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## Austin-Area Unemployment Continues to Creep Up in June

AUSTIN – Figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission show the unemployment rate in the Austin-Round Rock MSA\* crept up from 3.2%\*\* in May 2017 to 3.4% in June 2017. The 3.4% unemployment rate represented 38,600 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment remained more than one point below both the Texas (4.7%)\*\* and national (4.5%)\*\* rates.

The Austin-Round Rock MSA collectively added 4,400 jobs in June 2017. The region's 2.8% annual growth rate represented the addition of 28,000 jobs since June 2016.

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

- Leisure & Hospitality again experienced the greatest increase with the addition of 2,400 jobs.
  - Significant job gains were also seen in Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (1,500), Mining, Logging, & Construction (1,400), and Other Services (900).
- Education & Health Services experienced the greatest decline with the loss of 1,700 jobs.
  - Job losses were also seen in Government (-1,000) and Professional & Business Services (-300).
- Mining, Logging, & Construction experienced the greatest regional annual job growth with an increase of 6.1%.
  - Significant annual job growth was also experienced in Education & Health Services (5.3%), Leisure & Hospitality (4.3%), and Other Services (3.8%).
  - Manufacturing continued a trend of positive annual job growth (3.7%).
- Information was again the only industry to experience a decline in annual job growth with a decrease of 2.4%.

Further, unemployment in the Capital Area/Travis County\*\*\* increased from 3.1%\*\* in May 2017 to 3.3% in June 2017. The 3.3% unemployment rate represented 22,600 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.

\*\*Unemployment rates listed are not seasonally adjusted.

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