



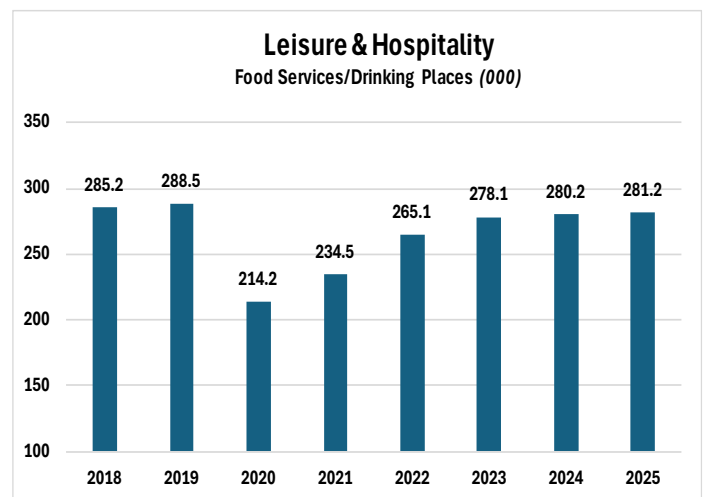
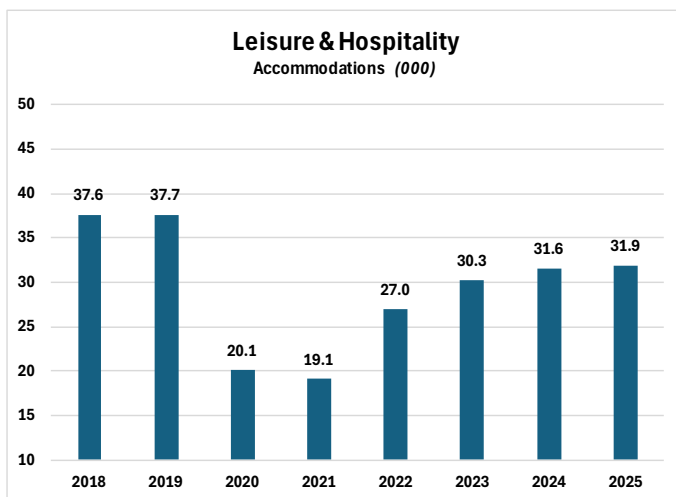
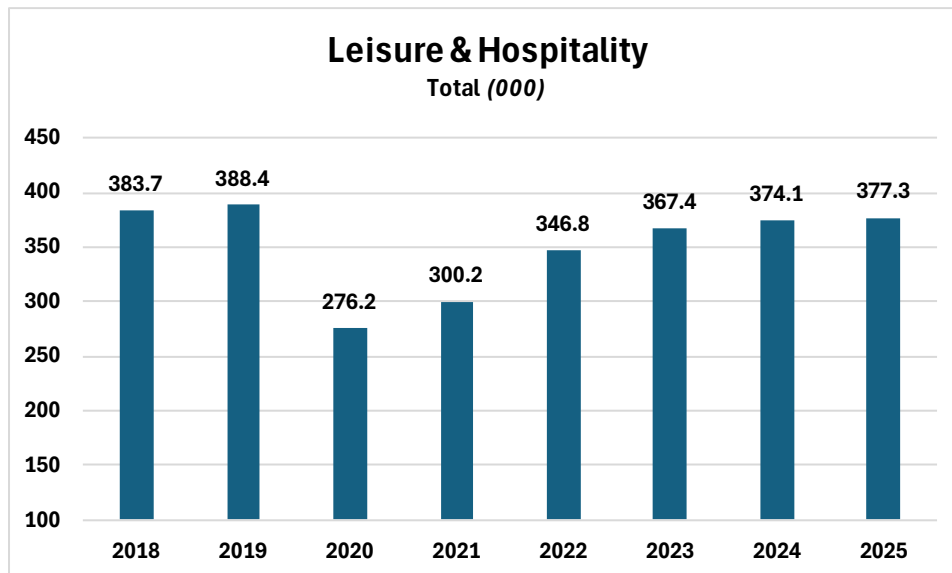
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Research & Analysis

Leisure & Hospitality Employment—2025 Chicago Metropolitan Division*

Overview

- Total Leisure & Hospitality (L&H) employment in the Chicago Metropolitan Division continued to advance in 2025 (+0.9% YOY) and reflecting a 97% recovery level versus 2019.
- Accommodations employment progressed as well in 2025, up +1.1% YOY, reflecting a recovery share at 85%.
- Food Services & Drinking Places employment growth reported a marginal gain in 2025 (+0.4% YOY) but has recovered to 97.5% of pre-pandemic 2019 levels.



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

*Chicago Metropolitan Division = Chicago-Naperville-Schaumburg