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Killeen-Temple recorded the second-lowest growth among Texas metros with 100,000+ residents.

This negative growth—-0.7%—marks a contraction in the labor force over the past year, a rare signal in a state where most metros are expanding. Yet this does not reflect declining demand. Instead, it underscores the market's unique reliance on two stable, non-cyclical employment engines: Fort Cavazos and the Baylor Scott & White medical corridor. These institutions provide employment stability that insulates the region from broader labor market volatility, even as the overall workforce shrinks.

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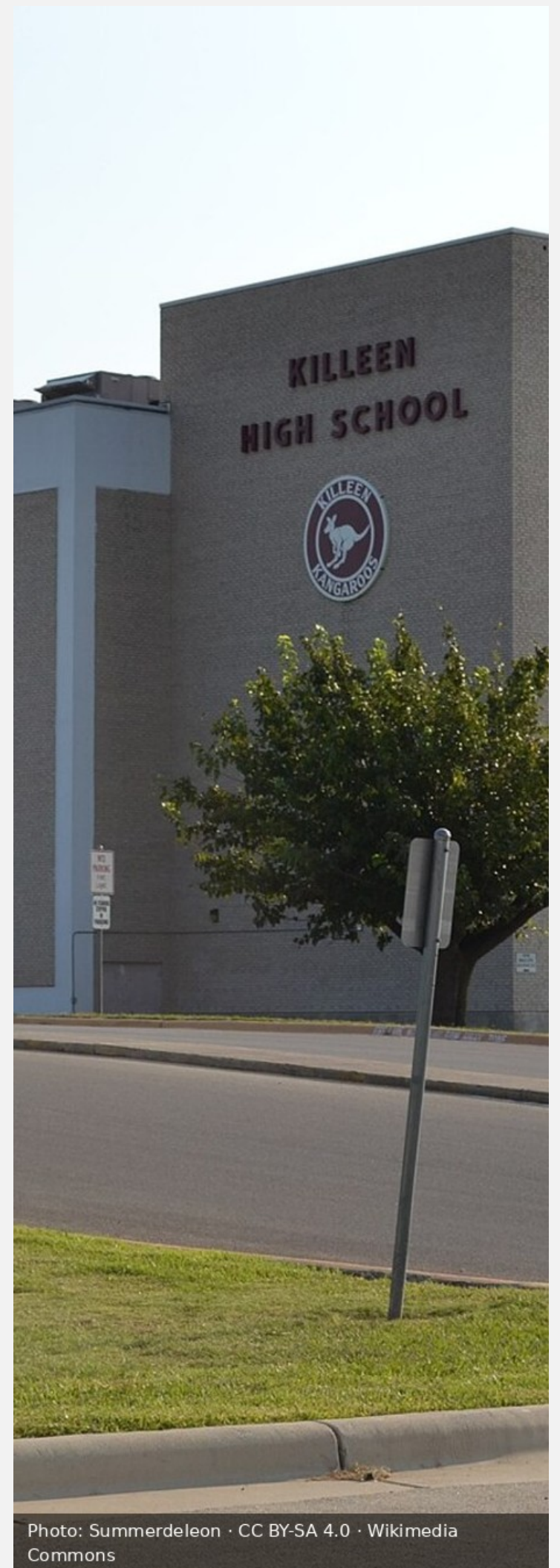


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Stability over growth defines the market

The absence of labor force expansion does not mean stagnation—it means predictability. In real estate, predictability is a premium. Investors and buyers in Killeen-Temple are not chasing speculative growth; they are securing assets in a market where employment is anchored in national defense and healthcare—two sectors with enduring, non-discretionary funding.

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The market is becoming a refuge for stability

This is not a market in decline—it is one in transition. As urban markets face overheating and volatility, Killeen-Temple is becoming a destination for those prioritizing job security and community stability over growth metrics. This shift is already reflected in real estate: demand is sustained not by population influx, but by retention and purposeful migration. The labor force may shrink, but the quality of employment—and the resulting housing demand—remains high.



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