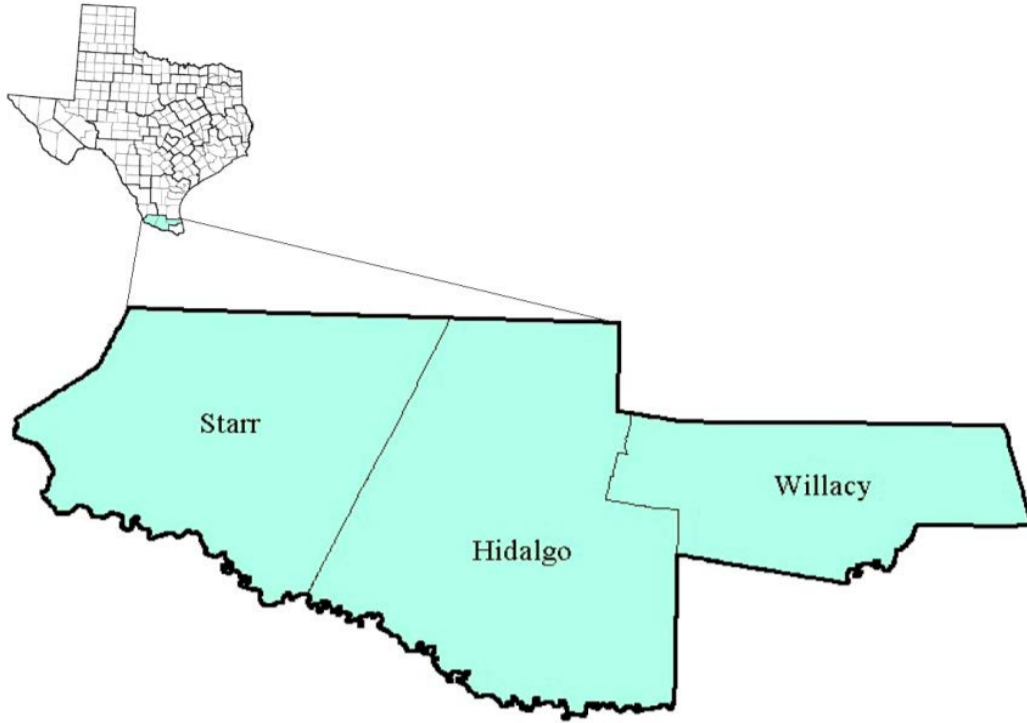


Lower Rio Grande Valley Workforce Development Area

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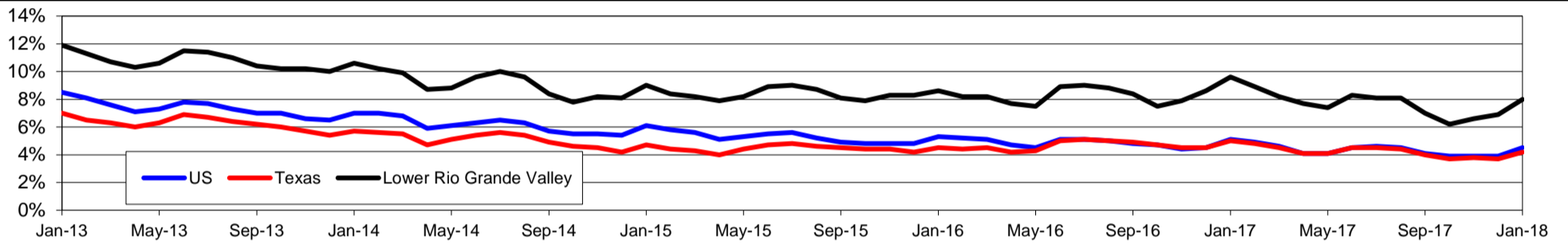
WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	Jan-18	Dec-17	Jan-17	OTY
CLF	379,180	375,575	378,788	392
Employed	348,889	349,571	342,496	6,393
Unemployed	30,291	26,004	36,292	-6,001
Rate	8.0%	6.9%	9.6%	-1.6%

Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	Jan-18	Dec-17	Jan-17	OTY
CLF	13,622,067	13,598,061	13,417,349	204,718
Employed	13,054,089	13,096,216	12,748,985	305,104
Unemployed	567,978	501,845	668,364	-100,386
Rate	4.2%	3.7%	5.0%	-0.8%

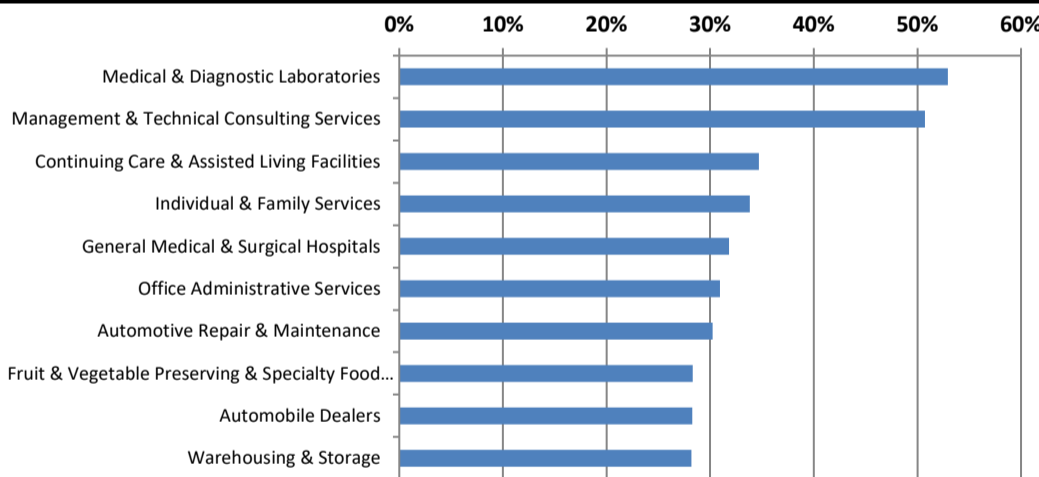
US Labor Force Statistics				
	Jan-18	Dec-17	Jan-17	OTY
CLF	160,037,000	159,880,000	158,676,000	1,361,000
Employed	152,848,000	153,602,000	150,527,000	2,321,000
Unemployed	7,189,000	6,278,000	8,149,000	-960,000
Rate	4.5%	3.9%	5.1%	-0.6%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	Jan-18	Dec-17	Jan-17	OTY
WDA	8,512	7,707	10,316	-1,804
Texas	111,828	108,432	132,086	-20,258

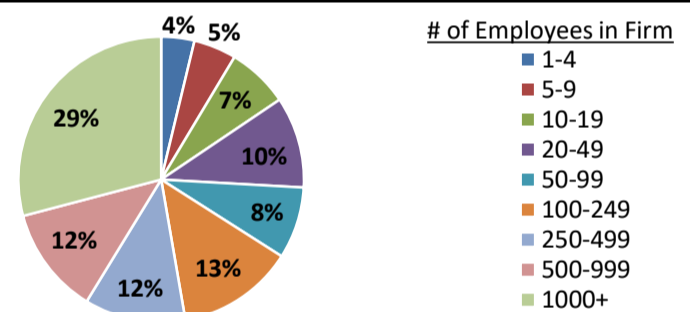
Historical Unemployment Rates



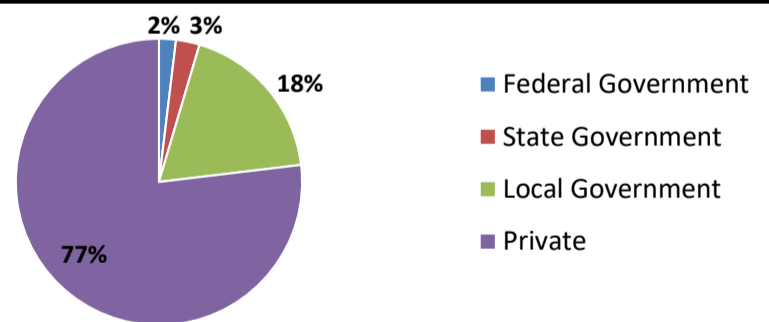
Projected Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% growth 2014-2024)



Employment by Size Class (3rd Quarter 2017)



Employment by Ownership (3rd Quarter 2017)



Average Weekly Wage (3rd Quarter 2017)

	Q3 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2016	Change	
				Quarter	Year
WDA	\$645	\$627	\$650	\$17	-\$6
Texas	\$1,032	\$1,027	\$1,042	\$5	-\$10
US	\$1,021	\$1,020	\$1,027	\$1	-\$6

Employment by Industry (3rd Quarter 2017, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of total	% Change	
			Quarter	Year
Natural resources and mining	4,449	1.7%	-12.4%	3.0%
Construction	8,380	3.1%	2.5%	7.4%
Manufacturing	6,699	2.5%	0.2%	9.3%
Trade, transportation and utilities	57,055	21.2%	-0.6%	-2.0%
Information	2,897	1.1%	4.9%	6.3%
Financial activities	9,142	3.4%	-0.5%	-0.6%
Professional and business services	17,169	6.4%	-1.8%	3.2%
Education and health services	116,620	43.4%	-3.8%	2.1%
Leisure and hospitality	27,111	10.1%	-1.6%	2.6%
Other services	4,162	1.5%	-0.5%	0.9%
Public administration	15,216	5.7%	-0.7%	2.1%
Total	268,900	100.0%	-2.2%	1.6%

Employment by Industry (3rd Quarter 2017)

