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Louisiana's labor force expands, employment up again

BATON ROUGE – The number of Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 5,155 from 2,002,468 in October 2019 to 2,007,623 in November 2019.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted civilian labor force, or the number of people who are employed in addition to those looking for work, increased by 8,567 from 2,101,385 in October 2019 to 2,109,952 in November 2019. Since November 2018, Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted civilian labor force increased by 11,008.

Not seasonally adjusted November unemployment rates for the nine metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are as follows:

- Alexandria: 5.3 percent, up from 5.0 percent in October, and up from 4.9 percent from November 2018.
- Baton Rouge: 4.4 percent, up from 4.3 percent in October, and up from 3.8 percent from November 2018.
- Hammond: 5.4 percent, up from 5.2 percent in October, and up from 4.8 percent from November 2018.
- Houma: 4.8 percent, up from 4.6 percent in October, and up from 4.3 percent from November 2018.
- Lafayette: 4.8 percent, up from 4.6 percent in October, and up from 4.3 percent from November 2018.
- Lake Charles: 4.0 percent, up from 3.8 percent in October, and up from 3.3 percent from November 2018.
- Monroe: 5.6 percent, up from 5.4 percent in October, and up from 4.8 percent from November 2018.
- New Orleans: 4.4 percent, unchanged from 4.4 percent in October, but up from 4.1 percent from November 2018.
- Shreveport: 5.3 percent, up from 5.1 percent in October, and up from 4.6 percent from November 2018.

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 Jobs, the LWC's free career tool, at <http://www.laworks.net/Stars/>. Employers looking for workers should visit Louisiana's employment homepage at www.laworks.net. Click on HiRE (Helping Individuals Reach Employment) and create an account allowing access to qualified job seekers.

Data Considerations

All data published from the Bureau of Labor Statistics is preliminary and is subject to revision on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. Revised numbers for previous months are available from the BLS databases located on bls.gov numbers are available upon release of new data.



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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