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Louisiana shows 39 consecutive not seasonally adjusted over-the-year employment increases

BATON ROUGE, LA – Data released today by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for June 2024 is 1,963,500, a decrease of 7,400 jobs from the revised May 2024 estimate of 1,970,900 jobs. Compared to June 2023, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 11,600 jobs. This shows over-the-year employment gains in 39 consecutive months.

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total private employment for June 2024 is 1,650,200, an increase of 1,900 jobs from the revised May 2024 estimate of 1,648,300 jobs. Compared to June 2023, not seasonally adjusted private sector employment increased by 9,300 jobs.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment					
Area	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	1,963,500	1,970,900	1,951,900	-7,400	11,600
Alexandria MSA	61,900	62,000	61,400	-100	500
Baton Rouge MSA	421,500	426,200	413,000	-4,700	8,500
Hammond MSA	49,400	49,600	48,600	-200	800
Houma MSA	86,600	86,800	85,300	-200	1,300
Lafayette MSA	206,500	207,000	205,100	-500	1,400
Lake Charles MSA	97,200	96,700	95,800	500	1,400
Monroe MSA	77,300	77,700	78,300	-400	-1,000
New Orleans MSA	565,500	566,300	568,400	-800	-2,900
Shreveport MSA	178,600	177,700	179,200	900	-600

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2024 is 4.5 percent. The rate shows an increase of 0.9 percentage points from the revised May 2024 rate of 3.6 percent and an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the June 2023 figure of 4.2 percent.

Since May 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has increased by 13,005 to 1,996,300 in June 2024. Compared to June 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals decreased by 5,886.

Since May 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has increased by 20,603 to 94,625 in June 2024. Compared to June 2023, the number of unemployed individuals has increased by 6,583.

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

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate					
Area	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	4.5	3.6	4.2	0.9	0.3
Alexandria MSA	4.4	3.4	4.0	1.0	0.4
Baton Rouge MSA	4.1	3.2	3.9	0.9	0.2
Hammond MSA	5.4	4.2	5.1	1.2	0.3
Houma MSA	4.1	3.2	3.7	0.9	0.4
Lafayette MSA	4.2	3.4	3.9	0.8	0.3
Lake Charles MSA	4.1	3.3	3.9	0.8	0.2
Monroe MSA	4.7	3.9	4.4	0.8	0.3
New Orleans MSA	4.6	3.6	4.2	1.0	0.4
Shreveport MSA	4.7	3.8	4.4	0.9	0.3

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