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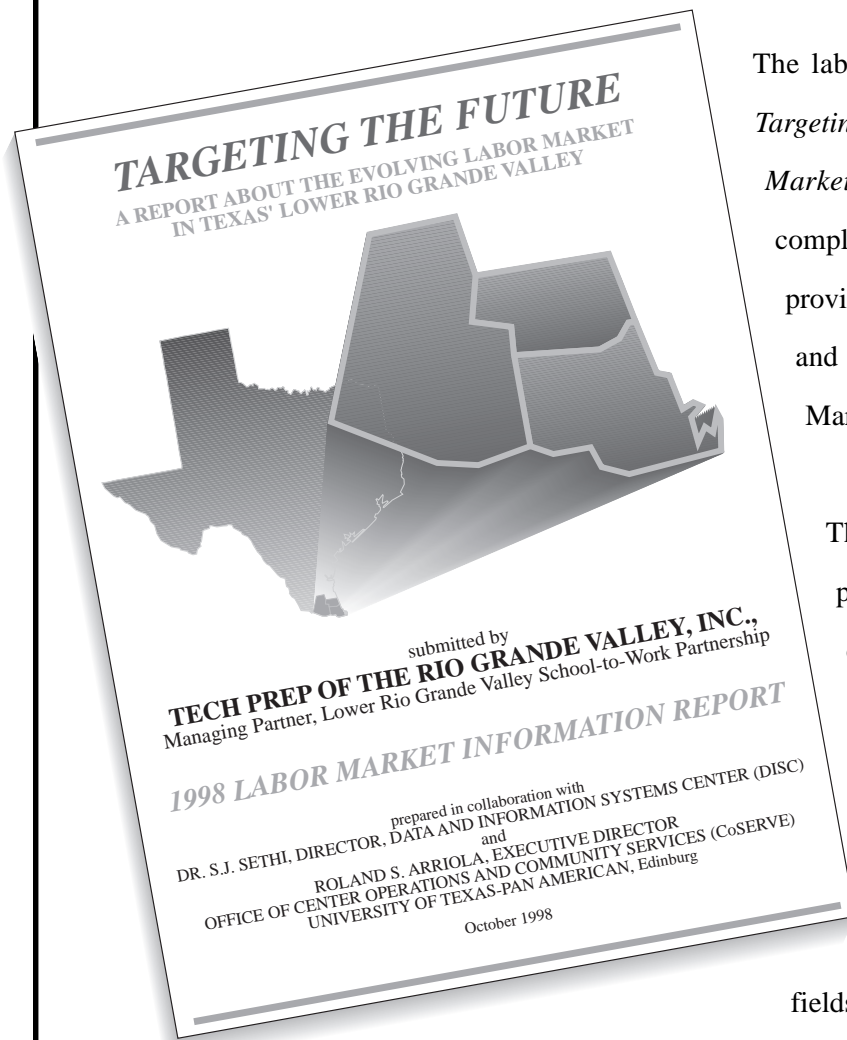
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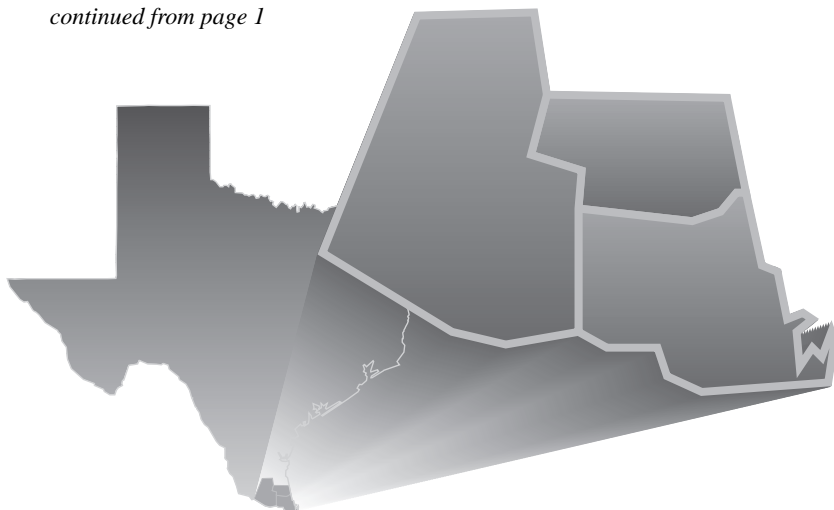


The labor market information report for 1998, titled, *Targeting the Future-A Report About the Evolving Labor Market in Texas' Lower Rio Grande Valley* has been completed. This report was developed with funding provided by Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., and in close collaboration with Tech Prep's Labor Market Information Committee and staff.

The Labor Market Information report has been prepared to identify targeted industries and occupations in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The industries and occupations identified in this report are expected to offer the greatest potential for job opportunities. It is the intent of this report to guide educational institutions to offer training programs in work-related fields that are in demand. Regional entities can rely on this report for decision-making and implementation of education and workforce-development programs. This report also serves as a guide to prepare the Lower Rio Grande Valley for the future.

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Targeted Industries

Business Services, Educational Services, Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment, Engineering and Management Services, Health Services, Rubber and Plastic Products, Special Trade Contractors, Social Services, and Trucking and Warehousing.

Targeted Occupations

Auto Body Repairers
 Bookkeeping/Accounting Clerks
 Carpenters
 Computer Support Specialists
 Construction Managers
 Data Processing Equipment Repairers
 Diesel/Bus/Truck Mechanics
 Drafters
 Electricians
 Engineering Technicians, NEC*
 Health Professionals/Technicians, NEC*
 Import/Export Clerks
 Licensed Vocational Nurses
 Maintenance Repairers, General Utilities
 Medical Records Technicians
 Mold Makers
 Painters and Paperhangers
 Plumbers/Pipefitters
 Professional/Technical Workers, NEC*
 Quality Control Technicians
 Sales Representatives, NEC*
 Social Service Technicians
 Teachers-Elementary
 Teachers-Special Education
 Truck Drivers, Heavy

Automotive Technicians
 Business Service Agents
 Child Care Workers
 Computer Systems Analysts
 Correction Officers
 Dental Hygienists
 Dispatchers, NEC*
 Electrical & Electronic Technicians
 Emergency Medical Technicians
 Firstline Supervisors, NEC*
 Heating/A.C. Mechanics
 Industrial Machinery Mechanics
 Machinists
 Mgmt. Support Workers, NEC*
 Medical/Clinical Lab Technologists
 Numeric Control Programmers
 Physical Therapist Assistants
 Police Patrol Officers
 Purchasing Agents, NEC*
 Registered Nurses
 Secretaries, NEC*
 Social Workers, Ex Medical & Psych
 Teachers-Secondary
 Tool and Die Makers
 Welders and Cutters

* Not Elsewhere Classified

For a copy of the summary report of "Targeting the Future" please contact Tech Prep of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. at (956) 364-4512 or the Data and Information Systems Center at UT-Pan American at (956) 381-3692.

We are grateful for the assistance of the many dedicated, talented individuals who contributed to this report by serving on the Tech Prep Labor Market Information Committee, and helping arrange focus groups held in the region. We are also grateful to Ms. Pat Bubb, Executive Director, Tech Prep and Ms. Sheila Valles-Pankratz, Assistant Director, Tech Prep, for their kind support and guidance.

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CENSUS 2000

Census for the 21st Century

Starting with this issue, The University of Texas - Pan American's Data and Information Systems Center will be featuring an article on Census 2000 in its quarterly newsletter "News and Views". We begin our series with a basic question about the census...

Why do we have a nationwide Census?

The Census of 2000 will be the 22nd census of the total population of the United States. The first census was taken in the year 1790.

The fundamental reasons for taking the census have not changed over the past 208 years. For leaders then it was important to know how many people were living in the brand new nation, where they were and what they were like. Answers to the same questions are important for the leaders of today.

Aside from knowing the bare facts about the people, the formal authority requiring the census to be taken was the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution established a representative form of government and it determined that proper representation would be achieved by dividing the members of the House of Representatives equally among all the people in the country. This process, known as Congressional apportionment, meant that a state with five percent of the population should get five percent of the Congressional Representatives, and a state with twenty percent of the population should get twenty percent of the representatives, and so on.

Therefore, to properly understand why the United States has a decennial census, one must understand that a guiding principle in the creation of our nation was the concept of fair and equal representation. According to our founding fathers, every state should get its fair share of political power and federal support. And the way that "fair share" is determined is the national census - conducted every ten years, without fail.



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