

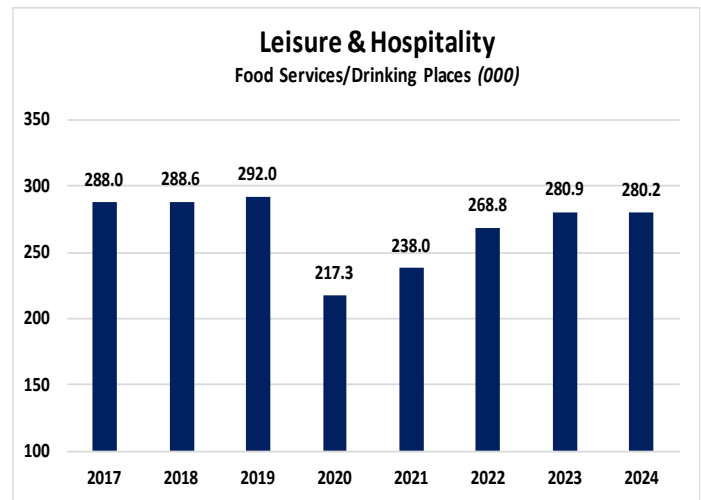
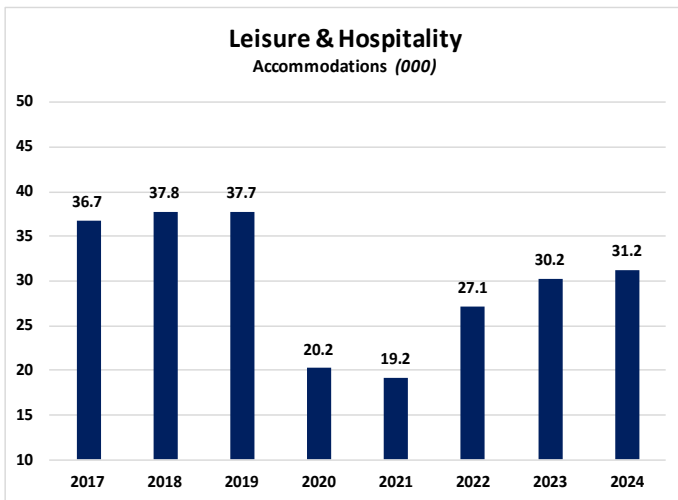
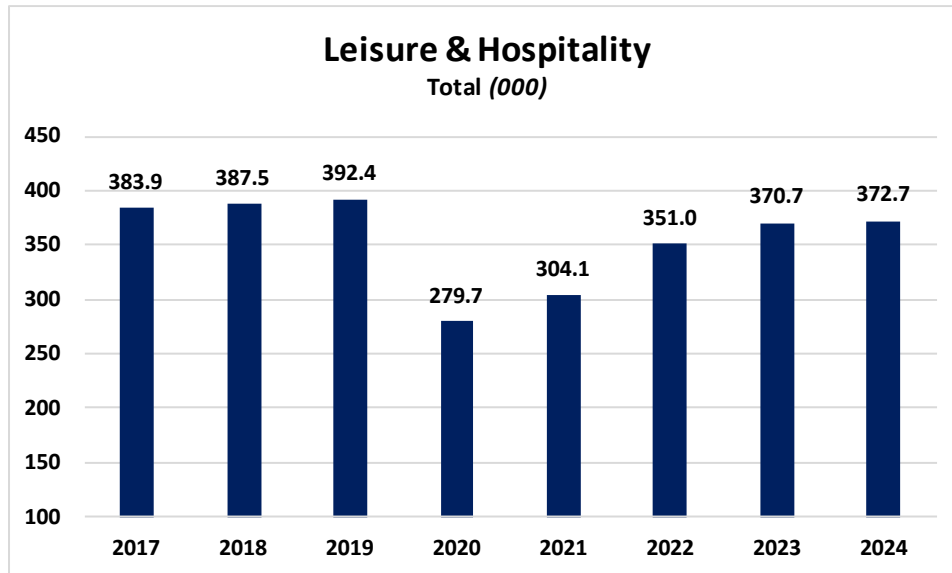


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Leisure & Hospitality Employment—2024 Chicago Metropolitan Division*

Overview

- Total Leisure & Hospitality (L&H) employment in the Chicago Metropolitan Division continued to advance in 2024 (+0.5% YOY) albeit at its slowest post-pandemic pace and reflecting a 95% recovery versus 2019 levels.
- Accommodations employment progressed as well in 2024, up +3.2% YOY, but still lagging in overall recovery share at 83%.
- Food Services & Drinking Places employment growth was somewhat flat in 2024, down a marginal -0.3% YOY but has recovered to 96% of pre-pandemic 2019 levels.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics—U.S. Department of Commerce
*Chicago Metropolitan Division = Counties of Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kendall, McHenry, Will