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Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	4.2%
El Paso MSA	4.6%
Borderplex	4.6%
Brewster County	4.0%
Culberson County	3.5%
El Paso County	4.6%
Hudspeth County	5.2%
Jeff Davis County	2.9%
Presidio County	8.9%
El Paso City	4.4%
Socorro City	4.6%

On February 28, 2018, Workforce Solutions Borderplex had its first Tri-County JOBCON in Marfa, Texas. JOBCON offered a unique career exploration experience for more than 500 students and teachers from the Alpine, Fort Davis, Marfa, Presidio, and Valentine school districts.



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Message from the Board Chair



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for March 2018. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during January 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 Chair for the Workforce Solutions Borderplex Board of Directors, my goal for the organization is to continue to strengthen community partnerships. Workforce Solutions will achieve this goal by continuing skill gap analysis in key sectors to align training with gaps; continuing to connect training partners with industry sectors so they can better adapt to the real skills' demands; working with employers to raise awareness of the value of upskilling workers; and developing resources to help employers plan for succession.

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

Sincerely,

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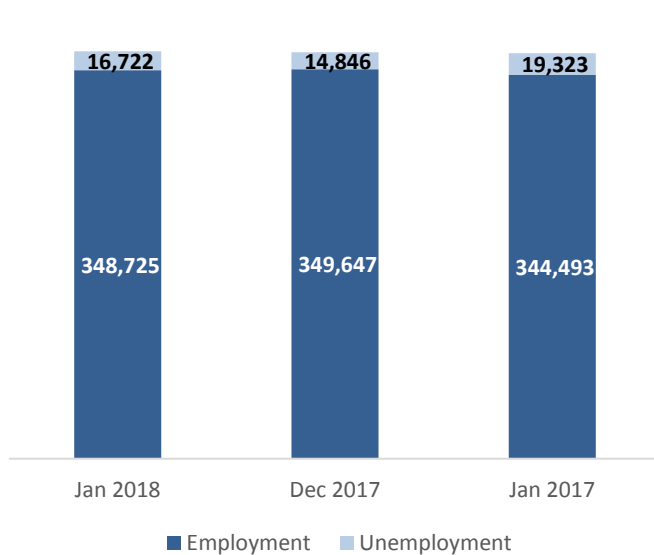
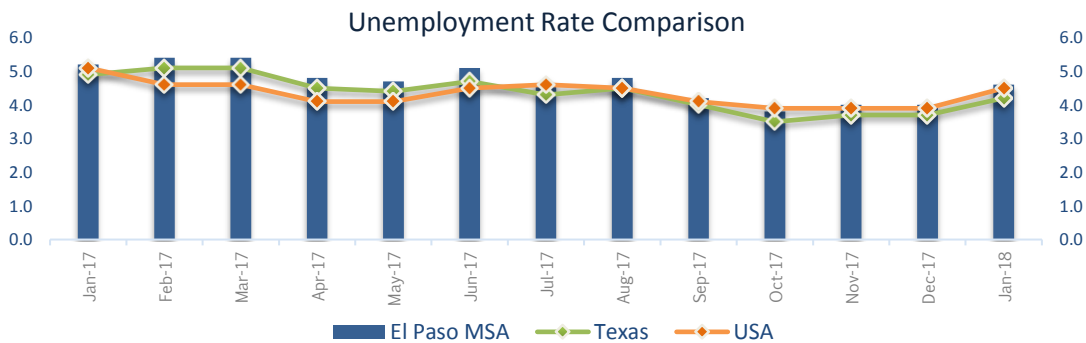
Highlights of the Labor Force

		January 2018				December 2017				January 2017			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,622,067	13,054,089	567,978	4.2	13,598,061	13,096,216	501,845	3.7	13,417,349	12,748,985	668,364	5
El Paso	MSA	356,875	340,623	16,252	4.6	355,795	341,342	14,453	4.1	354,972	336,311	18,661	5.3
Borderplex	WDA	365,447	348,725	16,722	4.6	364,493	349,647	14,846	4.1	363,816	344,493	19,323	5.3
Brewster	County	3,785	3,635	150	4	3,838	3,715	123	3.2	3,872	3,693	179	4.6
Culberson	County	849	819	30	3.5	911	885	26	2.9	921	879	42	4.6
El Paso	County	355,381	339,207	16,174	4.6	354,286	339,906	14,380	4.1	353,458	334,902	18,556	5.2
Hudspeth	County	1,494	1,416	78	5.2	1,509	1,436	73	4.8	1,514	1,409	105	6.9
Jeff Davis	County	990	961	29	2.9	1,008	980	28	2.8	1,011	978	33	3.3
Presidio	County	2,948	2,687	261	8.9	2,941	2,725	216	7.3	3,040	2,632	408	13.4
El Paso	City	297,974	284,821	13,153	4.4	297,041	285,407	11,634	3.9	296,084	281,206	14,878	5
Socorro	City	13,753	13,116	637	4.6	13,722	13,143	579	4.2	13,789	12,949	840	6.1

In January 2018, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 0.2 points higher than the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso.

The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in January 2018 was at 4.4% which signified a 0.5% increase from 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 (4.2%); but lower than the National unemployment rate (4.5%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in January 2018 was 4.6%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.2%), and higher than United States (4.5%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in January 2018 was 365,447, which indicates an increase of 954 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 1,631.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of January 2018 was 348,725, which reflects a decrease of 922 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 4,232.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of January 2018 was 16,722, which indicates an increase of 1,876 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 2,601.

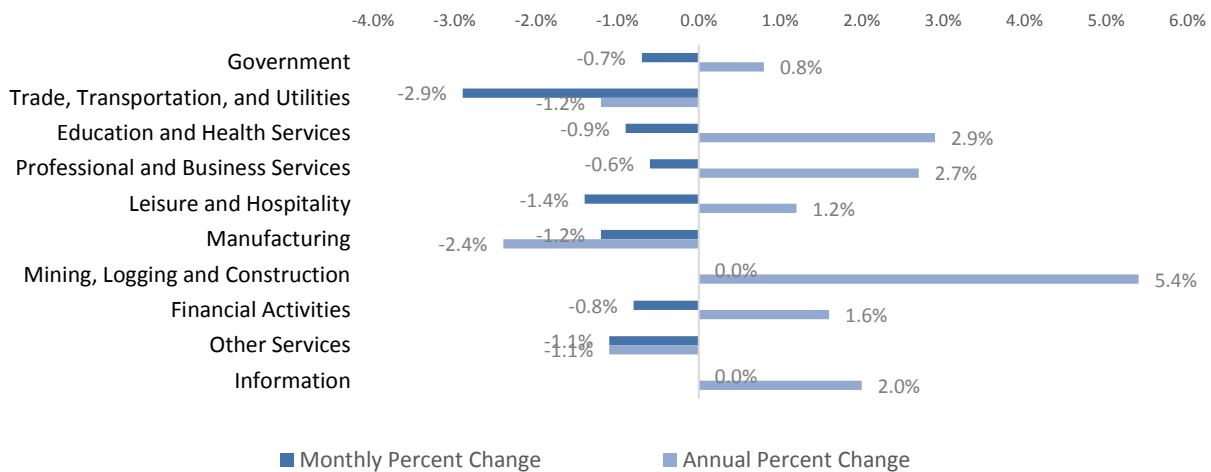
Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

3,000 Total Jobs added over the past year

Area	Series Title	Jan-18	Dec-17	Jan-17	Monthly		Yearly	
					Change	Monthly %	Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	312,600	316,600	309,600	-4,000	-1.3%	3000	1.0%
El Paso	Total Private	240,300	243,800	237,900	-3,500	-1.4%	2400	1.0%
El Paso	Goods Producing	31,900	32,100	31,500	-200	-0.6%	400	1.3%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	15,500	15,500	14,700	0	0.0%	800	5.4%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,400	16,600	16,800	-200	-1.2%	-400	-2.4%
El Paso	Service-Providing	280,700	284,500	278,100	-3,800	-1.3%	2600	0.9%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	208,400	211,700	206,400	-3,300	-1.6%	2000	1.0%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	67,300	69,300	68,100	-2,000	-2.9%	-800	-1.2%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,700	11,700	11,400	0	0.0%	300	2.6%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,300	41,100	40,500	-1,800	-4.4%	-1200	-3.0%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	9,700	10,200	10,500	-500	-4.9%	-800	-7.6%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,300	16,500	16,200	-200	-1.2%	100	0.6%
El Paso	Information	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	0.0%	100	2.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	12,700	12,800	12,500	-100	-0.8%	200	1.6%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	34,700	34,900	33,800	-200	-0.6%	900	2.7%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	24,600	25,000	24,200	-400	-1.6%	400	1.7%
El Paso	Employment Services	5,300	5,700	5,600	-400	-7.0%	-300	-5.4%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	45,400	45,800	44,100	-400	-0.9%	1300	2.9%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	34,200	34,700	33,800	-500	-1.4%	400	1.2%
El Paso	Other Services	9,000	9,100	9,100	-100	-1.1%	-100	-1.1%
El Paso	Government	72,300	72,800	71,700	-500	-0.7%	600	0.8%
El Paso	Federal Government	13,000	13,100	12,900	-100	-0.8%	100	0.8%
El Paso	State Government	11,400	11,500	11,200	-100	-0.9%	200	1.8%
El Paso	Local Government	47,900	48,200	47,600	-300	-0.6%	300	0.6%

■ Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in January 2018 was 312,600. This reflected a decrease of -1.3% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 1.0% from a year ago (January 2017).



El Paso MSA added 3,000 jobs over the past year. The three Super Sectors that had the most growth over the past year were:

1. Mining, Logging and Construction (5.4%)
2. Education and Health Services (2.9%)
3. Professional and Business Services (2.7%)

Demographic Profile Comparisons

	Summary ¹					
	Percent			Value		
	El Paso, TX MSA	Texas	USA	El Paso, TX MSA	Texas	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	837,073	26,956,435	318,558,162
Male	49.0%	49.6%	49.2%	410,055	13,379,165	156,765,322
Female	51.0%	50.4%	50.8%	427,018	13,577,270	161,792,840
Median Age ²	—	—	—	31.6	34.2	37.7
Under 18 Years	28.4%	26.5%	23.1%	237,849	7,132,476	73,612,438
18 to 24 Years	11.7%	10.2%	9.8%	97,842	2,738,831	31,296,577
25 to 34 Years	14.3%	14.5%	13.6%	119,860	3,915,774	43,397,907
35 to 44 Years	12.6%	13.5%	12.7%	105,326	3,642,463	40,548,400
45 to 54 Years	11.8%	12.9%	13.6%	98,784	3,471,589	43,460,466
55 to 64 Years	9.9%	11.0%	12.6%	83,209	2,958,735	40,061,742
65 to 74 Years	6.2%	6.8%	8.3%	51,935	1,828,562	26,355,308
75 Years, and Over	5.0%	4.7%	6.2%	42,268	1,268,005	19,825,324
Race: White	82.8%	74.8%	73.3%	693,406	20,174,403	233,657,078
Race: Black or African American	3.5%	11.9%	12.6%	29,126	3,221,133	40,241,818
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.7%	0.5%	0.8%	5,870	128,145	2,597,817
Race: Asian	1.1%	4.4%	5.2%	9,547	1,175,423	16,614,625
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	1,297	22,248	560,021
Race: Some Other Race	9.6%	5.8%	4.8%	80,210	1,561,683	15,133,856
Race: Two or More Races	2.1%	2.5%	3.1%	17,617	673,400	9,752,947
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	81.8%	38.6%	17.3%	684,438	10,413,150	55,199,107
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁵	—	—	—	841,971	27,862,596	323,127,513
Population Annual Average Growth ⁵	1.2%	1.8%	0.8%	9,372	450,302	2,474,760
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	59.9%	64.5%	63.3%	364,001	13,219,523	159,807,099
Armed Forces Labor Force	3.0%	0.5%	0.4%	18,858	92,754	1,011,641
Veterans, Age 18-64	7.0%	5.4%	5.1%	34,191	895,966	10,165,671
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$42,023	\$54,727	\$55,322
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$19,127	\$27,828	\$29,829
Poverty Level (of all people)	22.5%	16.7%	15.1%	185,056	4,397,307	46,932,225
Households Receiving Food Stamps	23.2%	13.1%	13.0%	60,832	1,220,336	15,360,951
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	23.3	25.9	26.1
Commute via Public Transportation	1.5%	1.5%	5.1%	5,065	188,919	7,476,312
Union Membership ³	6.3%	4.2%	10.7%	—	—	—
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	18.7%	16.5%	11.6%	75,960	2,303,492	19,478,050
High School Graduate	24.9%	24.7%	26.1%	101,323	3,452,488	43,788,541
Some College, No Degree	24.9%	22.7%	21.5%	101,192	3,174,603	36,025,193
Associate's Degree	8.2%	7.3%	8.9%	33,290	1,015,736	14,962,488
Bachelor's Degree	16.5%	19.4%	20.2%	67,007	2,710,069	33,845,524
Postgraduate Degree	7.0%	9.5%	11.6%	28,407	1,332,173	19,368,719
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	287,792	10,441,643	134,054,899
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ²	—	—	—	\$114,500	\$142,700	\$184,700
Homeowner Vacancy	1.9%	1.6%	1.8%	3,128	94,289	1,395,797
Rental Vacancy	9.1%	7.6%	6.2%	10,326	294,244	2,855,844
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	38.6%	38.1%	36.4%	101,212	3,542,096	42,835,169
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	7.5%	5.6%	9.0%	19,575	523,186	10,562,847
Social						
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.8%	1.4%	1.4%	15,093	390,416	4,433,703
Disconnected Youth ⁴	3.0%	3.2%	2.8%	1,603	48,770	485,589
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	40.4%	35.2%	34.7%	91,727	2,392,053	24,318,038
With a Disability, Age 18-64	12.2%	9.8%	10.3%	58,709	1,608,392	20,188,257
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	43.4%	44.2%	41.0%	25,505	710,611	8,278,834
Foreign Born	25.4%	16.7%	13.2%	212,714	4,494,345	42,194,354
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	30.9%	14.1%	8.5%	238,009	3,518,972	25,440,956

Source: JobsEQ®

1. American Community Survey 2012-2016, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

3. 2016; Current Population Survey, unionstats.com, and Chmura; county- and zip-level data are best estimates based upon industry-, MSA-, and state-level data

4. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

5. Census 2016, annual average growth rate since 2006

Sources:

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