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CHAIRMAN BRYAN DANIEL**

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**LABOR MARKET REVIEW**

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BORDERPLEX

We are pleased to present the January Labor Market Review that examines how the workforce area performed during December 2019.

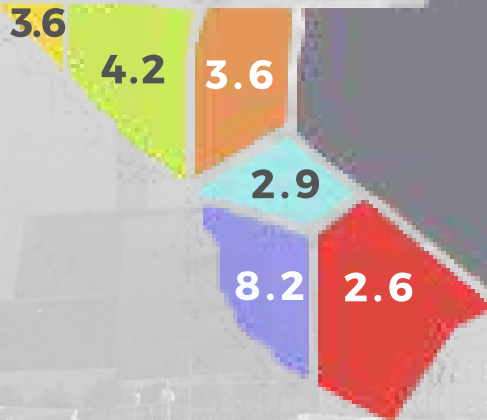
The information presented in this newsletter was gathered from federal and state sources and pertains to the El Paso MSA, the Workforce Solutions Borderplex region, and the City of El Paso.

We look forward to performing to your highest standards in communicating pertinent information regarding the workforce as it relates to our objectives at WSB.

If there is additional information that you would like to see presented here, please send your comments and suggestions to [bianca.cervantes@borderplexjobs.com](mailto:bianca.cervantes@borderplexjobs.com).

**3.6%**  
**EL PASO MSA**  
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

**TEXAS**  
**3.3%**



## **BORDERPLEX COUNTIES**

**Brewster**  
**Culberson**  
**El Paso**  
**Hudspeth**  
**Jeff Davis**  
**Presidio**

**El Paso City , 3.4%**  
**Socorro City , 3.9%**

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LABOR FORCE**

In December 2019, 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 December 2019 was at 3.4% which signified a 0.1% decrease from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso decreased by 0.4% since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.3%); and the same as the National unemployment rate (3.4%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in November 2019 was 3.7%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.3%), and higher than United States (3.3%).

# Highlights of the Labor Force (continued)

## Unemployment Rates at a Glance

		December 2019				November 2019				December 2018			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	14,228,471	13,758,042	470,429	3.3	14,264,714	13,787,798	476,916	3.3	13,975,415	13,473,628	501,787	3.6
El Paso	MSA	366,925	353,717	13,208	3.6	368,463	354,833	13,630	3.7	363,184	348,796	14,388	4
Borderplex	WDA	376,385	362,735	13,650	3.6	377,904	363,838	14,066	3.7	372,239	357,482	14,757	4
Brewster	County	4,141	4,033	108	2.6	4,146	4,033	113	2.7	4,060	3,933	127	3.1
Culberson	County	1,026	989	37	3.6	1,020	978	42	4.1	984	950	34	3.5
El Paso	County	365,239	352,102	13,137	3.6	366,781	353,226	13,555	3.7	361,555	347,237	14,318	4
Hudspeth	County	1,686	1,615	71	4.2	1,682	1,607	75	4.5	1,629	1,559	70	4.3
Jeff Davis	County	1,026	996	30	2.9	1,022	990	32	3.1	1,030	1,001	29	2.8
Presidio	County	3,267	3,000	267	8.2	3,253	3,004	249	7.7	2,981	2,802	179	6
El Paso	City	305,509	294,986	10,523	3.4	306,819	295,928	10,891	3.5	302,521	290,911	11,610	3.8
Socorro	City	14,452	13,889	563	3.9	14,514	13,933	581	4	14,278	13,697	581	4.1

### Unemployment Rate "Not seasonally adjusted"

#### El Paso, TX MSA Unemployment Rate



El Paso MSA unemployment rate decreased by 0.4% from last year. When comparing December 2019 with December 2018 there were 1,180 less unemployed in El Paso MSA.

#### Texas Unemployment Rate



Texas unemployment rate decreased by 0.3% from last year. When comparing December 2019 with December 2018 there were 31,358 less unemployed in Texas.

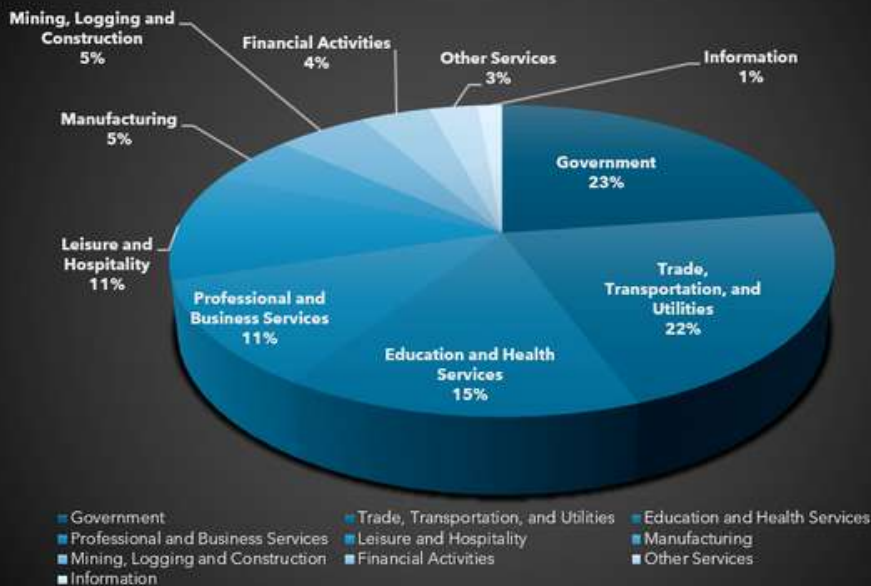


# EMPLOYMENT SECTORS FOR EL PASO MSA

Area	Industry	Dec-19	Nov-19	Dec-18	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	327,500	327,200	321,600	300	0.1%	5900	1.8%
El Paso	Total Private	252,900	252,600	248,100	300	0.1%	4800	1.9%
El Paso	Goods Producing	33,800	33,800	33,000	0	0.0%	800	2.4%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	17,300	17,300	16,500	0	0.0%	800	4.8%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,500	16,500	16,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Service-Providing	293,700	293,400	288,600	300	0.1%	5100	1.8%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	219,100	218,800	215,100	300	0.1%	4000	1.9%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	70,700	69,900	70,100	800	1.1%	600	0.9%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	12,600	12,600	12,300	0	0.0%	300	2.4%
El Paso	Retail Trade	40,700	40,100	40,900	600	1.5%	-200	-0.5%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	10,600	10,500	10,700	100	1.0%	-100	-0.9%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,400	17,200	16,900	200	1.2%	500	3.0%
El Paso	Information	4,600	4,500	4,600	100	2.2%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,200	13,100	12,700	100	0.8%	500	3.9%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	36,100	36,700	35,700	-600	-1.6%	400	1.1%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Information	26,200	26,600	25,900	-400	-1.5%	300	1.2%
El Paso	Employment Services	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	0.0%	-100	-1.7%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	48,300	48,400	46,900	-100	-0.2%	1400	3.0%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	37,000	37,000	36,100	0	0.0%	900	2.5%
El Paso	Other Services	9,200	9,200	9,000	0	0.0%	200	2.2%
El Paso	Government	74,600	74,600	73,500	0	0.0%	1100	1.5%
El Paso	Federal Government	13,300	13,400	13,000	-100	-0.7%	300	2.3%
El Paso	State Government	12,200	12,300	12,000	-100	-0.8%	200	1.7%
El Paso	Local Government	49,100	48,900	48,500	200	0.4%	600	1.2%

## SUPER SECTORS

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in December 2019 was 327,500. This reflected an increase of 0.1% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 1.8% from a year ago (December 2018).



## Super Sector Distribution December 2019

The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in December 2019 were

1. Government
2. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
3. Education and Health Services

These three Super Sectors represented 59% of the total nonfarm employment.

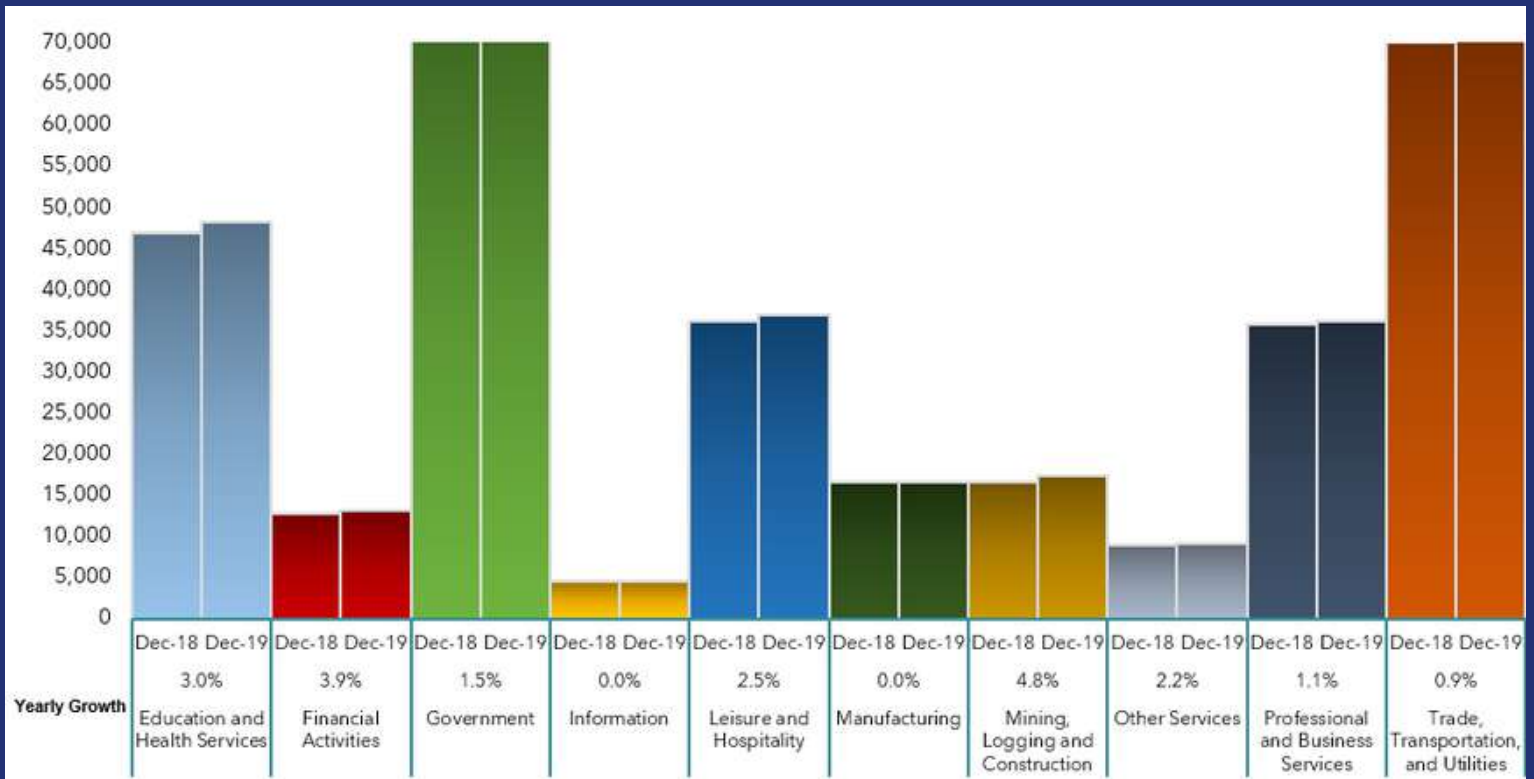
The three Super Sectors with the least employment for the El Paso MSA in December 2019 were

1. Financial Activities
2. Other Services
3. Information

These three Super Sectors represented 8% of the total nonfarm employment.

# EL PASO MSA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTORS

**300 JOBS ADDED IN DECEMBER;  
5,900 TOTAL JOBS ADDED OVER THE PAST YEAR**



**Total Nonagricultural Employment in El Paso MSA expanded by an estimated of 1.8%, (5,900 jobs since last year December 2018).**

**8 of the 10 industry super sectors experienced an increase in employment since last year.**

- Education and Services (Employment increased by 1,400 jobs)
- Financial Activities (Employment increased by 500 jobs)
- Government (Employment increased by 1,100 jobs)
- Leisure and Hospitality (Employment increased by 900 jobs)
- Mining, Logging and Construction (Employment increased by 800 jobs)
- Other Services (Employment increased by 200 jobs)
- Professional and Business Services (Employment increased by 400 jobs)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities (Employment increased by 600 jobs)

**2 of the 10 industry super sectors remain static since last year.**

- Information
- Manufacturing



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