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Louisiana sets another record-high for private sector employment

BATON ROUGE, LA – Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted total private employment for December 2025 is 1,696,100, an increase of 2,900 jobs from the revised November 2025 estimate of 1,693,200 jobs.

- **This is a record high for employment in the series.**
- Compared to December 2024, not seasonally adjusted total private employment increased by 22,200 jobs.
- This shows over-the-year employment gains for 57 consecutive months.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for December 2025 is 2,021,100, a decrease of 700 jobs from the revised November 2025 estimate of 2,021,800 jobs.

- **This is the third-highest employment level in series history.**
- Compared to December 2024, not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 21,700 jobs.
- This shows over-the-year employment gains for 57 consecutive months.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Employment					
Area	December	November	December	Over-the-Month	Over-the-Year
	2025	2025	2024	Change	Change
Louisiana	2,021,100	2,021,800	1,999,400	-700	21,700
Alexandria MSA	62,800	62,700	62,700	100	100
Baton Rouge MSA	441,000	437,900	434,600	3,100	6,400
Hammond MSA	51,600	51,600	51,700	0	-100
Houma MSA	86,400	87,000	87,000	-600	-600
Lafayette MSA	188,100	188,600	186,000	-500	2,100
Lake Charles MSA	105,800	105,800	104,400	0	1,400
Monroe MSA	93,400	93,300	92,100	100	1,300
New Orleans MSA	478,300	482,200	478,200	-3,900	100
Shreveport MSA	170,100	170,500	169,500	-400	600
Slidell MSA	104,900	104,700	102,700	200	2,200



- Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate: 3.9 percent, down 0.3 percentage points from both last month and from last year. The state and eight of the 10 MSAs showed a decline over the year in the unemployment rate.
- Not seasonally adjusted employed individuals: 2,016,622, up 35,548 from last year.
- Not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals: 82,885, down 5,806 from November 2025.

State and MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate					
Area	December	November	December	Over-the-Month	Over-the-Year
	2025	2025	2024	Change	Change
Louisiana	3.9	4.2	4.2	-0.3	-0.3
Alexandria MSA	3.7	4.0	3.9	-0.3	-0.2
Baton Rouge MSA	3.7	3.9	3.9	-0.2	-0.2
Hammond MSA	4.7	4.8	4.6	-0.1	0.1
Houma MSA	3.5	3.8	3.7	-0.3	-0.2
Lafayette MSA	3.6	3.8	3.6	-0.2	0.0
Lake Charles MSA	4.2	4.4	4.5	-0.2	-0.3
Monroe MSA	4.3	4.5	4.7	-0.2	-0.4
New Orleans MSA	4.0	4.3	4.1	-0.3	-0.1
Shreveport MSA	3.9	4.2	4.1	-0.3	-0.2
Slidell MSA	3.5	3.8	3.7	-0.3	-0.2

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