

Table 1. Labor Force and Employment in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 2000 to Current

| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 12 Months Ending | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | November 2015 | November 2016 |
| Labor force | 127.3 | 131.0 | 138.3 | 142.1 | 141.6 | 140.2 | 142.9 | 142.8 | 145.9 | 151.4 | 162.3 | 165.8 | 166.5 | 167.5 | 166.3 | 164.3 | 164.3 | 167.3 |
| Resident employment | 118.5 | 120.8 | 125.9 | 128.6 | 129.4 | 129.5 | 133.6 | 134.4 | 136.3 | 136.7 | 144.2 | 146.8 | 149.3 | 150.9 | 152.5 | 152.6 | 152.4 | 155.3 |
| Unemployment | 8.8 | 10.2 | 12.4 | 13.5 | 12.2 | 10.7 | 9.4 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 14.7 | 18.1 | 19.1 | 17.1 | 16.6 | 13.8 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 12.0 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 6.9 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 8.6 | 7.6 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 9.7 | 11.2 | 11.5 | 10.3 | 9.9 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.1 |
| Total nonfarm payroll jobs | 108.7 | 111.3 | 114.6 | 115.0 | 115.5 | 116.4 | 121.4 | 124.1 | 126.6 | 125.1 | 127.5 | 129.5 | 132.0 | 134.7 | 137.4 | 139.4 | 139.0 | 142.4 |
| Goods-producing sectors | 16.5 | 16.2 | 15.0 | 13.8 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 9.9 | 8.8 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 9.2 |
| Mining, logging, & construction | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Manufacturing | 12.3 | 11.3 | 10.2 | 9.1 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| Service-providing sectors | 92.2 | 95.2 | 99.6 | 101.3 | 103.1 | 104.8 | 109.1 | 112.1 | 115.0 | 115.2 | 118.7 | 121.0 | 122.6 | 125.6 | 128.5 | 130.2 | 129.9 | 133.2 |
| Trade | 17.7 | 18.3 | 18.7 | 18.6 | 18.8 | 19.0 | 19.7 | 19.9 | 20.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.8 | 20.6 | 21.2 | 21.7 | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.5 |
| Wholesale trade | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Retail trade | 14.0 | 14.5 | 14.8 | 14.9 | 15.2 | 15.6 | 16.3 | 16.6 | 16.7 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 16.3 | 16.9 | 17.5 | 18.0 | 18.7 | 18.6 | 18.9 |
| Transportation & utilities | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 |
| Information | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Financial activities | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.2 |
| Professional & business services | 6.5 | 6.6 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 10.3 | 10.7 | 11.8 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 12.2 |
| Education & health services | 19.2 | 20.6 | 23.1 | 24.8 | 25.7 | 26.8 | 27.8 | 28.7 | 29.6 | 30.6 | 32.1 | 32.5 | 33.3 | 34.1 | 35.2 | 36.6 | 36.4 | 37.9 |
| Leisure & hospitality | 11.0 | 11.1 | 11.5 | 11.4 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.3 | 12.8 | 13.5 | 14.0 | 14.6 | 14.5 | 15.2 |
| Other services | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| Government | 25.1 | 25.7 | 26.0 | 26.1 | 26.4 | 26.8 | 27.7 | 28.0 | 28.7 | 29.7 | 30.7 | 30.5 | 30.3 | 30.5 | 31.0 | 30.9 | 30.9 | 31.0 |
| Federal | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| State | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| Local | 18.9 | 19.4 | 19.6 | 19.9 | 20.1 | 20.5 | 21.1 | 21.5 | 22.1 | 22.6 | 23.2 | 23.3 | 23.0 | 23.3 | 23.8 | 23.8 | 23.7 | 24.0 |

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. Data are reported in thousands. Current includes data through November 2016.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 2. Population and Household Trends in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 2000 to Forecast

| | 2000 | 2010 | Current | Forecast | Average Annual Change | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| | | | | | 2000 to 2010 | | 2010 to Current | | Current to Forecast | |
| | | | | | Number | Rate (%) | Number | Rate (%) | Number | Rate (%) |
| Population | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brownsville-Harlingen HMA | 335,227 | 406,220 | 427,600 | 443,600 | 7,100 | 1.9 | 3,200 | 0.8 | 5,325 | 1.2 |
| Households | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brownsville-Harlingen HMA | 97,267 | 119,631 | 126,900 | 131,900 | 2,225 | 2.1 | 1,100 | 0.9 | 1,675 | 1.3 |

Notes: Rates of change are calculated on a compound basis. The current date is December 1, 2016. The forecast date is December 1, 2019.

Sources: 2000 and 2010—2000 Census and 2010 Census; current and forecast—estimates by analyst

Table 3. Housing Inventory, Tenure, and Vacancy in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 2000, 2010, and Current

| | Brownsville-Harlingen HMA | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| | 2000 | 2010 | Current |
| Total housing inventory | 119,654 | 141,924 | 148,900 |
| Occupied units | 97,267 | 119,631 | 126,900 |
| Owner-occupied | 65,875 | 80,412 | 82,500 |
| % | 67.7 | 67.2 | 65.0 |
| Renter-occupied | 31,392 | 39,219 | 44,400 |
| % | 32.3 | 32.8 | 35.0 |
| Vacant units | 22,387 | 22,293 | 22,050 |
| Available units | 6,228 | 6,037 | 5,450 |
| For sale | 1,078 | 1,513 | 1,425 |
| Rate (%) | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| For rent | 5,150 | 4,524 | 4,025 |
| Rate (%) | 14.1 | 10.3 | 8.3 |
| Other vacant | 16,159 | 16,256 | 16,600 |

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. The current date is December 1, 2016.

Sources: 2000 and 2010—2000 Census and 2010 Census; current—estimates by analyst

Table 4. Residential Building Permit Activity in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 2000 to Current

| Type of Building Permit | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 12 Months Ending | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | November 2015 | November 2016 |
| Brownsville-Harlingen HMA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 3,111 | 3,531 | 3,917 | 3,452 | 3,646 | 4,069 | 3,625 | 2,121 | 1,345 | 1,198 | 1,368 | 1,449 | 1,276 | 2,057 | 1,417 | 1,285 | 1,306 | 1,341 |
| Single-family | 2,706 | 2,713 | 3,178 | 3,132 | 3,070 | 3,069 | 2,852 | 1,728 | 1,086 | 939 | 1,062 | 1,053 | 1,012 | 1,090 | 1,179 | 1,129 | 1,150 | 1,200 |
| Multifamily | 405 | 818 | 739 | 320 | 576 | 1,000 | 773 | 393 | 259 | 259 | 306 | 396 | 264 | 967 | 238 | 156 | 156 | 141 |

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. Current includes data through November 2016.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey; estimates by analysts

Table 5. Median Income in the Brownsville-Harlingen HMA, 1999, 2009, and 2015

| | Median Income (\$) | | | Average Annual Change (%) | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | 1999 | 2009 | 2015 | 1999 to 2009 | 2009 to 2015 |
| Median Family Income | 26,900 | 33,500 | 35,400 | 2.2 | 0.9 |
| Median household income | 26,031 | 30,864 | 34,074 | 1.7 | 1.7 |

Sources: Median Family Income—U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research; 1999 median household income—2000 Census; 2009 and 2015 median household income—U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 and 2015 American Community Survey 1-year data