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## N E W S   R E L E A S E

### **Private Sector Job Growth Continues in June**

BATON ROUGE – Not seasonally adjusted nonfarm private sector employment increased by 26,000 from June 2010 to June 2011, marking Louisiana's 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive month of over-the-year gains in private employment, the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) reported today.

The gains were accompanied by a decrease of 14,400 local, state and federal government jobs, for a net gain of 11,600 not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs over the year. The numbers are drawn from a federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) survey of Louisiana employers. The survey showed a not seasonally adjusted total of 1,908,700 nonfarm jobs in June.

Over the month, there was a decline of 4,800 jobs, led by decreases in the education workforce as public and private institutions closed for the summer.

Survey results for metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) reflected a similar, typical summer pattern of job losses in education. Overall, not seasonally adjusted data show six metro areas added nonfarm jobs and two had decreases from June 2010 to June 2011:

- New Orleans and Alexandria, up 2,900 nonfarm jobs each.
- Lake Charles, up 2,300 jobs.
- Shreveport, up 1,900 jobs.
- Houma, up 1,800 jobs.
- Lafayette, up 400 jobs.
- Baton Rouge, down 1,900 jobs.
- Monroe, down 100 jobs.

“The best news in these numbers is the continued growth in private sector jobs,” said Curt Eysink, LWC executive director. “We’ve had over-the-month private sector job gains for 15 of the past 18 months, with June recording the sector’s highest private sector jobs total since December 2008.”

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A separate BLS survey is used to estimate the size of Louisiana's civilian labor force – the number of people working or unemployed but looking for work – and the unemployment rate. Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 8.1 percent in June. The U.S. rate increased to 9.3 percent for June from 8.7 percent in May. The household survey showed the Louisiana labor force increased 12,637 over the month to 2,069,971. The not seasonally adjusted estimate shows the number of people employed in June was 1,902,454, up 11,323 from May. This was the highest level of employment reported from the household survey for 2011. The number of unemployed in June was 167,517, up 1,314 from May.

June unemployment rates for the MSA areas were mixed over the month with three areas - Houma at 5.7 percent, Lafayette at 6.3 percent and Lake Charles at 6.9 percent - decreasing from the prior month. The New Orleans MSA at 8.0 percent and Shreveport at 7.3 percent remained the same as the May 2011 rate. The remaining MSAs increased one-tenth of a percent from May to June 2011. Over the year data showed that all of the MSAs followed the state trend with decreases in the unemployment rates for June 2011 compared to June 2010.

Please see Page 3 for the MSA rates. For more detailed information on June 2011 employment data for Louisiana, visit our Web site at [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net) and select Labor Market Information from the top right menu. Then select Monthly Employment Bulletin – Workforce At A Glance or Monthly Employment Statistics Press Release for the latest monthly nonfarm and labor force data.

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## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Preliminary June 2011			Revised May 2011			Revised June 2010		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>140,129,000</b>	<b>14,409,000</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>140,028,000</b>	<b>13,421,000</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>139,882,000</b>	<b>14,885,000</b>	<b>9.6</b>
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>1,902,454</b>	<b>167,517</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>1,891,131</b>	<b>166,203</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>1,939,624</b>	<b>176,371</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>ALEXANDRIA MSA</b>	<b>65,219</b>	<b>5,506</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>63,570</b>	<b>5,296</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>64,550</b>	<b>5,670</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Grant	8,162	745	8.4	7,956	686	7.9	8,078	845	9.5
Rapides	57,057	4,761	7.7	55,614	4,610	7.7	56,472	4,825	7.9
<b>BATON ROUGE MSA</b>	<b>343,969</b>	<b>31,725</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>342,101</b>	<b>31,149</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>352,453</b>	<b>32,748</b>	<b>8.5</b>
Ascension	47,087	3,857	7.6	46,831	3,962	7.8	48,248	4,325	8.2
East Baton Rouge	198,671	18,122	8.4	197,592	17,564	8.2	203,571	18,192	8.2
East Feliciana	7,307	733	9.1	7,267	704	8.8	7,487	777	9.4
Iberville	10,931	1,439	11.6	10,872	1,422	11.6	11,201	1,434	11.3
Livingston	53,784	4,636	7.9	53,492	4,655	8.0	55,111	4,919	8.2
Pointe Coupee	8,605	957	10.0	8,558	931	9.8	8,817	951	9.7
St. Helena	3,666	633	14.7	3,646	557	13.3	3,757	664	15.0
West Baton Rouge	9,655	888	8.4	9,603	879	8.4	9,893	1,026	9.4
West Feliciana	4,263	459	9.7	4,239	475	10.1	4,368	460	9.5
<b>HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA</b>	<b>97,248</b>	<b>5,895</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>97,086</b>	<b>6,130</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>98,305</b>	<b>6,265</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Lafourche	45,920	2,835	5.8	45,843	2,923	6.0	46,419	2,876	5.8
Terrebonne	51,328	3,060	5.6	51,243	3,207	5.9	51,886	3,389	6.1
<b>LAFAYETTE MSA</b>	<b>126,635</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>126,333</b>	<b>8,639</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>129,727</b>	<b>9,117</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Lafayette	104,714	6,705	6.0	104,464	6,894	6.2	107,270	7,152	6.3
St. Martin	21,921	1,797	7.6	21,869	1,745	7.4	22,457	1,965	8.0
<b>LAKE CHARLES MSA</b>	<b>90,348</b>	<b>6,702</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>88,991</b>	<b>6,941</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>89,698</b>	<b>7,579</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Calcasieu	87,379	6,493	6.9	86,066	6,750	7.3	86,750	7,353	7.8
Cameron	2,969	209	6.6	2,925	191	6.1	2,948	226	7.1
<b>MONROE MSA</b>	<b>73,415</b>	<b>6,817</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>73,422</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>75,535</b>	<b>7,308</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Ouachita	64,447	5,992	8.5	64,453	5,898	8.4	66,308	6,336	8.7
Union	8,968	825	8.4	8,969	852	8.7	9,227	972	9.5
<b>NEW ORLEANS-METAIRIE- KENNER MSA</b>	<b>499,542</b>	<b>43,405</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>496,781</b>	<b>43,197</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>506,150</b>	<b>45,448</b>	<b>8.2</b>
Jefferson	197,916	15,759	7.4	196,822	16,167	7.6	200,534	16,699	7.7
New Orleans City/Orleans	134,336	14,367	9.7	133,593	13,675	9.3	136,113	14,832	9.8
Plaquemines	7,459	647	8.0	7,418	687	8.5	7,558	567	7.0
St. Bernard	16,957	1,498	8.1	16,863	1,521	8.3	17,181	1,419	7.6
St. Charles	22,202	1,925	8.0	22,079	1,827	7.6	22,496	2,088	8.5
St. John Baptist	18,700	2,169	10.4	18,596	2,130	10.3	18,947	2,458	11.5
St. Tammany	101,973	7,039	6.5	101,409	7,190	6.6	103,322	7,384	6.7
<b>SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA</b>	<b>173,409</b>	<b>13,576</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>172,534</b>	<b>13,555</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>175,948</b>	<b>14,624</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Bossier	51,433	3,418	6.2	51,174	3,475	6.4	52,186	3,485	6.3
Caddo	111,343	9,235	7.7	110,781	9,118	7.6	112,973	10,088	8.2
De Soto	10,633	923	8.0	10,580	962	8.3	10,789	1,052	8.9

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<b>NON-MSA PARISHES</b>									
Acadia (Crowley) <sup>1</sup>	23,838	1,749	6.8	23,644	1,799	7.1	24,801	1,982	7.4
Allen	7,813	953	10.9	7,729	950	10.9	7,907	1,089	12.1
Assumption (Pierre Part) <sup>1</sup>	9,073	1,232	12.0	9,031	1,252	12.2	9,371	1,196	11.3
Avoyelles	14,621	1,558	9.6	14,512	1,546	9.6	15,438	1,539	9.1
Beauregard (DeRidder) <sup>1</sup>	13,351	1,226	8.4	13,404	1,202	8.2	13,301	1,207	8.3
Bienville	5,758	627	9.8	5,724	622	9.8	5,944	627	9.5
Caldwell	4,029	439	9.8	4,028	456	10.2	4,089	498	10.9
Catahoula	3,770	469	11.1	3,786	457	10.8	3,940	466	10.6
Claiborne	5,741	642	10.1	5,764	633	9.9	6,026	673	10.0
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) <sup>1</sup>	6,355	939	12.9	6,461	888	12.1	6,606	951	12.6
East Carroll	2,230	490	18.0	2,268	460	16.9	2,489	515	17.1
Evangeline	11,373	1,222	9.7	11,254	1,179	9.5	11,755	1,259	9.7
Franklin	6,695	962	12.6	6,706	947	12.4	7,128	967	11.9
Iberia (New Iberia) <sup>1</sup>	30,780	2,586	7.8	30,250	2,613	8.0	31,117	2,927	8.6
Jackson (Ruston) <sup>1</sup>	5,929	532	8.2	5,932	555	8.6	6,013	501	7.7
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) <sup>1</sup>	13,432	969	6.7	13,316	957	6.7	13,968	1,080	7.2
La Salle	6,586	431	6.1	6,506	425	6.1	6,565	457	6.5
Lincoln (Ruston) <sup>1</sup>	17,611	1,976	10.1	17,618	1,823	9.4	17,858	1,997	10.1
Madison (Tallulah) <sup>1</sup>	4,061	561	12.1	4,051	547	11.9	4,199	554	11.7
Morehouse (Bastrop) <sup>1</sup>	9,225	1,605	14.8	9,275	1,606	14.8	9,933	1,789	15.3
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) <sup>1</sup>	15,154	1,688	10.0	15,161	1,486	8.9	16,060	1,581	9.0
Red River	3,270	347	9.6	3,283	330	9.1	3,408	355	9.4
Richland	8,164	1,001	10.9	8,169	990	10.8	8,348	1,004	10.7
Sabine	8,715	689	7.3	8,737	699	7.4	8,931	733	7.6
St. James	8,178	1,259	13.3	8,100	1,199	12.9	8,480	1,254	12.9
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) <sup>1</sup>	35,210	3,400	8.8	34,836	3,422	8.9	36,031	3,616	9.1
St. Mary (Morgan City) <sup>1</sup>	20,567	2,253	9.9	20,177	2,275	10.1	21,075	2,375	10.1
Tangipahoa (Hammond) <sup>1</sup>	47,338	5,250	10.0	47,146	5,059	9.7	49,411	5,622	10.2
Tensas	1,475	274	15.7	1,538	276	15.2	1,667	329	16.5
Vermilion (Abbeville) <sup>1</sup>	22,164	1,661	7.0	22,029	1,727	7.3	23,006	1,943	7.8
Vernon (Fort Polk South) <sup>1</sup>	19,778	1,793	8.3	19,584	1,670	7.9	19,678	1,551	7.3
Washington (Bogalusa) <sup>1</sup>	13,069	1,652	11.2	13,147	1,612	10.9	14,227	1,800	11.2
Webster (Minden) <sup>1</sup>	18,057	1,694	8.6	17,846	1,631	8.4	18,747	1,812	8.8
West Carroll	3,333	686	17.1	3,373	685	16.9	3,723	760	17.0
Winn	5,925	573	8.8	5,930	569	8.8	6,019	607	9.2

<sup>1</sup>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 the Ruston MC area. Civilian Labor Force can be derived by adding employed and unemployed. For related information or data, please visit:

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