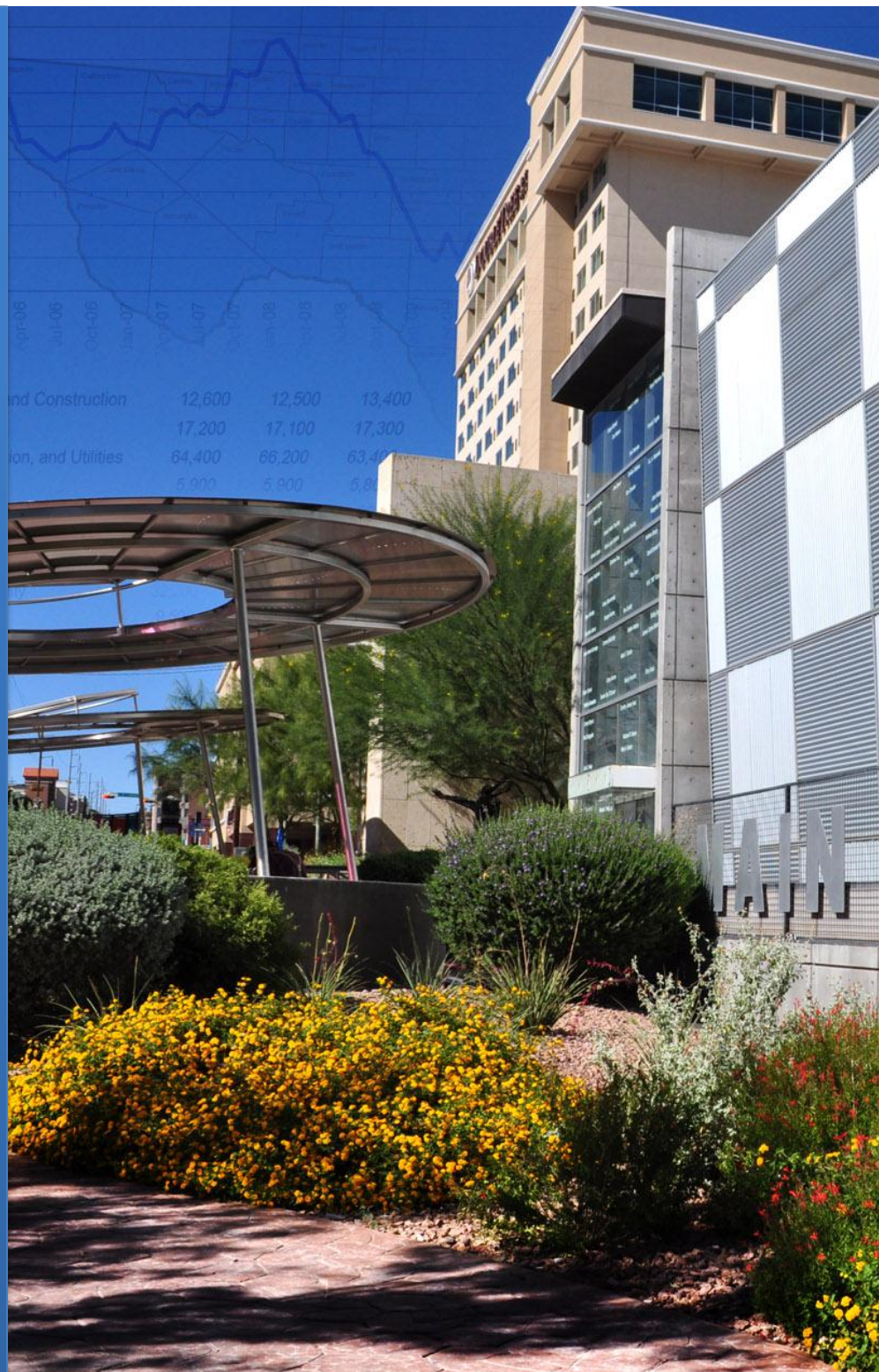


# Labor Market Review June 2015

## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	4.1%
El Paso MSA	5.0%
Borderplex	5.0%
Brewster County	3.8%
Culberson County	4.7%
El Paso County	5.0%
Hudspeth County	4.8%
Jeff Davis County	2.9%
Presidio County	9.2%
El Paso City	4.5%
Socorro City	5.3%



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## Message from the CEO

Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for May 2015.

This issue examines how the workforce area performed during May 2015.

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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## May 2015 Unemployment Rates at a Glance

		May 2015				April 2015				May 2014			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,114,000	12,575,341	538,659	4.1	13,094,520	12,573,130	521,390	4.0	13,094,829	12,436,901	657,928	5.0
El Paso	MSA	342,670	325,606	17,064	5.0	342,204	325,613	16,591	4.8	351,072	328,421	22,651	6.5
Upper Rio Grande	WDA	352,121	334,524	17,597	5.0	351,613	334,504	17,109	4.9	361,058	337,706	23,352	6.5
Brewster	County	3,992	3,840	152	3.8	4,001	3,851	150	3.7	4,235	4,033	202	4.8
Culberson	County	1,052	1,003	49	4.7	1,029	982	47	4.6	1,033	993	40	3.9
El Paso	County	341,378	324,376	17,002	5.0	340,923	324,396	16,527	4.8	349,723	327,160	22,563	6.5
Hudspeth	County	1,292	1,230	62	4.8	1,281	1,217	64	5.0	1,349	1,261	88	6.5
Jeff Davis	County	1,148	1,115	33	2.9	1,124	1,093	31	2.8	1,207	1,165	42	3.5
Presidio	County	3,259	2,960	299	9.2	3,255	2,965	290	8.9	3,511	3,094	417	11.9
El Paso	City	285,177	272,233	12,944	4.5	284,758	272,250	12,508	4.4	291,813	274,570	17,243	5.9
Socorro	City	13,099	12,407	692	5.3	13,060	12,408	652	5.0	13,407	12,513	894	6.7

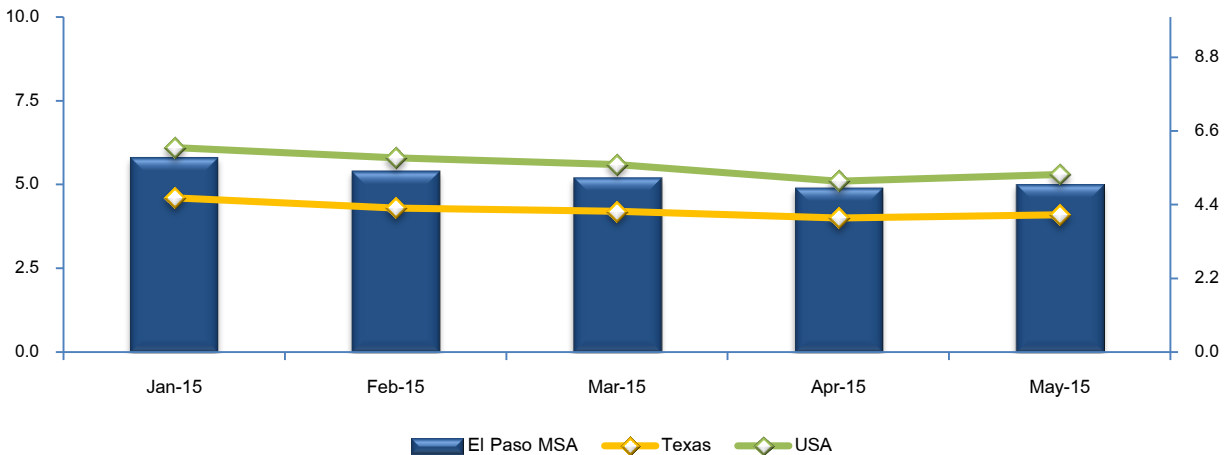
In May 2015, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 0.5 points higher than the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso.

The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in May 2015 was at 4.5% which signified a 0.1 % increase from the previous month. In addition the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso decreased by 1.4 % since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.1%); however, it was below the National unemployment rate (5.3%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in May 2015 was 5.0%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.1%), but lower than United States (5.3%).

The El Paso (MSA) ranked 21st out of the 25 Texas MSAs in terms of unemployment rates.

### Unemployment Rate Comparison



### Below are the MSAs Ranked by Unemployment Rate for May 2015 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos – 3.1%
- San Antonio-New Braunfels – 3.6%
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown – 4.2%
- Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington – 3.8%
- Corpus Christi – 4.7%
- Brownsville-Harlingen – 6.6%
- McAllen-Edinburg-Mission – 7.2%

## Employment by Sectors in El Paso MSA for May 2015

Area Title	NAICS Industry	May-15	Apr-15	May-14	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	299,200	297,800	298,000	1,400	0.5%	1200	0.4%
El Paso	Total Private	229,700	228,200	227,800	1,500	0.7%	1900	0.8%
El Paso	Goods Producing	29,900	30,000	31,000	-100	-0.3%	-1100	-3.5%
El Paso	Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,600	12,700	13,900	-100	-0.8%	-1300	-9.4%
El Paso	Manufacturing	17,300	17,300	17,100	0	0.0%	200	1.2%
El Paso	Service Providing	269,300	267,800	267,000	1,500	0.6%	2300	0.9%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	199,800	198,200	196,800	1,600	0.8%	3000	1.5%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	64,100	63,900	63,500	200	0.3%	600	0.9%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,000	11,100	10,900	-100	-0.9%	100	0.9%
El Paso	Retail Trade	38,800	38,600	38,500	200	0.5%	300	0.8%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	11,400	11,200	10,800	200	1.8%	600	5.6%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	14,300	14,200	14,100	100	0.7%	200	1.4%
El Paso	Information	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	11,700	11,600	12,200	100	0.9%	-500	-4.1%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	31,700	31,400	31,500	300	1.0%	200	0.6%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	22,400	22,000	22,600	400	1.8%	-200	-0.9%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,200	6,000	6,200	200	3.3%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Educational and Health Services	42,300	42,100	41,200	200	0.5%	1100	2.7%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	34,400	33,700	33,000	700	2.1%	1400	4.2%
El Paso	Other Services	9,800	9,700	9,600	100	1.0%	200	2.1%
El Paso	Government	69,500	69,600	70,200	-100	-0.1%	-700	-1.0%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,700	12,800	12,800	-100	-0.8%	-100	-0.8%
El Paso	State Government	10,100	10,100	10,000	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
El Paso	Local Government	46,700	46,700	47,400	0	0.0%	-700	-1.5%

### Super Sectors

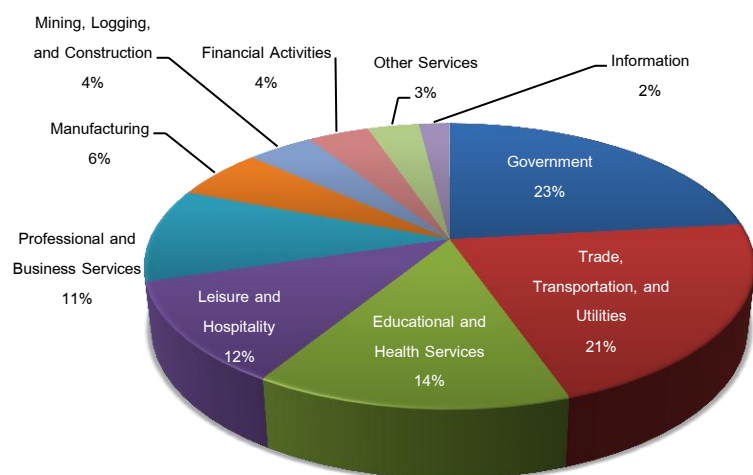
Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in May 2015 was 299,200. This reflected an increase of 0.5% since the previous month.

The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 0.4% from a year ago (May 2014).

The state of Texas nonfarm employment for the month of May 2015 indicated an increase of 0.3% since the previous month as well as an increase of 2.5% since last year.

The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in May 2015 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 May 2015 were (1) Financial Activities; (2) Other Services and (3) Information. These three Super Sectors represented 9% of the total nonfarm employment.

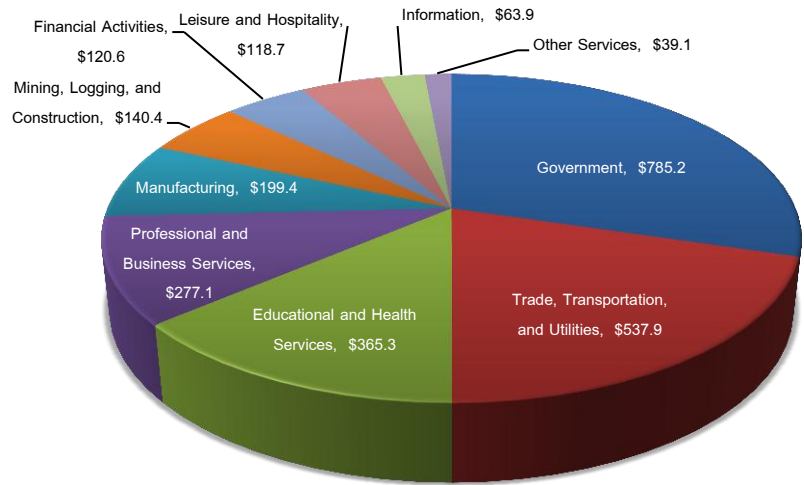


Industry Composition

## Wages by Industry in El Paso MSA (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014)

The three Super Sectors with the greatest wages for the El Paso MSA in 4th Quarter 2014 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 4th Quarter 2014 were (1) Leisure and Hospitality; (2) Information and (3) Other Services.



Wages by Industry (in millions)

## Average weekly wages for the Workforce Solutions Borderplex workforce area and the state of Texas

Average Weekly Wage		
Period	Workforce Solutions Borderplex Region	Texas
3rd Quarter 2014	\$ 707.84	\$ 1,071.29
2nd Quarter 2014	\$ 684.08	\$ 987.96
3rd Quarter 2013	\$ 687.18	\$ 1,026.57

### Sources:

Texas Labor Market Review, Texas Workforce Commission, June 2015.

Labor Market & Career Information, Texas Workforce Commission, June 2015.