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August 2022 unemployment rate continues over-the-year decline

BATON ROUGE, La. – Data released today by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2022 is 3.8 percent. This is the lowest not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the month of August in the history of the series. The rate shows a decrease of 0.8 percentage points from the revised July 2022 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 4.6 percent. The rate shows a decrease of 1.8 percentage points from the August 2021 rate of 5.6 percent, and is the 18th straight rate decline over the year.

Since July 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals decreased by 19,562 from 2,021,028 to 2,001,466 in August 2022. Compared to August 2021, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 47,707.

Since July 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals has decreased by 17,699 from 96,454 to 78,755 in August 2022. When compared to August 2021, the number of not seasonally adjusted unemployed individuals decreased by 36,309.

Not seasonally adjusted August 2022 unemployment rates for Louisiana’s nine MSA’s are as follows:

- Alexandria: 3.0 percent, down from 3.5 percent in July and down from 4.2 percent in August 2021.
- Baton Rouge: 3.4 percent, down from 4.1 percent in July and down from 5.1 percent in August 2021.
- Hammond: 4.7 percent, down from 5.6 percent in July and down from 6.6 percent in August 2021.
- Houma: 3.5 percent, down from 4.2 percent in July and down from 4.9 percent in August 2021.
- Lafayette: 3.3 percent, down from 4.0 percent in July and down from 5.1 percent in August 2021.
- Lake Charles: 3.4 percent, down from 4.2 percent in July and down from 5.5 percent in August 2021.
- Monroe: 3.6 percent, down from 4.3 percent in July and down from 5.1 percent in August 2021.
- New Orleans: 4.2 percent, down from 5.0 percent in July and down from 6.3 percent in August 2021.
- Shreveport: 3.8 percent, down from 4.6 percent in July and down from 5.5 percent in August 2021.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment for August 2022 is 1,921,400, an increase of 9,000 jobs from the July 2022 revised estimate of 1,912,400. Compared to August 2021, not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 44,700 jobs. The August 2022 employment figure shows 17 consecutive over-the-year gains.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted total private employment for August 2022 is 1,618,100, an increase of 2,300 jobs from the July 2022 revised estimate of 1,615,800. Compared to August 2021, not seasonally adjusted total private sector employment increased by 47,600 jobs. The August 2022 employment figure shows 17 consecutive over-the-year gains.

Industries that showed the largest gains for not seasonally adjusted jobs from July 2022:

Government gained 6,700 jobs from July 2022.

Education and Health Services gained 2,700 jobs from July 2022.

Professional and Business Services gained 1,700 jobs from July 2022.

Industries that showed the largest gains for not seasonally adjusted jobs from August 2021:

Professional and Business Services gained 15,800 jobs from August 2021.

Leisure and Hospitality gained 9,100 jobs from August 2021.

Manufacturing gained 9,100 jobs from August 2021.

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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