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Private employers set a record for not seasonally adjusted Louisiana employment in August

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana's private sector employers have been adding jobs over the year since 2010, and in August they set yet another record for not seasonally adjusted total private employment, the Louisiana Workforce Commission reported today.

Private employers added 31,900 jobs over the year in Louisiana, pushing not seasonally adjusted private employment to a record 1,648,100. Gains were spread across industry sectors and most metro areas. Government lost 5,900 jobs over the year, including 3,800 from state government, 1,900 from local government and 200 from the federal government.

"The data on growth matches what we see happening in many industries across the state. We have more companies operating today, we have very large companies that have announced their intention to open up or expand in Louisiana, and there are countless small businesses whose collective growth is helping many more people in Louisiana improve their standards of living," said LWC Executive Director Curt Eysink.

Total nonfarm employment in August was 1,971,900, an increase over the year of 26,000 jobs, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics survey of Louisiana employers across industries and the state.

The construction sector added the most jobs over the year with 9,200. Other sectors with strong over-the-year gains were leisure and hospitality, up 6,600; education and health services, up 6,300; and professional and business services which added 6,100 jobs over the year. Private industry sectors which lost jobs over the year were information, down 2,200; other services, down 1,400; and mining and logging, which was down 700.

The Baton Rouge metro area added the most nonfarm jobs over the year with 12,900, followed by New Orleans, 8,200, and Lake Charles with 3,600. Alexandria was the only metro area not to add nonfarm jobs over the year.

Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4 percent in August, according to a separate BLS survey of 750 households. The August rate was 0.2 percentage points better than a year earlier but 0.2 points higher than in July. The national rate in August was 6.3 percent, one point lower than a year ago.

The not seasonally adjusted civilian labor force—defined as the total number of people working plus those looking for work—was 2,162,357 in August, an increase of 52,731 from a year earlier. That was just 2,505 shy of the all-time high set in July. Typically the civilian labor force tends to go down at the end of the summer due to students returning to school.

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The number of people employed in August jumped 52,697 over the year, while the number of people looking for work rose by only 34 over the year and increased by 4,816 from July.

Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates improved or were unchanged in seven of the eight metro areas over the year in August as follows:

Alexandria: 6.9 percent, up from 6.8 percent in August 2013;
Baton Rouge: 6.1 percent, down from 6.3 percent;
Houma, 4.5 percent, unchanged;
Lafayette: 5.0 percent, unchanged;
Lake Charles: 5.8 percent, down from 6.2 percent;
Monroe: 6.9 percent, unchanged;
New Orleans: 6.5 percent, down from 6.6 percent;
Shreveport: 6.9 percent, down from 7.1 percent.

Not seasonally adjusted data are useful for comparing trends in parishes and metropolitan statistical areas, and for comparing them to the state. Seasonally adjusted data, on the other hand, are useful for comparisons among states and the nation.

Employers looking for workers should visit Louisiana's employment homepage at www.laworks.net and create a HiRE account which will provide access to qualified job seekers. Individuals looking for jobs in high-value careers should use Louisiana Star Jobs, the LWC's free career exploration and job search tool, at www.laworks.net/stars. A mobile version of Louisiana Star Jobs is also available at m.laworks.net.

To view all available employment data, visit Louisiana's employment homepage at <http://www.laworks.net> and select Labor Market Information from the top right-hand menu. Then select Monthly Employment Bulletin – Workforce At A Glance or Monthly Employment Statistics Press Release for the latest monthly nonfarm and labor force data.

To view the BLS nonfarm estimates for the state, click here: <http://data.bls.gov/pdq/querytool.jsp?survey=la>.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Aug 2014			July 2014			Aug 2013		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
UNITED STATES	146,647,000	9,787,000	6.3	147,265,000	10,307,000	6.5	144,509,000	11,462,000	7.3
LOUISIANA	2,023,641	138,716	6.4	2,030,962	133,900	6.2	1,970,944	138,682	6.6
ALEXANDRIA MSA	63,258	4,685	6.9	63,602	4,494	6.6	62,732	4,580	6.8
Grant	8,650	711	7.6	8,697	728	7.7	8,578	629	6.8
Rapides	54,608	3,974	6.8	54,905	3,766	6.4	54,154	3,951	6.8
BATON ROUGE MSA	382,339	24,647	6.1	381,470	23,836	5.9	366,379	24,664	6.3
Ascension	54,092	3,174	5.5	53,969	3,023	5.3	51,834	3,066	5.6
East Baton Rouge	217,906	13,831	6.0	217,411	13,365	5.8	208,810	14,004	6.3
East Feliciana	7,477	597	7.4	7,460	563	7.0	7,165	582	7.5
Iberville	11,983	1,171	8.9	11,956	1,128	8.6	11,483	1,087	8.6
Livingston	61,708	3,605	5.5	61,568	3,508	5.4	59,132	3,572	5.7
Pointe Coupee	9,343	715	7.1	9,322	720	7.2	8,953	726	7.5
St. Helena	4,126	438	9.6	4,117	446	9.8	3,954	521	11.6
West Baton Rouge	11,026	731	6.2	11,000	713	6.1	10,565	710	6.3
West Feliciana	4,677	385	7.6	4,667	370	7.3	4,482	397	8.1
HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA	107,577	5,072	4.5	108,480	4,860	4.3	104,591	4,925	4.5
Lafourche	51,107	2,365	4.4	51,536	2,296	4.3	49,689	2,274	4.4
Terrebonne	56,470	2,707	4.6	56,944	2,564	4.3	54,902	2,651	4.6
LAFAYETTE MSA	141,123	7,422	5.0	142,156	7,182	4.8	136,864	7,209	5.0
Lafayette	117,956	6,013	4.9	118,819	5,782	4.6	114,396	5,821	4.8
St. Martin	23,167	1,409	5.7	23,337	1,400	5.7	22,468	1,388	5.8
LAKE CHARLES MSA	94,595	5,863	5.8	95,386	5,528	5.5	90,098	5,952	6.2
Calcasieu	91,541	5,687	5.8	92,306	5,350	5.5	87,189	5,788	6.2
Cameron	3,054	176	5.4	3,080	178	5.5	2,909	164	5.3
MONROE MSA	78,167	5,789	6.9	78,938	5,544	6.6	76,448	5,646	6.9
Ouachita	68,888	5,091	6.9	69,567	4,859	6.5	67,373	4,956	6.9
Union	9,279	698	7.0	9,371	685	6.8	9,075	690	7.1
NEW ORLEANS-METAIRIE- KENNER MSA	538,066	37,216	6.5	539,661	35,736	6.2	524,825	37,159	6.6
Jefferson	206,200	13,103	6.0	206,811	12,621	5.8	201,125	12,980	6.1
New Orleans City/Orleans	148,884	12,528	7.8	149,325	12,082	7.5	145,220	12,885	8.1
Plaquemines	9,075	614	6.3	9,102	571	5.9	8,852	555	5.9
St. Bernard	18,496	1,269	6.4	18,551	1,196	6.1	18,041	1,299	6.7
St. Charles	24,137	1,525	5.9	24,209	1,511	5.9	23,543	1,556	6.2
St. John Baptist	18,932	1,606	7.8	18,988	1,522	7.4	18,466	1,652	8.2
St. Tammany	112,342	6,570	5.5	112,675	6,233	5.2	109,578	6,233	5.4
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA	170,366	12,589	6.9	171,684	12,026	6.5	166,134	12,727	7.1
Bossier	53,325	3,264	5.8	53,738	3,152	5.5	52,001	3,343	6.0
Caddo	106,768	8,386	7.3	107,594	8,026	6.9	104,116	8,463	7.5
De Soto	10,273	939	8.4	10,352	848	7.6	10,018	921	8.4

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NON-MSA PARISHES									
Acadia (Crowley) ¹	24,666	1,576	6.0	24,755	1,507	5.7	24,032	1,565	6.1
Allen	7,770	741	8.7	7,754	723	8.5	7,672	739	8.8
Assumption (Pierre Part) ¹	9,857	760	7.2	9,874	716	6.8	9,719	766	7.3
Avoyelles	14,963	1,274	7.8	15,030	1,239	7.6	14,875	1,263	7.8
Beauregard (DeRidder) ¹	13,448	1,005	7.0	13,405	1,019	7.1	13,410	1,046	7.2
Bienville	6,154	457	6.9	6,186	437	6.6	6,106	469	7.1
Caldwell	4,230	318	7.0	4,247	300	6.6	4,108	308	7.0
Catahoula	3,847	323	7.7	3,841	315	7.6	3,711	303	7.5
Claiborne	5,727	550	8.8	5,736	515	8.2	5,916	529	8.2
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) ¹	6,689	755	10.1	6,693	728	9.8	6,653	728	9.9
East Carroll	2,420	329	12.0	2,388	334	12.3	2,423	391	13.9
Evangeline	11,893	931	7.3	11,890	919	7.2	11,834	880	6.9
Franklin	6,711	737	9.9	6,742	707	9.5	6,560	764	10.4
Iberia (New Iberia) ¹	33,006	2,033	5.8	33,073	1,975	5.6	32,675	2,059	5.9
Jackson (Ruston) ¹	6,013	449	6.9	6,042	414	6.4	5,775	480	7.7
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) ¹	14,322	828	5.5	14,354	772	5.1	13,898	825	5.6
La Salle	7,225	387	5.1	7,290	373	4.9	7,153	374	5.0
Lincoln (Ruston) ¹	17,996	1,611	8.2	18,084	1,617	8.2	17,283	1,636	8.6
Madison (Tallulah) ¹	4,076	440	9.7	4,098	451	9.9	4,152	430	9.4
Morehouse (Bastrop) ¹	10,174	1,209	10.6	10,263	1,174	10.3	10,158	1,333	11.6
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) ¹	15,546	1,292	7.7	15,738	1,302	7.6	15,110	1,366	8.3
Red River	3,407	297	8.0	3,410	269	7.3	3,282	290	8.1
Richland	8,441	734	8.0	8,412	739	8.1	8,395	777	8.5
Sabine	8,831	632	6.7	8,918	612	6.4	8,758	615	6.6
St. James	9,000	820	8.4	9,015	794	8.1	8,926	867	8.9
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) ¹	36,456	2,575	6.6	36,872	2,456	6.2	35,673	2,469	6.5
St. Mary (Morgan City) ¹	22,073	1,616	6.8	22,125	1,566	6.6	21,829	1,623	6.9
Tangipahoa (Hammond) ¹	49,213	4,005	7.5	49,078	3,988	7.5	48,537	4,140	7.9
Tensas	1,636	170	9.4	1,591	179	10.1	1,610	154	8.7
Vermilion (Abbeville) ¹	23,424	1,453	5.8	23,561	1,415	5.7	22,828	1,373	5.7
Vernon (Fort Port South) ¹	18,322	1,472	7.4	18,448	1,542	7.7	19,262	1,543	7.4
Washington (Bogalusa) ¹	13,721	1,398	9.2	13,710	1,398	9.3	13,695	1,395	9.2
Webster (Minden) ¹	17,141	1,303	7.1	17,251	1,251	6.8	17,148	1,363	7.4
West Carroll	3,816	497	11.5	3,773	515	12.0	3,711	498	11.8
Winn	5,934	457	7.2	5,938	429	6.7	5,993	457	7.1

¹In addition to the eight (8) Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in Louisiana, there are seventeen (17) Micropolitan Statistical Areas (MCs): Jackson and Lincoln Parishes combine to constitute the Ruston MC area. Civilian Labor Force can be derived by adding employed and unemployed. For related information or data, please visit:

www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm.