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**Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate again a record low**

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – Data released today by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2023 is 3.3 percent. This is the lowest rate for the month of July in series history and is tied for the second-lowest rate of all time. The rate shows a decrease of 1.1 percentage points from the June 2023 rate of 4.4 percent and a decrease of 0.9 percentage points from July 2022.

Since June 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has increased by 2,419 to 2,022,679 in July 2023. This is the third-highest number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals for the month of July in series history. Compared to July 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 1,733.

Since June 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has decreased by 23,666 to 69,728 in July 2023. This is the lowest number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals for the month of July in the series. Compared to July 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals decreased by 19,926.

**Not seasonally adjusted July 2023 unemployment rates for Louisiana and its nine MSAs are as follows:**

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate					
Area	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	3.3	4.4	4.2	-1.1	-0.9
Alexandria MSA	3.0	4.1	3.8	-1.1	-0.8
Baton Rouge MSA	3.0	4.0	3.9	-1.0	-0.9
Hammond MSA	4.1	5.4	5.1	-1.3	-1.0
Houma MSA	2.9	4.1	4.1	-1.2	-1.2
Lafayette MSA	3.0	4.1	3.9	-1.1	-0.9
Lake Charles MSA	2.9	4.0	4.0	-1.1	-1.1
Monroe MSA	3.4	4.6	4.2	-1.2	-0.8
New Orleans MSA	3.4	4.5	4.3	-1.1	-0.9
Shreveport MSA	3.4	4.6	4.4	-1.2	-1.0

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for July 2023 is 1,945,000, a decrease of 9,700 jobs from the revised June 2023 estimate of 1,954,700 jobs. Compared to July 2022, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 36,500 jobs. This shows over-the-month employment gains in 10 of the last 13 months and 28 consecutive months with an over-the-year gain.

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total private employment for July 2023 is 1,641,800, a decrease of 2,700 jobs from the June 2023 revised estimate of 1,644,500. Compared to July 2022, not seasonally adjusted private sector employment increased by 31,100 jobs. This shows over-the-month employment gains in 14 of the last 19 months and 28 consecutive months with an over-the-year gain.

<b>State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment</b>					
<b>Area</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Over-the-Month</b>	<b>Over-the-Year</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Louisiana	1,945,000	1,954,700	1,908,500	-9,700	36,500
Alexandria MSA	63,500	63,500	63,300	0	200
Baton Rouge MSA	416,600	420,000	406,300	-3,400	10,300
Hammond MSA	48,500	48,600	46,500	-100	2,000
Houma MSA	81,400	81,800	81,200	-400	200
Lafayette MSA	203,800	204,200	200,300	-400	3,500
Lake Charles MSA	96,900	97,600	94,000	-700	2,900
Monroe MSA	78,200	78,400	77,000	-200	1,200
New Orleans MSA	563,500	566,100	552,300	-2,600	11,200
Shreveport MSA	177,700	178,900	175,500	-1,200	2,200

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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.