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Louisiana shows employment gains and unemployment rate declines

BATON ROUGE, LA – Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for November 2024 is 1,989,100, an increase of 10,000 jobs from the revised October 2024 estimate of 1,979,100 jobs. Compared to November 2023, not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 21,800 jobs. This shows over-the-year employment gains in 43 of the last 44 months.

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total private employment for November 2024 is 1,660,100, an increase of 8,000 jobs from the revised October 2024 estimate of 1,652,100 jobs. Compared to November 2023, not seasonally adjusted total private employment increased by 14,800 jobs. This shows over-the-year employment gains in 42 of the last 44 months.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment					
Area	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	Over-the-Month Change	Over-the-Year Change
Louisiana	1,989,100	1,979,100	1,967,300	10,000	21,800
Alexandria MSA	62,700	62,200	61,600	500	1,100
Baton Rouge MSA	425,700	425,000	424,500	700	1,200
Hammond MSA	51,000	50,400	50,100	600	900
Houma MSA	87,600	87,400	86,100	200	1,500
Lafayette MSA	207,700	206,400	205,700	1,300	2,000
Lake Charles MSA	97,600	97,200	96,500	400	1,100
Monroe MSA	77,900	77,300	78,200	600	-300
New Orleans MSA	575,400	569,700	566,000	5,700	9,400
Shreveport MSA	178,800	177,800	177,700	1,000	1,100

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

Since October 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has increased by 3,790 to 1,972,090 in November 2024. Compared to November 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals decreased by 35,667.

Since October 2024, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has decreased by 5,213 to 88,483 in November 2024. Compared to November 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has increased by 10,797.

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

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate					
Area	November	October	November	Over-the-Month	Over-the-Year
	2024	2024	2023	Change	Change
Louisiana	4.3	4.5	3.7	-0.2	0.6
Alexandria MSA	4.2	4.4	3.7	-0.2	0.5
Baton Rouge MSA	3.8	4.0	3.3	-0.2	0.5
Hammond MSA	5.0	5.2	4.2	-0.2	0.8
Houma MSA	3.9	4.1	3.2	-0.2	0.7
Lafayette MSA	4.2	4.4	3.5	-0.2	0.7
Lake Charles MSA	4.1	4.3	3.4	-0.2	0.7
Monroe MSA	4.7	4.9	3.9	-0.2	0.8
New Orleans MSA	4.3	4.6	3.8	-0.3	0.5
Shreveport MSA	4.4	4.7	3.9	-0.3	0.5

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