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COVID – 19 April 2020 Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSAs) Data

PLEASE NOTE: The April labor market information below broadly reflects the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Please reference the following link from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for more information, please [click here](#).

BATON ROUGE – Preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for April 2020 shows that Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 14.5 percent for April 2020. Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased 8.2 percentage points from March 2020's revised not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.3 percent.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted civilian labor force, or the number of people who are employed in addition to those seeking work, decreased by 200,753 from 2,129,078 in March 2020 to 1,928,325 in April 2020.

The number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals decreased by 345,871 from 1,993,963 in March 2020 to 1,648,092 in April 2020. The number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals increased by 145,118 from 135,115 in March 2020 to 280,233 in April 2020.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 232,000 jobs from 1,959,600 in March 2020 to 1,727,600 in April 2020. Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted private sector employment decreased by 223,400 jobs from 1,624,400 in March 2020 to 1,401,000 in April 2020.

Not seasonally adjusted April 2020 unemployment rates for Louisiana's nine MSAs are as follows:

- Alexandria: 9.9 percent, up from 4.0 percent in April 2019 and up from 6.6 percent from March.
- Baton Rouge: 13.0 percent, up from 3.4 percent in April 2019 and up from 5.6 percent from March.
- Hammond: 17.1 percent, up from 4.3 percent in April 2019 and up from 7.1 percent from March.
- Houma: 12.3 percent, up from 3.6 percent in April 2019 and up from 6.0 percent from March.
- Lafayette: 13.1 percent, up from 3.7 percent from April 2019 and up from 6.4 percent from March.
- Lake Charles: 14.5 percent, up from 3.1 percent in April 2019 and up from 6.0 percent from March.
- Monroe: 11.6 percent, up from 4.3 percent in April 2019 and up from 7.2 percent from March.
- New Orleans: 18.8 percent, up from 3.5 percent in April 2019 and up from 5.9 percent from March.
- Shreveport: 13.0 percent, up from 4.1 percent in April 2019 and up from 6.7 percent from March.

Resources for employers and job seekers

Job-seekers can explore careers, apply for top-rated jobs and connect with local training providers using Louisiana Star Jo LWC's free career tool, at <http://www.laworks.net/Stars/>. Employers looking for workers should visit Louisiana's employer



at www.laworks.net. Click on HiRE (Helping Individuals Reach Employment) and create an account allowing access to qualified job seekers.

About the Louisiana Workforce Commission

The Louisiana Workforce Commission is an agency of state government that administers programs designed to enhance workforce growth and provide family-sustaining jobs for Louisiana residents. The commission monitors employment, administers unemployment compensation and tax funds, provides training resources for employers and employees and oversees worker compensation benefits. The agency also gathers and supplies information on the labor market and occupational sectors in Louisiana.

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