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## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	5.0%
El Paso MSA	5.3%
Borderplex	5.3%
Brewster County	4.1%
Culberson County	4.3%
El Paso County	5.3%
Hudspeth County	7.8%
Jeff Davis County	3.4%
Presidio County	11.3%
El Paso City	5.1%
Socorro City	6.0%

Mentorship students from Irvin High School demonstrated the physics of sound waves in a fun, visually exciting, hands on exhibit for eighth graders who attended 2017 STEAM Fiesta. The Power of Sound showed acoustic levitation and other real world applications of the incredible power of sound and its affect on the world.

There was over one thousand students who attended the multi-dimensional event providing career exploration activities to the Borderplex Region. A total of \$34,000 was granted in prize money to student competitors.



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## Message from the CEO

Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for April 2017. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during March 2017.

The information presented in this newsletter was gathered from federal and state sources and pertains to the El Paso MSA, the Workforce Solutions Borderplex region, and the City of El Paso.

Providing you access to the most recent and relevant labor statistics is our priority. We will continue presenting this information on a monthly basis.

If there is additional information that you would like to see presented here, please send your comments and suggestions to me at [joyce.wilson@borderplexjobs.com](mailto:joyce.wilson@borderplexjobs.com)

Sincerely,

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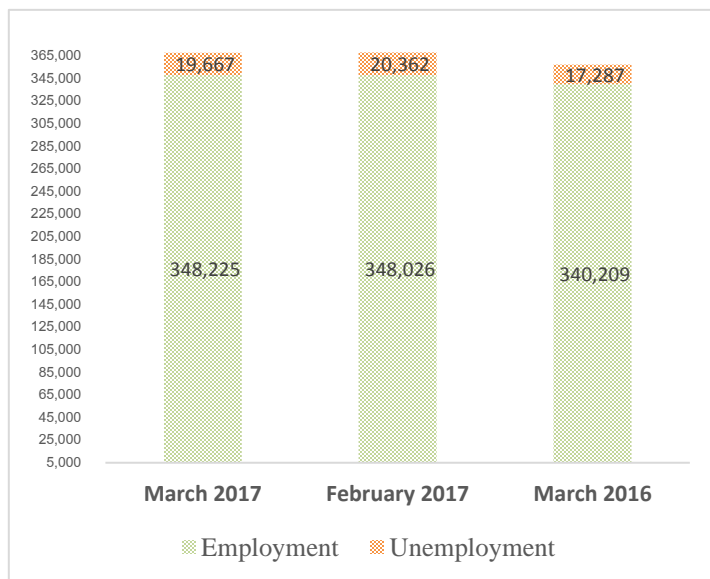
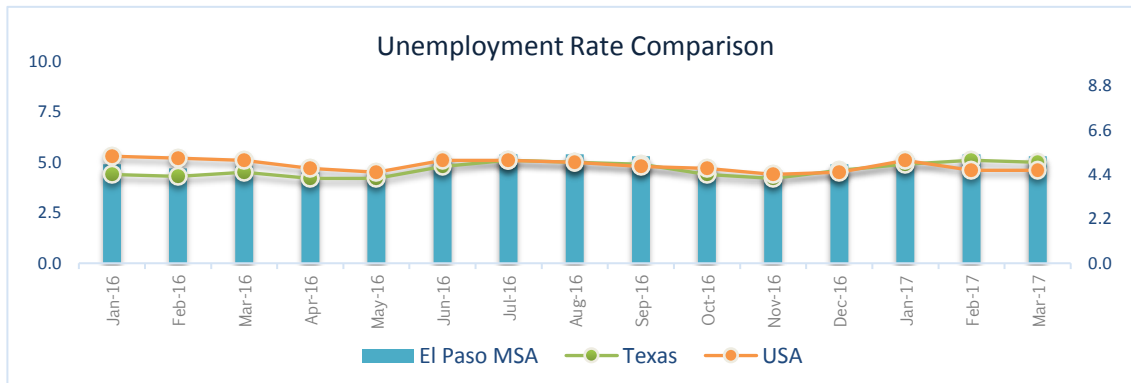
## Highlights of the Labor Force

		March 2017				February 2017				March 2016			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,513,734	12,838,130	675,604	5	13,471,275	12,777,787	693,488	5.1	13,239,718	12,648,877	590,841	4.5
El Paso	MSA	358,557	339,491	19,066	5.3	359,273	339,565	19,708	5.5	348,281	331,518	16,763	4.8
Borderplex	WDA	367,892	348,225	19,667	5.3	368,388	348,026	20,362	5.5	357,496	340,209	17,287	4.8
Brewster	County	4,064	3,896	168	4.1	3,951	3,782	169	4.3	3,966	3,821	145	3.7
Culberson	County	1,057	1,012	45	4.3	1,040	994	46	4.4	1,045	1,006	39	3.7
El Paso	County	357,204	338,243	18,961	5.3	357,960	338,358	19,602	5.5	346,961	330,283	16,678	4.8
Hudspeth	County	1,353	1,248	105	7.8	1,313	1,207	106	8.1	1,320	1,235	85	6.4
Jeff Davis	County	1,103	1,066	37	3.4	1,027	987	40	3.9	1,123	1,089	34	3
Presidio	County	3,111	2,760	351	11.3	3,097	2,698	399	12.9	3,081	2,775	306	9.9
El Paso	City	299,295	283,986	15,309	5.1	299,823	284,082	15,741	5.3	290,500	277,303	13,197	4.5
Socorro	City	13,936	13,093	843	6	13,984	13,097	887	6.3	13,587	12,785	802	5.9

In March 2017, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 0.2 points higher than the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso.

The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in March 2017 was at 5.1% which signified a 0.2% decrease from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso increased by 0.6% since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (5.0%); and higher than the National unemployment rate (4.6%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in March 2017 was 5.3%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (5.0%), and higher than United States (4.6%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in March 2017 was 367,892, which indicates a decrease of 496 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 10,396.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of March 2017 was 348,225, which reflects an increase of 199 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 8,016.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of March 2017 was 19,667, which indicates a decrease of 695 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed increased by 2,380.

# Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

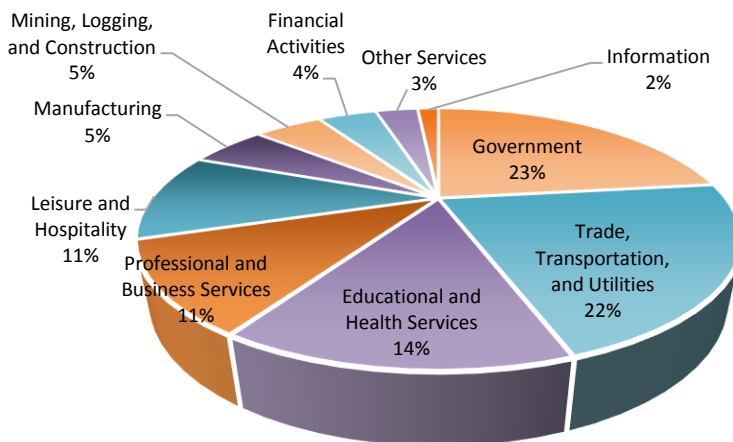
El Paso MSA economy adds 9,200 jobs over the past year

Area Title	NAICS Industry	Mar-17	Feb-17	Mar-16	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	315,500	315,800	306,300	-300	-0.1%	9200	3.0%
El Paso	Total Private	242,600	243,000	235,000	-400	-0.2%	7600	3.2%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,300	32,300	31,600	0	0.0%	700	2.2%
El Paso	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,300	15,300	14,700	0	0.0%	600	4.1%
El Paso	Manufacturing	17,000	17,000	16,900	0	0.0%	100	0.6%
El Paso	Service Providing	283,200	283,500	274,700	-300	-0.1%	8500	3.1%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	210,300	210,700	203,400	-400	-0.2%	6900	3.4%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	67,900	67,800	66,100	100	0.1%	1800	2.7%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,400	11,400	11,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,800	39,800	38,700	0	0.0%	1100	2.8%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	11,500	11,600	10,800	-100	-0.9%	700	6.5%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,700	16,600	16,000	100	0.6%	700	4.4%
El Paso	Information	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	0.0%	-200	-4.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,400	13,400	12,500	0	0.0%	900	7.2%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	34,700	35,900	32,900	-1,200	-3.3%	1800	5.5%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	24,300	24,100	23,300	200	0.8%	1000	4.3%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,100	6,100	5,600	0	0.0%	500	8.9%
El Paso	Educational and Health Services	45,100	45,000	43,400	100	0.2%	1700	3.9%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	34,700	34,100	33,900	600	1.8%	800	2.4%
El Paso	Other Services	9,700	9,700	9,600	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
El Paso	Government	72,900	72,800	71,300	100	0.1%	1600	2.2%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,700	12,800	12,800	-100	-0.8%	-100	-0.8%
El Paso	State Government	12,100	11,900	11,200	200	1.7%	900	8.0%
El Paso	Local Government	48,100	48,100	47,300	0	0.0%	800	1.7%

## Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in March 2017 was 315,500. This reflected a decrease of -0.1% since the previous month.

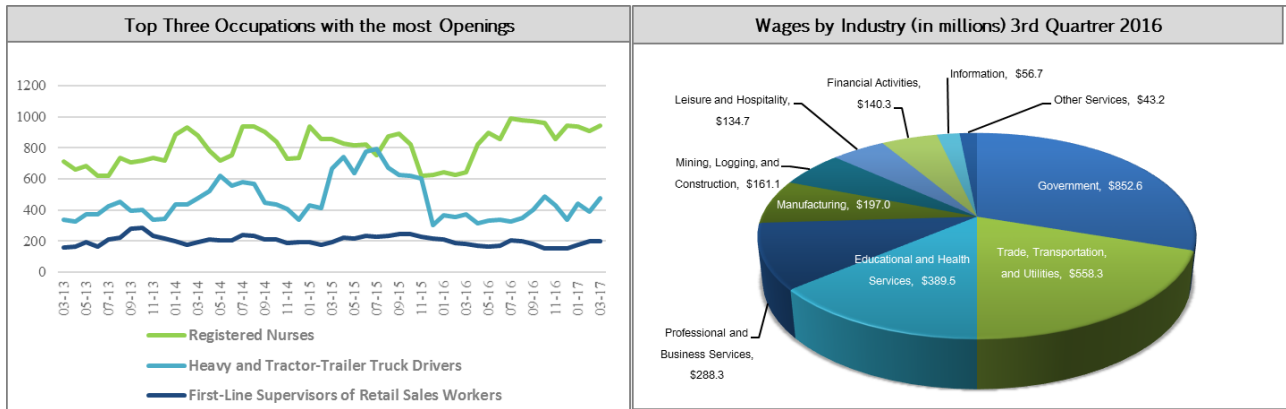
The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 3.0% from a year ago (March 2016).



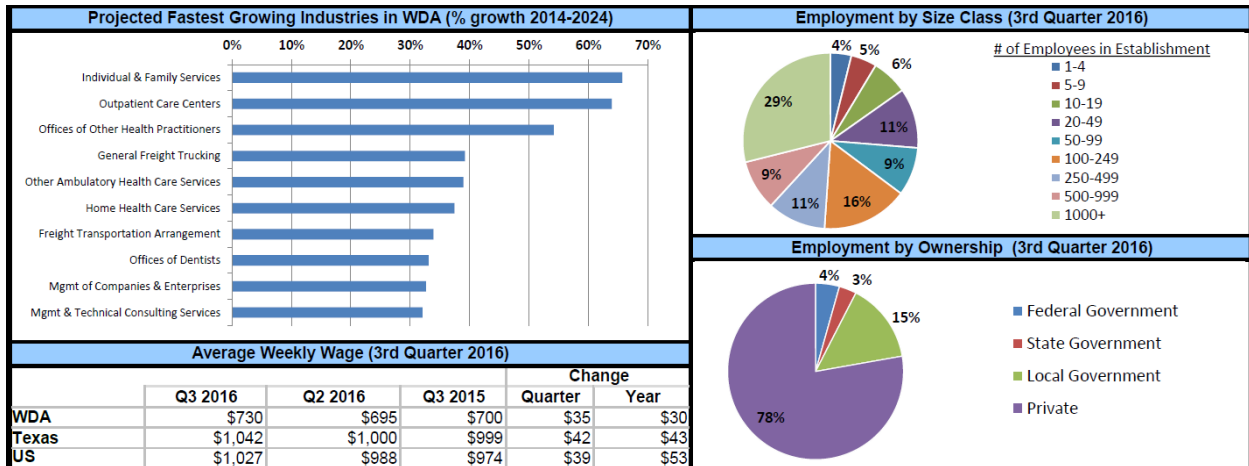
The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in March 2017 were (1) Government; (2) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and (3) Educational and Health Services. These three Super Sectors represented 59% of the total nonfarm employment.

The three Super Sectors with the least employment for the El Paso MSA in March 2017 were (1) Financial Activities; (2) Other Services and (3) Information. These three Super Sectors represented 9% of the total nonfarm employment.

## Top Three occupations with the most job openings and Wages by Industry for the Borderplex Region



## Fastest Growing Industries, Employment by Size Class and Average Weekly Wages for the Borderplex Area



Sources:

Texas Labor Market Review, Texas Workforce Commission, April 2017  
 Labor Market & Career Information, Texas Workforce Commission, April 2017  
 Wanted Analytics, April 2017

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