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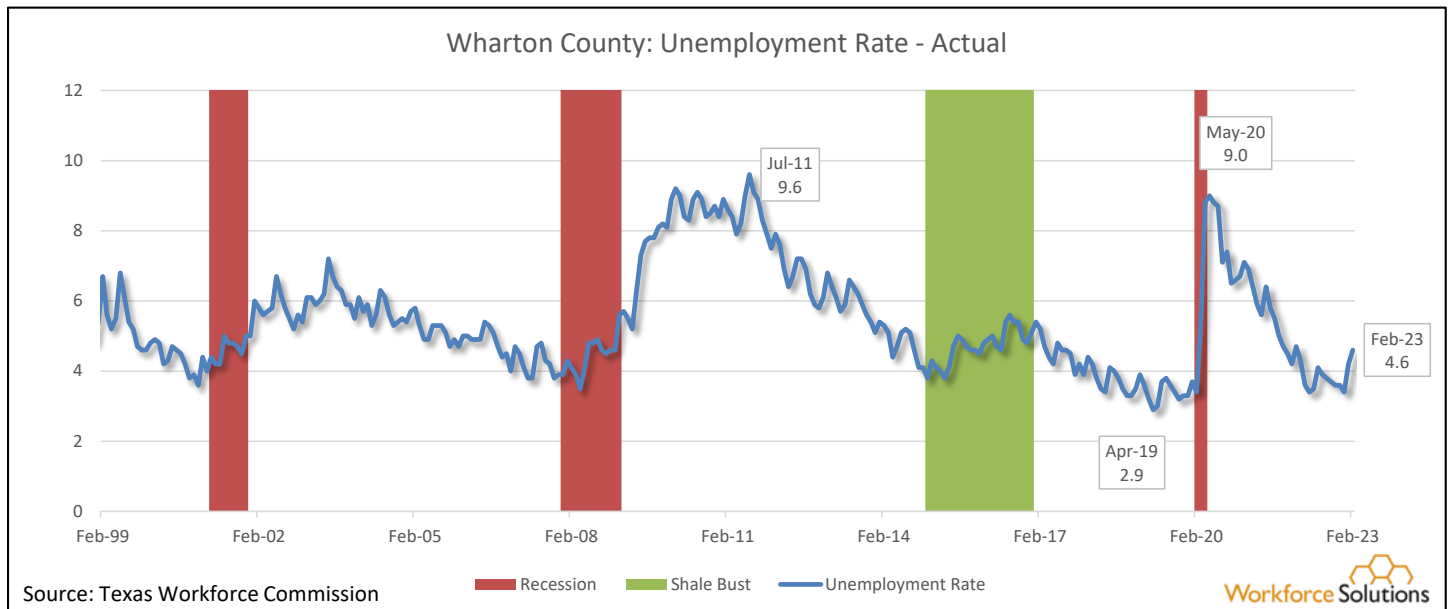
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County Employment Data*

The rate of unemployment in Wharton County rose four-tenths of a percentage point to 4.6 percent in February. The county's rate of unemployment was slightly higher than the state's 4.5 percent rate and more than half a point higher than the nation's 3.9 percent rate. Total covered employment in Wharton County added 101 jobs over third quarter 2022, up 0.6 percent. The increase was slightly larger than a year earlier when payrolls were up 88 jobs. Job gains were widespread. The largest contributors to the increase were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 138 jobs or 3.5 percent, Financial Activities, up 45 jobs or 9.3 percent, and Manufacturing, up 37 jobs or 2.6 percent. Wharton County added 441 jobs over the year, up 2.8 percent from third quarter 2021. Primary contributors to the increase were Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, up 221 jobs or 5.7 percent, and Manufacturing, up 174 jobs or 13.4 percent. Substantial gains were also found in Natural Resources and Mining, up 44 jobs or 2.8 percent, and Local Government, up 65 jobs or 2.5 percent. Holding back gains were declines in Leisure and Hospitality, down 56 jobs or 4.2 percent, Other Services, down 55 jobs or 15.1 percent, and Construction, down 34 jobs or 5.4 percent. Additional details can be found pages 2 through 7.

	FEB 2023	JAN 2023	FEB 2022
Civilian Labor Force	21,815	21,411	21,504
Employed	20,822	20,510	20,579
Unemployed	993	901	925
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.2%	4.3%
Comparative Actual Rates			
Texas	4.5%	4.2%	4.3%
U.S.	3.9%	3.9%	4.1%



*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 2022 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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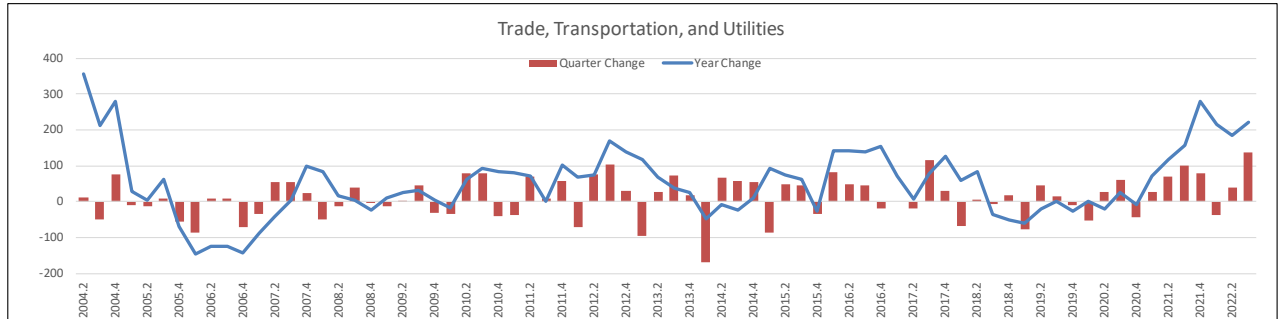
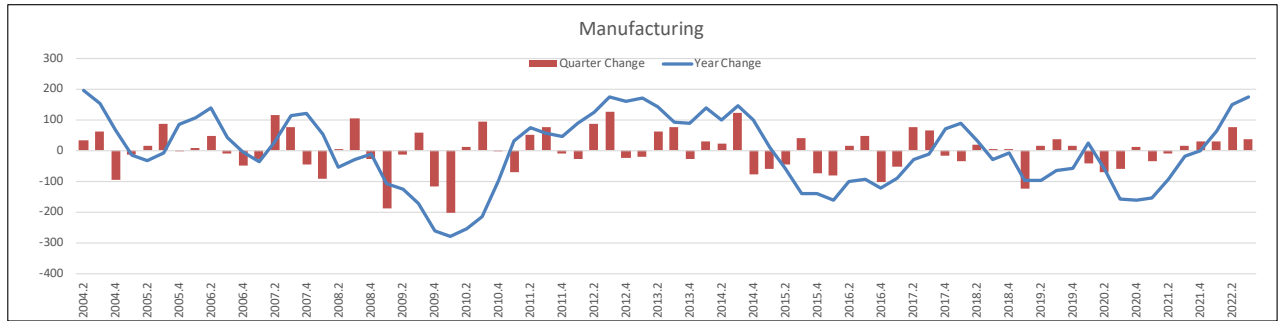
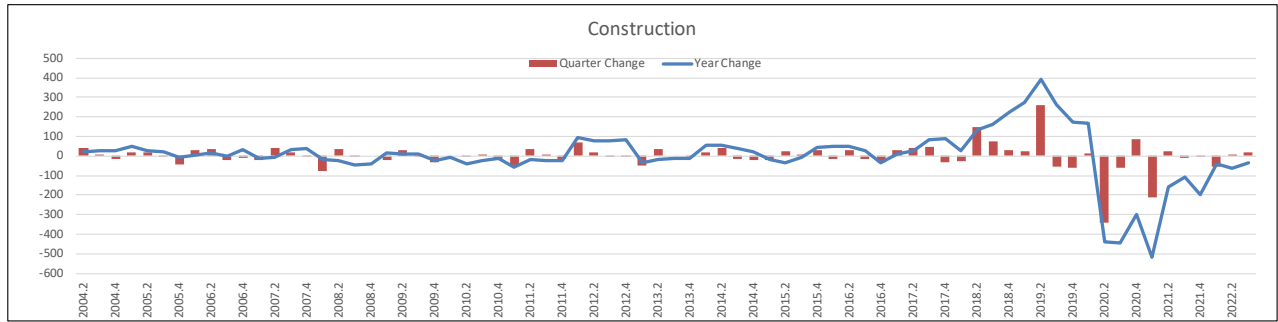
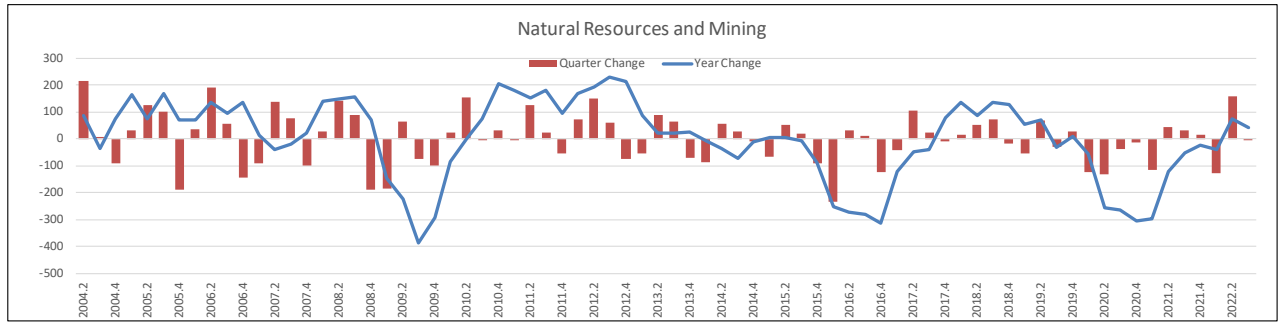
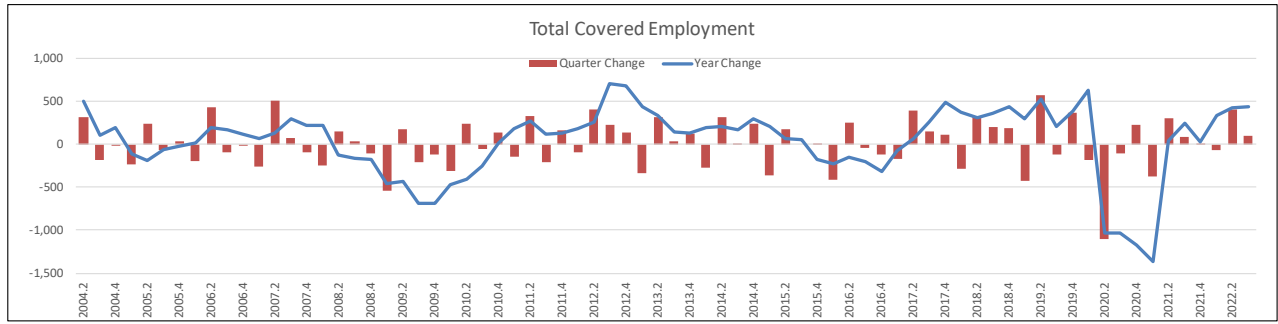
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Industrial Sector	Number of Jobs			Quarter Chg.		Annual Chg.		Avg Wkly Wage*
	3RD QTR 2022	2ND QTR 2022	3RD QTR 2021	Actual	%	Actual	%	
Total Employment	15,939	15,838	15,498	101	0.6%	441	2.8%	\$ 876
Natural Resources & Mining	2,149	2,150	2,105	(1)	0.0%	44	2.1%	\$ 1,030
Construction	592	575	626	17	3.0%	-34	-5.4%	\$960
Manufacturing	1,473	1,436	1,299	37	2.6%	174	13.4%	\$ 1,044
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4,082	3,944	3,861	138	3.5%	221	5.7%	\$953
Information	50	50	56	-	0.0%	(6)	-10.7%	\$ 682
Financial Activities	531	486	502	45	9.3%	29	5.8%	\$1,129
Professional & Business Services	562	557	511	5	0.9%	51	10.0%	\$ 852
Education & Health Services	2,098	2,210	2,077	-112	-5.1%	21	1.0%	\$838
Leisure & Hospitality	1,277	1,286	1,333	(9)	-0.7%	(56)	-4.2%	\$ 341
Other Services	309	316	364	-7	-2.2%	(55)	-15.1%	\$530
Nonclassifiable	3	22	6	(19)	-86.4%	(3)	na	\$ 448
Public Administration	2,813	2,807	2,758	6	0.2%	55	2.0%	\$828
Federal Government	79	82	87	(3)	-3.7%	(8)	-9.2%	\$ 1,360
State Government	97	97	99	0	0.0%	-2	-2.0%	\$1,209
Local Government	2,637	2,628	2,572	9	0.3%	65	2.5%	\$ 797

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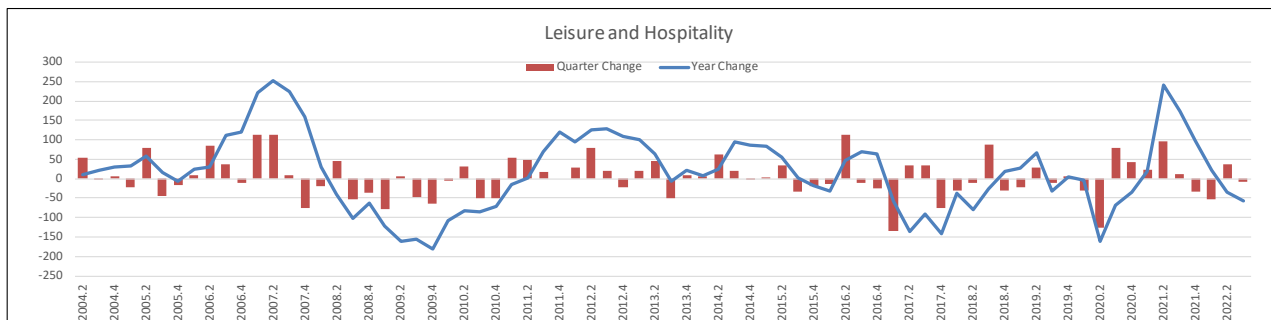
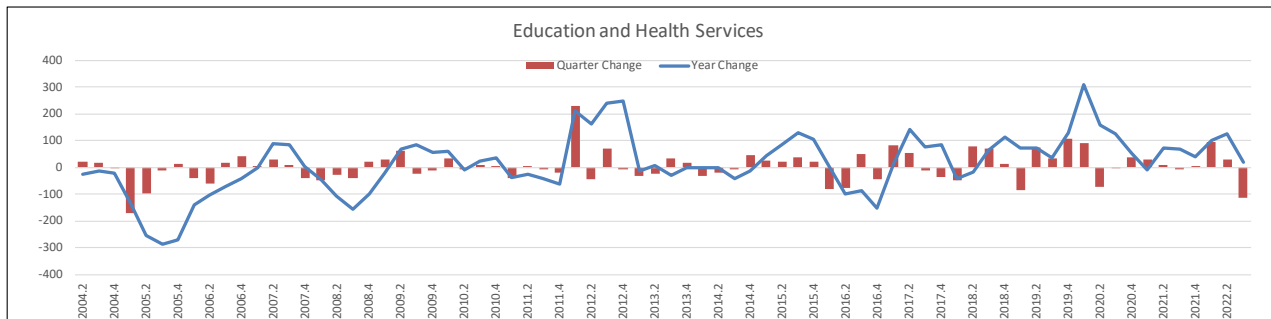
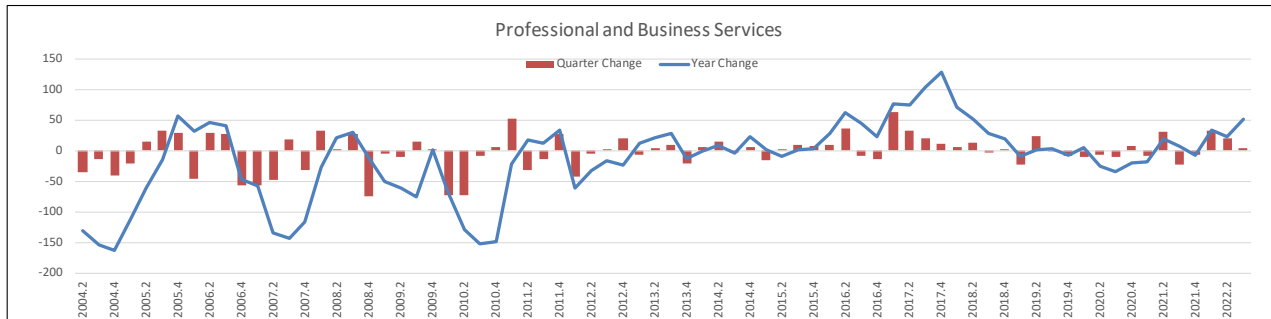
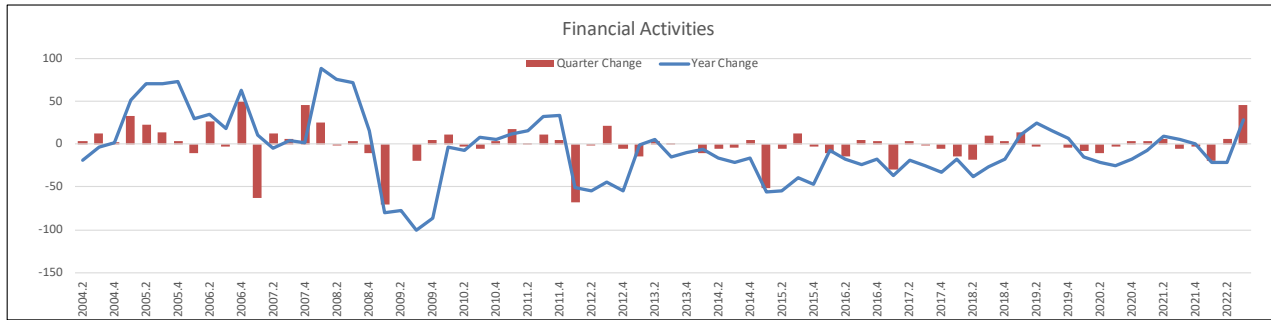
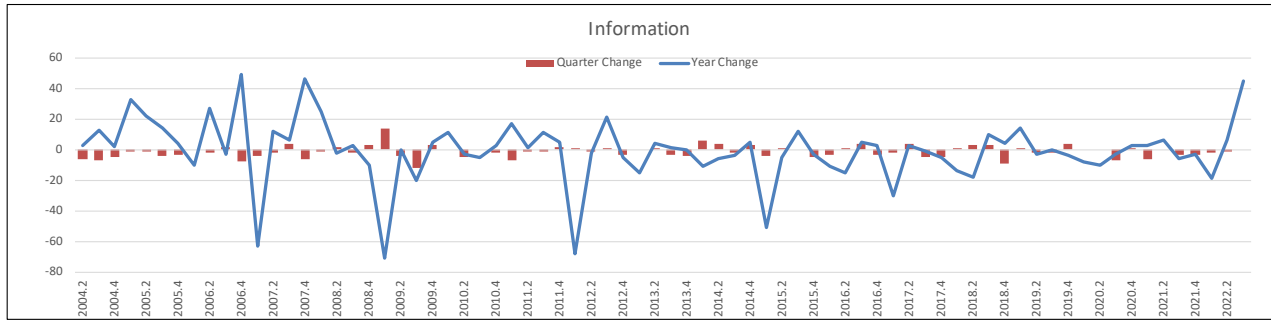
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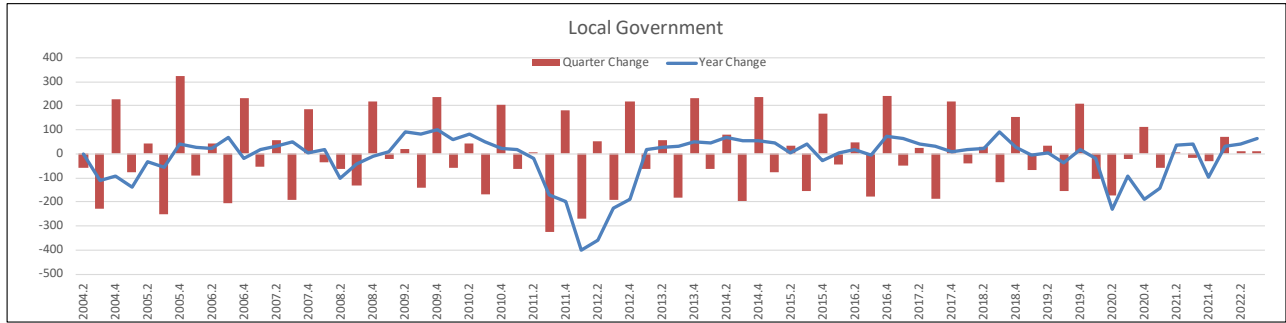
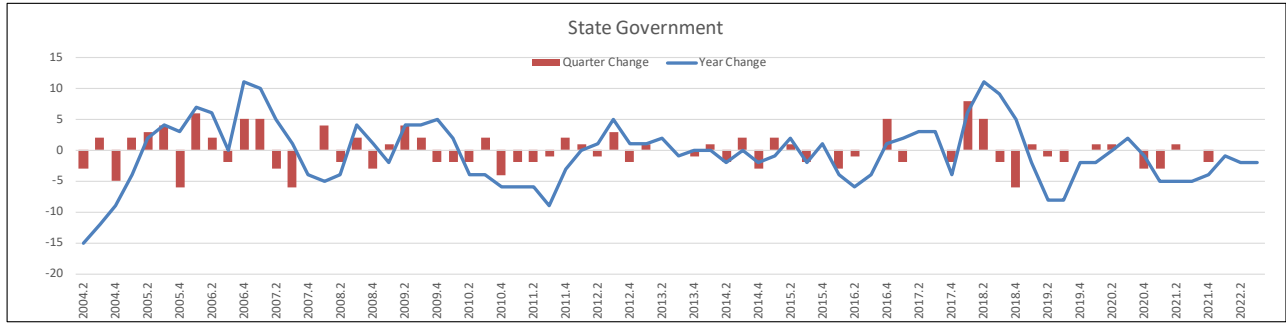
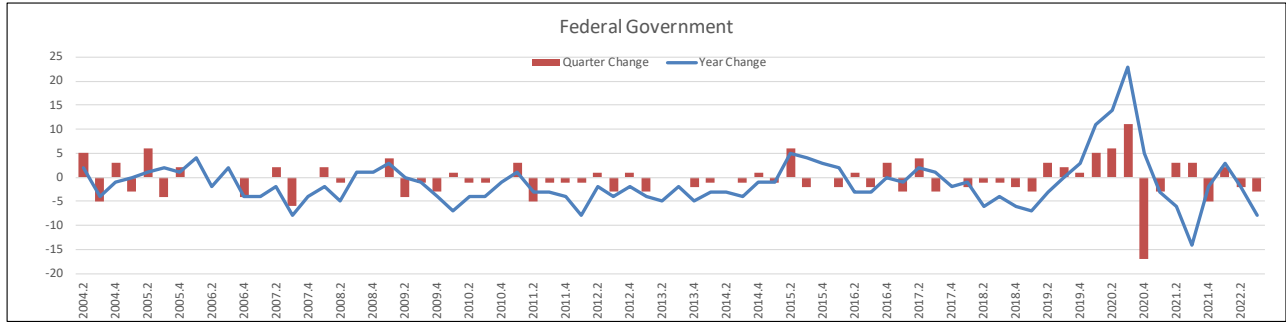
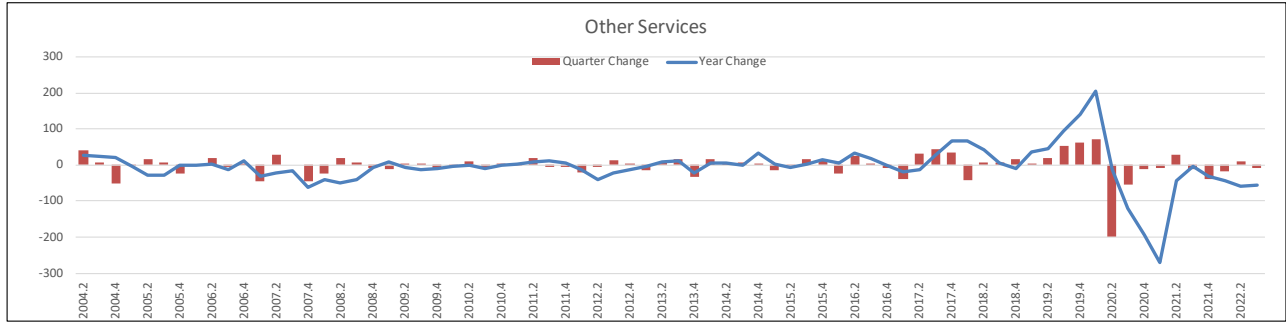
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Historical Employment Highlights

	All-Time High	All-Time High Quarter	All-Time Low	All-Time Low Qtr
Total	16,651	2019.4	14,282	2010.1
Natural Resources and Mining	2,717	2013.3	1,972	2004.1
Construction	1,228	2019.2	500	2011.1
Manufacturing	1,822	2014.3	1,248	2010.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,082	2022.3	2,875	2003.2
Information	143	2003.3	50	2022.2
Financial Activities	762	2008.3	480	2022.1
Professional and Business Services	805	2003.3	331	2012.2
Education and Health Services	2,210	2022.2	1,427	2008.3
Leisure and Hospitality	1,392	2016.2	963	2004.1
Other Services	620	2020.1	306	2022.1
Federal Government	107	2005.2	73	2019.1
State Government	114	2007.1	95	2004.4
Local Government	3,011	2010.4	2,409	2012.3

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	1st Qtr Avg Chg #	1st Qtr Avg Chg %	2nd Qtr Avg Chg #	2nd Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	-256	-1.7%	250	1.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	-54	-2.3%	97	4.4%
Construction	-18	-2.4%	28	5.3%
Manufacturing	-49	-3.2%	27	1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	-32	-0.8%	34	1.0%
Information	0	-0.5%	0	-0.3%
Financial Activities	-15	-2.3%	1	0.1%
Professional and Business Services	-9	-1.0%	1	0.2%
Education and Health Services	-1	0.0%	-2	-0.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	-9	-0.6%	45	3.9%
Other Services	-8	-2.5%	4	2.4%
Federal Government	0	-0.5%	1	1.5%
State Government	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Local Government	-63	-2.2%	16	0.6%

Average Change from Previous Quarter

	3rd Qtr Avg Chg #	3rd Qtr Avg Chg %	4th Qtr Avg Chg #	4th Qtr Avg Chg %
Total	2	0.0%	62	0.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	32	1.4%	-74	-3.1%
Construction	-1	0.0%	-8	-1.2%
Manufacturing	58	3.9%	-33	-1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	52	1.5%	5	0.1%
Information	-2	-1.8%	-2	-2.4%
Financial Activities	5	0.9%	5	0.7%
Professional and Business Services	4	0.7%	-9	-1.1%
Education and Health Services	6	0.4%	9	0.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	-1	0.0%	-21	-1.7%
Other Services	5	1.5%	-7	-2.0%
Federal Government	-1	-0.8%	-1	-1.2%
State Government	0	0.1%	-2	-1.7%
Local Government	-157	-5.6%	201	7.6%

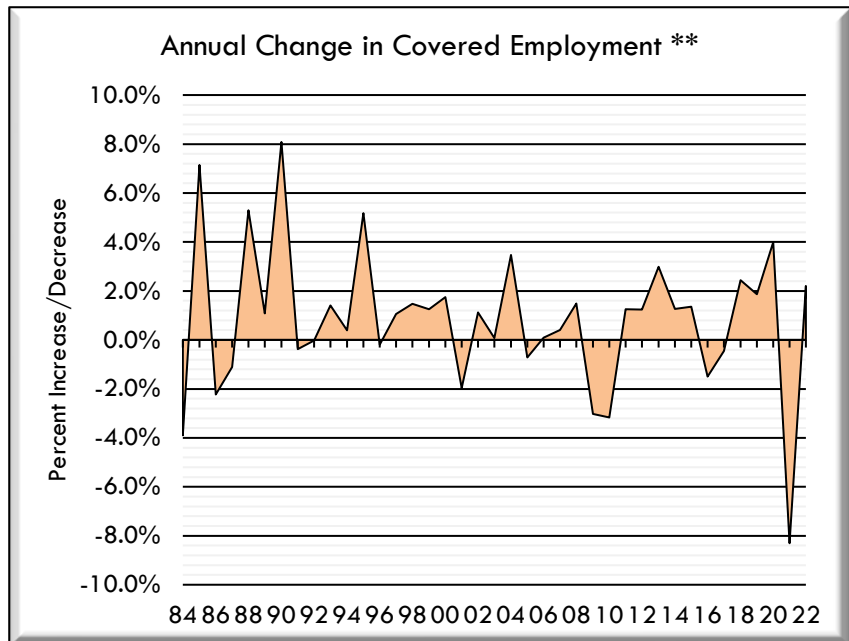
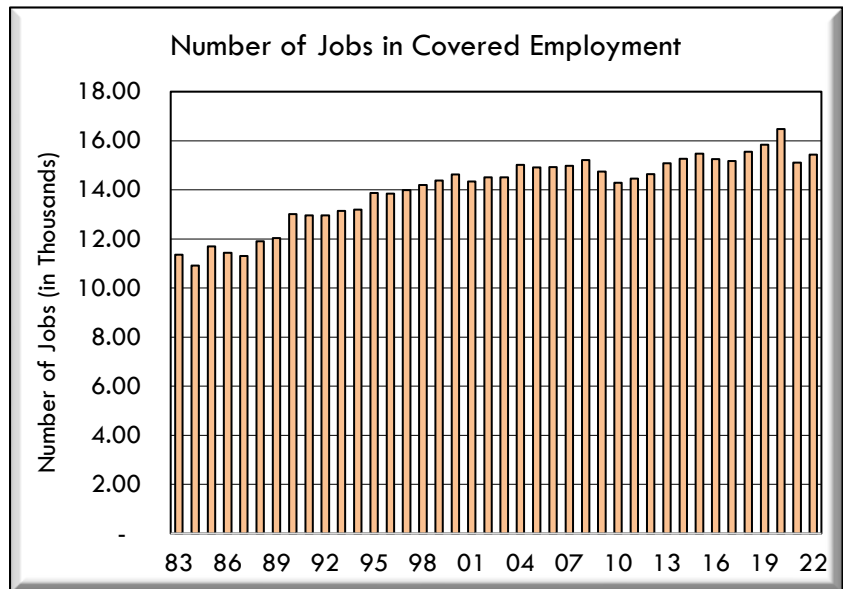
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Wharton County 1983-2022 Covered Employment**

YEAR	JOBS	+ /(-)	% +/-
83	11,356		
84	10,913	(443)	-3.9%
85	11,693	780	7.1%
86	11,433	(260)	-2.2%
87	11,306	(127)	-1.1%
88	11,905	599	5.3%
89	12,034	129	1.1%
90	13,007	973	8.1%
91	12,958	(49)	-0.4%
92	12,955	(3)	0.0%
93	13,137	182	1.4%
94	13,189	52	0.4%
95	13,872	683	5.2%
96	13,845	(27)	-0.2%
97	13,992	147	1.1%
98	14,199	207	1.5%
99	14,377	178	1.3%
00	14,629	252	1.8%
01	14,342	(287)	-2.0%
02	14,504	162	1.1%
03	14,515	11	0.1%
04	15,019	504	3.5%
05	14,911	(108)	-0.7%
06	14,925	14	0.1%
07	14,985	60	0.4%
08	15,209	224	1.5%
09	14,749	(460)	-3.0%
10	14,282	(467)	-3.2%
11	14,462	180	1.3%
12	14,641	179	1.2%
13	15,078	437	3.0%
14	15,270	192	1.3%
15	15,478	208	1.4%
16	15,247	(231)	-1.5%
17	15,178	(69)	-0.5%
18	15,549	371	2.4%
19	15,839	290	1.9%
20	16,471	632	4.0%
21	15,104	(1,367)	-8.3%
22	15,438	334	2.2%



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Gulf Coast** 2021 Wages*

Std. Occ. Code	Occupation	Average Hourly Wage	Average Annual Wage	Employment
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	\$44.21	\$91,947	29,100
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$24.13	\$50,195	12,110
43-3031	Bookkeepers, Acctg and Auditing Clerks	\$21.58	\$44,879	31,620
49-3031	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$25.31	\$52,654	5,830
53-3052	Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	\$21.50	\$44,710	2,430
13-1020	Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$36.93	\$76,807	3,500
47-2031	Carpenters	\$23.07	\$47,986	9,060
41-2011	Cashiers	\$12.06	\$25,080	73,240
39-9011	Childcare Workers	\$11.59	\$24,110	10,250
17-2051	Civil Engineer	\$50.32	\$104,666	10,020
15-1231	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$34.86	\$72,505	2,630
47-2061	Construction Laborers	\$17.92	\$37,281	28,110
35-2012	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	\$13.91	\$28,933	6,440
35-2014	Cooks, Restaurant	\$14.01	\$29,145	31,410
43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	\$17.93	\$37,290	62,220
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$35.58	\$74,016	3,550
47-3013	Electrician Helpers	\$19.02	\$39,570	3,390
47-2111	Electricians	\$27.02	\$56,205	13,030
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	\$32.51	\$67,616	7,100
35-3023	Fast Food and Counter Workers	\$11.02	\$22,924	74,790
43-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$29.82	\$62,029	34,990
41-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	\$23.31	\$48,487	27,340
35-2021	Food Preparation Workers	\$13.79	\$28,687	15,370
11-9051	Food Service Managers	\$32.30	\$67,194	3,150
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	\$54.97	\$114,348	80,000
39-5012	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$13.97	\$29,062	5,670
49-9021	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics	\$25.67	\$53,386	7,690
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$31.18	\$64,855	14,350
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operator	\$18.64	\$38,771	19,970
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	\$13.00	\$27,046	46,850
53-7062	Laborers and Freight Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$16.09	\$33,457	52,110
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$25.36	\$52,757	12,660
11-9081	Lodging Managers	\$37.39	\$77,766	610
51-4041	Machinists	\$24.22	\$50,382	7,480
11-2021	Marketing Managers	\$68.26	\$141,971	4,400
31-9092	Medical Assistants	\$17.70	\$36,807	16,000
49-3042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$27.29	\$56,761	5,010
31-1131	Nursing Assistants	\$15.47	\$32,185	16,380
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	\$18.44	\$38,365	55,740
29-1051	Pharmacists	\$60.81	\$126,488	5,950
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$27.05	\$56,270	9,450
33-3051	Police and Sherriff's Patrol Officers	\$32.45	\$67,487	158,380
43-4171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$14.88	\$30,943	19,870
29-1141	Registered Nurses	\$40.26	\$83,738	55,220
41-2031	Retail Salespersons	\$15.02	\$31,243	71,900
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	\$22.39	\$46,574	4,520
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	\$47.23	\$98,247	5,240
43-6014	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$18.86	\$39,228	38,050
33-9032	Security Guards	\$16.55	\$49,032	26,010
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	\$17.57	\$36,541	20,850
53-7065	Stockers and Order Fillers	\$15.97	\$33,219	52,710
53-1047	Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Exc.Aircraft Cargo Handling	\$28.56	\$59,405	12,260
53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy an Tractor-Trailer	\$23.67	\$49,233	46,770
53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$20.79	\$43,241	18,930
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$25.58	\$53,215	15,320

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