



Workforce

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Civilian Labor Force	24,524	25,728	26,796	27,968	30,586
Employed	23,307	24,640	25,938	27,336	29,833
Unemployed	1,217	1,088	858	652	753
Rate	5.0%	4.2%	3.2%	2.3%	2.6%

Source: NM Department of Labor

Lea County Average Weekly Wages by Industry 2008 (4thQTR)

Total all Industries	\$883
Agriculture	\$451
Mining	\$1,287
Utilities	\$1,760
Construction	\$1,021
Manufacturing	\$1,241
Wholesale Trade	\$1,079
Retail Trade	\$494
Transportation and Warehousing	\$1,091
Information	\$722
Finance and Insurance	\$806
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$1,097
Professional and Technical Services	\$866
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$815
Administrative and Waste Services	\$721
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$588
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$406
Accommodation and Food Service	\$256
Other Services, except Public Admin	\$786
Government	\$701



Lea County Major Employers	Type of Industry	Current Workforce
Hobbs Municipal School	Education	927
Lea Regional Medical Center	Health Services	502
City of Hobbs	Government	447
Key Energy	Energy Services	400
Halliburton Energy Service	Energy Services	378
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Retail	350
LES/National Enrichment Facility	Uranium Enrichment	350
New Mexico Junior College	Education	332
Lea County Correctional Facility (GEO)	Corrections	300
BJ Service Company	Oil and Gas	275
Zia Racetrack and Black Gold Casino	Entertainment	275
Nabors	Oil and Gas	250
Leaco Energy	Energy Services	250
Lea County	Government	250
Ferguson Construction Company	Construction	225
Schlumberger Oil field Services	Oil and Gas	200
B&H Maintenance and Construction, Inc	Construction	200
University of the Southwest	Education	187
Watson/Hopper, Inc.	Oil and Gas	186
Ferguson Construction	Pipeline	180
RMS Foods Inc	Food Production	175
Jal Public Schools	Education	134
Hobbs Health Care Center	Health Services	134
Albertsons-Sav-On	Retail	115
Chevron/Texaco	Oil and gas	100
McDonald's Restaurant	Restaurant	100
Sonic Drive In	Restaurant	100
Home Depot	Retail	98
Lea County Electric Coop., Inc	Utilities	96