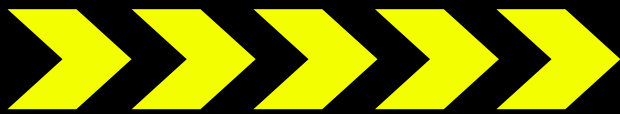


On Thursday, May 2, 2019, Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB) held our annual Spring Hiring Press conference at the Downtown El Paso Public Library to promote our Summer hiring opportunities. Workforce Solutions Borderplex is launching three youth summer employment initiatives for 2019; Hire El Paso Youth Work Program, Summer Earn & Learn, and the Texas Internship Challenge. In total, WSB has committed to subsidizing 100 Hire El Paso Youth summer jobs and 85 Summer Earn & Learn summer jobs for youth with disabilities at 100 percent (zero cost to employers).



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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES:

Texas	3.0%
El Paso MSA	3.3%
Borderplex	3.3%
Brewster County	2.6%
Culberson County	4.9%
El Paso County	3.3%
Hudspeth County	3.8%
Jeff Davis County	2.3%
Presidio County	5.3%
El Paso City	3.1%
Socorro City	3.5%



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LABOR MARKET REVIEW



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MESSAGE FROM MR. BIEGEL



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for May 2019. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during April 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.

As the Vice Chair for the City of El Paso, Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee, I am excited to work alongside Workforce Solutions Borderplex as we pave the way in offering employment opportunities to Veterans, transitioning soldiers, and active-duty military spouses. We truly 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

Sincerely,

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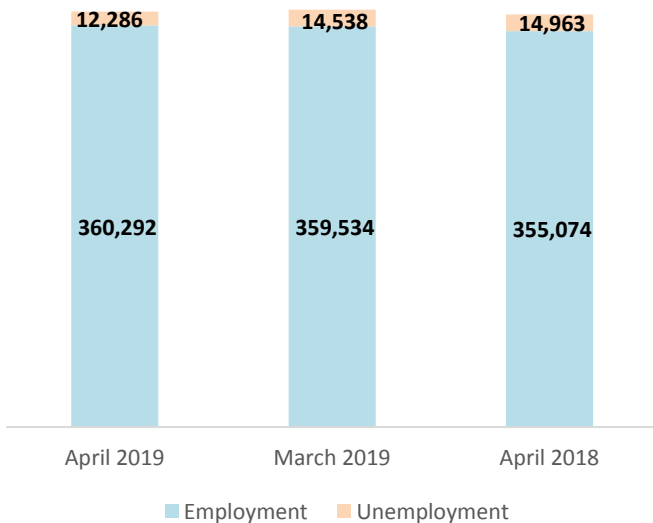
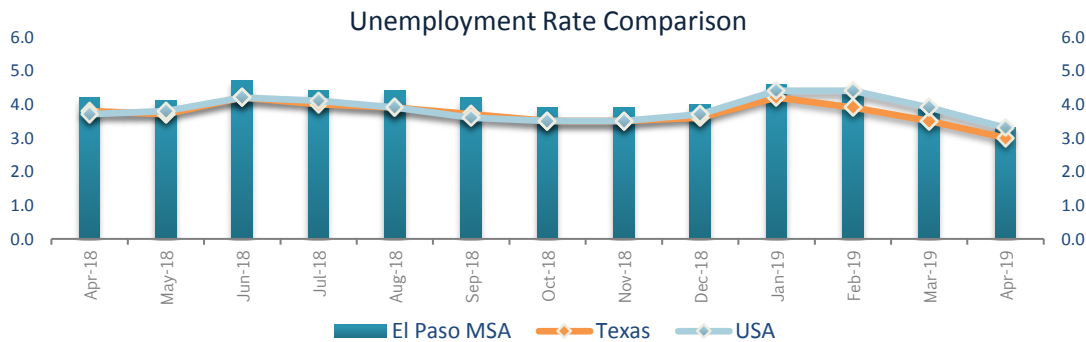
Highlights of the Labor Force

		April 2019				March 2019				April 2018			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	14,000,988	13,585,165	415,823	3	14,058,831	13,564,159	494,672	3.5	13,817,292	13,309,876	507,416	3.7
El Paso	MSA	363,329	351,384	11,945	3.3	364,763	350,588	14,175	3.9	360,962	346,409	14,553	4
Borderplex	WDA	372,578	360,292	12,286	3.3	374,072	359,534	14,538	3.9	370,037	355,074	14,963	4
Brewster	County	4,147	4,039	108	2.6	4,168	4,040	128	3.1	4,031	3,902	129	3.2
Culberson	County	1,012	962	50	4.9	999	966	33	3.3	970	943	27	2.8
El Paso	County	361,651	349,769	11,882	3.3	363,064	348,961	14,103	3.9	359,289	344,813	14,476	4
Hudspeth	County	1,678	1,615	63	3.8	1,699	1,627	72	4.2	1,673	1,596	77	4.6
Jeff Davis	County	1,093	1,068	25	2.3	1,110	1,078	32	2.9	1,086	1,055	31	2.9
Presidio	County	2,997	2,839	158	5.3	3,032	2,862	170	5.6	2,988	2,765	223	7.5
El Paso	City	302,515	293,032	9,483	3.1	303,672	292,355	11,317	3.7	300,707	288,880	11,827	3.9
Socorro	City	14,291	13,797	494	3.5	14,349	13,765	584	4.1	14,167	13,601	566	4

In April 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 April 2019 was at 3.1% which signified a 0.6% decrease from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso decreased by 0.8% since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.0%); but lower than the National unemployment rate (3.3%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in April 2019 was 3.3%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.0%) but the same as United States (3.3%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in April 2019 was 372,578, which indicates a decrease of 1,494 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 2,541.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of April 2019 was 360,292, which reflects an increase of 758 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 5,218.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of April 2019 was 12,286, which indicates a decrease of 2,252 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 2,677.

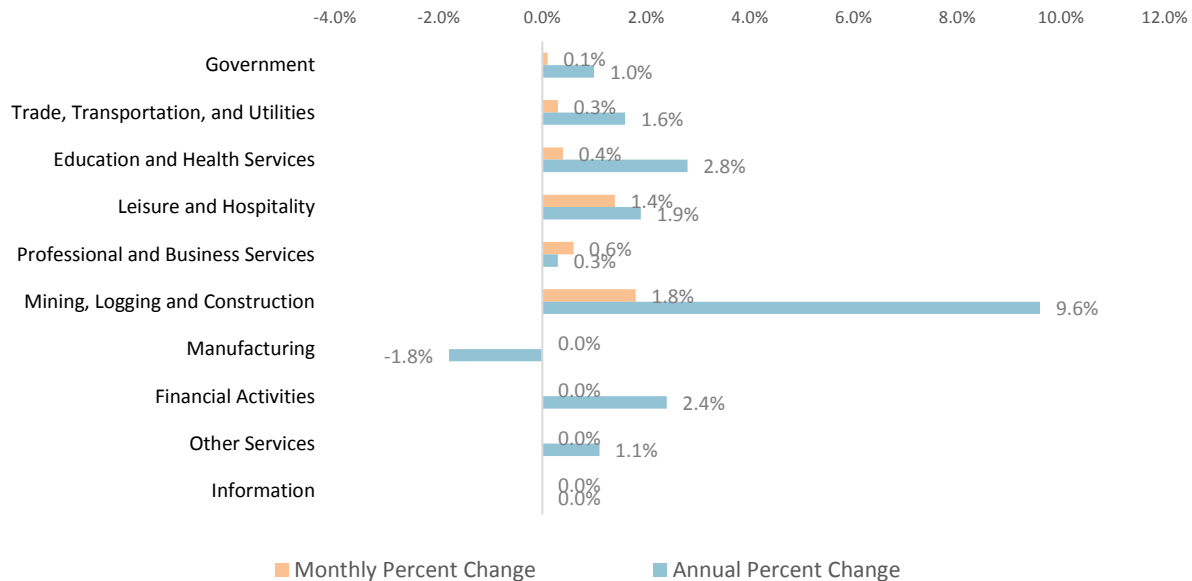
Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

1,500 jobs added in April; 5,500 total jobs added over the year

Area	Industry	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	322,200	320,700	316,700	1,500	0.5%	5500	1.7%
El Paso	Total Private	248,300	246,900	243,500	1,400	0.6%	4800	2.0%
El Paso	Goods Producing	33,400	33,100	32,200	300	0.9%	1200	3.7%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	17,100	16,800	15,600	300	1.8%	1500	9.6%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,300	16,300	16,600	0	0.0%	-300	-1.8%
El Paso	Service-Providing	288,800	287,600	284,500	1,200	0.4%	4300	1.5%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	214,900	213,800	211,300	1,100	0.5%	3600	1.7%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	68,400	68,200	67,300	200	0.3%	1100	1.6%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	12,300	12,300	11,900	0	0.0%	400	3.4%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,400	39,200	39,000	200	0.5%	400	1.0%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	9,700	9,700	9,400	0	0.0%	300	3.2%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,700	16,700	16,400	0	0.0%	300	1.8%
El Paso	Information	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	12,800	12,800	12,500	0	0.0%	300	2.4%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	35,300	35,100	35,200	200	0.6%	100	0.3%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	25,400	25,600	25,700	-200	-0.8%	-300	-1.2%
El Paso	Employment Services	5,500	5,300	5,800	200	3.8%	-300	-5.2%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	47,400	47,200	46,100	200	0.4%	1300	2.8%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	37,400	36,900	36,700	500	1.4%	700	1.9%
El Paso	Other Services	9,100	9,100	9,000	0	0.0%	100	1.1%
El Paso	Government	73,900	73,800	73,200	100	0.1%	700	1.0%
El Paso	Federal Government	13,100	13,000	13,000	100	0.8%	100	0.8%
El Paso	State Government	12,000	12,000	11,800	0	0.0%	200	1.7%
El Paso	Local Government	48,800	48,800	48,400	0	0.0%	400	0.8%

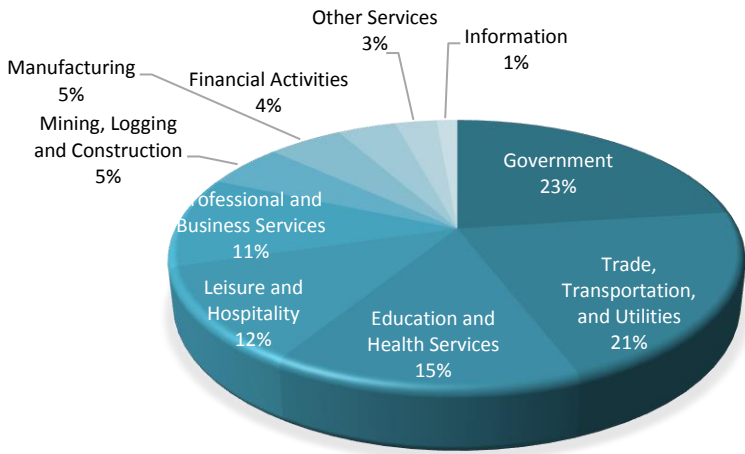
Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in April 2019 was 322,200. This reflected an increase of 0.5% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 1.7% from a year ago (April 2018).



El Paso MSA added 5,500 jobs over the past year. The three Super Sectors that had the most growth over the past year were:

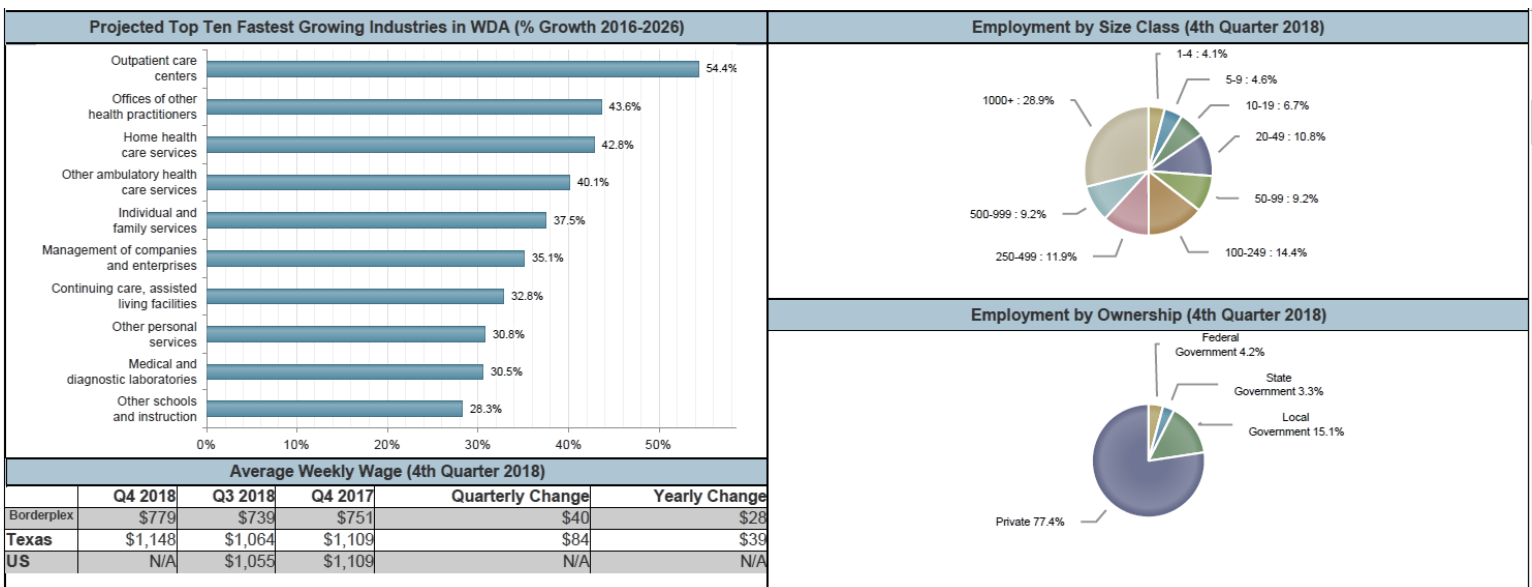
1. Mining, Logging and Construction (9.6%)
2. Education and Health Services (2.8%)
3. Financial Activities (2.4%)



The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in April 2019 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 2019 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 Ownership Average Weekly Wages for the Borderplex Area



Sources:

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