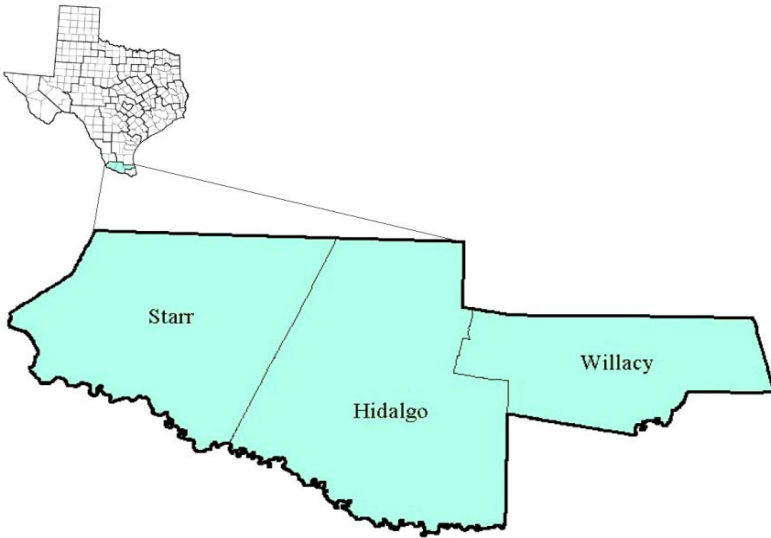


# Lower Rio Grande Valley Workforce Development Area

October 2017



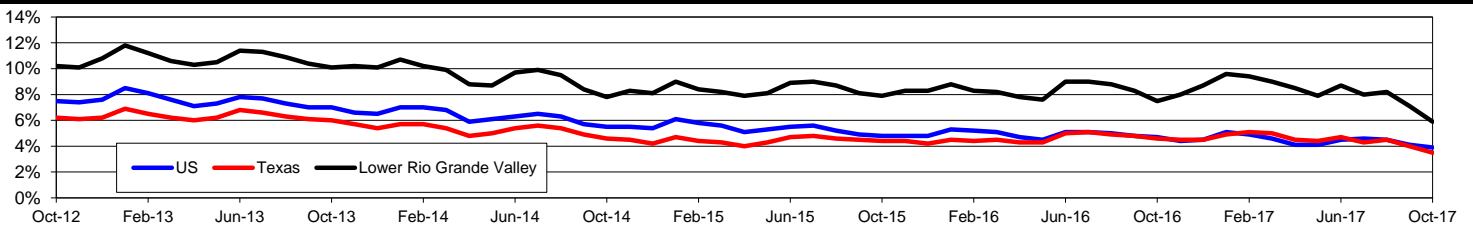
WDA Labor Force Statistics				
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	OTY
CLF	363,719	367,167	364,725	-1,006
Employed	342,310	341,202	337,232	5,078
Unemployed	21,409	25,965	27,493	-6,084
Rate	5.9%	7.1%	7.5%	-1.6%

Texas Labor Force Statistics				
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	OTY
CLF	13,392,285	13,498,742	13,338,725	53,560
Employed	12,922,084	12,954,820	12,725,859	196,225
Unemployed	470,201	543,922	612,866	-142,665
Rate	3.5%	4.0%	4.6%	-1.1%

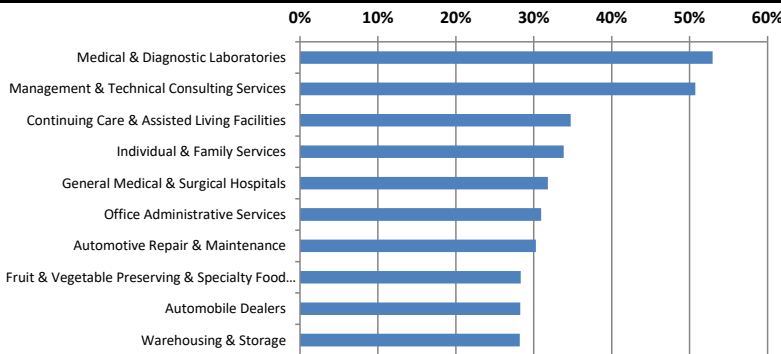
US Labor Force Statistics				
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	OTY
CLF	160,465,000	161,049,000	159,783,000	682,000
Employed	154,223,000	154,494,000	152,335,000	1,888,000
Unemployed	6,242,000	6,556,000	7,447,000	-1,205,000
Rate	3.9%	4.1%	4.7%	-0.8%

Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th				
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	OTY
WDA	4,802	6,282	5,780	-978
Texas	104,802	115,057	124,901	-20,099

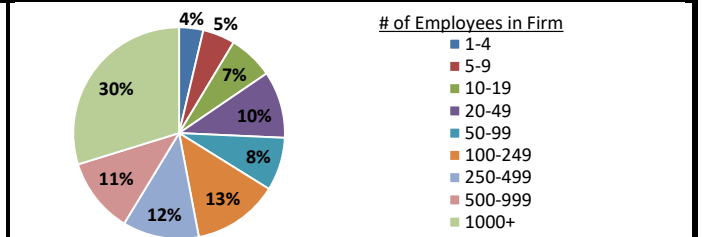
## Historical Unemployment Rates



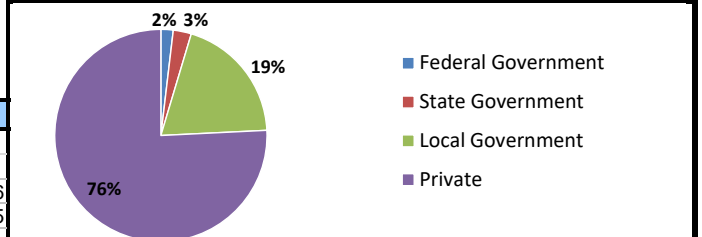
## Projected Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% growth 2014-2024)



## Employment by Size Class (2nd Quarter 2017)



## Employment by Ownership (2nd Quarter 2017)



## Average Weekly Wage (2nd Quarter 2017)

	Q2 2017	Q1 2017	Q2 2016	Change	
				Quarter	Year
WDA	\$628	\$638	\$622	-\$11	\$6
Texas	\$1,026	\$1,124	\$1,000	-\$99	\$25
US	N/A	\$1,111	\$988	N/A	N/A

## Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2017, Percent Change)

Industry	Employment	% of total	% Change	
			Quarter	Year
Natural resources and mining	5,032	1.8%	-7.1%	-2.7%
Construction	8,155	3.0%	2.8%	6.6%
Manufacturing	6,687	2.4%	-2.2%	6.2%
Trade, transportation and utilities	57,342	20.9%	-0.2%	-1.4%
Information	2,761	1.0%	8.2%	0.1%
Financial activities	9,176	3.3%	0.8%	-0.9%
Professional and business services	17,397	6.3%	0.6%	3.7%
Education and health services	121,208	44.1%	1.0%	3.0%
Leisure and hospitality	27,504	10.0%	3.6%	4.0%
Other services	4,182	1.5%	1.6%	2.5%
Public administration	15,382	5.6%	0.4%	4.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>274,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

## Employment by Industry (2nd Quarter 2017)

