

Louisiana Workforce

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Statewide Overview

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment for Louisiana was estimated at 1,949,000 in December 2008. This represents an increase of 3,700 jobs over the month and a net gain of 8,200 jobs since December 2007. Over the year, the largest employment increase was in construction, which gained 5,200 positions. This was followed by educational and health services, which added 4,500 jobs.

Over the month, eight of the eleven industry sectors showed increases in employment while three declined. The largest over-the-month increase occurred in educational and health services, which added 1,100 jobs. This was followed closely by professional and business services, which posted a monthly gain of 1,000 positions. The greatest monthly job loss occurred in natural resources and mining which shed 500 positions. Monthly job losses also occurred in manufacturing and other services which each declined by 300.

Over the year, all but two sectors showed an increase from December 2007 figures. After construction and educational and health services, the largest yearly gain was in both professional and business services and government which each posted increases of 1,300 jobs. Other increases included financial activities (+900) and leisure and hospitality (+700). The largest over-the-year job loss occurred in manufacturing which shed 5,700 jobs, a 3.6 percent job decrease.

The December 2008 preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Louisiana was 5.9 percent, an increase from the November revised rate of 5.3 percent. The national unemployment rate for December was 7.2 percent, an increase from the November rate of 6.8 percent. Total unemployment in the state for December was 121,949. The state civilian labor force increased to 2,061,080, with a decrease in total employment to 1,939,131.

Economic Indicators

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary DECEMBER 2008	
	United States	Louisiana
Civilian Labor Force		
Labor Force	154,447,000	2,061,080
Employed	143,338,000	1,939,131
Unemployed	11,108,000	121,949
Unemployment Rate	7.2	5.9

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	DEC 2008	DEC 2008
	United States	Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	135,489,000	1,949,000
Nat. Resources and Mining	802,000	51,200
Construction	6,833,000	140,600
Manufacturing	12,981,000	153,600
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	25,833,000	385,900
Information	2,933,000	26,600
Financial Activities	8,104,000	98,000
Professional and Business Services	17,450,000	203,700
Educational and Health Services	19,104,000	255,000
Leisure and Hospitality	13,468,000	199,000
Other Services	5,467,000	69,200
Government	22,514,000	366,200

	Average Hours & Earnings (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	
	DEC 2008 United States	DEC 2008 Louisiana
Natural Resources & Mining		
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 1,011.56	\$ 1,035.61
Average Weekly Hours	44.0	42.9
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 22.99	\$ 24.14
Manufacturing		
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 726.61	\$ 848.85
Average Weekly Hours	40.3	42.4
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 18.03	\$ 20.02

Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities	
Claims	DEC 2008
Initial New & Renewals	17,960
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	151,046
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.7
Benefits	
Number of First Payment	9,557
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 26,741
Weeks Compensated	129,613
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 208.55
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	13.6
Exhaustions	3,023

United States Consumer Price Index	
	DEC 2008
All Urban Consumers	210.2

The civilian labor force and nonfarm **estimates** are prepared according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology and are comparable with the U.S. and other states' data. For more information, go to page 14.

Economic Comparison

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary DECEMBER 2008		Revised NOVEMBER 2008		Revised DECEMBER 2007	
	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana
Civilian Labor Force						
Labor Force	154,447,000	2,061,080	154,620,000	2,050,068	153,836,000	2,016,988
Employed	143,338,000	1,939,131	144,144,000	1,941,515	146,294,000	1,937,093
Unemployed	11,108,000	121,949	10,476,000	108,553	7,541,000	79,895
Unemployment Rate	7.2	5.9	6.8	5.3	4.9	4.0
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	DEC 2008	DEC 2008	NOV 2008	NOV 2008	DEC 2007	DEC 2007
	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	135,489,000	1,949,000	136,013,000	1,945,300	138,078,000	1,940,800
Nat. Resources and Mining	802,000	51,200	803,000	51,700	739,000	51,100
Construction	6,833,000	140,600	6,934,000	140,300	7,465,000	135,400
Manufacturing	12,981,000	153,600	13,130,000	153,900	13,772,000	159,300
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	25,833,000	385,900	25,954,000	385,100	26,658,000	385,800
Information	2,933,000	26,600	2,953,000	26,500	3,018,000	26,600
Financial Activities	8,104,000	98,000	8,118,000	97,900	8,252,000	97,100
Professional and Business Services	17,450,000	203,700	17,563,000	202,700	18,131,000	202,400
Educational and Health Services	19,104,000	255,000	19,059,000	253,900	18,568,000	250,500
Leisure and Hospitality	13,468,000	199,000	13,490,000	198,500	13,635,000	198,300
Other Services	5,467,000	69,200	5,502,000	69,500	5,507,000	68,900
Government	22,514,000	366,200	22,507,000	365,300	22,333,000	364,900
Average Hours & Earnings						
Natural Resources & Mining	United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Louisiana (Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
	DEC 2008	NOV 2008	DEC 2007	DEC 2008	NOV 2008	DEC 2007
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 1,011.56	\$ 1,036.29	\$ 992.94	\$1,035.61	\$1,027.94	\$910.05
Average Weekly Hours	44.0	44.9	45.8	42.9	43.1	40.7
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 22.99	\$ 23.08	\$ 21.68	\$24.14	\$23.85	\$22.36
Manufacturing						
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 726.61	\$ 726.57	\$ 728.42	\$848.85	\$868.60	\$825.01
Average Weekly Hours	40.3	40.5	41.6	42.4	43.0	41.9
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 18.03	\$ 17.94	\$ 17.51	\$20.02	\$20.20	\$19.69
Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities						
Claims		DEC 2008	NOV 2008	DEC 2007	<i>% Change From</i>	
					NOV 2008	DEC 2007
Initial New & Renewals		17,960	10,819	9,572	66.0	87.6
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only		151,046	109,286	78,184	38.2	93.2
Insured Unemployment Rate*		1.7	1.6	1.1	6.2	56.0
Benefits						
Number of First Payment		9,557	6,041	4,469	58.2	113.9
Benefits Paid (000's)		\$ 26,741	\$ 18,446	\$ 13,058	45.0	104.8
Weeks Compensated		129,613	90,362	63,565	43.4	103.9
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount		\$ 208.55	\$ 206.72	\$ 207.92	0.9	0.3
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)		13.6	15.0	14.2	-9.3	-4.6
Exhaustions		3,023	2,085	1,622	45.0	86.4
* Insured unemployment rate is for the week including the 12th of the month.						
United States Consumer Price Index						
	DEC 2008	<i>% Change From:</i>		NOV 2008	<i>% Change From:</i>	
	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year
All Urban Consumers	210.2	- 1.0	+ 0.1	212.4	- 1.9	+ 1.1

Not Seasonally Adjusted State and Area Employment

Not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment for Louisiana was estimated at 1,958,000 for December 2008. Employment was up 3,000 from November 2008 and increased by 8,500 over the same period last year. Goods producing employment decreased by 300 jobs from last month and 500 positions from a year ago. This was more than offset by the service-providing sector, which added 3,300 jobs over November and gained 9,000 jobs compared to December 2007.

Total nonfarm employment for the Alexandria MSA was 66,100, unchanged from November 2008 but increased 300 jobs over the year. Both goods producing and service-providing employment remained unchanged from a month ago. Over the year, goods producing employment increased by 300 while the service-providing sector remained unchanged.

Total nonfarm employment for the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 379,500 for December 2008. Over the month, the number of jobs increased by 700; compared to December 2007, nonfarm employment increased by 4,000. Goods producing employment fell by 500 over the month but increased by 900 jobs over last year. The service-providing sector added 1,200 jobs over the month and 3,100 jobs over last year.

The Houma MSA added 200 jobs over the month, rising to a total of 96,200. Over the year, however, the number of jobs contracted by 300. Employment in the goods producing sector remained unchanged from last month while the service-providing sector added 200 jobs; over the year, goods producing lost 1,000 jobs while service-providing gained 700 positions.

Total nonfarm employment for the Lafayette MSA stood at 153,800 for December 2008. This represents an increase of 400 jobs compared to last month and a gain of 2,400 jobs over last year. Both goods producing and service-providing employment gained 200 over the month. Over the year, goods producing increased by 800, while service-providing added 1,600 jobs.

Total nonfarm employment for the Lake Charles MSA was 92,800 for December 2008, an increase of 100 jobs over last month. Over the year, employment in the MSA also increased by 100, as losses in goods producing industries were more than offset by gains in service-providing.

Total nonfarm employment for the Monroe MSA was estimated at 79,700 for December 2008, unchanged from a month ago. Compared to a year ago, the MSA gained 300 jobs. Goods producing employment, at 12,200, remained unchanged from last month but up 200 jobs from a year ago. Likewise, service-providing employment remained unchanged from last month but added 100 jobs over the same period last year.

Total nonfarm employment for the New Orleans MSA was 532,000 for December 2008. Over the month, the MSA added 400 jobs, while expanding by 6,600 jobs over the year. Goods producing—at 79,400—contracted by 200 jobs both over the month and over the year. In contrast, the service-providing sector grew by 600 jobs over the month and added 6,800 jobs over December 2007.

Total nonfarm for the Shreveport MSA was 181,900 for December 2008, a loss of 500 jobs from last month but a gain of 200 over December 2007. Goods producing employment shrank by 300 from a month ago and 800 jobs compared to December 2007. Service-providing industries trimmed 200 jobs over the month but posted an increase of 1,000 jobs over the year.

Key to Graphs

The following graphs have been designed to reflect the over-the-year trends in the statistical data. Below are the most frequently used abbreviations.

OTM refers to the over-the-month change in employment

OTY refers to the over-the-year change in employment

SA refers to seasonally adjusted estimates

NSA refers to not seasonally adjusted estimates

Graphs for statewide reflect seasonally adjusted (SA) estimates compared to not seasonally adjusted (NSA) data.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) graphs denote nonfarm employment levels compared to a three year red trend line of the estimated employment. The gold lines in these graphs are the over-the-month changes for each year.

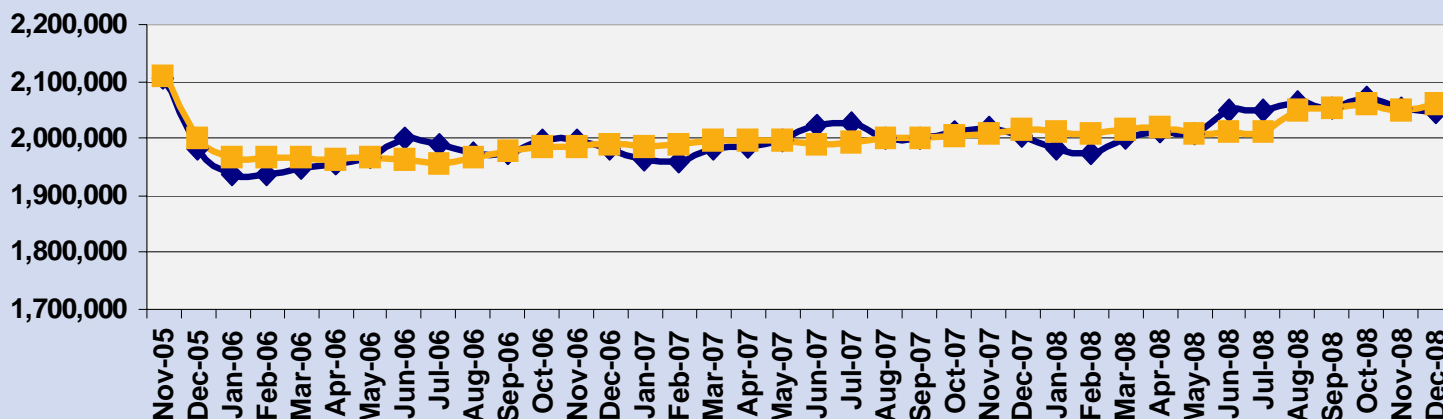
December 2008

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force

SA
2,061,080
OTM 11,012
OTY 44,092

NSA
2,045,826
OTM -8,843
OTY 40,703

◆ NSA ■ SA



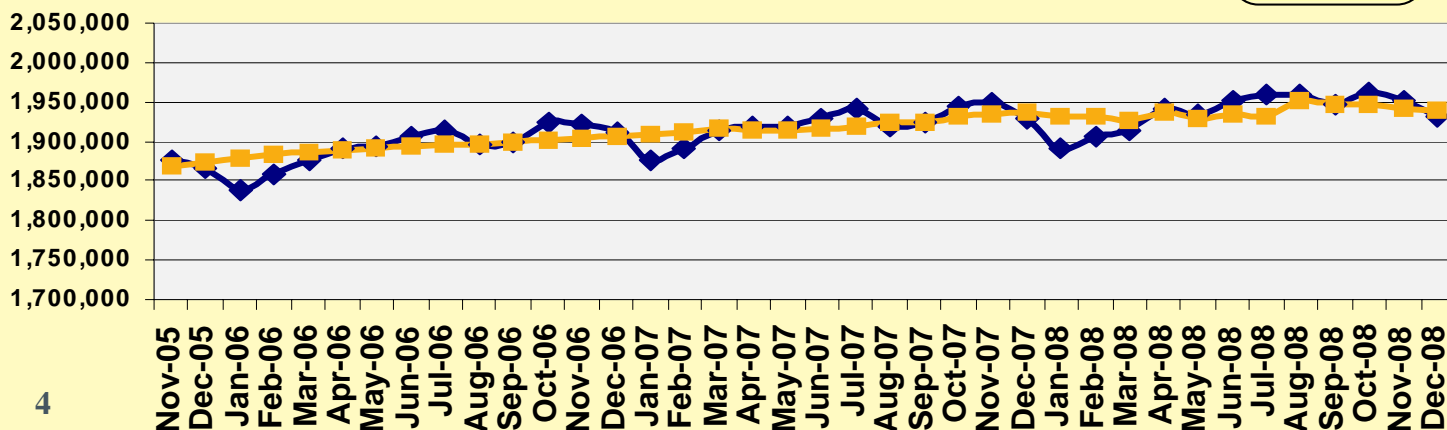
December 2008

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force Employment

SA
1,939,131
OTM -2,384
OTY 2,038

NSA
1,932,664
OTM -19,672
OTY 3,718

◆ NSA ■ SA



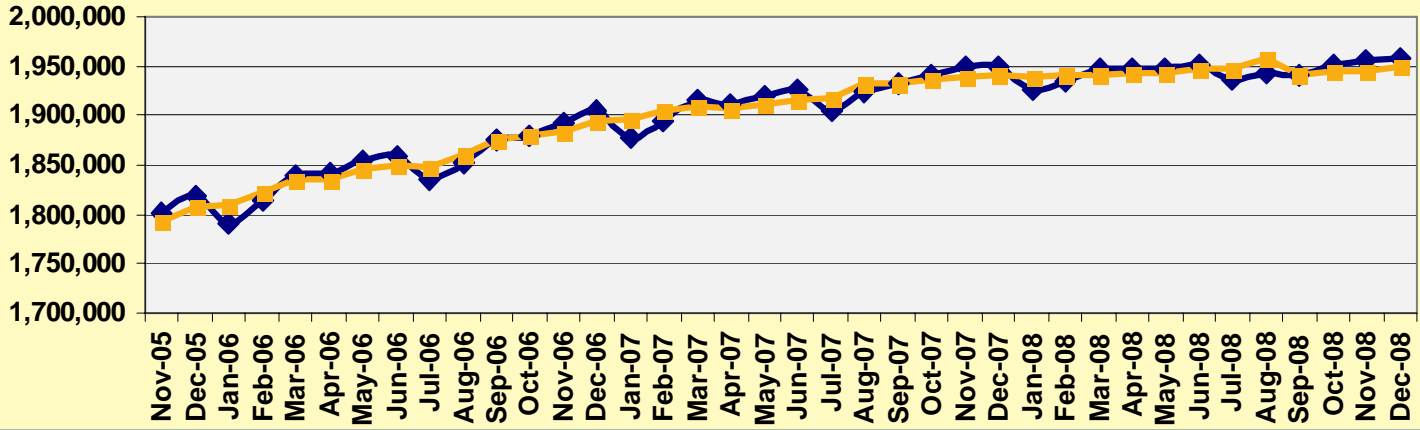
December 2008

SA
1,949,000
OTM: 3,700
QTY: 8,200

Louisiana Nonfarm Employment

NSA
1,968,000
OTM: 3,000
QTY: 8,500

◆ NSA Nonfarm ■ SA Nonfarm

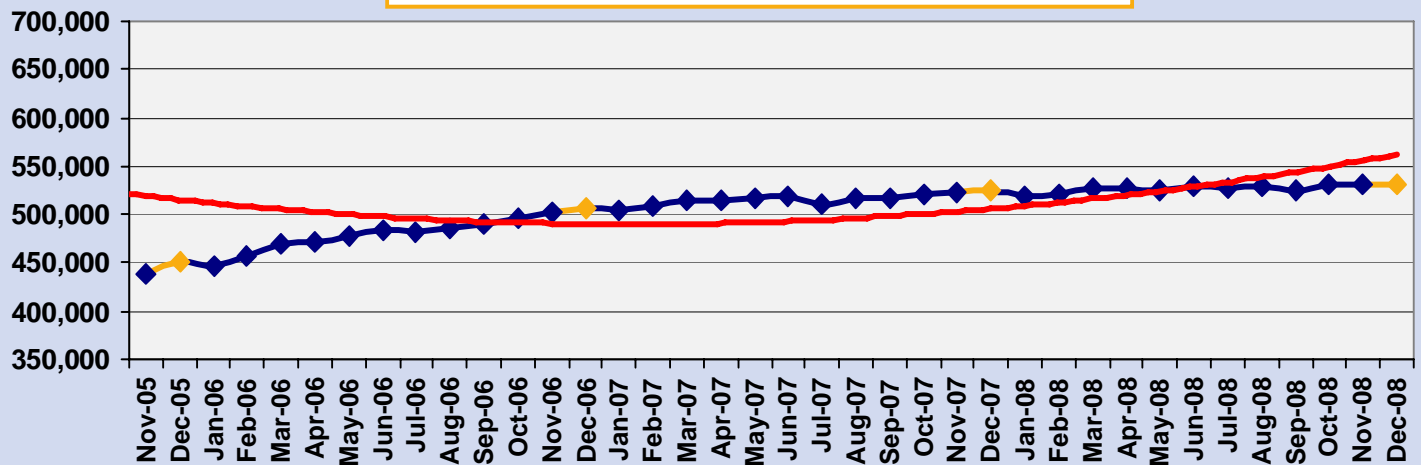


December 2008

New Orleans MSA Nonfarm Employment

NSA
532,000
OTM: 400
QTY: 6,600

◆ Monthly Estimate — 3 Year Trend

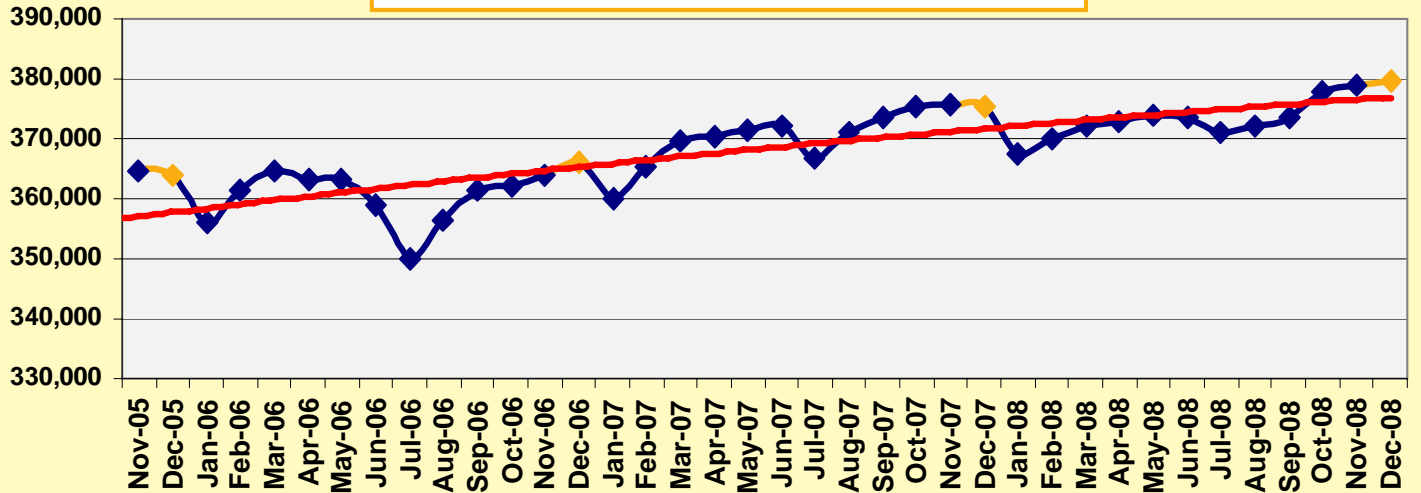


December 2008

Baton Rouge MSA Nonfarm Employment

NSA
379,500
OTM: 700
QTY: 4,000

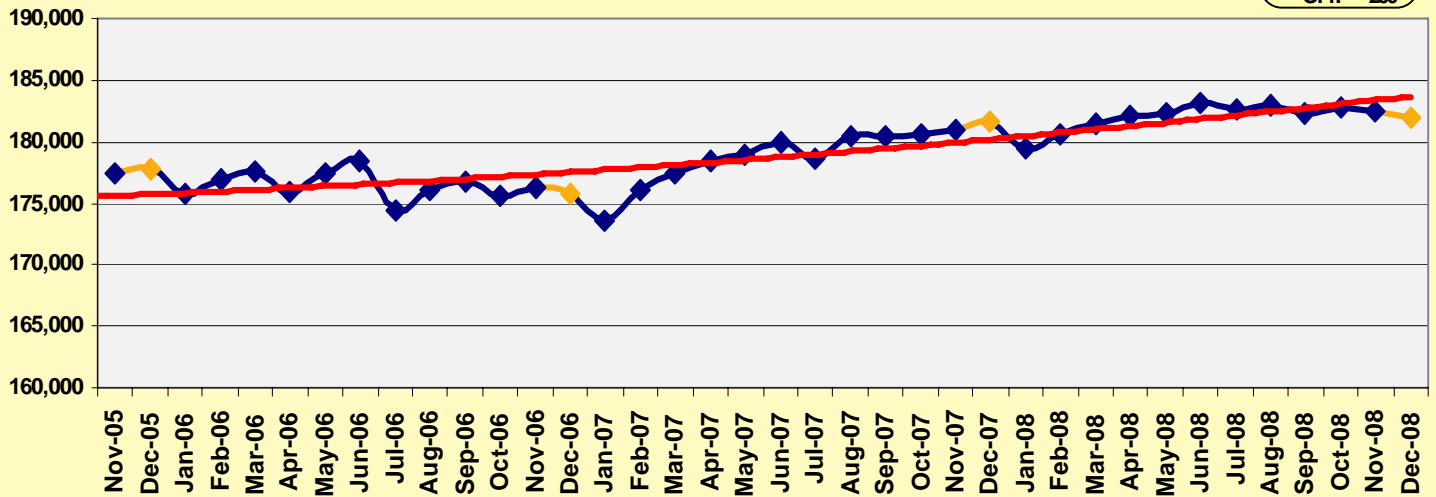
◆ Monthly Estimate — 3 Year Trend



December 2008

Shreveport MSA Nonfarm Employment

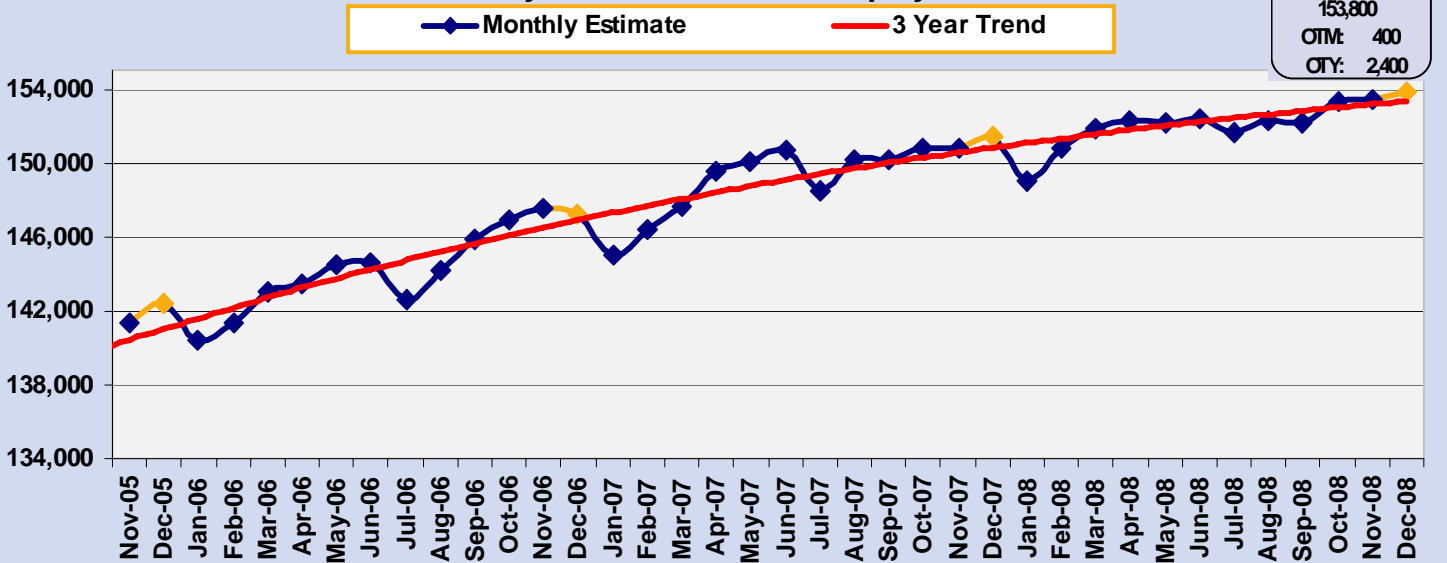
NSA	181,900
OTM:	-500
QTY:	200



December 2008

Lafayette MSA Nonfarm Employment

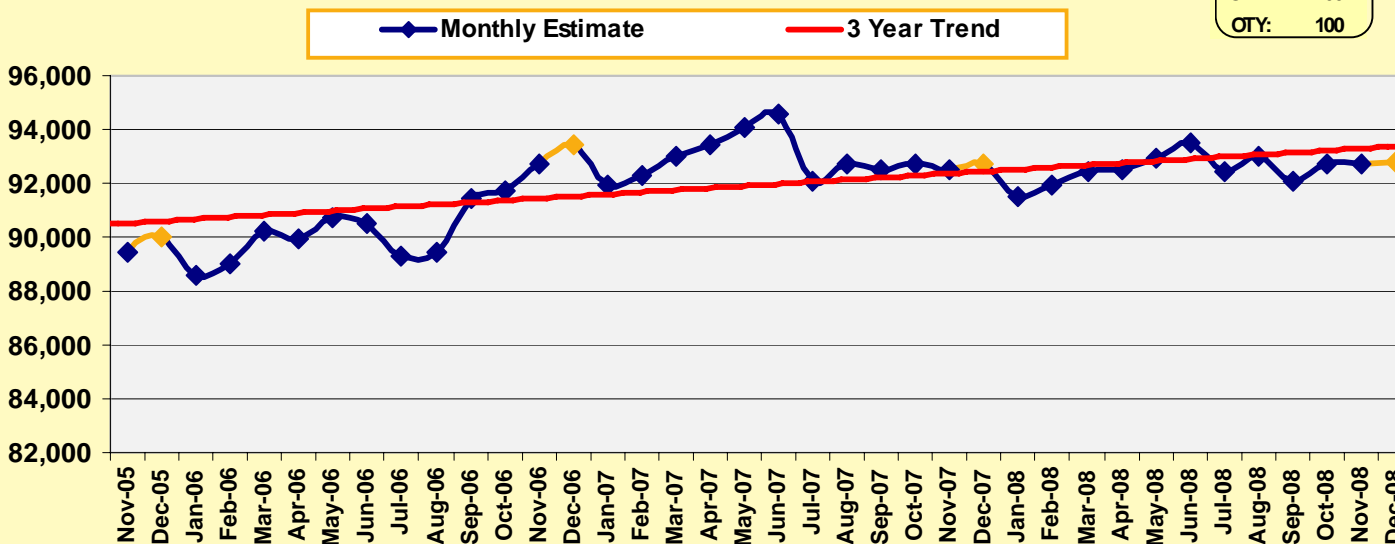
NSA	153,800
OTM:	400
QTY:	2,400



December 2008

Lake Charles MSA Nonfarm Employment

NSA	92,800
OTM:	100
QTY:	100

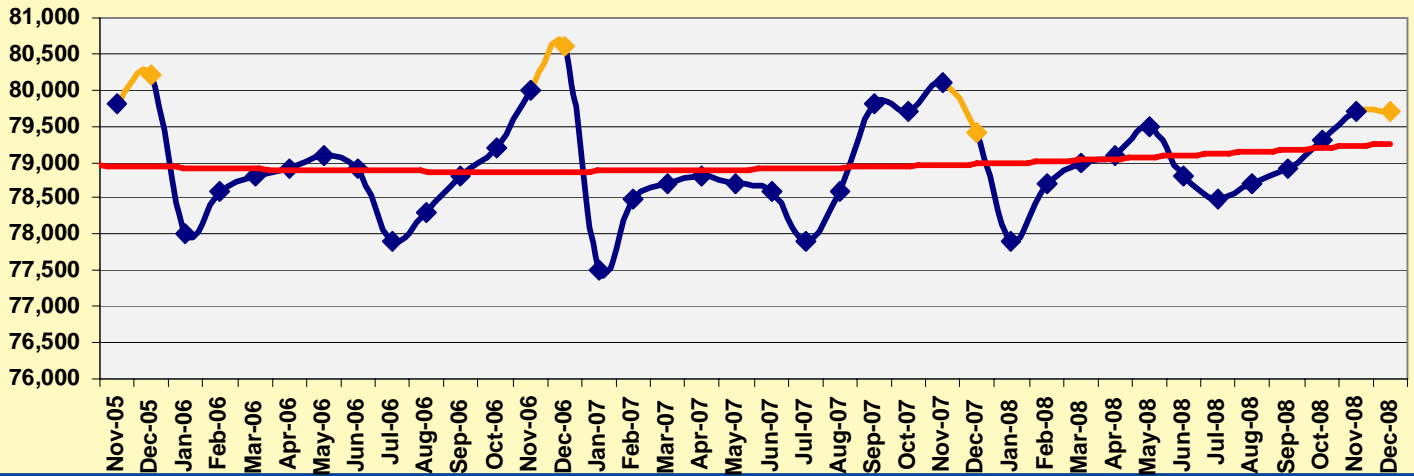


December 2008

Monroe MSA Nonfarm Employment

NSA	79,700
OTM:	0
QTY:	300

◆ Monthly Estimate — 3 Year Trend

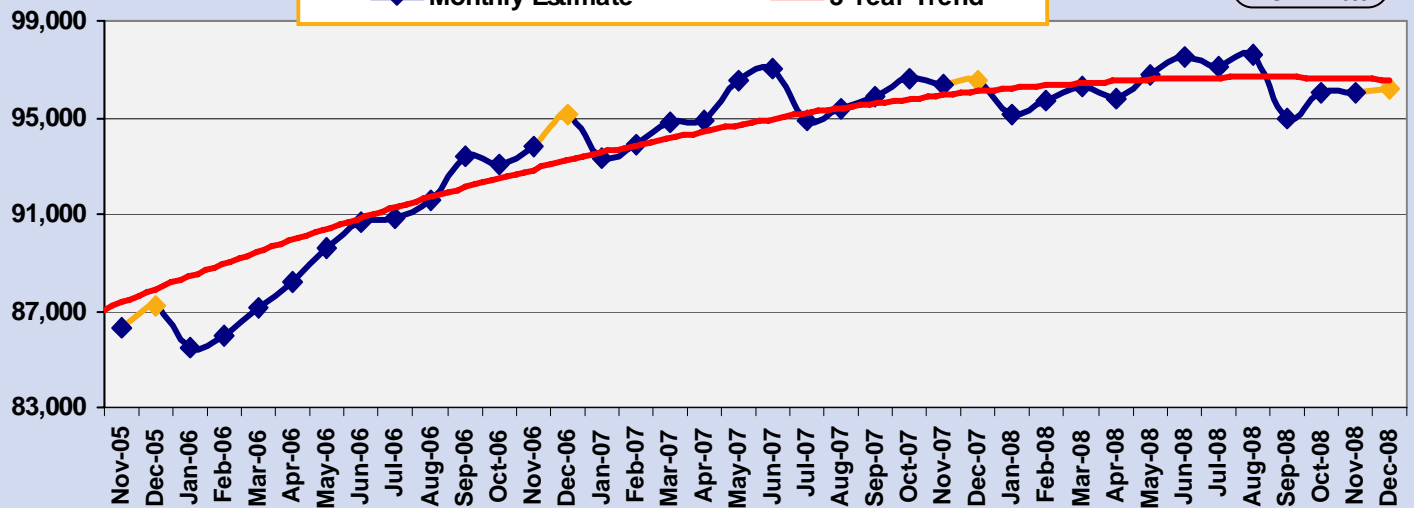


December 2008

Houma MSA Nonfarm Employment

NSA	96,200
OTM:	200
QTY:	-300

◆ Monthly Estimate — 3 Year Trend

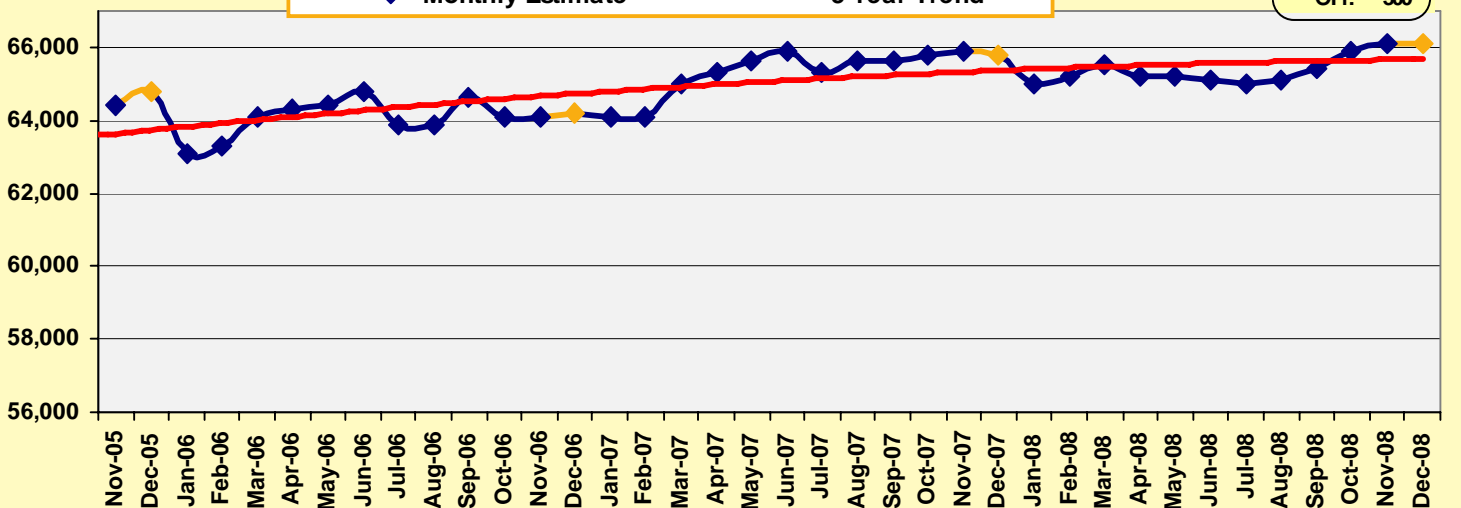


December 2008

Alexandria MSA Nonfarm Employment

NSA	66,100
OTM:	0
QTY:	300

◆ Monthly Estimate — 3 Year Trend



	LOUISIANA			NEW ORLEANS-METAIRIE-KENNER MSA			BATON ROUGE MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	DEC	NOV	DEC	DEC	NOV	DEC	DEC	NOV	DEC
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>									
Total Nonfarm	1,958,000	1,955,000	1,949,500	532,000	531,600	525,400	379,500	378,800	375,500
Total Private	1,589,400	1,585,500	1,582,200	449,300	449,000	443,500	301,500	300,600	297,800
Goods Producing	347,300	347,600	347,800	79,400	79,600	79,600	70,300	70,800	69,400
Natural Resources & Mining	51,700	51,900	51,600	8,500	8,500	8,600	2,100	2,100	1,900
Oil & Gas Extraction	7,800	7,800	7,900	3,100	3,100	3,300			
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction	7,800	7,800	7,800						
Support Activities for Mining	39,300	39,200	39,200						
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells	9,500	9,500	9,600						
Construction	141,100	140,800	136,000	34,600	34,700	34,100	42,200	42,600	41,200
Construction of Buildings	28,100	28,100	27,000				9,800	9,900	9,600
Residential Building Construction	8,800	8,800	8,500						
Nonresidential Building Construction	19,300	19,300	18,500				8,500	8,600	7,800
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	42,300	42,600	40,900	9,400	9,400	8,700	14,900	15,400	14,200
Utility System Construction	23,200	23,500	22,300						
Specialty Trade Contractors	70,700	70,100	68,100	18,100	18,200	18,100	17,500	17,300	17,400
Manufacturing	154,500	154,900	160,200	36,300	36,400	36,900	26,000	26,100	26,300
Durable Goods	85,500	85,700	89,000	19,700	19,900	20,300			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	22,000	22,100	23,400	10,300	10,300	11,000			
Ship & Boat Building	15,600	15,500	15,700	8,600	8,700	8,500			
Nondurable Goods	69,000	69,200	71,200	16,600	16,500	16,600	16,300	16,300	16,700
Food Manufacturing	16,100	16,300	16,700						
Paper Manufacturing	7,600	7,900	8,200						
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	10,700	10,700	10,800	3,800	3,800	3,700			
Chemical Manufacturing	23,000	23,000	22,900	4,700	4,700	4,800	9,300	9,300	9,500
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	12,800	12,700	12,800				5,400	5,400	5,600
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments							2,600	2,600	2,600
Service-Providing	1,610,700	1,607,400	1,601,700	452,600	452,000	445,800	309,200	308,000	306,100
Private Service-Providing	1,242,100	1,237,900	1,234,400	369,900	369,400	363,900	231,200	229,800	228,400
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	391,400	388,700	391,300	109,900	109,400	109,200	69,900	69,000	68,000
Wholesale Trade	76,500	76,200	76,300	24,200	24,200	24,000	13,500	13,400	13,300
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	39,300	39,400	39,900	11,800	11,800	11,900			
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	27,400	27,300	27,000	8,200	8,200	8,100			
Retail Trade	232,400	230,400	232,600	61,200	60,800	60,500	43,600	42,900	42,200
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise									
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	28,000	28,000	28,000						
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	21,700	21,700	21,900						
Food & Beverage Stores	36,600	36,400	36,600						
Grocery Stores	31,500	31,500	31,200	7,800	7,800	7,700	5,200	5,300	5,200
Health & Personal Care Stores	15,600	15,400	15,000	4,600	4,600	4,500			
Gasoline Stations	18,200	18,300	18,500						
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	22,900	21,900	21,900						
General Merchandise Stores	54,200	53,200	53,600	12,200	12,000	12,200	10,100	9,900	10,000
Department Stores	17,600	17,100	17,300				3,000	2,900	3,000
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	82,500	82,100	82,400	24,500	24,400	24,700	12,800	12,700	12,500
Transportation and Warehousing	73,400	73,100	73,300	22,200	22,000	22,400			
Truck Transportation	18,800	18,700	18,800						
Support Activities for Transportation	22,200	21,900	21,400						
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	26,600	26,500	26,600	7,100	7,100	7,200	5,500	5,600	5,700
Telecommunications	12,000	12,000	12,000						
Financial Activities	97,800	97,700	96,900	26,800	26,800	27,400	18,700	18,600	18,600
Finance & Insurance	63,400	63,500	63,100	18,700	18,700	18,700	13,000	13,000	13,300
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	34,600	34,500	34,100	8,700	8,600	8,600			
Depository Credit Intermediation	24,400	24,300	24,000	6,700	6,600	6,500	4,700	4,700	4,700
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	24,800	24,700	24,700						
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	34,400	34,200	33,800						
Professional & Business Services	203,700	202,700	202,500	69,100	69,200	68,200	43,800	43,600	44,400
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	81,800	80,800	82,200	28,200	27,900	28,000	20,900	20,700	20,400
Legal Services	20,400	20,000	20,000	9,200	9,200	8,900			
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	9,800	8,800	9,700						
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	24,600	24,600	24,200						
Management of Companies & Enterprises	21,900	22,000	21,800	7,300	7,400	7,400			
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	100,000	99,900	98,500	33,600	33,900	32,800	20,000	20,200	20,600
Administrative & Support Services	91,400	91,900	90,800	30,700	31,000	30,300			
Employment Services	37,200	37,600	38,100	12,700	13,000	13,000			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	19,900	20,200	19,700						
Educational & Health Services	255,300	255,500	250,900	67,100	67,400	64,600	46,300	46,100	44,700
Educational Services	32,200	32,900	32,500	17,700	18,300	16,700			
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools	23,200	23,600	21,900	11,300	11,700	10,200			
Health Care & Social Assistance	223,100	222,600	218,400	49,400	49,100	47,900	40,000	40,000	38,600
Ambulatory Health Care Services	79,900	79,400	78,500	19,200	19,100	18,800	15,500	15,500	15,100
Offices of Physicians	32,300	32,100	31,600						
Home Health Care Services	18,900	18,800	17,700						
Hospitals	62,600	62,500	61,900	15,100	15,100	14,500	12,100	12,100	11,600
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	51,100	51,000	51,200						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	42,500	42,700	42,200						
Nursing Care Facilities	25,300	25,500	25,700						
Social Assistance	38,100	38,000	35,800						
Leisure & Hospitality	197,900	197,500	197,100	69,900	69,500	67,700	33,000	32,900	33,100
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	33,000	32,800	33,100	12,200	12,000	12,000			
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	27,000	27,000	27,000	8,300	8,300	8,400			
Gambling Industries	15,200	15,200	15,700	4,400	4,400	4,600			
Casinos (except Casino hotels)	13,700	13,600	14,000						
Accommodation & Food Services	164,900	164,700	164,000	57,700	57,500	55,700	28,000	27,900	28,200
Accommodation	23,700	23,700	23,500	11,800	11,800	10,700			
Food Services & Drinking Places	141,200	141,000	140,500	45,900	45,700	45,000	26,200	26,100	26,100
Other Services	69,400	69,300	69,100	20,000	20,000	19,600	14,000	14,000	13,900
Repair & Maintenance	20,600	20,600	20,500						
Automotive Repair & Maintenance	11,400	11,400	11,400						
Personal & Laundry Services	16,600	16,500	16,200						
Government	368,600	369,500	367,300	82,700	82,600	81,900	78,000	78,200	77,700
Federal Government	31,200	31,200	31,800	12,100	12,000	12,200	3,400	3,500	3,800
State Government	120,300	120,800	118,000	20,800	20,700	20,300	42,100	42,300	41,800
Local Government	217,100	217,500	217,500	49,800	49,900	49,400	32,500	32,400	32,100

LOUISIANA & MSAs NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

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	SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA			LAFAYETTE MSA			LAKE CHARLES MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	DEC	NOV	DEC	DEC	NOV	DEC	DEC	NOV	DEC
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>									
Total Nonfarm	181,900	182,400	181,700	153,800	153,400	151,400	92,800	92,700	92,700
Total Private	146,000	146,000	146,300	136,400	136,000	133,700	77,100	77,000	77,300
Goods Producing	26,200	26,500	27,000	34,500	34,300	33,700	21,000	20,900	21,200
Natural Resources & Mining	4,000	4,000	3,900	17,000	16,900	16,400	1,400	1,400	1,500
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				15,800	15,800	15,200			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction	9,600	9,600	9,000	7,200	7,100	6,700	11,000	10,900	10,500
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction							4,400	4,400	4,300
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors									
Manufacturing	12,600	12,900	14,100	10,300	10,300	10,600	8,600	8,600	9,200
Durable Goods									
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	2,100	2,400	3,100						
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods							6,700	6,700	7,200
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.							6,400	6,400	6,600
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing									
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service-Providing	155,700	155,900	154,700	119,300	119,100	117,700	71,800	71,800	71,500
Private Service-Providing	119,800	119,500	119,300	101,900	101,700	100,000	56,100	56,100	56,100
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	36,000	35,800	36,000	29,300	29,200	28,600	18,700	18,900	18,300
Wholesale Trade	6,800	6,800	7,000	7,300	7,300	7,300			
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	22,600	22,500	22,500	18,000	18,000	17,400	10,900	10,900	11,100
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise							3,700	3,700	3,600
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores	5,300	5,300	5,200	3,700	3,700	3,400			
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6,600	6,500	6,500	4,000	3,900	3,900			
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation									
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	2,700	2,700	2,700	3,500	3,500	3,500			
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities	7,100	7,100	7,100	9,400	9,400	9,400			
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	17,600	17,600	17,300	18,100	18,200	17,600	7,700	7,700	7,500
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services				8,200	8,100	7,800			
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	8,600	8,700	8,800						
Administrative & Support Services									
Employment Services									
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	26,600	26,500	25,800	21,500	21,400	20,900			
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	25,300	25,300	24,400	20,000	19,900	19,100			
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	9,500	9,500	9,400	5,400	5,400	5,300	3,400	3,400	3,300
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	7,700	7,700	7,600						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	22,000	22,000	22,700	15,200	15,100	15,100	11,500	11,500	11,800
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	8,000	8,100	8,600						
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	7,500	7,600	8,000						
Gambling Industries	6,300	6,500	7,100						
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services	14,000	13,900	14,100	13,200	13,100	13,300	9,800	9,800	10,100
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places	12,700	12,700	12,800	12,100	11,900	12,200			
Other Services	7,800	7,800	7,700	4,900	4,900	4,900			
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	35,900	36,400	35,400	17,400	17,400	17,700	15,700	15,700	15,400
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,700	1,000	1,000	1,100	600	600	600
State Government	11,700	12,000	11,400	5,200	5,200	5,800	4,400	4,400	4,200
Local Government	19,500	19,700	19,300	11,200	11,200	10,800	10,700	10,700	10,600

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LOUISIANA & MSAs NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

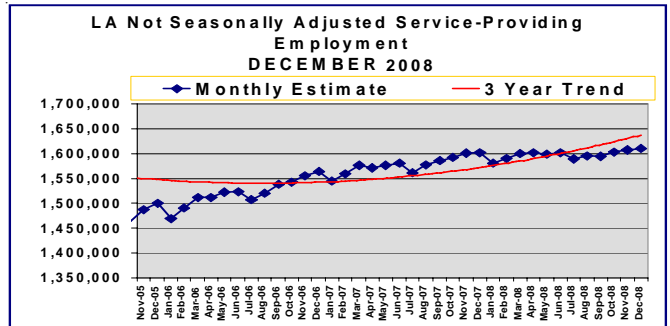
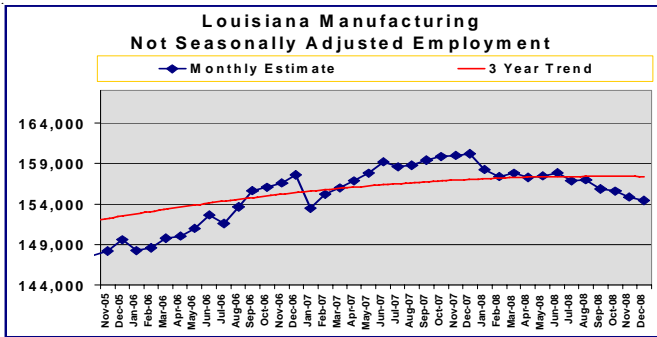
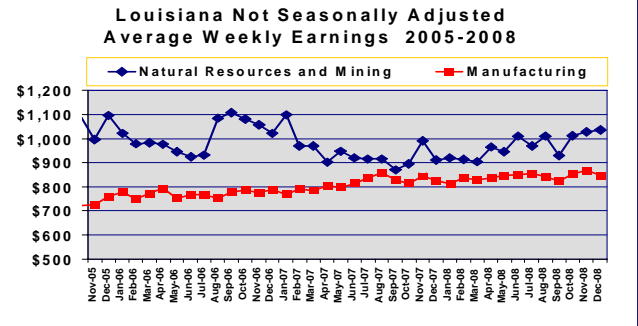
	MONROE MSA			HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA			ALEXANDRIA MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	DEC	NOV	DEC	DEC	NOV	DEC	DEC	NOV	DEC
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>									
	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008	2007
Total Nonfarm	79,700	79,700	79,400	96,200	96,000	96,500	66,100	66,100	65,800
Total Private	65,000	65,000	64,800	81,700	81,500	82,300	50,900	50,700	50,400
Goods Producing	12,200	12,200	12,000	21,600	21,600	22,600	9,900	9,900	9,600
Natural Resources & Mining				6,400	6,400	6,700			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				5,800	5,800	6,000			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction				5,700	5,600	5,600			
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction									
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors									
Manufacturing	8,000	8,100	8,200						
Durable Goods									
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing									
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,700	5,700						
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing									
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service-Providing	67,500	67,500	67,400	74,600	74,400	73,900	56,200	56,200	56,200
Private Service-Providing	52,800	52,800	52,800	60,100	59,900	59,700	41,000	40,800	40,800
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	15,000	14,900	15,100	24,400	24,300	24,500	11,500	11,400	11,800
Wholesale Trade									
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	10,300	10,300	10,500	10,900	10,900	11,300	7,900	7,900	8,000
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise	4,000	4,000	4,000						
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores									
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation				5,800	5,800	5,600			
Support Activities for Water Transportation				5,600	5,500	5,200			
Information									
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities									
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	7,300	7,300	7,200						
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services									
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.									
Administrative & Support Services				6,000	6,000	5,700			
Employment Services				4,300	4,200	4,000			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	13,600	13,500	13,200						
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance									
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	4,000	4,000	3,900				4,200	4,200	4,100
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	3,400	3,400	3,300						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	7,000	7,000	7,100	7,500	7,500	7,600			
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation									
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries									
Gambling Industries									
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services									
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places									
Other Services									
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	14,700	14,700	14,600	14,500	14,500	14,200	15,200	15,400	15,400
Federal Government	600	600	600	400	400	400	2,800	2,900	2,800
State Government	5,300	5,200	5,000	3,900	3,900	3,700	5,200	5,200	5,200
Local Government	8,800	8,900	9,000	10,200	10,200	10,100	7,200	7,300	7,400

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Preliminary December 2008			Revised November 2008			Revised December 2007		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
UNITED STATES	143,350,000	10,999,000	7.1	144,609,000	10,015,000	6.5	146,334,000	7,371,000	4.8
LOUISIANA	1,932,664	113,162	5.5	1,952,336	102,333	5.0	1,928,946	76,177	3.8
ALEXANDRIA MSA	64,662	3,775	5.5	65,606	3,396	4.9	65,293	2,545	3.8
Grant	8,192	573	6.5	8,311	485	5.5	8,272	373	4.3
Rapides	56,470	3,202	5.4	57,295	2,911	4.8	57,021	2,172	3.7
BATON ROUGE MSA	353,807	19,710	5.3	355,527	17,931	4.8	350,734	13,529	3.7
Ascension	46,219	2,431	5.0	46,444	2,139	4.4	45,818	1,690	3.6
East Baton Rouge	207,326	11,237	5.1	208,334	10,314	4.7	205,526	7,544	3.5
East Feliciana	7,707	453	5.6	7,744	450	5.5	7,640	329	4.1
Iberville	11,722	981	7.7	11,779	854	6.8	11,620	640	5.2
Livingston	52,926	2,736	4.9	53,183	2,474	4.4	52,466	1,986	3.6
Pointe Coupee	9,178	532	5.5	9,222	484	5.0	9,098	384	4.0
St. Helena	3,952	449	10.2	3,971	392	9.0	3,918	323	7.6
West Baton Rouge	10,127	575	5.4	10,176	522	4.9	10,039	378	3.6
West Feliciana	4,650	316	6.4	4,672	303	6.1	4,609	256	5.3
HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- *THIBODAUX MSA	98,371	3,917	3.8	99,496	3,724	3.6	99,438	2,679	2.6
Lafourche	46,403	1,786	3.7	46,934	1,713	3.5	46,907	1,265	2.6
Terrebonne	51,968	2,131	3.9	52,562	2,011	3.7	52,531	1,414	2.6
LAFAYETTE MSA	129,305	5,109	3.8	130,096	4,768	3.5	128,485	3,596	2.7
Lafayette	106,528	4,025	3.6	107,180	3,743	3.4	105,853	2,838	2.6
St. Martin	22,777	1,084	4.5	22,916	1,025	4.3	22,632	758	3.2
LAKE CHARLES MSA	88,964	4,526	4.8	89,476	4,218	4.5	89,175	3,530	3.8
Calcasieu	85,470	4,353	4.8	85,962	4,051	4.5	85,673	3,409	3.8
Cameron	3,494	173	4.7	3,514	167	4.5	3,502	121	3.3
MONROE MSA	76,397	4,948	6.1	77,190	4,378	5.4	76,782	3,524	4.4
Ouachita	66,803	4,229	6.0	67,497	3,791	5.3	67,140	3,060	4.4
Union	9,594	719	7.0	9,693	587	5.7	9,642	464	4.6
NEW ORLEANS-METAIRIE- *KENNER MSA	498,121	28,297	5.4	500,871	25,673	4.9	493,194	17,072	3.3
Jefferson	220,419	11,105	4.8	221,636	10,191	4.4	218,239	6,878	3.1
New Orleans City/O'Leans	96,799	8,268	7.9	97,333	7,406	7.1	95,842	4,347	4.3
Plaquemines	9,179	441	4.6	9,230	414	4.3	9,088	302	3.2
St. Bernard	7,407	613	7.6	7,448	496	6.2	7,333	330	4.3
St. Charles	25,979	1,328	4.9	26,123	1,214	4.4	25,722	852	3.2
St. John Baptist	22,065	1,533	6.5	22,186	1,321	5.6	21,846	1,025	4.5
St. Tammany	116,273	5,009	4.1	116,915	4,631	3.8	115,123	3,337	2.8
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER *CITY MSA	171,771	11,675	6.4	173,807	10,589	5.7	172,829	7,799	4.3
Bossier	49,640	2,846	5.4	50,228	2,562	4.9	49,946	1,827	3.5
Caddo	111,469	8,040	6.7	112,790	7,260	6.0	112,155	5,329	4.5
De Soto	10,662	789	6.9	10,789	768	6.6	10,728	642	5.6
NON-MSA PARISHES									
Acadia (Crowley) ¹	25,076	1,224	4.7	25,470	1,149	4.3	24,857	892	3.5
Allen	8,063	595	6.9	8,233	526	6.0	8,130	435	5.1
Assumption (Pierre Part) ¹	9,889	692	6.5	10,129	600	5.6	9,830	438	4.3
Avoyelles	15,074	1,114	6.9	15,407	980	6.0	15,139	749	4.7
Beauregard (DeRidder) ¹	13,912	832	5.6	14,212	774	5.2	13,590	726	5.1
Bienville	5,794	505	8.0	5,978	420	6.6	6,282	332	5.0
Caldwell	4,397	268	5.7	4,522	243	5.1	4,423	191	4.1
Catahoula	3,832	327	7.9	4,048	295	6.8	3,900	233	5.6
Claiborne	6,145	499	7.5	6,273	504	7.4	6,417	301	4.5
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) ¹	6,884	657	8.7	6,993	464	6.2	6,861	412	5.7
East Carroll	2,692	418	13.4	2,930	350	10.7	2,779	301	9.8
Evangeline	11,431	737	6.1	11,668	681	5.5	11,495	563	4.7
Franklin	6,964	754	9.8	7,338	636	8.0	7,266	538	6.9
Iberia (New Iberia) ¹	32,220	1,536	4.6	32,518	1,468	4.3	33,050	1,071	3.1
Jackson (Ruston) ¹	6,181	357	5.5	6,407	329	4.9	6,193	253	3.9
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) ¹	13,898	601	4.1	14,225	565	3.8	13,789	464	3.3
La Salle	6,082	293	4.6	6,204	264	4.1	6,028	192	3.1
Lincoln (Ruston) ¹	17,592	1,135	6.1	18,233	999	5.2	17,626	813	4.4
Madison (Tallulah) ¹	4,054	440	9.8	4,186	360	7.9	4,107	291	6.6
Morehouse (Bastrop) ¹	10,385	1,342	11.4	10,269	1,341	11.6	10,698	1,010	8.6
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) ¹	16,194	1,326	7.6	16,481	1,010	5.8	16,710	801	4.6
Red River	3,207	364	10.2	3,340	274	7.6	3,195	252	7.3
Richland	8,193	704	7.9	8,434	615	6.8	8,135	475	5.5
Sabine	8,984	569	6.0	9,288	503	5.1	9,234	397	4.1
St. James	8,067	772	8.7	8,185	644	7.3	7,834	551	6.6
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) ¹	35,110	2,260	6.0	35,523	2,015	5.4	35,338	1,548	4.2
St. Mary (Morgan City) ¹	22,555	1,221	5.1	22,811	1,136	4.7	21,830	854	3.8
Tangipahoa (Hammond) ¹	50,623	3,562	6.6	51,144	3,138	5.8	50,151	2,254	4.3
Tensas	1,945	220	10.2	2,210	189	7.9	2,050	177	7.9
Vermilion (Abbeville) ¹	22,586	1,181	5.0	23,104	1,079	4.5	22,948	833	3.5
Vernon (Fort Polk South) ¹	19,643	1,029	5.0	20,005	936	4.5	19,836	1,095	5.2
Washington (Bogalusa) ¹	14,958	1,199	7.4	15,160	1,049	6.5	14,939	813	5.2
Webster (Minden) ¹	18,631	1,466	7.3	18,811	1,286	6.4	18,325	943	4.9
West Carroll	3,743	579	13.4	3,992	464	10.4	3,808	408	9.7
Winn	6,262	425	6.4	6,534	371	5.4	6,224	299	4.6

11 In addition to the eight (8) Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in Louisiana, there are seventeen (17) Micropolitan Statistical Areas (MCs): Jackson and Lincoln Parishes combine to constitute one MC area. Civilian Labor Force can be derived by adding employed and unemployed. For related information or data, please visit: www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm.

The 116,500 workers in all manufacturing earned an average of \$848.85 per week in December 2008. Average weekly hours were 42.4, and average hourly earnings were \$20.02.



AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES												
	Louisiana			New Orleans MSA			Baton Rouge MSA			Shreveport-Bossier City MSA		
	DEC 2008	NOV 2008	DEC 2007	DEC 2008	NOV 2008	DEC 2007	DEC 2008	NOV 2008	DEC 2007	DEC 2008	NOV 2008	DEC 2007
Average Weekly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	1,035.61	1,027.94	910.05									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas												
Support Act for Mining												
Manufacturing	848.85	868.60	825.01									
Durable Goods	814.50	821.04	792.66									
Transportation Equipment												
Ship & Boat Building				822.43	865.28	818.40						
Nondurable Goods	892.11	930.68	868.95									
Food Manufacturing												
Paper Manufacturing												
Petroleum & Coal Products												
Chemical Manufacturing												
Basic Chemical Manufacturing												
Resin, Synthetic Rubber												
Average Weekly Hours												
Natural Resources & Mining	42.9	43.1	40.7									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas												
Support Act for Mining												
Manufacturing	42.4	43.0	41.9									
Durable Goods	42.4	42.3	42.8									
Transportation Equipment												
Ship & Boat Building				41.6	41.7	44.0						
Nondurable Goods	42.3	43.9	40.7									
Food Manufacturing												
Paper Manufacturing												
Petroleum & Coal Products												
Chemical Manufacturing												
Basic Chemical Manufacturing												
Resin, Synthetic Rubber												
Average Hourly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	24.14	23.85	22.36									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas												
Support Act for Mining												
Manufacturing	20.02	20.20	19.69									
Durable Goods	19.21	19.41	18.52									
Transportation Equipment												
Ship & Boat Building				19.77	20.75	18.60						
Nondurable Goods	21.09	21.20	21.35									
Food Manufacturing												
Paper Manufacturing												
Petroleum & Coal Products												
Chemical Manufacturing												
Basic Chemical Manufacturing												
Resin, Synthetic Rubber												

The sample size for the monthly nonfarm survey was reduced in most states by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to accommodate a reduction in funding to the BLS programs due to "The 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act" enacted December 26, 2007. One result of this act was that beginning with the March 13th release of January 2008 data, the series for hours and earnings will decrease for Statewide and New Orleans MSA and be eliminated for the Baton Rouge MSA and Shreveport MSA.

LOUISIANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BY CLAIMANT'S PARISH OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING - December 13, 2008

RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED
RLMA 1	846	8,214	RLMA 4	366	2,668	RLMA 7	608	5,162
JEFFERSON	301	3,187	ACADIA	26	223	BIENVILLE	42	171
ORLEANS	285	2,807	EVANGELINE	20	132	BOSSIER	87	718
PLAQUEMINES	12	105	IBERIA	32	304	CADDO	270	2,504
ST. BERNARD	0	3	LAFAYETTE	132	755	CLAIBORNE	10	110
ST. CHARLES	39	333	ST. LANDRY	67	539	DESOTO	28	233
ST. JAMES	24	229	ST. MARTIN	29	194	LINCOLN	38	324
ST. JOHN	60	471	ST. MARY	32	280	NATCHITOCHE	47	460
ST. TAMMANY	125	1,079	VERMILION	28	241	RED RIVER	14	126
						SABINE	23	104
						WEBSTER	49	412
RLMA 2	714	6,054	RLMA 5	206	1,329	RLMA 8	379	2,651
ASCENSION	99	574	ALLEN	10	99	CALDWELL	15	63
E. BATON ROUGE	294	2,847	BEAUREGARD	37	190	EAST CARROLL	15	128
EAST FELICIANA	9	114	CALCASIEU	138	928	FRANKLIN	37	218
IBERVILLE	52	266	CAMERON	2	27	JACKSON	37	106
LIVINGSTON	83	587	JEFF. DAVIS	19	85	MADISON	12	87
POINTE COUPEE	10	116				MOREHOUSE	55	482
ST. HELENA	4	51	RLMA 6	321	1,712	OUACHITA	148	1,065
TANGIPAHOA	93	1,060	AVOUELLES	39	264	RICHLAND	26	187
WASHINGTON	37	255	CATAHOULA	7	79	TENSAS	6	68
W. BATON ROUGE	26	135	CONCORDIA	21	141	UNION	9	148
WEST FELICIANA	7	49	GRANT	23	124	WEST CARROLL	19	99
			LASALLE	7	51			
RLMA 3	106	846	RAPIDES	96	784			
ASSUMPTION	24	165	VERNON	95	170			
LAFOURCHE	31	293	W INN	33	99			
TERREBONNE	51	388						

RLMA = REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA

THE ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI), UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE), and UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for EX-SERVICE MEMBERS (UCX) DATA ONLY.

THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS FOR DUA (DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE).

Labor Market Questions and Answers!

- **What new labor market data have been posted on the Louisiana Workforce Commission's (LWC) Web site since last month?**

Begin on the LWC home page <http://www.laworks.net/> and select **downloads** from the top menu. Under Download Categories select **Labor Market Information**. Additional navigation follows data description below.

- 2007 Annual Employment and Wages Report Employment and Wages Annual Data, 2007 Employment and Wages http://www.laworks.net/LaborMarketInfo/LMI_WageDataAnnual2002toPresent.asp?year=2007
- Job Vacancy Survey Second Quarter 2008 Results Job Vacancy Survey, 2Q2008 Job Vacancy Survey http://www.laworks.net/LaborMarketInfo/LMI_JVS_20082.asp
- Employment Rate Press Release Schedule for 2009 Schedule of LMI Release Dates, 2009 http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/LMI/lmi_schedule_2009.pdf
- 2009 Policy for Eligible Training Providers LWC home page, Workforce Development, Eligible Training Provider Information, Certification Process for Eligible Training Providers <http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/WFD/WIACertificationProcess.pdf>
- Occupational and Industry Projections 2006 – 2016 Employment Projections, Employment Projections 2006 – 2016 http://www.laworks.net/LaborMarketInfo/LMI_EmploymentProjections.asp?years=20062016

Glossary & Technical Notes

Average Hourly Earnings/Average Weekly Earnings/ Average Weekly Hours (CES/BLS) - average total money earnings, in the survey week (i.e., the week that includes the twelfth of the month), of production workers plus nonsupervisory workers not in production, including overtime, paid vacation and sick leave.

Civilian Labor Force - that portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month.

Employed - the members of the labor force who worked for pay or profit, or had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute, or other reasons not reflecting a shortage of work, or who worked fifteen hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family.

Unemployed - the members of the labor force who did not work but were seeking work or were awaiting recall from layoffs or the beginning of a new job within thirty days.

Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labor force.

Continued Claim - each week claimed subsequent to the filing of the initial claim for a week of unemployment compensation.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) - estimates of nonfarm employment and production workers hours and earnings by industry. They are produced as part of a nationwide program, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), for the state and each metropolitan statistical area (MSA) from a sample of employing establishments.

Current Population Survey (CPS) - a monthly household survey of the U.S. population conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the Bureau of Census, of 56,000 selected households. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information on the employment status of each household member age 16 and over, during the reference week of the twelfth.

Durable Goods - items with a normal life expectancy of three years or more. Automobiles, furniture, household appliances, and mobile homes are examples.

Initial Claims - a new claim, filed to open a claim for unemployment compensation.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - a geographical area comprised of a parish generally containing a central city (or twin cities) of 50,000 inhabitants or more and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

Micropolitan Statistical Area (MC) - a geographical area comprised of a parish containing a central city of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) - an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged.

Nonfarm Employment - employment by place of work that does not include the self employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, or agriculture workers. All estimates of nonfarm employment in this publication are in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the twelfth of the month.

Nondurable Goods - items that generally last for only a short period of time (less than three years). Food, beverages, apparel, and gasoline are common examples.

Seasonally Adjusted - monthly data that is adjusted to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as Christmas, summer vacations, and weather patterns.

Subsector - refers to the three-digit NAICS code, which will fall under the particular sector. Example: If Manufacturing (31-33) is the industry sector, then Food manufacturing (311), Paper manufacturing (322), Chemical manufacturing (325), Transportation equipment manufacturing (336), are some of the subsectors of manufacturing.

Supersector - refers to these five categories: Total Nonfarm, Total Private, Goods Producing, Service-Providing, and Private Service-Providing.

Summary Industry Sector - a combination of industry sectors. A summary sector may or may not be published. The summary industry sectors are Natural Resources & Mining; Natural Resources & Mining & Construction; Construction; Manufacturing; Trade, Transportation, & Utilities; Information; Financial Activities; Professional & Business Services; Educational & Health Services; Leisure & Hospitality; Other Services; and Government.

Industry Sector - 20 industry sectors based on two-digit NAICS code. They are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11), Mining (21), Utilities (22), Construction (23), Manufacturing (31-33), Wholesale Trade (42), Retail Trade (44-45), Transportation and Warehousing (48-49), Information (51), Finance and Insurance (52), Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53), Professional and Technical Services (54), Management of Companies and Enterprises (55), Administrative and Waste Services (56), Educational Services (61), Health Care and Social Assistance (62), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71), Accommodation and Food Services (72), Other Services (81), and Public Administration (92).

Constraints of the monthly civilian labor force and nonfarm employment estimates:

The civilian labor force estimates are derived by a monthly survey of approximately 750 households throughout Louisiana following the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology. The US Census Bureau conducts the survey by calling randomly selected households and providing BLS with survey results. Households are asked for the number of residents who are sixteen and over and whether they were working or actively looking for work during the week of the twelfth of the month. Responses to these questions become part of the formula to determine the number of people employed and the number of individuals unemployed for the state, MSAs, and each parish every month.

The nonfarm employment estimates are derived from responses received from the monthly BLS survey of 2,757 businesses across the state surveyed directly by this agency, and an additional 2,500 businesses that respond directly to BLS with their employment data. Responses capture employment activity during the twelfth of each month. This survey relies on responses from these businesses to produce industry employment levels for the state and all metropolitan statistical areas.

Both data sets are comparable with estimates for the U.S., all 50 states, and 270 metropolitan areas across the U.S.

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WEB LINKS

Average Hours & Earnings (LA) <http://data.bls.gov/PDO/outside.jsp?survey=sm>

Average Hours & Earnings (US) <http://stats.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t16.htm>

Civilian Labor Force (LA & US) <http://www.voshost.com/altentry.asp?action=lmiguest>
(Scroll to Demographics & Statistics then select Labor Force)

Civilian Labor Force (US & All States) <http://stats.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>

Consumer Price Index (US) <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?cu>

Employment and Wage Quarterly Data (US) <http://stats.bls.gov/cew/home.htm>

Hurricane Katrina <http://stats.bls.gov/katrina/home.htm>

NAICS Codes Look Up Table <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics>

Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment (LA & US) <http://www.voshost.com/altentry.asp?action=lmiguest>
(Scroll to Industry Information then select Monthly Nonfarm Employment)

Nonfarm Employment for the (US & All States) <http://stats.bls.gov/ces/home.htm>

Unemployment Insurance Claims Data (US & All States) <http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims.asp>

Unemployment Rates (All States) <http://www.bls.gov/web/laumstrk.htm>



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