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Gillespie County leads Texas Hill Country in labor resilience

3.6% unemployment rate, August 2026

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Gillespie County posted the lowest unemployment rate among all Texas Hill Country counties.

This 3.6% rate reflects a robust labor market in a region where remote work and lifestyle-driven migration are reshaping economic dynamics. The low jobless rate suggests strong demand for labor, particularly in service, construction, and hospitality sectors tied to tourism and second-home ownership.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, August 2026 (county, seasonally unadjusted) • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-19-hill-country-tx-lab-bls-unemp-rate-county>

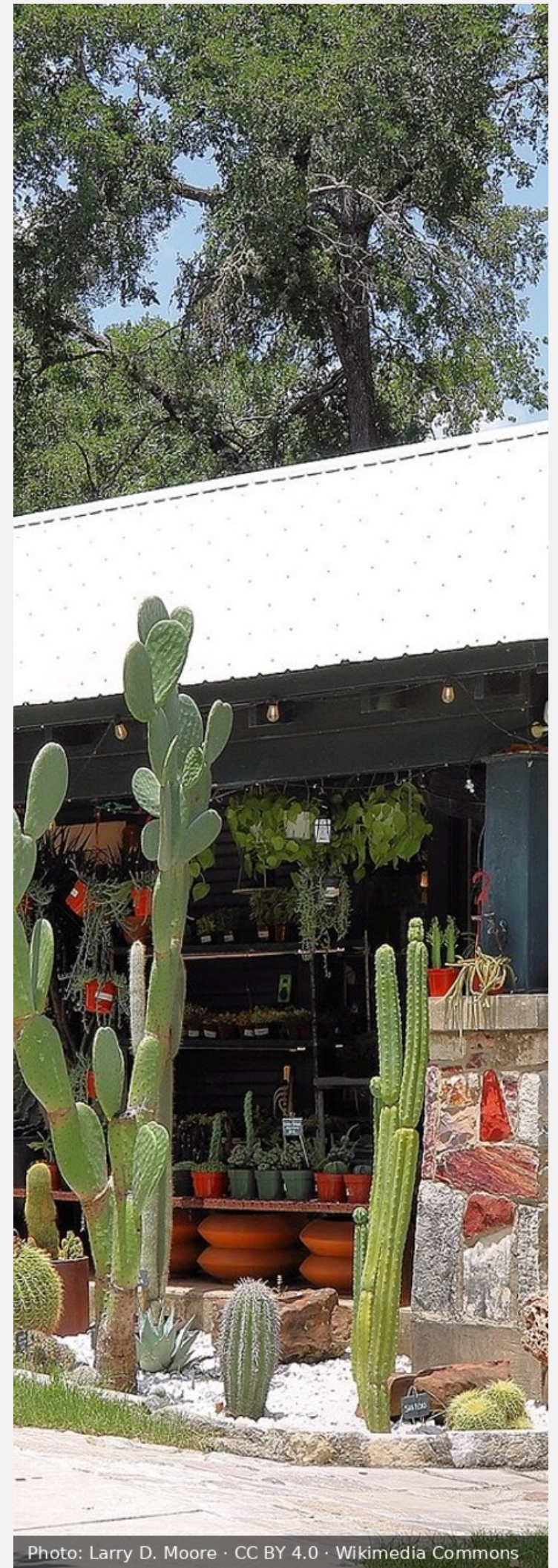


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Labor strength fuels real estate demand

In the Texas Hill Country, low unemployment is not a side effect—it's a driver. When workers are employed and confident, they invest in homes, upgrade properties, and support local businesses. Gillespie County's 3.6% unemployment rate signals a resilient, self-sustaining economy that attracts remote professionals and retirees alike, reinforcing long-term property value growth.

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Resilience without speculation

Unlike speculative hotspots, Gillespie County's labor market strength is rooted in real economic activity. The absence of Williamson County's hyper-growth dynamics means this resilience is not driven by tech-driven displacement or rapid price inflation. Instead, it reflects a balanced, community-based economy where job stability and housing affordability coexist—making it a sustainable model for long-term real estate value in rural Texas.



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