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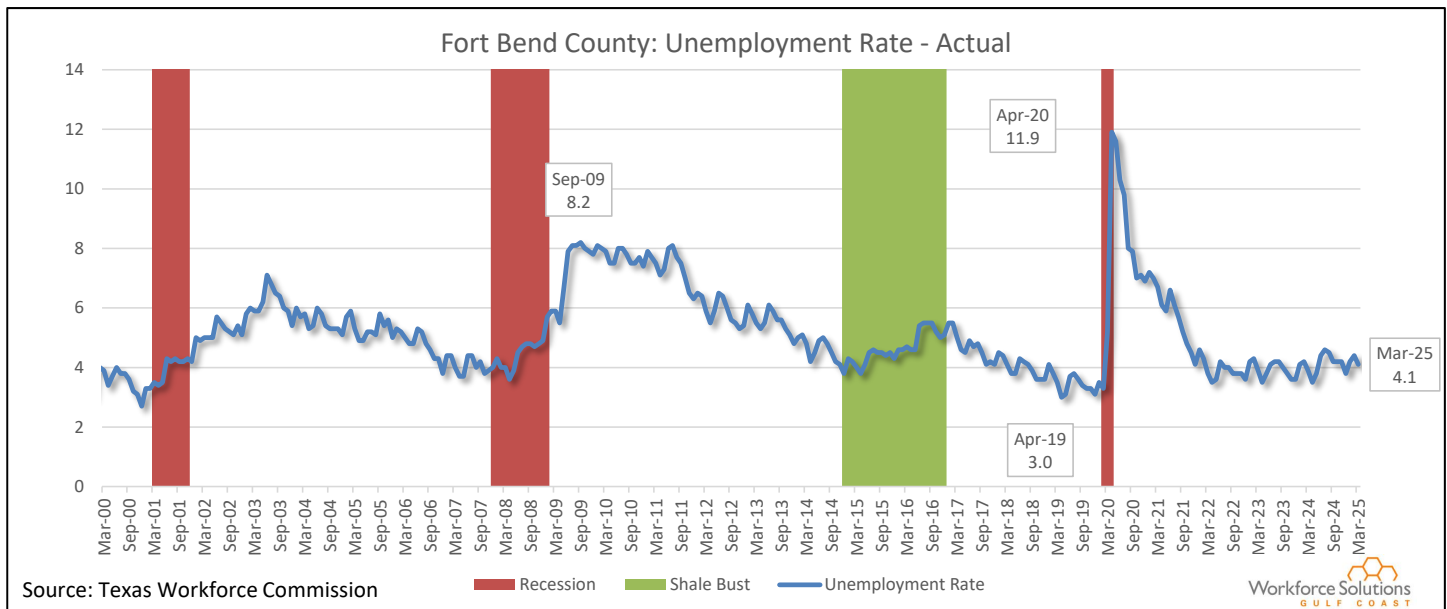
## Labor Market Information

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### County Employment Data\*

The rate of unemployment in Fort Bend County fell three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.1 percent in March, two-tenths of a percentage point higher than a year earlier. The local rate of unemployment was slightly higher than the broader state's 4.0 percent rate but lower than the nation's 4.2 percent rate. Total covered employment in the Fort Bend County was down 2,224 jobs over third quarter 2024. The 0.9 percent decline was the strongest for third quarter since 2010 when payrolls also fell 0.9 percent. Seasonal losses in Local Government were primarily responsible for the decline, down 3,284 jobs or 7.9 percent, with additional declines found in Education and Health Services, down 376 jobs or 0.9 percent, and Leisure and Hospitality, down 159 jobs or 0.5 percent. Job gains were found in four of the eleven major industry sectors with the largest increases found in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 669 jobs or 1.2 percent, and Construction, up 346 jobs or 2.5 percent. The county added 7,449 jobs over the year from third quarter 2023 with the pace of job growth falling to 3.1 percent from 3.5 percent in the second quarter. Job gains were found in eight of the eleven major industry sectors. The top two contributors to the increase were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 1,942 jobs or 3.5 percent, and in Public Administration, up 2,142 jobs or 5.3 percent. Other substantial contributors were Professional and Business Services, up 1,082 jobs or 4.1 percent, and Leisure and Hospitality, up 1,057 jobs or 3.6 percent. Losses were limited to three industry sectors: Information, down 640 jobs or 24.4 percent, Other Services, down 140 jobs or 2.0 percent, and Financial Activities, down 138 jobs or 1.5 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	MAR 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2024
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	477,581	478,107	468,759
<b>Total Employment</b>	458,133	457,299	450,547
<b>Unemployed</b>	19,448	20,808	18,212
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	4.1%	4.4%	3.9%
<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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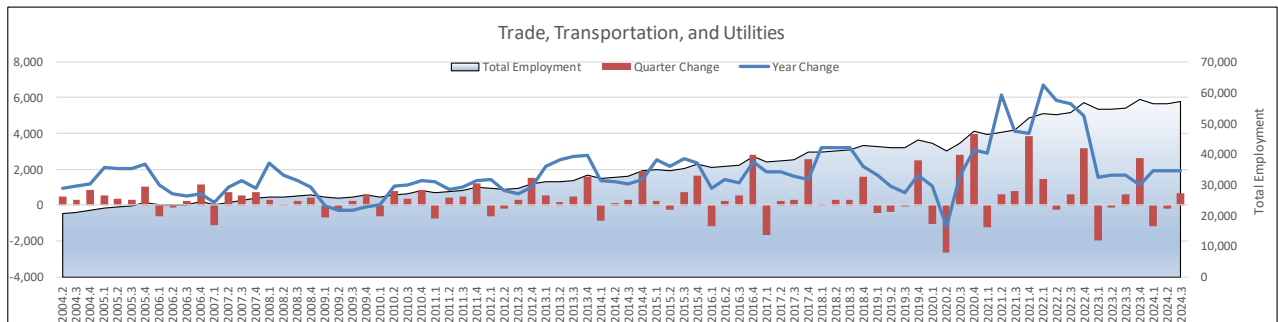
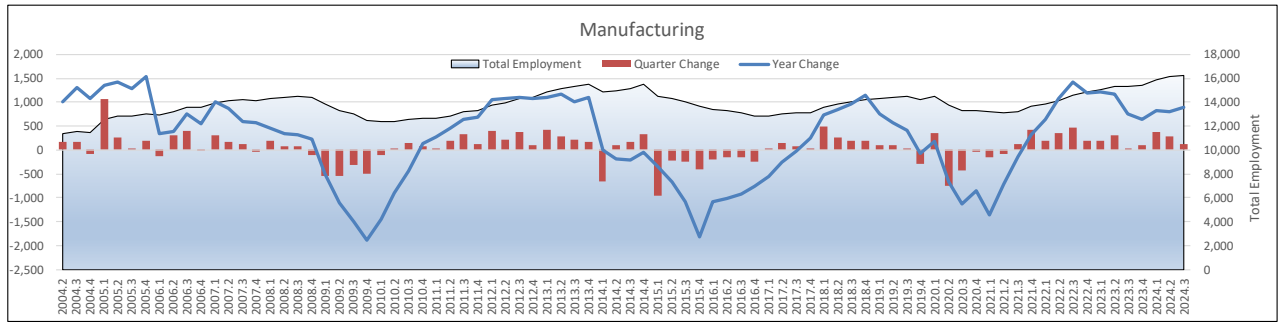
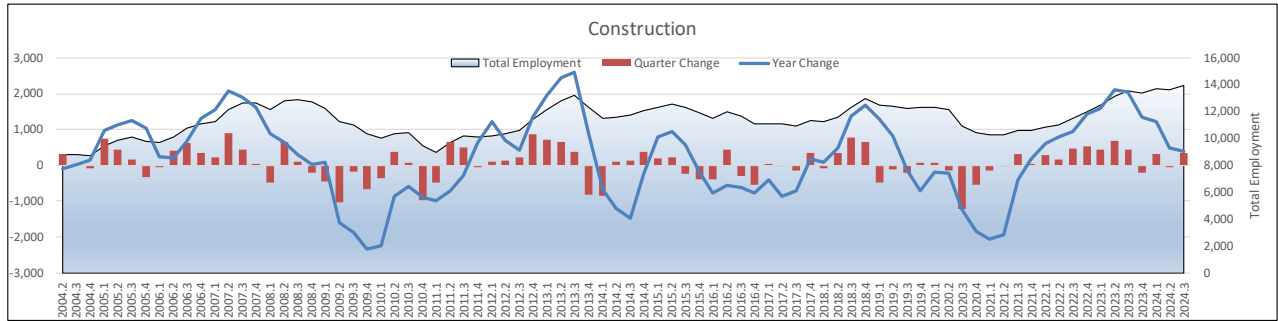
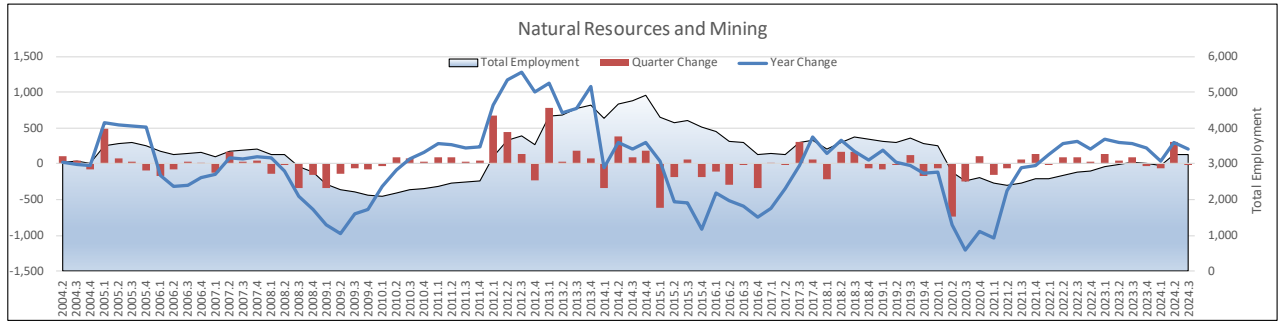
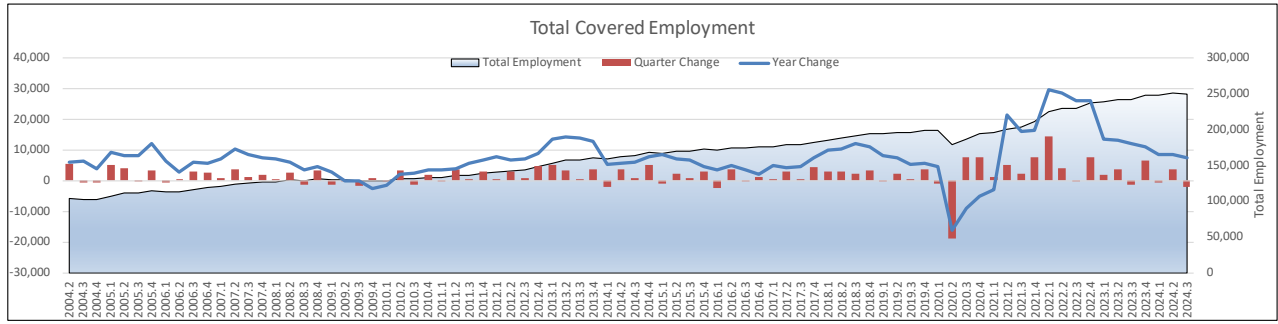
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COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg		Annual Chg		Avg Wkly Wage*
	3RD QTR 2024	2ND QTR 2024	3RD QTR 2023	Actual	%	Actual	%	
<b>Total Employment</b>	248,513	250,737	241,064	-2,224	-0.9%	7,449	3.1%	\$1,277
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	3,261	3,264	3,052	-3	-0.1%	209	6.8%	\$7,462
<b>Construction</b>	13,955	13,609	13,557	346	2.5%	398	2.9%	\$2,400
<b>Manufacturing</b>	16,263	16,135	15,363	128	0.8%	900	5.9%	\$1,821
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	57,030	56,361	55,088	669	1.2%	1,942	3.5%	\$1,052
<b>Information</b>	1,980	2,036	2,620	-56	-2.8%	-640	-24.4%	\$1,522
<b>Financial Activities</b>	9,125	9,130	9,263	-5	-0.1%	-138	-1.5%	\$1,936
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	27,168	27,090	26,086	78	0.3%	1,082	4.1%	\$1,610
<b>Education &amp; Health Services</b>	39,516	39,892	38,802	-376	-0.9%	714	1.8%	\$989
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	30,059	30,218	29,002	-159	-0.5%	1,057	3.6%	\$476
<b>Other Services</b>	6,972	7,048	7,112	-76	-1.1%	-140	-2.0%	\$833
<b>Nonclassifiable</b>	272	278	349	-6	-2.2%	-77	-22.1%	\$935
<b>Public Administration</b>	42,911	45,677	40,769	-2,766	-6.1%	2,142	5.3%	\$1,117
<b>Federal Government</b>	1,857	1,380	1,191	477	34.6%	666	55.9%	\$1,772
<b>State Government</b>	2,980	2,939	2,847	41	1.4%	133	4.7%	\$1,273
<b>Local Government</b>	38,074	41,358	36,731	-3,284	-7.9%	1,343	3.7%	\$1,086

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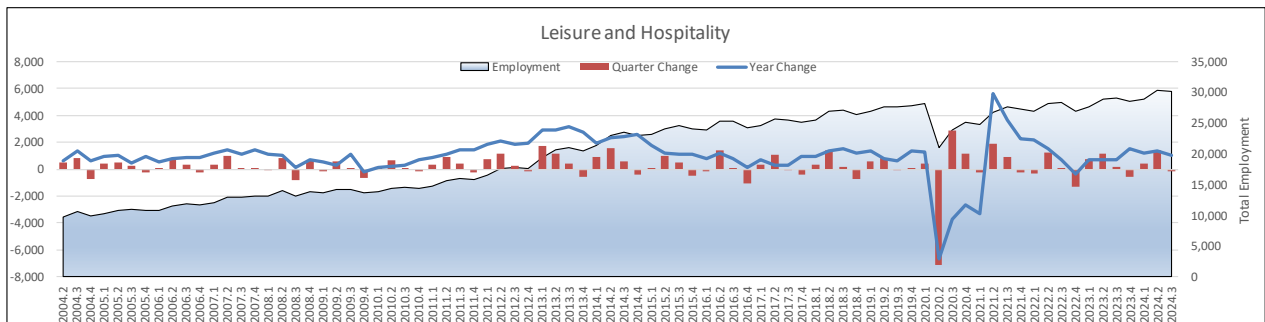
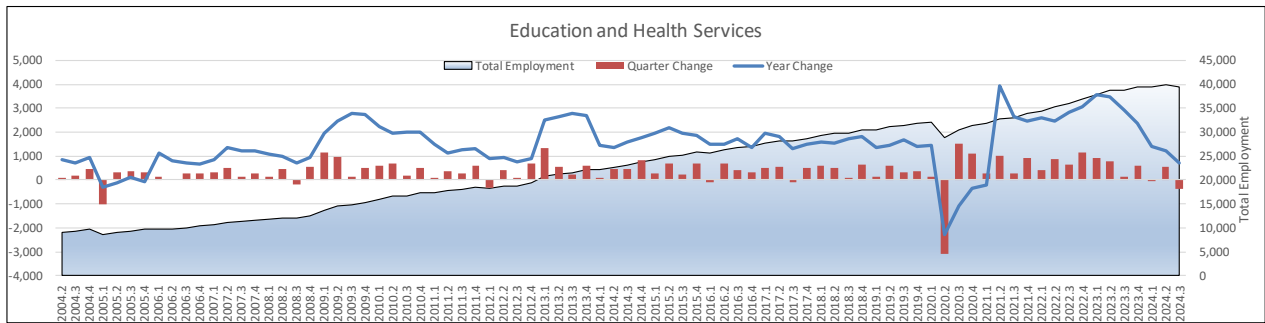
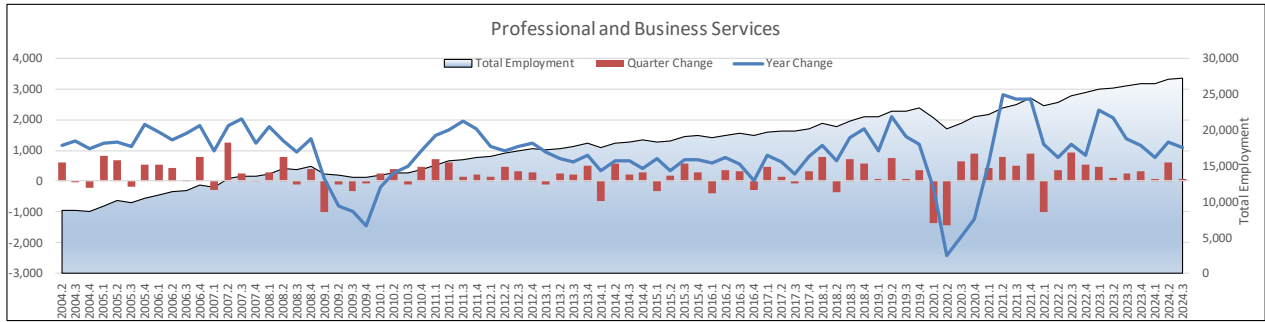
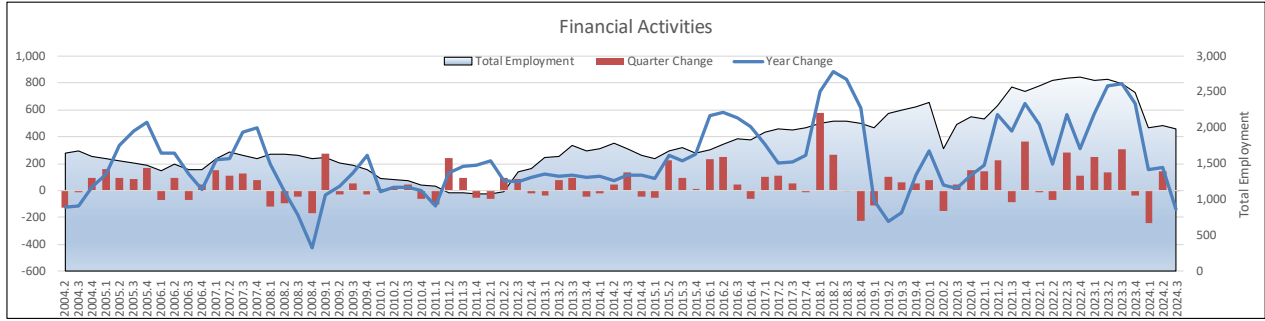
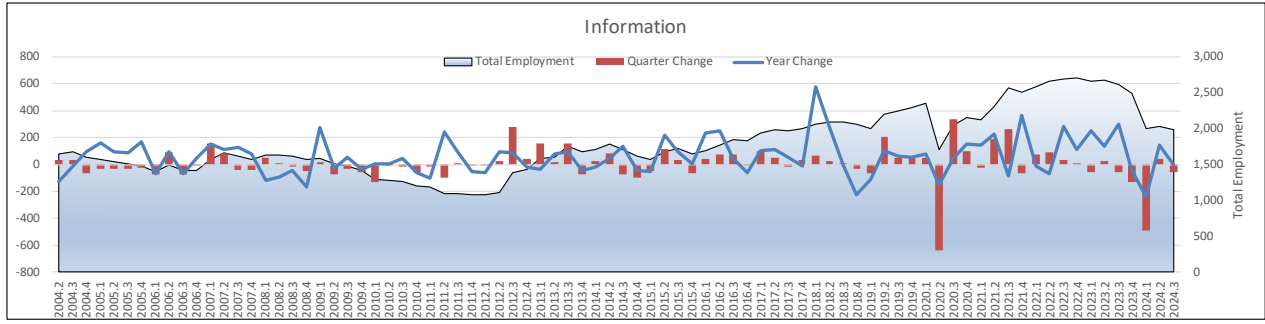
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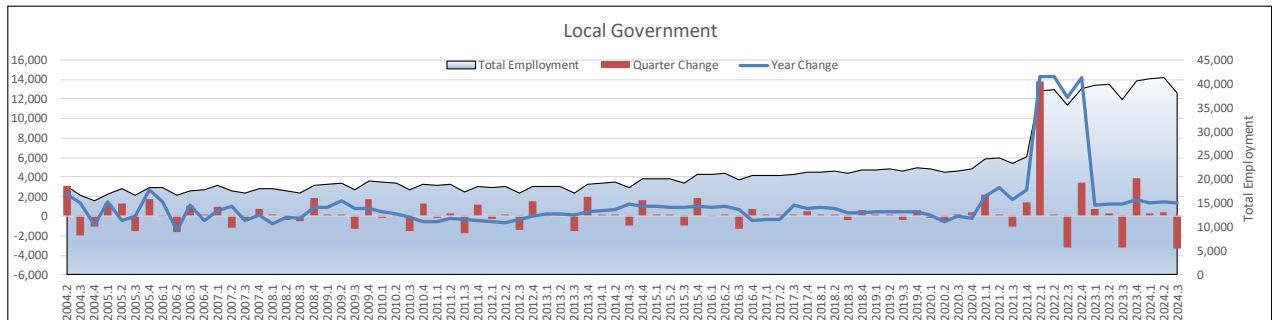
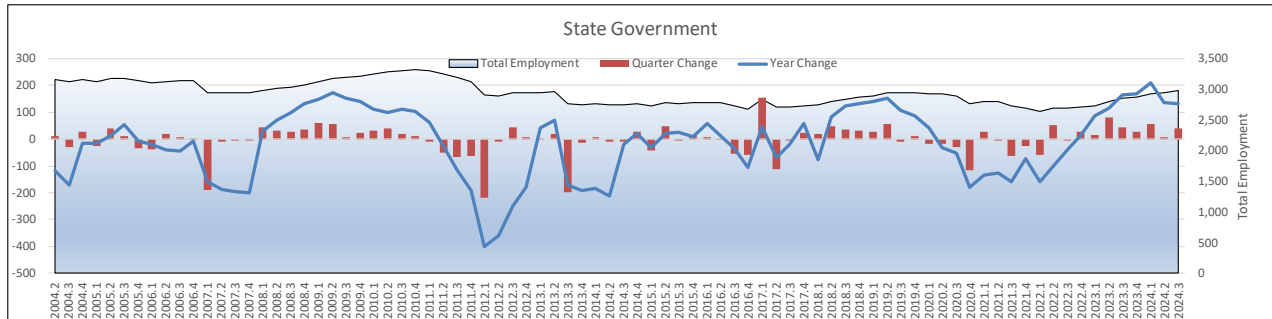
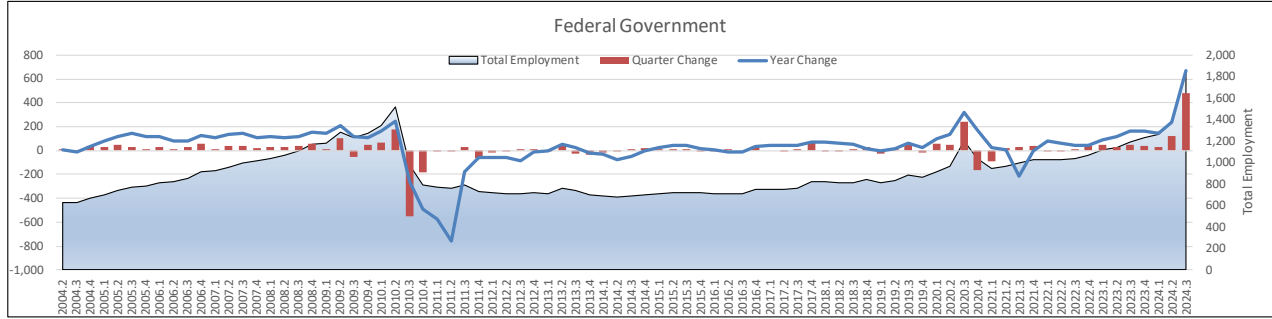
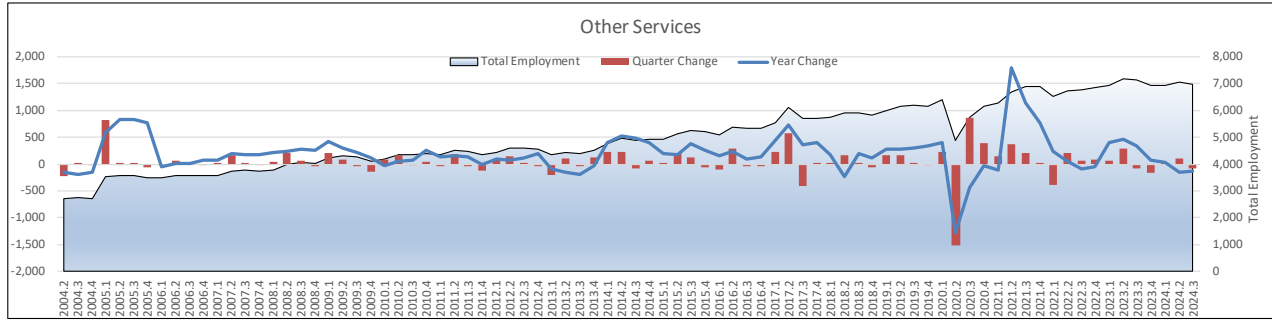
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### Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	250,737	2024.2	96,052	2003.3
Natural Resources and Mining	4,927	2014.4	2,106	2010.1
Construction	13,955	2024.3	8,474	2004.1
Manufacturing	16,263	2024.3	10,252	2003.3
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	57,733	2023.4	19,685	2003.2
Information	2,705	2022.4	1,080	2012.1
Financial Activities	9,263	2023.3	4,364	2004.3
Professional and Business Services	27,168	2024.3	7,486	2003.3
Education and Health Services	39,892	2024.2	8,246	2003.2
Leisure and Hospitality	30,218	2024.2	9,169	2003.2
Other Services	7,192	2023.2	2,726	2004.2
Federal Government	1,857	2024.3	617	2004.1
State Government	3,310	2010.4	2,637	2022.1
Local Government	41,358	2024.2	15,259	2003.3

### Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	1,052	0.6%	2,115	1.5%
Natural Resources and Mining	-18	0.2%	21	0.8%
Construction	-40	-0.3%	242	2.3%
Manufacturing	106	1.0%	70	0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-458	-1.5%	7	0.3%
Information	-24	-0.9%	14	1.0%
Financial Activities	59	1.0%	83	1.3%
Professional and Business Services	27	0.8%	351	2.6%
Education and Health Services	274	1.3%	378	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	306	1.7%	655	4.1%
Other Services	76	2.3%	94	2.0%
Federal Government	5	0.4%	31	3.0%
State Government	-9	-0.2%	14	0.5%
Local Government	835	3.4%	145	0.9%

### Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	442	0.3%	3,593	2.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	43	1.2%	-36	-1.0%
Construction	118	1.1%	-84	-0.7%
Manufacturing	81	0.6%	18	0.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	506	1.5%	1,782	5.0%
Information	35	2.3%	-30	-1.7%
Financial Activities	62	0.9%	13	0.2%
Professional and Business Services	195	0.8%	346	2.0%
Education and Health Services	249	1.3%	575	2.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	314	1.7%	-295	-1.4%
Other Services	31	0.7%	-7	-0.1%
Federal Government	19	2.5%	2	0.5%
State Government	-10	-0.4%	-8	-0.2%
Local Government	-1,188	-5.0%	1,305	6.2%

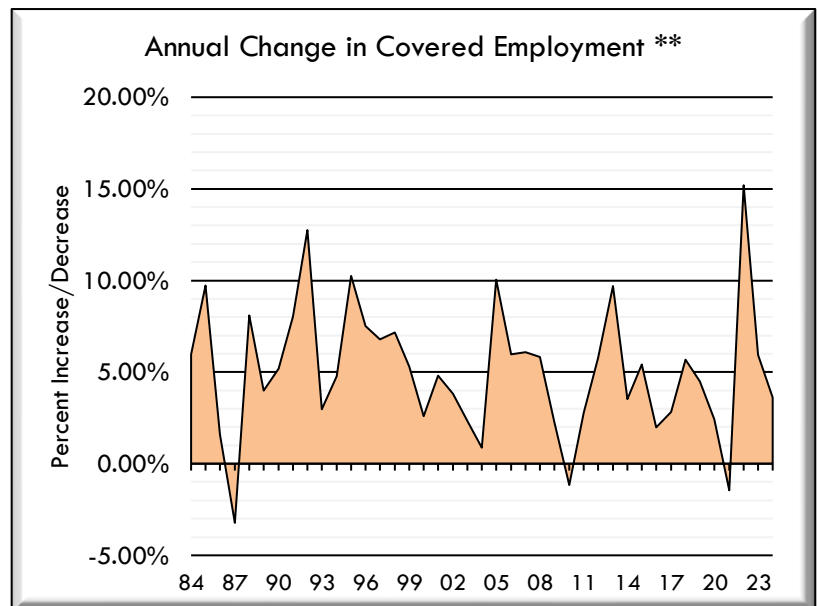
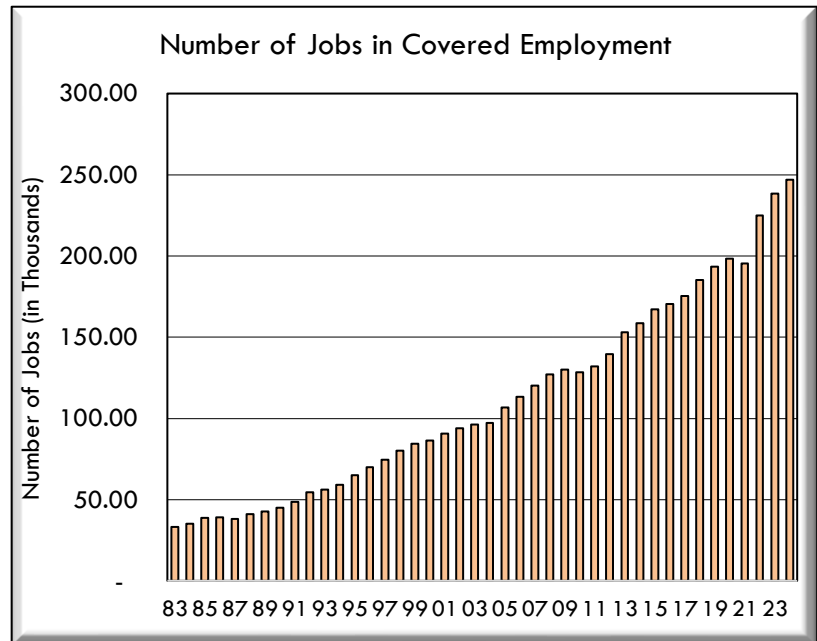
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### Fort Bend County 1983-2024 Covered Employment\*\*

YEAR	JOBS	+ / (-)	% +/-
83	33,224		
84	35,208	1,984	6.0%
85	38,627	3,419	9.7%
86	39,241	614	1.6%
87	37,974	(1,267)	-3.2%
88	41,045	3,071	8.1%
89	42,677	1,632	4.0%
90	44,893	2,216	5.2%
91	48,499	3,606	8.0%
92	54,682	6,183	12.7%
93	56,302	1,620	3.0%
94	58,988	2,686	4.8%
95	65,035	6,047	10.3%
96	69,926	4,891	7.5%
97	74,664	4,738	6.8%
98	80,010	5,346	7.2%
99	84,244	4,234	5.3%
00	86,421	2,177	2.6%
01	90,583	4,162	4.8%
02	94,050	3,467	3.8%
03	96,235	2,185	2.3%
04	97,080	845	0.9%
05	106,825	9,745	10.0%
06	113,212	6,387	6.0%
07	120,091	6,879	6.1%
08	127,097	7,006	5.8%
09	129,996	2,899	2.3%
10	128,501	(1,495)	-1.2%
11	132,044	3,543	2.8%
12	139,642	7,598	5.8%
13	153,193	13,551	9.7%
14	158,576	5,383	3.5%
15	167,172	8,596	5.4%
16	170,500	3,328	2.0%
17	175,326	4,826	2.8%
18	185,269	9,943	5.7%
19	193,574	8,305	4.5%
20	198,265	4,691	2.4%
21	195,395	(2,870)	-1.4%
22	225,085	29,690	15.2%
23	238,450	13,365	5.9%
24	247,051	8,601	3.6%



\*\*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		Employment
		Hourly Wage	Annual Wage	
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 an 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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