

Liberty County

Labor Market Information

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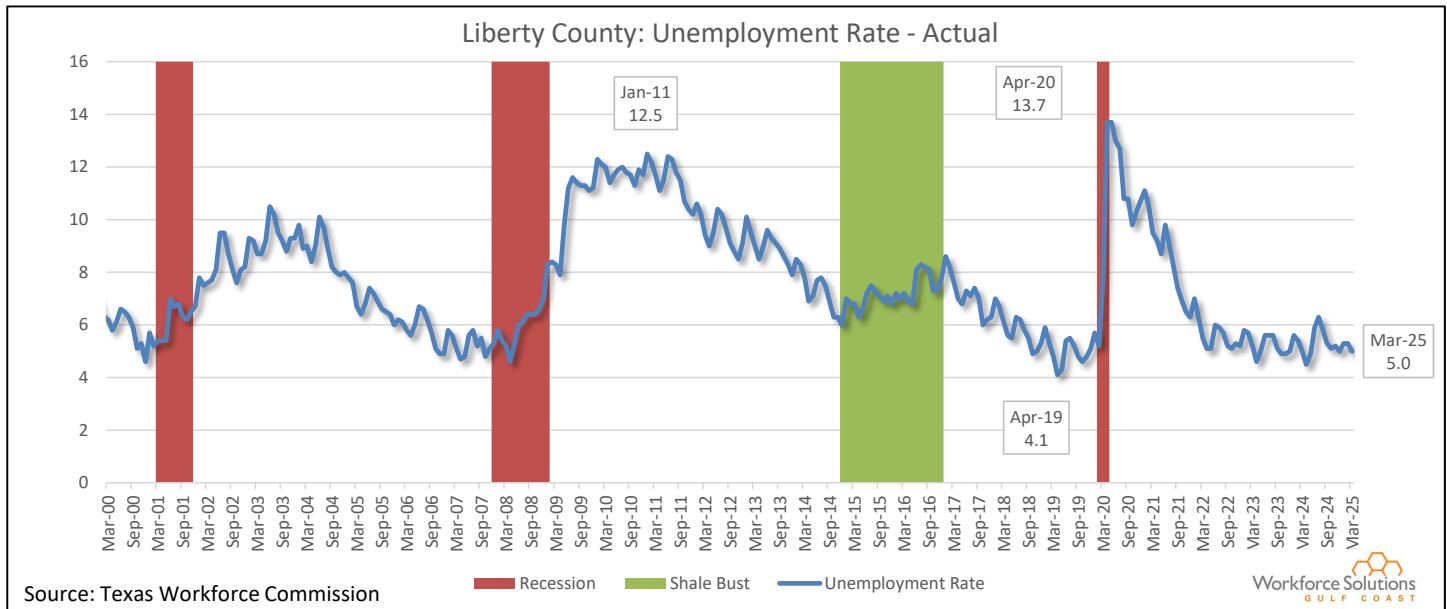
County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Liberty County fell three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.0 percent in March, the same as it was a year earlier. The local rate of unemployment was higher than the broader state's 4.0 percent rate and nation's 4.2 percent rate. Total covered employment in Liberty County suffered its first third-quarter loss since 2019, down 219 jobs or 1.1 percent over third quarter 2024. Second quarter growth was mixed with five of the eleven major industry sectors Public Administration where Local Government was down 108 jobs or 2.1 percent, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, down 71 jobs or 1.6 percent. Payrolls in the county were up 352 jobs over the year with the pace of job growth falling to 1.8 percent from 3.4 percent second quarter. Five of the eleven major industry sectors managed gains. The top three contributors to job growth were: Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 294 jobs or 7.4 percent, Manufacturing, up 145 jobs or 12.8 percent, and Public Administration, up 101 jobs driven by an addition of 235 jobs in State Government, 26.2 percent. Largest private-sector declines were found in Natural Resources and Mining, down 107 jobs or 23.6 percent, and Construction, down 74 jobs or 3.3 percent. In the public sector, while Public Administration managed a net increase of 101 jobs, Local Government was down 145 jobs or 2.8 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

| | MAR 2025 | FEB 2025 | MAR 2024 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 43,160 | 43,355 | 42,461 |
| Total Employment | 40,989 | 41,038 | 40,358 |
| Unemployed | 2,171 | 2,317 | 2,103 |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.0% | 5.3% | 5.0% |

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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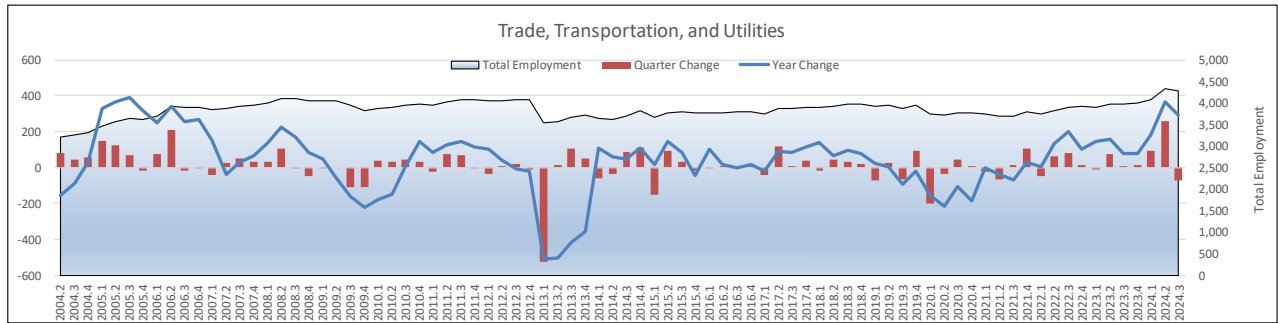
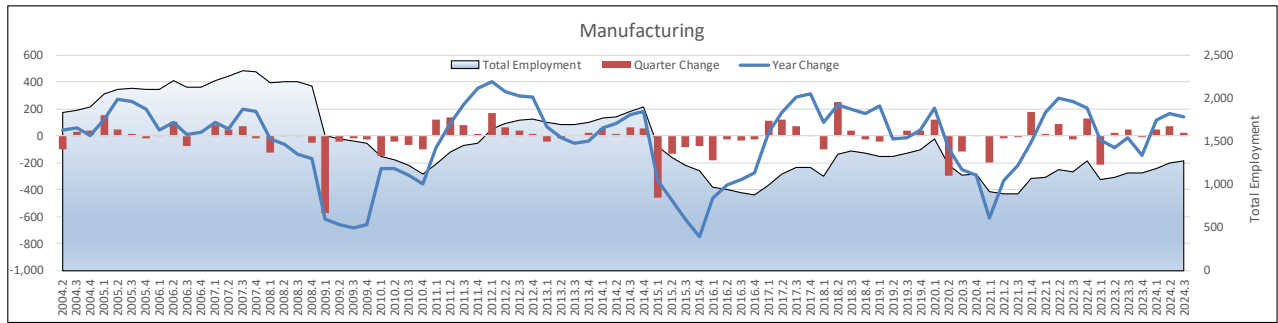
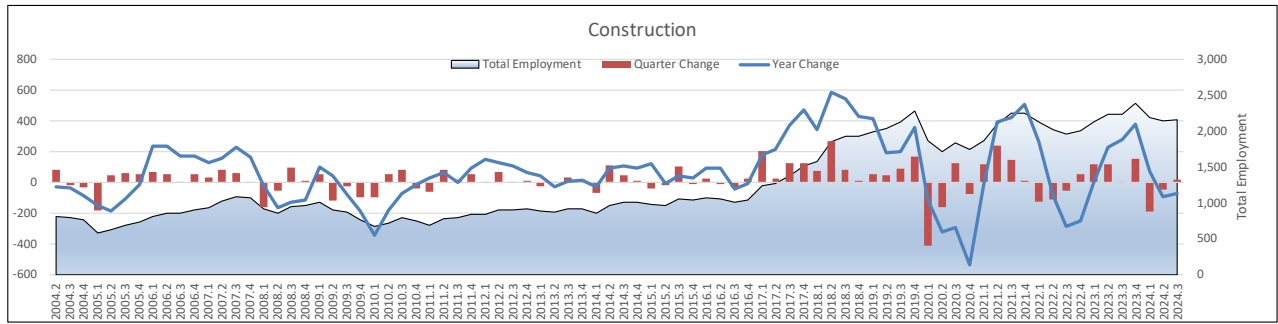
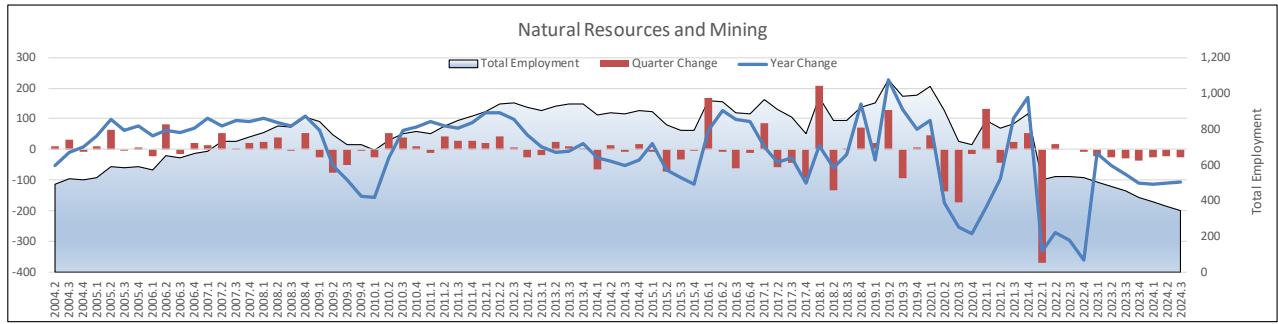
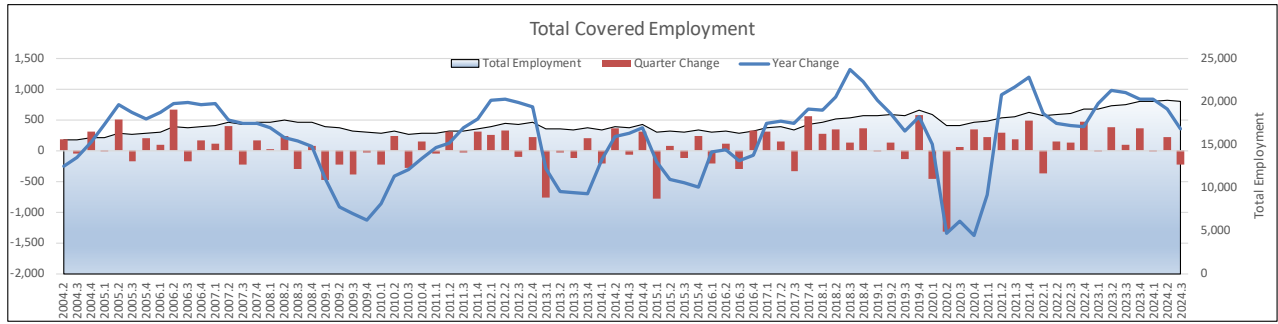
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| COVERED EMPLOYMENT Industrial Sector | Number of Jobs | | | Quarter Chg | | Annual Chg | | Avg Wkly Wage* |
|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------|------------|--------|----------------|
| | 3RD QTR 2024 | 2ND QTR 2024 | 3RD QTR 2023 | Actual | % | Actual | % | |
| Total Employment | 19,943 | 20,162 | 19,591 | -219 | -1.1% | 352 | 1.8% | \$1,057 |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 346 | 372 | 453 | -26 | -7.0% | -107 | -23.6% | \$1,583 |
| Construction | 2,158 | 2,143 | 2,232 | 15 | 0.7% | -74 | -3.3% | \$1,458 |
| Manufacturing | 1,275 | 1,252 | 1,130 | 23 | 1.8% | 145 | 12.8% | \$1,425 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | 4,271 | 4,342 | 3,977 | -71 | -1.6% | 294 | 7.4% | \$1,068 |
| Information | 82 | 86 | 89 | -4 | -4.7% | -7 | -7.9% | \$1,419 |
| Financial Activities | 503 | 521 | 507 | -18 | -3.5% | -4 | -0.8% | \$1,373 |
| Professional & Business Services | 862 | 880 | 834 | -18 | -2.0% | 28 | 3.4% | \$1,417 |
| Education & Health Services | 1,928 | 1,948 | 1,950 | -20 | -1.0% | -22 | -1.1% | \$966 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,730 | 1,750 | 1,742 | -20 | -1.1% | -12 | -0.7% | \$416 |
| Other Services | 337 | 348 | 317 | -11 | -3.2% | 20 | 6.3% | \$947 |
| Nonclassifiable | 16 | 12 | 28 | 4 | 33.3% | -12 | -42.9% | \$488 |
| Public Administration | 6,435 | 6,508 | 6,334 | -73 | -1.1% | 101 | 1.6% | \$948 |
| Federal Government | 136 | 137 | 136 | -1 | -0.7% | 0 | 0.0% | \$1,281 |
| State Government | 1,185 | 1,149 | 939 | 36 | 3.1% | 246 | 26.2% | \$1,052 |
| Local Government | 5,114 | 5,222 | 5,259 | -108 | -2.1% | -145 | -2.8% | \$917 |

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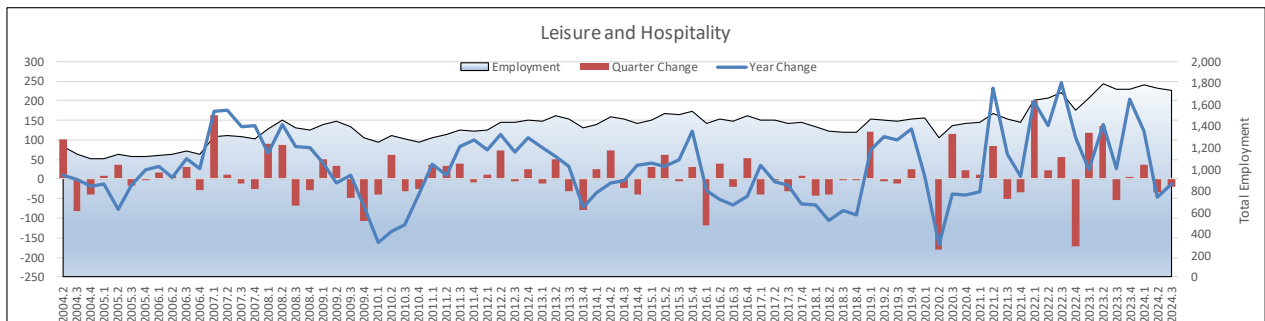
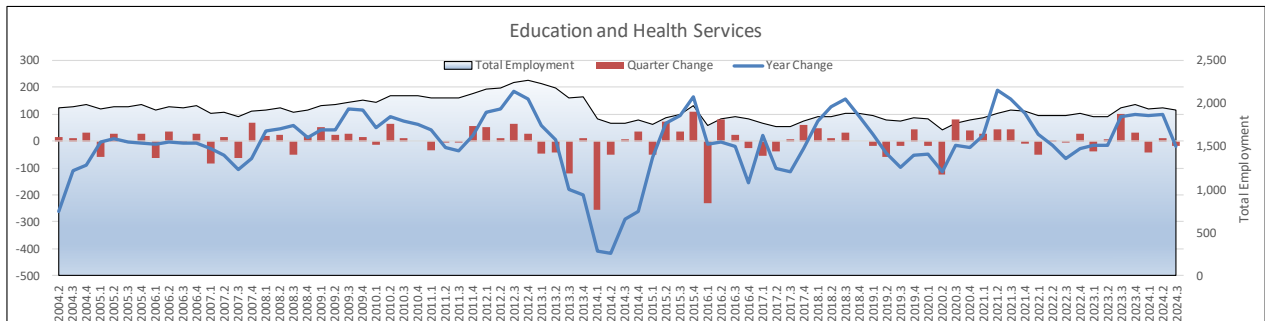
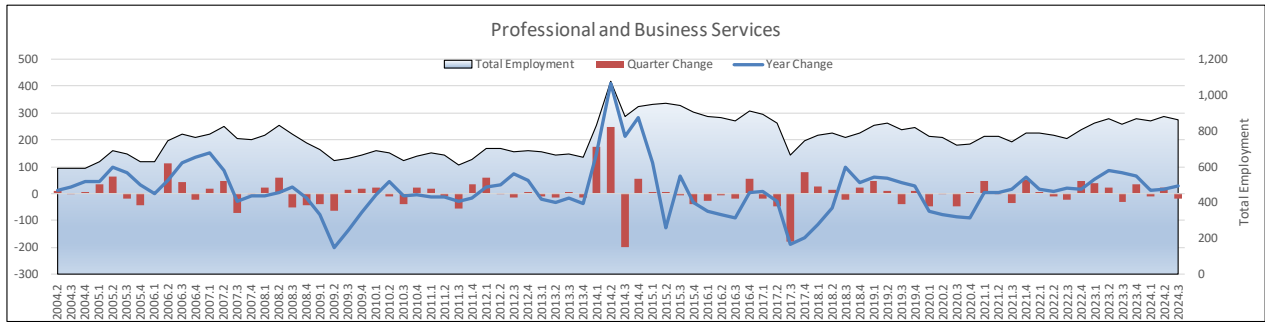
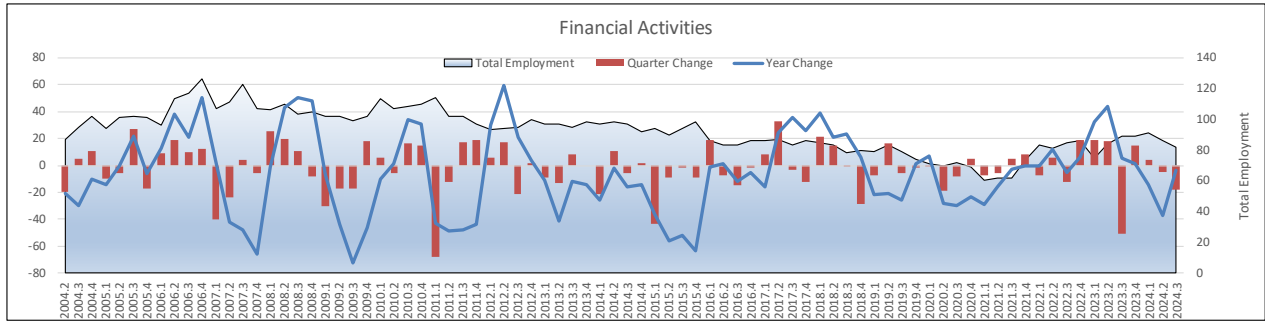
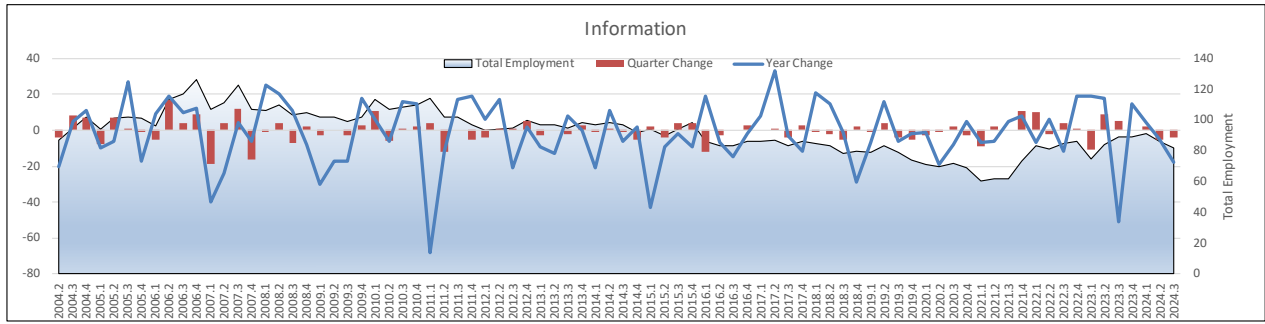
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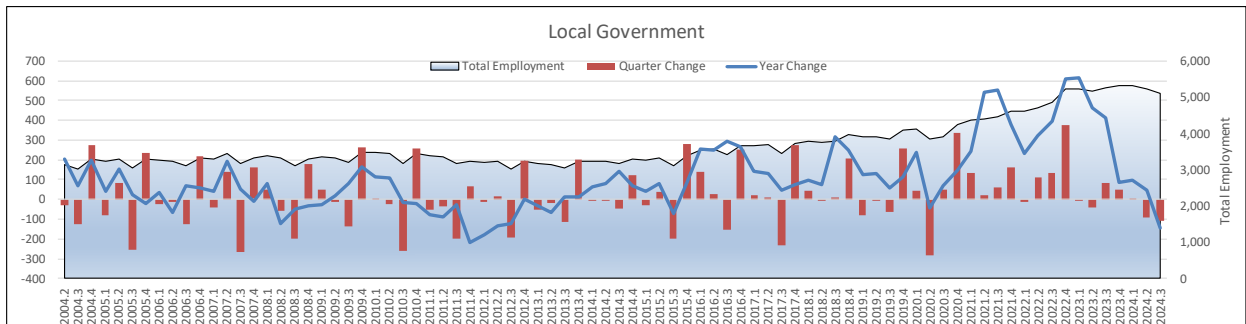
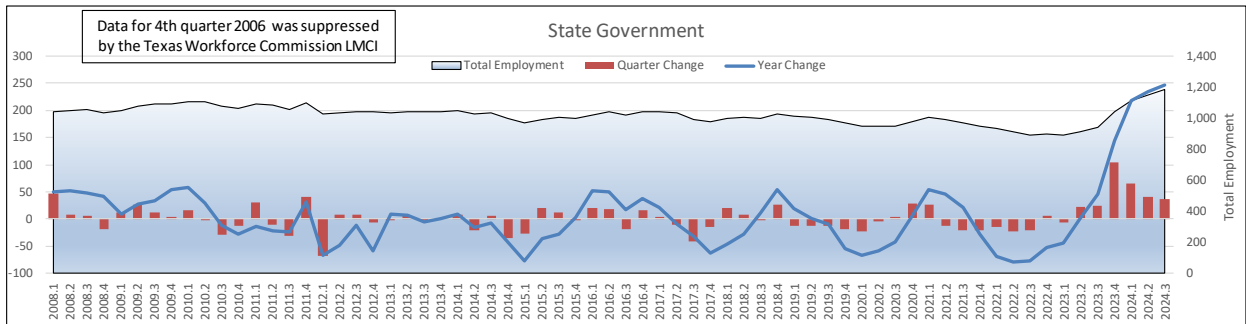
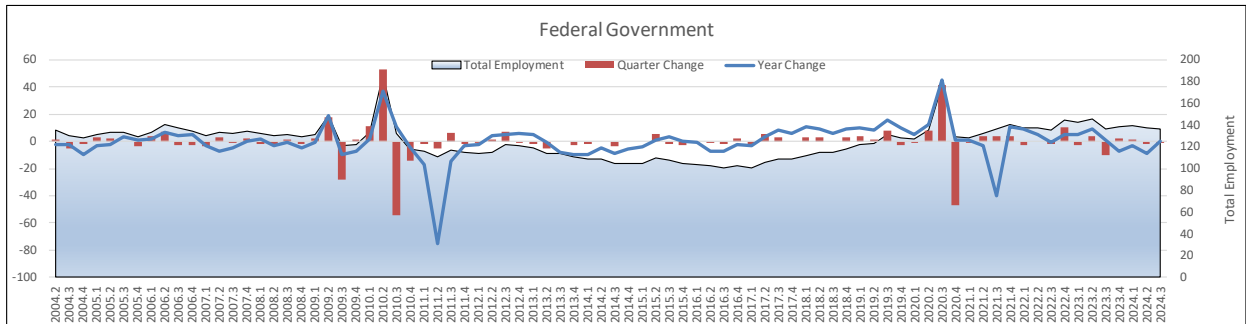
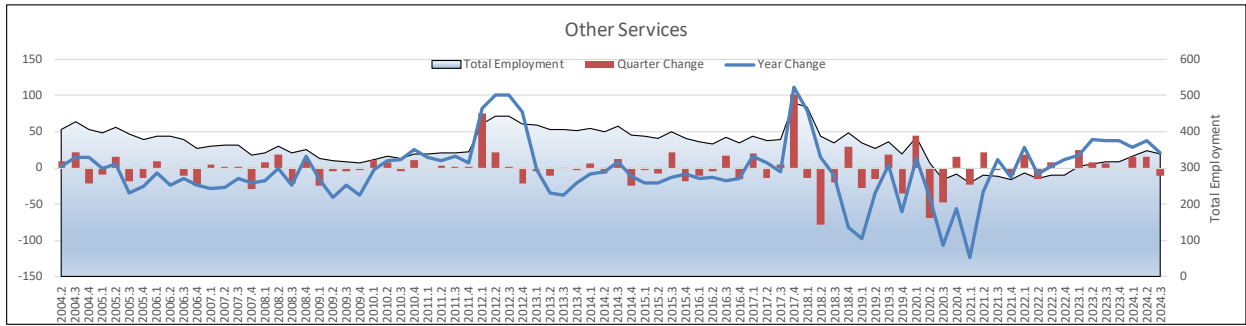
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Historical Employment Highlights

| | All-Time High | All-Time High Quarter | All-Time Low | All-Time Low Qtr |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Total | 20,162 | 2024.2 | 15,409 | 2004.1 |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 1,074 | 2019.2 | 346 | 2024.3 |
| Construction | 2,382 | 2023.4 | 573 | 2005.1 |
| Manufacturing | 2,326 | 2007.3 | 881 | 2016.4 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 4,342 | 2024.2 | 3,124 | 2004.1 |
| Information | 126 | 2006.4 | 60 | 2021.1 |
| Financial Activities | 674 | 2006.4 | 502 | 2021.2 |
| Professional and Business Services | 1,076 | 2014.2 | 549 | 2003.4 |
| Education and Health Services | 2,270 | 2012.4 | 1,691 | 2020.2 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 1,796 | 2023.2 | 1,093 | 2004.4 |
| Other Services | 480 | 2017.4 | 259 | 2021.1 |
| Federal Government | 186 | 2010.2 | 101 | 2016.3 |
| State Government | 1,185 | 2024.3 | 891 | 2023.1 |
| Local Government | 5,311 | 2024.1 | 2,946 | 2003.2 |

Average Change from Previous Quarter

| | 1st Qtr Avg Chg # | 1st Qtr Avg Chg % | 2nd Qtr Avg Chg # | 2nd Qtr Avg Chg % |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total | -123 | -0.7% | 164 | 1.0% |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 6 | 0.7% | 0 | 0.7% |
| Construction | -37 | -2.9% | 34 | 3.6% |
| Manufacturing | -57 | -3.1% | 15 | 1.6% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | -52 | -1.2% | 58 | 1.5% |
| Information | -2 | -1.9% | 1 | 0.8% |
| Financial Activities | -6 | -0.9% | 1 | 0.1% |
| Professional and Business Services | 19 | 3.0% | 21 | 2.8% |
| Education and Health Services | -48 | -2.4% | 6 | 0.3% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 32 | 2.4% | 31 | 2.3% |
| Other Services | 6 | 2.0% | -5 | -1.0% |
| Federal Government | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 3.7% |
| State Government | 8 | 0.8% | 4 | 0.4% |
| Local Government | 8 | 0.2% | -9 | -0.2% |

Average Change from Previous Quarter

| | 3rd Qtr Avg Chg # | 3rd Qtr Avg Chg % | 4th Qtr Avg Chg # | 4th Qtr Avg Chg % |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total | -119 | -0.7% | 279 | 1.6% |
| Natural Resources and Mining | -18 | -2.2% | 4 | 0.2% |
| Construction | 41 | 3.6% | 22 | 1.3% |
| Manufacturing | 5 | 0.2% | 13 | 1.2% |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 18 | 0.5% | 15 | 0.4% |
| Information | 1 | 0.5% | 0 | 0.7% |
| Financial Activities | -2 | -0.4% | 2 | 0.3% |
| Professional and Business Services | -38 | -4.4% | 13 | 1.7% |
| Education and Health Services | 0 | 0.1% | 28 | 1.5% |
| Leisure and Hospitality | -15 | -1.1% | -21 | -1.5% |
| Other Services | -1 | -0.3% | -3 | -0.8% |
| Federal Government | -2 | -0.9% | -3 | -1.5% |
| State Government | -3 | -0.3% | 1 | 0.2% |
| Local Government | -106 | -3.2% | 215 | 6.3% |

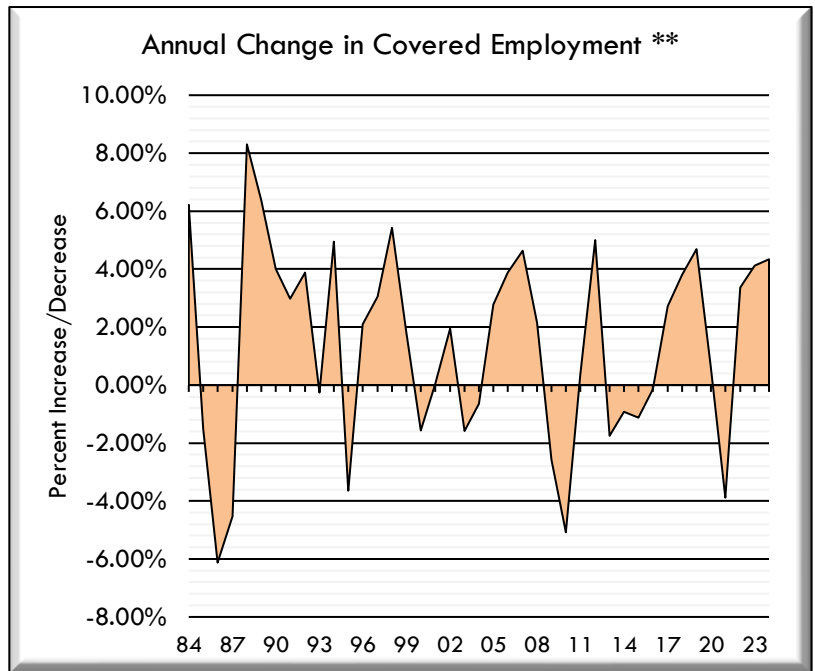
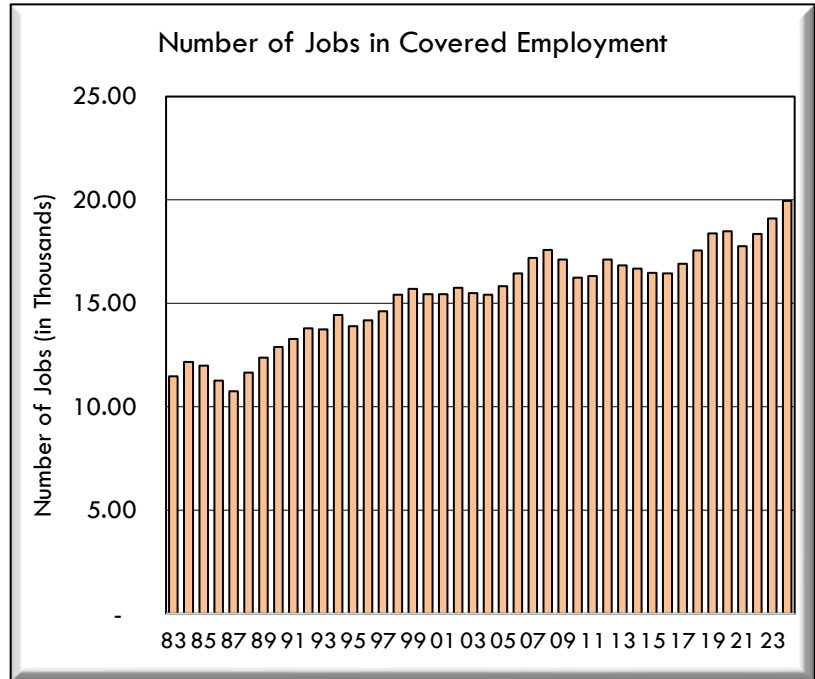
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Liberty County 1983-2024 Covered Employment**

| YEAR | JOBS | + / (-) | % +/- |
|------|--------|---------|-------|
| 83 | 11,469 | | |
| 84 | 12,181 | 712 | 6.2% |
| 85 | 11,998 | (183) | -1.5% |
| 86 | 11,263 | (735) | -6.1% |
| 87 | 10,753 | (510) | -4.5% |
| 88 | 11,646 | 893 | 8.3% |
| 89 | 12,387 | 741 | 6.4% |
| 90 | 12,884 | 497 | 4.0% |
| 91 | 13,268 | 384 | 3.0% |
| 92 | 13,783 | 515 | 3.9% |
| 93 | 13,747 | (36) | -0.3% |
| 94 | 14,428 | 681 | 5.0% |
| 95 | 13,902 | (526) | -3.6% |
| 96 | 14,192 | 290 | 2.1% |
| 97 | 14,625 | 433 | 3.1% |
| 98 | 15,419 | 794 | 5.4% |
| 99 | 15,698 | 279 | 1.8% |
| 00 | 15,452 | (246) | -1.6% |
| 01 | 15,456 | 4 | 0.0% |
| 02 | 15,757 | 301 | 1.9% |
| 03 | 15,508 | (249) | -1.6% |
| 04 | 15,409 | (99) | -0.6% |
| 05 | 15,836 | 427 | 2.8% |
| 06 | 16,449 | 613 | 3.9% |
| 07 | 17,210 | 761 | 4.6% |
| 08 | 17,580 | 370 | 2.1% |
| 09 | 17,127 | (453) | -2.6% |
| 10 | 16,256 | (871) | -5.1% |
| 11 | 16,311 | 55 | 0.3% |
| 12 | 17,126 | 815 | 5.0% |
| 13 | 16,827 | (299) | -1.7% |
| 14 | 16,672 | (155) | -0.9% |
| 15 | 16,485 | (187) | -1.1% |
| 16 | 16,459 | (26) | -0.2% |
| 17 | 16,906 | 447 | 2.7% |
| 18 | 17,559 | 653 | 3.8% |
| 19 | 18,373 | 814 | 4.7% |
| 20 | 18,482 | 109 | 0.6% |
| 21 | 17,763 | (719) | -3.9% |
| 22 | 18,361 | 598 | 3.4% |
| 23 | 19,117 | 756 | 4.1% |
| 24 | 19,945 | 828 | 4.3% |



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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 | 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 |
| 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 | \$16.23 | \$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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