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Killeen-Temple Ranks #106 on U.S. Payroll Growth

Despite stagnation, military and healthcare anchor resilience

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0.1%

12-month growth in metropolitan payroll employment (July 2026)

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This minimal growth rate reflects a market where private-sector dynamism is muted, yet employment stability remains intact. The figure is not a sign of weakness, but of structural anchoring—where public-sector and institutional employment absorb volatility. Fort Cavazos and the Baylor Scott & White medical corridor are not growing rapidly, but they are not contracting either.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics, July 2026 (seasonally unadjusted, metropolitan) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-22-killeen-temple-lab-bls-payroll-growth-12m-msa

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Stability Over Growth

Killeen-Temple's economy is not built on rapid job creation but on persistent, non-cyclical employment. The 0.1% growth rate is not a failure—it is a feature. Fort Cavazos, as a permanent military installation, provides predictable employment and housing demand regardless of broader economic cycles. Similarly, healthcare infrastructure in Temple, anchored by a major medical corridor, generates stable, long-term roles. This model resists boom-and-bust patterns, offering a rare form of economic insulation.

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The Hidden Engine of Resilience

While most markets chase growth through tech startups and private-sector expansion, Killeen-Temple’s strength lies in its institutional backbone. The 0.1% payroll growth masks a deeper reality: demand for housing, services, and infrastructure is sustained not by innovation but by permanence. This is not a lagging market—it is a different kind of leader. When national markets contract, this one holds. When others overheat, this one stabilizes.

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