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## Louisiana reports its 38<sup>th</sup> consecutive not seasonally adjusted over-the-year employment gain

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – Data released today by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for May 2024 is 1,966,700, a decrease of 3,600 jobs from the revised April 2024 estimate of 1,970,300 jobs. Compared to May 2023, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 4,300 jobs. This shows over-the-year employment gains in 38 consecutive months.

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total private employment for May 2024 is 1,643,800, a decrease of 3,100 jobs from the revised April 2024 estimate of 1,646,900 jobs. Compared to May 2023, not seasonally adjusted private sector employment increased by 1,500 jobs.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment					
Area	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	1,966,700	1,970,300	1,962,400	-3,600	4,300
Alexandria MSA	62,100	61,800	61,400	300	700
Baton Rouge MSA	424,800	424,900	418,700	-100	6,100
Hammond MSA	49,700	49,800	49,600	-100	100
Houma MSA	86,400	85,900	85,300	500	1,100
Lafayette MSA	206,500	206,500	205,200	0	1,300
Lake Charles MSA	97,000	97,100	95,200	-100	1,800
Monroe MSA	77,100	77,300	78,600	-200	-1,500
New Orleans MSA	565,300	567,400	571,800	-2,100	-6,500
Shreveport MSA	177,700	177,700	179,500	0	-1,800

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2024 is 3.6 percent. The rate shows an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the revised April 2024 rate of 3.4 percent and no change from the May 2023 figure.

Since April 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has decreased by 29,400 to 1,982,676 in May 2024. Compared to May 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals decreased by 18,552.

Since April 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has increased by 2,532 to 74,049 in May 2024. Compared to May 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has decreased by 1,389.

**Not seasonally adjusted May 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>May</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</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	3.6	3.4	3.6	0.2	0.0
Alexandria MSA	3.4	3.3	3.4	0.1	0.0
Baton Rouge MSA	3.2	3.0	3.2	0.2	0.0
Hammond MSA	4.2	4.0	4.3	0.2	-0.1
Houma MSA	3.2	3.0	3.2	0.2	0.0
Lafayette MSA	3.4	3.3	3.4	0.1	0.0
Lake Charles MSA	3.3	3.1	3.4	0.2	-0.1
Monroe MSA	3.9	3.7	3.9	0.2	0.0
New Orleans MSA	3.6	3.5	3.7	0.1	-0.1
Shreveport MSA	3.8	3.6	3.8	0.2	0.0

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