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Austin-Area Unemployment Drops Again in April

AUSTIN – Figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission show the unemployment rate in the Austin-Round Rock MSA* decreased from 3.6%** in March 2017 to 3.2% in April 2017. The 3.2% unemployment rate represented 36,100 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment remained more than one point below both the state of Texas (5.0%) and the national (4.4%) rates***.

The Austin-Round Rock MSA collectively added 3,900 jobs in April 2017. The region's 2.9% annual growth rate represented the overall addition of 28,900 jobs since April 2016.

Key Points by Industry in the Austin-Round Rock MSA in April 2017:

- Professional & Business Services again experienced the greatest increase with the addition of 1,200 jobs.
 - Significant job gains were also seen in Education & Health Services (1,000) and Leisure & Hospitality (1,000).
- Trade, Transportation, & Utilities experienced the greatest decline with the loss of 300 jobs.
 - Job losses were also seen in Information (-200), Government (-200), and Mining, Logging, & Construction (-100).
- Education & Health Services experienced the greatest regional annual job growth with an increase of 6.0%.
 - Significant annual job growth was also experienced in Mining, Logging, & Construction (4.8%) and Other Services (4.7%).
 - Manufacturing continued a trend of positive annual job growth (4.2%).

Further, the unemployment rate in the Capital Area/Travis County**** decreased from 3.5%** in March 2017 to 3.1% in April 2017. The 3.1% unemployment rate represented more than 21,200 residents seeking employment. The Capital Area/Travis County unemployment rate remained below the overall Austin-Round Rock MSA, state of Texas and national rates.

Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board is the publicly-funded workforce board for Travis County. Through strong partnerships and strategic collaborations, Workforce Solutions is leading the region's workforce system in the development of a world-class workforce.

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*The Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties.

**Austin-Round Rock MSA and Capital Area/Travis County Unemployment rates listed are not seasonally adjusted.

***Texas and national unemployment rates listed are seasonally adjusted.

****The Capital Area Workforce Development Area includes Travis County.