



**MIDLAND-ODESSA REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDEX**

<b>ECONOMIC INDICATORS</b> April 2014	<b>BASE YEAR</b> April 1996	<b>LAST YEAR</b> April 2013	<b>THIS YEAR</b> April 2014	<b>% Change</b> 2013-2014
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Retail Sales - April (Per Sales Tax Rebates - \$000's in 1996\$)	\$152,314	\$367,889	\$395,488	7.5%
Retail Sales - YTD	\$676,661	\$1,627,609	\$1,751,555	7.6%
Dollars Spent on Auto Purchases - April (\$000's in 1996\$)	\$33,534	\$94,038	\$118,043	25.5%
Dollars Spent on Auto Purchases - YTD	\$126,350	\$389,715	\$450,787	15.7%
Hotel/Motel Tax Receipts - Qtr	\$352,313	\$2,795,326	\$3,123,324	11.7%
Hotel/Motel Tax Receipts - YTD	\$724,883	\$5,506,286	\$5,878,368	6.8%
Airline Boardings - April	43,716	40,871	43,594	6.7%
Airline Boardings - YTD	170,890	153,412	161,793	5.5%
Value All Building Permits - April	\$19,773,156	\$98,155,988	\$61,750,264	-37.1%
Value All Building Permits - YTD	\$43,604,678	\$324,776,212	\$268,655,226	-17.3%
Permits for New Homes - April	48	115	94	-18.3%
Permits for New Homes - YTD	152	451	424	-6.0%
Sales of Existing Homes - April	229	283	271	-4.2%
Sales of Existing Homes - YTD	737	957	935	-2.3%
Average Home Sale Price - April	\$72,700	\$211,268	\$235,084	11.3%
Average Home Sale Price - YTD	\$76,300	\$210,336	\$235,224	11.8%

**EMPLOYMENT**

Wage and Salary Employment - April	96,800	157,600	163,600	3.8%
Wage and Salary Employment - YTD Avg	97,200	156,100	161,925	3.7%
Unemployment Rate - April	6.0	3.4	2.6	-22.5%
Unemployment Rate - YTD Avg	6.1	3.6	3.0	-15.8%

