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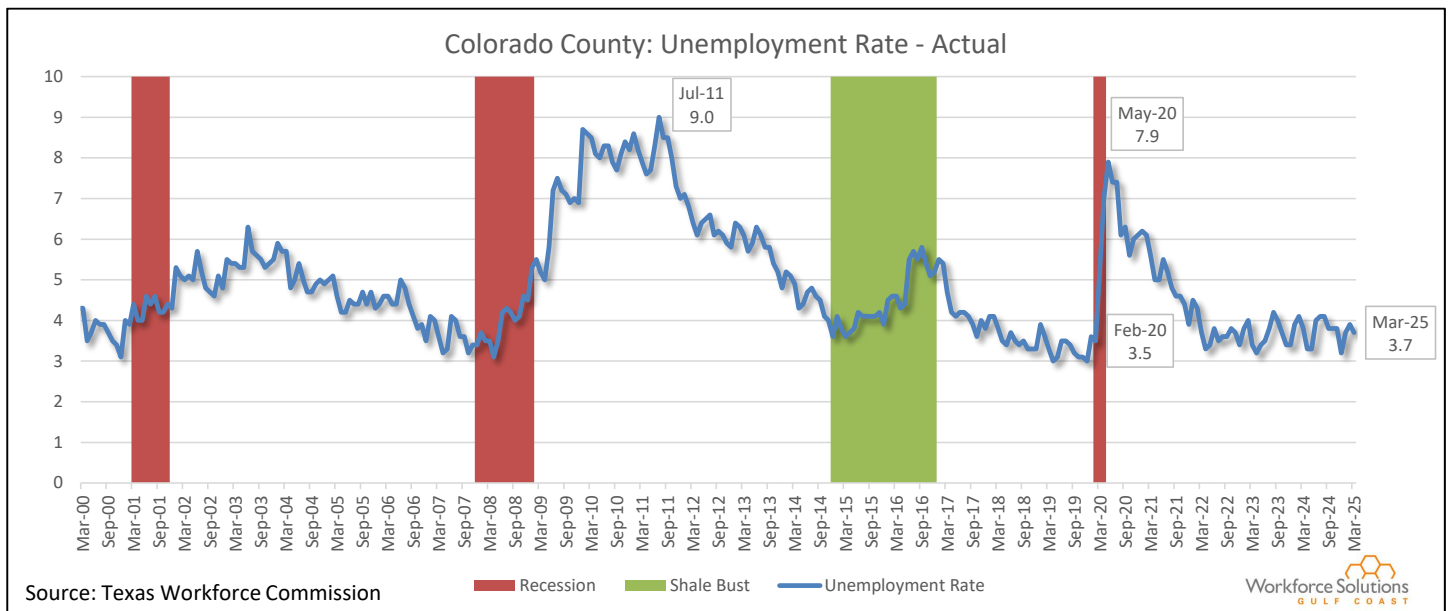
## Labor Market Information

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### County Employment Data\*

The rate of unemployment in Colorado County fell two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.7 percent in March, one-tenth of a percentage point lower than a year earlier. The local rate of unemployment was lower than that of the broader state and national levels. Total covered employment in Colorado County reported its first third-quarter loss since 2017, down 92 jobs or 1.2 percent over third quarter 2024. While losses were widespread, most were small with the largest found in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, down 37 jobs or 2.4 percent, Manufacturing, down 23 jobs or 1.9 percent, and Local Government, down 25 jobs or 2.6 percent. The only substantial increase was found in Education and Health Services, up 17 jobs or 1.7 percent. The county reported its third consecutive over-the-year loss in third quarter 2024, down 326 jobs, with the pace of declines rising to 4.2 percent from 1.2 percent in the second quarter. Manufacturing continued to be responsible for most of the loss, down 248 jobs or 17.2 percent over the year. Additional losses were found in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, down 68 jobs or 4.3 percent, Construction, down 51 jobs or 9.2 percent, and Natural Resources and Mining, down 41 jobs or 7.2 percent. Several industry sectors saw increases with the largest gains in Education and Health Services, up 60 jobs or 6.3 percent, and Professional and Business Services, up 38 jobs or 18.4 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	MAR 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2024
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	9,501	9,646	9,531
<b>Total Employment</b>	9,153	9,267	9,168
<b>Unemployed</b>	348	379	363
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%
<b>Comparative Actual Rates</b>			
<b>Texas</b>	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%
<b>U.S.</b>	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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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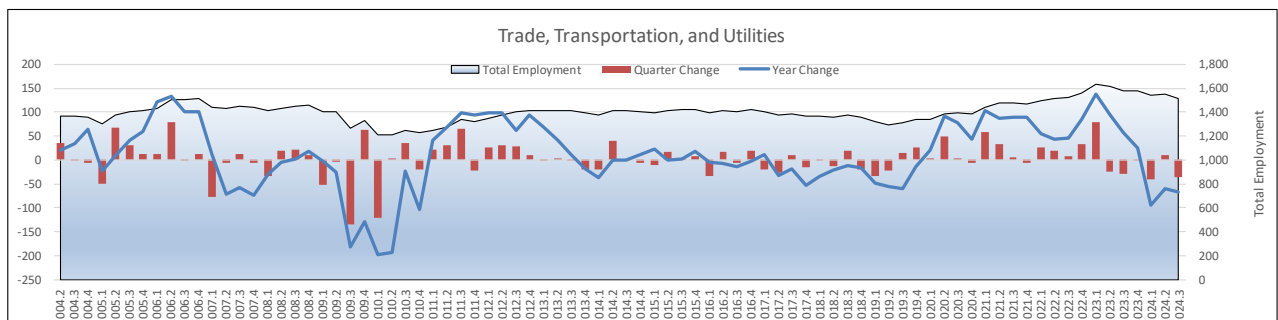
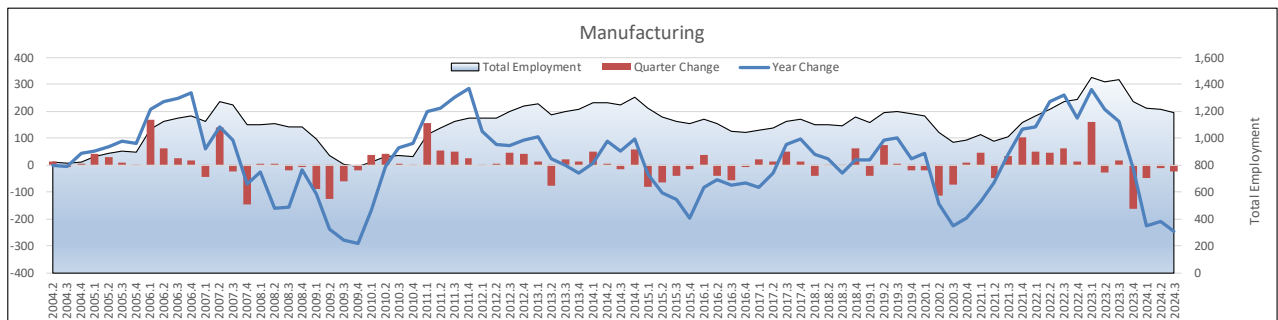
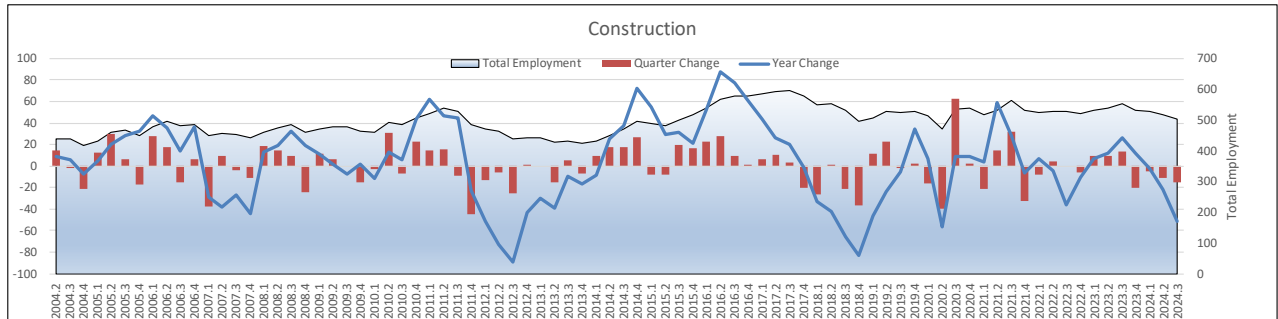
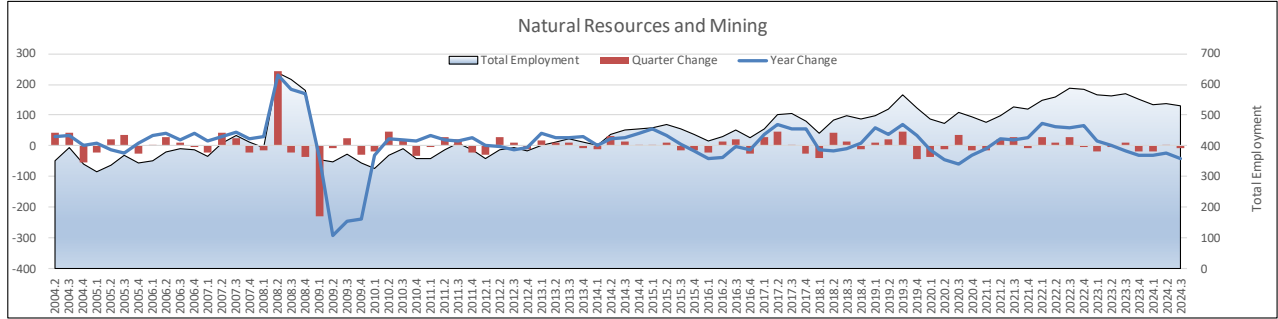
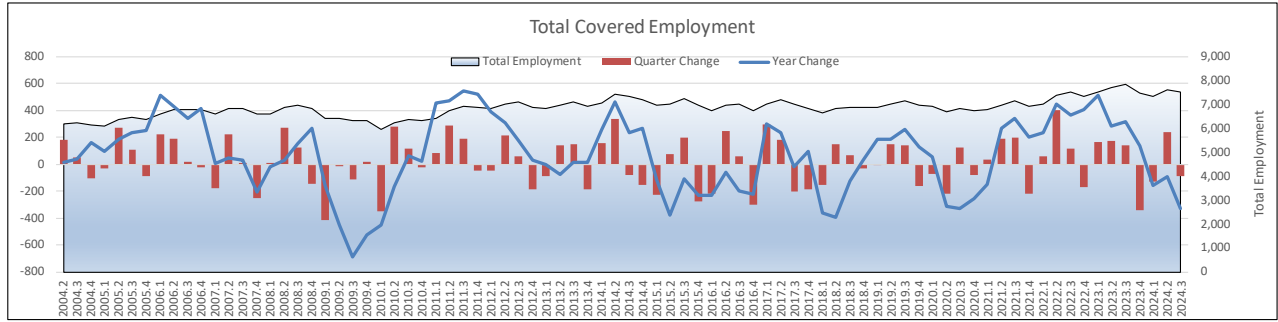
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg
	3RD QTR 2024	2ND QTR 2024	3RD QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	Wkly Wage*
<b>Total Employment</b>	7,508	7,600	7,834	-92	-1.2%	-326	-4.2%	\$1,035
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	529	536	570	-7	-1.3%	-41	-7.2%	\$1,117
<b>Construction</b>	502	517	553	-15	-2.9%	-51	-9.2%	\$1,278
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1,190	1,213	1,438	-23	-1.9%	-248	-17.2%	\$1,425
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	1,514	1,551	1,582	-37	-2.4%	-68	-4.3%	\$1,000
<b>Information</b>	---	---	---	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Financial Activities</b>	193	197	184	-4	-2.0%	9	4.9%	\$1,565
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	245	248	207	-3	-1.2%	38	18.4%	\$1,088
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	1,019	1,002	959	17	1.7%	60	6.3%	\$936
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	1,130	1,132	1,137	-2	-0.2%	-7	-0.6%	\$517
<b>Other Services</b>	105	103	110	2	1.9%	-5	-4.5%	\$774
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	3	4	9	-1	0.0%	-6	-66.7%	na
<b>Public Administration</b>	1,077	1,097	1,085	-20	-1.8%	-8	-0.7%	\$895
<b>Federal Government</b>	49	48	50	1	2.1%	-1	-2.0%	\$1,307
<b>State Government</b>	105	101	103	4	4.0%	2	1.9%	\$1,027
<b>Local Government</b>	923	948	932	-25	-2.6%	-9	-1.0%	\$890

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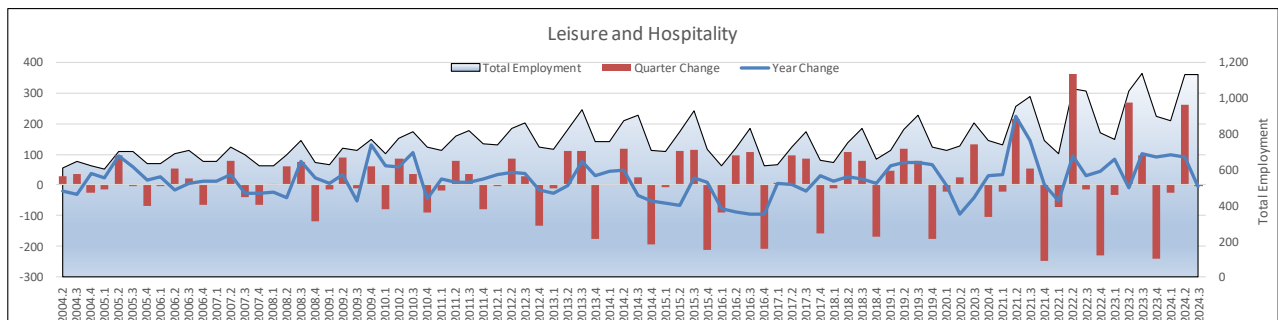
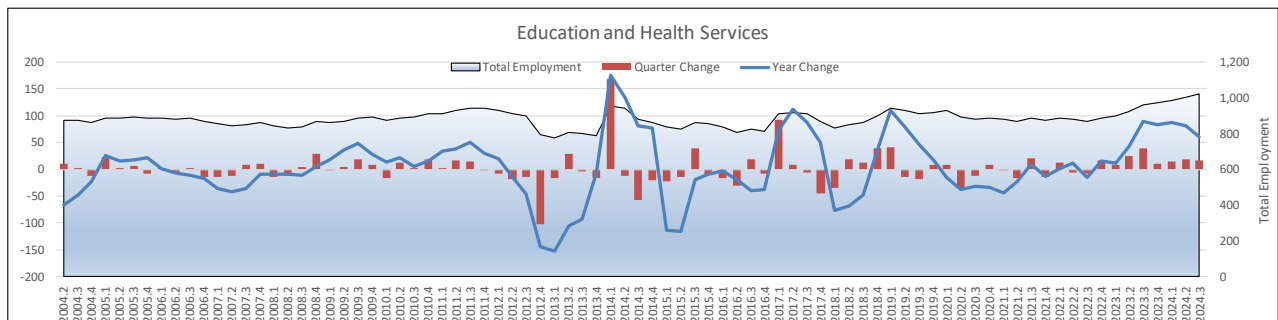
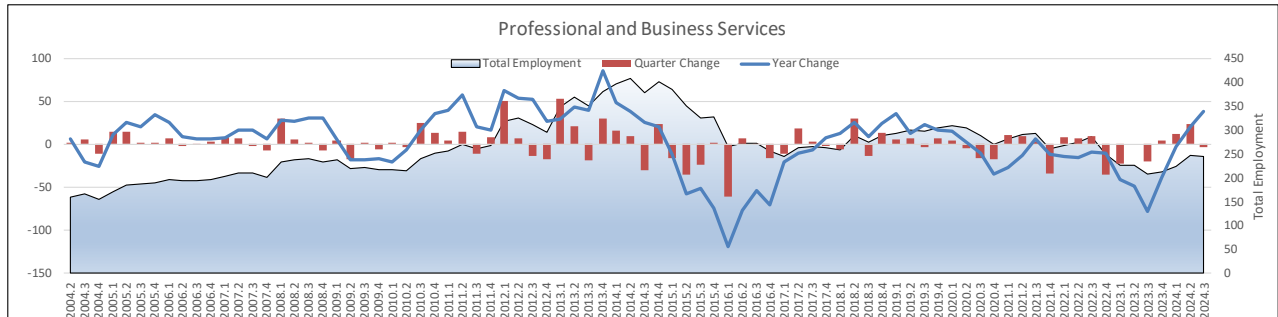
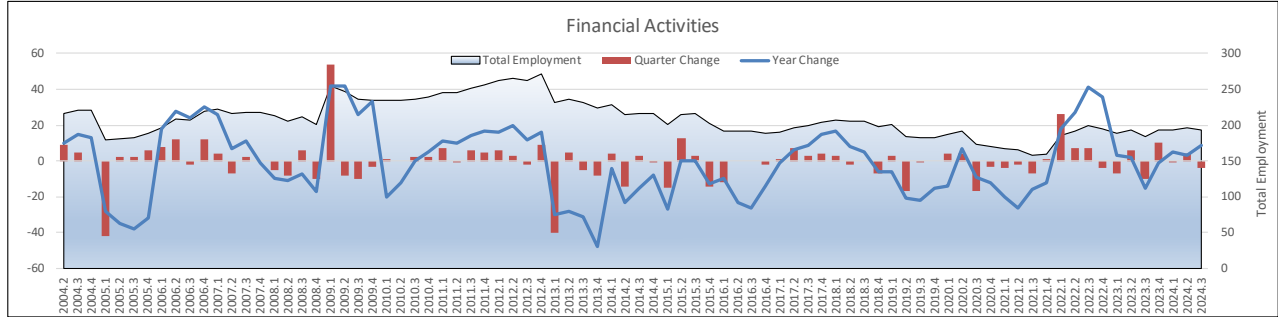
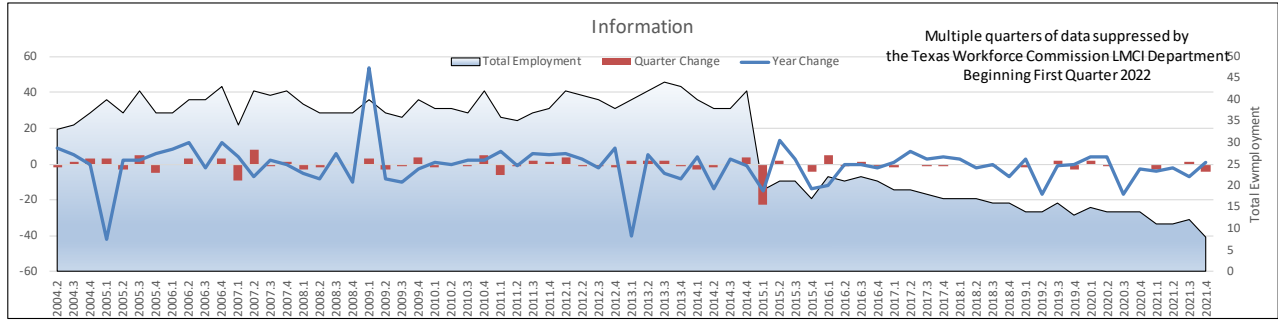
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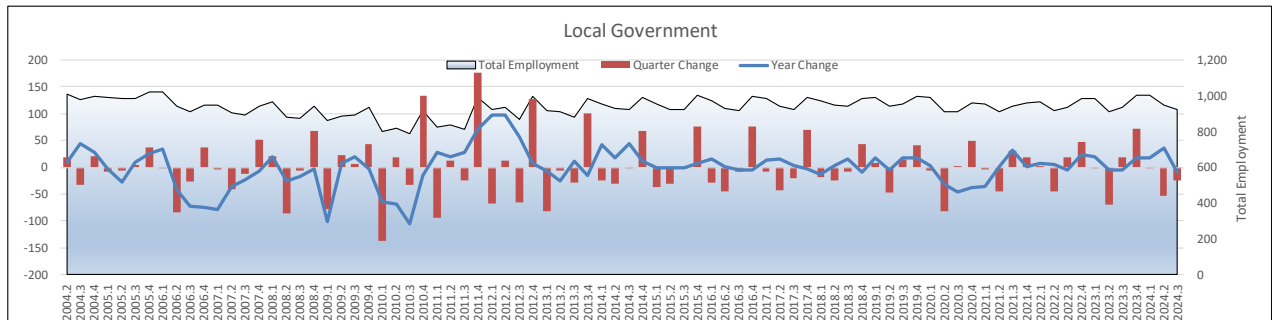
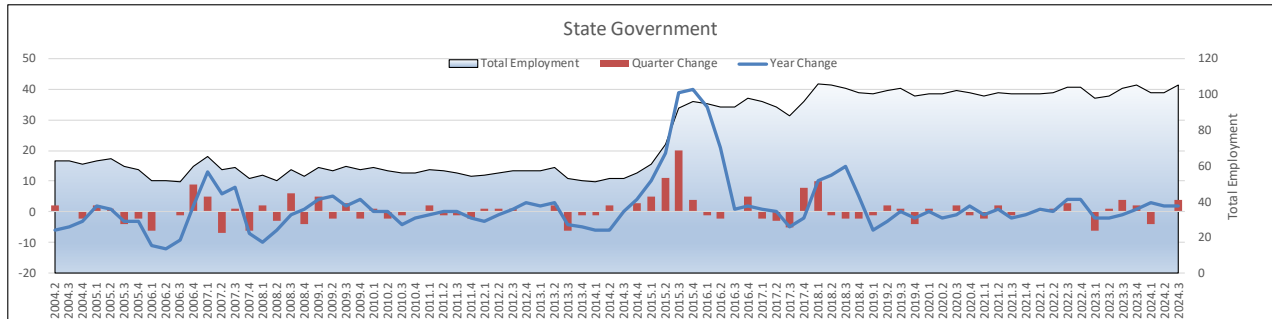
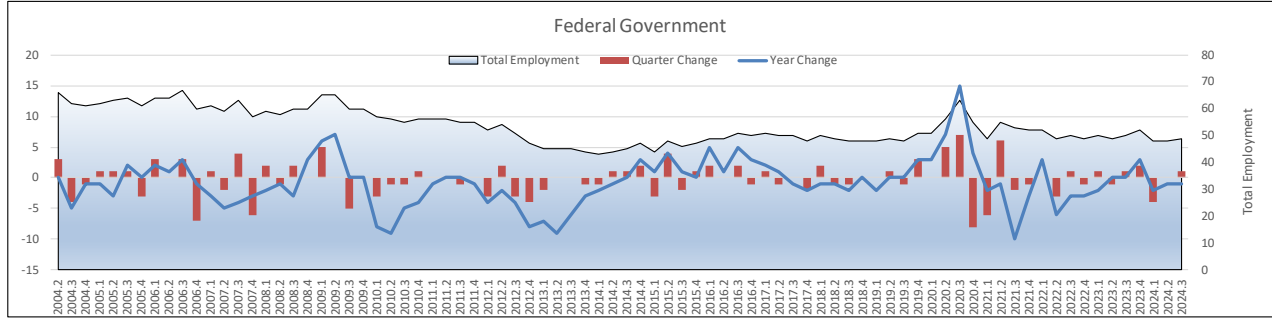
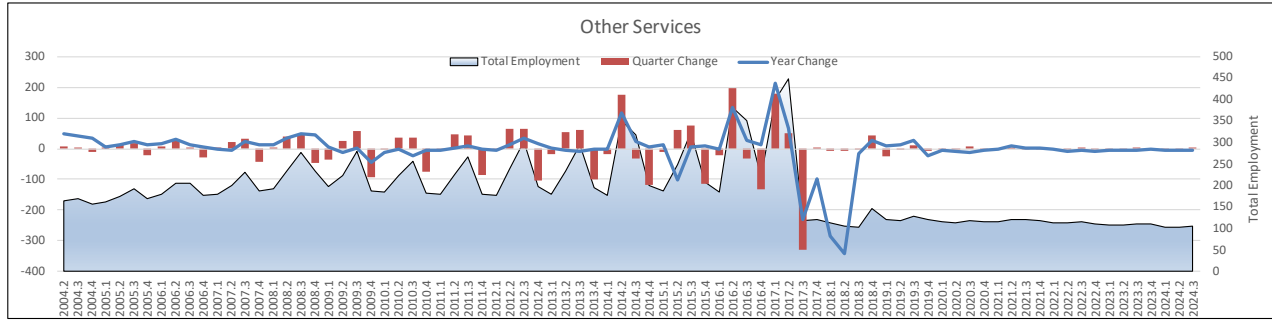
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### Historical Employment Highlights

	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	1,019	2024.3	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	106	2018.1	51	2006.3
Local Government	1,023	2005.4	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	-20	-4.2%	32	8.3%
Construction	0	0.2%	8	1.7%
Manufacturing	21	2.5%	-1	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-23	-0.8%	17	1.3%
Information	na	na	na	na
Financial Activities	0	0.3%	1	0.4%
Professional and Business Services	4	2.0%	6	2.5%
Education and Health Services	9	1.2%	-2	-0.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	-17	-2.3%	121	17.2%
Other Services	3	1.3%	38	20.0%
Federal Government	0	-0.4%	1	1.3%
State Government	0	0.9%	0	0.3%
Local Government	-26	-2.7%	-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%	-151	-2.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	18	4.5%	-20	-4.5%
Construction	4	0.8%	-9	-1.7%
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%	-3	-1.2%
Education and Health Services	3	0.4%	-7	-0.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	50	6.4%	-132	-15.0%
Other Services	3	5.8%	-45	-15.7%
Federal Government	0	0.4%	-1	-2.3%
State Government	1	1.4%	0	0.0%
Local Government	-12	-1.3%	66	7.5%

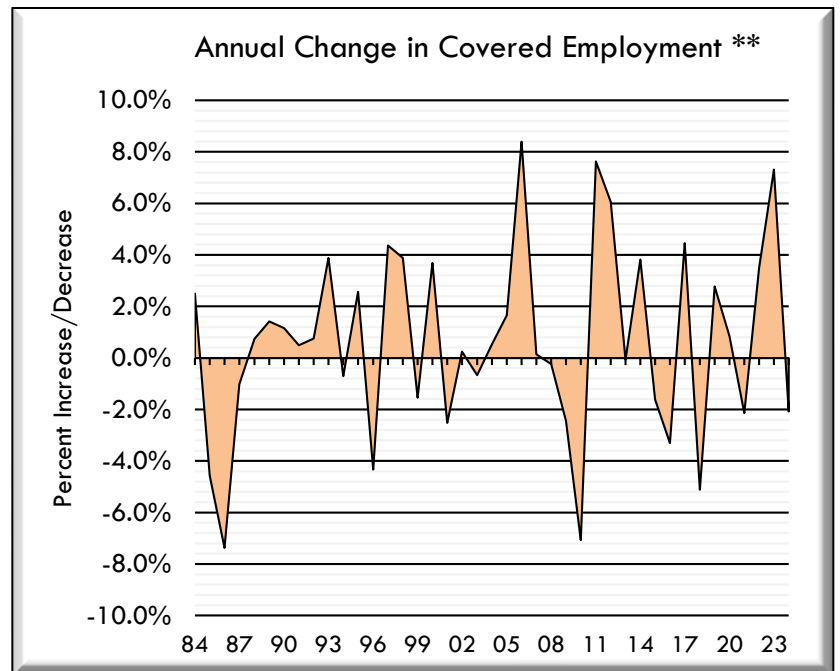
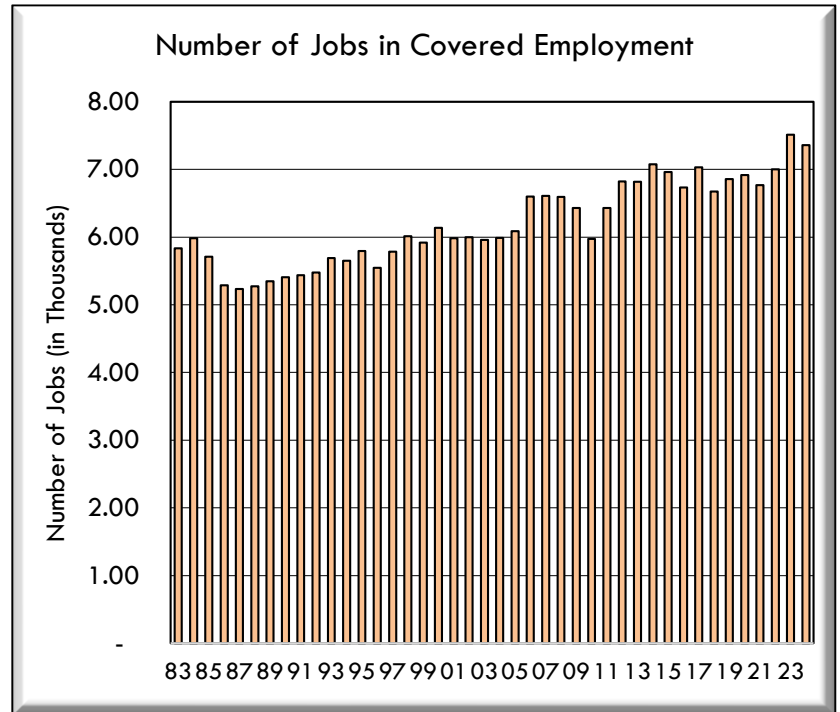
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### Colorado County 1983-2024 Covered Employment\*\*

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%



\*\*Data Compiled from 1<sup>st</sup> 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
<b>49-3031</b>	<b>Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists</b>	<b>\$28.49</b>	<b>\$59,249</b>	<b>6,960</b>
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
<b>47-2031</b>	<b>Carpenters</b>	<b>\$23.82</b>	<b>\$49,554</b>	<b>10,270</b>
41-2011	Cashiers	\$13.59	\$28,264	67,120
39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$13.79	\$28,686	12,200
<b>17-2051</b>	<b>Civil Engineer</b>	<b>\$48.19</b>	<b>\$100,242</b>	<b>9,630</b>
<b>15-1232</b>	<b>Computer User Support Specialists</b>	<b>\$27.93</b>	<b>\$58,085</b>	<b>13,000</b>
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
<b>49-9051</b>	<b>Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers</b>	<b>\$37.10</b>	<b>\$77,165</b>	<b>3,510</b>
47-3013	Electrician Helpers	\$21.52	\$44,766	2,090
<b>47-2111</b>	<b>Electricians</b>	<b>\$28.31</b>	<b>\$58,876</b>	<b>19,800</b>
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
<b>11-9051</b>	<b>Food Service Managers</b>	<b>\$34.90</b>	<b>\$72,600</b>	<b>4,460</b>
<b>11-1021</b>	<b>General and Operations Managers</b>	<b>\$61.76</b>	<b>\$128,470</b>	<b>106,480</b>
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$18.75	\$38,999	6,210
<b>49-9021</b>	<b>Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics</b>	<b>\$27.92</b>	<b>\$58,069</b>	<b>7,320</b>
<b>49-9041</b>	<b>Industrial Machinery Mechanics</b>	<b>\$32.55</b>	<b>\$67,709</b>	<b>15,910</b>
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
<b>29-2061</b>	<b>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</b>	<b>\$28.26</b>	<b>\$58,787</b>	<b>11,660</b>
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$35.28	\$73,391	520
<b>51-4041</b>	<b>Machinists</b>	<b>\$27.18</b>	<b>\$56,545</b>	<b>6,650</b>
<b>11-2021</b>	<b>Marketing Managers</b>	<b>\$74.08</b>	<b>\$154,096</b>	<b>7,940</b>
<b>31-9092</b>	<b>Medical Assistants</b>	<b>\$19.51</b>	<b>\$40,585</b>	<b>16,100</b>
<b>49-3042</b>	<b>Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines</b>	<b>\$30.78</b>	<b>\$64,028</b>	<b>5,500</b>
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
<b>47-2152</b>	<b>Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters</b>	<b>\$28.59</b>	<b>\$59,465</b>	<b>11,710</b>
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	\$35.60	\$74,044	14,830
<b>43-5061</b>	<b>Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks</b>	<b>\$27.18</b>	<b>\$56,528</b>	<b>7,990</b>
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$16.54	\$34,400	23,060
<b>29-1141</b>	<b>Registered Nurses</b>	<b>\$45.31</b>	<b>\$94,250</b>	<b>62,550</b>
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$16.22	\$33,740	72,840
<b>47-5071</b>	<b>Roustabouts, Oil and Gas</b>	<b>\$23.94</b>	<b>\$49,785</b>	<b>4,570</b>
<b>41-4012</b>	<b>Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products</b>	<b>\$36.85</b>	<b>\$76,649</b>	<b>26,070</b>
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
<b>53-3032</b>	<b>Truck Drivers, Heavy on Tractor-Trailer</b>	<b>\$26.52</b>	<b>\$55,156</b>	<b>48,570</b>
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$22.18	\$46,126	17,380
<b>51-4121</b>	<b>Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers</b>	<b>\$27.10</b>	<b>\$56,372</b>	<b>16,950</b>

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