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Louisiana’s September not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate unchanged

BATON ROUGE, LA – Data released today by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2024 is 4.3 percent. The rate is unchanged from the revised August 2024 rate of 4.3 percent, but shows an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the September 2023 figure of 3.9 percent.

Since August 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has decreased by 8,640 to 1,981,171 in September 2024. Compared to September 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals decreased by 20,284.

Since August 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has increased by 776 to 89,288 in September 2024. Compared to September 2023, the number of unemployed individuals has increased by 8,569.

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

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate					
Area	September	August	September	Over-the-Month	Over-the-Year
	2024	2024	2023	Change	Change
Louisiana	4.3	4.3	3.9	0.0	0.4
Alexandria MSA	4.2	4.1	3.8	0.1	0.4
Baton Rouge MSA	3.8	3.8	3.4	0.0	0.4
Hammond MSA	5.0	5.0	4.3	0.0	0.7
Houma MSA	4.0	3.8	3.6	0.2	0.4
Lafayette MSA	4.2	4.0	3.7	0.2	0.5
Lake Charles MSA	4.0	3.9	3.6	0.1	0.4
Monroe MSA	4.6	4.6	3.9	0.0	0.7
New Orleans MSA	4.4	4.3	4.0	0.1	0.4
Shreveport MSA	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	0.3

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for September 2024 is 1,954,700, a decrease of 1,200 jobs from the revised August 2024 estimate of 1,955,900 jobs. Compared to September 2023, not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 1,000 jobs. This shows over-the-year employment gains in 41 of the last 42 months.

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total private employment for September 2024 is 1,634,000, a decrease of 8,800 jobs from the revised August 2024 estimate of 1,642,800 jobs. Compared to September 2023, not seasonally adjusted private sector employment decreased by 2,600 jobs. This shows over-the-year employment gains in 40 of the last 42 months.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment					
Area	September	August	September	Over-the-Month	Over-the-Year
	2024	2024	2023	Change	Change
Louisiana	1,954,700	1,955,900	1,955,700	-1,200	-1,000
Alexandria MSA	61,800	61,700	61,500	100	300
Baton Rouge MSA	417,800	420,000	419,900	-2,200	-2,100
Hammond MSA	49,800	49,800	49,600	0	200
Houma MSA	85,600	86,300	85,100	-700	500
Lafayette MSA	204,000	205,400	204,500	-1,400	-500
Lake Charles MSA	96,500	96,700	95,700	-200	800
Monroe MSA	76,300	76,500	78,000	-200	-1,700
New Orleans MSA	562,900	561,900	562,900	1,000	0
Shreveport MSA	176,300	176,600	176,600	-300	-300

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