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Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

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|-------------------|------|
| Texas State | 3.8% |
| El Paso MSA | 4.2% |
| Borderplex | 4.2% |
| Brewster County | 3.2% |
| Culberson County | 3.4% |
| El Paso County | 4.1% |
| Hudspeth County | 5.0% |
| Jeff Davis County | 2.7% |
| Presidio County | 7.5% |
| El Paso City | 4.0% |
| Socorro City | 4.2% |

Workforce Solutions Borderplex, in partnership with the STTE (Success Through Technology Education) Foundation helped Borderplex students 'GET STEAMED' at the 2018 STEAMx events. STEAMx is a vibrant, high-impact 2-day event, specially developed to captivate and engage the Borderplex region's youth, to increase their awareness of the opportunities that exist in STEAM-oriented education and careers. With this year's theme of "Get STEAMED", the goal was to capture Generation Y's zeitgeist in this all-encompassing event that challenged students to take STEAM applications and apply them to innovative, real-world project-based competitions.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PAST BOARD CHAIR



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for April 2018. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during April 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 the Past Board Chair for the Workforce Solution Borderplex Board of Directors, Workforce Solutions Borderplex is the "Go to" resource center for both employers and job seekers in our West Texas service area. We are the largest Employment agency with various services available at no cost. We work for you!

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

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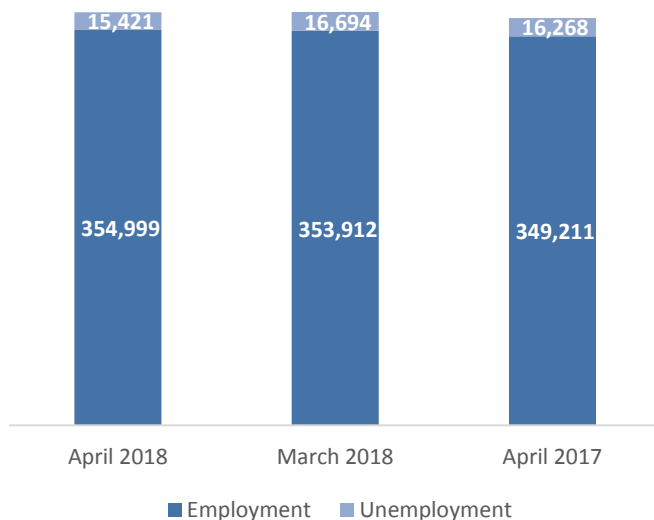
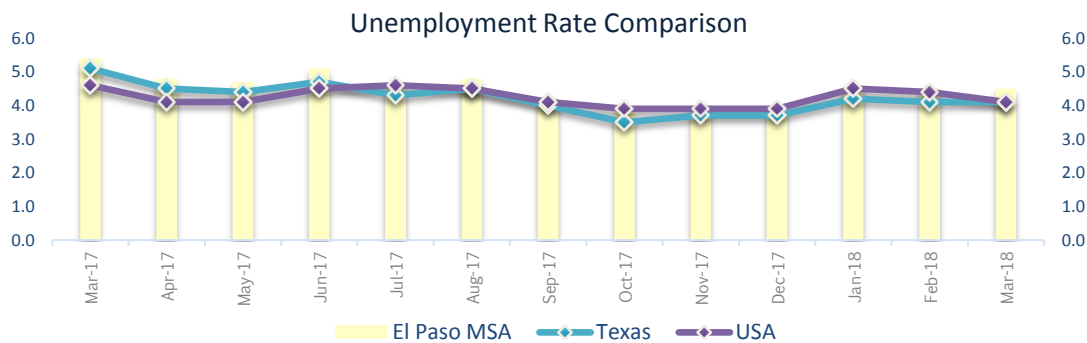
Highlights of the Labor Force

| | | April 2018 | | | | March 2018 | | | | April 2017 | | | |
|------------|--------|-------------|------------|--------------|------|-------------|------------|--------------|------|-------------|------------|--------------|------|
| | | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Rate |
| Texas | State | 13,860,323 | 13,340,165 | 520,158 | 3.8 | 13,836,504 | 13,267,080 | 569,424 | 4.1 | 13,527,232 | 12,967,846 | 559,386 | 4.1 |
| El Paso | MSA | 361,383 | 346,376 | 15,007 | 4.2 | 361,619 | 345,366 | 16,253 | 4.5 | 356,314 | 340,545 | 15,769 | 4.4 |
| Borderplex | WDA | 370,420 | 354,999 | 15,421 | 4.2 | 370,606 | 353,912 | 16,694 | 4.5 | 365,479 | 349,211 | 16,268 | 4.5 |
| Brewster | County | 4,138 | 4,006 | 132 | 3.2 | 3,971 | 3,826 | 145 | 3.7 | 4,070 | 3,942 | 128 | 3.1 |
| Culberson | County | 833 | 805 | 28 | 3.4 | 859 | 827 | 32 | 3.7 | 910 | 877 | 33 | 3.6 |
| El Paso | County | 359,832 | 344,902 | 14,930 | 4.1 | 360,036 | 343,866 | 16,170 | 4.5 | 354,732 | 339,059 | 15,673 | 4.4 |
| Hudspeth | County | 1,551 | 1,474 | 77 | 5 | 1,583 | 1,500 | 83 | 5.2 | 1,582 | 1,486 | 96 | 6.1 |
| Jeff Davis | County | 1,071 | 1,042 | 29 | 2.7 | 1,102 | 1,070 | 32 | 2.9 | 1,089 | 1,057 | 32 | 2.9 |
| Presidio | County | 2,995 | 2,770 | 225 | 7.5 | 3,055 | 2,823 | 232 | 7.6 | 3,096 | 2,790 | 306 | 9.9 |
| El Paso | City | 301,795 | 289,602 | 12,193 | 4 | 302,024 | 288,733 | 13,291 | 4.4 | 297,435 | 284,696 | 12,739 | 4.3 |
| Socorro | City | 13,923 | 13,336 | 587 | 4.2 | 13,890 | 13,296 | 594 | 4.3 | 13,776 | 13,110 | 666 | 4.8 |

In April 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 April 2018 was at 4.0% which signified a 0.4% decrease from 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 (3.8%); and higher than the National unemployment rate (3.7%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in April 2018 was 4.1%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.8%), and higher than United States (3.7%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in April 2018 was 370,420, which indicates a decrease of 186 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 4,941.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of April 2018 was 354,999, which reflects an increase of 1,087 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 5,788.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of April 2018 was 15,421, which indicates a decrease of 1,273 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 847.

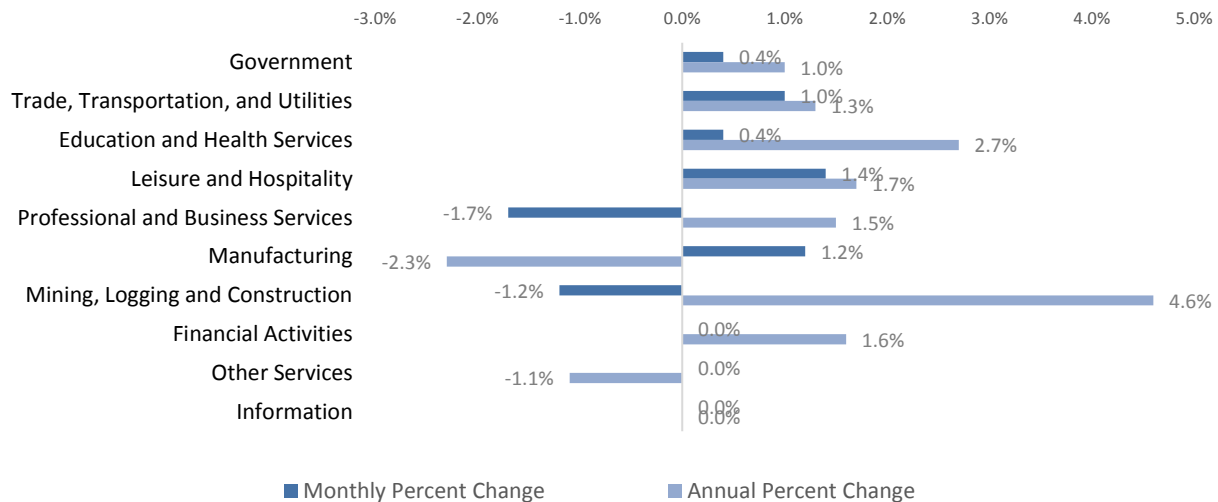
Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

1,100 jobs added in April, **4,300** total jobs added over the past year

| Area | Industry | Apr-18 | Mar-18 | Apr-17 | Monthly Change | Monthly % | Yearly Change | Yearly % |
|---------|---|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| El Paso | Total Nonfarm | 317,500 | 316,400 | 313,200 | 1,100 | 0.3% | 4300 | 1.4% |
| El Paso | Total Private | 244,200 | 243,400 | 240,600 | 800 | 0.3% | 3600 | 1.5% |
| El Paso | Goods Producing | 32,700 | 32,700 | 32,400 | 0 | 0.0% | 300 | 0.9% |
| El Paso | Mining, Logging and Construction | 16,000 | 16,200 | 15,300 | -200 | -1.2% | 700 | 4.6% |
| El Paso | Manufacturing | 16,700 | 16,500 | 17,100 | 200 | 1.2% | -400 | -2.3% |
| El Paso | Service-Providing | 284,800 | 283,700 | 280,800 | 1,100 | 0.4% | 4000 | 1.4% |
| El Paso | Private Service Providing | 211,500 | 210,700 | 208,200 | 800 | 0.4% | 3300 | 1.6% |
| El Paso | Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 68,200 | 67,500 | 67,300 | 700 | 1.0% | 900 | 1.3% |
| El Paso | Wholesale Trade | 11,900 | 11,800 | 11,500 | 100 | 0.8% | 400 | 3.5% |
| El Paso | Retail Trade | 39,800 | 39,200 | 39,600 | 600 | 1.5% | 200 | 0.5% |
| El Paso | General Merchandise Stores | 9,500 | 9,500 | 9,800 | 0 | 0.0% | -300 | -3.1% |
| El Paso | Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 16,500 | 16,500 | 16,200 | 0 | 0.0% | 300 | 1.9% |
| 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 | 34,600 | 35,200 | 34,100 | -600 | -1.7% | 500 | 1.5% |
| El Paso | Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I | 25,000 | 24,700 | 24,200 | 300 | 1.2% | 800 | 3.3% |
| El Paso | Employment Services | 5,800 | 5,600 | 5,800 | 200 | 3.6% | 0 | 0.0% |
| El Paso | Education and Health Services | 46,100 | 45,900 | 44,900 | 200 | 0.4% | 1200 | 2.7% |
| El Paso | Leisure and Hospitality | 35,700 | 35,200 | 35,100 | 500 | 1.4% | 600 | 1.7% |
| El Paso | Other Services | 9,100 | 9,100 | 9,200 | 0 | 0.0% | -100 | -1.1% |
| El Paso | Government | 73,300 | 73,000 | 72,600 | 300 | 0.4% | 700 | 1.0% |
| El Paso | Federal Government | 12,900 | 12,800 | 12,800 | 100 | 0.8% | 100 | 0.8% |
| El Paso | State Government | 11,800 | 11,800 | 11,600 | 0 | 0.0% | 200 | 1.7% |
| El Paso | Local Government | 48,600 | 48,400 | 48,200 | 200 | 0.4% | 400 | 0.8% |

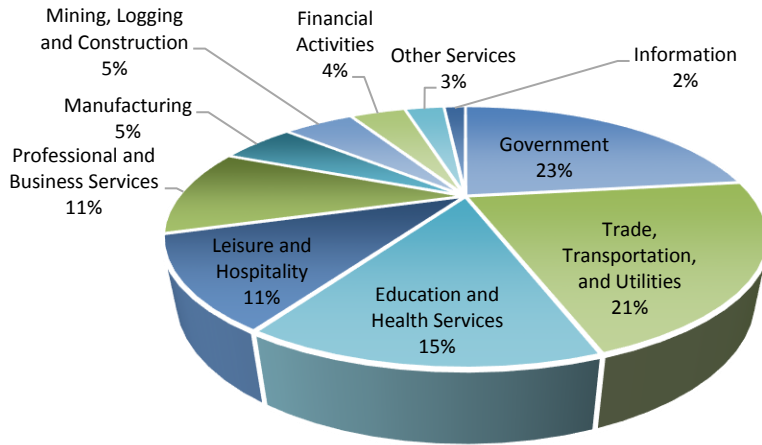
■ Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in April 2018 was 317,500. 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 (April 2017).



El Paso MSA added 4,300 jobs over the past year. The three Super Sectors that had the most growth over the past year were:

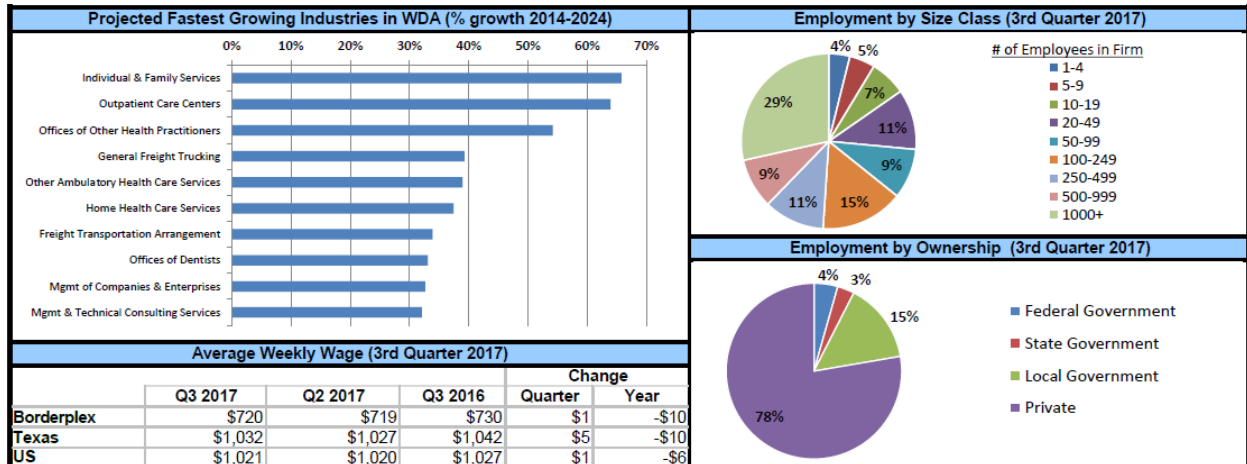
1. Mining, Logging and Construction (4.6%)
2. Education and Health Services (2.7%)
3. Leisure and Hospitality (1.7%)



The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in April 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 April 2018 were (1) Financial Activities; (2) Other Services and (3) Information. These three Super Sectors represented 8% 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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