



# LMR

LABOR MARKET REVIEW



## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Texas State       | 4.4%  |
| El Paso MSA       | 4.8%  |
| Borderplex        | 4.8%  |
| Brewster County   | 3.9%  |
| Culberson County  | 3.5%  |
| El Paso County    | 4.8%  |
| Hudspeth County   | 6.2%  |
| Jeff Davis County | 3.1%  |
| Presidio County   | 10.9% |
| El Paso City      | 4.4%  |
| Socorro City      | 5.2%  |

On November 17, 2016, Workforce Solutions Borderplex's Board of Directors awarded three employers for their outstanding contributions toward advancing employment opportunities in the community.

From left to right: Aztec Contractors was awarded the Small Business Partner of the Year Award; Excel Garment Manufacturing was awarded the Medium Business Partner of the Year Award; and Charles Schwab was awarded the Large Business Partner of the Year Award.



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## Message from the Board



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

The Workforce Board will continue to provide access to the most relevant labor statistics in order to help guide employers in today's growing economy. Employers strive to meet the challenges presented by the global economy and the workforce board supports this effort by sharing industry-driven data.

If there is additional information that you would like to see presented here, please contact Workforce Solutions Borderplex at 915.887.2600.

Sincerely,

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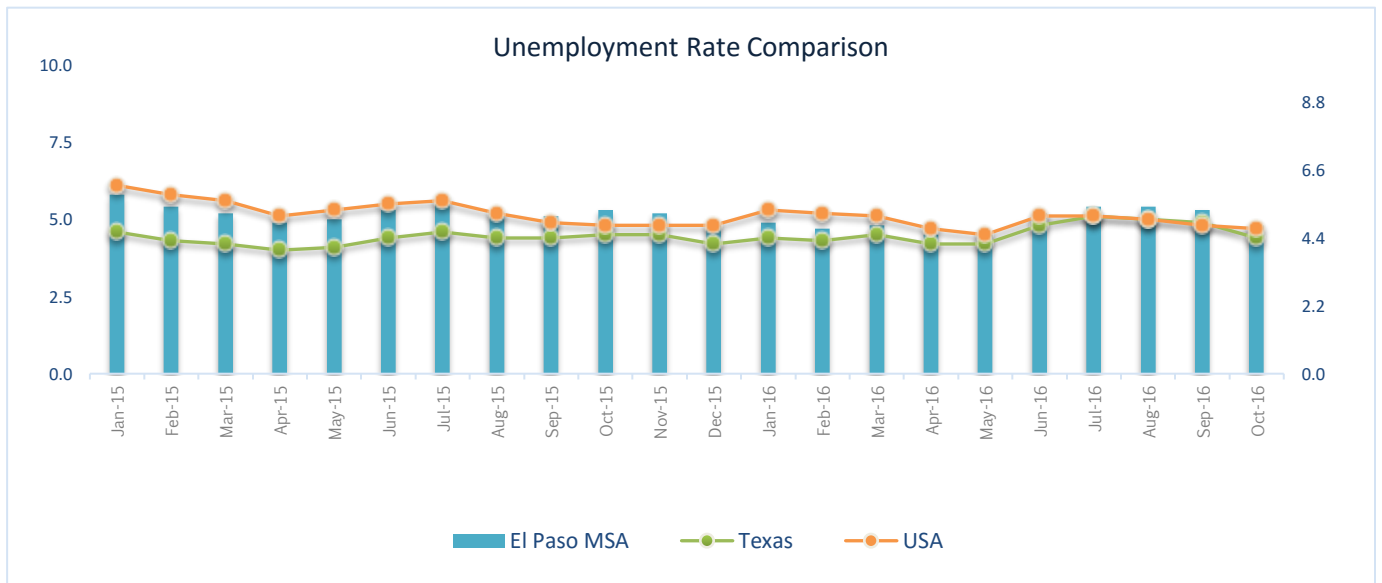
## Highlights of the Labor Force

|            |        | October 2016 |            |              |      | September 2016 |            |              |      | October 2015 |            |              |      |
|------------|--------|--------------|------------|--------------|------|----------------|------------|--------------|------|--------------|------------|--------------|------|
|            |        | Labor Force  | Employment | Unemployment | Rate | Labor Force    | Employment | Unemployment | Rate | Labor Force  | Employment | Unemployment | Rate |
| Texas      | State  | 13,334,556   | 12,749,778 | 584,778      | 4.4  | 13,416,525     | 12,754,630 | 661,895      | 4.9  | 13,114,424   | 12,531,868 | 582,556      | 4.4  |
| El Paso    | MSA    | 353,974      | 336,987    | 16,987       | 4.8  | 355,544        | 336,638    | 18,906       | 5.3  | 346,594      | 328,938    | 17,656       | 5.1  |
| Borderplex | WDA    | 362,880      | 345,352    | 17,528       | 4.8  | 364,517        | 345,034    | 19,483       | 5.3  | 355,674      | 337,486    | 18,188       | 5.1  |
| Brewster   | County | 3,831        | 3,680      | 151          | 3.9  | 3,829          | 3,664      | 165          | 4.3  | 3,971        | 3,822      | 149          | 3.8  |
| Culberson  | County | 1,124        | 1,085      | 39           | 3.5  | 1,172          | 1,129      | 43           | 3.7  | 1,026        | 988        | 38           | 3.7  |
| El Paso    | County | 352,751      | 335,840    | 16,911       | 4.8  | 354,310        | 335,487    | 18,823       | 5.3  | 345,365      | 327,779    | 17,586       | 5.1  |
| Hudspeth   | County | 1,223        | 1,147      | 76           | 6.2  | 1,234          | 1,151      | 83           | 6.7  | 1,229        | 1,159      | 70           | 5.7  |
| Jeff Davis | County | 1,032        | 1,000      | 32           | 3.1  | 1,051          | 1,017      | 34           | 3.2  | 1,067        | 1,033      | 34           | 3.2  |
| Presidio   | County | 2,919        | 2,600      | 319          | 10.9 | 2,921          | 2,586      | 335          | 11.5 | 3,016        | 2,705      | 311          | 10.3 |
| El Paso    | City   | 294,759      | 281,815    | 12,944       | 4.4  | 295,971        | 281,518    | 14,453       | 4.9  | 288,515      | 275,050    | 13,465       | 4.7  |
| Socorro    | City   | 13,615       | 12,911     | 704          | 5.2  | 13,661         | 12,897     | 764          | 5.6  | 13,284       | 12,601     | 683          | 5.1  |

In October 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 October 2016 was at 4.4% which signified a 0.5 % decrease from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso decreased by 0.3 % since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was same as the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.4%); but lower than the National unemployment rate (4.7%).

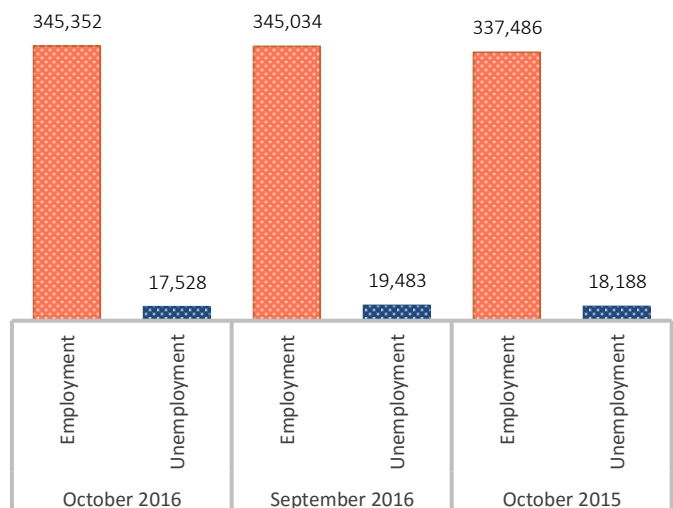
The unemployment rate for El Paso County in October 2016 was 4.8%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.4%), and higher than United States (4.7%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in October 2016 was 362,880, which indicates a decrease of 1,637 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 7,206.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of October 2016 was 345,352, which reflects an increase of 318 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 7,866.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of October 2016 was 17,528, which indicates a decrease of 1,955 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 660



## Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

2,300 jobs added in October, 6,900 total jobs added over the past year

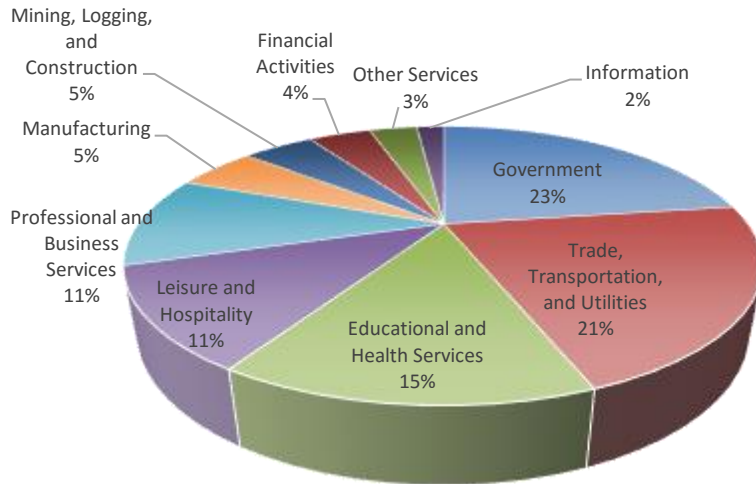
| Area Title | NAICS Industry  | Oct-16  | Sep-16  | Oct-15  | Monthly Change | Monthly % | Yearly Change | Yearly % |
|------------|---|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| El Paso    | Total Nonfarm   | 313,500 | 311,200 | 306,600 | 2,300          | 0.7%      | 6900          | 2.3%     |
| El Paso    | Total Private   | 242,100 | 241,000 | 236,100 | 1,100          | 0.5%      | 6000          | 2.5%     |
| El Paso    | Goods Producing                                       | 31,000  | 31,300  | 31,400  | -300           | -1.0%     | -400          | -1.3%    |
| El Paso    | Mining, Logging, and Construction                     | 14,700  | 14,900  | 14,500  | -200           | -1.3%     | 200           | 1.4%     |
| El Paso    | Manufacturing   | 16,300  | 16,400  | 16,900  | -100           | -0.6%     | -600          | -3.6%    |
| El Paso    | Service Providing                                     | 282,500 | 279,900 | 275,200 | 2,600          | 0.9%      | 7300          | 2.7%     |
| El Paso    | Private Service Providing                             | 211,100 | 209,700 | 204,700 | 1,400          | 0.7%      | 6400          | 3.1%     |
| El Paso    | Trade, Transportation, and Utilities                  | 67,200  | 66,700  | 65,800  | 500            | 0.7%      | 1400          | 2.1%     |
| El Paso    | Wholesale Trade                                       | 11,400  | 11,300  | 11,300  | 100            | 0.9%      | 100           | 0.9%     |
| El Paso    | Retail Trade  | 40,600  | 40,300  | 39,600  | 300            | 0.7%      | 1000          | 2.5%     |
| El Paso    | General Merchandise Stores                            | 11,200  | 11,100  | 11,100  | 100            | 0.9%      | 100           | 0.9%     |
| El Paso    | Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities            | 15,200  | 15,100  | 14,900  | 100            | 0.7%      | 300           | 2.0%     |
| El Paso    | Information   | 5,800   | 5,700   | 5,800   | 100            | 1.8%      | 0             | 0.0%     |
| El Paso    | Financial Activities                                  | 13,100  | 12,900  | 12,100  | 200            | 1.6%      | 1000          | 8.3%     |
| El Paso    | Professional and Business Services                    | 33,500  | 33,000  | 32,600  | 500            | 1.5%      | 900           | 2.8%     |
| El Paso    | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I | 24,200  | 23,900  | 23,500  | 300            | 1.3%      | 700           | 3.0%     |
| El Paso    | Employment Services                                   | 6,300   | 6,300   | 6,200   | 0              | 0.0%      | 100           | 1.6%     |
| El Paso    | Educational and Health Services                       | 45,600  | 45,300  | 43,900  | 300            | 0.7%      | 1700          | 3.9%     |
| El Paso    | Leisure and Hospitality                               | 35,800  | 36,000  | 34,600  | -200           | -0.6%     | 1200          | 3.5%     |
| El Paso    | Other Services  | 10,100  | 10,100  | 9,900   | 0              | 0.0%      | 200           | 2.0%     |
| El Paso    | Government  | 71,400  | 70,200  | 70,500  | 1,200          | 1.7%      | 900           | 1.3%     |
| El Paso    | Federal Government                                    | 13,000  | 12,900  | 12,900  | 100            | 0.8%      | 100           | 0.8%     |
| El Paso    | State Government                                      | 10,400  | 10,000  | 10,300  | 400            | 4.0%      | 100           | 1.0%     |
| El Paso    | Local Government                                      | 48,000  | 47,300  | 47,300  | 700            | 1.5%      | 700           | 1.5%     |

Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in October 2016 was 313,500. This reflected an increase of 0.7% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 2.3% from a year ago (October 2015).

Note: The state of Texas nonfarm employment for the month of October 2016 indicated an increase of 0.1% since the previous month as well as an increase of 1.7% since last year.

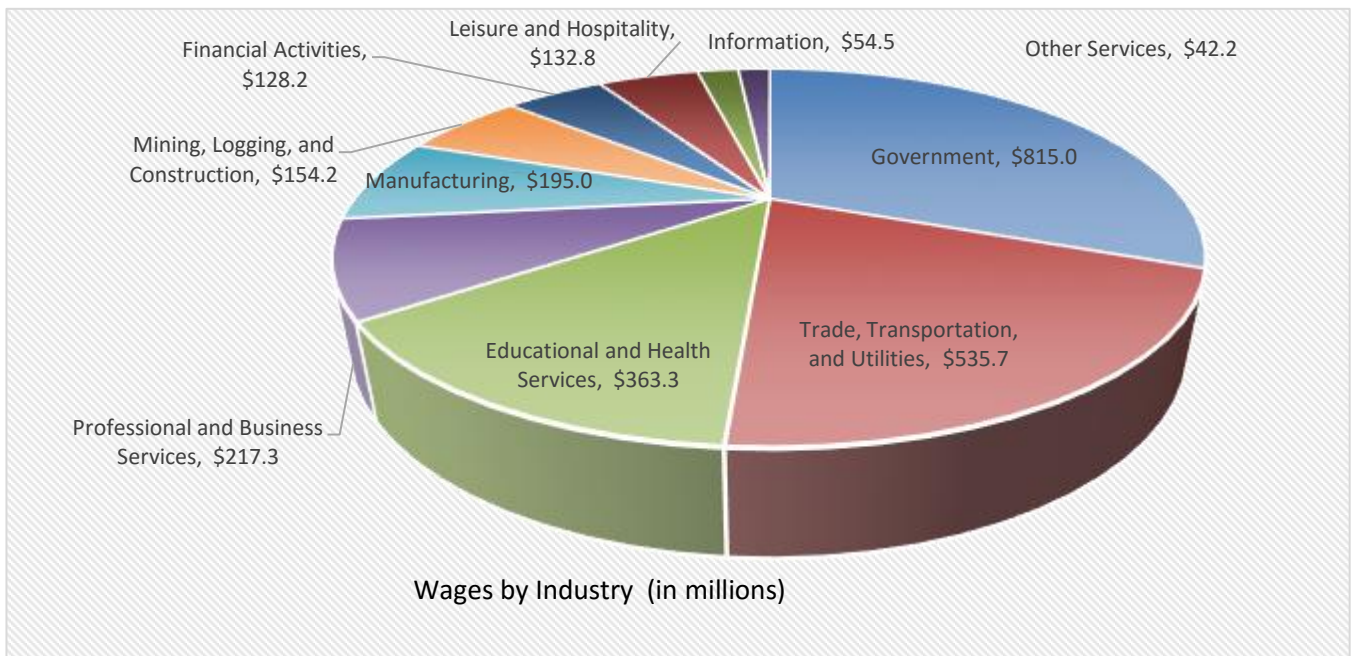
## Super Sectors



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

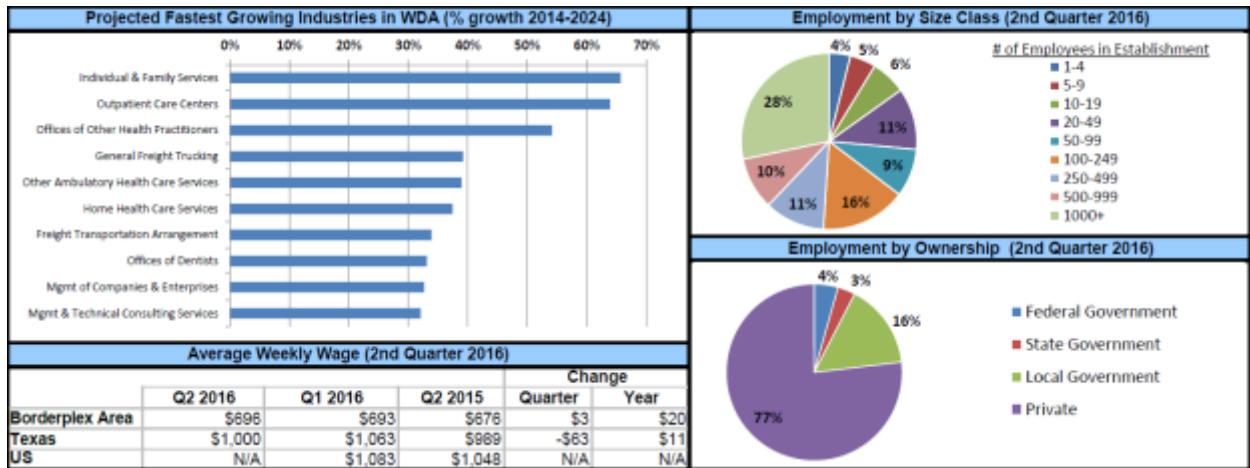
## Wages by Industry in El Paso MSA 2nd Quarter 2016



The three Super Sectors with the greatest wages for the El Paso MSA in 2nd Quarter 2016 were (1) Government; (2) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and (3) Educational and Health Services

The three Super Sectors with the least wages for the El Paso MSA in 2nd Quarter 2016 were (1) Other Services; (2) Information and (3) Financial Activities

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



### By The Numbers

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Regional Unemployment     | 4.8%  |
| Total Active Job Openings | 2,919 |
| *Employers Served         | 1,709 |
| *Job Seekers Served       | 8,133 |
| *Veterans Served          | 977   |
| *Children served          | 5,091 |

\* Report Period 10/1/16 to 10/31/16

#### Sources:

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

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