



Below are the key points from Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce survey taken over a three week period beginning in February 2009 until March 2009.

77 responses were returned.

What was your business's most significant challenge in 2008?

Most frequent answer – Slowdown in national economy (42%)

Next most frequent answer - Credit contraction/access to capital (14%)

Followed by: Attrition and staffing (9%) and Taxes (8%).

What do you expect your most significant challenge to be in 2009?

Virtually the same answers and distribution

How is El Paso doing?

Much Better – 21%

Better – 48%

Somewhat better – 18%

Worse – 4%

Not sure – 9%

Overall, GEPCC membership reports that the local economy is doing well and better than the nation as a whole and better than most of the state. There is some nervousness as to the ability of El Paso to continue to separate itself from the general national condition. Fort Bliss is clearly stated as a major driver of El Paso's insulation from the general national downturn.

Juarez situation was hardly mentioned (only twice).