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## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	4.3%
El Paso MSA	4.6%
Borderplex	4.7%
Brewster County	3.5%
Culberson County	2.8%
El Paso County	4.6%
Hudspeth County	7.7%
Jeff Davis County	3.3%
Presidio County	9.1%
El Paso City	4.5%
Socorro City	5.1%

On August 10, Joyce Wilson, CEO for Workforce Solutions Borderplex presented at the Governors Small Business Forum to a large group of businesses and key stakeholders. The presentation titled "Helping Small Business to Attract & Retain Talent in a Highly Competitive Environment," covered why it is important for small businesses to retain talent and pay higher wages.



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## Message from the Board



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for August 2017. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during July 2017.

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 a small business owner, I depend on the workforce board's labor market reports to drive decisions and forecast the health of our regional economy. While the El Paso area has seen great strides towards moving the needle in the right direction for job creation, by looking at the average weekly wage by quarter on page 5, you can see that there is still work that needs to be done to catch up to the state and U.S. averages.

The board will continue to analyze data so that we can continue to gage our region towards a thriving economy.

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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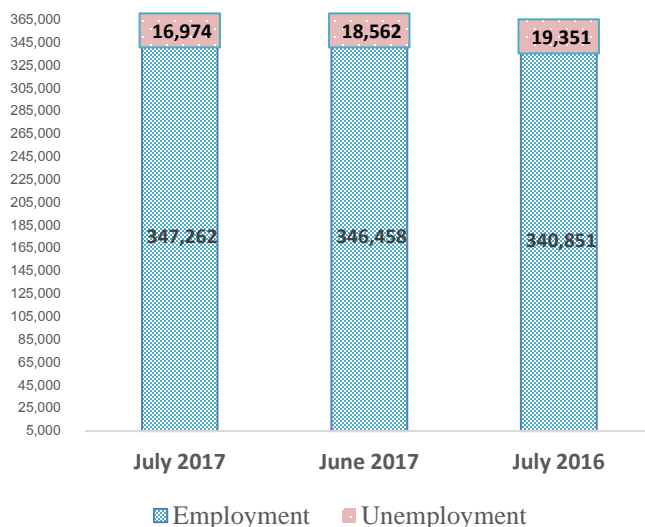
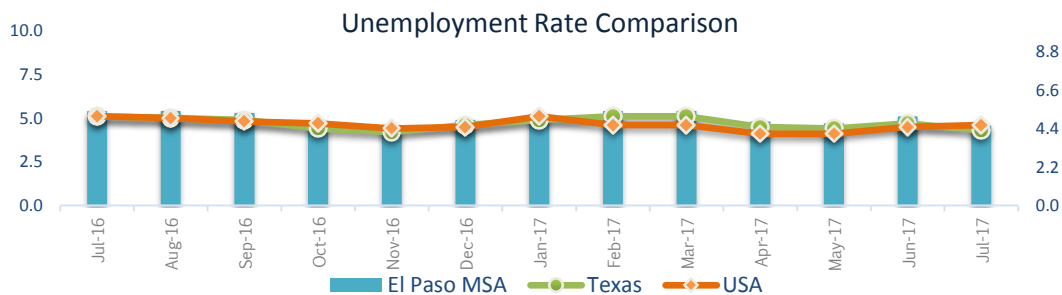
## Highlights of the Labor Force

		July 2017				June 2017				July 2016			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,433,444	12,849,486	583,958	4.3	13,462,252	12,831,118	631,134	4.7	13,356,834	12,681,873	674,961	5.1
El Paso	MSA	355,204	338,704	16,500	4.6	355,925	337,894	18,031	5.1	350,843	332,082	18,761	5.3
Borderplex	WDA	364,236	347,262	16,974	4.7	365,020	346,458	18,562	5.1	360,202	340,851	19,351	5.4
Brewster	County	3,919	3,780	139	3.5	3,908	3,762	146	3.7	4,030	3,858	172	4.3
Culberson	County	1,095	1,064	31	2.8	1,074	1,039	35	3.3	1,114	1,070	44	3.9
El Paso	County	353,920	337,519	16,401	4.6	354,604	336,671	17,933	5.1	349,553	330,890	18,663	5.3
Hudspeth	County	1,284	1,185	99	7.7	1,321	1,223	98	7.4	1,290	1,192	98	7.6
Jeff Davis	County	1,043	1,009	34	3.3	1,080	1,046	34	3.1	1,080	1,045	35	3.2
Presidio	County	2,975	2,705	270	9.1	3,033	2,717	316	10.4	3,135	2,796	339	10.8
El Paso	City	296,582	283,378	13,204	4.5	297,126	282,666	14,460	4.9	292,781	277,812	14,969	5.1
Socorro	City	13,762	13,065	697	5.1	13,783	13,032	751	5.4	13,652	12,808	844	6.2

In July 2017, 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 July 2017 was at 4.5% which signified a 0.4% decrease 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 (4.3%); but lower than the National unemployment rate (4.6%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in July 2017 was 4.6%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.3%) but the same as United States (4.6%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in July 2017 was 364,236, which indicates a decrease of 784 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 4,034.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of July 2017 was 347,262, which reflects an increase of 804 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 6,411.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of July 2017 was 16,974, which indicates a decrease of 1,588 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 2,377.

## Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

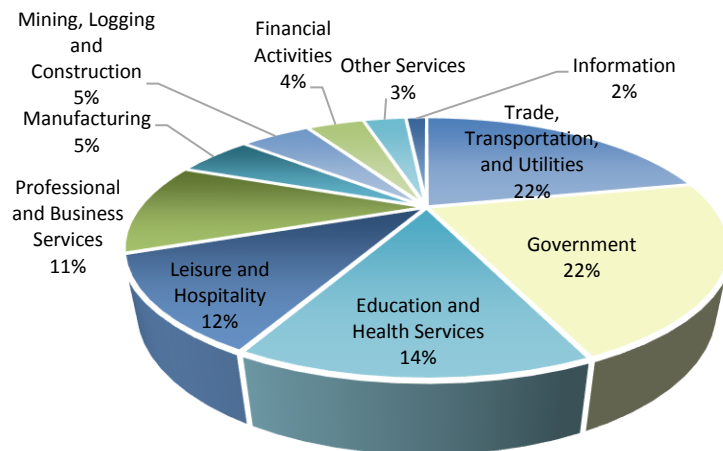
10,500 Total Jobs Added Over The Past Year

Area	NAICS Industry	Jun-17	May-17	Jun-16	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	317,800	318,500	307,300	-700	-0.2%	10500	3.4%
El Paso	Total Private	247,800	245,800	238,200	2,000	0.8%	9600	4.0%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,800	32,300	32,500	500	1.5%	300	0.9%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	15,800	15,500	15,300	300	1.9%	500	3.3%
El Paso	Manufacturing	17,000	16,800	17,200	200	1.2%	-200	-1.2%
El Paso	Service-Providing	285,000	286,200	274,800	-1,200	-0.4%	10200	3.7%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	215,000	213,500	205,700	1,500	0.7%	9300	4.5%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	68,200	68,200	66,900	0	0.0%	1300	1.9%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,600	11,500	11,400	100	0.9%	200	1.8%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,700	39,900	39,300	-200	-0.5%	400	1.0%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	11,400	11,400	11,000	0	0.0%	400	3.6%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,900	16,800	16,200	100	0.6%	700	4.3%
El Paso	Information	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	0.0%	-200	-4.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,400	13,300	12,500	100	0.8%	900	7.2%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	36,200	35,800	32,700	400	1.1%	3500	10.7%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	24,800	24,800	23,500	0	0.0%	1300	5.5%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,400	6,400	5,800	0	0.0%	600	10.3%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	45,400	45,500	43,600	-100	-0.2%	1800	4.1%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	37,100	36,200	35,200	900	2.5%	1900	5.4%
El Paso	Other Services	9,900	9,700	9,800	200	2.1%	100	1.0%
El Paso	Government	70,000	72,700	69,100	-2,700	-3.7%	900	1.3%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,900	12,900	12,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	State Government	10,300	11,300	10,100	-1,000	-8.8%	200	2.0%
El Paso	Local Government	46,800	48,500	46,100	-1,700	-3.5%	700	1.5%

Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in July 2017 was 314,900. This reflected a decrease of -0.7% since the previous month.

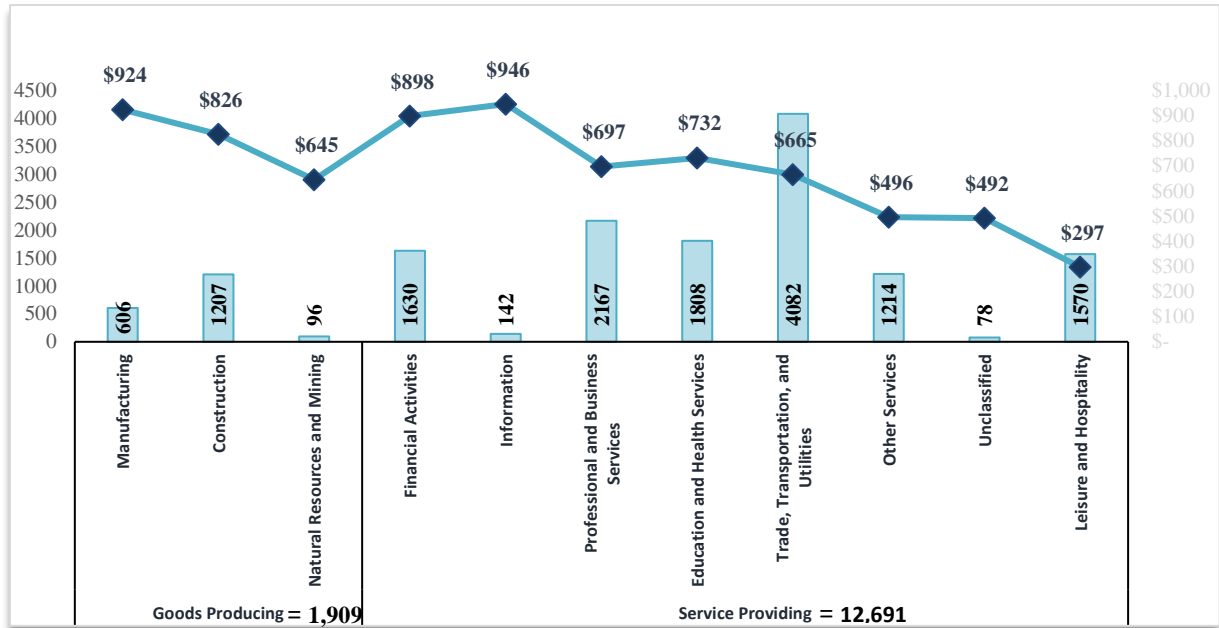
The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 2.6% from a year ago (July 2016).



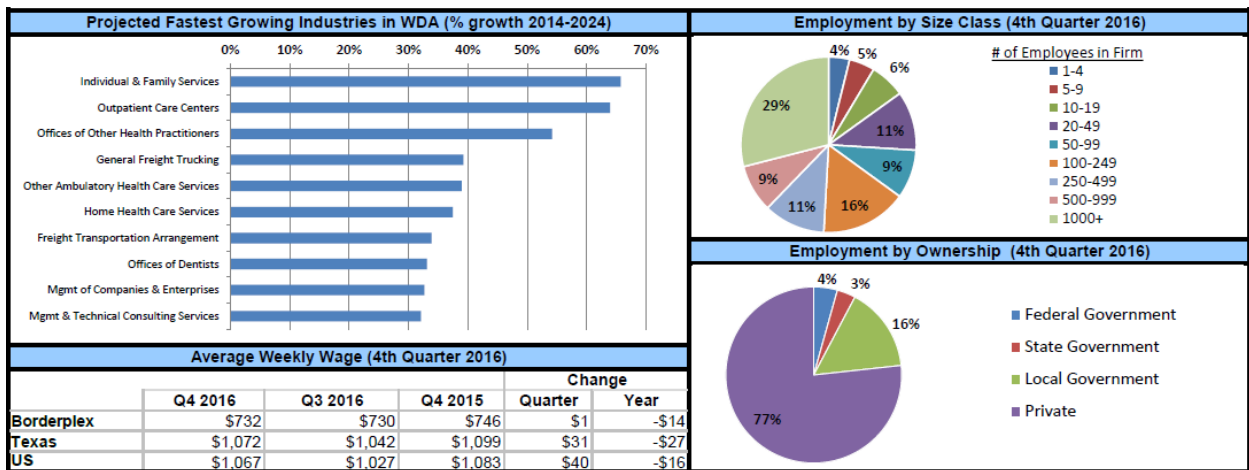
The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in July 2017 were (1) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; (2) Government; and (3) Education and Health Services. These three Super Sectors represented 58% of the total nonfarm employment.

The three Super Sectors with the least employment for the El Paso MSA in July 2017 were (1) Financial Activities; (2) Other Services and (3) Information. These three Super Sectors represented 9% of the total nonfarm employment.

## Establishments and Average Weekly Wages 2016 Fourth Quarter El Paso County, Texas



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



**Sources:**

Texas Labor Market Review, Texas Workforce Commission, August 2017

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Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), August 2017

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