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Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	4.9%
El Paso MSA	5.2%
Borderplex	5.3%
Brewster County	4.6%
Culberson County	3.9%
El Paso County	5.2%
Hudspeth County	7.5%
Jeff Davis County	3.4%
Presidio County	13.3%
El Paso City	5.0%
Socorro City	6.0%

On February 17 and 18, Dr. Bill Robertson, UTEP Professor for Science and Technology Education from The College of Education visited Marfa and Presidio Schools to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM). Dr. Robertson aka Dr. Skateboard demonstrated science in motion through skateboarding lessons. The overall reach impacted 650 youth from the rural areas. Students from 4th Grade all the way to Seniors were engaged and excited to learn that riding a skateboard cannot only be just for fun, but also educational.

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Message from the Board



Workforce Solutions
Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review (LMR) for March 2017. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during January of 2017.

As a board member representing a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) focused Community Based Organization, I am pleased to report that our region is highly focused on supporting the key industry sectors that we have identified as our targets: Defense & Aerospace, Life Sciences, Tourism, Advanced Manufacturing, Advanced Logistics and Business Support Services.

To be competitive in these industries, we must continue to create and expand STEAM education and programs that are attractive to our youth, fostering a strong future workforce talent pool. A STEAM educated workforce is essential to economic diversity and growth in this age of technology, a requirement for our community to continue to achieve global competitiveness.

If there is additional information you would like to see presented here, please send your comments and suggestions to Joyce Wilson, CEO for Workforce Solutions Borderplex at Joyce.Wilson@Borderplexjobs.com.

Sincerely,

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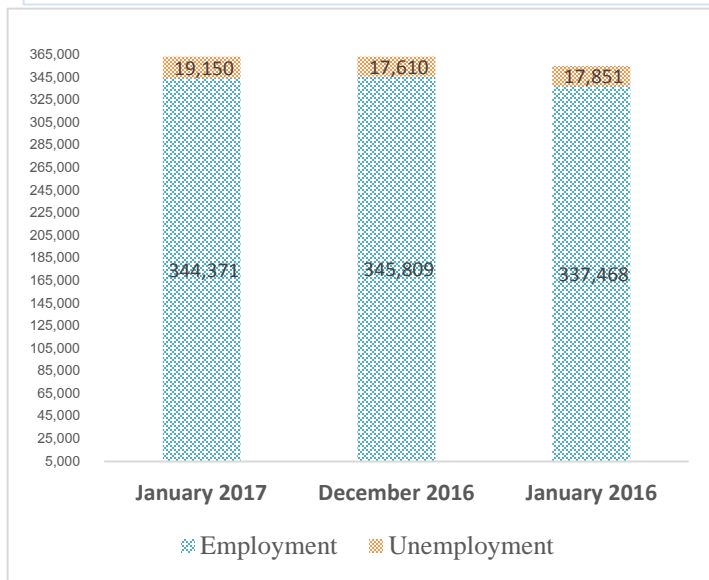
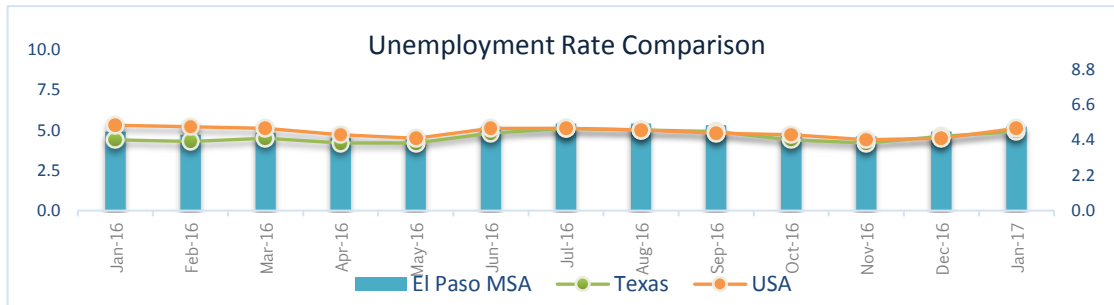
Highlights of the Labor Force

		January 2017				December 2016				January 2016			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,357,997	12,697,121	660,876	4.9	13,353,321	12,747,329	605,992	4.5	13,112,957	12,521,460	591,497	4.5
El Paso	MSA	354,567	336,077	18,490	5.2	354,344	337,318	17,026	4.8	346,530	329,244	17,286	5
Borderplex	WDA	363,521	344,371	19,150	5.3	363,419	345,809	17,610	4.8	355,319	337,468	17,851	5
Brewster	County	3,881	3,702	179	4.6	3,946	3,804	142	3.6	3,788	3,634	154	4.1
Culberson	County	1,046	1,005	41	3.9	1,077	1,036	41	3.8	1,041	1,004	37	3.6
El Paso	County	353,295	334,900	18,395	5.2	353,067	336,128	16,939	4.8	345,281	328,079	17,202	5
Hudspeth	County	1,272	1,177	95	7.5	1,277	1,190	87	6.8	1,249	1,165	84	6.7
Jeff Davis	County	978	945	33	3.4	1,000	972	28	2.8	989	956	33	3.3
Presidio	County	3,049	2,642	407	13.3	3,052	2,679	373	12.2	2,971	2,630	341	11.5
El Paso	City	295,926	281,179	14,747	5	295,826	282,210	13,616	4.6	289,154	275,452	13,702	4.7
Socorro	City	13,797	12,963	834	6	13,771	13,011	760	5.5	13,473	12,699	774	5.7

In January 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 January 2017 was at 5.0% which signified a 0.4 % increase from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso increased by 0.3 % since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.9%); but lower than the National unemployment rate (5.1%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in January 2017 was 5.2%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.9%), and higher than United States (5.1%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in January 2017 was 363,521, which indicates an increase of 102 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 8,202.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of January 2017 was 344,371, which reflects a decrease of 1,438 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 6,903.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of January 2017 was 19,150, which indicates an increase of 1,540 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed increased by 1,299

Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

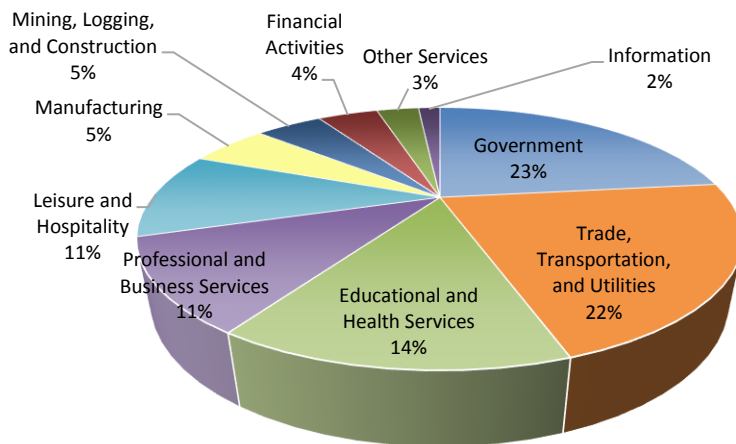
8,100 Total jobs added over the past year

Area Title	NAICS Industry	Jan-17	Dec-16	Jan-16	Monthly		Yearly	
					Change	Monthly %	Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	312,300	316,300	304,200	-4,000	-1.3%	8100	2.7%
El Paso	Total Private	239,900	243,600	233,500	-3,700	-1.5%	6400	2.7%
El Paso	Goods Producing	31,600	31,700	31,200	-100	-0.3%	400	1.3%
El Paso	Mining, Logging, and Construction	14,700	14,800	14,400	-100	-0.7%	300	2.1%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,900	16,900	16,800	0	0.0%	100	0.6%
El Paso	Service Providing	280,700	284,600	273,000	-3,900	-1.4%	7700	2.8%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	208,300	211,900	202,300	-3,600	-1.7%	6000	3.0%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	67,700	70,000	66,000	-2,300	-3.3%	1700	2.6%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,500	11,700	11,300	-200	-1.7%	200	1.8%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,700	41,600	39,000	-1,900	-4.6%	700	1.8%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	11,900	12,500	11,000	-600	-4.8%	900	8.2%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,500	16,700	15,700	-200	-1.2%	800	5.1%
El Paso	Information	4,900	5,000	5,100	-100	-2.0%	-200	-3.9%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,500	13,100	12,400	400	3.1%	1100	8.9%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	34,500	35,100	33,500	-600	-1.7%	1000	3.0%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	24,100	24,700	23,900	-600	-2.4%	200	0.8%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,000	6,400	5,700	-400	-6.3%	300	5.3%
El Paso	Educational and Health Services	44,400	44,800	43,200	-400	-0.9%	1200	2.8%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	33,800	34,400	32,700	-600	-1.7%	1100	3.4%
El Paso	Other Services	9,500	9,500	9,400	0	0.0%	100	1.1%
El Paso	Government	72,400	72,700	70,700	-300	-0.4%	1700	2.4%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,900	12,900	12,800	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
El Paso	State Government	11,800	11,900	10,900	-100	-0.8%	900	8.3%
El Paso	Local Government	47,700	47,900	47,000	-200	-0.4%	700	1.5%

■ Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in January 2017 was 312,300. This reflected a decrease of -1.3% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 2.7% from a year ago, (January 2016).

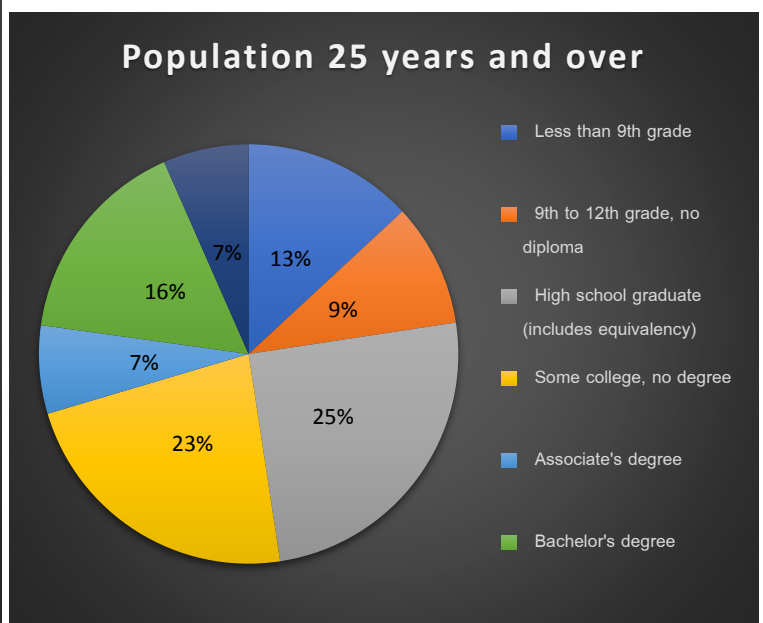
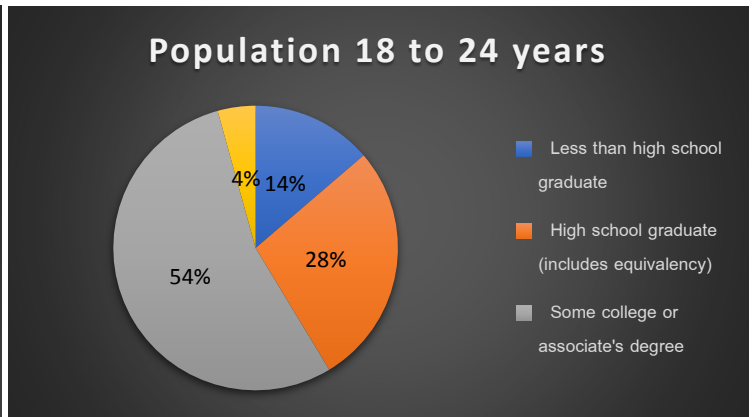
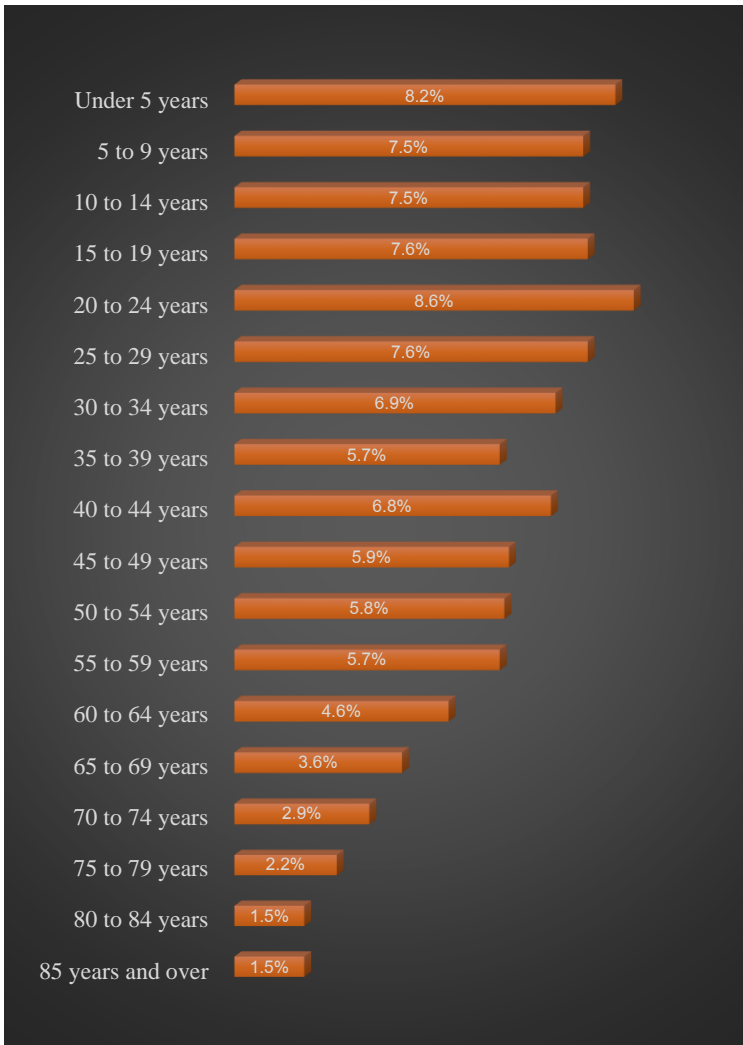
Note: The state of Texas nonfarm employment for the month of January 2017 indicated an increase of 0.4% since the previous month as well as an increase of 1.9% since last year.



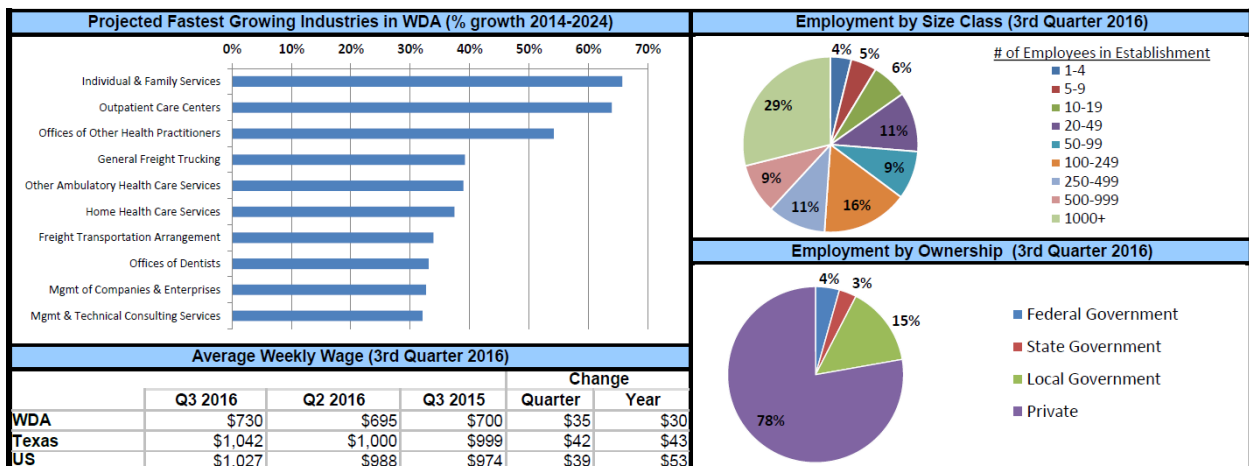
The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in January 2017 were (1) Government; (2) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and (3) Educational and Health Services. These three Super Sectors represented 59% of the total nonfarm employment.

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

Demographics by Age and Education El Paso County Year 2015



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



Sources:

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