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## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	3.5%
El Paso MSA	3.8%
Borderplex	3.8%
Brewster County	2.8%
Culberson County	2.2%
El Paso County	3.8%
Hudspeth County	5.1%
Jeff Davis County	2.4%
Presidio County	6.5%
El Paso City	3.6%
Socorro City	4.1%

WSB, in conjunction with the Texas Workforce Commission, hosted the annual statewide job fair, Red White & You! on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Special guest speakers included Texas State Representative, César Blanco, Colonel Steve O. Murphy, Fort Bliss Garrison Command and WSB Board Chair, Leo A. Duran, Sr.

There were 75 employers, approximately 900 jobseekers, 45 onsite interviews, 12 direct hires, 500 future interviews and 12 CompTIA employers for 15 CompTIA students ready for work.



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## Message from the CEO



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for November 2017. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during October 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 Joyce Wilson, CEO at [joyce.wilson@borderplexjobs.com](mailto:joyce.wilson@borderplexjobs.com)

Sincerely,

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# Highlights of the Labor Force

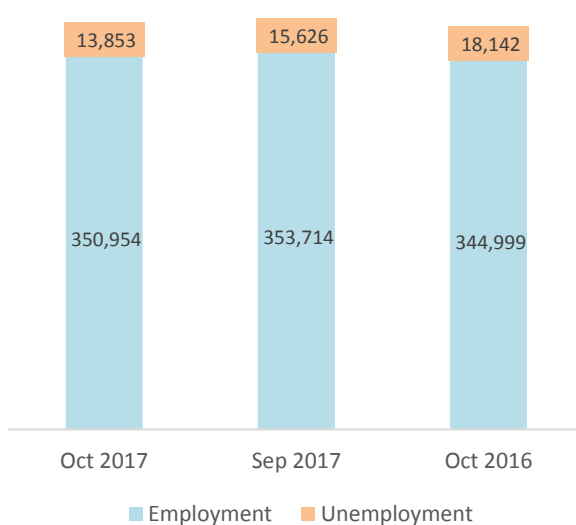
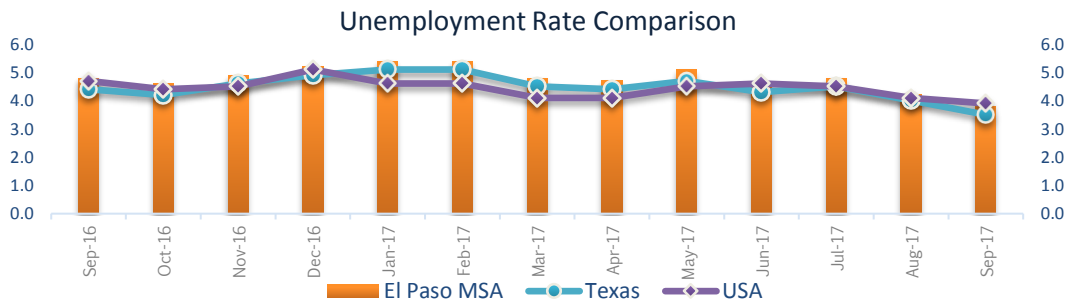
## EL Paso MSA' Unemployment Rate Falls to Record Low 3.8 percent

		October 2017				September 2017				October 2016			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,392,285	12,922,084	470,201	3.5	13,498,742	12,954,820	543,922	4	13,338,725	12,725,859	612,866	4.6
El Paso	MSA	355,936	342,431	13,505	3.8	360,335	345,128	15,207	4.2	354,034	336,449	17,585	5
Borderplex	WDA	364,807	350,954	13,853	3.8	369,340	353,714	15,626	4.2	363,141	344,999	18,142	5
Brewster	County	3,827	3,720	107	2.8	3,939	3,819	120	3	3,954	3,798	156	3.9
Culberson	County	1,073	1,049	24	2.2	1,103	1,075	28	2.5	1,066	1,025	41	3.8
El Paso	County	354,651	341,211	13,440	3.8	359,055	343,924	15,131	4.2	352,750	335,249	17,501	5
Hudspeth	County	1,285	1,220	65	5.1	1,280	1,204	76	5.9	1,284	1,200	84	6.5
Jeff Davis	County	1,034	1,009	25	2.4	1,019	988	31	3	1,023	991	32	3.1
Presidio	County	2,937	2,745	192	6.5	2,944	2,704	240	8.2	3,064	2,736	328	10.7
El Paso	City	297,275	286,478	10,797	3.6	300,817	288,756	12,061	4	295,521	281,472	14,049	4.8
Socorro	City	13,772	13,208	564	4.1	13,986	13,313	673	4.8	13,760	12,977	783	5.7

In October 2017, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate fell to 3.8%, setting a record for the lowest unemployment rate recorded in decades.

The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in October 2017 was at 3.6% which signified a 0.4% decrease from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso decreased by 1.2% since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.5%); but lower than the National unemployment rate (3.9%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in October 2017 was 3.8%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.5%) but lower than United States (3.9%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in October 2017 was 364,807, which indicates a decrease of 4,533 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 1,666.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of October 2017 was 350,954, which reflects a decrease of 2,760 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 5,955.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of October 2017 was 13,853, which indicates a decrease of 1,773 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 4,289.

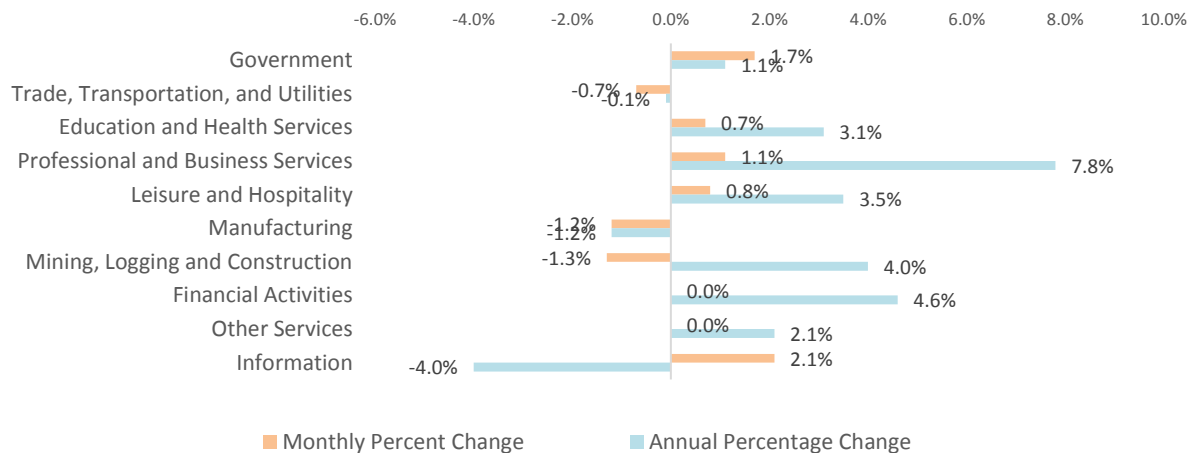
## Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

**1,400** jobs added in October, **7,000** total jobs added over the past year

Area	Series Title	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	320,600	319,200	313,600	1,400	0.4%	7000	2.2%
El Paso	Total Private	247,300	247,100	241,100	200	0.1%	6200	2.6%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,300	32,700	31,900	-400	-1.2%	400	1.3%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	15,500	15,700	14,900	-200	-1.3%	600	4.0%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,800	17,000	17,000	-200	-1.2%	-200	-1.2%
El Paso	Service-Providing	288,300	286,500	281,700	1,800	0.6%	6600	2.3%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	215,000	214,400	209,200	600	0.3%	5800	2.8%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	67,900	68,400	68,000	-500	-0.7%	-100	-0.1%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,800	11,700	11,600	100	0.9%	200	1.7%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,100	39,700	39,900	-600	-1.5%	-800	-2.0%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	11,600	11,500	11,200	100	0.9%	400	3.6%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,000	17,000	16,500	0	0.0%	500	3.0%
El Paso	Information	4,800	4,700	5,000	100	2.1%	-200	-4.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,600	13,600	13,000	0	0.0%	600	4.6%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	37,200	36,800	34,500	400	1.1%	2700	7.8%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	25,400	25,200	24,700	200	0.8%	700	2.8%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	0.0%	100	1.6%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	45,900	45,600	44,500	300	0.7%	1400	3.1%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	35,900	35,600	34,700	300	0.8%	1200	3.5%
El Paso	Other Services	9,700	9,700	9,500	0	0.0%	200	2.1%
El Paso	Government	73,300	72,100	72,500	1,200	1.7%	800	1.1%
El Paso	Federal Government	13,000	12,800	12,900	200	1.6%	100	0.8%
El Paso	State Government	11,800	11,500	11,700	300	2.6%	100	0.9%
El Paso	Local Government	48,500	47,800	47,900	700	1.5%	600	1.3%

### Super Sectors

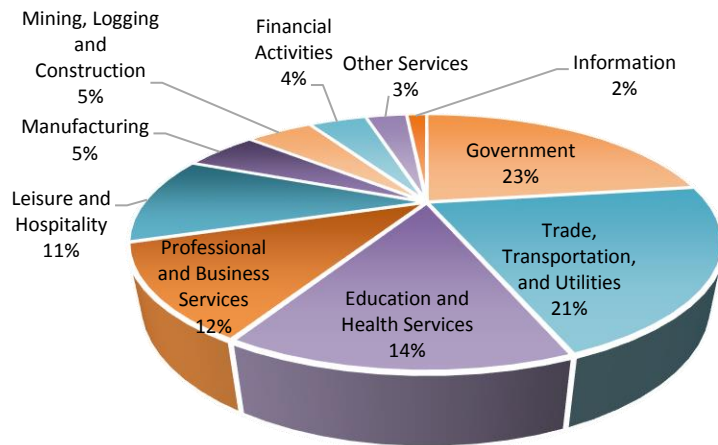
Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in October 2017 was 320,600. This reflected an increase of 0.4% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 2.2% from a year ago (October 2016).



El Paso MSA economy added 1,400 jobs during the month of October 2017 and 7,000 jobs over the past year. The three Super Sectors that has the most growth over the past year are:

1. Professional and Business Services (7.8%)
2. Financial Activities (4.6%)
3. Mining, Logging and Construction (4.0%)

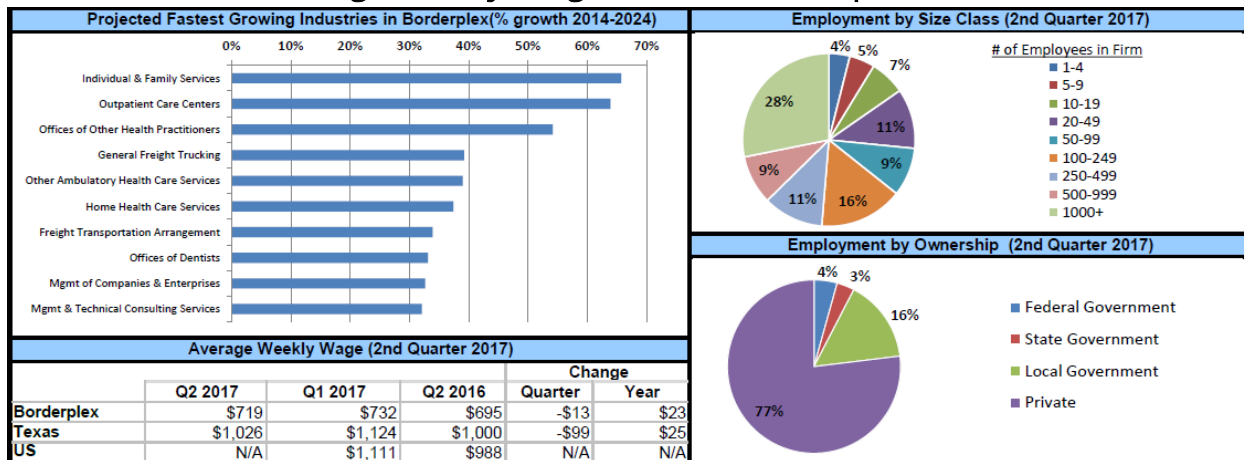




The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in October 2017 were (1) Government; (2) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and (3) Education and Health Services. These three Super Sectors represented 58% of the total nonfarm employment.

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

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



**Sources:**

Texas Labor Market Review, Texas Workforce Commission, November 2017  
 Labor Market & Career Information, Texas Workforce Commission, November 2017

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