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BANDERA COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASES TO 9.4 PERCENT *Workforce Solutions Alamo releases April 2020 Job Report*

(May 22, 2020) San Antonio, Texas – Workforce Solutions Alamo released information indicating that the Bandera County unemployment rate rose to 9.4% in April, higher than the 4.7% rate previously reported in March, after adjustments from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Bandera County's unemployment rate registered lower than the overall jobless rate of 13.0% for the 13-county Workforce Solutions Alamo area, which includes Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, McMullen and Wilson counties. McMullen County registered the lowest unemployment rate amongst the counties at 2.6% while Bexar County registered the highest rate at 13.7%.

Comparing the Workforce Solutions Alamo metro area to the state and nation, because of Coronavirus-related business closures, the Texas **seasonally unadjusted** (actual) unemployment rate increased to **13.0%** in April, this year's increase is the largest March to April increase in the history of the series which began in 1976. The **13.0%** rate in April is much higher than **5.1%** rate reported in March after adjustments from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The nation's **unadjusted (actual)** unemployment rate increased to **14.4%** in April, up from the **4.5%** rate reported in March. Summarizing the **seasonally adjusted** unemployment rates for the state and the nation, the Texas **seasonally adjusted** rate increased to **12.8%** in April, higher than the **5.1%** rate reported in March after adjustments from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Meanwhile, the nation's **seasonally adjusted** unemployment rate increased to **14.7%** in April, up from the **4.4%** rate reported in March.

The Workforce Solutions Alamo Board serves as the governing board for the regional workforce system, a network of service providers and contractors that brings people and jobs together. Workforce Solutions Alamo is composed of the 13-county Alamo region. Workforce Solutions Alamo membership reflects the diverse constituencies of the regional community: business, economic development, education, labor, community organizations, and government.

Note: Only the actual/unadjusted series unemployment rate estimates for Texas and the US are comparable to sub-state unemployment rates. Adjusted rates are calculated by smoothing out the changes in unemployment due to the typical seasonal hiring and layoffs. Rates reported are estimates and changes in previously reported rates can occur with BLS readjustments.

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