Louisiana Employment Situation Summary

National Employment Data

• Since President Biden took office, 4,817,000 jobs have been created nationwide, an average of 602,000 created each month.

• In the month of September, the latest for which national data are available, 194,000 jobs were created, and the unemployment rate dropped to 4.8%, outperforming expectations and reaching a new pandemic-era low.

• The unemployment rate went down for adult men (4.7%), adult women (4.2%), white workers (4.2%) and Black workers (7.9%). The unemployment rate among Asian workers (4.2%) and Hispanic workers (6.3%) remained stable.

State Employment Data

• Since President Biden took office, 16,900 jobs have been lost in Louisiana.

• In the month of September, the latest for which state-level data are available, 29,600 jobs were lost in Louisiana.
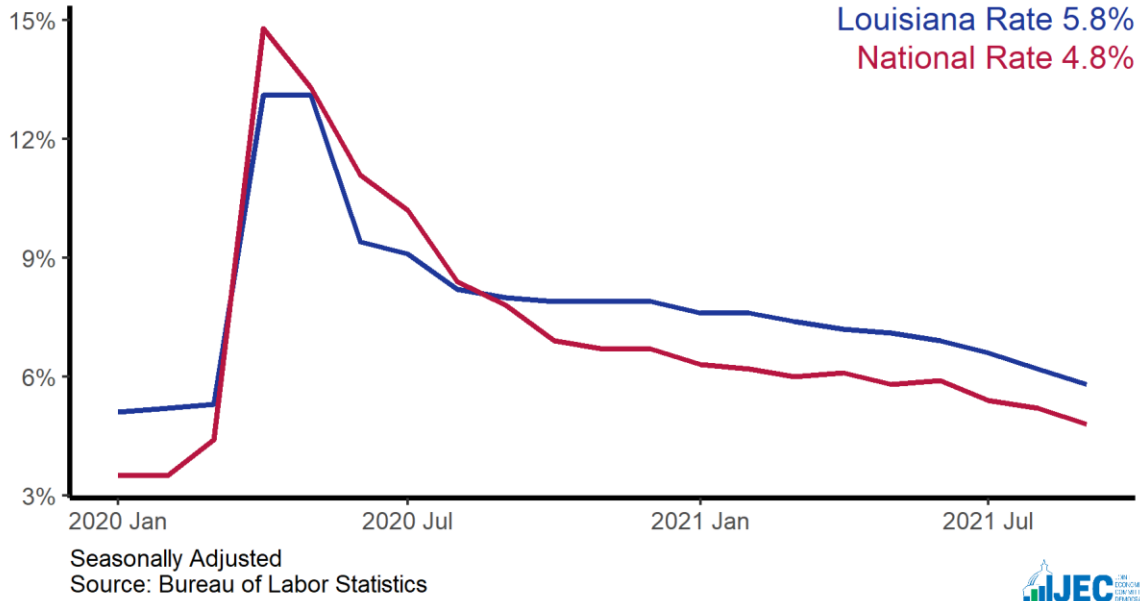
Sector	Change in Total Jobs in September	Jobs Recovered	Change in Total Jobs Since January
Total Nonfarm, Louisiana	**-29,600**	**38%**	**-16,900**
Professional and Business Services, Louisiana	-200	64%	4,800
Construction, Louisiana	-900	6%	-2,200
Manufacturing, Louisiana	-1,300	0%	-3,800
Retail Trade, Louisiana	-1,600	70%	-6,200
Government, Louisiana	-4,000	13%	-5,500
Education and Health Services, Louisiana	-7,200	47%	-4,300
Leisure and Hospitality, Louisiana	-14,000	53%	-3,800

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Note: Positive change reflects net job creation. "Recovered" refers to the share of jobs recovered since the pandemic low point as a share of jobs lost during the pandemic. Jobs lost during the pandemic are measured as the difference between the number of jobs in the industry in February 2020 and the number at the "low point" of the pandemic--the month with the fewest people employed in a given industry. The month of the low point varies by industry.

Louisiana Unemployment Rate

State and national unemployment rates, since January 2020

Louisiana Rate 5.8%
National Rate 4.8%

Seasonally Adjusted
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Louisiana Jobs Recovery

Total employment since January 2020, in thousands

Louisiana Employment 1,818,000

Nonfarm Payroll Employment, Seasonally Adjusted
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics