



Rapides Workforce Development Board e-Bulletin



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Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is record low for month of December

Data released by the Louisiana Workforce Commission on January 31st showed Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2022 is 3.3 percent, the third lowest rate in series history. The rate is also the lowest for December in series history. The figure is 0.4 percentage points higher than the November 2022 revised figure of 2.9 percent, which is a record low. The rate is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the December 2021 rate of 3.6 percent. This shows 22 consecutive months with an over-the-year rate decline.

Since November 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has decreased by 20,888 from 2,042,275 to 2,021,387 in December 2022.

Compared to December 2021, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 33,259.

[full story here](#)

Global Chemical Manufacturer Announces Pineville Facility Expansion

PQ, a leading global provider of silicates, silicas, and derivative products found in a wide variety of industrial and consumer products, announced a \$5.5 million expansion of its Rapides Parish facility to improve efficiency and increase production.

The expansion will include the installation of a new refractory for a furnace and ancillary systems that produce sodium silicate and derivative products. These materials will supply a wide range of end markets, including construction materials, biofuels, tires, paint, toothpaste, and beer.

“PQ has contributed to central Louisiana’s economy and Louisiana’s manufacturing sector for more than 50 years,” Gov. John Bel Edwards said. “It is a company committed to creating innovative and environmentally friendly products and services for industries from energy to food manufacturing. We applaud the company for continuing to support Louisiana workers through business investment and job creation.”

The company will create two new direct jobs with an average annual salary of more than \$80,000. Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project will result in nine new indirect jobs, for a total of 11 new jobs in the Central Region.

“This project enhances the site safety, expands customer focus, and broadens our sustainability positioning in this strategically important growth region,” PQ President and CEO Al Beninati said. “The new installation increases the reach of the site and positions Pineville as a long-term growth-enabling asset for PQ. The Pineville community and the state of Louisiana have been great partners with PQ for over 50 years. We look forward to building upon that partnership.”

full story here

REGIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER FAIR



MARCH 8, 2023 | 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

VETERANS TO RECEIVE PRIORITY OF SERVICE FROM 11 AM - 11:30 AM

ALEXANDRIA CONVENTION HALL
915 THIRD STREET



Explore career opportunities with recruiters from federal, state, parish, and local municipal agencies. Regional Public Service Career Fair is hosted by the Louisiana Workforce Commission. and its partner agencies.

Civil Service Representatives will be on site to answer application questions. Mobile Workforce Center will also be available to help with online applications and content.

Employers can register [here](#) at no cost or by scanning the QR Code.

For more information, you may contact Eric Irby at (318) 487-5547 or jirby@lwc.la.gov.

2022 CLIP Graduates Begin Teaching Careers

Congratulations to the 2022 graduates of the Central Louisiana Instructional Partnership!

Ten individuals began their careers as middle school math and science teachers in the fall of 2022 after graduating from the Central Louisiana Instructional Partnership, a paid teacher residency program administered by The Orchard Foundation. They were recognized at a graduation and pinning ceremony at Northwestern State University in December.

The goal of the CLIP project is to improve student achievement in nine rural, high-needs school districts in Central Louisiana by preparing highly qualified educators to teach in the critical shortage areas of science and math.

Applicants selected for the CLIP program complete a 15-month accelerated graduate program of study culminating in a Master of Arts in teaching degree from Northwestern State University and a professional teaching certification. CLIP residents receive a stipend to cover the expense of tuition, as well as an annual stipend of \$36,000 during their residency.



Photo credit: The Orchard Foundation

[full story here](#)

ELEVATE YOUR FUTURE JOB FAIR

**March 30, 2023
8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

Alexandria Mega Shelter
8125 US-71
Alexandria, La. 71302

For more information or to inquire
about sponsorships, please contact
LaRunda Pierce at
larunda.pierce@rpsb.us

Rapides Parish School Board will hold an "Elevate Your Future Job fair" on March 30, 2023, from 8 am to 1:30 pm at the Alexandria Mega Shelter.

You may contact LaRunda Pierce at larunda.pierce@rpsb.us for more information.

HIRING EVENT

JOIN OUR KREWE

Thursday | February 23 | 4 - 7 p.m.
CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital
Women's and Children's Atrium
3330 Masonic Dr | Alexandria | LA 71301

REGISTER TODAY

CURRENTLY SEEKING

- Registered Nurses
- Respiratory Therapists
- Clinical Lab Scientists
- Medical Lab Technicians
- Polysomnographic Techs
- PRN Physical Therapists
- Physical Therapy Assistants

CHRISTUScareers.org

Christus St. Francis Cabrini will have a Hiring Event on February 23, 2023, from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Scan the QR code to register!

Central Louisiana State Hospital
CAREER FAIR
Every Friday in February
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
Same-Day Applications and Interviews
CLSH Administration
242 West Shamrock St.
Pineville, LA

Can't make it?
 Apply online now!

Immediate Openings For:
 RNs, LPNs, Direct Care Staff, and Social Workers
 Salaries Negotiable Based on Experience



Central Louisiana State Hospital
CAREER FAIR
February 15, 2023
10 A.M. - 6 P.M.
Kees Park Community Center
2450 Highway 28 East, Pineville, LA

Can't make it?
 Apply online now!

Immediate Openings For:
 RNs, LPNs, Direct Care Staff, and Social Workers
 Salaries Negotiable Based on Experience



WE'RE HIRING!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY



Visit www.rpsb.us for more information

The Rapides Parish School District is looking for new members to join their team.

To view the full list of employment opportunities, scan the QR code or [click here](#).

WE ARE HIRING!!

POSITION AVAILABLE:

- Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Professional

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Master's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, or Sociology
- In addition to one of the following licensures: PLPC, PLMFT, LMSW, or CSW

LOCATIONS:

- Alexandria, LA
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Bossier City, LA
- Denham Springs, LA
- DeRidder, LA
- Jennings, LA
- Jonesboro, LA
- Lafayette, LA
- Lake Charles, LA
- Leesville, LA
- Mary, LA
- Marksville, LA
- Monroe, LA
- Natchitoches, LA
- New Iberia, LA
- Ruston, LA
- Shreveport, LA
- Winnfield, LA

APPLY NOW

Send Your Resume To:
hr@rehabservicesla.com

For More Information:
 Call 318-459-6795



What's Working for RoyOMartin and their Work Development Programs

Vice President of Human Resources Donna Bailey joined ACT at the 2022 Workforce Summit, where she shared the success of the company's WoodWorks apprenticeship program and how focusing on skill helps keep their workforce resilient.



Photo credit: RoyOMartin

Watch the [video](#) to hear more from Donna about:

- the apprenticeship program's success
- why a community-based approach to economic and workforce development is important and effective
- post-pandemic, how focusing on skills helps with workforce resiliency and recovery.

Visit RoyOMartin at these upcoming [college career fairs](#): and learn more about the great opportunities available at RoyOMartin!

Lead-Safe Housing Program

The City of Alexandria's Lead-Safe Housing Program offers grants of up to \$14,000 to remediate lead-based paint hazards from homes and rental units built before 1978 in the City of Alexandria and occupied by children and pregnant women, and to vacant units that will be affirmatively marketed as family-friendly, lead-safe rentals.

The Lead-Safe Housing Program is a result of grant funds awarded to the City of Alexandria Community Development Department of \$2,990,976.00 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH). The current Lead-Safe Housing Program grant period is January 2021 through June 2024.

[Click here](#) for more information.



IS THERE LEAD IN YOUR HOME?

The Community Development Department is accepting applications for the Lead-Safe Housing Program (LSHP).

Through this program, applicants who qualify for LSHP may have lead abatement performed on their home. This could include FREE interior/exterior paint, flooring, and/or windows.

Minimum requirements of the LSHP:

- Home must have been built before 1978
- A child (or children) under the age of 6 must live in or visit the home for at least 6 hours a week
- Homeowner or tenant must be at 80% of median income for our area
- Homeowner or tenant must reside within the City of Alexandria city limits.

For more information visit

www.cityofalexandria.com/lead-safe-housing-program
call 318-449-5075 or email shelly.gotreaux@cityofalex.com



EARN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA

CLTCC WorkReady U Adult Education Program

We offer:

- High school equivalency diploma preparation (HiSET prep)
- Digital Literacy skills
- Job readiness skills
- Secondary credential preparation
- College transition resources
- English as a second language

Who can enroll:

- Any adult age 16 years and older is eligible to enroll.
- 16 & 17 year old students must provide an age waiver from the local school board office

Classes available in 9 parishes:

- Allen
- Avoyelles
- Catahoula
- Concordia
- Grant
- LaSalle
- Rapides
- Vernon
- Winn

Classes available at NO COST!

Contact Us:

1-800-278-9855
adulthoodeducation@cltcc.edu

Scan the QR code and complete the form for more information!

CLTCC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Human Resources Director, 516 Murray St., Alexandria, LA, 318.487.5443 ext. 1154.

LEADERSHIP CENLA

REGISTER NOW FOR 2023

MAR 30	APR 27	MAY 25
AUG 31	SEP 28	OCT 26
NOV 16	Legislative Day at the Capitol	

TOPICS ON CENTRAL LOUISIANA

- Government, & Legislative Process
- Education and Workforce Development
- Business, Industry, and Economy
- Art, Culture, and Tourism
- Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
- Healthcare and Community Needs
- Understanding Leadership
- Strategic Leadership Simulation

\$1,700 PER PERSON

Includes 7 Workshops & Legislative Day Trip (Light breakfast and lunch provided)

The Wesley Center
2350 Methodist Parkway
Woodworth, LA 71485

Apply Online
www.lsu.edu/leadership

LSUA
College of Business

For More Information
leadershipcenla@lsua.edu
(318) 427-4441

LWC Mobile Workforce Center



The Louisiana Workforce Commission's Mobile Workforce Center delivers workforce resources and services to individuals and businesses throughout the state.

The Mobile Workforce Center serves employers who have a training or hiring need, jobseekers in rural areas who may have challenges accessing workforce services, and partners who could use additional resources.

LWC's state-of-the-art Mobile Workforce Center is equipped with broadband satellite, 4G LTE WiFi, 13 computer stations, and printing/scanning capabilities.

To request the Mobile Workforce Center at your next large recruiting event, visit www.laworks.net.

CENLA COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

YOU EARNED IT...LET US HELP YOU KEEP IT!

SUPER SATURDAY TAX BLITZ

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

FEBRUARY 4, 2023, MARCH 4, 2023 & APRIL 15, 2023

8:00 A.M TO 3:00 P.M.

2011 MACARTHUR DRIVE, BUILDING 1
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301

WALK IN - NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
Please Bring the Following:

- Picture ID/Drivers License
- Social Security Cards
- Dates of Birth for Spouse and Dependents
- W-2's, 1099's
- Childcare Expenses
- Bank Routing and Account Numbers
- IRS Issued Identity Protection Pin
- Last Year's Return (if available)

FREE FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND LITERACY SESSIONS

FREE FLU AND COVID VACCINES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH :

- IRS
- RED RIVER BANK
- LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Cenla CAC offers Free Income Tax Preparation Assistance on the dates listed on the flyer. Make sure to bring the listed requirements.

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