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## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	5.0%
El Paso MSA	5.4%
Borderplex	5.5%
Brewster County	4.3%
Culberson County	4.1%
El Paso County	5.4%
Hudspeth County	7.0%
Jeff Davis County	2.9%
Presidio County	12.0%
El Paso City	5.0%
Socorro City	6.0%

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch and ESC Region 19 hosted the “Preparing the Workforce of Tomorrow” conference. Over 400 educators convened for a day of important conversations about the regional economy and prospects for the labor market. Educators learned from business & industry leaders about the training and skills required for emerging careers. In order for the Borderplex to remain competitive, it is imperative to bridge the gap between educators and industry leaders. (Photo of Dr. Roberto Coronado, Assistant Vice President in Charge and Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch presenting)



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## Message from the Board



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

From an economic standpoint, data represented in this report provide key indicators that are testament of our success towards building a stronger and more resilient region while also pointing to challenges that remain to be addressed. As such, the workforce board will continue to analyze data and identify gaps so that education and training programs are developed to meet the evolving workforce needs for future generations.

This data also helps community and business leaders better understand the trends and dynamics of our regional economy. Many communities have already harnessed this data to design better policy and make more effective investment decisions.

Please let us know if you have any questions or observations for future reports.

Sincerely,

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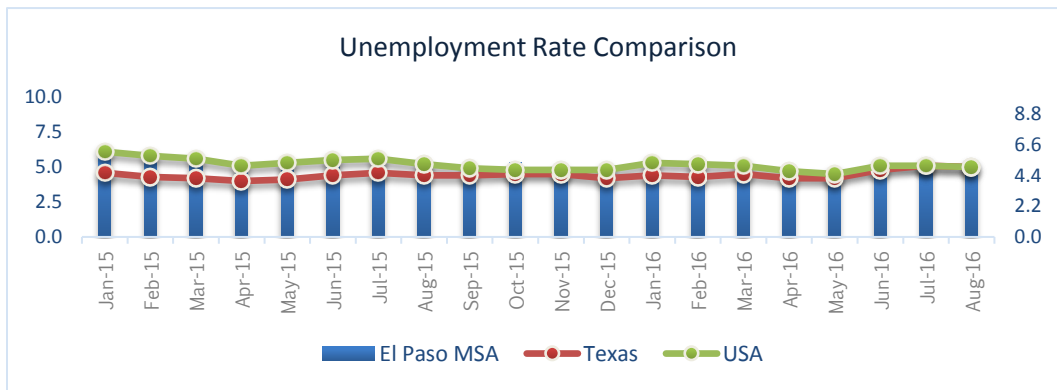
## Highlights of the Labor Force

		August 2016				July 2016				August 2015			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,378,918	12,709,695	669,223	5.0	13,386,057	12,706,620	679,437	5.1	13,047,642	12,447,603	600,039	4.6
El Paso	MSA	352,704	333,483	19,221	5.4	351,899	332,742	19,157	5.4	343,188	325,042	18,146	5.3
Borderplex	WDA	361,731	341,911	19,820	5.5	360,935	341,170	19,765	5.5	352,281	333,552	18,729	5.3
Brewster	County	3,797	3,634	163	4.3	3,786	3,609	177	4.7	3,911	3,760	151	3.9
Culberson	County	1,196	1,147	49	4.1	1,177	1,130	47	4.0	1,059	1,016	43	4.1
El Paso	County	351,463	332,329	19,134	5.4	350,666	331,604	19,062	5.4	341,976	323,905	18,071	5.3
Hudspeth	County	1,241	1,154	87	7.0	1,233	1,138	95	7.7	1,212	1,137	75	6.2
Jeff Davis	County	1,061	1,030	31	2.9	1,087	1,050	37	3.4	1,061	1,029	32	3.0
Presidio	County	2,973	2,617	356	12.0	2,986	2,639	347	11.6	3,062	2,705	357	11.7
El Paso	City	293,500	278,868	14,632	5.0	292,898	278,260	14,638	5.0	285,403	271,799	13,604	4.8
Socorro	City	13,592	12,776	816	6.0	13,537	12,748	789	5.8	13,169	12,452	717	5.4

In August 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 August 2016 was at 5.0% which signified same rate as 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 same as the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (5.0%); and same as the National unemployment rate (5.0%).

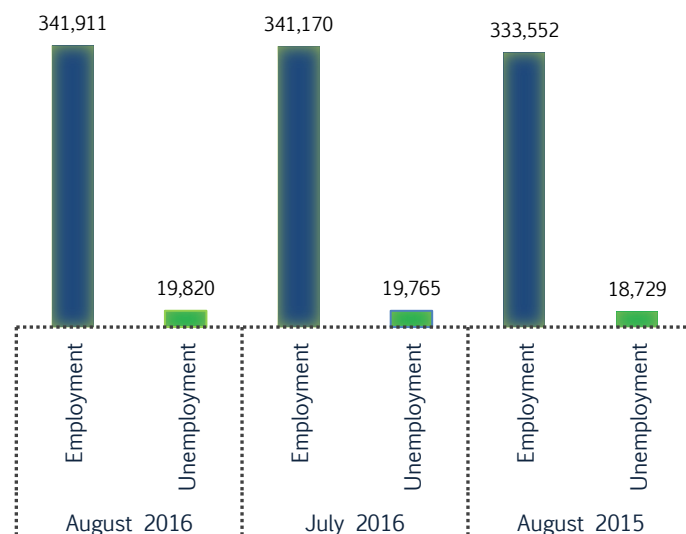
The unemployment rate for El Paso County in August 2016 was 5.4%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (5.0%), and higher than United States (5.0%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in August 2016 was 361,731, which indicates an increase of 796 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 9,450.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of August 2016 was 341,911, which reflects an increase of 741 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 8,359.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of August 2016 was 19,820, which indicates an increase of 55 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed increased by 1,091.



## Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

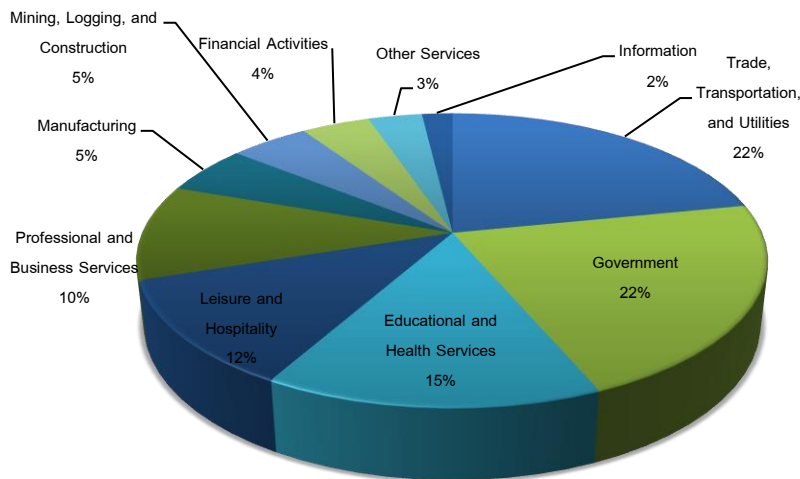
*1,100 jobs added in August, 7,000 total jobs added over the past year*

Area Title	NAICS Industry	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	308,400	307,300	301,400	1,100	0.4%	7000	2.3%
El Paso	Total Private	241,200	240,600	234,900	600	0.2%	6300	2.7%
El Paso	Goods Producing	31,500	31,200	31,500	300	1.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,900	14,600	14,400	300	2.1%	500	3.5%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,600	16,600	17,100	0	0.0%	-500	-2.9%
El Paso	Service Providing	276,900	276,100	269,900	800	0.3%	7000	2.6%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	209,700	209,400	203,400	300	0.1%	6300	3.1%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	67,300	67,500	65,400	-200	-0.3%	1900	2.9%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,400	11,300	11,300	100	0.9%	100	0.9%
El Paso	Retail Trade	40,900	41,200	39,100	-300	-0.7%	1800	4.6%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	11,100	11,100	11,200	0	0.0%	-100	-0.9%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Information	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
El Paso	Financial Activities	12,900	12,900	12,200	0	0.0%	700	5.7%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	32,400	32,100	32,600	300	0.9%	-200	-0.6%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	23,700	23,500	23,400	200	0.9%	300	1.3%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,200	6,100	6,200	100	1.6%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Educational and Health Services	44,900	44,800	43,200	100	0.2%	1700	3.9%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	36,200	36,200	34,100	0	0.0%	2100	6.2%
El Paso	Other Services	10,200	10,100	10,000	100	1.0%	200	2.0%
El Paso	Government	67,200	66,700	66,500	500	0.7%	700	1.1%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,900	12,900	12,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	State Government	9,300	9,700	9,400	-400	-4.1%	-100	-1.1%
El Paso	Local Government	45,000	44,100	44,200	900	2.0%	800	1.8%

Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in August 2016 was 308,400. This reflected an increase of 0.4% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 2.3% from a year ago (August 2015).

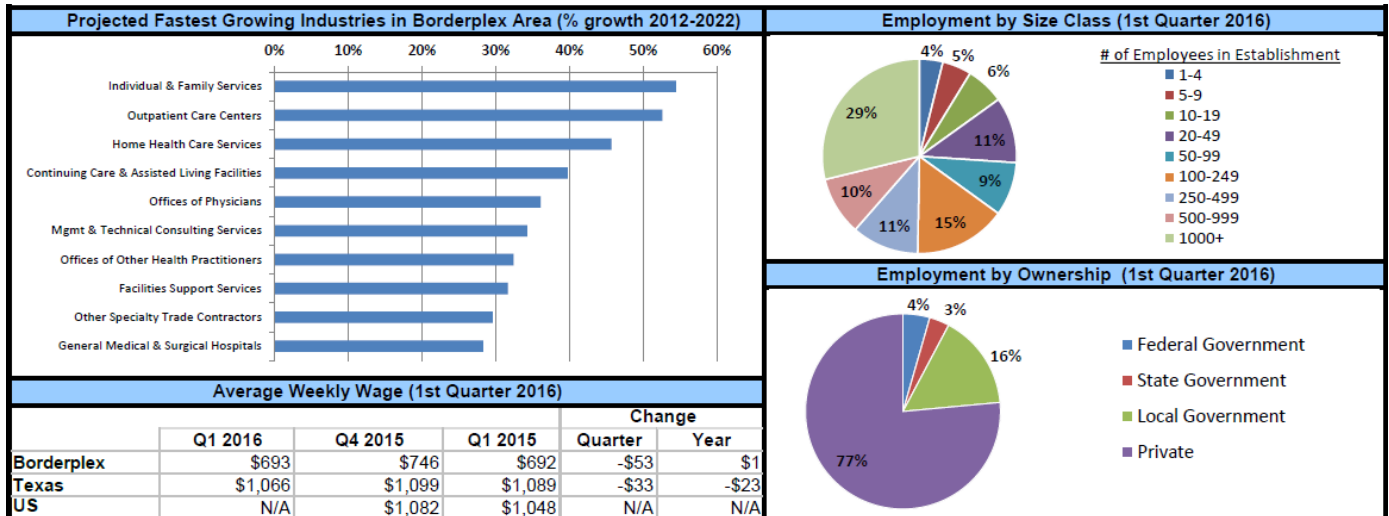
Note: The state of Texas nonfarm employment for the month of August 2016 indicated an increase of 0.2% since the previous month as well as an increase of 1.6% since last year.



The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in August 2016 were (1) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; (2) Government; and (3) Educational and Health Services. These three Super Sectors represented 58% of the total nonfarm employment.

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

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



**Sources:**

Texas Labor Market Review, Texas Workforce Commission, September 2016.  
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