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Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	4.1%
El Paso MSA	4.5%
Borderplex	4.5%
Brewster County	3.7%
Culberson County	3.7%
El Paso County	4.5%
Hudspeth County	5.2%
Jeff Davis County	2.9%
Presidio County	7.6%
El Paso City	4.4%
Socorro City	4.3%

On Thursday, April 19th, Workforce Solutions Borderplex hosted the Summer Hiring Fair at the El Paso Zoo's Pavillion Events Center. Hundreds of Borderplex residents came out seeking exciting employment opportunities at this major hiring fair with over 53 employers in attendance. The Zoo provided a unique backdrop to this year's event where Advanced Manufacturing, Advanced Logistics, Business Services, Tourism and Construction industries were the focus.



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD SECRETARY



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

The information presented in this newsletter was gathered from federal and state source, and pertains to the El Paso MSA, the Workforce Solutions Borderplex region, and the City of El Paso.

Workforce Solutions Borderplex is doing an excellent job in strengthening strategic relationships within our community and the West Texas region. It's outstanding to see the support level in our rural communities and the level of effort that is placed in these locations. I can attest to this assistance as being from a small town, it's the little things that make a big difference and WSB is making a big difference.

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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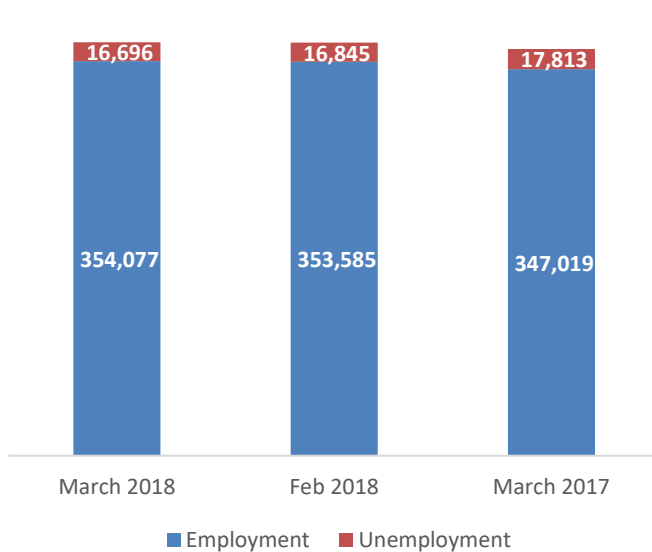
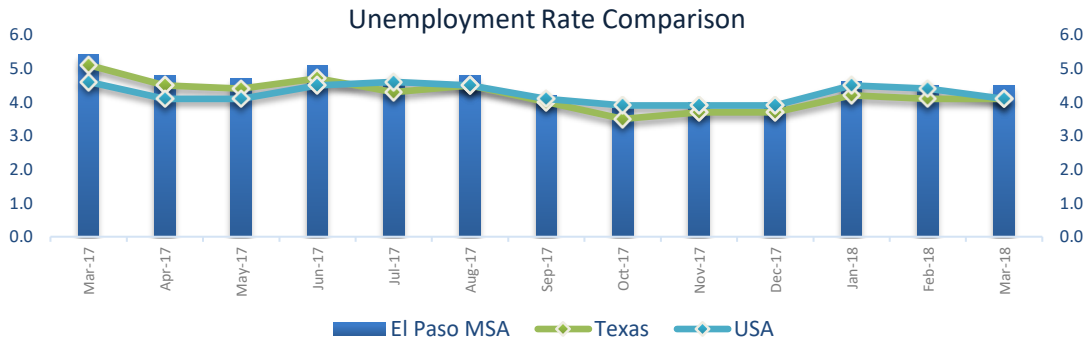
Highlights of the Labor Force

		March 2018				February 2018				March 2017			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,834,783	13,265,346	569,437	4.1	13,810,899	13,240,944	569,955	4.1	13,517,746	12,904,419	613,327	4.5
El Paso	MSA	361,783	345,529	16,254	4.5	361,684	345,294	16,390	4.5	355,669	338,399	17,270	4.9
Borderplex	WDA	370,773	354,077	16,696	4.5	370,430	353,585	16,845	4.5	364,832	347,019	17,813	4.9
Brewster	County	3,972	3,827	145	3.7	3,865	3,718	147	3.8	4,023	3,872	151	3.8
Culberson	County	859	827	32	3.7	850	817	33	3.9	929	887	42	4.5
El Paso	County	360,201	344,029	16,172	4.5	360,149	343,844	16,305	4.5	354,082	336,911	17,171	4.8
Hudspeth	County	1,582	1,500	82	5.2	1,535	1,450	85	5.5	1,587	1,488	99	6.2
Jeff Davis	County	1,102	1,070	32	2.9	1,029	997	32	3.1	1,097	1,064	33	3
Presidio	County	3,057	2,824	233	7.6	3,002	2,759	243	8.1	3,114	2,797	317	10.2
El Paso	City	302,169	288,869	13,300	4.4	302,026	288,714	13,312	4.4	296,759	282,893	13,866	4.7
Socorro	City	13,896	13,302	594	4.3	13,923	13,295	628	4.5	13,785	13,027	758	5.5

In March 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 March 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 0.3% 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 higher than the National unemployment rate (4.1%).

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



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in March 2018 was 370,773, which indicates an increase of 343 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 5,941.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of March 2018 was 354,077, which reflects an increase of 492 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 7,058.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of March 2018 was 16,696, which indicates a decrease of 149 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 1,117.

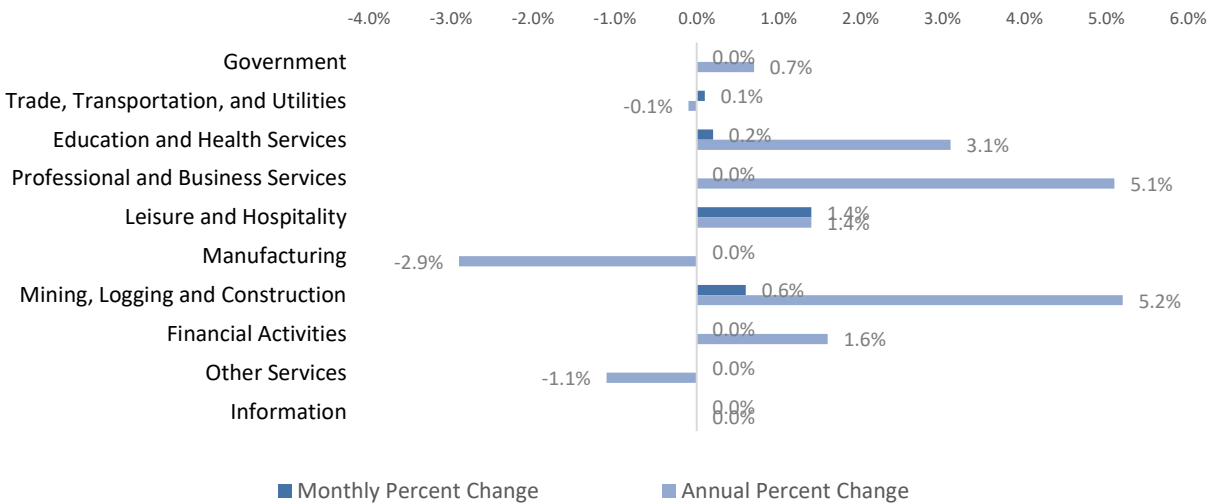
Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

800 jobs added in March, 4,400 total jobs added over the past year

Area	Series Title	Mar-18	Feb-18	Mar-17	Monthly		Yearly	
					Change	Monthly %	Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	316,400	315,600	312,000	800	0.3%	4400	1.4%
El Paso	Total Private	243,400	242,600	239,500	800	0.3%	3900	1.6%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,700	32,600	32,400	100	0.3%	300	0.9%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	16,200	16,100	15,400	100	0.6%	800	5.2%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,500	16,500	17,000	0	0.0%	-500	-2.9%
El Paso	Service-Providing	283,700	283,000	279,600	700	0.2%	4100	1.5%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	210,700	210,000	207,100	700	0.3%	3600	1.7%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	67,500	67,400	67,600	100	0.1%	-100	-0.1%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,800	11,700	11,600	100	0.9%	200	1.7%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,300	39,300	39,800	0	0.0%	-500	-1.3%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	9,500	9,500	9,900	0	0.0%	-400	-4.0%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,400	16,400	16,200	0	0.0%	200	1.2%
El Paso	Information	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	12,800	12,800	12,600	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	35,200	35,200	33,500	0	0.0%	1700	5.1%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	24,700	24,600	23,800	100	0.4%	900	3.8%
El Paso	Employment Services	5,600	5,500	5,600	100	1.8%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	45,900	45,800	44,500	100	0.2%	1400	3.1%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	35,200	34,700	34,700	500	1.4%	500	1.4%
El Paso	Other Services	9,100	9,100	9,200	0	0.0%	-100	-1.1%
El Paso	Government	73,000	73,000	72,500	0	0.0%	500	0.7%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,800	12,900	12,800	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
El Paso	State Government	11,800	11,800	11,600	0	0.0%	200	1.7%
El Paso	Local Government	48,400	48,300	48,100	100	0.2%	300	0.6%

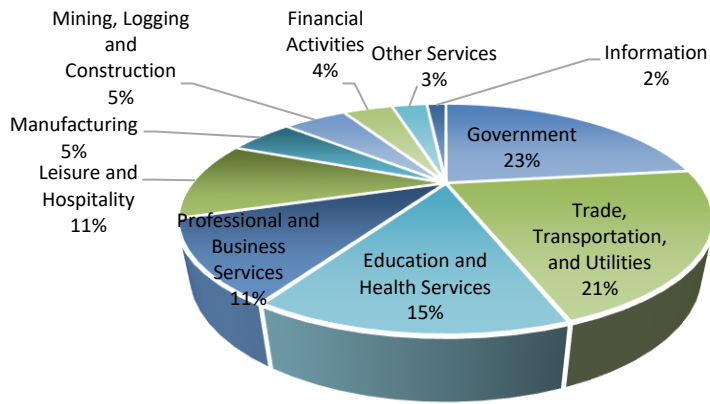
Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in March 2018 was 316,400. This reflected an increase of 0.3% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 1.4% from a year ago (March 2017).



El Paso MSA added 4,400 jobs over the past year. The three Super Sectors that had the most growth over the past year were:

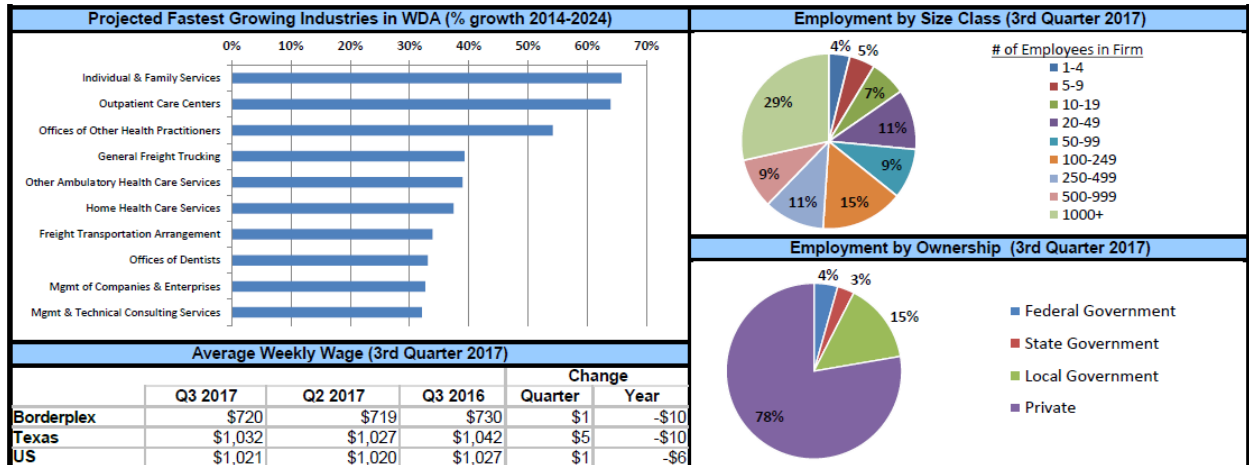
1. Mining, Logging and Construction (5.2%)
2. Professional and Business Services (5.1%)
3. Education and Health Services (3.1%)



The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in March 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 March 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:

Texas Labor Market Review, Texas Workforce Commission, April 2018

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