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metropolitan unemployment rate (September 2026): 4.3%

BLS data shows 4.3% rate in September 2026

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San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX ranks #15 of 24 Texas metros on metropolitan unemployment rate (metros of 100,000+ residents)

This figure places San Antonio slightly above the state's top-tier job markets but below the national average for urban centers. The rate reflects a labor market that is stable, not stagnant — with job growth in healthcare, logistics, and defense sustaining demand despite high mortgage rates. The 4.3% unemployment rate is consistent with a resilient, mid-tier metro economy.



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics, September 2026 (seasonally unadjusted, metropolitan) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-03-sa-msa-lab-bls-unemp-rate-msa

01

Low joblessness, not high wages, drives housing stability

San Antonio’s housing market is not being driven by wage inflation but by employment resilience. The 4.3% unemployment rate is the primary anchor for market confidence. This suggests that the market is not overheating, but rather adjusting through sustained labor participation, not speculative demand.

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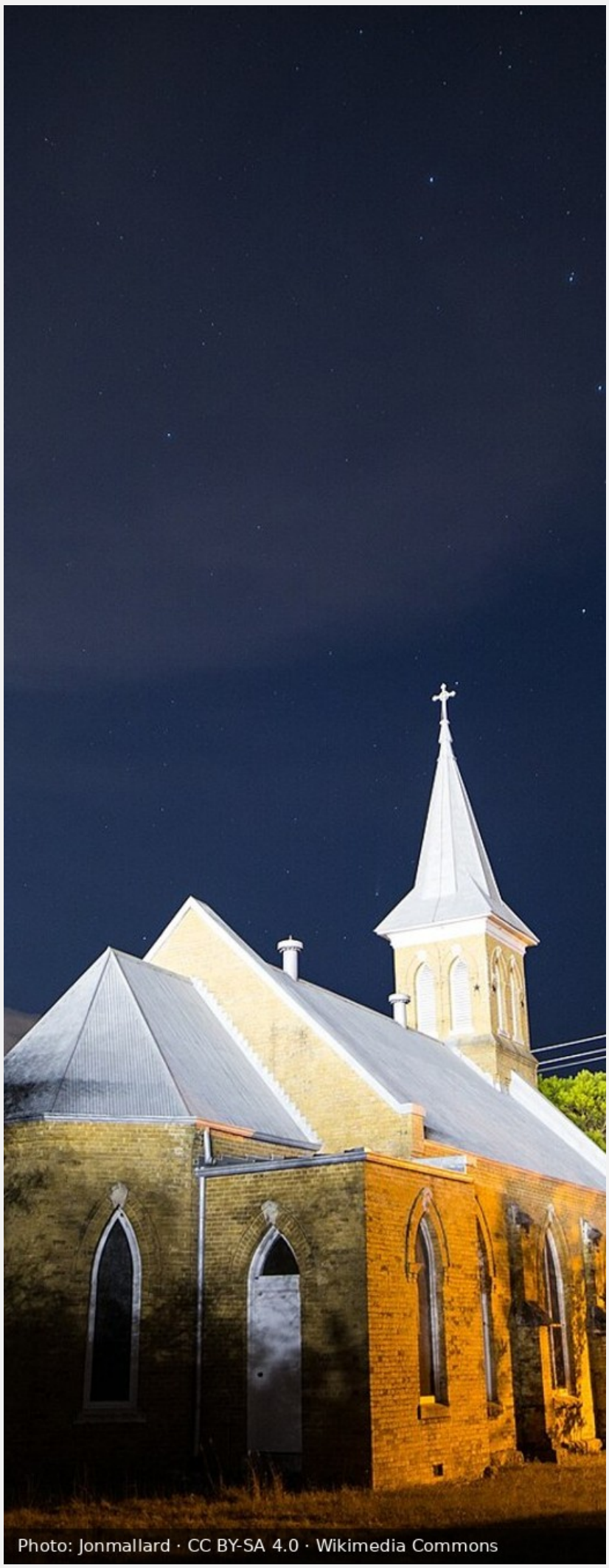


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Unemployment rank reveals structural advantage

Being ranked #15 in Texas on unemployment — not #1, not #2 — signals a balanced economy. It is stable enough to attract workers but not so hot that inflation accelerates. This middle ground allows housing affordability to remain manageable compared to Austin or Round Rock. The market is not overheating, nor is it in decline — it is holding steady, with job security as the invisible floor beneath home values.

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