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## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	4.6%
El Paso MSA	4.9%
Borderplex	4.9%
Brewster County	3.8%
Culberson County	3.8%
El Paso County	4.9%
Hudspeth County	6.8%
Jeff Davis County	3.1%
Presidio County	12.8%
El Paso City	4.5%
Socorro City	5.1%

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## Message from the Board



Workforce Solutions  
Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review (LMR) for January 2017. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during the year 2016.

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.

As Secretary for the Board of Directors, I would like to underscore that we are committed to continually adapt to federal changes impacting our programs and performance. As a board, we will continue to help prepare our customers through training so that they are able to compete successfully in a challenging global marketplace. Our Labor Market Reports help gauge our region's economic prosperity so that we remain on target with our goals.

If there is additional information that you would like to see presented here, please send your comments and suggestions to Joyce Wilson, CEO for Workforce Solutions Borderplex at [Joyce.Wilson@Borderplexjobs.com](mailto:Joyce.Wilson@Borderplexjobs.com).

Sincerely,

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## Unemployment Rates at a Glance

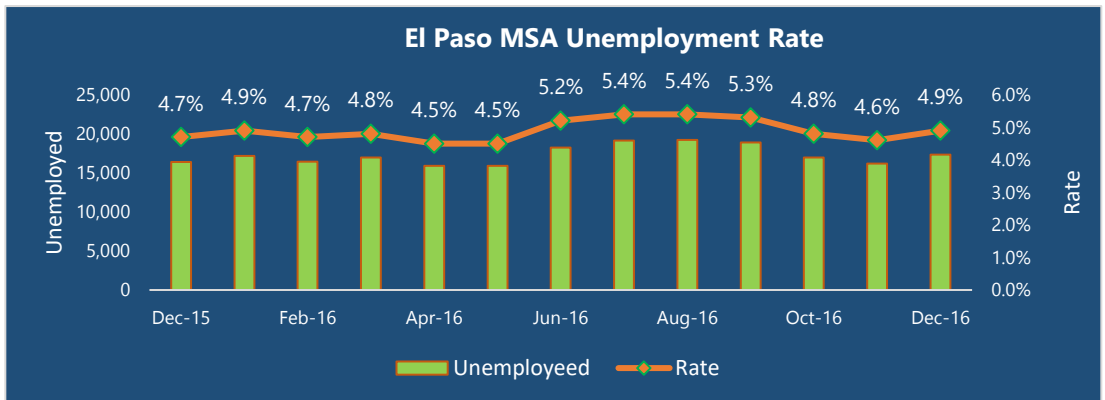
		December 2016				November 2016				December 2015			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,398,817	12,788,890	609,927	4.6	13,390,507	12,823,827	566,680	4.2	13,136,901	12,580,195	556,706	4.2
El Paso	MSA	355,537	338,197	17,340	4.9	355,350	339,149	16,201	4.6	347,317	330,937	16,380	4.7
Borderplex	WDA	364,470	346,533	17,937	4.9	364,268	347,557	16,711	4.6	356,241	339,308	16,933	4.8
Brewster	County	3,828	3,681	147	3.8	3,868	3,729	139	3.6	3,831	3,689	142	3.7
Culberson	County	1,151	1,107	44	3.8	1,121	1,083	38	3.4	1,043	1,005	38	3.6
El Paso	County	354,316	337,059	17,257	4.9	354,132	338,004	16,128	4.6	346,105	329,794	16,311	4.7
Hudspeth	County	1,221	1,138	83	6.8	1,218	1,145	73	6	1,212	1,143	69	5.7
Jeff Davis	County	1,014	983	31	3.1	1,017	988	29	2.9	1,042	1,006	36	3.5
Presidio	County	2,940	2,565	375	12.8	2,912	2,608	304	10.4	3,008	2,671	337	11.2
El Paso	City	296,059	282,837	13,222	4.5	295,966	283,630	12,336	4.2	289,094	276,741	12,353	4.3
Socorro	City	13,658	12,958	700	5.1	13,664	12,994	670	4.9	13,357	12,678	679	5.1

In December 2016, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 0.4 points higher than the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso.

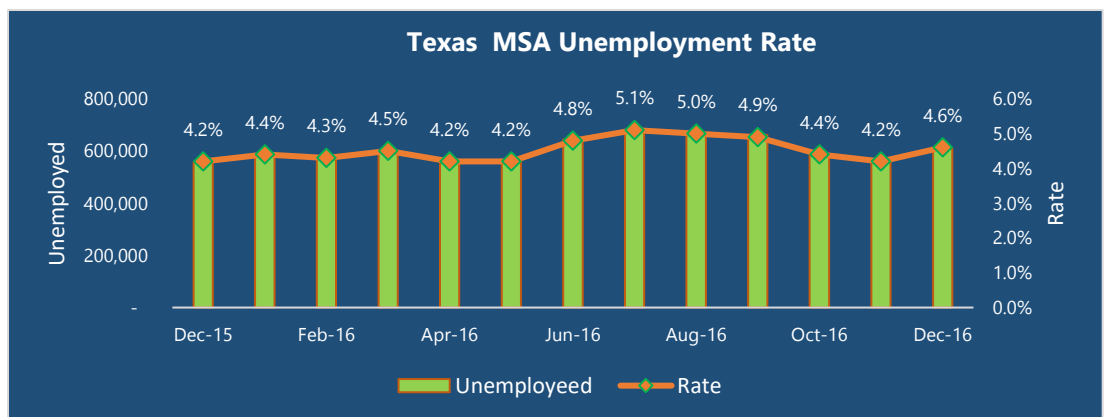
The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in December 2016 was at 4.5% which signified a 0.3 % increase from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso increased by 0.2 % since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was lower than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.6%); and the same as the National unemployment rate (4.5%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in December 2016 was 4.9%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.6%), and higher than United States (4.5%).

El Paso MSA unemployment rate increased by **0.2%** from last year. When comparing December 2016 with December 2015, there were **960** more people unemployed in el Paso MSA.



Texas unemployment rate increased by **0.4%** from last year. When comparing December 2016 with December 2015, there were **53,221** more people unemployed in Texas.



## Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

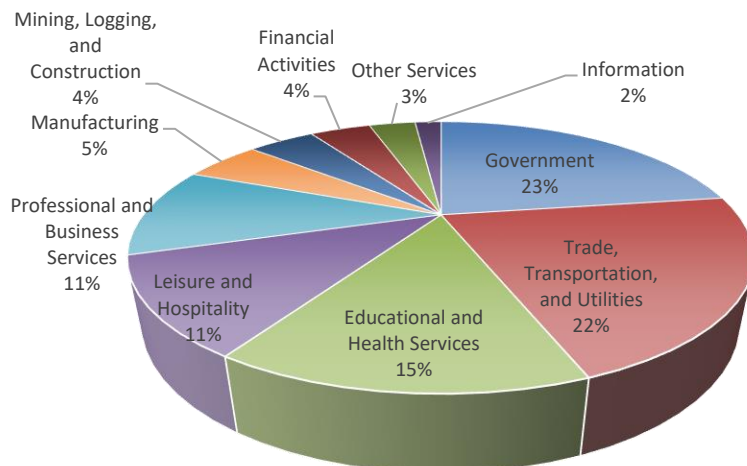
Area Title	NAICS Industry	Dec-16	Nov-16	Dec-15	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	315,600	315,500	309,100	100	0.0%	6500	2.1%
El Paso	Total Private	243,900	243,600	238,500	300	0.1%	5400	2.3%
El Paso	Goods Producing	30,600	30,800	31,400	-200	-0.6%	-800	-2.5%
El Paso	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,400	14,600	14,400	-200	-1.4%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,200	16,200	17,000	0	0.0%	-800	-4.7%
El Paso	Service Providing	285,000	284,700	277,700	300	0.1%	7300	2.6%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	213,300	212,800	207,100	500	0.2%	6200	3.0%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	68,200	68,000	67,500	200	0.3%	700	1.0%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,400	11,400	11,300	0	0.0%	100	0.9%
El Paso	Retail Trade	41,600	41,400	41,200	200	0.5%	400	1.0%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	12,100	11,800	12,100	300	2.5%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,200	15,200	15,000	0	0.0%	200	1.3%
El Paso	Information	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,300	13,200	12,500	100	0.8%	800	6.4%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	34,200	33,700	33,200	500	1.5%	1000	3.0%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	24,000	24,300	23,400	-300	-1.2%	600	2.6%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,200	6,300	6,200	-100	-1.6%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Educational and Health Services	46,000	45,900	44,000	100	0.2%	2000	4.5%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	35,600	36,000	34,100	-400	-1.1%	1500	4.4%
El Paso	Other Services	10,200	10,200	9,900	0	0.0%	300	3.0%
El Paso	Government	71,700	71,900	70,600	-200	-0.3%	1100	1.6%
El Paso	Federal Government	13,100	13,100	12,900	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
El Paso	State Government	10,400	10,500	10,200	-100	-1.0%	200	2.0%
El Paso	Local Government	48,200	48,300	47,500	-100	-0.2%	700	1.5%

### ■ Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in December 2016 was 315,600. This reflected no percentage increase since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 2.1% from a year ago, (December 2015).

Note: The state of Texas nonfarm employment for the month of December 2016 indicated no change since the previous month and an increase of 1.8% since last year.

### Super Sector Distribution December 2016

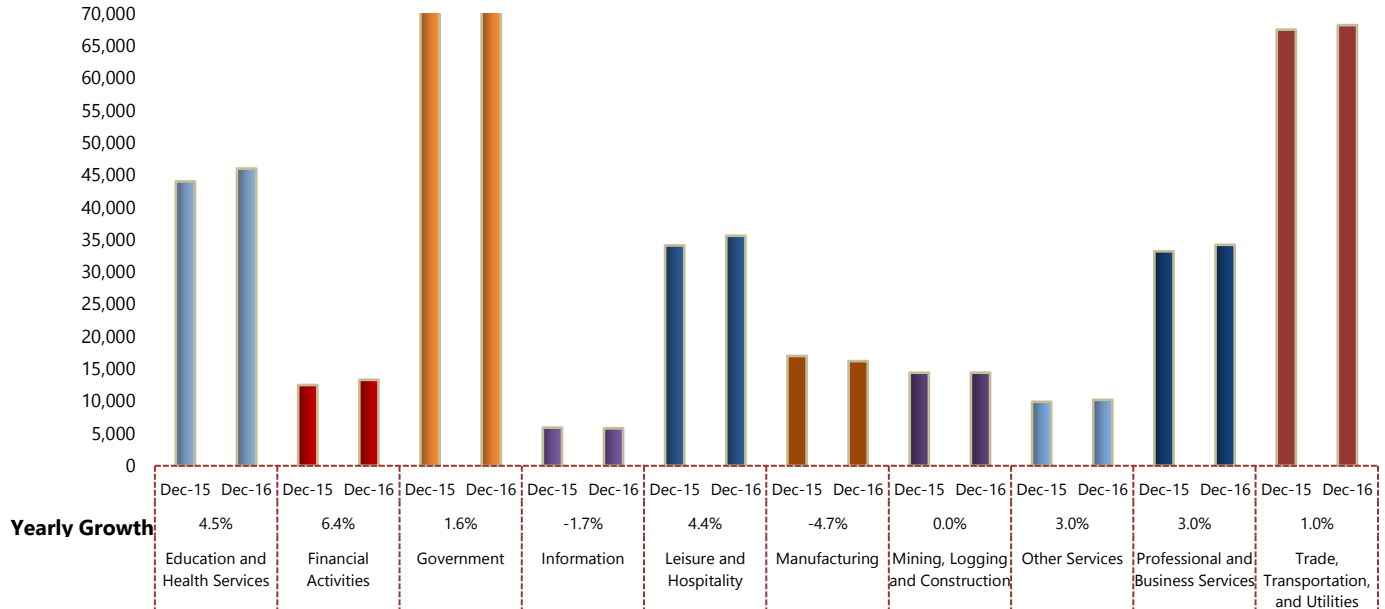


The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in December 2016 were (1) Government; (2) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and (3) Educational and Health Services. These three Super Sectors represented 59% of the total nonfarm employment.

The three Super Sectors with the least employment for the El Paso MSA in December 2016 were (1) Financial Activities; (2) Other Services and (3) Information. These three Super Sectors represented 9% of the total nonfarm employment.

## El Paso MSA Employment by Sectors Year 2016

*100 jobs added in December, 6,500 total jobs added over the year*



Total Nonagricultural Employment in El Paso MSA expanded by an estimated of 2.1%, (6,500 jobs since last year December 2015).

### 7 of the 10 industry super sectors experience an increase in employment since last year.

- Education and Services (Employment increased by 2,000 jobs)
- Financial Activities ((Employment increased by 800 jobs)
- Government (Employment increased by 1,100 jobs)
- Leisure and Hospitality (Employment increased by 1,500 jobs)
- Other Services (Employment increased by 300 jobs)
- Professional and Business Services (Employment increased by 1,000 jobs)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities (Employment increased by 700 jobs)

### Two of the 10 industry super sectors experience a decrease in employment since last year.

- Information (Employment decreased by 100 jobs)
- Manufacturing (Employment decreased by 800 jobs)

### One of the 10 industry super sectors remain static since last year.

- Mining, Logging and Construction

### Sources:

Texas Labor Market Review, Texas Workforce Commission, January 2017.

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