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Unemployment Rates at a Glance:

Texas State	3.7%
El Paso MSA	4.1%
Borderplex	4.1%
Brewster County	3.2%
Culberson County	3.3%
El Paso County	4.1%
Hudspeth County	4.8%
Jeff Davis County	2.7%
Presidio County	6.7%
El Paso City	4.0%
Socorro City	4.1%

On May 2, 2018, Workforce Solutions Borderplex, in conjunction with the City of El Paso, the County of El Paso, and our business and economic development partners - the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Borderplex Economic Alliance - hosted a press conference to launch the 2018 season of the El Paso summer youth employment initiatives - *Hire El Paso Youth Summer Work Program*, *Summer Earn & Learn*, and the *Texas Internship Challenge*. These impactful programs put regional youth to work; providing first-time, real job experience that sets youth on a path to be successful and workforce ready.



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to present the Labor Market Review for April 2018. This issue examines how the workforce area performed during April 2018.

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 Chair for the Workforce Solutions Borderplex Board of Directors, my goal for the organization is to continue to strengthen community partnerships. Workforce Solutions will achieve this goal by continuing skill gap analysis in key sectors to align training with gaps; continuing to connect training partners with industry sectors so they can better adapt to the real skills' demands; working with employers to raise awareness of the value of upskilling workers; and developing resources to help employers plan for succession.

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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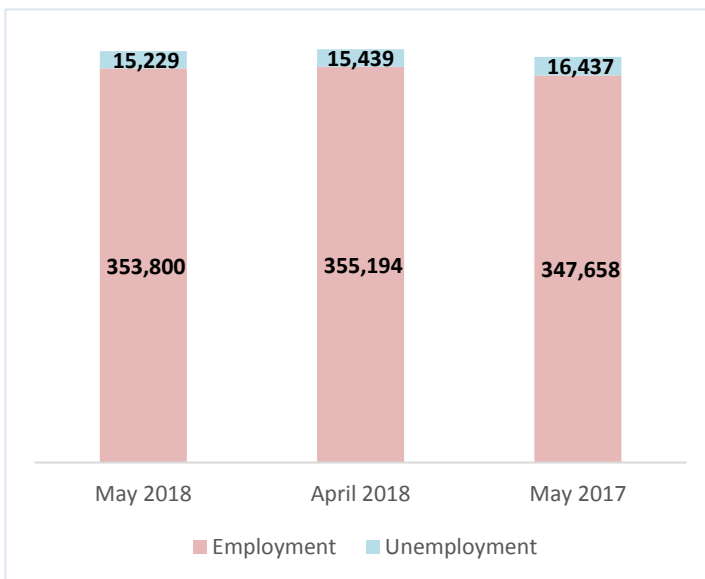
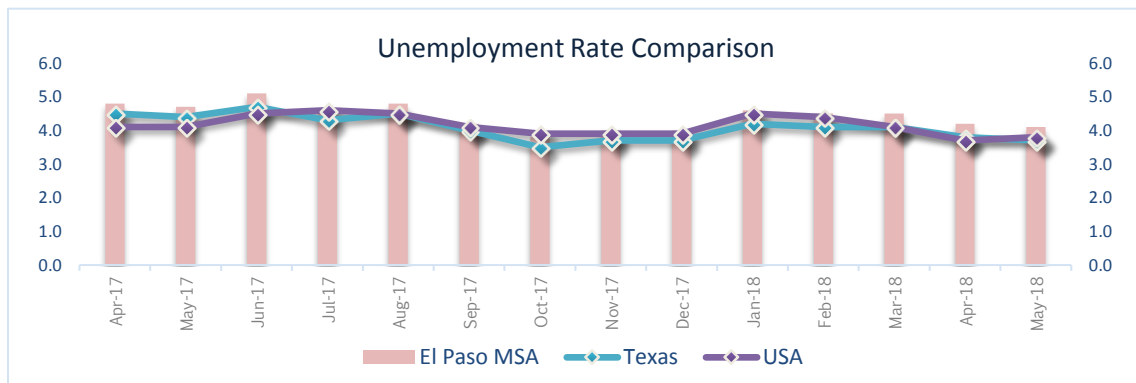
Highlights of the Labor Force

		May 2018				April 2018				May 2017			
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Texas	State	13,836,477	13,321,229	515,248	3.7	13,863,075	13,342,454	520,621	3.8	13,498,726	12,940,819	557,907	4.1
El Paso	MSA	359,939	345,100	14,839	4.1	361,588	346,567	15,021	4.2	354,949	338,980	15,969	4.5
Borderplex	WDA	369,029	353,800	15,229	4.1	370,633	355,194	15,439	4.2	364,095	347,658	16,437	4.5
Brewster	County	4,126	3,996	130	3.2	4,141	4,008	133	3.2	4,055	3,922	133	3.3
Culberson	County	843	815	28	3.3	832	805	27	3.2	919	883	36	3.9
El Paso	County	358,365	343,602	14,763	4.1	360,037	345,092	14,945	4.2	353,374	337,494	15,880	4.5
Hudspeth	County	1,574	1,498	76	4.8	1,551	1,475	76	4.9	1,575	1,486	89	5.7
Jeff Davis	County	1,096	1,066	30	2.7	1,072	1,042	30	2.8	1,095	1,061	34	3.1
Presidio	County	3,025	2,823	202	6.7	3,000	2,772	228	7.6	3,077	2,812	265	8.6
El Paso	City	300,565	288,511	12,054	4	301,988	289,762	12,226	4	296,279	283,382	12,897	4.4
Socorro	City	13,853	13,286	567	4.1	13,920	13,343	577	4.1	13,730	13,049	681	5

In May 2018, 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 May 2018 was at 4.0% which signified same rate as the previous month. In addition, the unemployment rate for the city of El Paso decreased by 0.4% 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%); and higher than the National unemployment rate (3.8%).

The unemployment rate for El Paso County in May 2018 was 4.1%, which was higher than the unemployment rate for the state of Texas (3.7%), and higher than United States (3.8%).



Labor Force for the Borderplex area (Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Presidio and El Paso county) in May 2018 was 369,029, which indicates a decrease of 1,604 from the previous month. Over the year, Labor Force increased by 4,934.

The number of employed in the Borderplex area for the month of May 2018 was 353,800, which reflects a decrease of 1,394 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of employed increased by 6,142.

The number of unemployed in the Borderplex area for the month of May 2018 was 15,229, which indicates a decrease of 210 from the previous month. Over the year, the number of unemployed decreased by 1,208.

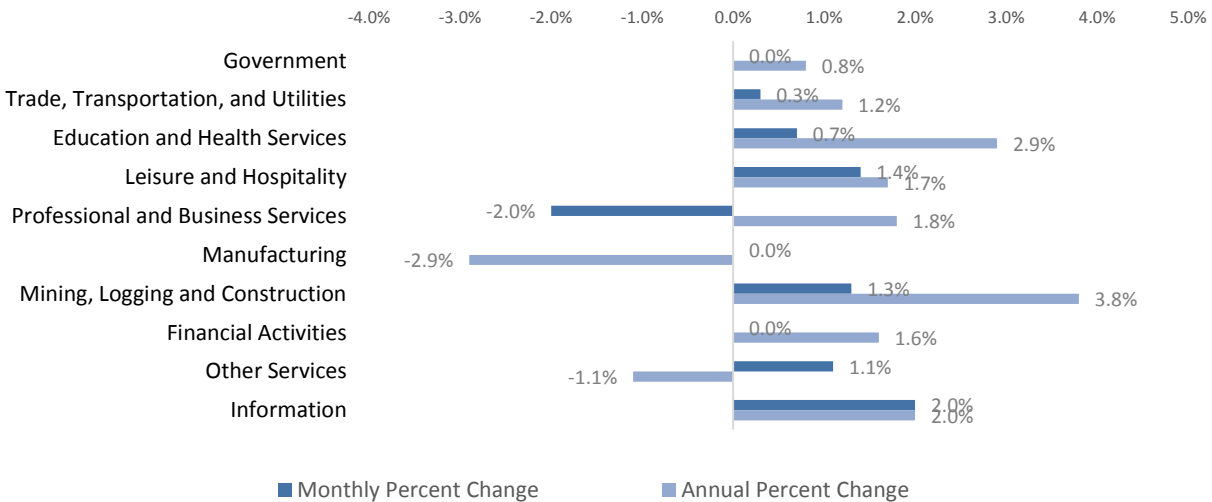
Employment by Sectors for El Paso MSA

700 jobs added in May, 4,200 total jobs added over the past year

Area	Industry	May-18	Apr-18	May-17	Monthly		Yearly	
					Change	Monthly %	Change	Yearly %
El Paso	Total Nonfarm	318,200	317,500	314,000	700	0.2%	4200	1.3%
El Paso	Total Private	244,900	244,200	241,300	700	0.3%	3600	1.5%
El Paso	Goods Producing	32,800	32,600	32,700	200	0.6%	100	0.3%
El Paso	Mining, Logging and Construction	16,200	16,000	15,600	200	1.3%	600	3.8%
El Paso	Manufacturing	16,600	16,600	17,100	0	0.0%	-500	-2.9%
El Paso	Service-Providing	285,400	284,900	281,300	500	0.2%	4100	1.5%
El Paso	Private Service Providing	212,100	211,600	208,600	500	0.2%	3500	1.7%
El Paso	Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	68,100	67,900	67,300	200	0.3%	800	1.2%
El Paso	Wholesale Trade	11,900	11,900	11,600	0	0.0%	300	2.6%
El Paso	Retail Trade	39,700	39,500	39,500	200	0.5%	200	0.5%
El Paso	General Merchandise Stores	9,600	9,500	9,700	100	1.1%	-100	-1.0%
El Paso	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	16,500	16,500	16,200	0	0.0%	300	1.9%
El Paso	Information	5,100	5,000	5,000	100	2.0%	100	2.0%
El Paso	Financial Activities	12,800	12,800	12,600	0	0.0%	200	1.6%
El Paso	Professional and Business Services	34,300	35,000	33,700	-700	-2.0%	600	1.8%
El Paso	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and I	25,200	25,000	24,200	200	0.8%	1000	4.1%
El Paso	Employment Services	5,700	5,800	5,900	-100	-1.7%	-200	-3.4%
El Paso	Education and Health Services	46,400	46,100	45,100	300	0.7%	1300	2.9%
El Paso	Leisure and Hospitality	36,200	35,700	35,600	500	1.4%	600	1.7%
El Paso	Other Services	9,200	9,100	9,300	100	1.1%	-100	-1.1%
El Paso	Government	73,300	73,300	72,700	0	0.0%	600	0.8%
El Paso	Federal Government	12,900	12,900	12,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
El Paso	State Government	11,800	11,800	11,600	0	0.0%	200	1.7%
El Paso	Local Government	48,600	48,600	48,200	0	0.0%	400	0.8%

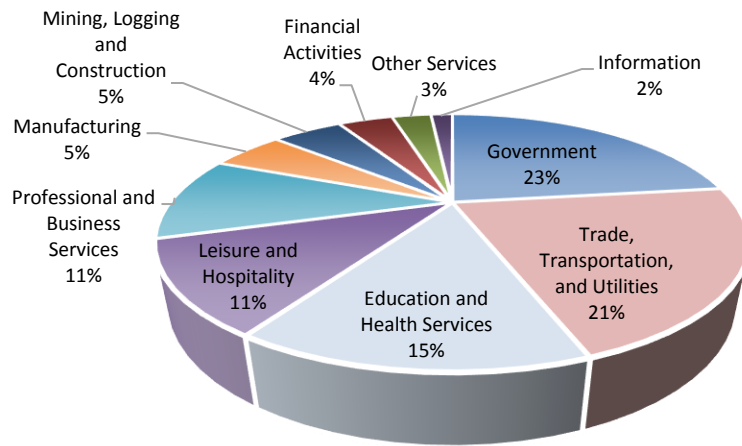
■ Super Sectors

Total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA in May 2018 was 318,200. This reflected an increase of 0.2% since the previous month. The total nonfarm employment for the El Paso MSA increased by 1.3% from a year ago (May 2017).



El Paso MSA added 4,200 jobs over the past year. The three Super Sectors that had the most growth over the past year were:

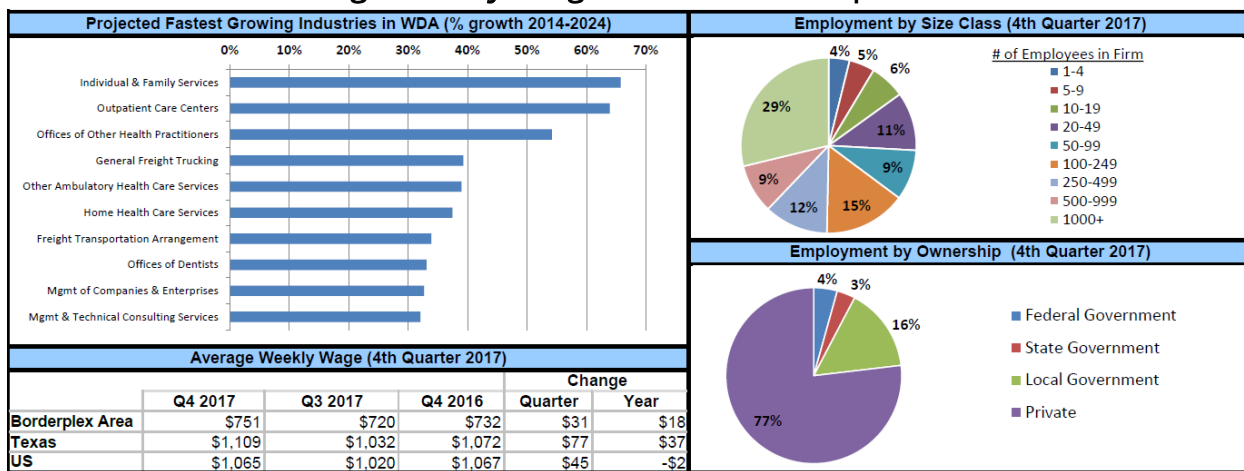
1. Mining, Logging and Construction (3.8%)
2. Education and Health Services (2.9%)
3. Information (2.0%)



The three Super Sectors with the greatest employment for the El Paso MSA in May 2018 were (1) Government; (2) Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and (3) Education 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 May 2018 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, June 2018

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