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Louisiana shows not seasonally adjusted over-the-year employment increases for 41st consecutive month

BATON ROUGE, LA – Data released today by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for August 2024 is 1,954,600, an increase of 8,400 jobs from the revised July 2024 estimate of 1,946,200 jobs. Compared to August 2023, not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 8,200 jobs. This shows over-the-year employment gains in 41 consecutive months.

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total private employment for August 2024 is 1,641,500, an increase of 2,200 jobs from the revised July 2024 estimate of 1,639,300 jobs. Compared to August 2023, not seasonally adjusted total private sector employment increased by 5,700 jobs.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment					
Area	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	1,954,600	1,946,200	1,946,400	8,400	8,200
Alexandria MSA	61,800	61,700	61,300	100	500
Baton Rouge MSA	418,700	415,500	415,200	3,200	3,500
Hammond MSA	49,600	49,400	49,200	200	400
Houma MSA	86,300	85,900	85,500	400	800
Lafayette MSA	205,100	205,100	204,300	0	800
Lake Charles MSA	96,700	96,400	95,300	300	1,400
Monroe MSA	76,300	76,900	77,700	-600	-1,400
New Orleans MSA	561,800	561,400	562,200	400	-400
Shreveport MSA	176,400	176,900	176,900	-500	-500

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2024 is 4.3 percent. The rate is unchanged from the revised July 2024 rate of 4.3 percent, but shows an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the August 2023 figure of 3.9 percent.

Since July 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has decreased by 19,026 to 1,989,686 in August 2024. Compared to August 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals decreased by 4,869.

Since July 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has decreased by 1,475 to 88,542 in August 2024. Compared to August 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has increased by 8,114.

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

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate					
Area	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	4.3	4.3	3.9	0.0	0.4
Alexandria MSA	4.1	4.0	3.6	0.1	0.5
Baton Rouge MSA	3.8	3.9	3.5	-0.1	0.3
Hammond MSA	5.0	5.2	4.6	-0.2	0.4
Houma MSA	3.8	3.8	3.2	0.0	0.6
Lafayette MSA	4.0	4.0	3.5	0.0	0.5
Lake Charles MSA	3.9	3.9	3.4	0.0	0.5
Monroe MSA	4.6	4.4	4.0	0.2	0.6
New Orleans MSA	4.3	4.4	4.1	-0.1	0.2
Shreveport MSA	4.4	4.4	4.0	0.0	0.4

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