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Louisiana shows not seasonally adjusted over-the-year employment increases for 40th consecutive month

BATON ROUGE, LA – Data released today by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for July 2024 is 1,947,500, a decrease of 9,600 jobs from the revised June 2024 estimate of 1,957,100 jobs. Compared to July 2023, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 16,000 jobs. This shows over-the-year employment gains in 40 consecutive months.

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total private employment for July 2024 is 1,640,700, a decrease of 3,200 jobs from the revised June 2024 estimate of 1,643,900 jobs. Compared to July 2023, not seasonally adjusted private sector employment increased by 13,100 jobs.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment					
Area	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	1,947,500	1,957,100	1,931,500	-9,600	16,000
Alexandria MSA	61,700	62,000	61,500	-300	200
Baton Rouge MSA	415,700	419,700	409,500	-4,000	6,200
Hammond MSA	49,400	49,400	48,500	0	900
Houma MSA	85,900	86,300	84,500	-400	1,400
Lafayette MSA	205,300	206,100	203,300	-800	2,000
Lake Charles MSA	96,300	97,000	94,700	-700	1,600
Monroe MSA	76,900	77,100	78,100	-200	-1,200
New Orleans MSA	561,700	564,000	558,800	-2,300	2,900
Shreveport MSA	177,700	178,400	177,200	-700	500

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2024 is 4.3 percent. The rate shows a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the revised June 2024 rate of 4.5 percent, but an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the July 2023 figure of 3.7 percent.

Since June 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has increased by 13,334 to 2,008,712 in July 2024. Compared to July 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 665.

Since June 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has decreased by 4,559 to 90,045 in July 2024. Compared to July 2023, the number of unemployed individuals has increased by 13,386.

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

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate					
Area	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	4.3	4.5	3.7	-0.2	0.6
Alexandria MSA	4.0	4.4	3.4	-0.4	0.6
Baton Rouge MSA	3.9	4.1	3.4	-0.2	0.5
Hammond MSA	5.2	5.4	4.5	-0.2	0.7
Houma MSA	3.8	4.1	3.1	-0.3	0.7
Lafayette MSA	4.0	4.3	3.3	-0.3	0.7
Lake Charles MSA	3.9	4.1	3.3	-0.2	0.6
Monroe MSA	4.4	4.7	3.7	-0.3	0.7
New Orleans MSA	4.4	4.6	3.8	-0.2	0.6
Shreveport MSA	4.4	4.7	3.8	-0.3	0.6

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