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## Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted labor force data sets three records in November Number of employed highest ever

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – Data released today by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted labor force data set records in three categories- the unemployment rate, the number of employed, and the number of unemployed.

### Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2022 is 2.9%, a record low for the state. The figure is 0.2% lower than the October 2022 revised estimate of 3.1%, which was the prior record low. The rate is a decrease of 1.1% from the November 2021 rate of 4.0%. This shows 21 consecutive months with an over-the-year rate decline.

"We've done it again. November's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate came in at 2.9%, the lowest in the state's history," said Louisiana Workforce Commission Secretary Ava Cates. "Major industries statewide are maintaining a steady increase in job creation and opportunities for Louisianans. Our continued efforts to put Louisianans to work have been successful. This is a testament to LWC's efforts and partnerships with our industry partners and stakeholders."

Since October 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has increased by 16,465 from 2,025,926 to 2,042,391 in November 2022. This is the highest number of employed in the history of the series. Compared to November 2021, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 53,661.

Since October 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has decreased by 2,017 from 63,771 to 61,754 in November 2022. This is the lowest number of unemployed in the history of the series. When compared to November 2021, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals decreased by 21,368.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for November 2022 is 1,954,800, an increase of 11,300 jobs from the October 2022 revised estimate of 1,943,500. Compared to November 2021, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 51,000 jobs. This shows over-the-month employment gains in nine of the last ten months and 20 consecutive months with an over-the-year gain.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted total private employment for November 2022 is 1,640,000, an increase of 9,100 jobs from the October 2022 revised estimate of 1,630,900. Compared to November 2021, not seasonally adjusted private sector employment increased by 50,800 jobs. This shows over-the-month employment gains for 10 consecutive months, and 20 consecutive months with an over-the-year gain.

### Seasonally Adjusted Data

November 2022 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 3.3%, showing no change from October, and is the sixth consecutive month that the state has either set or tied a record low for the series. The rate also showed a 1.2% point decline from the November 2021 rate of 4.5%. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has declined over the year for 21 consecutive months and has not seen an over-the-month increase since April 2020.

Since October 2022, the number of seasonally adjusted employed individuals has increased by 683 from 2,015,800 to 2,016,483 in November 2022. Compared to November 2021, the number of seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 49,048.

Since October 2022, the number of seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has increased by 330 from 68,030 to 68,360 in November 2022. This is the 2nd lowest number of unemployed in series history. Compared to November 2021, the number of seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals decreased by 24,633.

The state's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for November 2022 is 1,937,400 jobs, an increase of 3,800 jobs from the October 2022 revised estimate of 1,933,600 jobs. Compared to November 2021, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 49,200 jobs. The nonfarm employment series has added in 12 of the last 14 months over the month. The series has also seen 20 consecutive months with an over-the-year gain. This is the highest employment level for the state since March 2020.

Louisiana's seasonally adjusted private sector employment for November 2022 is 1,628,300 jobs, an increase of 3,700 jobs from the October 2022 revised estimate of 1,624,600 jobs. Compared to November 2021, seasonally adjusted private sector employment increased by 49,700 jobs. The series has added jobs over the month in 13 of the last 14 months and has added jobs over the year for 20 consecutive months.

#### **Major industries that showed the largest gains for seasonally adjusted jobs over the month:**

- Construction gained 3,400 jobs from October 2022.
- Education and Health Services gained 1,300 jobs from October 2022.
- Financial Activities gained 600 jobs from October 2022.

#### **Major industries that showed the largest gains for seasonally adjusted jobs over the year:**

- Education and Health Services gained 14,800 jobs from November 2021.
- Leisure and Hospitality gained 13,700 jobs from November 2021.
- Professional and Business Services gained 10,700 jobs from November 2021.

#### **Among Louisiana's MSAs in November 2022, seasonally adjusted data shows:**

- Alexandria (63,000 jobs) added 200 jobs from October 2022 and gained 1,300 jobs from November 2021.
- Baton Rouge (401,500 jobs) added 500 jobs from October 2022 and gained 4,000 jobs from November 2021.
- Hammond (46,900 jobs) added 200 jobs from October 2022 and gained 1,100 jobs from November 2021.
- Houma (81,300 jobs) added 100 jobs from October 2022 and gained 2,700 jobs from November 2021.
- Lafayette (203,400 jobs) showed no change from October 2022, but gained 5,200 jobs from November 2021.
- Lake Charles (101,800 jobs) added 800 jobs from October 2022 and gained 1,900 jobs from November 2021.
- Monroe (76,200 jobs) added 300 jobs from October 2022 and gained 700 jobs from November 2021.
- New Orleans (564,100 jobs) lost 1,000 jobs from October 2022, but gained 21,900 jobs from November 2021.
- Shreveport (175,700 jobs) lost 700 jobs from October 2022, but gained 2,000 jobs from November 2021.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and parish unemployment rates for November 2022 will be released on December 22, 2022.

#### **Seasonally Adjusted vs. Not Seasonally Adjusted Data**

Jobs and employment trends data are often difficult to understand because there are two different ways to look at the data, seasonally or non-seasonally adjusted data.

Seasonal adjustment measures and removes the influences of predictable seasonal patterns to reveal how employment and unemployment figures change from month to month. Not seasonally adjusted data retains seasonal employment trends.

Over a year, the labor force size, available jobs, and employment rates undergo predictable fluctuations due to seasonal changes in weather, harvests, major holidays, and school schedules. Seasonal adjustment reduces the impact of these changes, making it easier to understand trends. Seasonally adjusted data is best utilized when comparing several months of employment and job data, while not seasonally adjusted data is best used to compare over-the-year trends. Seasonally adjusted data is helpful for comparisons among states and the nation.

The Louisiana Workforce Commission primarily uses seasonally adjusted data to provide a more valuable and telling picture of Louisiana's jobs and employment situation.

To view all available employment data, visit Louisiana's employment homepage at <http://www.laworks.net> and select Labor Market Information from the top-right menu. Then, select LOIS (Louisiana Occupational Information System) and select Employment and Wage Data listed under Data Trends. To view the state's BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, visit <http://data.bls.gov/pdq/querytool.jsp?survey=la>. For BLS nonfarm employment data, click here: <http://data.bls.gov/pdq/querytool.jsp?survey=sm>.

### **Data Considerations**

All data published from the Bureau of Labor Statistics is preliminary and is subject to revision on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. Revised numbers for previous months are available from the BLS databases on bls.gov. The revised numbers are available upon the release of new data.

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### **Resources for Employers and Job Seekers**

Job-seekers can explore careers, apply for top-rated jobs, and connect with local training providers using Louisiana Star Jobs, the LWC's free career tool, at <http://www.laworks.net/Stars/>. Employers looking for workers should visit Louisiana's employment homepage at <http://www.laworks.net>. Click on HiRE (Helping Individuals Reach Employment) and create an account allowing access to qualified job seekers.

### **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 Louisiana's labor market and occupational sectors.