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## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	4.1%
El Paso MSA	4.5%
Borderplex	4.5%
Brewster County	3.8%
Culberson County	3.9%
El Paso County	4.5%
Hudspeth County	5.5%
Jeff Davis County	3.1%
Presidio County	8.0%
El Paso City	4.4%
Socorro City	4.5%

Workforce Solutions Borderplex, working in conjunction with Fort Bliss and the El Paso Chamber of Commerce hosted the Hiring Our Heroes job fair on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Hiring Our Heroes was a highly successful, two-day event that featured keynote speakers, presentations on job readiness and skills development, workshops, and a broad array of companies and exhibitors. Almost 900 attendees took part in this wonderful event.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD VICE-CHAIR



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for March 2018. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during February 2018.

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 co-chair for the Workforce Solution Borderplex Board of Directors, our primary goal is to provide workforce solutions that lead to better quality of life and economic prosperity. Understanding our employers needs and finding opportunities and/or solutions to meet those needs is key. How we achieve this is by being actively involved in meeting the employment and training needs for the employers in the regions we serve.

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

Sincerely,

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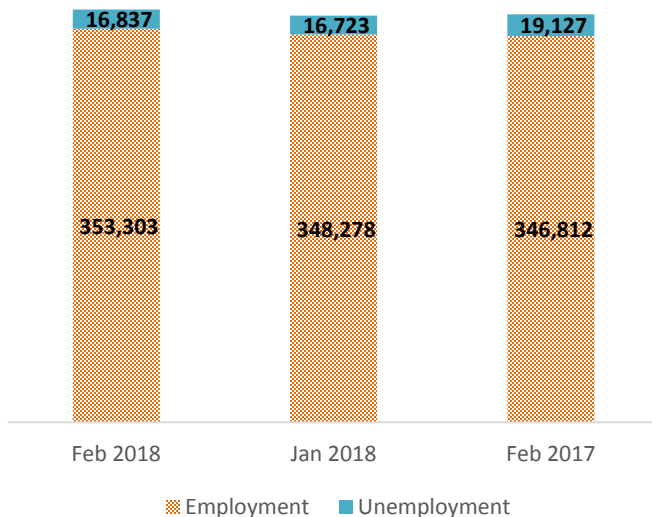
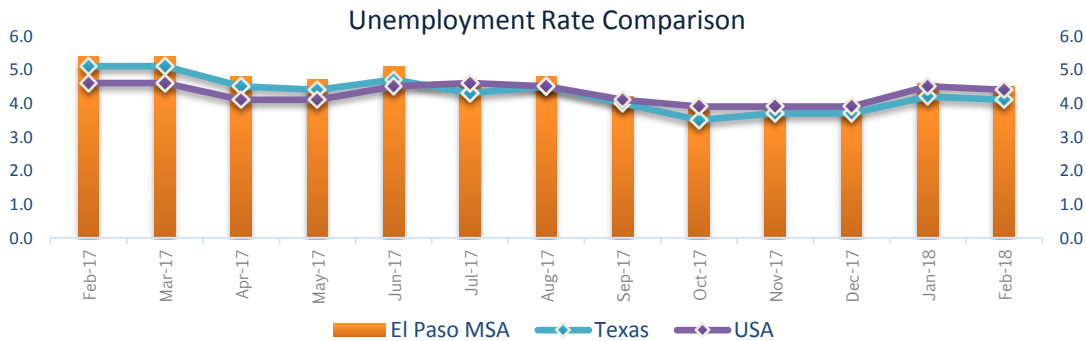
## Highlights of the Labor Force

		February 2018				January 2018				February 2017			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,811,924	13,241,913	570,011	4.1	13,621,781	13,053,790	567,991	4.2	13,493,966	12,840,842	653,124	4.8
El Paso	MSA	361,384	345,001	16,383	4.5	356,435	340,183	16,252	4.6	356,931	338,414	18,517	5.2
Borderplex	WDA	370,140	353,303	16,837	4.5	365,001	348,278	16,723	4.6	365,939	346,812	19,127	5.2
Brewster	County	3,871	3,723	148	3.8	3,783	3,632	151	4	3,938	3,782	156	4
Culberson	County	851	818	33	3.9	848	818	30	3.5	916	873	43	4.7
El Paso	County	359,849	343,551	16,298	4.5	354,942	338,768	16,174	4.6	355,386	336,975	18,411	5.2
Hudspeth	County	1,535	1,450	85	5.5	1,493	1,415	78	5.2	1,545	1,439	106	6.9
Jeff Davis	County	1,031	999	32	3.1	989	960	29	2.9	1,047	1,009	38	3.6
Presidio	County	3,003	2,762	241	8	2,946	2,685	261	8.9	3,107	2,734	373	12
El Paso	City	301,775	288,468	13,307	4.4	297,609	284,452	13,157	4.4	297,730	282,946	14,784	5
Socorro	City	13,910	13,284	626	4.5	13,735	13,099	636	4.6	13,860	13,029	831	6

In February 2018, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 0.1 points higher than the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso.

The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in February 2018 was at 4.4% which signified same rate as the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso decreased 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 (4.1%); and the same as the National unemployment rate (4.4%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in February 2018 was 4.5%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.1%), and higher than United States (4.4%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in February 2018 was 370,140, which indicates an increase of 5,139 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 4,201.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of February 2018 was 353,303, which reflects an increase of 5,025 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 6,491.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of February 2018 was 16,837, which indicates an increase of 114 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 2,290.

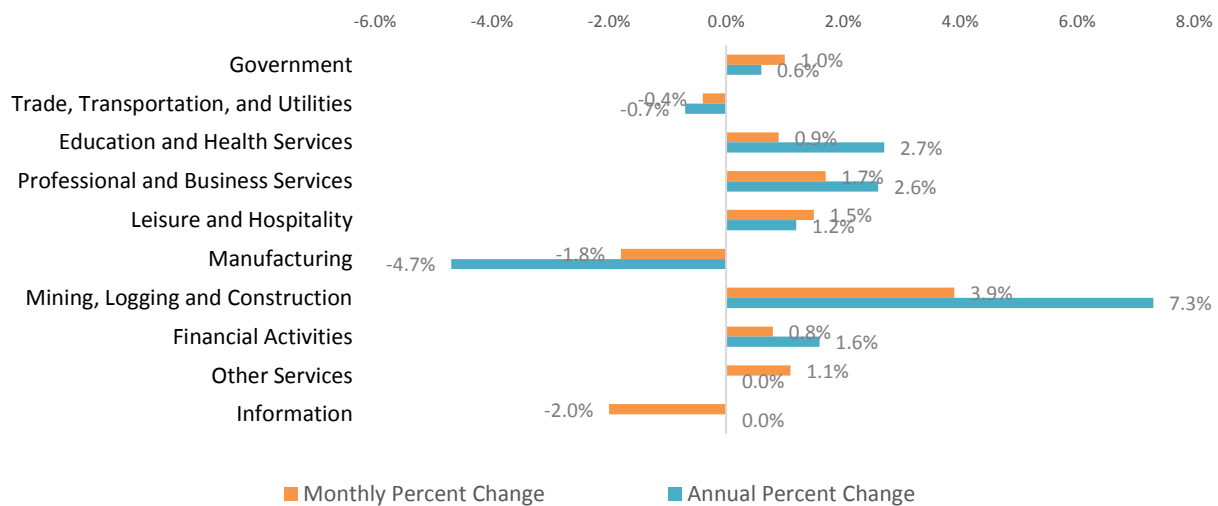
## Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

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

Area	NAICS	Feb-18	Jan-18	Feb-17	Monthly		Yearly	
					Change	Monthly %	Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	314,800	312,500	311,900	2,300	0.7%	2900	0.9%
El Paso	Total Private	241,800	240,200	239,300	1,600	0.7%	2500	1.0%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,300	32,000	32,000	300	0.9%	300	0.9%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	16,100	15,500	15,000	600	3.9%	1100	7.3%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,200	16,500	17,000	-300	-1.8%	-800	-4.7%
El Paso	Service-Providing	282,500	280,500	279,900	2,000	0.7%	2600	0.9%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	209,500	208,200	207,300	1,300	0.6%	2200	1.1%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	67,100	67,400	67,600	-300	-0.4%	-500	-0.7%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,700	11,700	11,500	0	0.0%	200	1.7%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,000	39,400	40,000	-400	-1.0%	-1000	-2.5%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	9,500	9,700	10,100	-200	-2.1%	-600	-5.9%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,400	16,300	16,100	100	0.6%	300	1.9%
El Paso	Information	5,000	5,100	5,000	-100	-2.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	12,800	12,700	12,600	100	0.8%	200	1.6%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	35,000	34,400	34,100	600	1.7%	900	2.6%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	24,600	24,400	24,300	200	0.8%	300	1.2%
El Paso	Employment Services	5,500	5,300	5,700	200	3.8%	-200	-3.5%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	45,800	45,400	44,600	400	0.9%	1200	2.7%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	34,700	34,200	34,300	500	1.5%	400	1.2%
El Paso	Other Services	9,100	9,000	9,100	100	1.1%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Government	73,000	72,300	72,600	700	1.0%	400	0.6%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,900	13,000	12,900	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
El Paso	State Government	11,800	11,400	11,700	400	3.5%	100	0.9%
El Paso	Local Government	48,300	47,900	48,000	400	0.8%	300	0.6%

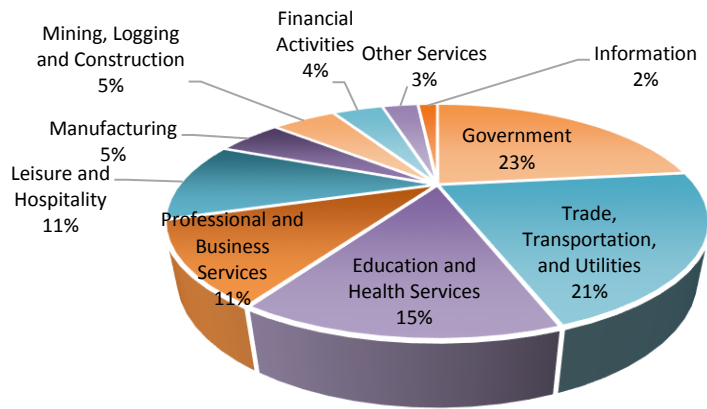
■ Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in February 2018 was 314,800. This reflected an increase of 0.7% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 0.9% from a year ago (February 2017).



El Paso MSA added 2,900 jobs over the past year. The three Super Sectors that had the most growth over the past year were:

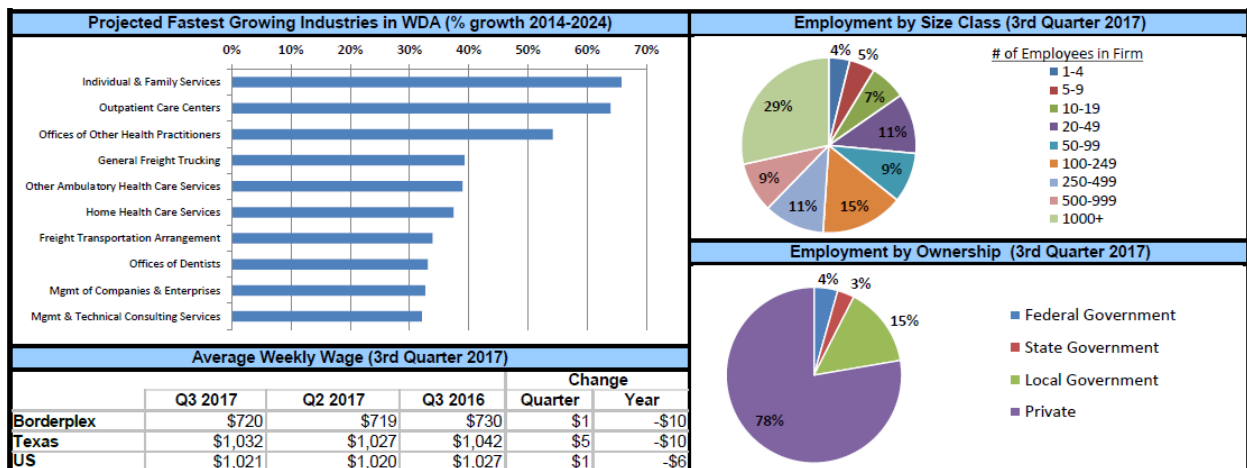
1. Mining, Logging and Construction (7.3%)
2. Education and Health Services (2.7%)
3. Professional and Business Services (2.6%)



The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in February 2018 were (1) Government; (2) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and (3) Education 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 February 2018 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:**

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