	1.3%
Manufacturing	92	4.5%	6	0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	133	6.3%	61	1.8%
Information	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	-10	12.3%	20	2.2%
Professional and Business Services	16	4.4%	5	1.2%
Education and Health Services	17	2.2%	11	2.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	38	2.7%	110	11.6%
Other Services	na	na	na	na
Federal Government	0	0.9%	1	1.4%
State Government	0	0.3%	0	0.2%
Local Government	-8	-0.4%	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%	179	1.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	0	0.7%	-2	-0.3%
Construction	34	2.9%	0	2.0%
Manufacturing	-22	-1.3%	19	1.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	18	0.6%	28	0.7%
Information	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	5	0.9%	-6	-1.1%
Professional and Business Services	-5	-0.2%	23	2.0%
Education and Health Services	10	0.9%	16	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	-52	-4.2%	-28	-3.1%
Other Services	na	na	na	na
Federal Government	0	0.6%	-2	-2.4%
State Government	0	0.2%	-1	-1.2%
Local Government	-44	-2.4%	117	6.0%

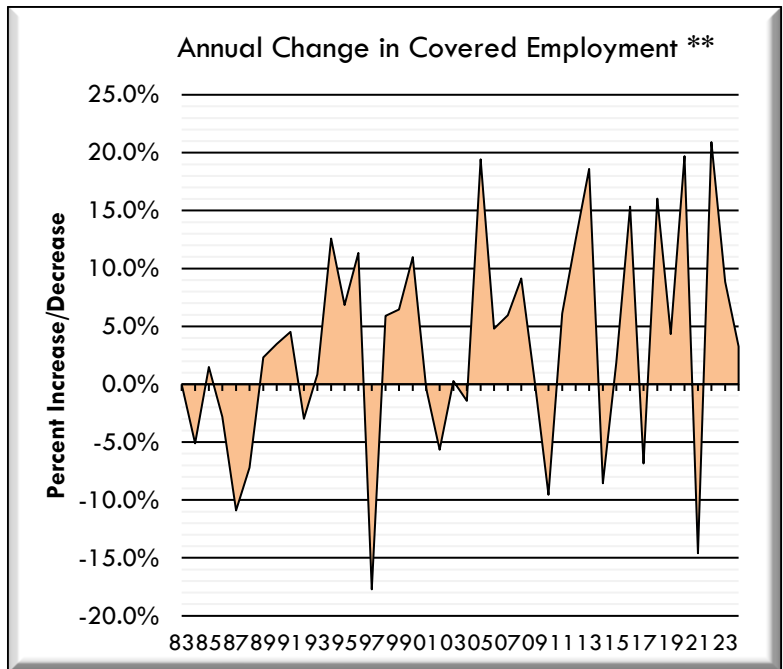
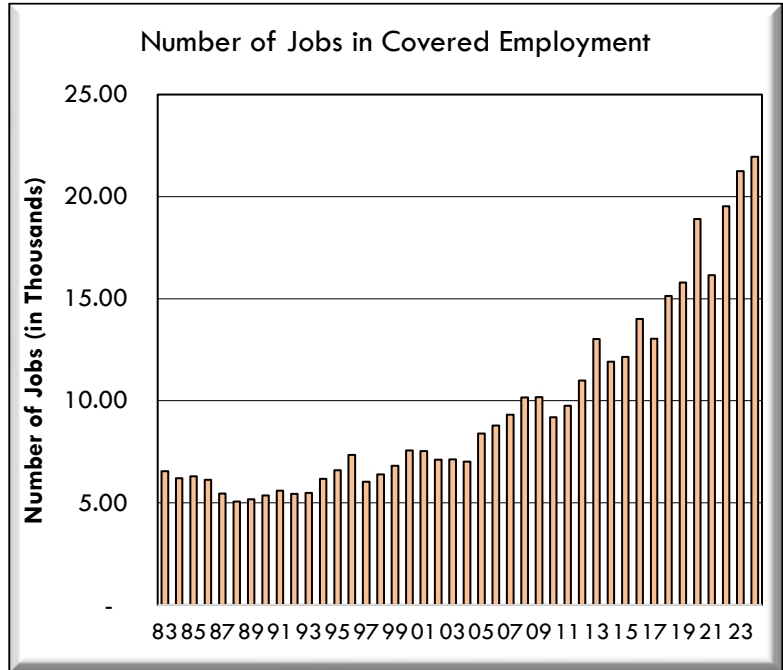
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Chambers County 1983-2024 Covered Employment**

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%



**Data Compiled from 1st quarter contribution and wage reports submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission by employers' subject to the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. For more information on a specific industry, please call 832/681-2535. Date source: the Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market and Career Information Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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Gulf Coast** 2023 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	\$45.78	\$95,229	22,710
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$25.16	\$52,323	14,850
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	\$22.88	\$47,591	32,450
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$28.49	\$59,249	6,960
53-3052	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	\$23.22	\$48,300	3,360
13-1020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$37.19	\$77,359	9,480
47-2031	Carpenters	\$23.82	\$49,554	10,270
41-2011	Cashiers	\$13.59	\$28,264	67,120
39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$13.79	\$28,686	12,200
17-2051	Civil Engineer	\$48.19	\$100,242	9,630
15-1232	Computer User Support Specialists	\$27.93	\$58,085	13,000
47-2061	Construction Laborers	\$19.04	\$39,613	34,550
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	\$15.72	\$32,691	7,750
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	\$15.13	\$31,471	30,590
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	\$19.44	\$40,439	68,830
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$37.10	\$77,165	3,510
47-3013	Electrician Helpers	\$21.52	\$44,766	2,090
47-2111	Electricians	\$28.31	\$58,876	19,800
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	\$34.52	\$71,811	7,570
35-3023	Fast Food and Counter Workers	\$12.26	\$25,505	86,280
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$33.06	\$68,759	39,250
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$23.92	\$49,744	23,310
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	\$13.93	\$28,976	26,640
11-9051	Food Service Managers	\$34.90	\$72,600	4,460
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$61.76	\$128,470	106,480
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$18.75	\$38,999	6,210
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics	\$27.92	\$58,069	7,320
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$32.55	\$67,709	15,910
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	\$20.90	\$43,480	19,970
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	\$14.68	\$30,538	45,960
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$18.22	\$37,890	58,910
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$28.26	\$58,787	11,660
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$35.28	\$73,391	520
51-4041	Machinists	\$27.18	\$56,545	6,650
11-2021	Marketing Managers	\$74.08	\$154,096	7,940
31-9092	Medical Assistants	\$19.51	\$40,585	16,100
49-3042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$30.78	\$64,028	5,500
31-1131	Nursing Assistants	\$17.54	\$36,475	18,340
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	\$19.61	\$40,789	39,980
29-1051	Pharmacists	\$65.83	\$136,925	6,840
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$28.59	\$59,465	11,710
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	\$35.60	\$74,044	14,830
43-5061	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	\$27.18	\$56,528	7,990
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$16.54	\$34,400	23,060
29-1141	Registered Nurses	\$45.31	\$94,250	62,550
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$16.22	\$33,740	72,840
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	\$23.94	\$49,785	4,570
41-4012	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products	\$36.85	\$76,649	26,070
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$20.81	\$43,285	36,890
33-9032	Security Guards	\$16.83	\$35,006	27,890
53-7065	Stockers and Order Fillers	\$17.94	\$37,320	61,780
53-1047	Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Exc.Aircraft Cargo Handling	\$29.97	\$62,337	14,200
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy on Tractor-Trailer	\$26.52	\$55,156	48,570
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$22.18	\$46,126	17,380
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$27.10	\$56,372	16,950

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