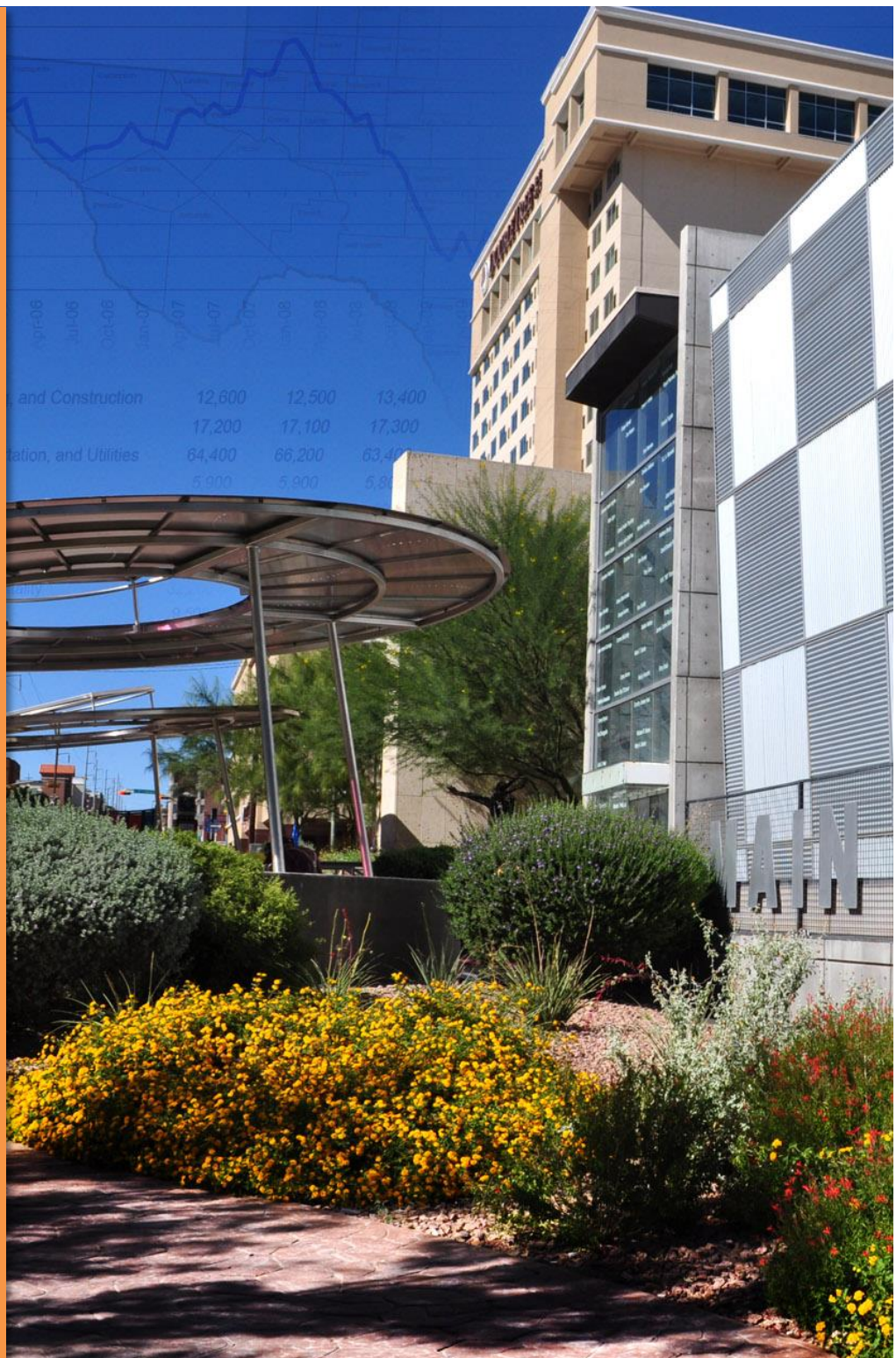


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Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	4.0%
El Paso MSA	4.9%
Borderplex	4.9%
Brewster County	3.7%
Culberson County	4.6%
El Paso County	4.9%
Hudspeth County	5.0%
Jeff Davis County	2.8%
Presidio County	8.9%
El Paso City	4.4%
Socorro City	5.0%



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Message from the CEO

Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for April 2015.

This issue examines how the workforce area performed during April 2015.

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.

Providing you access to the most recent and relevant labor statistics is our priority. We will continue presenting this information on a monthly basis.

If there is additional information that you would like to see presented here, please send your comments and suggestions to me at joyce.wilson@borderplexjobs.com

Sincerely,

Joyce A. Wilson

Chief Executive Officer

Workforce Solutions Borderplex

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April 2015 Unemployment Rates at a Glance

		April 2015				March 2015				April 2014			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,094,817	12,572,865	521,952	4.0	13,088,608	12,534,208	554,400	4.2	13,049,127	12,426,530	622,597	4.8
El Paso	MSA	342,143	325,530	16,613	4.9	341,423	323,521	17,902	5.2	350,905	329,094	21,811	6.2
Upper Rio Grande	WDA	351,550	334,420	17,130	4.9	350,975	332,506	18,469	5.3	360,810	338,351	22,459	6.2
Brewster	County	3,999	3,850	149	3.7	4,026	3,863	163	4.0	4,229	4,058	171	4.0
Culberson	County	1,029	982	47	4.6	1,039	994	45	4.3	988	950	38	3.8
El Paso	County	340,863	324,314	16,549	4.9	340,124	322,294	17,830	5.2	349,567	327,841	21,726	6.2
Hudspeth	County	1,280	1,216	64	5.0	1,299	1,227	72	5.5	1,338	1,253	85	6.4
Jeff Davis	County	1,124	1,093	31	2.8	1,159	1,120	39	3.4	1,193	1,157	36	3.0
Presidio	County	3,255	2,965	290	8.9	3,328	3,008	320	9.6	3,495	3,092	403	11.5
El Paso	City	284,698	272,181	12,517	4.4	284,018	270,486	13,532	4.8	291,637	275,141	16,496	5.7
Socorro	City	13,061	12,405	656	5.0	12,998	12,327	671	5.2	13,401	12,540	861	6.4

In April 2015, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 0.5 points higher than the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso.

The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in April 2015 was at 4.4% which signified a 0.4 % decrease from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso decreased by 1.3 % since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.0%); however, it was below the National unemployment rate (5.1%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in April 2015 was 4.9%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.0%), but lower than United States (5.1%).

The El Paso (MSA) ranked 22nd out of the 25 Texas MSAs in terms of unemployment rates.

Below are the MSAs Ranked by Unemployment Rate for April 2015 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos – 3.0%
- San Antonio-New Braunfels – 3.4%
- Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown – 4.0%
- Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington – 3.7%
- Corpus Christi – 4.5%
- Brownsville-Harlingen – 6.7%
- McAllen-Edinburg-Mission – 7.3%

This table indicates average weekly wages for the Workforce Solutions Borderplex workforce area and the state of Texas.

Average Weekly Wage		
	Workforce Solutions	Texas
4th Quarter 2014	\$707.84	\$1,071.29
3rd Quarter 2014	\$684.08	\$987.96
4th Quarter 2013	\$687.18	\$1,026.57

Employment by Sectors in El Paso MSA for April 2015

Area Title	NAICS Industry	Apr-15	Mar-15	Monthly		Yearly		
				Apr-14	Change	Monthly %	Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	297,800	295,500	297,200	2,300	0.8%	600	0.2%
El Paso	Total Private	228,200	226,800	227,100	1,400	0.6%	1100	0.5%
El Paso	Goods Producing	30,000	30,200	30,900	-200	-0.7%	-900	-2.9%
El Paso	Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,700	12,900	13,800	-200	-1.6%	-1100	-8.0%
El Paso	Manufacturing	17,300	17,300	17,100	0	0.0%	200	1.2%
El Paso	Service Providing	267,800	265,300	266,300	2,500	0.9%	1500	0.6%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	198,200	196,600	196,200	1,600	0.8%	2000	1.0%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	64,000	63,800	63,300	200	0.3%	700	1.1%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,100	11,100	10,800	0	0.0%	300	2.8%
El Paso	Retail Trade	38,700	38,500	38,500	200	0.5%	200	0.5%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	11,200	11,200	10,800	0	0.0%	400	3.7%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	14,200	14,200	14,000	0	0.0%	200	1.4%
El Paso	Information	5,800	5,700	5,800	100	1.8%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	11,600	11,600	12,100	0	0.0%	-500	-4.1%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	31,300	30,400	31,800	900	3.0%	-500	-1.6%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	22,000	21,700	22,200	300	1.4%	-200	-0.9%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,000	5,800	6,000	200	3.4%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Educational and Health Services	42,100	42,100	41,100	0	0.0%	1000	2.4%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	33,700	33,300	32,500	400	1.2%	1200	3.7%
El Paso	Other Services	9,700	9,700	9,600	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
El Paso	Government	69,600	68,700	70,100	900	1.3%	-500	-0.7%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,800	12,500	12,800	300	2.4%	0	0.0%
El Paso	State Government	10,100	10,100	10,000	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
El Paso	Local Government	46,700	46,100	47,300	600	1.3%	-600	-1.3%

Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in April 2015 was 297,800. This reflected an increase of 0.8% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 0.2% from a year ago (April 2014).

The state of Texas nonfarm employment for the month of April 2015 indicated 0.0% change since the previous month and a decrease of 2.5% since last year.

The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in April 2015 were (1) Government; (2) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and (3) Educational 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 2015 were (1) Financial Activities; (2) Other Services and (3) Information. These three Super Sectors represented 9% of the total nonfarm employment.

Population Estimate Rates for July 2013 *(source: U.S. Census Bureau)*

El Paso County – 827,718
 City of El Paso, Texas – 674,433
 Brewster County, Texas – 9,286
 Culberson County, Texas – 2,277

Hudspeth County, Texas – 3,318
 Jeff Davis County, Texas – 2,253
 Presidio County, Texas – 7,201
 Dona Ana County, New Mexico – 213,460