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Austin-Area Unemployment Unchanged in May

AUSTIN – Figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission show the unemployment rate in the Austin-Round Rock MSA* held steady at 3.2%** from April 2017 to May 2017. The 3.2% unemployment rate represented 36,000 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment remained more than one point below both the state of Texas (4.8%) and the national (4.3%) rates***.

The Austin-Round Rock MSA collectively added 1,200 jobs in May 2017. The region's 2.8% annual growth rate represented the overall addition of 28,300 jobs since May 2016.

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

- Leisure & Hospitality experienced the greatest increase with the addition of 1,500 jobs.
 - Significant job gains were also seen in Government (1,000) and Other Services (600).
- Professional & Business Services experienced the greatest decline with the loss of 2,300 jobs.
 - Job losses were also seen in Manufacturing (-300), Education & Health Services (-300), and Information (-100).
- Education & Health Services continued to experience the greatest regional annual job growth with an increase of 5.5%.
 - Significant annual job growth was also experienced in Mining, Logging, & Construction (5.2%) and Other Services (4.4%).
 - Manufacturing continued a trend of positive annual job growth (4.2%).
- Information experienced the only decline in annual job growth with a decrease of 2.5%.

Further, the unemployment rate in the Capital Area/Travis County**** also held steady at 3.1%** from April 2017 to May 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.