

As of July 1, 2023.

Table 1. Labor Force and Employment in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 2010 Through June 2023

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	12 Months Ending	
														June 2022	June 2023
Labor Force	162.5	165.9	165.9	166.8	166.2	163.2	166.1	165.1	164.7	165.3	170.4	176.3	177.5	176.7	179.2
Resident Employment	144.3	146.3	148.9	150.1	152.2	151.5	154.2	153.5	154.5	156.1	153.1	162.2	167.5	165.3	169.2
Unemployment	18.2	19.6	17.0	16.8	14.0	11.7	11.9	11.6	10.2	9.1	17.3	14.1	10.0	11.4	10.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.2	11.8	10.2	10.0	8.4	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.2	5.5	10.1	8.0	5.7	6.5	5.6
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	126.6	128.6	131.1	133.7	136.2	138.6	141.0	141.3	142.6	145.2	142.2	149.0	155.9	152.4	158.6
Goods-Producing Sectors	8.8	8.5	9.4	9.0	8.8	9.1	8.5	8.2	8.4	9.1	9.4	9.9	10.6	10.2	10.9
Mining, Logging, & Construction	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6
Manufacturing	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.7	6.0	5.5	5.3	5.5	6.0	5.9	6.4	7.0	6.7	7.3
Service-Providing Sectors	117.8	120.1	121.7	124.7	127.4	129.4	132.5	133.2	134.2	136.1	132.9	139.2	145.3	142.2	147.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	19.0	19.8	20.6	21.2	21.7	22.2	21.9	21.1	21.1	20.8	19.7	20.6	21.0	20.9	21.0
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2
Retail Trade	15.8	16.3	16.9	17.5	18.0	18.7	18.4	17.5	17.5	17.3	16.6	17.5	17.8	17.7	17.8
Transportation & Utilities	4.7	4.9	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.3
Information	2.0	1.9	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
Financial Activities	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.1	4.9	5.1
Professional & Business Services	9.5	10.3	10.7	11.8	11.6	11.5	12.0	12.1	12.7	13.0	13.8	16.9	16.6	16.5	17.0
Education & Health Services	32.1	32.5	33.3	34.1	35.2	36.7	38.9	40.3	40.4	41.9	42.5	43.4	46.6	45.0	47.9
Leisure & Hospitality	11.9	12.3	12.8	13.5	14.0	14.6	15.2	15.8	15.9	16.6	14.5	16.1	17.5	16.8	18.0
Other Services	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.5
Government	30.4	30.3	30.1	30.3	30.7	30.7	30.8	30.4	30.4	30.0	29.5	28.7	29.3	29.1	29.2
Federal	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.5
State	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.7
Local	23.2	23.3	23.0	23.3	23.8	23.8	23.7	23.3	23.5	23.2	22.5	21.6	22.1	21.9	22.0

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. Data are reported in thousands.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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Table 2. Population and Household Trends in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 2010 to Forecast

	2010	2020	Current	Forecast	Average Annual Change					
					2010 to 2020		2020 to Current		Current to Forecast	
					Number	Rate (%)	Number	Rate (%)	Number	Rate (%)
Population										
Brownsville-Harlingen HMA	406,220	421,017	427,400	434,400	1,475	0.4	1,975	0.5	2,350	0.5
Households										
Brownsville-Harlingen HMA	119,631	132,507	137,300	142,100	1,300	1.0	1,475	1.1	1,600	1.2

Notes: The current date is July 1, 2023. The forecast date is July 1, 2026.
Sources: 2010 and 2020—2010 Census and 2020 Census; current and forecast—estimates by the analyst



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Table 3. Housing Inventory, Tenure, and Vacancy in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 2010, 2020, and Current

	Brownsville-Harlingen HMA		
	2010	2020	Current
Total Housing Inventory	141,924	154,905	160,350
Occupied Units	119,631	132,507	137,300
Owner-Occupied	80,412	85,195	87,950
%	67.2	64.3	64.1
Renter-Occupied	39,219	47,312	49,350
%	32.8	35.7	35.9
Vacant Units	22,293	22,398	23,050
Available Units	6,037	5,941	4,550
For Sale	1,513	1,177	1,125
Rate (%)	1.8	1.4	1.3
For Rent	4,524	4,764	3,425
Rate (%)	10.3	9.1	6.5
Other Vacant	16,256	16,457	18,500

Notes: The current date is July 1, 2023. In this analysis conducted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), other vacant units include all vacant units that are not available for sale or for rent. The term therefore includes units rented or sold but not occupied; held for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use; used by migrant workers; and the category specified as "other" vacant by the Census Bureau.

Sources: 2010 and 2020—2010 Census and 2020 Census; current—estimates by the analyst



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Table 4. Residential Building Permit Activity in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 2010 Through June 2023

Type of Building Permit	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	12 Months Ending	
														June 2022	June 2023
Brownsville-Harlingen HMA															
Total	1,304	1,370	1,164	2,002	1,603	1,604	1,785	1,395	1,739	1,979	1,904	2,052	2,509	2,331	1,887
Sales	1,068	1,059	1,027	1,105	1,190	1,137	1,227	1,150	1,401	1,416	1,592	1,595	1,957	1,875	1,360
Rental	236	311	137	897	413	467	558	245	338	563	312	457	552	456	527

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey; 2010 through 2022—final data and estimates by the analyst; 2023—preliminary data and estimates by the analyst



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Table 5. Median Income in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 2009, 2019, and 2022

	Median Income (\$)			Average Annual Change (%)	
	2009	2019	2022	2009 to 2019	2019 to 2022
Median Family Income	33,770	48,112	56,862	3.6	5.7
Median Household Income	31,264	41,123	50,649	2.8	7.2

Sources: Median family income—HUD, Office of Policy Development and Research; 2009 median household income—2010 Census; 2019 and 2022 median household income—U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 and 2022 American Community Survey 1-year data

