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Private Sector Fuels Job Growth in May

BATON ROUGE – Not seasonally adjusted nonfarm job growth continued to be led by the private sector in May for the state and in most of the metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), the Louisiana Workforce Commission reported today.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) survey of Louisiana employers showed the state had an increase of 10,200 not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the month, for a total of 1,914,600 in May and had an increase of 15,000 jobs from May 2010. Private industry sectors gained 11,400 jobs over the month and 31,800 over the year, while government shed 16,800 jobs compared to May of last year. Almost half of this decline resulted from the release of temporary federal census workers.

Nonfarm employment gains by MSA for May in order of over-the-month growth were:

- Shreveport and Lafayette, up 1,400 nonfarm jobs each from April to May 2011.
- Lake Charles and New Orleans, up 1,300 jobs each.
- Houma, up 1,100 jobs.
- Baton Rouge, up 200 jobs.
- Alexandria, down 200 jobs.
- Monroe, down 800 jobs.

The New Orleans MSA added the most jobs over the year with an increase of 4,900 jobs, followed by the Shreveport MSA with an additional 4,800 jobs.

“May is the eighth month out of the past 10 that has shown over-the-month job gains in the not seasonally adjusted reports,” said Curt Eysink, LWC executive director. “We also followed the typical May pattern with our unemployment rates because of students and staff on summer break entering the labor force.”

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 8.1 percent in May. The U.S. rate remained at 8.7 percent. The unemployment rate is developed based on data gathered from a sample survey of residences by BLS.

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The household survey estimates Louisiana's civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – increased 10,458 over the month to 2,057,702. The not seasonally adjusted estimate shows the number of people employed in May was 1,891,296, down 5,038 from April. The number of unemployed in May was 166,406, up 15,496 from April.

Please see Page 3 for the MSA rates. For more detailed information on May 2011 employment data for Louisiana, visit our Web site at 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 May 2011			Revised April 2011			Revised May 2010		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
UNITED STATES	140,028,000	13,421,000	8.7	139,661,000	13,237,000	8.7	139,497,000	14,369,000	9.3
LOUISIANA	1,891,296	166,406	8.1	1,896,334	150,910	7.4	1,938,004	149,806	7.2
ALEXANDRIA MSA	63,469	5,306	7.7	64,140	4,826	7.0	64,433	4,716	6.8
Grant	7,943	687	8.0	8,027	644	7.4	8,064	696	7.9
Rapides	55,526	4,619	7.7	56,113	4,182	6.9	56,369	4,020	6.7
BATON ROUGE MSA	342,161	31,189	8.4	343,925	28,171	7.6	352,263	27,613	7.3
Ascension	46,839	3,967	7.8	47,081	3,589	7.1	48,222	3,813	7.3
East Baton Rouge	197,627	17,574	8.2	198,645	15,768	7.4	203,461	15,080	6.9
East Feliciana	7,269	710	8.9	7,306	643	8.1	7,483	647	8.0
Iberville	10,874	1,423	11.6	10,930	1,313	10.7	11,195	1,231	9.9
Livingston	53,501	4,662	8.0	53,777	4,228	7.3	55,081	4,302	7.2
Pointe Coupee	8,559	934	9.8	8,604	840	8.9	8,812	792	8.2
St. Helena	3,647	563	13.4	3,666	562	13.3	3,755	522	12.2
West Baton Rouge	9,605	881	8.4	9,654	838	8.0	9,888	830	7.7
West Feliciana	4,240	476	10.1	4,262	390	8.4	4,365	397	8.3
HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA	97,093	6,141	5.9	96,993	5,530	5.4	98,016	5,489	5.3
Lafourche	45,846	2,928	6.0	45,799	2,596	5.4	46,282	2,491	5.1
Terrebonne	51,247	3,213	5.9	51,194	2,934	5.4	51,734	2,998	5.5
LAFAYETTE MSA	125,939	8,643	6.4	126,109	7,739	5.8	129,756	7,772	5.7
Lafayette	104,138	6,895	6.2	104,279	6,145	5.6	107,294	6,059	5.3
St. Martin	21,801	1,748	7.4	21,830	1,594	6.8	22,462	1,713	7.1
LAKE CHARLES MSA	89,018	6,946	7.2	88,266	6,328	6.7	89,526	6,459	6.7
Calcasieu	86,092	6,755	7.3	85,365	6,136	6.7	86,584	6,292	6.8
Cameron	2,926	191	6.1	2,901	192	6.2	2,942	167	5.4
MONROE MSA	72,987	6,761	8.5	74,293	6,117	7.6	76,176	6,208	7.5
Ouachita	64,071	5,901	8.4	65,218	5,311	7.5	66,871	5,377	7.4
Union	8,916	860	8.8	9,075	806	8.2	9,305	831	8.2
NEW ORLEANS-METAIRIE- KENNER MSA	497,393	43,244	8.0	499,396	38,992	7.2	506,748	38,486	7.1
Jefferson	197,064	16,204	7.6	197,858	14,581	6.9	200,771	14,632	6.8
New Orleans City/Orleans	133,758	13,678	9.3	134,296	12,308	8.4	136,273	11,915	8.0
Plaquemines	7,427	687	8.5	7,457	639	7.9	7,567	497	6.2
St. Bernard	16,884	1,523	8.3	16,952	1,386	7.6	17,202	1,231	6.7
St. Charles	22,106	1,826	7.6	22,196	1,629	6.8	22,522	1,796	7.4
St. John Baptist	18,619	2,131	10.3	18,694	1,948	9.4	18,969	2,115	10.0
St. Tammany	101,534	7,195	6.6	101,943	6,501	6.0	103,444	6,299	5.7
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA	173,121	13,570	7.3	173,605	12,275	6.6	173,528	12,358	6.6
Bossier	51,348	3,480	6.3	51,491	3,169	5.8	51,468	3,013	5.5
Caddo	111,158	9,130	7.6	111,468	8,276	6.9	111,419	8,399	7.0
De Soto	10,616	959	8.3	10,645	831	7.2	10,640	946	8.2

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NON-MSA PARISHES									
Acadia (Crowley) ¹	23,636	1,801	7.1	23,684	1,588	6.3	24,796	1,705	6.4
Allen	7,725	951	11.0	7,672	841	9.9	7,967	923	10.4
Assumption (Pierre Part) ¹	9,030	1,255	12.2	9,028	1,154	11.3	9,343	1,077	10.3
Avoyelles	14,504	1,550	9.7	14,567	1,384	8.7	15,441	1,315	7.8
Beauregard (DeRidder) ¹	13,402	1,198	8.2	13,391	1,113	7.7	13,572	1,037	7.1
Bienville	5,725	623	9.8	5,705	576	9.2	5,912	562	8.7
Caldwell	4,021	458	10.2	4,032	435	9.7	4,124	427	9.4
Catahoula	3,784	458	10.8	3,750	420	10.1	3,945	398	9.2
Claiborne	5,764	634	9.9	5,769	571	9.0	6,082	586	8.8
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) ¹	6,459	890	12.1	6,439	818	11.3	6,705	794	10.6
East Carroll	2,267	461	16.9	2,217	430	16.2	2,554	419	14.1
Evangeline	11,248	1,182	9.5	11,207	1,066	8.7	11,713	1,046	8.2
Franklin	6,701	947	12.4	6,665	883	11.7	7,143	851	10.6
Iberia (New Iberia) ¹	30,224	2,618	8.0	30,112	2,404	7.4	31,023	2,553	7.6
Jackson (Ruston) ¹	5,927	556	8.6	5,901	492	7.7	6,092	456	7.0
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) ¹	13,312	958	6.7	13,245	855	6.1	13,999	904	6.1
La Salle	6,503	426	6.1	6,503	374	5.4	6,479	393	5.7
Lincoln (Ruston) ¹	17,604	1,824	9.4	17,526	1,636	8.5	18,095	1,576	8.0
Madison (Tallulah) ¹	4,049	545	11.9	4,021	494	10.9	4,200	467	10.0
Morehouse (Bastrop) ¹	9,258	1,616	14.9	9,249	1,522	14.1	9,942	1,542	13.4
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) ¹	15,157	1,485	8.9	15,170	1,294	7.9	16,035	1,342	7.7
Red River	3,284	332	9.2	3,274	300	8.4	3,425	302	8.1
Richland	8,155	993	10.9	8,109	937	10.4	8,423	882	9.5
Sabine	8,737	699	7.4	8,694	640	6.9	8,884	617	6.5
St. James	8,100	1,202	12.9	8,128	1,109	12.0	8,453	1,061	11.2
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) ¹	34,802	3,428	9.0	34,879	3,061	8.1	36,058	3,135	8.0
St. Mary (Morgan City) ¹	20,170	2,280	10.2	20,228	2,133	9.5	20,890	2,083	9.1
Tangipahoa (Hammond) ¹	47,142	5,056	9.7	47,365	4,604	8.9	49,114	4,746	8.8
Tensas	1,538	277	15.3	1,482	256	14.7	1,738	287	14.2
Vermilion (Abbeville) ¹	22,006	1,726	7.3	21,886	1,593	6.8	23,016	1,660	6.7
Vernon (Fort Polk South) ¹	19,579	1,670	7.9	19,397	1,738	8.2	19,772	1,332	6.3
Washington (Bogalusa) ¹	13,147	1,616	10.9	13,166	1,486	10.1	14,371	1,493	9.4
Webster (Minden) ¹	17,855	1,632	8.4	17,965	1,507	7.7	18,507	1,528	7.6
West Carroll	3,372	691	17.0	3,331	680	17.0	3,751	684	15.4
Winn	5,927	569	8.8	5,852	538	8.4	5,995	517	7.9

¹In 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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