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**GILLESPIE CO. JOBLESS RATE INCREASES TO 2.6 PERCENT**

*Workforce Solutions Alamo releases November 2018 Job Report*

**(December 21, 2018) San Antonio, Texas** – Workforce Solutions Alamo released information today indicating that the Gillespie County unemployment rate increased to 2.6 percent in November, up from 2.5 rate reported in October.

Gillespie County's unemployment rate **registered much lower** than the overall jobless rate of 3.1 percent for the 13-county Workforce Solutions Alamo area, which includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, McMullen and Wilson counties. McMullen County registered the lowest unemployment rate amongst the counties at 1.7 percent while Atascosa County registered the highest rate at 3.5 percent.

Comparing the Workforce Solutions Alamo metro area to the state and nation, the Texas **seasonally unadjusted (actual)** unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.5 percent in November from the 3.5 rate reported in October. The nation's **unadjusted (actual)** unemployment rate also remained unchanged at 3.5 percent in November, the same rate reported in October. Summarizing the **seasonally adjusted unemployment** rates for the state and the nation, Texas seasonally adjusted rate held steady over the month at 3.7 percent for November, the same percent reported in October, while the nation's unemployment rate increased to 4.1 percent in November higher than the 3.7 rate reported in October.

*The mission of Workforce Solutions Alamo involves working to strengthen the Alamo regional economy by growing and connecting talent pipelines to employers. Workforce Solutions Alamo reaches over 8,000 businesses and more than 2.0 million residents in the City of San Antonio and the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Gillespie, Karnes, Kerr, Kendall, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson counties. For more information on available workforce programs and services, visit our website at [www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org](http://www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org).*

*Note: Only the actual/unadjusted series unemployment rate estimates for Texas and the US are comparable to sub-state unemployment rates. Adjusted rates are calculated by smoothing out the changes in unemployment due to the typical seasonal hiring and layoffs. Rates reported are estimates and changes in previously reported rates can occur with BLS readjustments.*

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