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**Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is record low for month of December**

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – Data released today by the Louisiana Workforce Commission show Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2022 is 3.3 percent, the third lowest rate in series history. The rate is also the lowest for December in series history. The figure is 0.4 percentage points higher than the November 2022 revised figure of 2.9 percent, which is a record low. The rate is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the December 2021 rate of 3.6 percent. This shows 22 consecutive months with an over-the-year rate decline.

Since November 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has decreased by 20,888 from 2,042,275 to 2,021,387 in December 2022. Compared to December 2021, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 33,259.

Since November 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has increased by 8,301 from 61,710 to 70,011 in December 2022. When compared to December 2021, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals decreased by 3,573.

**Not seasonally adjusted December 2022 unemployment rates for Louisiana and its nine MSAs are as follows:**

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate					
Area	December	November	December	Over-the-Month	Over-the-Year
	2022	2022	2021	Change	Change
Louisiana	3.3	2.9	3.6	0.4	-0.3
Alexandria MSA	2.9	2.5	2.6	0.4	0.3
Baton Rouge MSA	3.0	2.6	3.1	0.4	-0.1
Hammond MSA	4.2	3.6	4.4	0.6	-0.2
Houma MSA	3.2	2.8	3.6	0.4	-0.4
Lafayette MSA	3.1	2.7	3.2	0.4	-0.1
Lake Charles MSA	3.0	2.7	3.5	0.3	-0.5
Monroe MSA	3.3	2.9	3.2	0.4	0.1
New Orleans MSA	3.5	3.1	4.2	0.4	-0.7
Shreveport MSA	3.4	3.0	3.5	0.4	-0.1

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for December 2022 is 1,958,700, an increase of 4,400 jobs from the November 2022 revised estimate of 1,954,300. Compared to December 2021, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm

employment increased by 48,200 jobs. This shows over-the-month employment gains in 10 of the last 12 months and 21 consecutive months with an over-the-year gain.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted total private employment for December 2022 is 1,644,500, an increase of 5,000 jobs from the November 2022 revised estimate of 1,639,500. Compared to December 2021, not seasonally adjusted private sector employment increased by 47,000 jobs. This shows over-the-month employment gains for 11 consecutive months and 21 consecutive months with an over-the-year gain.

<b>State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Employment</b>					
<b>Area</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Over-the-Month</b>	<b>Over-the-Year</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Louisiana	1,958,700	1,954,300	1,910,500	4,400	48,200
Alexandria MSA	63,300	63,300	62,200	0	1,100
Baton Rouge MSA	408,700	406,700	404,100	2,000	4,600
Hammond MSA	47,000	47,300	46,900	-300	100
Houma MSA	80,900	81,000	79,200	-100	1,700
Lafayette MSA	204,100	204,200	200,100	-100	4,000
Lake Charles MSA	102,800	102,800	100,900	0	1,900
Monroe MSA	76,500	76,700	76,500	-200	0
New Orleans MSA	573,000	568,900	550,300	4,100	22,700
Shreveport MSA	178,000	177,600	174,900	400	3,100

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### **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.