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Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	4.5%
El Paso MSA	4.8%
Borderplex	4.8%
Brewster County	3.6%
Culberson County	3.6%
El Paso County	4.8%
Hudspeth County	7.4%
Jeff Davis County	3.2%
Presidio County	11.0%
El Paso City	4.6%
Socorro City	5.3%

Workforce Solutions Borderplex held an Industry Job Fair for Construction, Transportation and Advanced Logistics occupations on Wednesday, May 17 at the Lower Valley Career Center. The job fair featured 27 employers offering 275 job openings. There were a total of 449 jobseekers who attended the event and 44 interviews and onsite hires reported.



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Borderplexjobs.com/regional-statistics/workforce-trends-and-data

Message from the Board



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for May 2017. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during April 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.

As a member of the workforce board, it is imperative that we continue to increase the employability of all individuals and diversify of our workforce. Any individual who needs assistance getting a job can expect to be treated with quality service. The opportunities a diverse workforce brings can only increase the value companies offer in today's evolving marketplace.

Behind every number in this report is a person who relied on an effective workforce system. Please continue to rely on our Labor Market Review to guide your business intelligence.

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

Sincerely,

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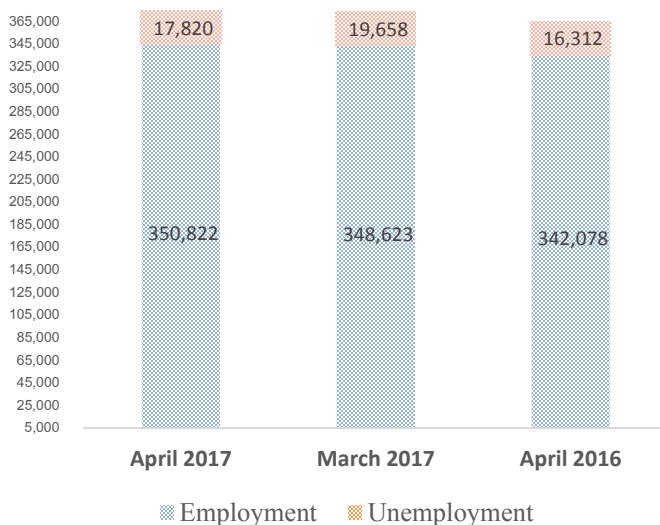
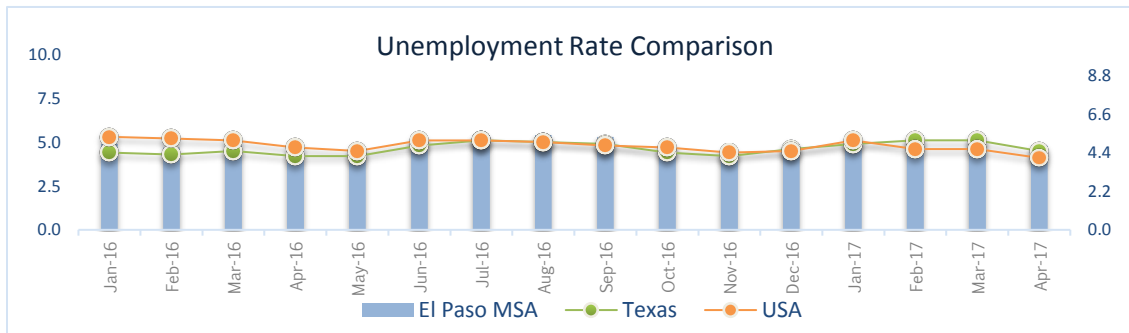
Highlights of the Labor Force

		April 2017				March 2017				April 2016			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,506,742	12,895,003	611,739	4.5	13,514,563	12,838,948	675,615	5	13,236,855	12,672,854	564,001	4.3
El Paso	MSA	359,388	342,122	17,266	4.8	358,945	339,889	19,056	5.3	349,167	333,355	15,812	4.5
Borderplex	WDA	368,642	350,822	17,820	4.8	368,281	348,623	19,658	5.3	358,390	342,078	16,312	4.6
Brewster	County	4,072	3,927	145	3.6	4,063	3,896	167	4.1	3,999	3,869	130	3.3
Culberson	County	1,054	1,016	38	3.6	1,058	1,012	46	4.3	1,048	1,010	38	3.6
El Paso	County	358,042	340,875	17,167	4.8	357,592	338,640	18,952	5.3	347,844	332,115	15,729	4.5
Hudspeth	County	1,346	1,247	99	7.4	1,353	1,249	104	7.7	1,323	1,240	83	6.3
Jeff Davis	County	1,079	1,044	35	3.2	1,103	1,066	37	3.4	1,103	1,076	27	2.4
Presidio	County	3,049	2,713	336	11	3,112	2,760	352	11.3	3,073	2,768	305	9.9
El Paso	City	300,148	286,196	13,952	4.6	299,629	284,319	15,310	5.1	291,283	278,841	12,442	4.3
Socorro	City	13,930	13,195	735	5.3	13,947	13,108	839	6	13,602	12,856	746	5.5

In April 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 April 2017 was at 4.6% which signified a 0.5% decrease 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 (4.5%); and higher than the National unemployment rate (4.1%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in April 2017 was 4.8%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (4.5%), and higher than United States (4.1%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in April 2017 was 368,642, which indicates an increase of 361 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 10,252.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of April 2017 was 350,822, which reflects an increase of 2,199 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 8,744.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of April 2017 was 17,820, which indicates a decrease of 1,838 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed increased by 1,508.

Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

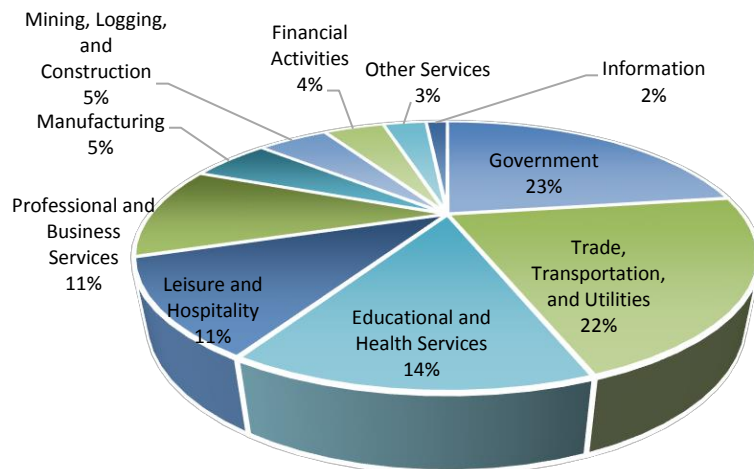
1,900 jobs added in April, 8,700 total jobs added over the past year

Area	Series Title	Apr-17	Mar-17	Apr-16	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	317,900	316,000	309,200	1,900	0.6%	8700	2.8%
El Paso	Total Private	245,300	243,100	237,500	2,200	0.9%	7800	3.3%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,400	32,500	32,200	-100	-0.3%	200	0.6%
El Paso	Mining, Logging, and Construction	15,400	15,500	15,200	-100	-0.6%	200	1.3%
El Paso	Manufacturing	17,000	17,000	17,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Service Providing	285,500	283,500	277,000	2,000	0.7%	8500	3.1%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	212,900	210,600	205,300	2,300	1.1%	7600	3.7%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	68,400	68,100	66,600	300	0.4%	1800	2.7%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,500	11,500	11,400	0	0.0%	100	0.9%
El Paso	Retail Trade	40,000	39,900	39,100	100	0.3%	900	2.3%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	11,500	11,500	10,900	0	0.0%	600	5.5%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,900	16,700	16,100	200	1.2%	800	5.0%
El Paso	Information	4,800	4,800	5,100	0	0.0%	-300	-5.9%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,400	13,400	12,500	0	0.0%	900	7.2%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	35,500	34,900	33,400	600	1.7%	2100	6.3%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	24,600	24,300	23,700	300	1.2%	900	3.8%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,200	6,100	6,100	100	1.6%	100	1.6%
El Paso	Educational and Health Services	45,300	45,100	43,700	200	0.4%	1600	3.7%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	35,900	34,600	34,500	1,300	3.8%	1400	4.1%
El Paso	Other Services	9,600	9,700	9,500	-100	-1.0%	100	1.1%
El Paso	Government	72,600	72,900	71,700	-300	-0.4%	900	1.3%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,800	12,700	12,800	100	0.8%	0	0.0%
El Paso	State Government	11,400	12,100	11,200	-700	-5.8%	200	1.8%
El Paso	Local Government	48,400	48,100	47,700	300	0.6%	700	1.5%

Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in April 2017 was 317,900. This reflected an increase of 0.6% since the previous month.

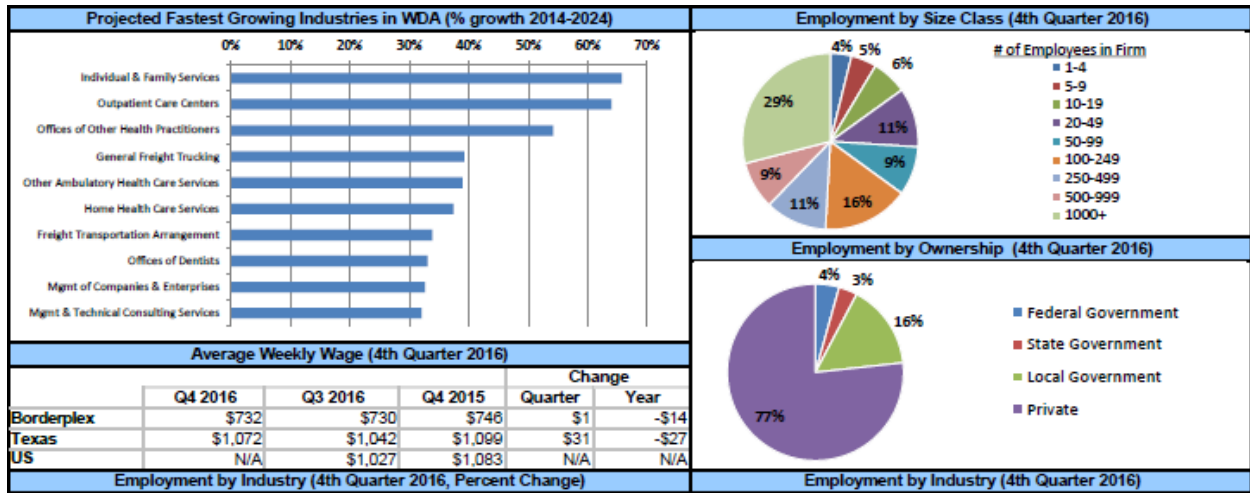
The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 2.8% from a year ago (April 2016).



The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in April 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 April 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, April 2017
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