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# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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We are pleased to present the **September** Labor Market Review that examines how the workforce area performed during **August 2020**. We are incorporating unemployment insurance claimant data to provide perspective on the effect of the ongoing pandemic.

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.

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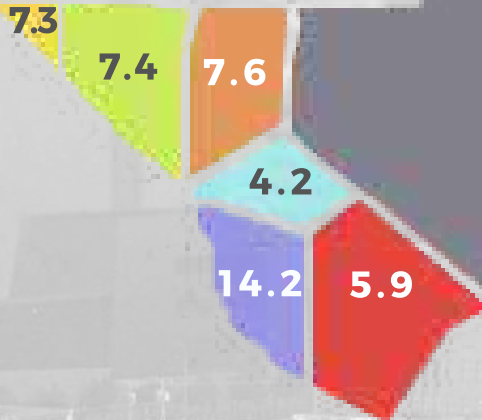
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## EL PASO MSA

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

TEXAS 7.0%



## BORDERPLEX COUNTIES

Brewster  
Culberson  
El Paso  
Hudspeth  
Jeff Davis  
Presidio

El Paso City, 6.9%  
Socorro City, 8.2%

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In August 2020, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 0.4 points higher than the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso.

The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in August 2020 was at 6.9% which signified a 1.5% decrease from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso increased by 3.0% since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was lower than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (7.0%); and lower than the National unemployment rate (8.5%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in August 2020 was 7.3%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (7.0%) but lower than United States (8.5%).

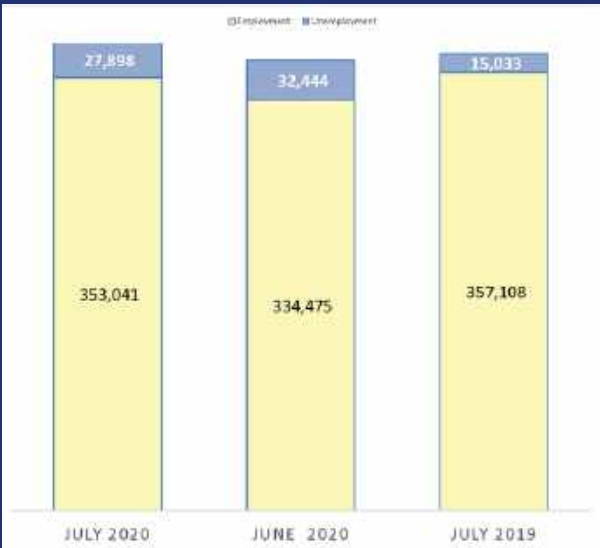
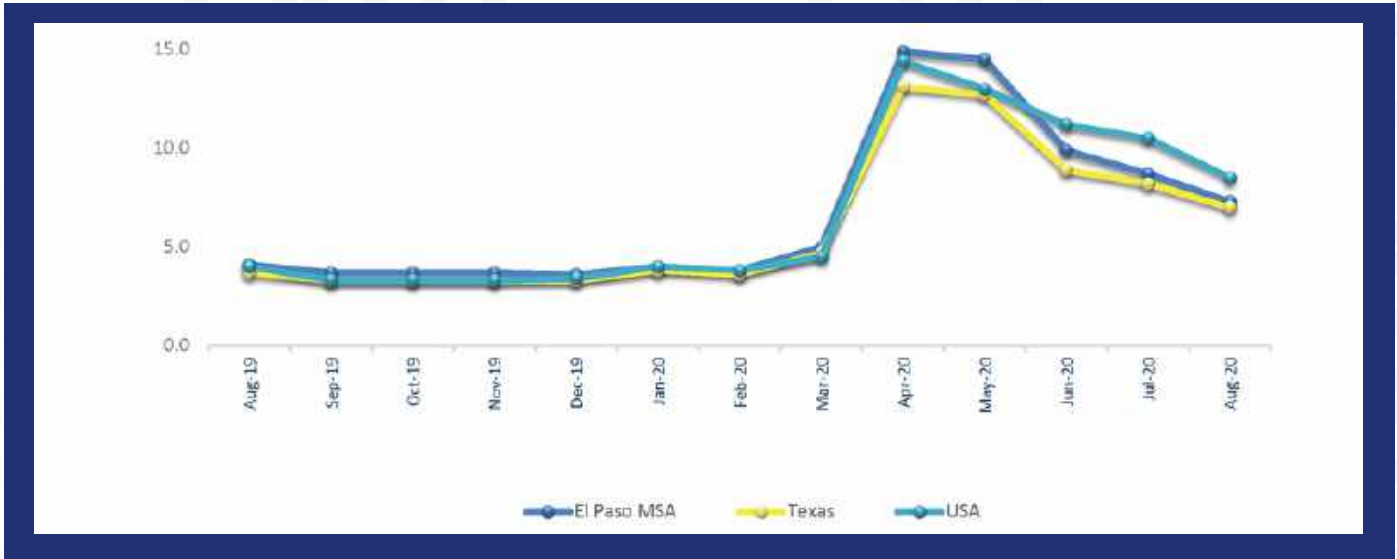
# Highlights of the Labor Force (continued)

## Unemployment Rates at a Glance

		August 2020				July 2020				August 2019			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	14,325,524	13,329,260	996,264	7.0	13,858,302	12,706,679	1,151,623	8.3	14,030,092	13,506,644	523,448	3.7
El Paso	MSA	371,343	344,285	27,058	7.3	357,700	326,205	31,495	8.8	362,632	348,015	14,617	4
Borderplex	WDA	380,939	353,041	27,898	7.3	366,919	334,475	32,444	8.8	372,141	357,108	15,033	4
Brewster	County	4,288	4,035	253	5.9	4,121	3,817	304	7.4	4,213	4,084	129	3.1
Culberson	County	1,023	945	78	7.6	991	895	96	9.7	1,079	1,031	48	4.4
El Paso	County	369,469	342,550	26,919	7.3	355,906	324,578	31,328	8.8	360,767	346,238	14,529	4
Hudspeth	County	1,874	1,735	139	7.4	1,794	1,627	167	9.3	1,865	1,777	88	4.7
Jeff Davis	County	996	954	42	4.2	938	890	48	5.1	1,071	1,037	34	3.2
Presidio	County	3,289	2,822	467	14.2	3,169	2,668	501	15.8	3,146	2,941	205	6.5
El Paso	City	307,851	286,484	21,367	6.9	296,470	271,453	25,017	8.4	301,311	289,568	11,743	3.9
Socorro	City	14,918	13,699	1,219	8.2	14,357	12,980	1,377	9.6	14,412	13,846	566	3.9

Unemployment Rate "Not seasonally adjusted"

## Unemployment Rate Comparison



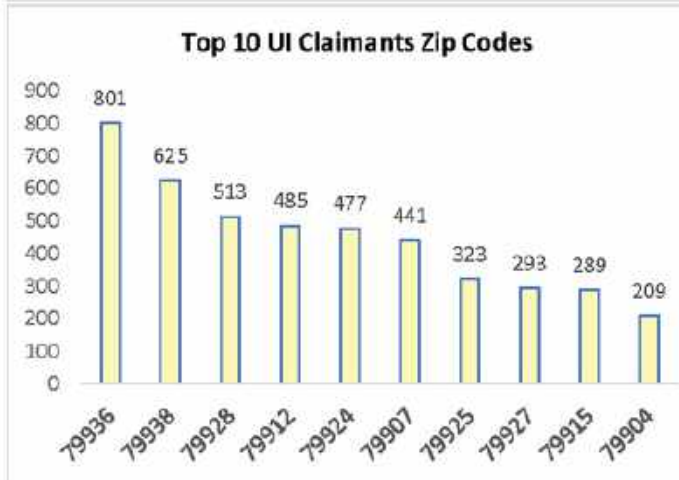
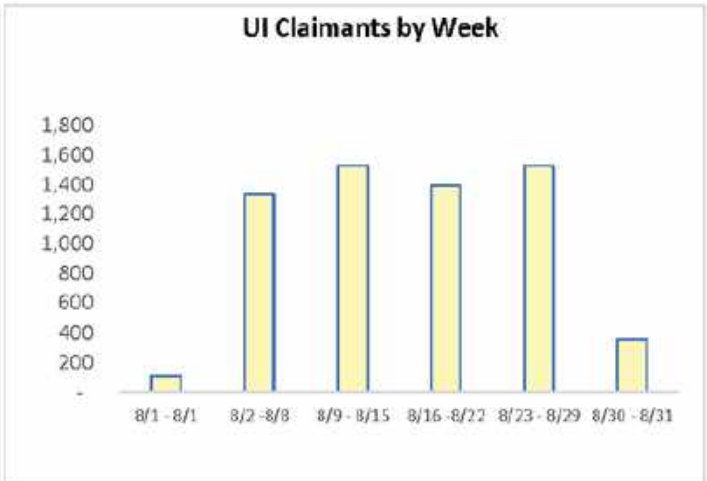
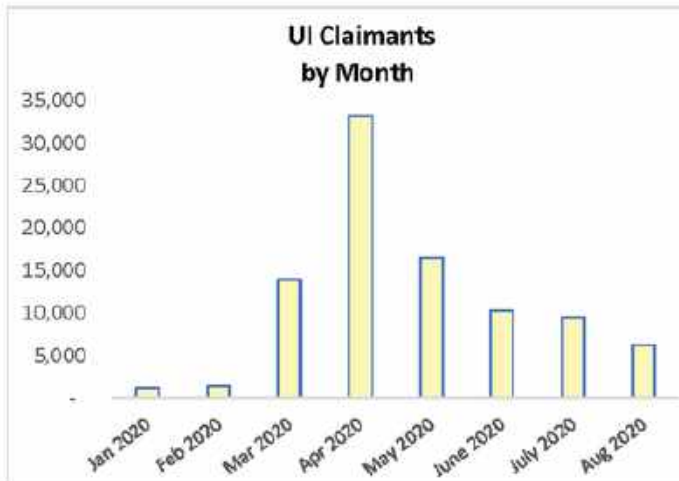
Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in **August 2020** was **380,939**, which indicates an increase of **14,020** from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by **8,798**.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of **August 2020** was **353,041**, which reflects an increase of **18,566** from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed decreased by **4,067**.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of **August 2020** was **27,898**, which indicates a decrease of **4,546** from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed increased by **12,865**.

# UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANTS FOR BORDERPLEX REGION

**AUGUST 2020**



Total unemployment claimants for the Borderplex region in August 2020 was **6,239**. This reflects a decrease of **3,235** claimants from the previous month.

The week that had the most claimants for the month of August 2020 was from 8/9 to 8/15 (**1,528 Claimants**).

The top three zip codes with the highest number of claimants were: **79936, 79938 and 79928**.

The top three occupation categories with the most unemployment claimants were:

1. Sales Related
2. Food Preparation and Serving Related
3. Construction and Extraction

These three occupations represented 31% of the total number of claimants for the month of August 2020.

# EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTORS FOR EL PASO MSA

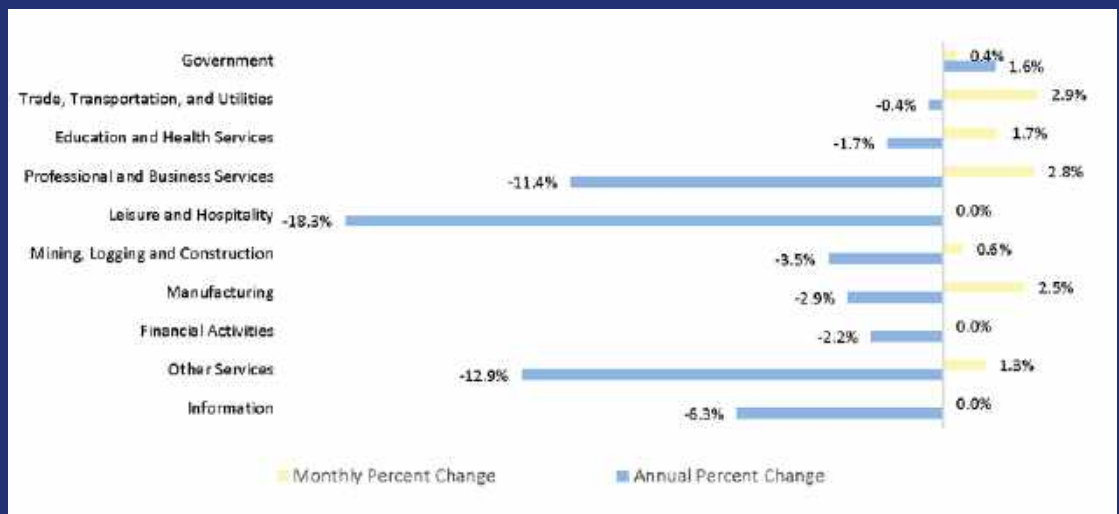
4,500 TOTAL JOBS ADDED IN AUGUST 2020

14,200 TOTAL JOBS LOST OVER THE YEAR

Industry	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
Total Nonfarm	308,800	304,300	323,000	4,500	1.5%	-\$14,200	-4.4%
<b>Government</b>	70,300	70,000	69,200	300	0.4%	-\$1,100	1.6%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	67,700	65,800	68,000	1,900	2.9%	-\$300	-0.4%
Retail Trade	39,200	38,300	38,400	900	2.3%	\$800	2.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,900	16,700	17,100	200	1.2%	-\$200	-1.2%
Wholesale Trade	11,600	10,800	12,500	800	7.4%	-\$900	-7.2%
General Merchandise Stores	10,400	10,100	9,600	300	3.0%	\$800	8.3%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	47,600	46,800	48,400	800	1.7%	-\$800	-1.7%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	32,600	31,700	36,800	900	2.8%	-\$4,200	-11.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	22,600	22,100	27,100	500	2.3%	-\$4,500	-16.6%
Employment Services	3,700	3,400	6,400	300	8.8%	-\$2,700	-42.2%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	31,600	31,600	38,700	0	0.0%	-\$7,100	-18.3%
<b>Mining, Logging and Construction</b>	16,700	16,600	17,300	100	0.6%	-\$600	-3.5%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	16,500	16,100	17,000	400	2.5%	-\$500	-2.9%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	13,200	13,200	13,500	0	0.0%	-\$300	-2.2%
<b>Other Services</b>	8,100	8,000	9,300	100	1.3%	-\$1,200	-12.9%
<b>Information</b>	4,500	4,500	4,800	0	0.0%	-\$300	-6.3%
<b>Total Private</b>	238,500	234,300	253,800	4,200	1.8%	-\$15,300	-6.0%
Private Service Providing	205,300	201,600	219,500	3,700	1.8%	-\$14,200	-6.5%
Goods Producing	33,200	32,700	34,300	500	1.5%	-\$1,100	-3.2%
<b>Service-Providing</b>	275,600	271,600	288,700	4,000	1.5%	-\$13,100	-4.5%
State Government	9,900	10,400	10,500	-500	-4.8%	-\$600	-5.7%
Federal Government	14,200	13,400	13,100	800	6.0%	\$1,100	8.4%
Local Government	46,200	46,200	45,600	0	0.0%	\$600	1.3%

Current Employment Statistics (CES) indicated that the Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in August 2020 was 308,800. This reflected an increase of 1.5% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA decreased by 4.4% from a year ago (August 2019).

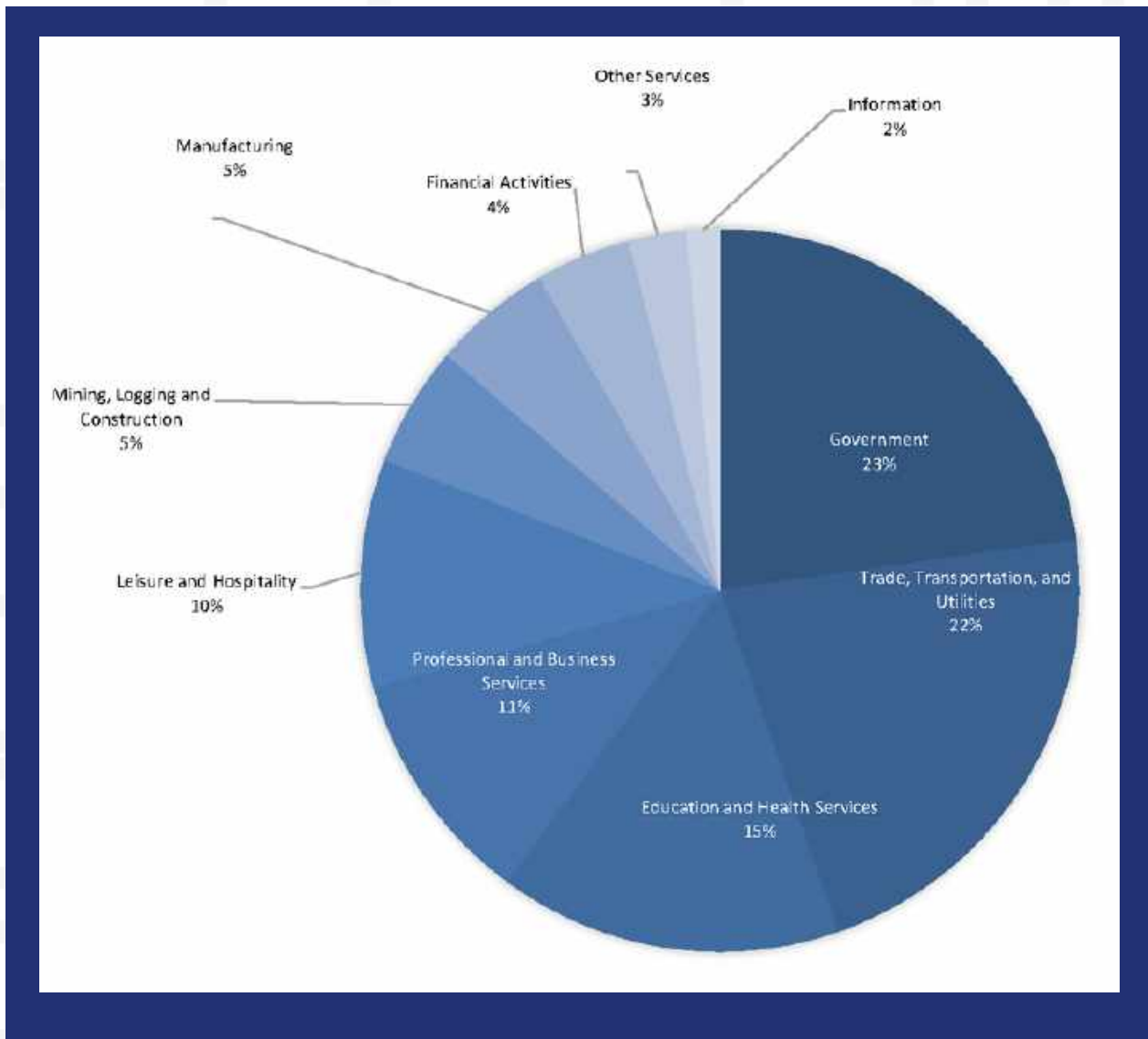
## EMPLOYMENT PERCENTAGE CHANGE



The three industry Super Sectors that had the most jobs added in the month of August 2020 were:

1. Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (1,900 jobs added)
2. Professional & Business Services (900 jobs added)
3. Education and Health Services (800 jobs added)

# EL PASO MSA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTORS



The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in August 2020 were:

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

These three Super Sectors represented 60% of the total nonfarm employment.

The three Super Sectors with the least employment for the El Paso MSA in August 2020 were:

1. Financial Activities
2. Other Services
3. Information

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



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