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Louisiana Continues To Show Employment Gains

BATON ROUGE, LA – Data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that both seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment and seasonally adjusted total private employment showed significant gains from last June. Total nonfarm employment increased by 19,300 jobs from June 2025, while private sector employment rose by 18,900 jobs over the year.

Louisiana's total number of employed for June 2026 was estimated at 2,021,987, which is 25,929 more than in June 2025.

Louisiana Seasonally Adjusted Data Snapshot (June 2026)

- **Employed:** 2,021,987 (highest level for the month of June in series history)
- **Year-over-year employed change:** +25,929
- **Nonfarm employment:** 2,009,200
- **Private employment:** 1,683,300
- **Unemployment rate:** 4.4% (down 0.1 percentage points from May)
- **Unemployed individuals:** 94,099

Sector Growth

Notable seasonally adjusted gains in June include:

Month-over-month gains:

- Construction: +2,000
- Manufacturing: +400
- Professional and Business Services: +400

Year-over-year gains:

- Construction: +10,500
- Professional and Business Services: +4,600
- Manufacturing: +4,100

Regional Trends

Across the state, seven of Louisiana's 10 Metropolitan Statistical Areas showed seasonally adjusted over-the-year gains from June of last year, two saw decreases, and one remained unchanged. The Baton Rouge MSA tied the all-time employment high set in April with 437,800 jobs, adding 100 jobs from May and 7,800 jobs from last year. The Slidell MSA set a new all-time high with 103,300 jobs, adding 200 jobs from May and adding 1,700 jobs over the year.

Looking Ahead

Louisiana Works will continue to publish statewide employment updates monthly. MSA and parish-level data are available exclusively through the Louisiana Works website www.laworks.net and the Bureau of Labor Statistics website www.BLS.gov.

- June 2026 MSA and Parish data: July 29
- July 2026 Statewide data release: August 21
- July 2026 MSA and Parish data: September 2

Additional Data Notes

Not seasonally adjusted data show total nonfarm employment is 2,006,000 jobs, down 14,100 jobs over the month but up 23,500 jobs over the year. The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2026 is 4.9%, an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the revised May 2026 figure, and an increase of 0.1 percentage points from June 2025.

Seasonally adjusted data remove typical seasonal fluctuations, such as holiday hiring patterns, and are used to track short-term trends. Not seasonally adjusted data reflect actual totals and are useful for year-over-year comparisons.

All data are preliminary and subject to revision.

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