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Unemployment rate change, September 2026

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12-month change in the metropolitan unemployment rate (September 2026)

Killeen-Temple tied for last place among Texas metros with 100,000+ residents in year-over-year job market stability.

This zero change signals a complete stagnation in labor market dynamics — no net improvement or deterioration in employment conditions over the past year. In a region anchored by Fort Cavazos and the Baylor Scott & White medical corridor, this suggests a labor market that has reached a temporary equilibrium. The absence of growth or decline reflects either a saturated workforce or a rigid supply-demand balance, where new jobs are being absorbed without increasing unemployment or reducing joblessness.

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/2026-11-12-killeen-temple-lab-bls-unemp-rate-chg-12m-msa

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Stability as a strategic advantage

In a state where rapid job growth often correlates with rising housing demand and inflationary pressure, Killeen-Temple’s stagnant unemployment change is not a weakness — it’s a sign of structural maturity. The market is no longer experiencing the volatility of early expansion. This stability is particularly valuable for long-term investors, institutional landlords, and employers planning workforce scaling, as it reduces the risk of sudden labor shortages or surpluses. The absence of churn suggests a resilient, self-sustaining labor pool.

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Fort Cavazos as a labor anchor

The U.S. Army's Fort Cavazos is the single largest employer in Bell, Coryell, and Lampasas counties. Its stable, long-term operational profile likely underpins the zero change in unemployment — a large, predictable workforce with minimal turnover. Unlike dynamic civilian sectors that fluctuate with consumer demand, military employment is largely insulated from cyclical shifts. This anchors the regional labor market, creating a buffer that prevents both overheating and collapse, even during broader economic volatility.

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