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Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	5.1%
El Paso MSA	5.4%
Borderplex	5.5%
Brewster County	4.3%
Culberson County	4.4%
El Paso County	5.4%
Hudspeth County	8.0%
Jeff Davis County	3.9%
Presidio County	12.8%
El Paso City	5.2%
Socorro City	6.3%

Workforce Solutions Borderplex, The Borderplex Alliance, and The City of El Paso co-hosted an Advanced Manufacturing Industry Round Table discussion on March 22. Employers and training providers discussed and identified recruiting best practices, employee skillset needs, and established linkages for potential funding opportunities.



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Message from the CEO

Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for March 2017. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during February 2017.

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,

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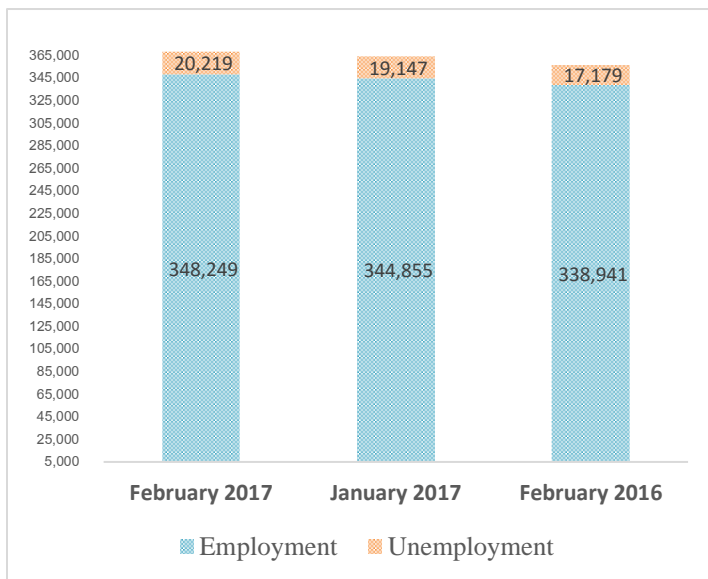
Highlights of the Labor Force

		February 2017				January 2017				February 2016			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,466,399	12,777,968	688,431	5.1	13,356,586	12,695,730	660,856	4.9	13,185,966	12,604,648	581,318	4.4
El Paso	MSA	359,349	339,782	19,567	5.4	355,056	336,568	18,488	5.2	347,121	330,476	16,645	4.8
Borderplex	WDA	368,468	348,249	20,219	5.5	364,002	344,855	19,147	5.3	356,120	338,941	17,179	4.8
Brewster	County	3,952	3,784	168	4.3	3,879	3,699	180	4.6	3,875	3,729	146	3.8
Culberson	County	1,041	995	46	4.4	1,045	1,004	41	3.9	1,031	993	38	3.7
El Paso	County	358,037	338,575	19,462	5.4	353,780	335,388	18,392	5.2	345,823	329,260	16,563	4.8
Hudspeth	County	1,312	1,207	105	8	1,276	1,180	96	7.5	1,298	1,216	82	6.3
Jeff Davis	County	1,028	988	40	3.9	977	944	33	3.4	1,061	1,029	32	3
Presidio	County	3,098	2,700	398	12.8	3,045	2,640	405	13.3	3,032	2,714	318	10.5
El Paso	City	299,893	284,265	15,628	5.2	296,334	281,589	14,745	5	289,542	276,444	13,098	4.5
Socorro	City	13,985	13,106	879	6.3	13,818	12,982	836	6.1	13,534	12,745	789	5.8

In February 2017, 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 February 2017 was at 5.2% which signified a 0.2% increase from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso increased by 0.7% since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (5.1%); and higher than the National unemployment rate (4.6%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in February 2017 was 5.4%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (5.1%), and higher than United States (4.6%).



Labor Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in February 2017 was 368,468, which indicates an increase of 4,466 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 12,348.

The number of employed in the Boderplex area for the month of February 2017 was 348,249, which reflects an increase of 3,394 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 9,308.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of February 2017 was 20,219, which indicates an increase of 1,072 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed increased by 3,040.

Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

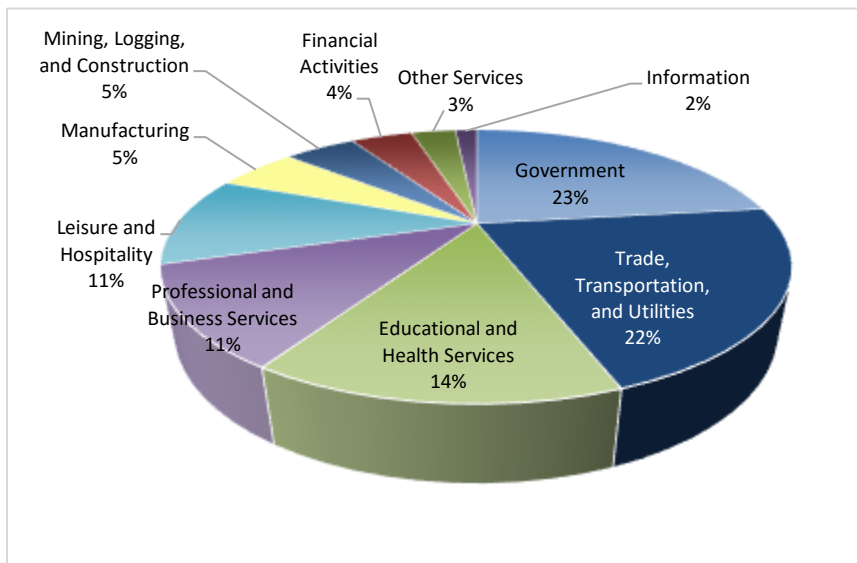
2,700 jobs added in February, 10,100 total jobs added over the past year

Area Title	NAICS Industry	Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-16	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	315,800	313,100	305,700	2,700	0.9%	10100	3.3%
El Paso	Total Private	243,000	240,700	234,600	2,300	1.0%	8400	3.6%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,300	31,700	31,700	600	1.9%	600	1.9%
El Paso	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,300	14,900	14,800	400	2.7%	500	3.4%
El Paso	Manufacturing	17,000	16,800	16,900	200	1.2%	100	0.6%
El Paso	Service Providing	283,500	281,400	274,000	2,100	0.7%	9500	3.5%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	210,700	209,000	202,900	1,700	0.8%	7800	3.8%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	67,700	68,200	65,600	-500	-0.7%	2100	3.2%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,400	11,500	11,300	-100	-0.9%	100	0.9%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,700	40,200	38,500	-500	-1.2%	1200	3.1%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	11,600	11,900	10,800	-300	-2.5%	800	7.4%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,600	16,500	15,800	100	0.6%	800	5.1%
El Paso	Information	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	0.0%	-200	-4.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,400	13,500	12,600	-100	-0.7%	800	6.3%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	36,000	34,700	33,400	1,300	3.7%	2600	7.8%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	24,900	24,100	23,600	800	3.3%	1300	5.5%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,300	6,100	5,600	200	3.3%	700	12.5%
El Paso	Educational and Health Services	45,000	44,500	43,400	500	1.1%	1600	3.7%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	34,100	33,800	33,300	300	0.9%	800	2.4%
El Paso	Other Services	9,700	9,500	9,600	200	2.1%	100	1.0%
El Paso	Government	72,800	72,400	71,100	400	0.6%	1700	2.4%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,800	12,900	12,800	-100	-0.8%	0	0.0%
El Paso	State Government	11,900	11,800	11,000	100	0.8%	900	8.2%
El Paso	Local Government	48,100	47,700	47,300	400	0.8%	800	1.7%

■ Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in February 2017 was 315,800. This reflected an increase of 0.9% since the previous month.

The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 3.3% from a year ago, (February 2016).

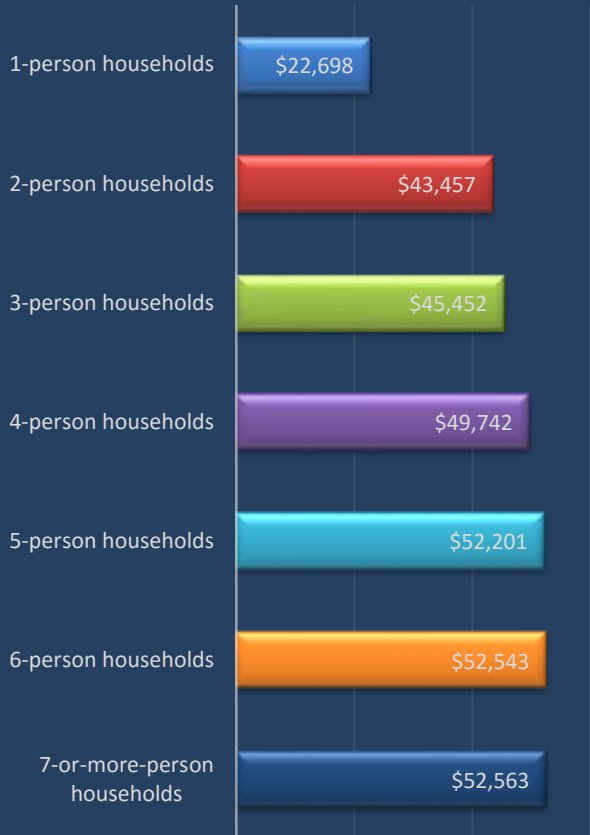


The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in February 2017 were (1) Government; (2) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and (3) Educational and Health Services. These three Super Sectors represented 59% of the total nonfarm employment.

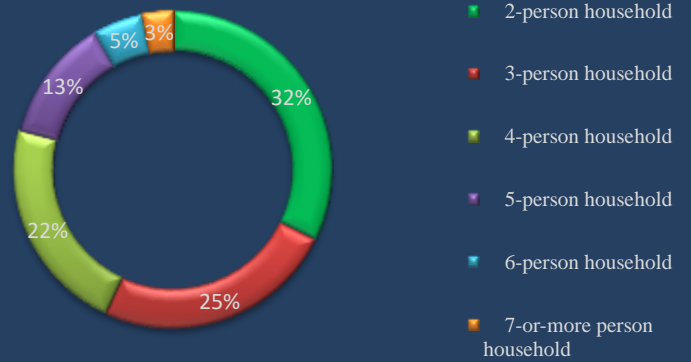
The three Super Sectors with the least employment for the El Paso MSA in February 2017 were (1) Financial Activities; (2) Other Services and (3) Information. These three Super Sectors represented 9% of the total nonfarm employment.

Median Household Income and Household Size El Paso County 2011-2015

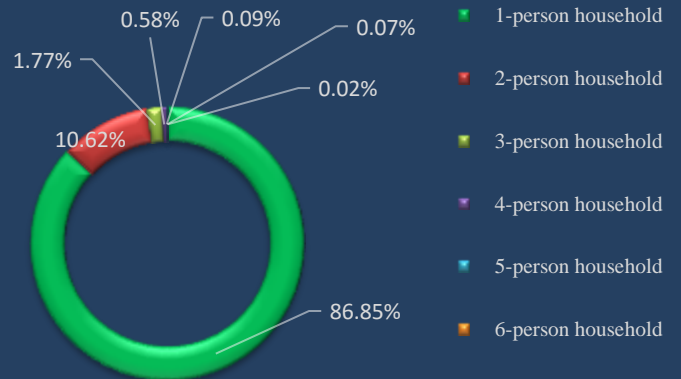
Median Household Income by Household Size



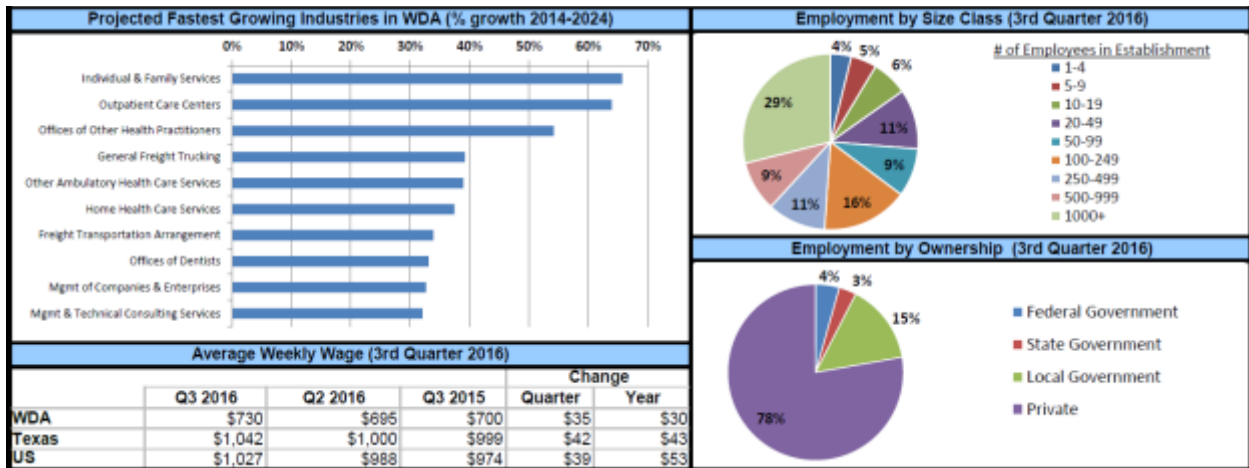
Family Household Size



Non Family Household Size



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



Sources:

- Texas Labor Market Review, Texas Workforce Commission, March 2017
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- Census-2015 American Community Survey March 2017

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