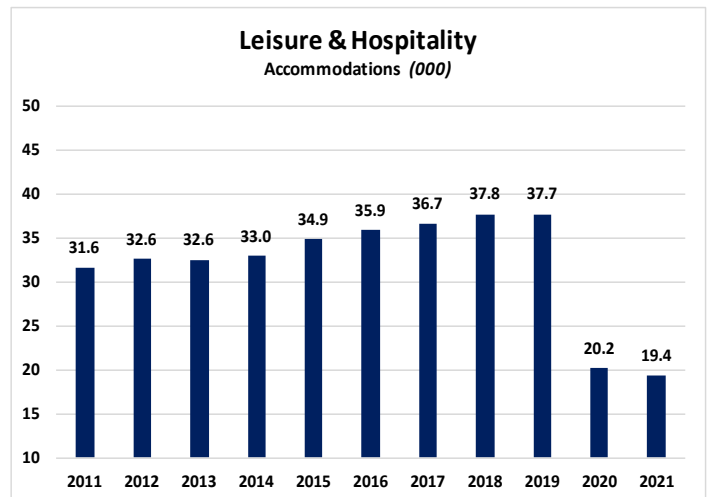
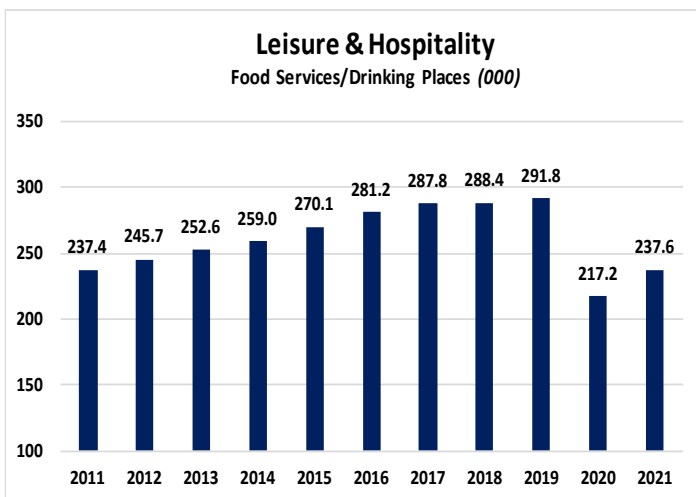
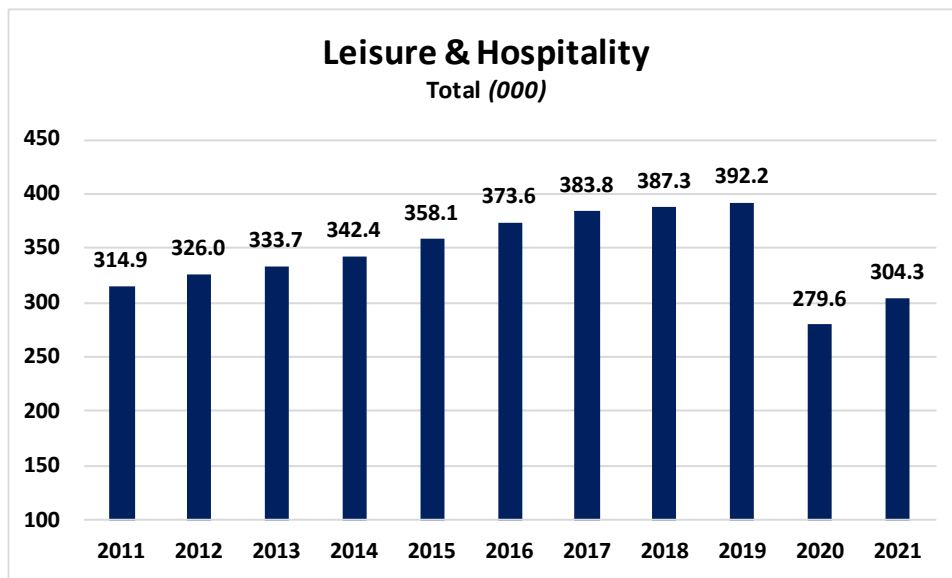


**Leisure & Hospitality Employment—2021
Chicago Metropolitan Division***

Overview

- Leisure & Hospitality (L&H) employment in the Chicago Metropolitan Division continued to advance in 2021 (+9%) following the 2020 pandemic induced decline of -29%. Overall L&H employment in 2021 recovered to 78% of pre-pandemic levels.
- The Accommodation sector, having taken the brunt of the travel shutdown, continued to struggle toward upward momentum in 2021 with a moderate decline of -4.2%.
- Food Services & Drinking Places employment in 2021 saw a +9% gain and has recovered to 81% of pre-pandemic levels.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics—U.S. Department of Commerce

*Chicago Metropolitan Division = Counties of Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kendall, McHenry, Will