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Ranking based on August 2026 BLS data

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Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX ranks #7 of 24 Texas metros on 12-month growth in the metropolitan labour force (metros of 100,000+ residents).

This growth rate reflects a steady expansion of the workforce despite national headwinds. While Austin trails Midland and Odessa, its position among the top 10 Texas metros signals continued economic momentum. The figure is not seasonally adjusted, but it still indicates a resilient labor market in the heart of Texas's innovation corridor.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics, August 2026 (seasonally unadjusted, metropolitan) · ALEX Intelligence computation

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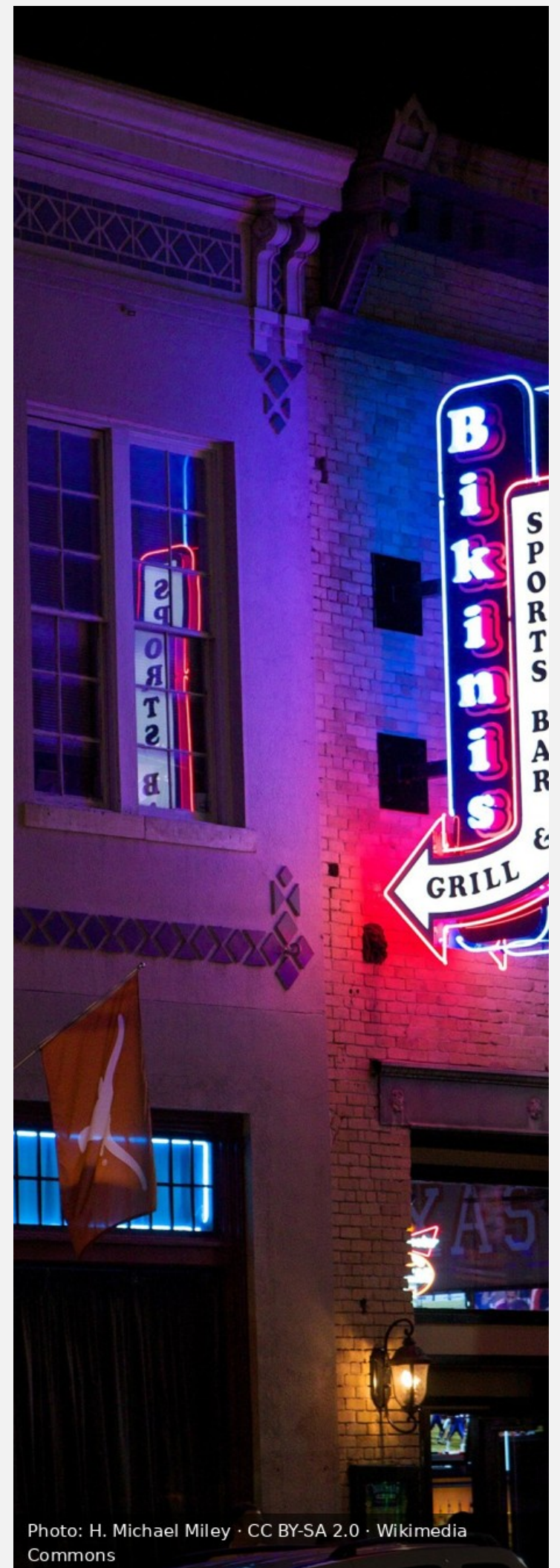


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Labor growth drives housing demand

Austin's 0.6% labor force expansion is not just a number—it's a signal of sustained housing demand. As jobs in tech, healthcare, and infrastructure continue to grow, the need for housing in the Austin MSA remains structurally strong. Even with elevated mortgage rates, the influx of new workers supports price resilience and inventory stability, particularly in mid-tier and entry-level segments.

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The cost of being a top-tier market

Austin's position at #7 in Texas labor growth reveals a double-edged sword: strength in talent attraction comes with rising competition for housing and infrastructure. The city's ability to absorb new workers without major supply shocks reflects institutional resilience, but it also pressures affordability and public services. This trend suggests that future policy and development must prioritize scalable, sustainable growth over short-term gains.



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