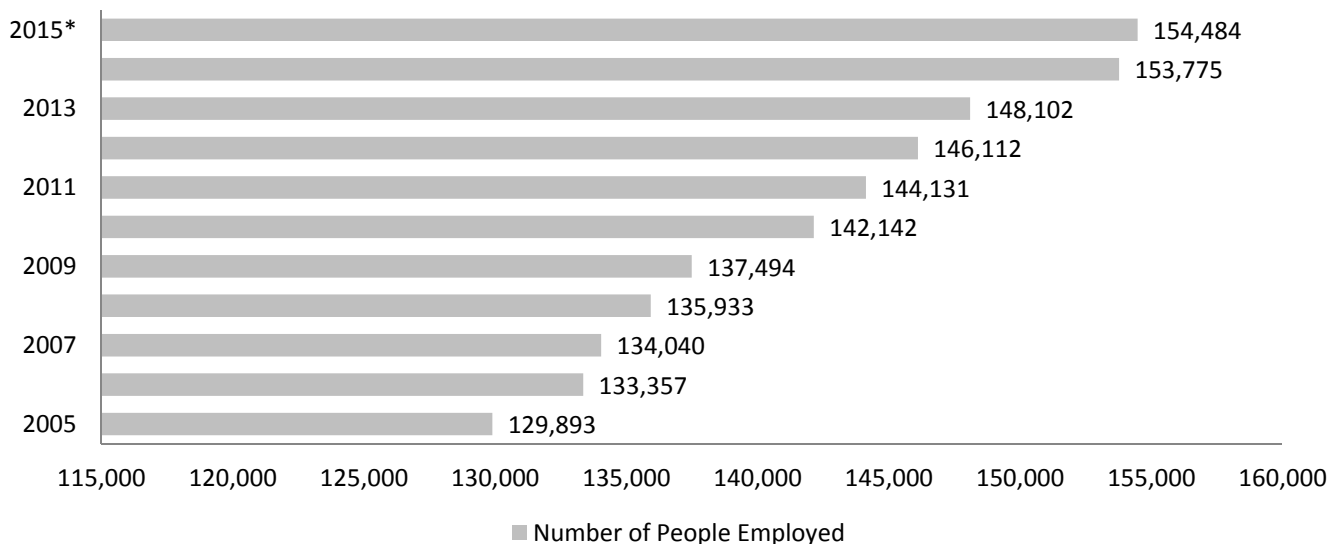


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Employment & Unemployment

The Brownsville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has a workforce that has experienced a continuous increase in employment numbers with the exception of the economic recession in 2008, which inevitably affected employment levels throughout the country. In 2014, Brownsville ranked no. 9 in Job Growth on Forbes list of Best Places for Business and Careers. As shown in the graph below, the number of jobs in the Brownsville MSA came back up to pre-recession levels after a slight decrease in 2009. In the years 2010 and 2011, the number of jobs increased though the unemployment rate remained high. It may seem paradoxical to see these two figures going the same direction. Typically when employment numbers raise, unemployment rates drop, however there are exceptions. At the same time that more people are becoming employed, the civilian labor force pool is also growing due to our increasing student graduate population, as well as the influx of individuals migrating to Brownsville seeking employment.

Brownsville MSA Employment

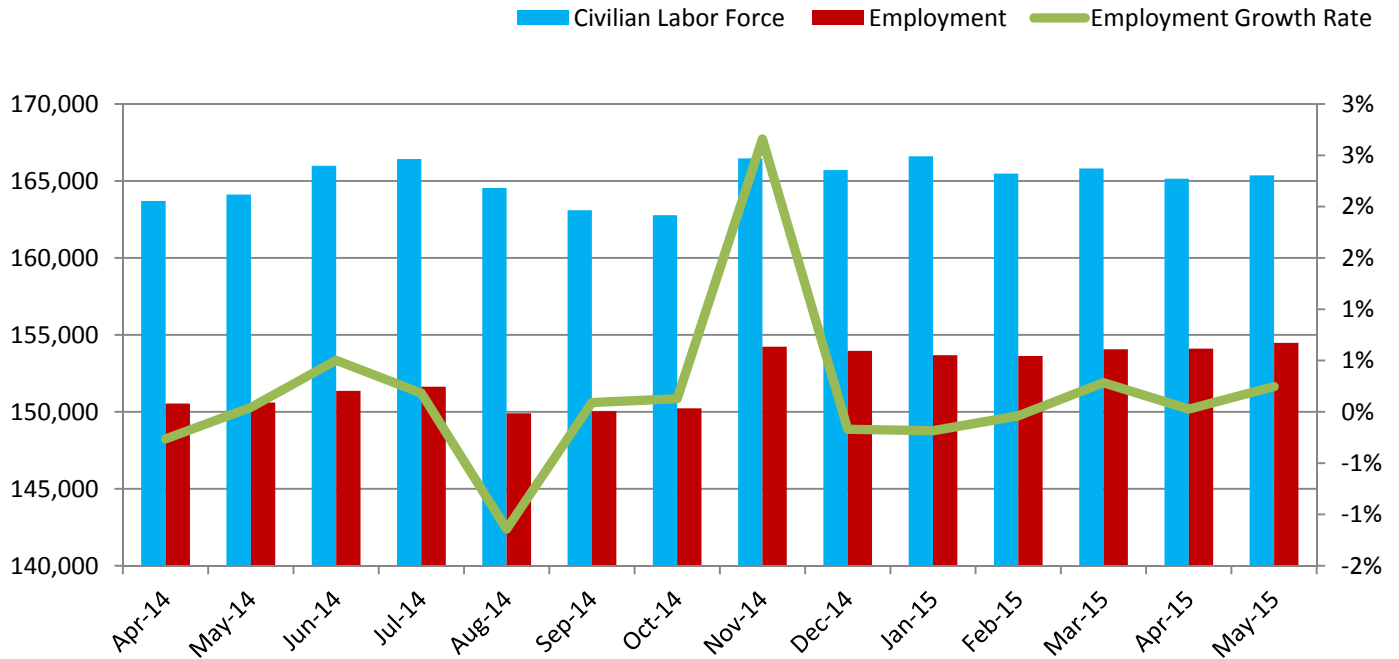


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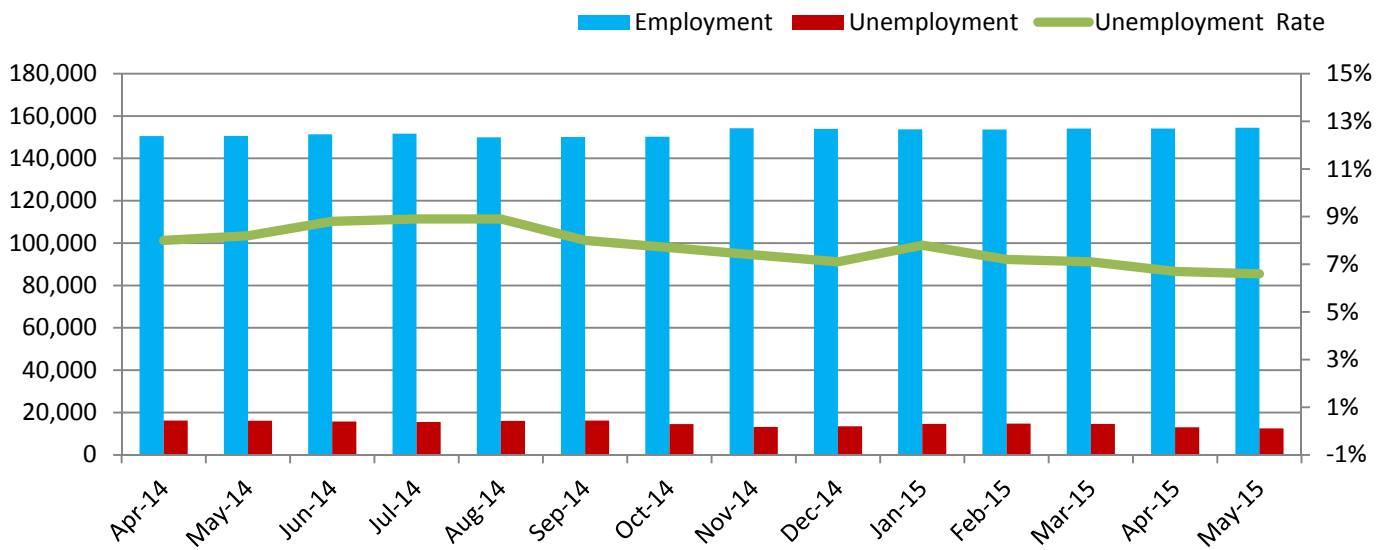
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