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Nonfarm & private-sector jobs post strong growth from June 2016

BATON ROUGE – Data released on Friday, July 21, 2017, by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) shows that the total not-seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs increased by 21,600 from June 2016, bringing the new total to 1,990,600. This figure represents the largest over-the-year increase since February 2015. Approximately 2,200 nonfarm jobs were added from the May 2017 figure of 1,988,400, making the first over-the-month gain for June since 2007.

The total number of not-seasonally adjusted private-sector jobs increased by 24,800 to 1,668,900 since June 2016, which is also the largest over-the-year increase since February of 2015. From May 2017, 7,100 jobs were added within the private sector, which is the largest over-the-month increase for June since 2007.

The not-seasonally adjusted civilian labor force, or the number of people who are employed, in addition to those looking for work, increased by 19,156 from May 2017 to 2,123,048.

“We typically see a divergence in the not-seasonally-adjusted and seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates during summer,” said Ava Dejoie, LWC Executive Director. “However, we continue to see consistent job growth with three industry sectors at an all-time high in employment.”

The number of not-seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals increased 8,986 from May 2017, to 124,864. When compared to the June 2016 figure of 149,501, this figure is down 24,637.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased 0.4 percentage points to 5.9 percent from May 2017. The 0.4 percentage increase is the lowest increase for the month of June. This figure is down 1.0 percentage points from the June 2016 rate of 6.9 percent.

All nine Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) showed a decrease from their June 2016 unemployment rate. Not-seasonally adjusted June unemployment rates, over-the-month job gains and over-the-year nonfarm job change totals for the nine MSAs are as follows:

- Alexandria: 6.5 percent, up from 6.2 percent in May, but down from 7.1 percent from June 2016. The MSA gained 300 jobs since May 2017, but is down 500 from June 2016.
- Baton Rouge: 5.2 percent, up from 4.7 percent in May, but down from 6.0 percent from June 2016. The MSA lost 800 jobs since May 2017, but is up 4,500 from June 2016. The Baton Rouge MSA has had six straight over-the-year increases.
- Hammond: 6.8 percent, up from 6.1 percent in May, but down from 7.8 percent from June 2016. The MSA lost 100 jobs since May 2017, but is up 900 from June 2016. The Hammond MSA has had over-the-year gains for 35 consecutive months.
- Houma: 6.0 percent, unchanged from May, but down from 7.5 percent from June 2016. The MSA gained 300 jobs since May 2017, but is down 2,800 from June 2016.

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- Lafayette: 6.3 percent, up from 6.1 percent in May, but down from 8.1 percent from June 2016. The MSA lost 900 jobs since May 2017 and 1,100 from June 2016.
- Lake Charles: 4.5 percent, up from 4.3 percent in May, but down from 5.4 percent from June 2016. The MSA gained 1,400 jobs since May 2017 and 5,600 from June 2016. The Lake Charles MSA continues its series high for nonfarm employment, and has had over-the-year increases for 72 consecutive months.
- Monroe: 5.8 percent, up from 5.7 percent in May, but down from 6.9 percent from June 2016. The MSA gained 400 jobs since May 2017 and 1,200 from June 2016. The Monroe MSA has had seven straight over-the-year increases.
- New Orleans: 5.5 percent, up from 5.0 percent in May, but down from 6.3 percent from June 2016. The MSA lost 700 jobs since May 2017, but is up 4,100 from June 2016.
- Shreveport: 6.3 percent, up from 6.0 percent in May, but down from 7.3 percent from June 2016. The MSA gained 300 jobs since May 2017, but is down 1,900 from June 2016.

About The Louisiana Workforce Commission

The Louisiana Workforce Commission is an agency of state government that administers programs designed to enhance workforce growth and provide family-sustaining jobs for Louisiana residents. The commission monitors employment, administers unemployment compensation and tax funds, provides training resources for employers and employees and oversees worker compensation benefits. The agency also gathers and supplies information on the labor market and occupational sectors in Louisiana.

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Louisiana Civilian Labor Force Not Seasonally Adjusted

Area	June 2017			May 2017			June 2016		
	Employed	Unemp	Rate	Employed	Unemp	Rate	Employed	Unemp	Rate
Louisiana	1,998,184	124,864	5.9	1,988,014	115,878	5.5	2,005,686	149,501	6.9
Alexandria, LA MSA	61,660	4,300	6.5	61,153	4,022	6.2	62,465	4,795	7.1
Grant Parish, LA	7,811	633	7.5	7,741	546	6.6	7,894	695	8.1
Rapides Parish, LA	53,849	3,667	6.4	53,412	3,476	6.1	54,571	4,100	7.0
Baton Rouge, LA MSA	398,735	21,857	5.2	397,861	19,760	4.7	398,307	25,574	6.0
Ascension Parish, LA	58,558	3,009	4.9	58,455	2,820	4.6	58,531	3,497	5.6
East Baton Rouge Parish, LA	222,374	12,078	5.2	222,024	10,861	4.7	222,296	14,229	6.0
East Feliciana Parish, LA	7,782	454	5.5	7,755	389	4.8	7,755	540	6.5
Iberville Parish, LA	13,451	1,029	7.1	13,382	926	6.5	13,415	1,134	7.8
Livingston Parish, LA	65,068	3,319	4.9	64,895	3,028	4.5	64,930	3,860	5.6
Pointe Coupee Parish, LA	9,666	644	6.2	9,578	578	5.7	9,580	749	7.3
St. Helena Parish, LA	4,156	347	7.7	4,136	297	6.7	4,140	392	8.6
West Baton Rouge Parish, LA	12,501	729	5.5	12,486	633	4.8	12,505	851	6.4
West Feliciana Parish, LA	5,179	248	4.6	5,150	228	4.2	5,155	322	5.9
Hammond, LA MSA	51,240	3,739	6.8	50,983	3,335	6.1	50,730	4,314	7.8
Tangipahoa Parish, LA	51,240	3,739	6.8	50,983	3,335	6.1	50,730	4,314	7.8
Houma-Thibodaux, LA MSA	84,366	5,426	6.0	83,367	5,316	6.0	87,090	7,079	7.5
Lafourche Parish, LA	39,572	2,446	5.8	39,139	2,343	5.6	40,859	3,156	7.2
Terrebonne Parish, LA	44,794	2,980	6.2	44,228	2,973	6.3	46,231	3,923	7.8
Lafayette, LA MSA	199,838	13,516	6.3	199,584	13,063	6.1	201,876	17,766	8.1
Acadia Parish, LA	22,764	1,607	6.6	22,636	1,539	6.4	22,926	2,104	8.4
Iberia Parish, LA	27,712	2,437	8.1	27,604	2,422	8.1	27,887	3,287	10.5
Lafayette Parish, LA	105,649	6,271	5.6	105,737	6,016	5.4	106,948	8,164	7.1
St. Martin Parish, LA	20,926	1,563	7.0	20,884	1,508	6.7	21,190	2,080	8.9
Vermilion Parish, LA	22,787	1,638	6.7	22,723	1,578	6.5	22,925	2,131	8.5
Lake Charles, LA MSA	105,821	5,013	4.5	104,281	4,697	4.3	102,055	5,785	5.4
Calcasieu Parish, LA	102,011	4,856	4.5	100,531	4,553	4.3	98,384	5,587	5.4
Cameron Parish, LA	3,810	157	4.0	3,750	144	3.7	3,671	198	5.1
Monroe, LA MSA	76,975	4,771	5.8	76,292	4,596	5.7	76,584	5,710	6.9
Ouachita Parish, LA	68,052	4,212	5.8	67,505	4,040	5.6	67,761	5,026	6.9
Union Parish, LA	8,923	559	5.9	8,787	556	6.0	8,823	684	7.2
New Orleans-Metairie, LA MSA	567,317	33,024	5.5	565,477	30,000	5.0	567,669	38,040	6.3
Jefferson Parish, LA	206,169	11,279	5.2	205,553	10,420	4.8	206,443	13,119	6.0
Orleans Parish, LA	169,842	10,894	6.0	169,343	9,550	5.3	169,949	12,196	6.7
Plaquemines Parish, LA	9,892	524	5.0	9,790	484	4.7	9,839	597	5.7
St. Bernard Parish, LA	18,525	1,141	5.8	18,430	1,058	5.4	18,478	1,332	6.7
St. Charles Parish, LA	24,069	1,310	5.2	23,993	1,215	4.8	24,103	1,583	6.2
St. James Parish, LA	8,954	748	7.7	8,910	666	7.0	8,967	844	8.6
St. John the Baptist Parish, LA	18,738	1,400	7.0	18,687	1,318	6.6	18,789	1,591	7.8
St. Tammany Parish, LA	111,128	5,728	4.9	110,771	5,289	4.6	111,101	6,778	5.7
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	176,964	11,972	6.3	175,895	11,247	6.0	180,187	14,145	7.3
Bossier Parish, LA	53,471	2,873	5.1	53,139	2,721	4.9	54,443	3,474	6.0
Caddo Parish, LA	99,678	7,160	6.7	99,114	6,673	6.3	101,514	8,252	7.5
De Soto Parish, LA	9,970	737	6.9	9,887	712	6.7	10,135	909	8.2
Webster Parish, LA	13,845	1,202	8.0	13,755	1,141	7.7	14,095	1,510	9.7

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Allen Parish, LA	8,440	546	6.1	8,398	480	5.4	8,484	666	7.3
Assumption Parish, LA	8,487	732	7.9	8,370	709	7.8	8,514	886	9.4
Avoyelles Parish, LA	14,615	1,173	7.4	14,464	1,007	6.5	14,995	1,304	8.0
Beauregard (DeRidder, MC)	14,108	856	5.7	14,123	868	5.8	14,278	1,053	6.9
Bienville Parish, LA	5,321	382	6.7	5,236	365	6.5	5,333	499	8.6
Caldwell Parish, LA	3,729	240	6.0	3,678	223	5.7	3,772	343	8.3
Catahoula Parish, LA	3,324	281	7.8	3,255	252	7.2	3,274	372	10.2
Claiborne Parish, LA	5,442	366	6.3	5,420	343	6.0	5,655	458	7.5
Concordia Parish (Natchez MS-LA, MC)	6,769	690	9.3	6,688	621	8.5	6,814	696	9.3
East Carroll Parish, LA	1,918	267	12.2	1,890	268	12.4	1,932	289	13.0
Evangeline Parish, LA	11,786	879	6.9	11,703	791	6.3	11,928	1,139	8.7
Franklin Parish, LA	6,904	634	8.4	6,772	580	7.9	6,900	758	9.9
Jackson Parish, LA	6,684	369	5.2	6,601	345	5.0	6,840	470	6.4
Jefferson Davis Parish, LA	13,000	738	5.4	12,910	705	5.2	12,868	939	6.8
La Salle Parish, LA	5,808	328	5.3	5,760	302	5.0	5,900	486	7.6
Lincoln Parish (Ruston, MC)	19,099	1,382	6.7	19,285	1,175	5.7	19,305	1,723	8.2
Madison Parish, LA	3,646	374	9.3	3,562	323	8.3	3,607	404	10.1
Morehouse (Bastrop, MC)	9,726	922	8.7	9,696	944	8.9	9,714	1,168	10.7
Natchitoches (Natchitoches, MC)	15,199	1,182	7.2	15,277	1,038	6.4	15,038	1,385	8.4
Red River Parish, LA	3,725	227	5.7	3,675	208	5.4	3,661	254	6.5
Richland Parish, LA	8,017	572	6.7	7,897	530	6.3	7,977	708	8.2
Sabine Parish, LA	8,790	545	5.8	8,674	511	5.6	8,738	740	7.8
St. Landry (Opelousas, MC)	30,088	2,566	7.9	29,789	2,318	7.2	30,544	3,148	9.3
St. Mary (Morgan City, MC)	18,744	1,842	8.9	18,547	1,842	9.0	20,212	2,374	10.5
Tensas Parish, LA	1,557	158	9.2	1,496	156	9.4	1,557	195	11.1
Vernon (Fort Polk South, MC)	15,658	1,141	6.8	15,446	1,179	7.1	16,172	1,478	8.4
Washington (Bogalusa, MC)	16,041	1,134	6.6	16,080	1,019	6.0	15,889	1,422	8.2
West Carroll Parish, LA	3,816	361	8.6	3,685	383	9.4	3,870	502	11.5
Winn Parish, LA	4,830	364	7.0	4,743	359	7.0	4,950	441	8.2
Louisiana, Seasonally Adjusted	1,993,518	114,911	5.5	1,997,767	121,126	5.7	1,990,157	131,907	6.2