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Louisiana shows record high private sector employment

BATON ROUGE, LA – Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total private employment for November 2025 is 1,693,000, an increase of 5,300 jobs from the revised October 2025 estimate of 1,687,700 jobs.

- **This is a record high for employment in the series.**
- Compared to November 2024, not seasonally adjusted total private employment increased by 14,400 jobs.
- This shows over-the-year employment gains for 56 consecutive months.

Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for November 2025 is 2,021,500, an increase of 6,000 jobs from the revised October 2025 estimate of 2,015,500 jobs.

- **This is the second highest employment level in series history**, only 100 fewer jobs than the record set in December 2014.
- Compared to November 2024, not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 13,500 jobs.
- This shows over-the-year employment gains for 56 consecutive months.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment					
Area	November	October	November	Over-the-Month	Over-the-Year
	2025	2025	2024	Change	Change
Louisiana	2,021,500	2,015,500	2,008,000	6,000	13,500
Alexandria MSA	62,500	62,500	62,700	0	-200
Baton Rouge MSA	438,100	435,400	436,800	2,700	1,300
Hammond MSA	51,600	51,400	51,800	200	-200
Houma MSA	86,900	86,200	86,800	700	100
Lafayette MSA	188,100	187,600	186,400	500	1,700
Lake Charles MSA	105,800	105,400	105,100	400	700
Monroe MSA	93,300	92,700	92,100	600	1,200
New Orleans MSA	483,800	481,800	482,700	2,000	1,100
Shreveport MSA	170,300	170,100	169,800	200	500
Slidell MSA	104,500	104,200	102,700	300	1,800



There are no household survey estimates for October 2025 due to a lapse in appropriations related to the federal government shutdown. As a result, October 2025 data as well as over-the-month calculations are labeled N/A or Not Available where applicable. For more information, please visit www.bls.gov/cps/methods/2025-federal-government-shutdown-impact-cps.htm

- Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate: 4.2 percent, down 0.2 percentage points from last year. The state and each of the 10 MSA showed a decline over the year in the unemployment rate.
- Not seasonally adjusted employed individuals: 2,019,004, up 29,098 from last year. This is the **second highest level** for the month of November in the series.
- Not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals: 88,804, down 3,196 from last year.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate					
Area	November	October	November	Over-the-Month	Over-the-Year
	2025	2025	2024	Change	Change
Louisiana	4.2	N/A	4.4	N/A	-0.2
Alexandria MSA	4.0	N/A	4.2	N/A	-0.2
Baton Rouge MSA	3.9	N/A	4.1	N/A	-0.2
Hammond MSA	4.8	N/A	4.9	N/A	-0.1
Houma MSA	3.8	N/A	3.9	N/A	-0.1
Lafayette MSA	3.8	N/A	3.9	N/A	-0.1
Lake Charles MSA	4.4	N/A	4.7	N/A	-0.3
Monroe MSA	4.5	N/A	5.1	N/A	-0.6
New Orleans MSA	4.2	N/A	4.4	N/A	-0.2
Shreveport MSA	4.2	N/A	4.5	N/A	-0.3
Slidell MSA	3.9	N/A	4.0	N/A	-0.1

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