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## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	3.7%
El Paso MSA	4.0%
Borderplex	4.0%
Brewster County	3.0%
Culberson County	2.5%
El Paso County	4.0%
Hudspeth County	5.6%
Jeff Davis County	2.7%
Presidio County	7.0%
El Paso City	3.8%
Socorro City	4.2%

November 29, 2017 - In recognition of its workforce programs, Workforce Solutions Borderplex received the Hire Ability Award, the Texas Rising Star Award, and a recognition for Partnership Award at the 21st Annual Texas Workforce Conference in Dallas, Texas, along with a check for \$30,000 and \$75,000 to use to support its programs and services.



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## Message from the CEO



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for December 2017. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during November 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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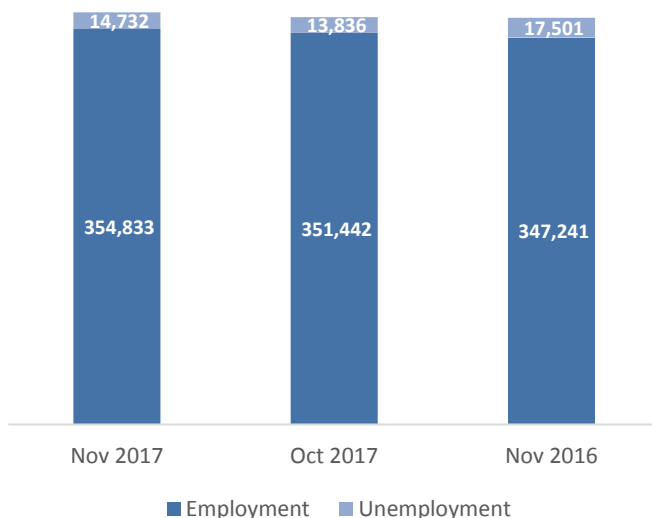
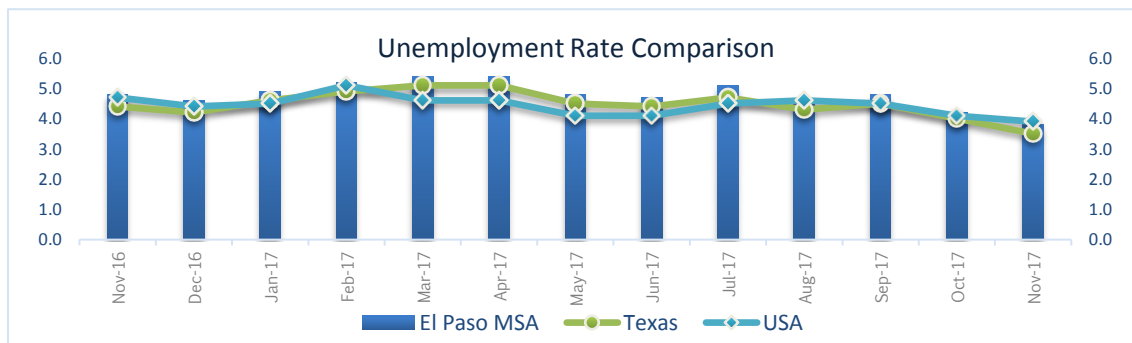
## Highlights of the Labor Force

		November 2017				October 2017				November 2016			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,501,846	13,002,576	499,270	3.7	13,392,522	12,922,849	469,673	3.5	13,371,089	12,771,219	599,870	4.5
El Paso	MSA	360,689	346,332	14,357	4	356,405	342,916	13,489	3.8	355,604	338,635	16,969	4.8
Borderplex	WDA	369,565	354,833	14,732	4	365,278	351,442	13,836	3.8	364,742	347,241	17,501	4.8
Brewster	County	3,890	3,772	118	3	3,827	3,721	106	2.8	4,002	3,857	145	3.6
Culberson	County	1,083	1,056	27	2.5	1,073	1,049	24	2.2	1,076	1,037	39	3.6
El Paso	County	359,408	345,123	14,285	4	355,119	341,694	13,425	3.8	354,323	337,437	16,886	4.8
Hudspeth	County	1,281	1,209	72	5.6	1,286	1,222	64	5	1,281	1,198	83	6.5
Jeff Davis	County	999	972	27	2.7	1,035	1,010	25	2.4	1,007	976	31	3.1
Presidio	County	2,904	2,701	203	7	2,938	2,746	192	6.5	3,053	2,736	317	10.4
El Paso	City	301,334	289,762	11,572	3.8	297,677	286,883	10,794	3.6	296,872	283,309	13,563	4.6
Socorro	City	13,950	13,359	591	4.2	13,786	13,226	560	4.1	13,826	13,062	764	5.5

In November 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 November 2017 was at 3.8% which signified a 0.2% increase 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 (3.7%); but lower than the National unemployment rate (3.9%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in November 2017 was 4.0%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.7%), and higher than United States (3.9%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in November 2017 was 369,565, which indicates an increase of 4,287 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 4,823.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of November 2017 was 354,833, which reflects an increase of 3,391 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 7,592.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of November 2017 was 14,732, which indicates an increase of 896 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 2,769.

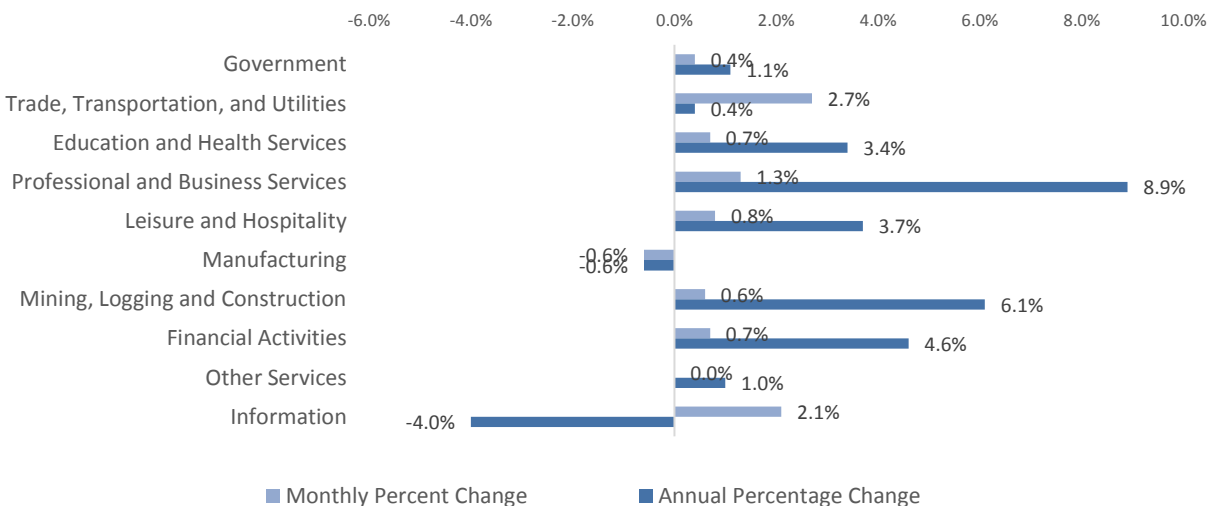
## Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

**3,400 jobs added in November, 8,300 total jobs added over the past year**

Area	NAICS Industry	Nov-17	Oct-17	Nov-16	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	324,300	320,900	316,000	3,400	1.1%	8300	2.6%
El Paso	Total Private	250,700	247,600	243,200	3,100	1.3%	7500	3.1%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,500	32,500	31,700	0	0.0%	800	2.5%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	15,700	15,600	14,800	100	0.6%	900	6.1%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,800	16,900	16,900	-100	-0.6%	-100	-0.6%
El Paso	Service-Providing	291,800	288,400	284,300	3,400	1.2%	7500	2.6%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	218,200	215,100	211,500	3,100	1.4%	6700	3.2%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	69,700	67,900	69,400	1,800	2.7%	300	0.4%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,800	11,800	11,600	0	0.0%	200	1.7%
El Paso	Retail Trade	40,700	39,100	41,200	1,600	4.1%	-500	-1.2%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	12,100	11,600	12,100	500	4.3%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,200	17,000	16,600	200	1.2%	600	3.6%
El Paso	Information	4,800	4,700	5,000	100	2.1%	-200	-4.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,700	13,600	13,100	100	0.7%	600	4.6%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	37,900	37,400	34,800	500	1.3%	3100	8.9%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	25,600	25,400	24,800	200	0.8%	800	3.2%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,600	6,500	6,400	100	1.5%	200	3.1%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	46,200	45,900	44,700	300	0.7%	1500	3.4%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	36,200	35,900	34,900	300	0.8%	1300	3.7%
El Paso	Other Services	9,700	9,700	9,600	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
El Paso	Government	73,600	73,300	72,800	300	0.4%	800	1.1%
El Paso	Federal Government	13,000	13,000	12,900	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
El Paso	State Government	12,000	11,800	11,900	200	1.7%	100	0.8%
El Paso	Local Government	48,600	48,500	48,000	100	0.2%	600	1.3%

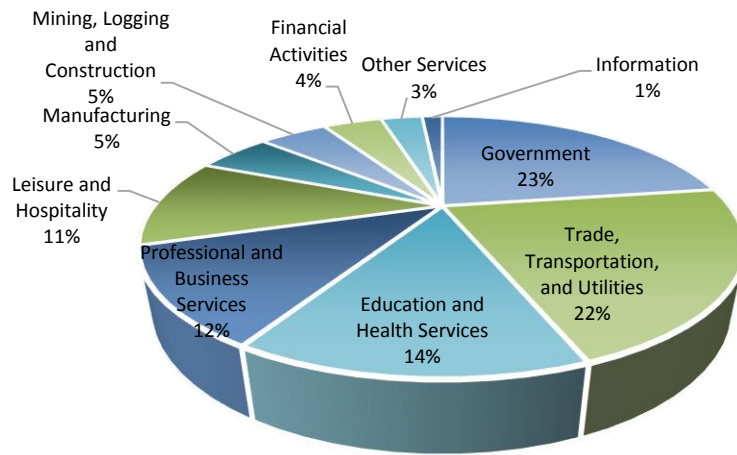
Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in November 2017 was 324,300. This reflected an increase of 1.1% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 2.6% from a year ago (November 2016).



El Paso MSA economy added 3,400 jobs during the month of November 2017 and 8,300 jobs over the past year. The three Super Sectors that has the most growth over the past year are:

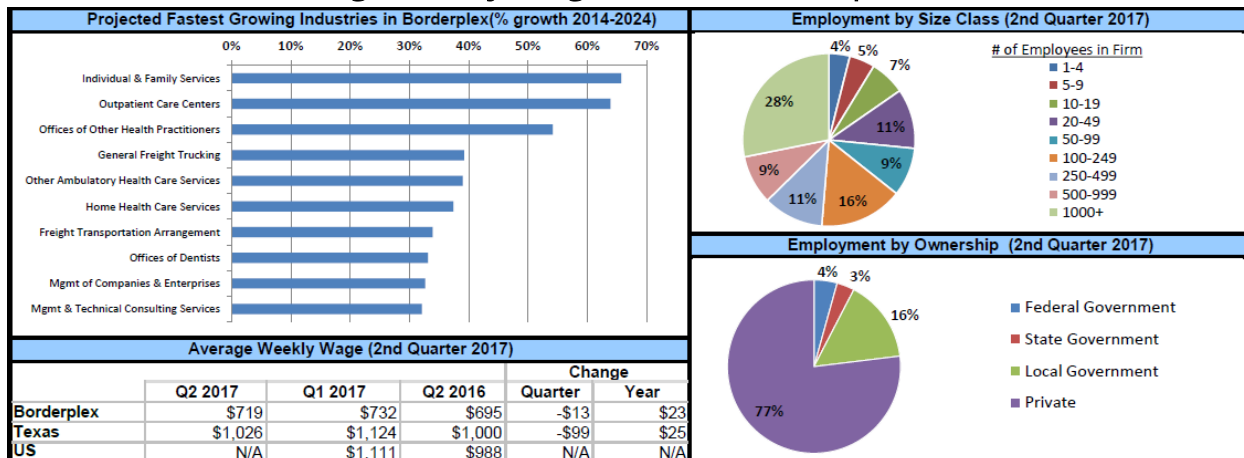
1. Professional and Business Services (8.9%)
2. Mining, Logging and Construction (6.1%)
3. Financial Activities (4.6%)



The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in November 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 November 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:**

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