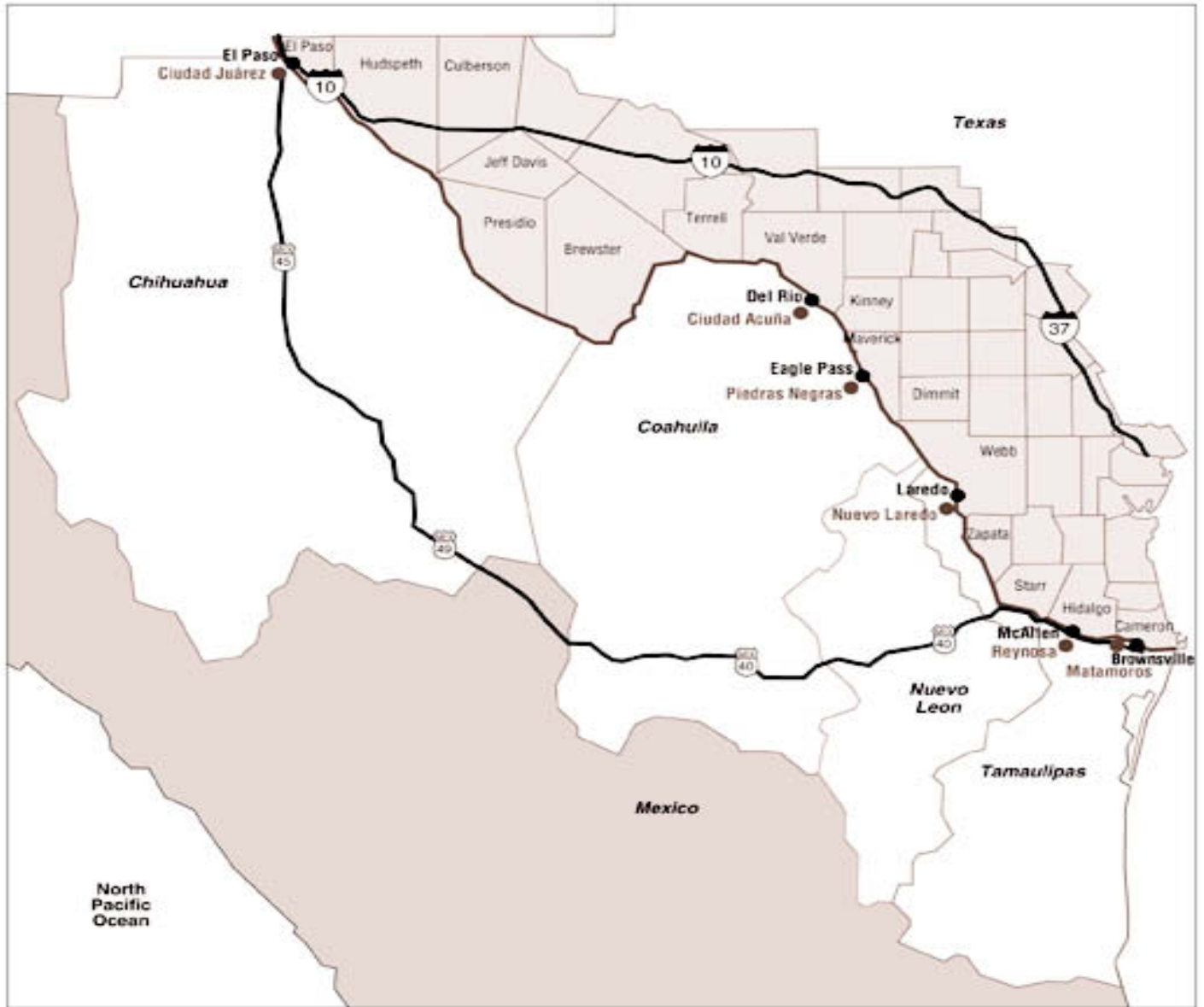


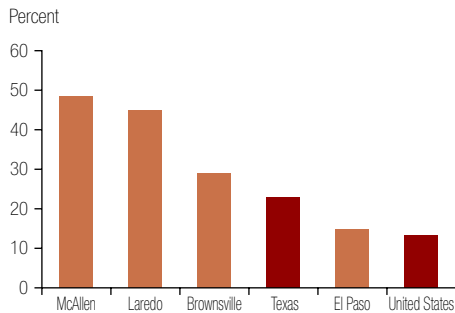
## The Texas–Mexico Border Region



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; U.S. Census Bureau.

### Population and Employment Statistics for Border Cities, 2000

#### Border Region Surpasses Texas and U.S. in Population Growth in Past Decade (Percent change, 1990 to 2000)



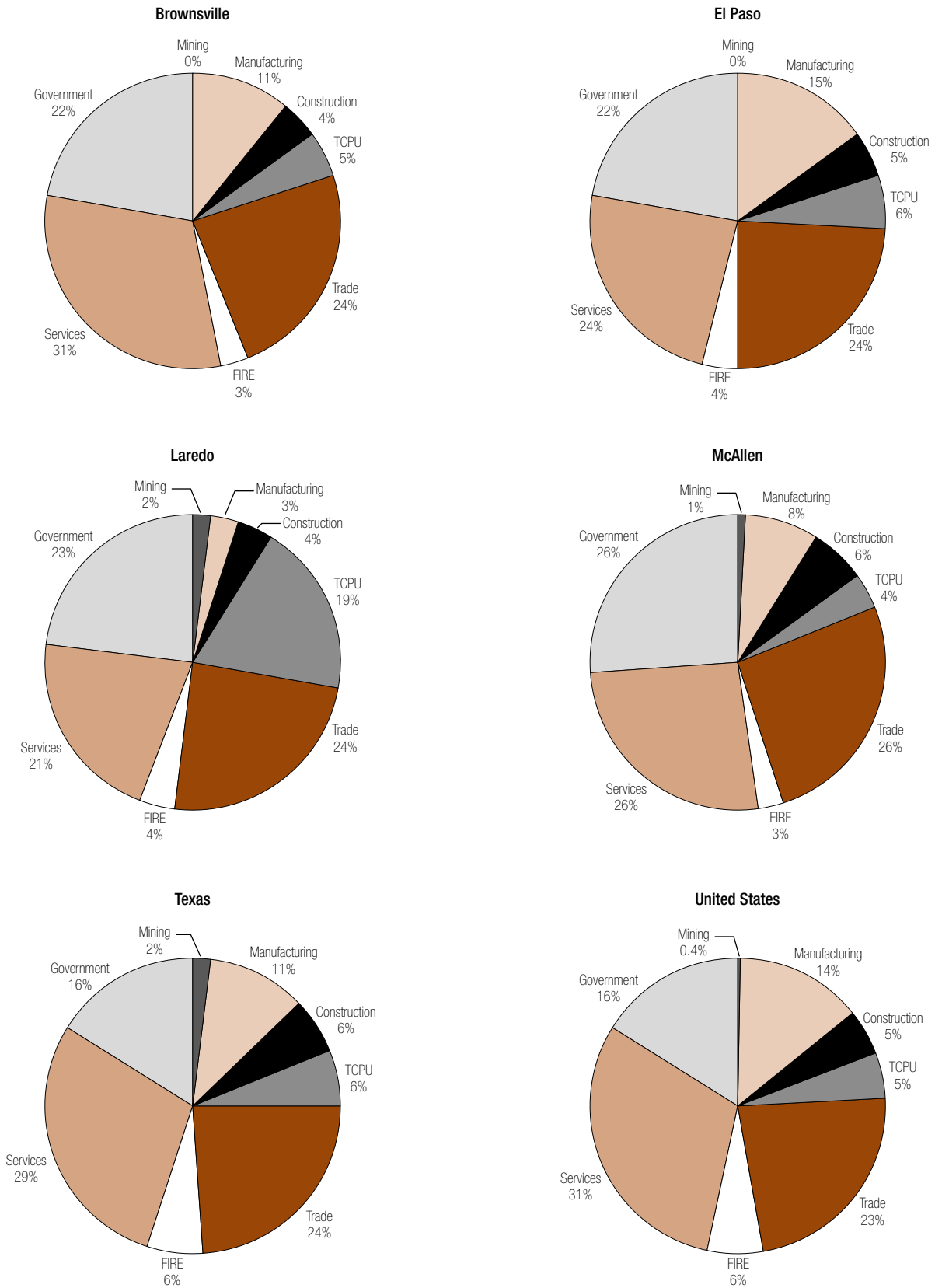
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	Population	Workforce*	Employment*	Unemployment
El Paso	679,622	278,083	198,967	8.2%
Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua	1,218,817	483,469	479,771	.8%
McAllen	569,463	203,900	116,550	13.6%
Reynosa, Tamaulipas	420,463	168,926	167,138	1.1%
Brownsville	335,227	130,083	84,267	8.7%
Matamoros, Tamaulipas	418,141	165,214	163,280	1.2%
Laredo	193,117	74,208	53,192	7.0%
Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas	310,915	116,674	115,669	.9%

\*In Mexico, the data are derived from considering as employed anyone who may have worked at least one hour during the unemployment survey week. However, even when considering broader definitions of unemployment, border cities have lower rates than the rest of the nation.

SOURCES: Texas population from U.S. Census Bureau (county data); all other Texas data from Bureau of Labor Statistics. Mexico numbers from Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas El Paso Branch, with data from XII Censo General de Población y Vivienda 2000; Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática.

**Sectoral Employment Shares in Border Cities Versus Texas and the United States, 2000**



NOTE: TCPU is transportation, communication and public utilities; FIRE is finance, insurance and real estate.  
 SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics.