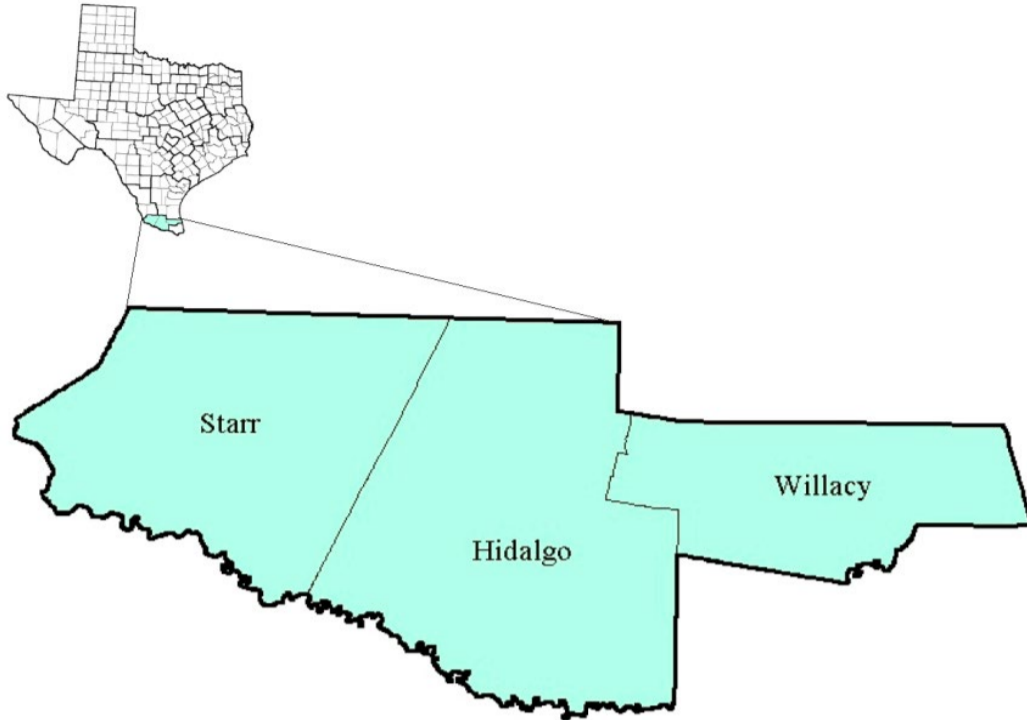


# Lower Rio Grande Valley Workforce Development Area

October 2018



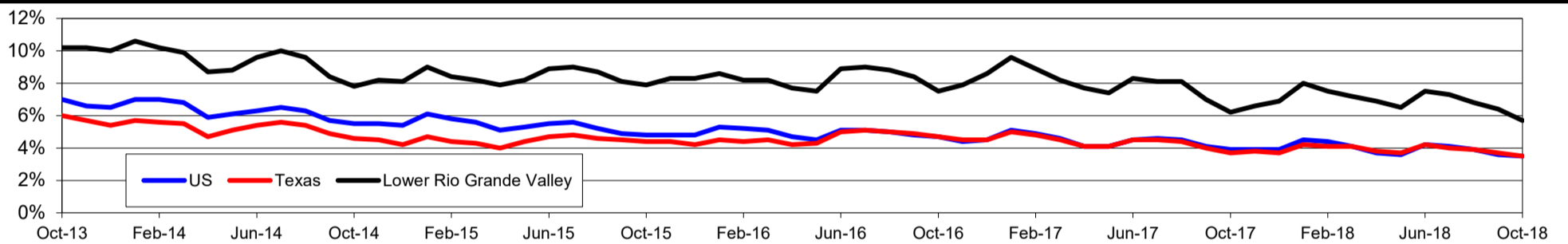
| WDA Labor Force Statistics |         |         |         |        |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
|                            | Oct-18  | Sep-18  | Oct-17  | OTY    |
| CLF                        | 371,790 | 371,947 | 368,593 | 3,197  |
| Employed                   | 350,705 | 348,092 | 345,900 | 4,805  |
| Unemployed                 | 21,085  | 23,855  | 22,693  | -1,608 |
| Rate                       | 5.7%    | 6.4%    | 6.2%    | -0.5%  |

| Texas Labor Force Statistics |            |            |            |         |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|
|                              | Oct-18     | Sep-18     | Oct-17     | OTY     |
| CLF                          | 13,869,529 | 13,802,138 | 13,536,215 | 333,314 |
| Employed                     | 13,390,620 | 13,285,102 | 13,034,581 | 356,039 |
| Unemployed                   | 478,909    | 517,036    | 501,634    | -22,725 |
| Rate                         | 3.5%       | 3.7%       | 3.7%       | -0.2%   |

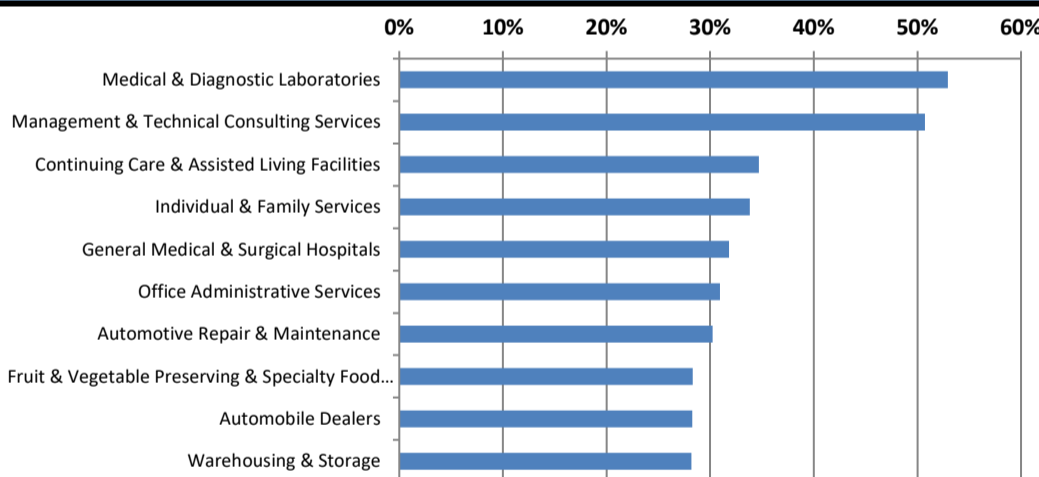
| US Labor Force Statistics |             |             |             |           |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|                           | Oct-18      | Sep-18      | Oct-17      | OTY       |
| CLF                       | 162,723,000 | 161,958,000 | 160,465,000 | 2,258,000 |
| Employed                  | 156,952,000 | 156,191,000 | 154,223,000 | 2,729,000 |
| Unemployed                | 5,771,000   | 5,766,000   | 6,242,000   | -471,000  |
| Rate                      | 3.5%        | 3.6%        | 3.9%        | -0.4%     |

| Continued Claims for the Week of the 12th |        |        |         |         |
|---|--------|--------|---------|---------|
|   | Oct-18 | Sep-18 | Oct-17  | OTY     |
| WDA                                       | 3,796  | 4,841  | 4,857   | -1,061  |
| Texas                                     | 79,605 | 85,803 | 105,966 | -26,361 |

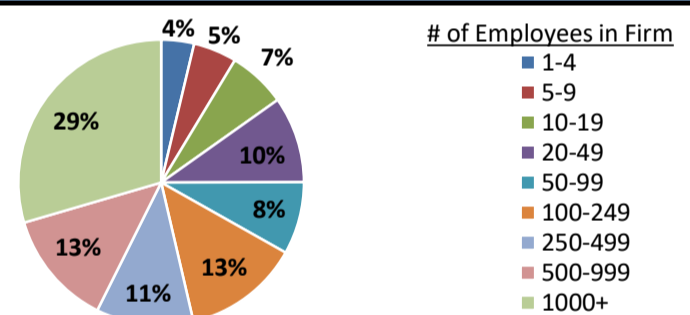
## Historical Unemployment Rates



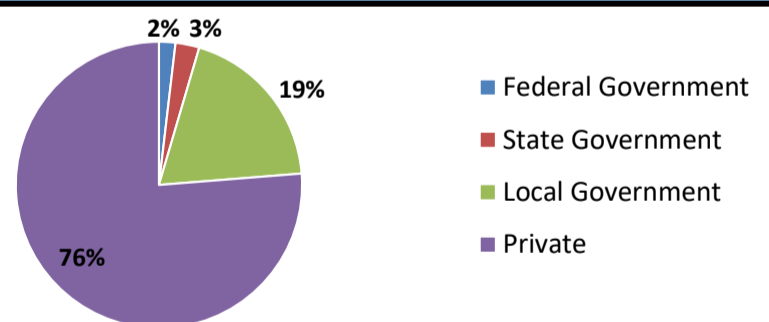
## Projected Fastest Growing Industries in WDA (% growth 2014-2024)



## Employment by Size Class (1st Quarter 2018)



## Employment by Ownership (1st Quarter 2018)



## Average Weekly Wage (1st Quarter 2018)

|       | Q1 2018 | Q4 2017 | Q1 2017 | Change  |      |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|
|       |         |         |         | Quarter | Year |
| WDA   | \$649   | \$660   | \$637   | -\$11   | \$12 |
| Texas | \$1,167 | \$1,109 | \$1,124 | \$58    | \$42 |
| US    | \$1,152 | \$1,109 | \$1,111 | \$43    | \$41 |

## Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2018, Percent Change)

| Industry                            | Employment     | % of total    | % Change    |             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                     |                |               | Quarter     | Year        |
| Natural resources and mining        | 6,154          | 2.2%          | 27.6%       | 13.6%       |
| Construction                        | 7,895          | 2.8%          | -5.5%       | -0.5%       |
| Manufacturing                       | 7,210          | 2.6%          | 3.3%        | 5.4%        |
| Trade, transportation and utilities | 56,894         | 20.4%         | -1.9%       | -1.0%       |
| Information                         | 3,222          | 1.2%          | 6.5%        | 26.3%       |
| Financial activities                | 9,296          | 3.3%          | -0.2%       | 2.2%        |
| Professional and business services  | 18,337         | 6.6%          | 1.5%        | 6.1%        |
| Education and health services       | 123,543        | 44.2%         | 0.3%        | 2.5%        |
| Leisure and hospitality             | 27,183         | 9.7%          | 1.8%        | 2.3%        |
| Other services                      | 4,305          | 1.5%          | 0.9%        | 4.6%        |
| Public administration               | 15,398         | 5.5%          | 1.6%        | 0.5%        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>279,437</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>0.6%</b> | <b>2.3%</b> |

## Employment by Industry (1st Quarter 2018)

