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LABOR MARKET REVIEW

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BORDERPLEX

We are pleased to present the May Labor Market Review that examines how the workforce area performed during April 2020. This month, 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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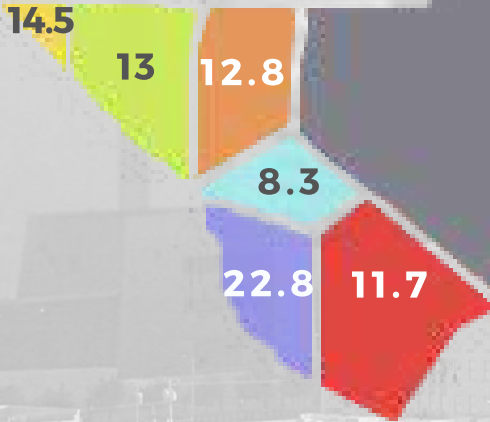
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WORKFORCE
SOLUTIONS BORDERPLEX

14.5%
EL PASO MSA
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

TEXAS 12.7%



BORDERPLEX COUNTIES

Brewster
Culberson
El Paso
Hudspeth
Jeff Davis
Presidio

El Paso City , 14%
Socorro City , 15.8%

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In May 2020, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 0.5 points higher than the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso.

The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in May 2020 was at 14.0% which signified a 0.5% decrease from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso increased by 10.7% since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (12.7%) and higher than the National unemployment rate (13%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in April 2020 was 14.5%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (12.7%) and higher than United States (13%).

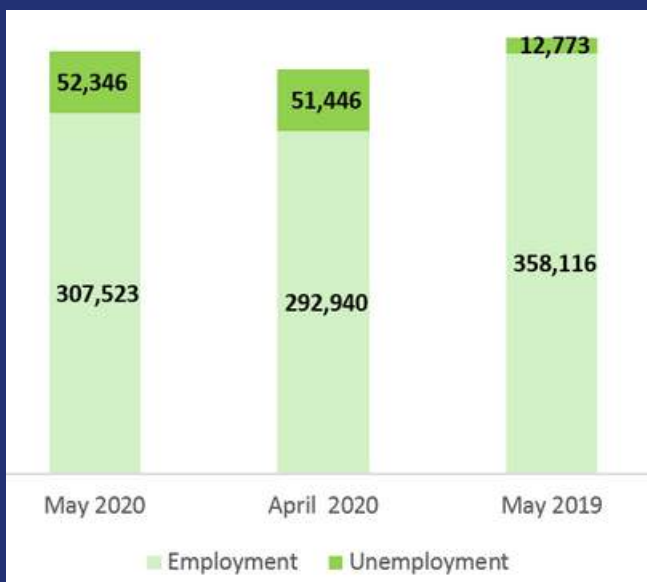
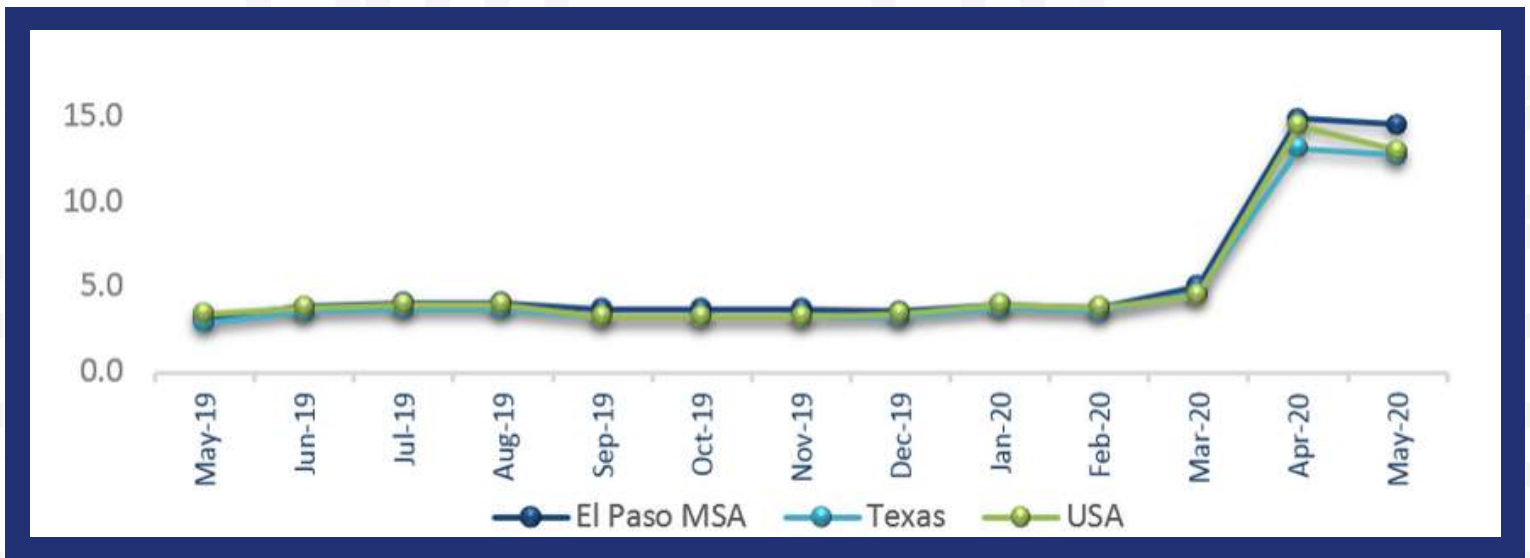
Highlights of the Labor Force (continued)

Unemployment Rates at a Glance

		May 2020				April 2020				May 2019			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,462,785	11,752,162	1,710,623	12.7	12,953,286	11,259,524	1,693,762	13.1	13,926,760	13,491,168	435,592	3.1
El Paso	MSA	350,771	299,826	50,945	14.5	335,669	285,529	50,140	14.9	361,452	349,031	12,421	3.4
Borderplex	WDA	359,869	307,523	52,346	14.5	344,386	292,940	51,446	14.9	370,889	358,116	12,773	3.4
Brewster	County	4,015	3,545	470	11.7	3,897	3,406	491	12.6	4,264	4,158	106	2.5
Culberson	County	956	834	122	12.8	891	801	90	10.1	1046	1002	44	4.2
El Paso	County	349,041	298,321	50,720	14.5	334,025	284,081	49,944	15	359,618	347,269	12,349	3.4
Hudspeth	County	1,730	1,505	225	13.0	1,644	1,448	196	11.9	1,834	1,762	72	3.9
Jeff Davis	County	904	829	75	8.3	880	801	79	9	1,066	1,042	24	2.3
Presidio	County	3,223	2,489	734	22.8	3,049	2,403	646	21.2	3,061	2,883	178	5.8
El Paso	City	290,112	249,494	40,618	14	277,943	237,585	40,358	14.5	300,353	290,430	9,923	3.3
Socorro	City	14,172	11,930	2242	15.8	13,465	11,361	2104	15.6	14,371	13,888	483	3.4

Unemployment Rate "Not seasonally adjusted"

Unemployment Rate Comparison



Labor Force for the Borderplex area

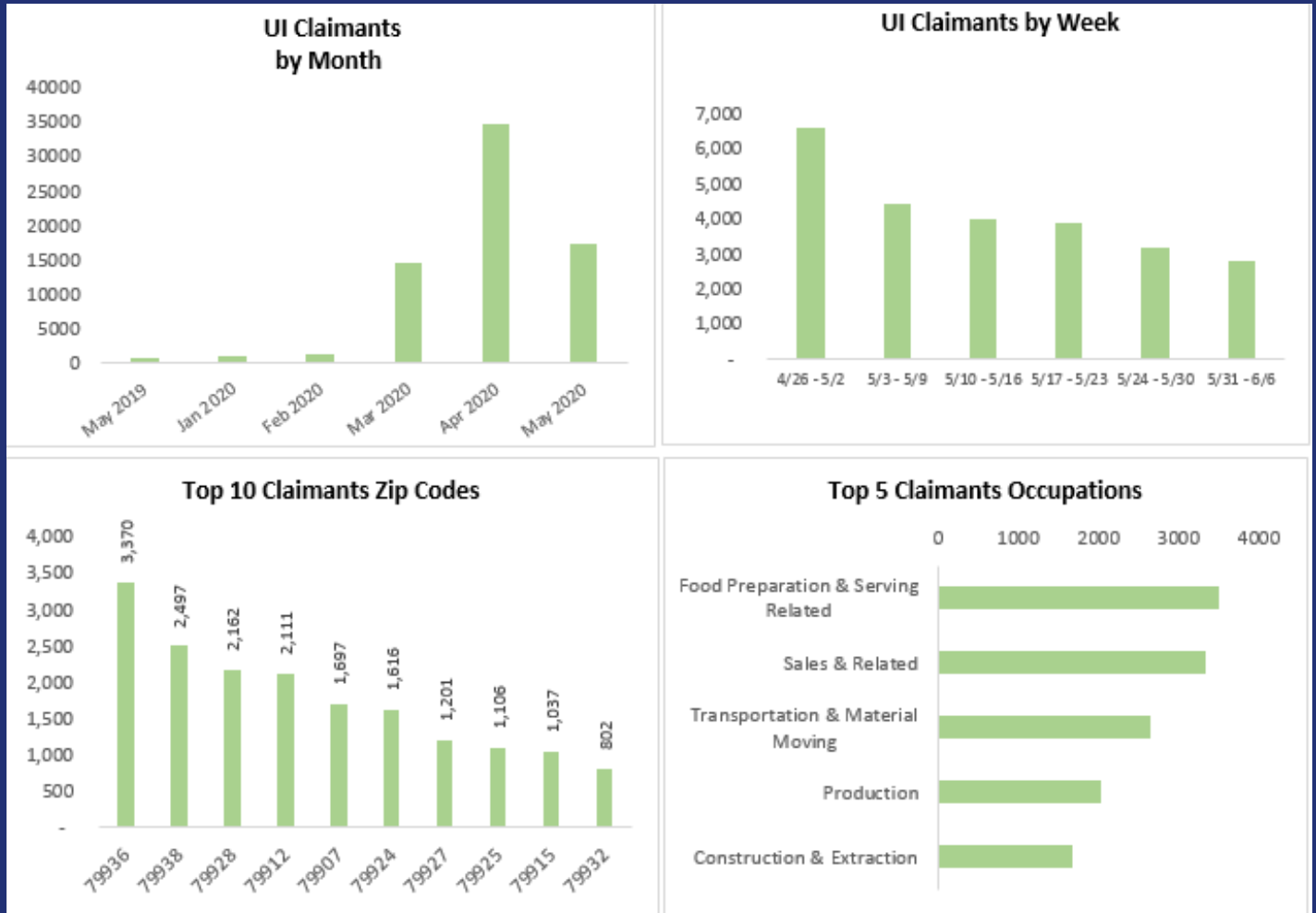
(Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in May 2020 was **359,869**, which indicates an increase of **15,483** from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force **decreased by 11,020**.

The number of **Employed** in the Borderplex area for the month of May 2020 was **307,523** which reflects an **increase of 14,583** from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed decreased by **50,593**.

The number of **Unemployed** in the Borderplex area for the month of May 2020 was **52,346** which indicates an **increase of 900** from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed **increased by 39,573**.

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANTS FOR BORDERPLEX REGION

MAY 2020 (4/26-6/6)



Total unemployment claimants for the Borderplex region in [May 2020 \(4/26 to 6/6\)](#), was [24,743](#). This reflects an increase of more than 17,000 claimants from the previous month.

The total number of claimants for the Borderplex region increased more than 16,000 from a year ago (May 2019). The week that had the most claimants for the month of May 2020 was from 4/26 to 5/2 ([6,583 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) Food Preparation and Serving Related
- (2) Sales Related
- (3) Production

These three occupations represented 38% of the total number of claimants for the month of May 2020.

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTORS FOR EL PASO MSA

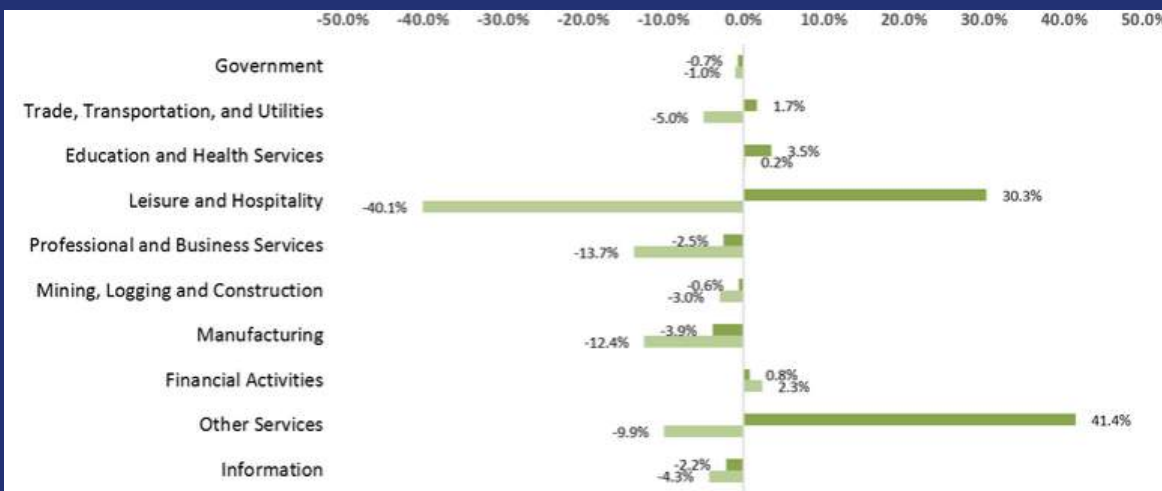
8,500 JOBS ADDED IN MAY 2020

27,800 TOTAL JOBS LOST OVER THE YEAR

Industry	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	Monthly		Yearly	
				Change	Monthly %	Change	Yearly %
Total Nonfarm	296,200	287,700	324,000	8,500	3.0%	-27800	-8.6%
Government	72,800	73,300	73,500	-500	-0.7%	-700	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	64,300	63,200	67,700	1,100	1.7%	-3400	-5.0%
Retail Trade	36,600	34,800	38,300	1,800	5.2%	-1700	-4.4%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,900	16,500	16,900	-600	-3.6%	-1000	-5.9%
Wholesale Trade	11,800	11,900	12,500	-100	-0.8%	-700	-5.6%
General Merchandise Stores	9,900	9,200	9,600	700	7.6%	300	3.1%
Education and Health Services	47,700	46,100	47,600	1,600	3.5%	100	0.2%
Professional and Business Services	30,900	31,700	35,800	-800	-2.5%	-4900	-13.7%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management a	22,500	23,100	26,300	-600	-2.6%	-3800	-14.4%
Employment Services	3,700	3,900	6,400	-200	-5.1%	-2700	-42.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	23,200	17,800	38,700	5,400	30.3%	-15500	-40.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	16,400	16,500	16,900	-100	-0.6%	-500	-3.0%
Manufacturing	14,900	15,500	17,000	-600	-3.9%	-2100	-12.4%
Financial Activities	13,400	13,300	13,100	100	0.8%	300	2.3%
Other Services	8,200	5,800	9,100	2,400	41.4%	-900	-9.9%
Information	4,400	4,500	4,600	-100	-2.2%	-200	-4.3%
Total Private	223,400	214,400	250,500	9,000	4.2%	-27100	-10.8%
Private Service Providing	192,100	182,400	216,600	9,700	5.3%	-24500	-11.3%
Goods Producing	31,300	32,000	33,900	-700	-2.2%	-2600	-7.7%
Service-Providing	264,900	255,700	290,100	9,200	3.6%	-25200	-8.7%
Federal Government	13,400	13,300	13,000	100	0.8%	400	3.1%
State Government	11,500	11,800	12,100	-300	-2.5%	-600	-5.0%
Local Government	47,900	48,200	48,400	-300	-0.6%	-500	-1.0%

Current Employment Statistics (CES) indicated that the Total Nonfarm employment for El Paso MSA in May 2020 was 296,200. This reflected an increase of 3.0% from the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA decreased by 8.6% from a year ago (May 2019)

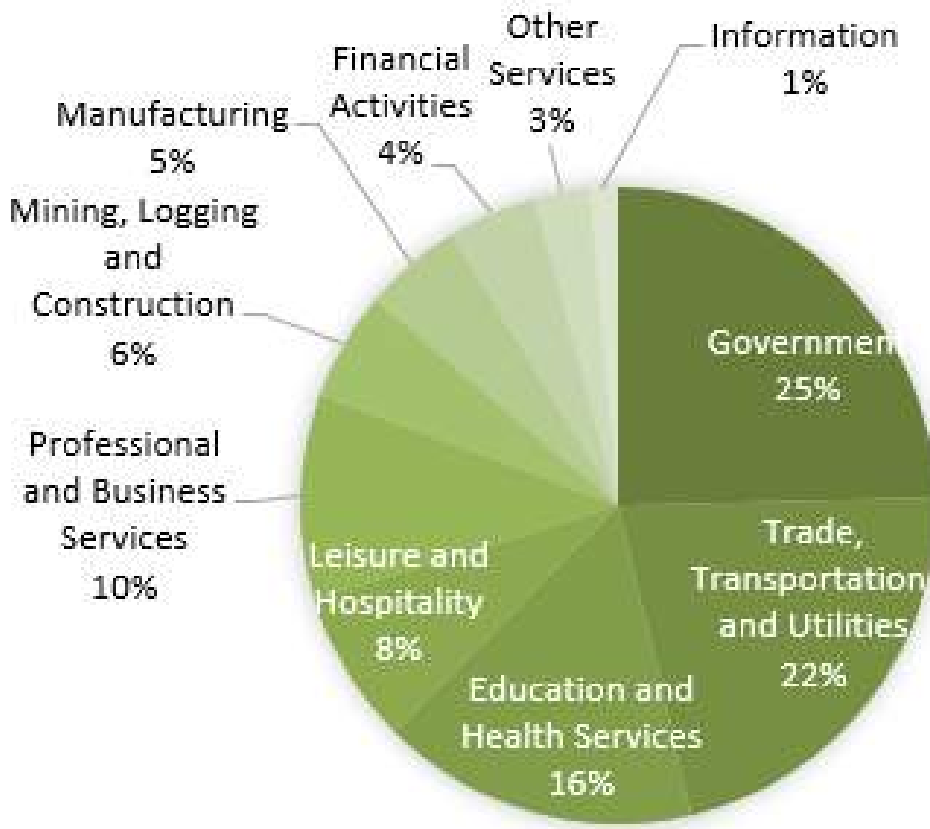
EMPLOYMENT PERCENTAGE CHANGE



The three Super Sectors that had the most job losses over the past year:

1. Leisure & Hospitality (15,500 jobs lost)
2. Professional & Business Services (4,900 jobs lost)
3. Trade, Transportation & Utilities (3,400 jobs lost)

EL PASO MSA EMPLOYMENT BY SECTORS



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

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

These three Super Sectors represented 62% of the total nonfarm employment.

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

1. Financial Activities
2. Other Services
3. Information

These three Super Sectors represented 9% of the total nonfarm employment.



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Sources

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