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Workforce Solutions Releases June Labor Market Report

McAllen, TX – Unemployment rates increased across most of the region. McAllen had the lowest reported city unemployment rate in the RGV at 5.0%, followed closely by Edinburg with 5.1%. Harlingen and Weslaco were third at 6.0% each. Laredo had the lowest in the border region at 4.6%.

Nationally the unemployment rate decreased by .2% to a level of 5.3% seasonally adjusted. Texas also decreased by .1% to 4.2%.

"This slight decline is normal during the summer due to the layoffs of support staff in the public education sector," said Francisco Almaraz, Chief Executive Officer Workforce Solutions. "Meanwhile jobs from the leisure and hospitality sectors continued to grow. This shows the diverse and dynamic economy of the Rio Grande Valley."

June numbers by sector (includes Laredo to Brownsville)

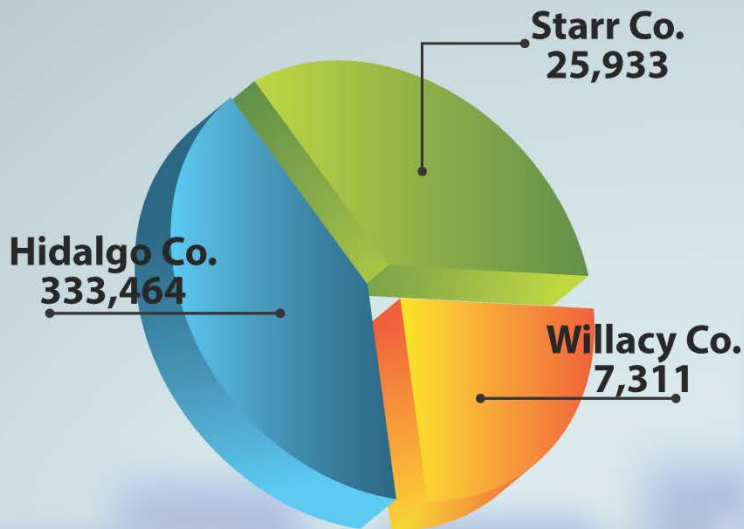
Net change in four largest sectors in the region:

- 1,100 to Leisure & Hospitality
- 400 to Healthcare all in Hidalgo County
- -400 in Trade & Transportation
- -1300 in Government (includes Public Education)





June 2015 Labor Market Report Tri-County Area



Total Civilian Labor Force in Tri-County Area: 366,708

Unemployment Rate

	June 2015	May 2015	June 2014
Hidalgo Co.	7.8%	7.2%	9.3%
Starr Co.	13.3%	12.4%	13.9%
Willacy Co.	12.6%	11.9%	13.1%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

Employment by Industry McAllen-Edinburg-Mission

1. Education and Health- 27%
2. Government- 23%
3. Trade and Transportation- 21%
4. Leisure and Hospitality- 9%
5. Business Services- 6%
6. Construction- 4%
7. Financial Activities- 4%
8. Other - 3%
9. Manufacturing- 2%
10. Information- 1%



Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision.

Workforce Solutions

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