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## Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	3.7%
El Paso MSA	4.0%
Borderplex	4.0%
Brewster County	3.2%
Culberson County	2.3%
El Paso County	4.0%
Hudspeth County	5.3%
Jeff Davis County	2.7%
Presidio County	7.5%
El Paso City	3.9%
Socorro City	4.2%

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## Message from the CEO



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for January 2018. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during the year 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 to me at [joyce.wilson@borderplexjobs.com](mailto:joyce.wilson@borderplexjobs.com)

Sincerely,

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# Unemployment Rates at a Glance

		December 2017				November 2017				December 2016			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,545,282	13,043,959	501,323	3.7	13,500,872	13,001,592	499,280	3.7	13,353,321	12,747,329	605,992	4.5
El Paso	MSA	360,241	345,775	14,466	4	359,883	345,528	14,355	4	354,344	337,318	17,026	4.8
Borderplex	WDA	369,174	354,312	14,862	4	368,757	354,026	14,731	4	363,419	345,809	17,610	4.8
Brewster	County	3,898	3,774	124	3.2	3,890	3,771	119	3.1	3,946	3,804	142	3.6
Culberson	County	1,111	1,085	26	2.3	1,082	1,055	27	2.5	1,077	1,036	41	3.8
El Paso	County	358,958	344,560	14,398	4	358,604	344,321	14,283	4	353,067	336,128	16,939	4.8
Hudspeth	County	1,283	1,215	68	5.3	1,279	1,207	72	5.6	1,277	1,190	87	6.8
Jeff Davis	County	1,007	980	27	2.7	1,000	972	28	2.8	1,000	972	28	2.8
Presidio	County	2,917	2,698	219	7.5	2,902	2,700	202	7	3,052	2,679	373	12.2
El Paso	City	300,942	289,290	11,652	3.9	300,664	289,089	11,575	3.8	295,826	282,210	13,616	4.6
Socorro	City	13,919	13,337	582	4.2	13,917	13,328	589	4.2	13,771	13,011	760	5.5

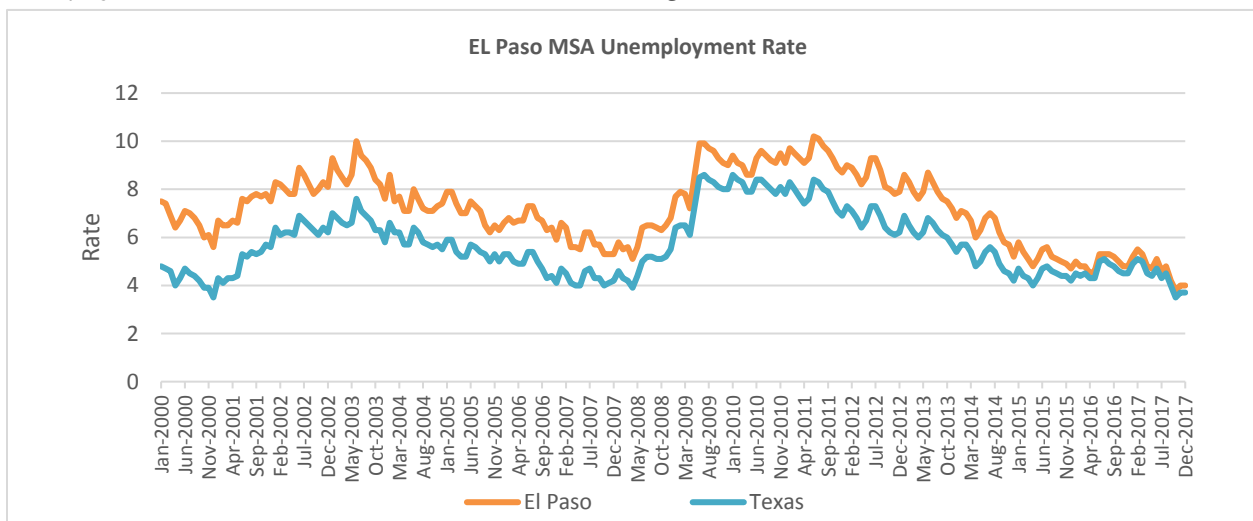
Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in December 2017 was 369,174, which indicates an increase of 417 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 5,755.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of December 2017 was 354,312, which reflects an increase of 286 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 8,503.

In December 2017, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 0.1 points higher than the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso.

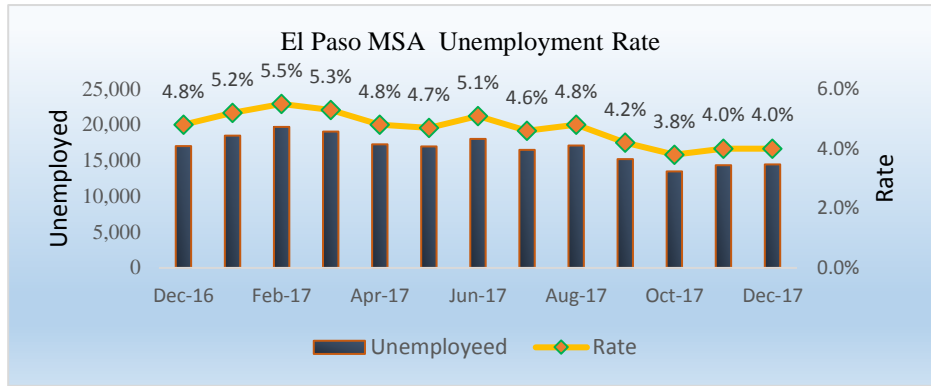
The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso in December 2017 was at 3.9% which signified a 0.1% increase from the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso decreased by 0.7% since last year. The unemployment rate for the city of El Paso was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.7%); the National unemployment rate (3.9%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in December 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%).

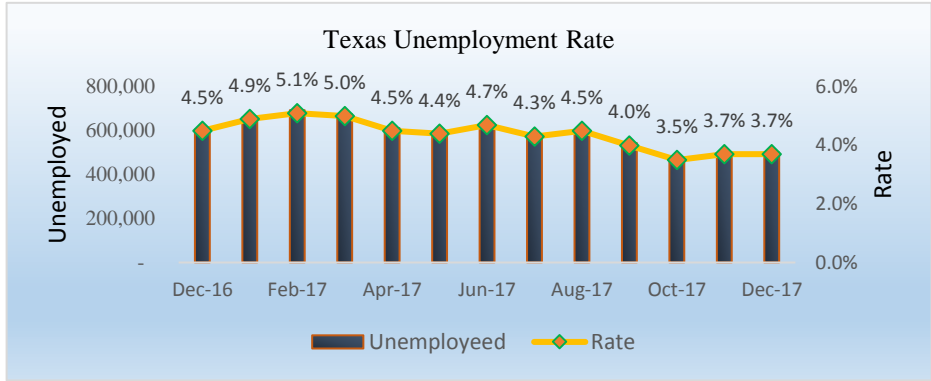


Over the last decade, the unemployment rate has continued to drop to historic lows. The decline in unemployment rates has been widespread, with the most notable lowest rate recorded in October 2017 (3.8%).

El Paso MSA unemployment rate decreased by **0.8%** from last year. When comparing December 2017 with December 2016, there were **2,560** fewer people unemployed in el Paso MSA.



Texas unemployment rate decreased by **0.8%** from last year. When comparing December 2017 with December 2016, there were **104,669** fewer people unemployed in Texas.



## Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

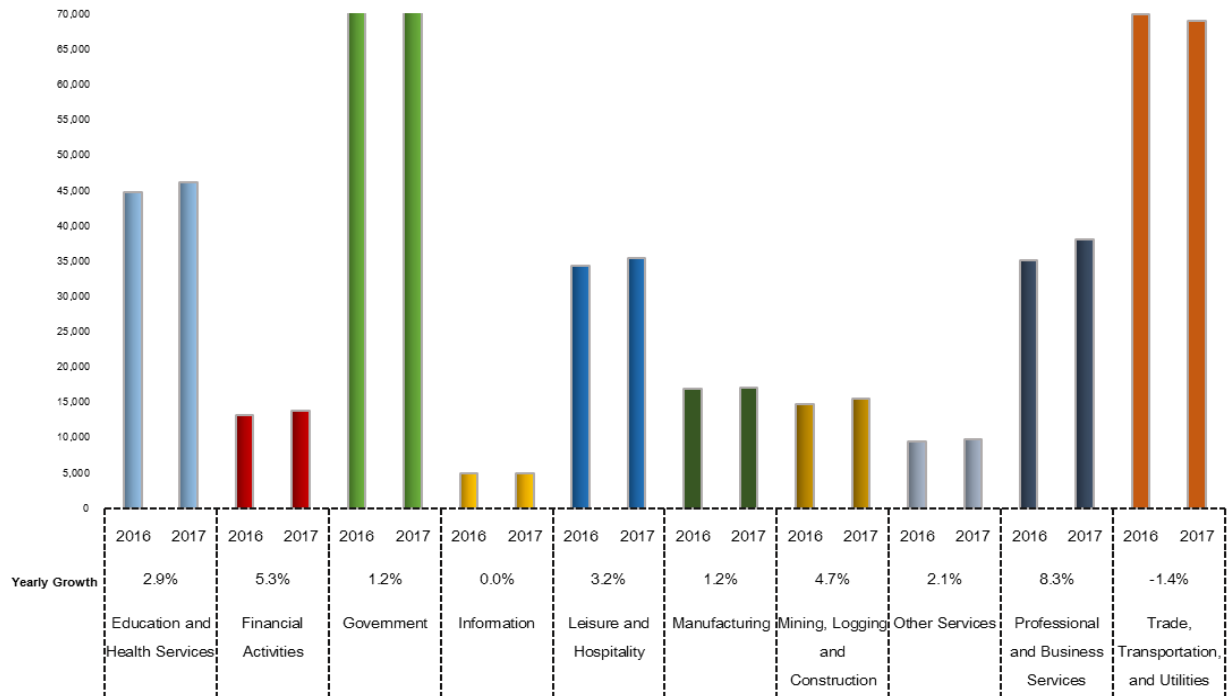
Area	NAICS Industry	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16	Monthly Change	Monthly %	Yearly Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	323,300	323,400	316,300	-100	0.0%	7000	2.2%
El Paso	Total Private	249,700	249,800	243,600	-100	0.0%	6100	2.5%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,600	32,500	31,700	100	0.3%	900	2.8%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	15,500	15,700	14,800	-200	-1.3%	700	4.7%
El Paso	Manufacturing	17,100	16,800	16,900	300	1.8%	200	1.2%
El Paso	Service-Providing	290,700	290,900	284,600	-200	-0.1%	6100	2.1%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	217,100	217,300	211,900	-200	-0.1%	5200	2.5%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	69,000	69,200	70,000	-200	-0.3%	-1000	-1.4%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,800	11,800	11,700	0	0.0%	100	0.9%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,800	40,300	41,600	-500	-1.2%	-1800	-4.3%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	12,300	12,100	12,500	200	1.7%	-200	-1.6%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	17,400	17,100	16,700	300	1.8%	700	4.2%
El Paso	Information	5,000	4,800	5,000	200	4.2%	0	0.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	13,800	13,700	13,100	100	0.7%	700	5.3%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	38,000	37,900	35,100	100	0.3%	2900	8.3%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	25,600	25,700	24,700	-100	-0.4%	900	3.6%
El Paso	Employment Services	6,800	6,700	6,400	100	1.5%	400	6.3%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	46,100	46,100	44,800	0	0.0%	1300	2.9%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	35,500	35,900	34,400	-400	-1.1%	1100	3.2%
El Paso	Other Services	9,700	9,700	9,500	0	0.0%	200	2.1%
El Paso	Government	73,600	73,600	72,700	0	0.0%	900	1.2%
El Paso	Federal Government	13,100	13,000	12,900	100	0.8%	200	1.6%
El Paso	State Government	12,000	12,000	11,900	0	0.0%	100	0.8%
El Paso	Local Government	48,500	48,600	47,900	-100	-0.2%	600	1.3%

Super Sectors

Total Nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in December 2017 was 323,300. This reflected a decrease of 100 jobs since the previous month.

# Employment by Sector December 2016 Vs December 2017

7,000 total jobs added over the year



Total Nonagricultural Employment in El Paso MSA expanded by an estimated of 2.2%, (7,000 jobs added since last year December 2016).

**8 of the 10 industry super sectors experience an increase in employment since last year.**

- Education and Services (Employment increased by 1,300 jobs)
- Leisure and Hospitality (Employment increased by 1,100 jobs)
- Manufacturing (Employment increased by 200 jobs)
- Mining, Logging and Construction (Employment increased by 700 jobs)
- Other Services (Employment increased by 200 jobs)
- Professional and Business Services (Employment increased by 2,900 jobs)
- Government (Employment increased by 900 jobs)

**One of the 10 industry super sectors experience a decrease in employment since last year.**

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities (Employment decreased by 1,000 jobs)

**One of the 10 industry super sectors remain static since last year.**

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