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## Not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment shows 37 months of annual growth

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – Data released today by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for April 2024 is 1,968,900, an increase of 12,300 jobs from the revised March 2024 estimate of 1,956,600 jobs. Compared to April 2023, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 11,700 jobs. This shows over-the-year employment gains in 37 consecutive months.

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total private employment for April 2024 is 1,648,300, an increase of 12,700 jobs from the revised March 2024 estimate of 1,635,600 jobs. Compared to April 2023, not seasonally adjusted private sector employment increased by 11,500 jobs.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment					
Area	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	1,968,900	1,956,600	1,957,200	12,300	11,700
Alexandria MSA	61,900	61,500	61,300	400	600
Baton Rouge MSA	426,100	423,800	418,100	2,300	8,000
Hammond MSA	50,000	49,500	49,600	500	400
Houma MSA	85,900	85,600	84,400	300	1,500
Lafayette MSA	206,100	204,700	204,700	1,400	1,400
Lake Charles MSA	97,200	95,900	95,100	1,300	2,100
Monroe MSA	77,100	76,600	78,000	500	-900
New Orleans MSA	565,500	560,400	569,100	5,100	-3,600
Shreveport MSA	177,600	177,000	179,300	600	-1,700

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2024 is 3.4 percent. The rate shows a decrease of 1.1 percentage points from the revised March 2024 rate of 4.5 percent but an increase of 0.4 percentage points from April 2023.

Since March 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has increased by 18,963 to 2,011,730 in April 2024. Compared to April 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals decreased by 4,354.

Since March 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has decreased by 21,591 to 71,551 in April 2024. Compared to April 2023, the number of unemployed individuals has increased by 8,346.

**Not seasonally adjusted April 2024 unemployment rates for Louisiana and its nine MSAs are as follows:**

<b>State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate</b>					
<b>Area</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Over-the-Month</b>	<b>Over-the-Year</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
Louisiana	3.4	4.5	3.0	-1.1	0.4
Alexandria MSA	3.3	4.3	2.8	-1.0	0.5
Baton Rouge MSA	3.0	3.9	2.7	-0.9	0.3
Hammond MSA	4.0	5.1	3.5	-1.1	0.5
Houma MSA	3.0	4.0	2.7	-1.0	0.3
Lafayette MSA	3.3	4.3	2.8	-1.0	0.5
Lake Charles MSA	3.1	4.1	2.9	-1.0	0.2
Monroe MSA	3.7	4.8	3.3	-1.1	0.4
New Orleans MSA	3.5	4.5	3.1	-1.0	0.4
Shreveport MSA	3.6	4.7	3.1	-1.1	0.5

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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.