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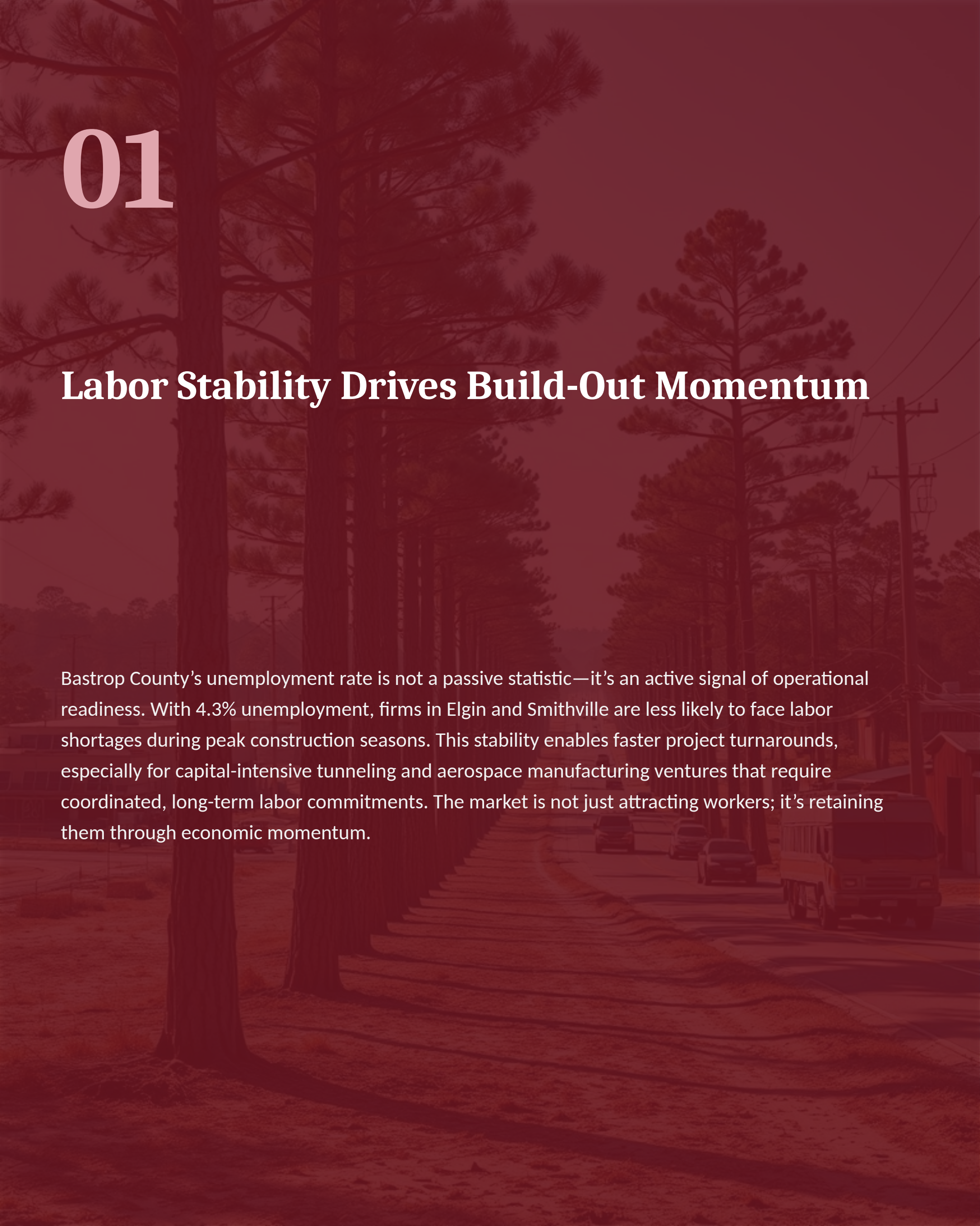
4.3%

county unemployment rate (July 2026)

Bastrop County ranks #15 among 60 of the most populous U.S. counties on unemployment rate.

This 4.3% unemployment rate reflects a tightly balanced labor market where job growth is outpacing population expansion. The low rate signals that labor is not only present but actively engaged in high-productivity roles, reducing the risk of project delays due to hiring bottlenecks.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, July 2026
(county, seasonally unadjusted) • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-23-bastrop-lab-bls-unemp-rate-county-st>



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Labor Stability Drives Build-Out Momentum

Bastrop County's unemployment rate is not a passive statistic—it's an active signal of operational readiness. With 4.3% unemployment, firms in Elgin and Smithville are less likely to face labor shortages during peak construction seasons. This stability enables faster project turnarounds, especially for capital-intensive tunneling and aerospace manufacturing ventures that require coordinated, long-term labor commitments. The market is not just attracting workers; it's retaining them through economic momentum.

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Affordability Meets Workforce Supply

While national housing markets face affordability strain, Bastrop's low unemployment rate is counterbalancing rising prices. The county's ability to maintain a skilled labor pool at 4.3% unemployment means employers can afford to offer competitive wages without triggering inflationary wage spirals.



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