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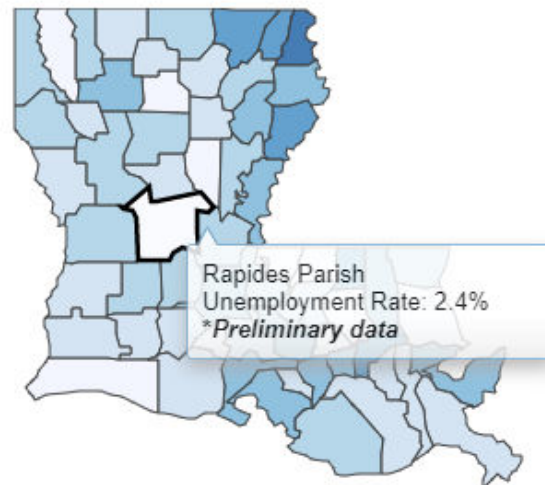
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Unemployment rates drop in eight Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Data released last month by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that of Louisiana's nine Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), eight showed a drop in their not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from October 2022. All MSAs showed a decline from their November 2021 figures. Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2022 is 2.9%, a record low for the state. The figure is 0.2% lower than the October 2022 revised estimate of 3.1%, which was the prior record low. The rate is a decrease of 1.1% from the November 2021 rate of 4.0%. This shows 21 consecutive months with an over-the-year rate decline.

[full story here](#)

LSUA Soon to Launch Handshake

LSUA's Department of Holistic Education and Career Development is excited to announce the upcoming launch of Handshake, the nation's #1 college-to-career network, to help students identify, enhance, and accomplish their career development, internship, job search, and educational goals.

This partnership with Handshake, a trusted partner of more than 1,400 colleges and institutions will connect LSUA students with a network of employers from across the country, making it easier for students to find great jobs and build the foundations of meaningful careers, regardless of their background or connections. Employers will also have access to a wider pool of qualified candidates, as they can easily post jobs to multiple schools on the platform.

LSUA plans to launch Handshake with local employer partners in late January 2023, with over 4,200 activated students and immediate access to over 8,000 employers and over 50,000 jobs just in Louisiana. Since 2020, almost 19,000 Louisiana students have registered for virtual fairs, with 118 virtual fairs attended by Louisiana students on Handshake network platform.

The LSUA and the Department of Holistic Education and Career Development are committed to providing students with the tools and resources they need to succeed in their chosen fields, and we are confident that Handshake will be an invaluable asset to achieving this goal.

For more information about Handshake, contact Dr. Beth Palmer at maryp@lsua.edu or the Department of Holistic Education and Career Development at careerdevelopment@lsua.edu or 318-473-6561.



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The United Way of Cenla Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program needs help to make the 2023 tax preparation season a success!

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[Click here](#) for more information.



Free After School Meals

Activities + Games + Arts & Crafts

Who: All Children under the age of 18 When: Monday - Friday, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Where: Rapides Parish Library, Johnson Branch, J.W. McDonald Memorial Branch, Martin Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch, Robertson Branch

* This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Contact 318-445-2773 for more information.

The Food Bank of Central Louisiana partnered with Rapides Parish Library to provide meals for children under the age of 18 after school. For location information please [click here](#).



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DCFS Re-scheduled Hiring Fair

DCFS announced new dates for its hiring fairs originally scheduled for December 1 in Alexandria and December 7 in Bossier City. The Alexandria hiring fair has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023 at Rapides American Job Center, 5610-B Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria, LA. The Bossier City hiring fair has been relocated to the Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd. Bossier City, LA, and is now scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Individuals who have already registered for either fair will not need to do so again. Those individuals have been alerted to the change.

Interested candidates are welcome to apply for open DCFS positions at any time at dcfs.la/dcfs-jobs.

Rescheduled Hiring Fairs

Bossier City, LA	18 Jan	Alexandria, LA	19 Jan
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