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Austin-Area Unemployment Dips to 2.6% in September

AUSTIN – Figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission today show the unemployment rate in the Austin-Round Rock MSA* decreased from 2.8% in August 2019 to 2.6% in September 2019. The 2.6% unemployment rate represented 31,907 residents seeking employment. The region's unemployment rate remained below both the Texas (3.3%)** and national (3.3%)** rates.

The Austin-Round Rock MSA collectively added 100 jobs in September 2019. The region's 1.8% annual growth rate represented the collective addition of 19,500 jobs since September 2018.

Key Points by Industry in the Austin-Round Rock MSA in September 2019:

- Government experienced the greatest increase with the addition of 7,800 jobs.
- Leisure & Hospitality experienced the greatest decrease with the loss of 2,000 jobs.
 - Significant job losses were also experienced in Professional & Business Services (-1,800 jobs), Financial Activities (-1,100 jobs), Mining, Logging & Construction (-900 jobs), and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-700 jobs).
- Information experienced the greatest regional annual job growth with an increase of 3.6%.
 - Significant annual job growth was also experienced in Other Services (3.5%), and Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (2.9%).
- The only industry to experience negative annual job growth was Education & Health Services (-1.2%).

Further, unemployment in the Capital Area/Travis County*** decreased from 2.7% in August 2019 to 2.5% in September 2019. The 2.5% unemployment rate represented 18,384 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.