



Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB) took part in the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce' Experience El Paso festival at Fort Bliss on August 9, 2018. This special event welcomed the Class 69 of the Sergeants Major Academy to El Paso and hosted more than 700 new arrivals with their families to the Borderplex region. Our enthusiastic team was able to connect one-on-one with the new arrivals and share about the expert array of career and job placement services, trainings, special services, and educational opportunities that WSB offers the military community.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES:**

Texas	4%
El Paso MSA	4.4%
Borderplex	4.4%
Brewster County	3.4%
Culberson County	3.4%
El Paso County	4.4%
Hudspeth County	5.2%
Jeff Davis County	2.9%
Presidio County	7.4%
El Paso City	4.3%
Socorro City	4.8%



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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD SECRETARY



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

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](mailto:joyce.wilson@borderplexjobs.com)

Sincerely,

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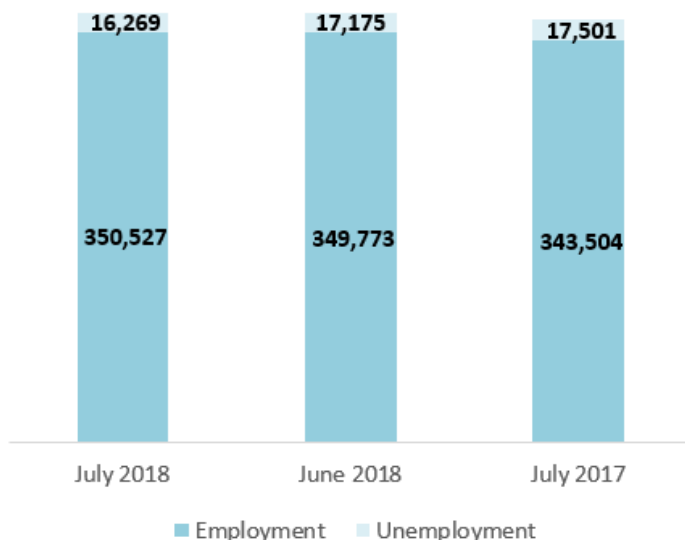
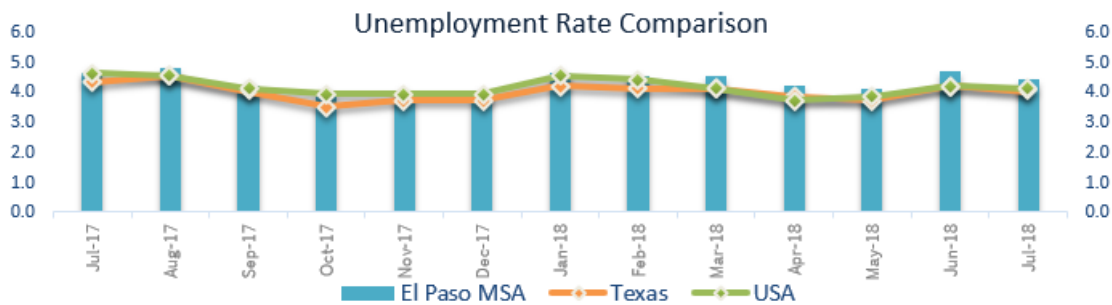
## Highlights of the Labor Force

		July 2018				June 2018				July 2017			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,840,527	13,283,897	556,630	4	13,844,974	13,262,013	582,961	4.2	13,571,881	12,967,640	604,241	4.5
El Paso	MSA	357,916	342,062	15,854	4.4	357,940	341,210	16,730	4.7	352,202	335,182	17,020	4.8
Borderplex	WDA	366,796	350,527	16,269	4.4	366,948	349,773	17,175	4.7	361,005	343,504	17,501	4.8
Brewster	County	4,010	3,873	137	3.4	4,037	3,888	149	3.7	3,856	3,715	141	3.7
Culberson	County	873	843	30	3.4	850	817	33	3.9	859	909	30	3.2
El Paso	County	356,399	340,618	15,775	4.4	356,396	339,747	16,649	4.7	350,691	333,777	16,914	4.8
Hudspeth	County	1,523	1,444	79	5.2	1,544	1,463	81	5.2	1,511	1,405	106	7
Jeff Davis	County	1,069	1,038	31	2.9	1,098	1,064	34	3.1	1,053	1,019	34	3.2
Presidio	County	2,928	2,711	217	7.4	3,023	2,794	229	7.6	2,955	2,679	276	9.3
El Paso	City	298,753	285,005	12,748	4.3	298,708	285,274	13,434	4.5	293,864	280,261	13,603	4.6
Socorro	City	13,833	13,170	663	4.8	13,848	13,136	712	5.1	13,621	12,906	715	5.2

In July 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 July 2018 was at 4.3% which signified a 0.2% 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 (4.0%); and higher than the National unemployment rate (4.1%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in July 2018 was 4.4%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.0%), and higher than United States (4.1%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in July 2018 was 366,796, which indicates a decrease of 152 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 5,791.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of July 2018 was 350,527, which reflects an increase of 754 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 7,023.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of July 2018 was 16,269, which indicates a decrease of 906 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 1,232.

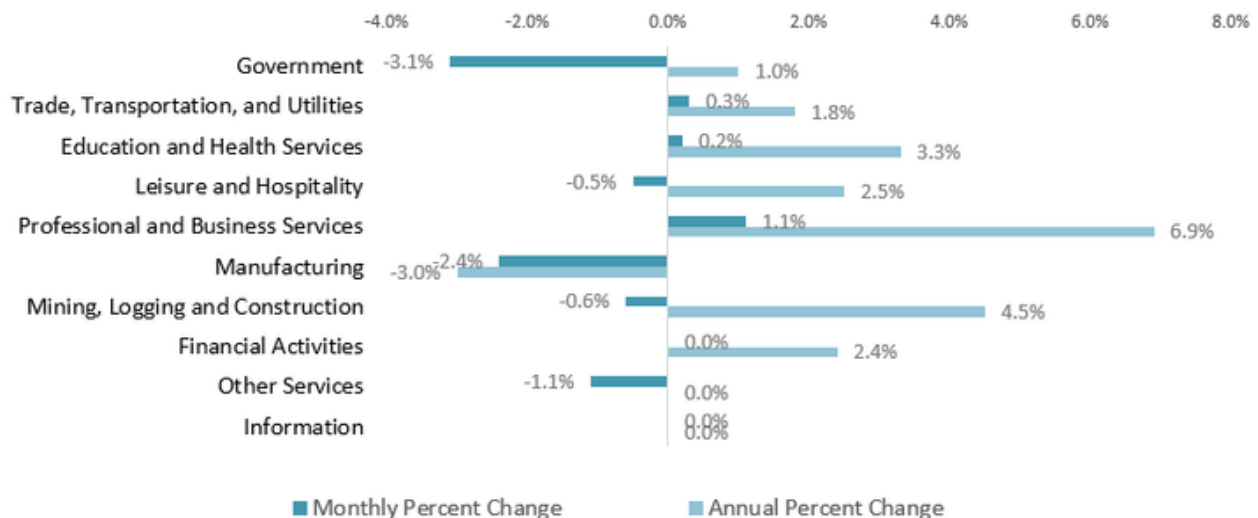
## Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

7,100 total jobs added over the past year

Area	Industry	Jul-18	Jun-18	Jul-17	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	314,100	316,400	307,000	-2,300	-0.7%	7100	2.3%
El Paso	Total Private	245,900	246,000	239,500	-100	0.0%	6400	2.7%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,600	33,100	32,400	-500	-1.5%	200	0.6%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	16,300	16,400	15,600	-100	-0.6%	700	4.5%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,300	16,700	16,800	-400	-2.4%	-500	-3.0%
El Paso	Service-Providing	281,500	283,300	274,600	-1,800	-0.6%	6900	2.5%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	213,300	212,900	207,100	400	0.2%	6200	3.0%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	68,200	68,000	67,000	200	0.3%	1200	1.8%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	12,100	12,000	11,500	100	0.8%	600	5.2%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,500	39,500	39,300	0	0.0%	200	0.5%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	9,600	9,500	9,700	100	1.1%	-100	-1.0%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,600	16,500	16,200	100	0.6%	400	2.5%
El Paso	Information	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	12,900	12,900	12,600	0	0.0%	300	2.4%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	35,400	35,000	33,100	400	1.1%	2300	6.9%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Repairs	25,400	25,400	23,700	0	0.0%	1700	7.2%
El Paso	Employment Services	5,600	5,600	5,300	0	0.0%	300	5.7%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	46,300	46,200	44,800	100	0.2%	1500	3.3%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	36,200	36,400	35,300	-200	-0.5%	900	2.5%
El Paso	Other Services	9,300	9,400	9,300	-100	-1.1%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Government	68,200	70,400	67,500	-2,200	-3.1%	700	1.0%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,800	12,900	12,900	-100	-0.8%	-100	-0.8%
El Paso	State Government	10,600	10,600	10,300	0	0.0%	300	2.9%
El Paso	Local Government	44,800	46,900	44,300	-2,100	-4.5%	500	1.1%

Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in July 2018 was 314,100. This reflected a decrease of -0.7% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 2.3% from a year ago (July 2017).



El Paso MSA added 7,100 jobs over the past year. The three Super Sectors that had the most growth over the past year were:

1. Professional and Business Services (6.9%)
2. Mining, Logging and Construction (4.5%)
3. Education and Health Services (3.3%)

# Demographic Profile Comparison

	Summary <sup>1</sup>					
	Percent			Value		
	El Paso, TX MSA	Texas	USA	El Paso, TX MSA	Texas	USA
<b>Demographics</b>						
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 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	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%	51,895	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
<b>Population Growth</b>						
Population (Pop Estimates) <sup>5</sup>	—	—	—	844,818	28,304,596	325,719,178
Population Annual Average Growth <sup>5</sup>	1.1%	1.7%	0.8%	8,578	447,261	2,448,797
<b>Economic</b>						
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 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	\$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
<b>Educational Attainment, Age 25-64</b>						
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
<b>Housing</b>						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	287,792	10,441,643	134,054,899
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	\$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 Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	38.6%	38.1%	36.4%	101,212	3,542,096	42,835,169
7.5%	5.6%	9.0%	19,575	523,186	10,562,847	
<b>Social</b>						
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.8%	1.4%	1.4%	15,093	390,416	4,433,703
Disconnected Youth <sup>4</sup>	3.0%	3.2%	2.8%	1,603	48,770	485,589
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all With a Disability, Age 18-64)	40.4%	35.2%	34.7%	91,727	2,392,053	24,318,038
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
<b>Union Membership</b>						
Total <sup>3</sup>	6.0%	4.3%	10.7%	—	—	—
Private Sector <sup>3</sup>	1.7%	2.3%	6.4%	—	—	—
Manufacturing <sup>3</sup>	2.1%	3.5%	8.7%	—	—	—
Public Sector <sup>3</sup>	21.0%	15.5%	35.1%	—	—	—

Source: JobsEQ<sup>6</sup>

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

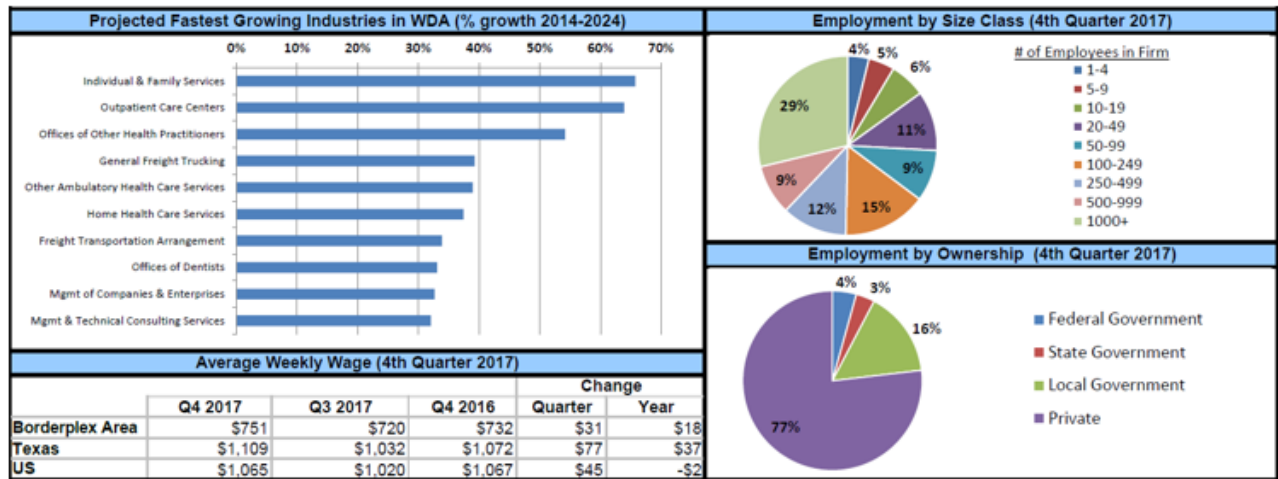
2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

3. 2017; 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 2017, annual average growth rate since 2007

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



**Sources:**

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