



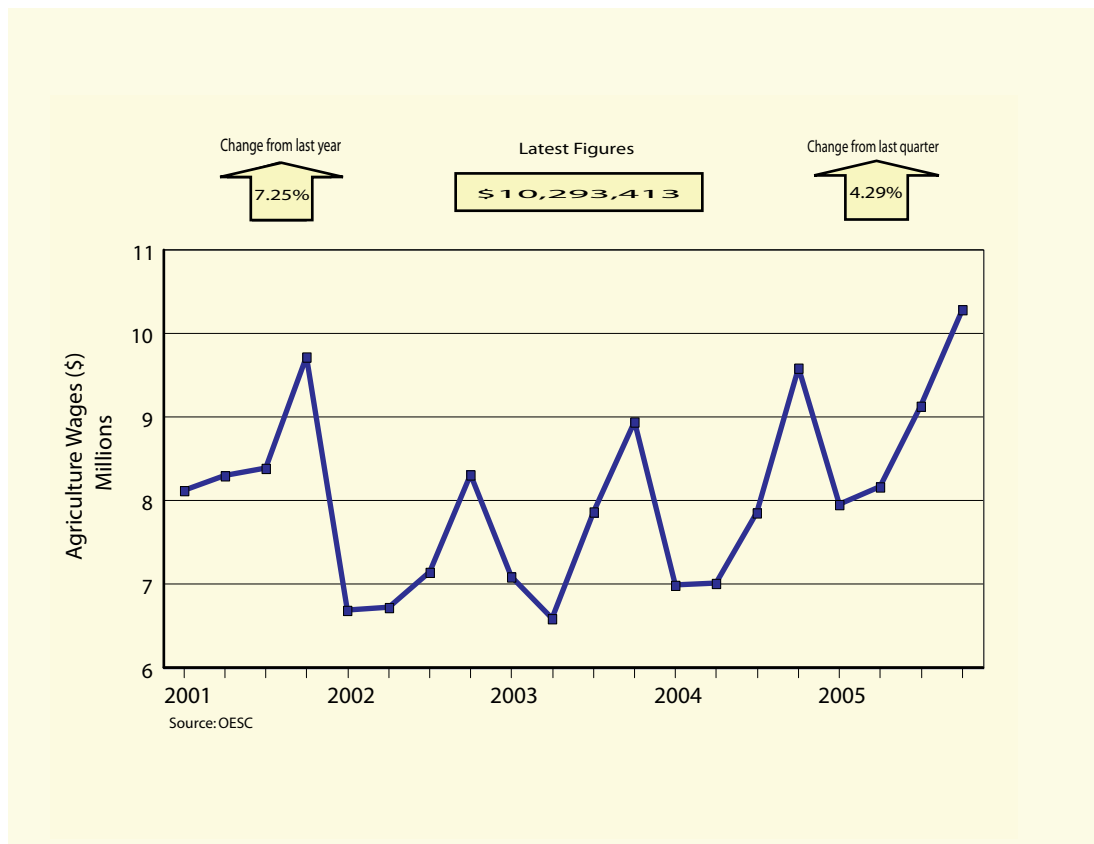
SOIC Regional Economic Indicators: *Total Wages*

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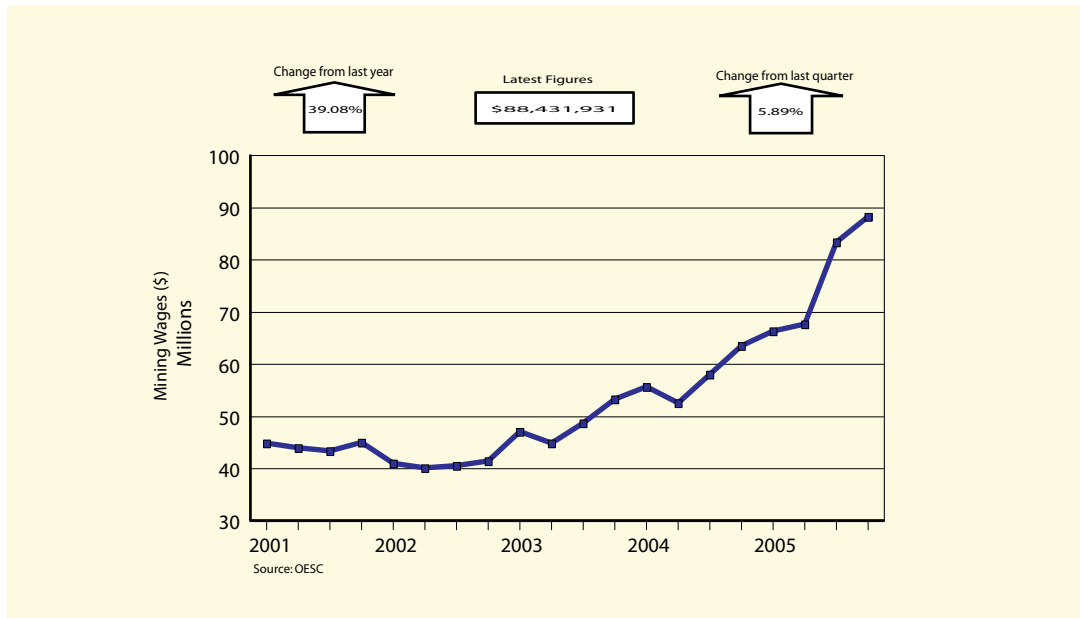
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Total regional wages rebounded 7.42% (or \$78.134 million) in 4th quarter 2005 since the major slip in last quarter 2004. Much of this total wages increase was attributed to three of the twenty business sectors in SOIC region, where Mining sector (39.08% or \$24.847 million) achieved the major increase in total wages, followed by Arts, Entertainment & Recreation sector (27.66% or \$1.991 million); and Construction sector (24.88% or \$13.427 million). Over the entire time period since 1st quarter 2001, the regional Management sector (-4.47% or -\$97.080 million) experienced a more severe drop in total wages compared to other sectors in the SOIC region.

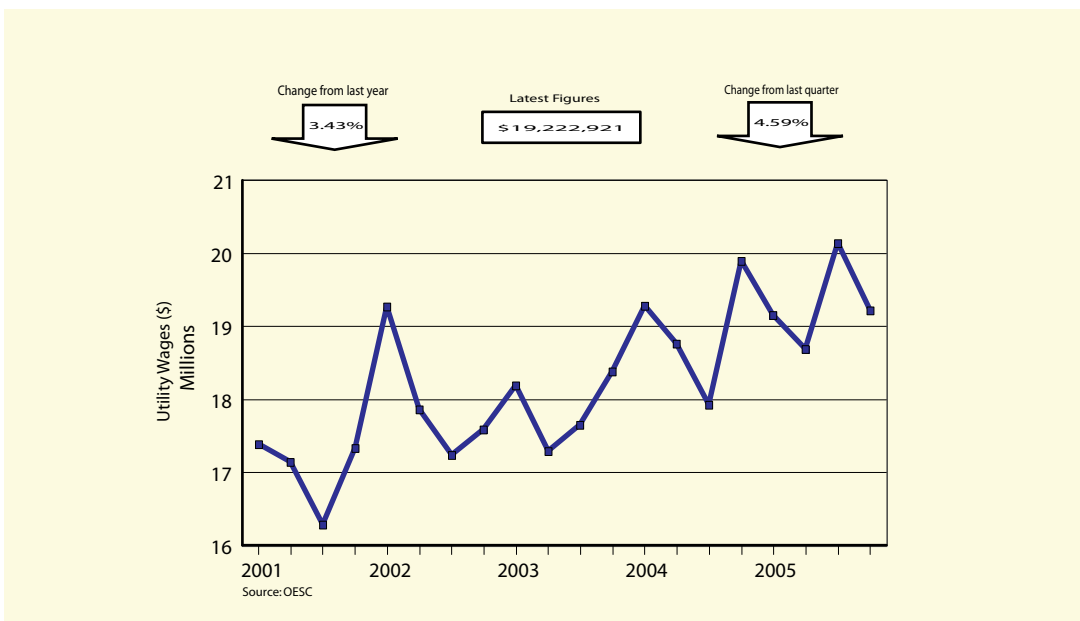
Chart 1: Total Agriculture Wages (NAICS 11)



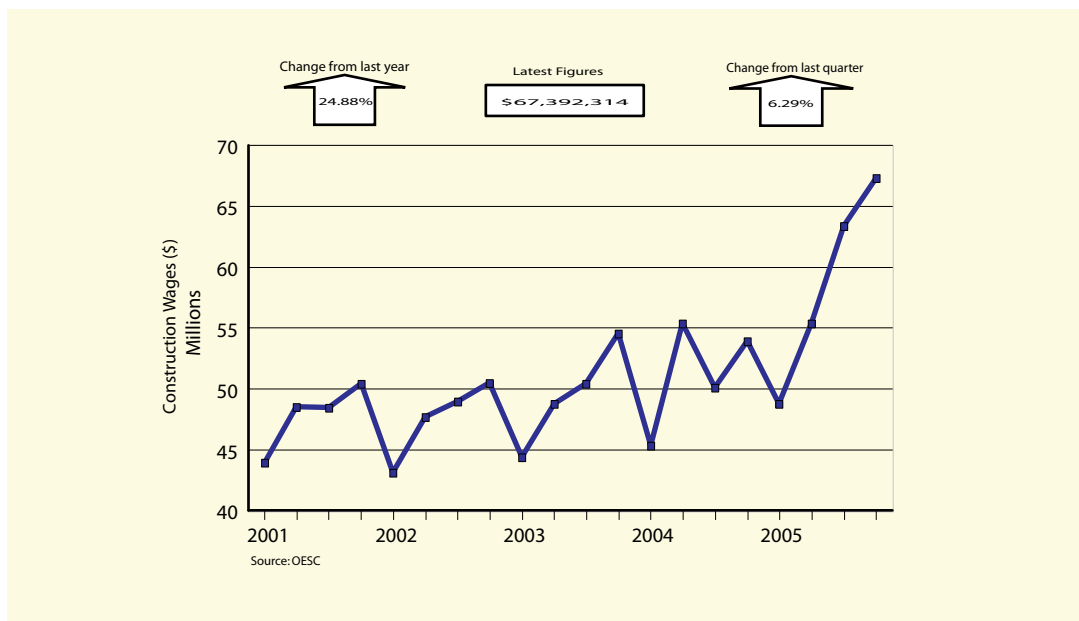
Total Agriculture Wages is up 12.65% on the quarter for a total of \$10,293,417 in wages.

Chart 2: Total Mining Wages (NAICS 21)

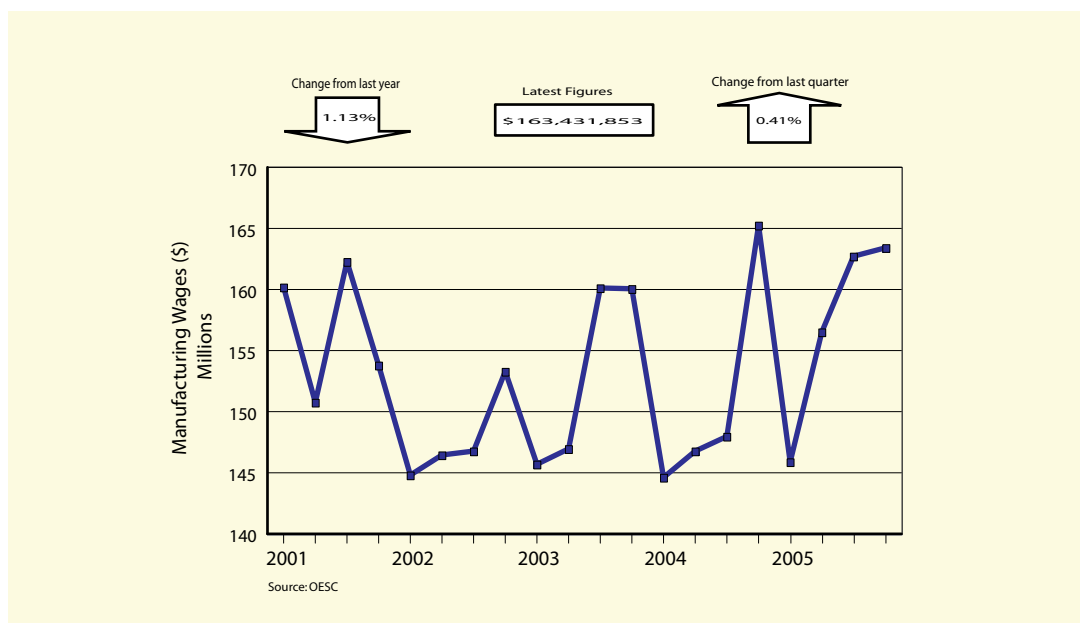
Total Mining Wages is up 5.89% on the quarter for a total of \$88,431,931 in wages. This increase represents five consecutive quarters that Total Mining Wages has been above \$60,000,000.

Chart 3: Total Utilities Wages (NAICS 22)

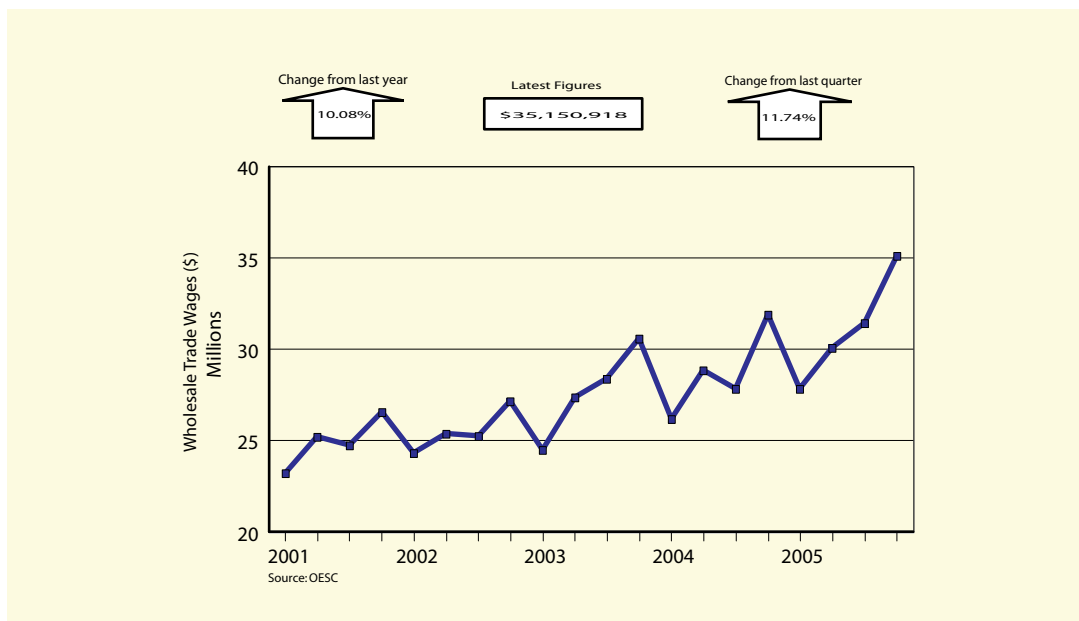
Total Utility Wages has dropped 4.59% between 3rd Qtr 2005 and 4th Qtr 2005.

Chart 4: Total Construction Wages (NAICS 23)

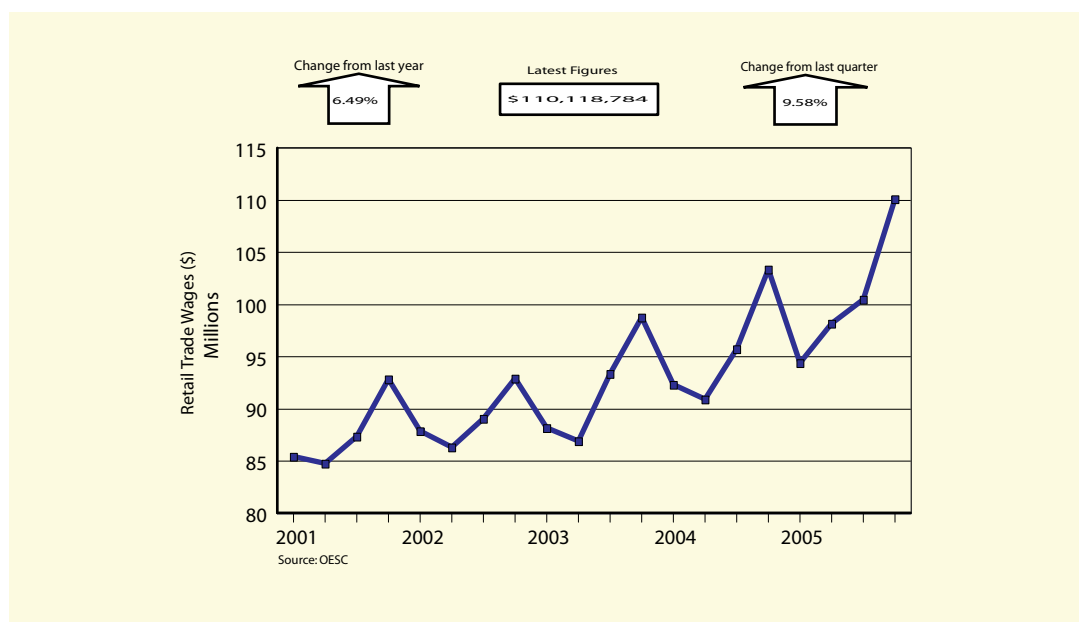
Total wages in the region's construction sector rose by \$3,990,621 or 6.29% between 3rd Qtr 2005 and 4th Qtr 2005.

Chart 5: Total Manufacturing Wages (NAICS 31- 33)

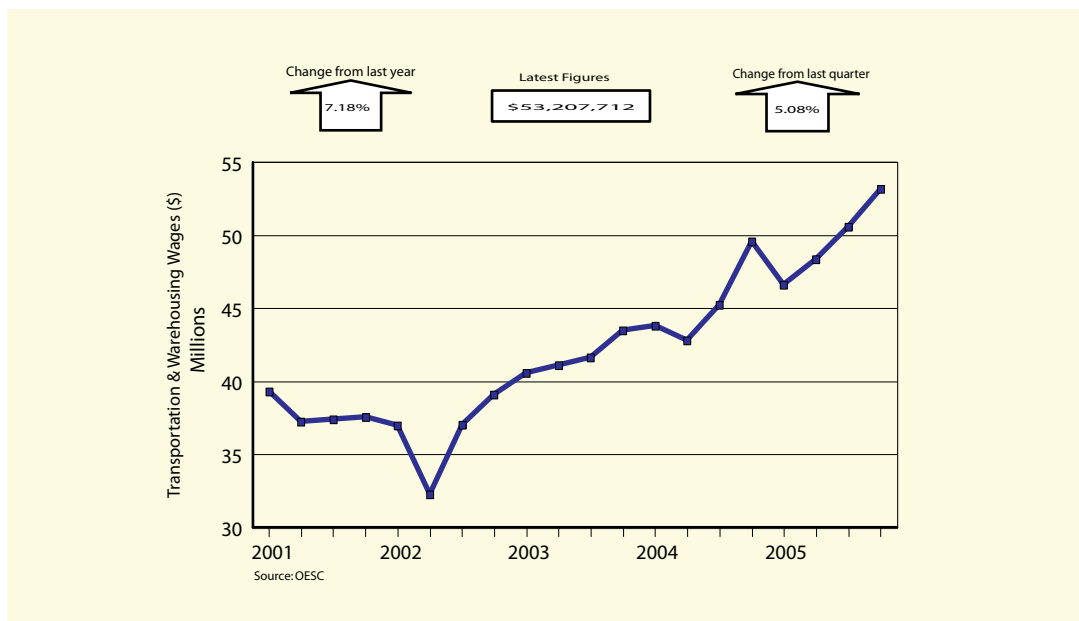
Total Manufacturing Wages rose by \$663,951 or 0.41% between 3rd Qtr 2005 and 4th Qtr 2005.

Chart 6: Total Wholesale Trade Wages (NAICS 42)

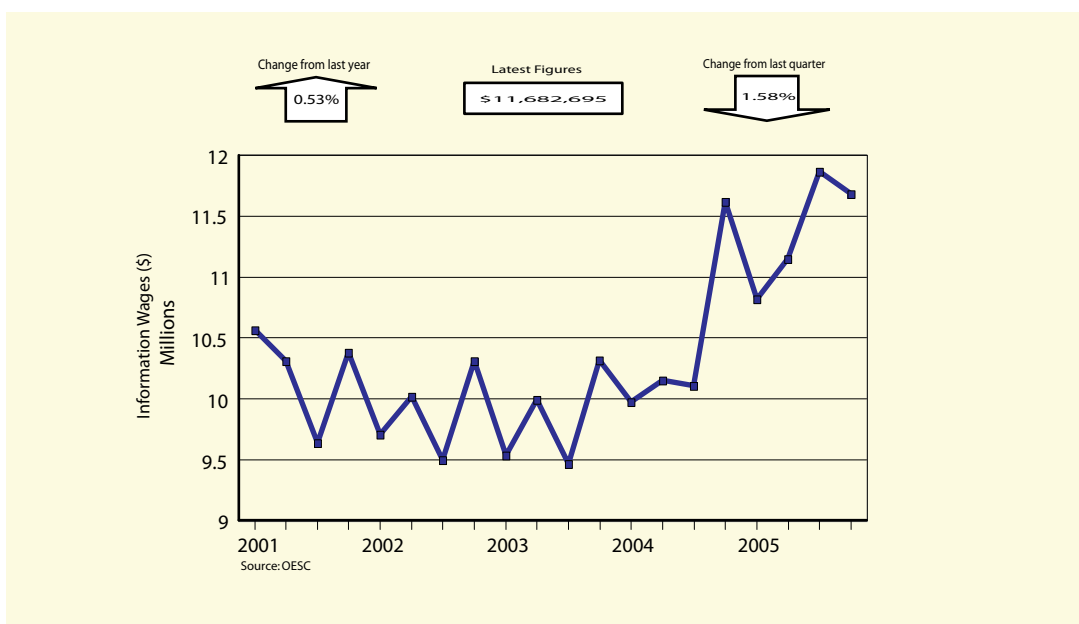
Total Wholesale Trade Wages is up 11.74% on the quarter for a total of \$35,150,918 in wages. This increase represents the first time during the graphed time period that Total Wholesale Trade Wages has risen above \$35,000,000.

Chart 7: Total Retail Trade Wages (NAICS 44- 45)

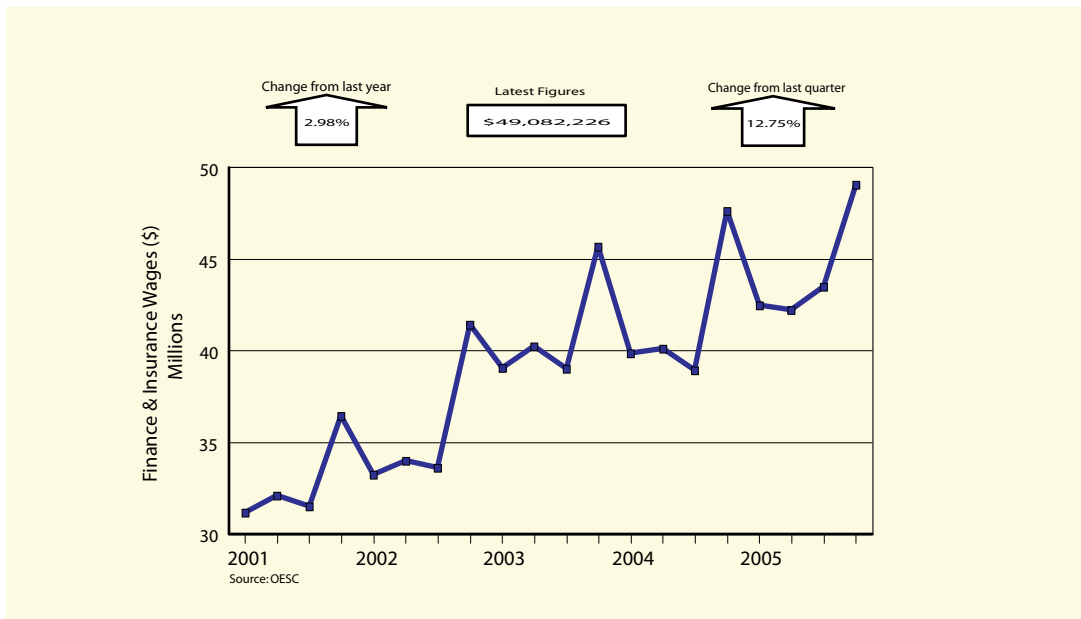
Total wages in the region's retail trade sector rose by \$9,625,143 or 9.58% between 3rd Qtr 2005 and 4th Qtr 2005.

Chart 8: Total Transportation & Warehousing Wages (NAICS 48-49)

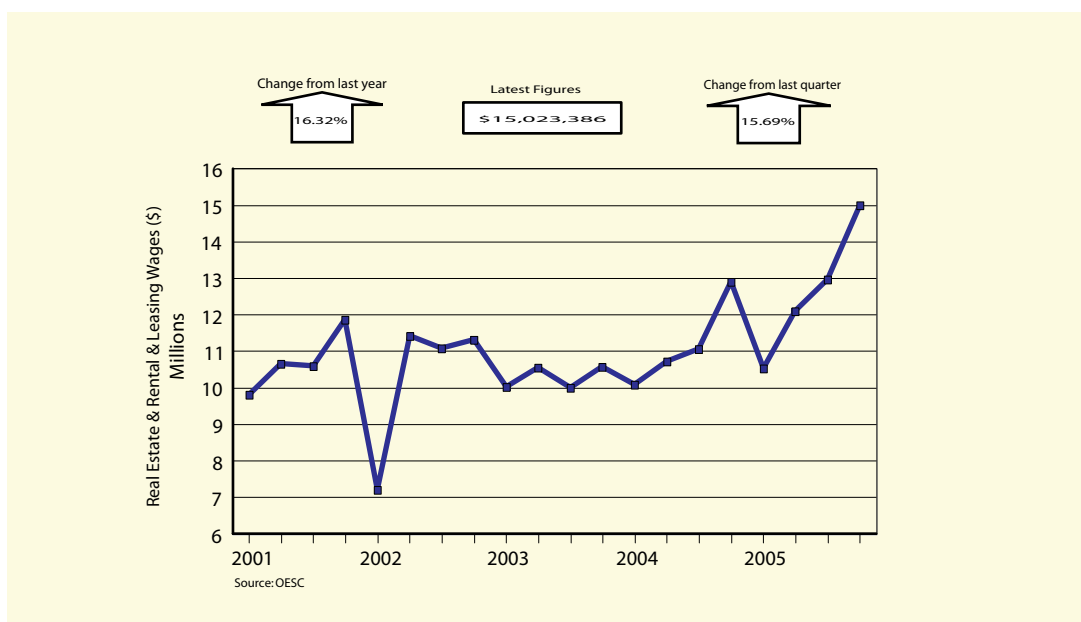
Total Transportation and Warehousing Wages is up 5.08% on the quarter for a total of \$53,207,712 in wages.

Chart 9: Total Information Wages (NAICS 51)

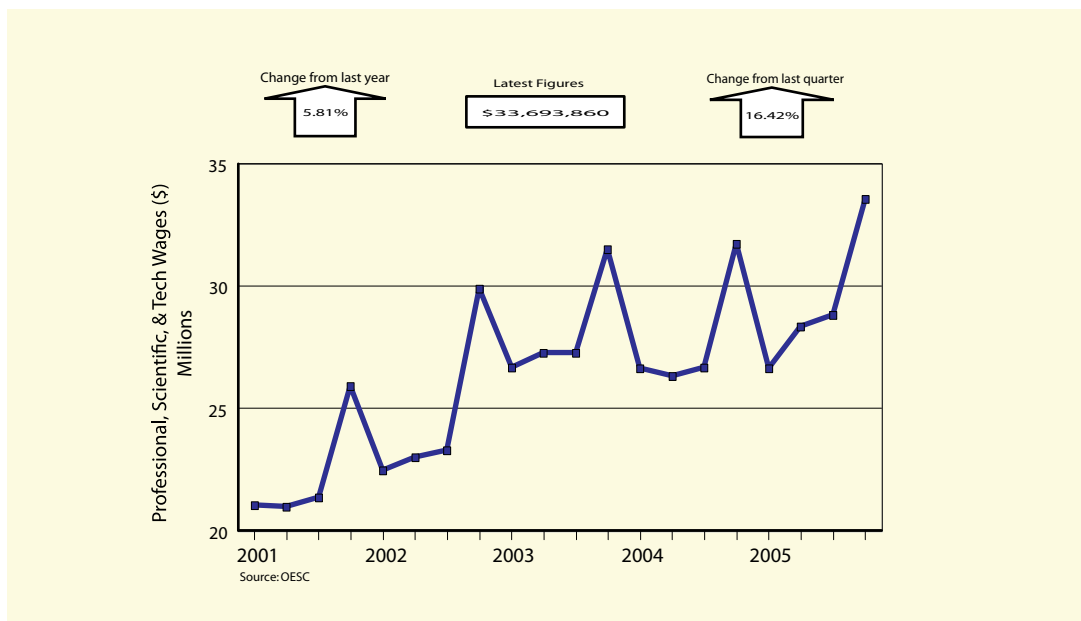
Total wages in the region's information sector fell by \$187,304 or 1.58% between 3rd Qtr and 4th Qtr 2005.

Chart 10: Total Finance & Insurance Wages (NAICS 52)

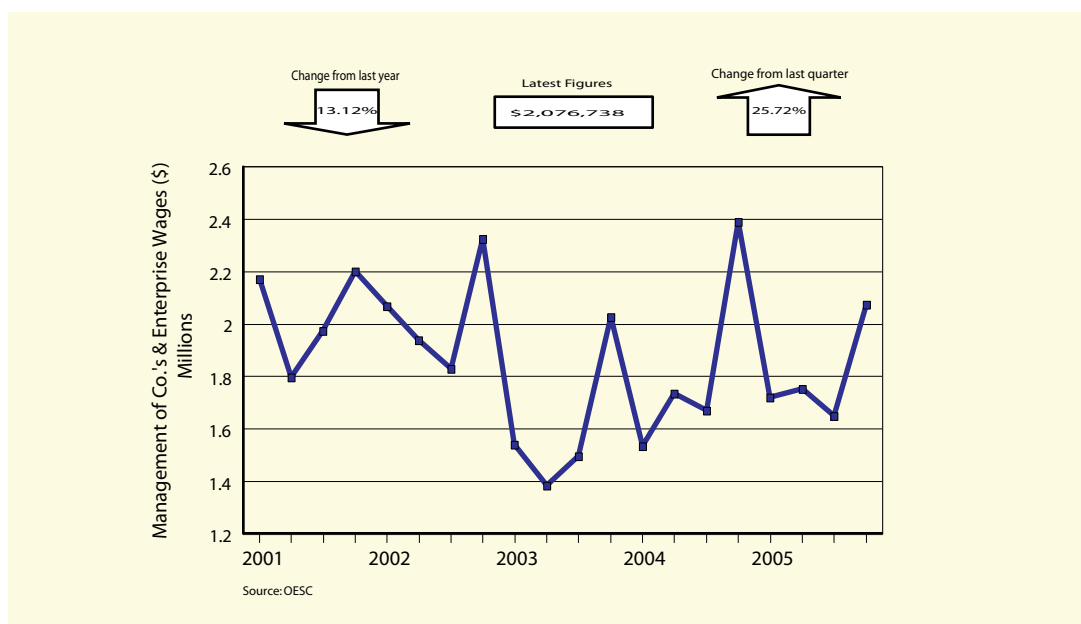
Total Finance and Insurance Wages is up 12.75% on the quarter for a total of \$49,082,226 in wages.

Chart 11: Total Real Estate, Rental & Leasing Wages (NAICS 53)

Total Real Estate and Rental and Leasing Wages is up 15.69% on the quarter for a total of \$15,023,386 in wages. This increase represents the first time during the graphed time period that Total Real Estate and Rental and Leasing Wages has been above \$13,000,000.

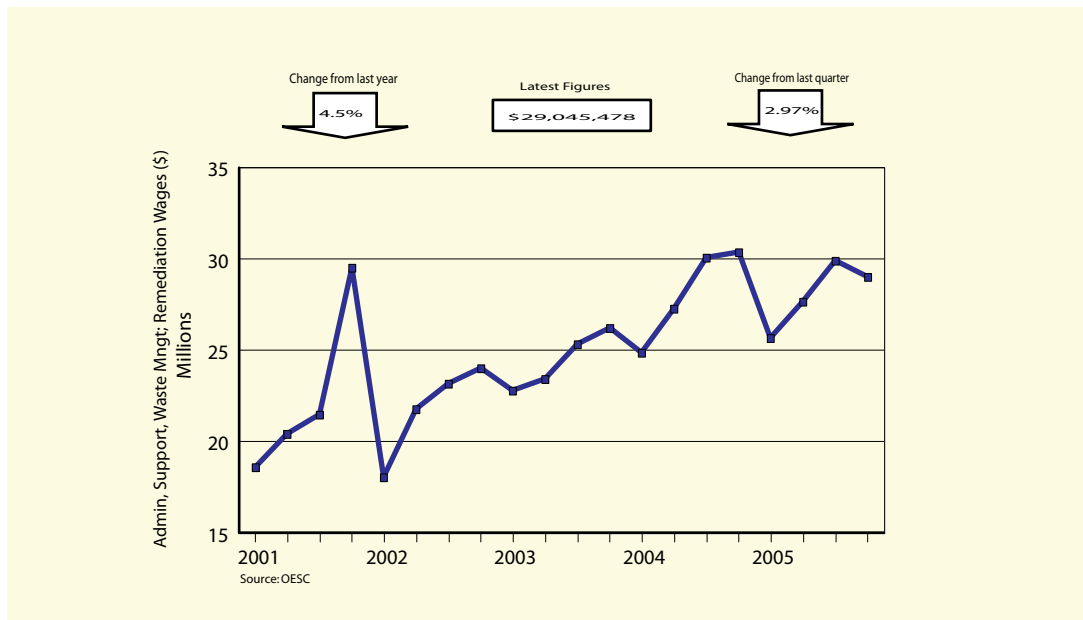
Chart 12: Total Professional, Scientific, & Technical Wages (NAICS 54)

Total Professional, Scientific, and Technical Service Wages is up 16.42% on the quarter for a total of \$33,593,860 in wages.

Chart 13: Total Management of Company & Enterprise Wages (NAICS 55)

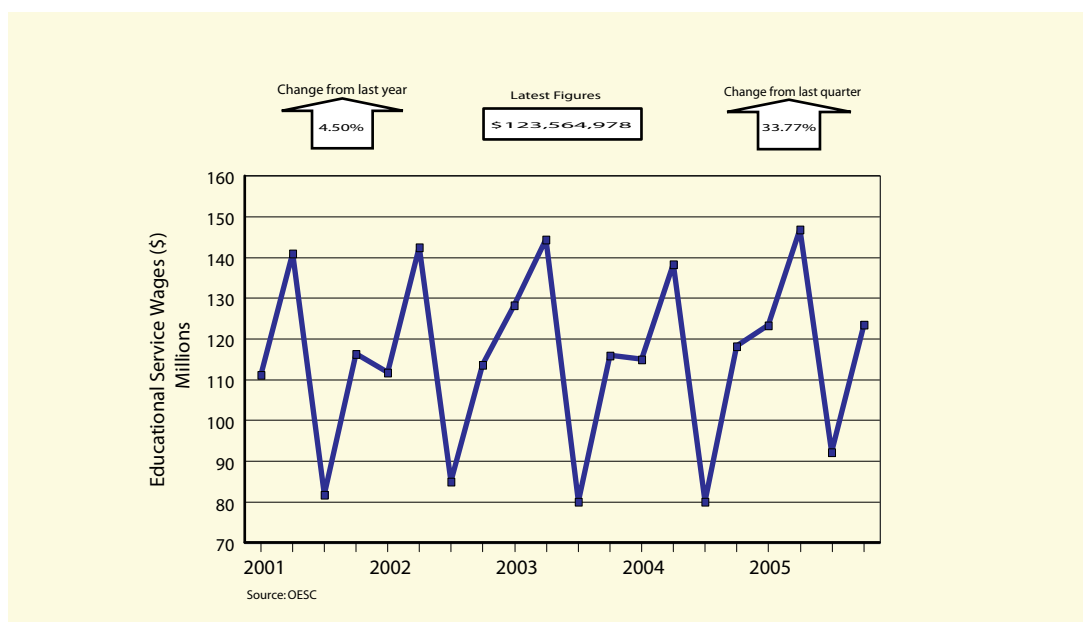
Total Management of Company and Enterprise Wages is up 25.72% on the quarter for a total of \$2,076,738 in wages.

Chart 14: Total Administrative, Support, Waste Management & Remediation Service Wages (NAICS 56)

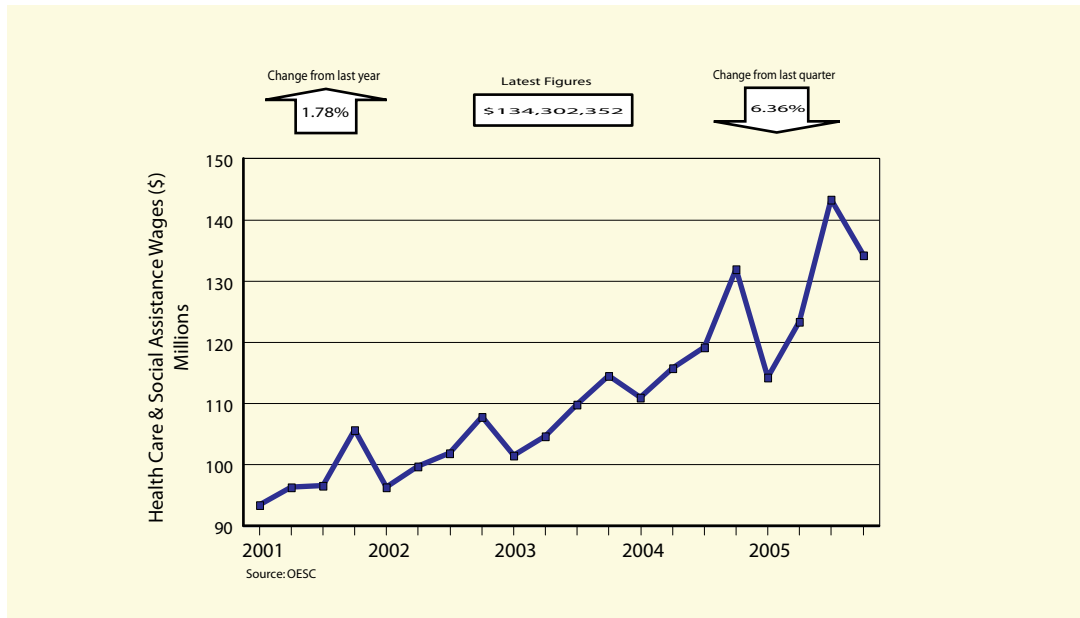


Total Administrative, Support, Waste Management, and Remediation Service Wages dropped 2.97% between 3rd Qtr 2005 and 4th Qtr 2005.

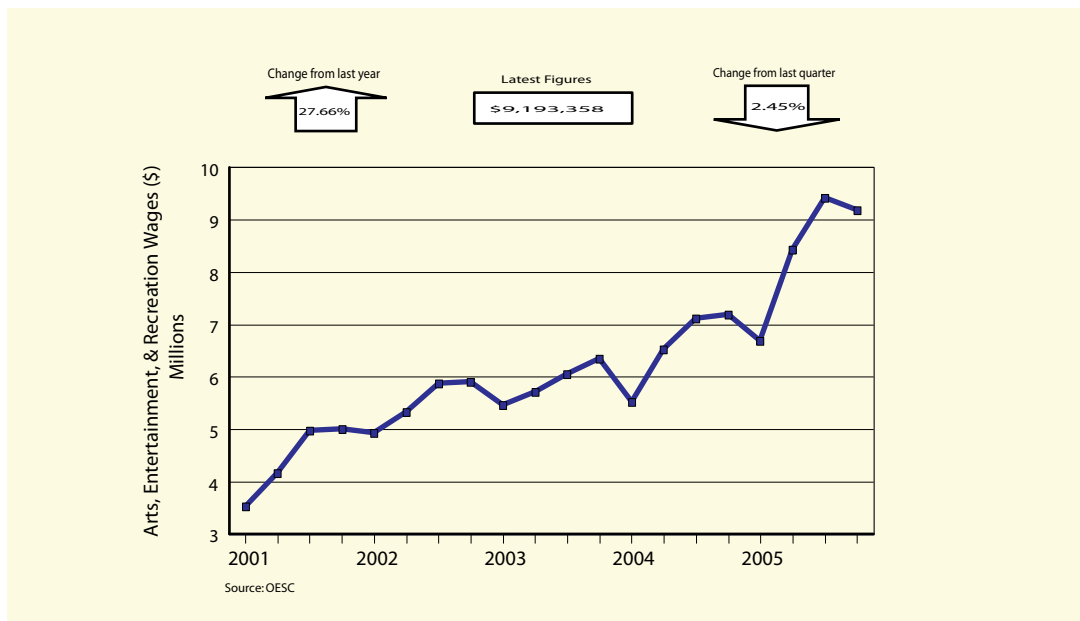
Chart 15: Total Education Service Wages (NAICS 61)



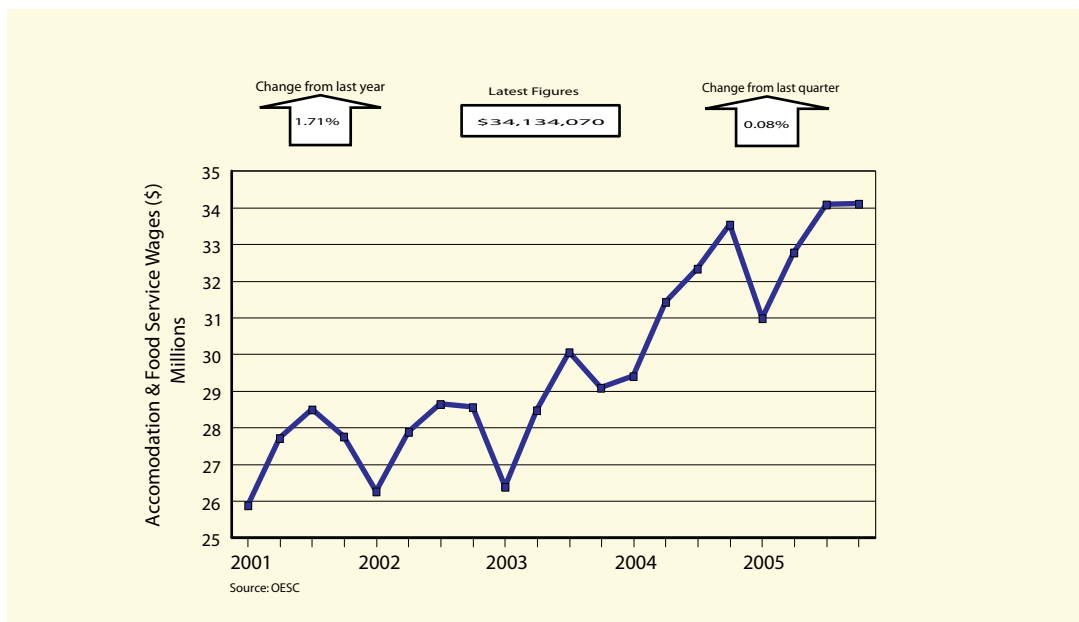
Total wages in the region's educational service sector rose by \$31,195,344 or 33.77% between 3rd Qtr 2005 and 4th Qtr 2005.

Chart 16: Total Health Care & Social Assistance Wages (NAICS 62)

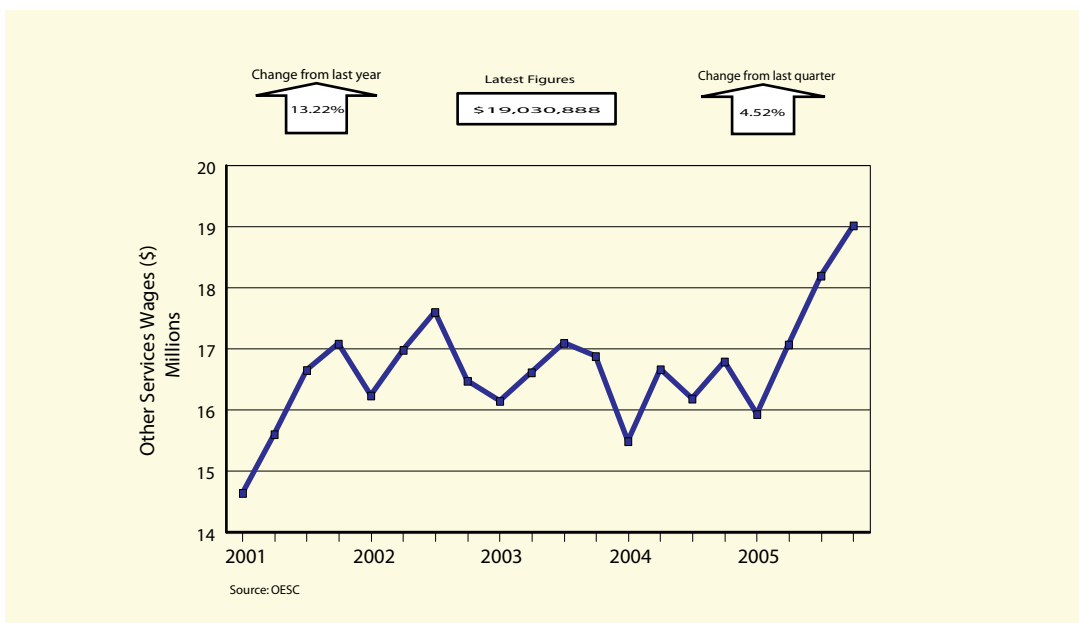
Total Health Care and Social Assistance Wages is down 6.36% on the quarter for a total loss of \$9,127,465 in wages.

Chart 17: Total Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation Wages (NAICS 71)

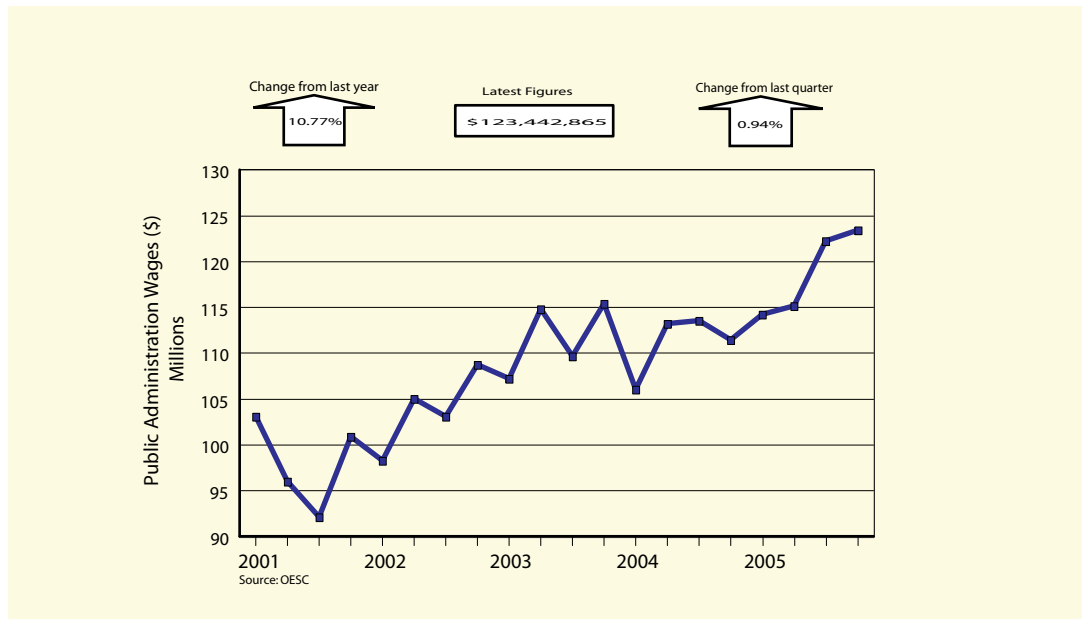
Total Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation Wages fell 2.45% between 3rd Qtr 2005 and 4th Qtr 2005.

Chart 18: Total Accommodation & Food Service Wages (NAICS 72)

Total Accommodation and Food Service Wages increased slightly in 4th Qtr 2005 by 0.08%.

Chart 19: Total Other Service Wages (NAICS 81)

Total Other Services Wages is up 4.52% on the quarter for a total of \$19,030,888 in wages. This increase represents the first time during the graphed time period that Total Other Services Wages has risen above \$19,000,000.

Chart 20: Total Public Administration Wages (NAICS 92)

Total Public Administration Wages increased by 0.94% in 4th Qtr 2005.