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**KARNES COUNTY JOBLESS RATE INCREASES TO 2.5 PERCENT**

*Workforce Solutions Alamo releases January 2020 Jobs Report*

**(March 13, 2020) San Antonio, Texas** – Workforce Solutions Alamo released information indicating that the Karnes County unemployment rate increased to 2.5% in January, higher than the 2.3% rate reported in December.

Karnes County's unemployment rate registered much lower than the overall rate of 3.2% 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 1.5% while Atascosa County registered the highest rate at 3.8%.

Comparing the Workforce Solutions Alamo metro area to the state and nation, the Texas **seasonally unadjusted (actual)** unemployment rate increased to **3.8%** in January, higher than **3.3%** rate reported in December. The nation's **unadjusted (actual)** unemployment rate increased to **4.0%** in January, up from the 3.4% rate reported in December. Summarizing the **seasonally adjusted unemployment** rates for the state and the nation, the Texas seasonally adjusted rate remained at **3.5%** in January, the same **3.5%** rate reported in December, while the nation's unemployment rate increased to **3.6%** for January, up from the **3.5%** rate reported in December.

*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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