



# Rapides Workforce Development Board e-Bulletin



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## Unemployment Rate



## Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

Data released on April 28, 2023, by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2023 is 3.3 percent. This is the lowest rate for the month of March in the series and is tied for the second-lowest rate in series history. The rate shows a drop of 0.2 percentage points from February 2023 and a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the March 2022 rate of 3.5 percent. This also shows 25 consecutive months with an over-the-year rate decline.

Since February 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has increased by 19,680 to 2,046,139 in March 2023. This is the highest number of not seasonally adjusted individuals in series history. Compared to March 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 26,459.

[full story here](#)

# Upcoming Job Fairs

**CENTRAL LOUISIANA SHRM** **SPRING JOB FAIR 2023**  
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**TUESDAY, 23 MAY 2023** | **707 2ND ST ALEXANDRIA, LA** | **START AT 10 AM - 02 PM**

**OPEN TO ALL!** Bring copies of your resume or contact information to meet potential employers!

**UTLX** THE TANK CAR PEOPLE **JOB FAIR** **LOUISIANA WORKFORCE COMMISSION** The Department of Labor

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023**  
**From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**Rapides American Job Center**  
**5610-B Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA**

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!! UTLX Manufacturing is the nation's leader in the railcar industry for over 130 years. Our state-of-the-art facility is in Alexandria, LA directly off Hwy 49. There is no better time than now to join us. Due to increased production, we have many open positions!!

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# Summer Programs/Community Events

**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**RAPIDES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

Do you want your child to have a summer that's filled with activities that will help engage, empower, and elevate them?

**June 5 - June 29, 2023**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**

- ✓ Academic
- ✓ Co-Curricular/Extracurricular
- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Community Involvement
- ✓ And More!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.**

**Walk with Me**

*Your Story Isn't Over Yet ; Reach Out ; You Matter !*

**Suicide Awareness Walk in The Town of Ball on May 27, 2023. This event will take place at the Town of Ball walking track from 5pm-9pm.**

If you or a business, you know are interested in helping or sponsoring this Suicide Awareness "Walk with Me" please contact our Sales Manager at [Karen.Barrett@smgnational.com](mailto:Karen.Barrett@smgnational.com)

Let us come together as a community and let people know they are not alone. There are people to talk to and there are places to get help. Everyone Matters!!!

Contact us for more information if you would like to walk in memory of someone or if you would like to purchase luminaires to light up the track in memory of someone

- 5pm event will have an opening ceremony.
- 6pm luminaire bags will be sold to line the track (all money will be donated to local organizations that help with mental health)
- 6:30pm Walkers will register
- 7pm "Walk with Me" begins

**LIVE UNITED** UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA

**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.**

**SUMMER OF SERVICE PROGRAM**

*Focus*  
**Louisiana Christian University**  
 We are excited to be helping LCU with a few projects in our Summer of Service program. At LCU we will focus on getting the Student Union ready to welcome Freshmen to their Front-line orientation. Our second date at LCU is Paws for Fall, as we help get the campus ready to welcome students and give back to our community.

**Alexandria Housing Authority**  
 This year's summer of service program is focusing on AHA with a partnership, to help bring the communities of the Housing Authority together. Youth will focus on community clean-up, working on the community gardens, setting up/cleaning the on-site libraries, and working to set up both sharing pantries/closets.

**YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Get Involved & Volunteer!**

- Ages: 11 - 18
- Build Community
- Volunteer
- Get a T-Shirt
- Looks Great On College Applications.

**REGISTER HERE**

QR Code

Email [Education@uwcl.org](mailto:Education@uwcl.org) for more information.  
[www.uwcl.org](http://www.uwcl.org)

**LOUISIANA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

**"Wild Cats Front Line Ready"**  
 June 6th – 8am to 12noon.  
 Prep the Student Union be ready to greet incoming Freshman, with Wild Cats Front Line Ready!

**"Paws for Fall"**  
 July 18th – 8am to 12noon.  
 New Classes start in August, let's help the Wild Cats get ready to welcome students, with Paws for Fall.

**ALEXANDRIA HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**Reading Clubhouse**  
 June 8th – 10am to 2pm. @ Charles Hayward  
 Let's come together and set up our Community Library.

**Bayou pick it up, clean it up & share it up.**  
 June 20th – 10am to 2pm. @ Bayou Garden  
 A community cleanup day and sharing closet setup.

**Come, clean like a Royal.**  
 June 22nd – 10am to 2pm. @ Royal Ridge  
 A community cleanup day.

**Second Chance Sharing & Reading**  
 July 6th – 10am to 2pm. @ Harmony Village  
 Setting up a sharing closet and Reading Clubhouse.

**Keep Calm, Keep Clean & Share On**  
 July 20th – 10am to 2pm. @ Garden Gate  
 Community clean up and set up of a sharing closet.

**Explore, create and have FUN!**  
 Monday - Friday  
 Ages 6-9: 9am - 12pm  
 Ages 10-12: 1pm - 4pm

\$100 for AMoA members  
 \$130 for non-members  
 All supplies and snacks are included!

**Space is limited! Sign-up now!**

AMoA's half day camps provide young and creative thinkers with dynamic experiences, projects and activities that will entertain and challenge their minds with a wide variety of mediums and processes.

**July 10-14 Young Minds Wanna Know**  
 with Carolyn Scalfano

This camp will excite and inspire young artists by offering activities and projects that will answer many questions about process and create new ones. Campers can expect to stretch their creativity by using multiple mediums to create unique works of art, all inspired by famous artists!

**July 17-21 Gallery Grooves**  
 with Cindy Blair

Campers will participate in fanciful, imagination-stretching art activities, inspired by art on the gallery walls of AMoA. They will create two dimensional and sculptural works in the AMoA classroom and galleries.

**Register at**  
[www.themuseum.org/summercamp](http://www.themuseum.org/summercamp)  
 Questions? Please call 318-443-3458.

Alexandria MUSEUM OF ART  
 Alexandria Museum of Art  
 933 Second Street  
 Downtown Alexandria

LSUA

## Louisiana Central Launches First Manufacturing Career Camp

Louisiana Central announced yesterday its first manufacturing career camp. The Louisiana Central Manufacturing Career Camp will be June 5 - June 9 at the Cleco Advanced Manufacturing Center at Central Louisiana Technical Community College in downtown Alexandria. The deadline for applications is Monday, May 15.

The Louisiana Central Manufacturing Career Camp is designed to introduce high school sophomores and juniors to manufacturing careers available in our region while showing students the exciting educational opportunities in manufacturing at local colleges. For an entire week, camp participants will learn about several areas of manufacturing, including: welding, forest products, construction, electronics/technology, and energy.

“Creating opportunities for hands-on learning outside of a traditional classroom setting are crucial for students to gain excitement about career paths. Students who participate will get a diverse look at the career options available in Central Louisiana at manufacturing facilities,” said Javonti Thomas, Program Coordinator at Louisiana Central.



-Rapides Parish-

*more information here*

Source: Britni Lilley, Louisiana Central

# Career Opportunities



The Travel Paramedic provides appropriate, efficient, and timely medical transportation and pre-hospital advanced, intermediate, and basic life support care within the limits of licensure or certification and in accordance with Acadian protocols.

This position is a four-month assignment for paramedics who live a minimum of 150 miles outside of the assigned work location. At the completion of 4 months, the Travel Paramedic can elect to relocate to the area (dependent upon successful completion of the probationary period) or end their assignment with Acadian.

**Apply here!**

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**Current Opportunities**

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- Production Team Member (Weekend Only; Part-Time) - Chopin, LA
- Industrial Millwright (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Truck Driver (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Silviculture Technician (Full Time) - Oakdale, LA
- Human Resources Assistant (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Occupational Health Nurse (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Industrial Electrician (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor (Full time) - Corrigan, TX
- Millwright (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Supervisor (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX

If you are interested in any of these positions, scan the QR code to apply.

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1923 2023  
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SCAN ME

**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
- Many, LA
- Marksville, LA
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**ALEXANDRIA POLICE**

**Alexandria Police**

is looking for professional, organized go getters join the team!

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# Career Opportunities



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Please send a resume and cover letter to  
Tiffany Augustine,  
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Join our team!

## NOW HIRING

**Central Louisiana State Hospital**  
**Direct Care Staff**  
Salary Negotiable Based on Experience  
On Site Training

[www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisiana](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisiana)  
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## Job Vacancies

Job Order #	Job Title
• 1430362	Registered Nurse
• 1430508	Physician, Part-Time
• 1432520	Patient Care Tech PRN
• 1433381	Patient Transporter
• 1432350	Pediatric LPN Private Duty
• 1430488	Personal Assistance Provider
• 1430527	Pharmacist
• 1431853	Pharmacy Tech
• 1432525	Pharmacy Tech PRN
• 1432553	Phlebotomist
• 1430965	Physical & Occ. Therapist Rehab Aide
• 1432816	Physical Therapist - PRN
• 1430595	Physical Therapist-PRN
• 1432699	Inventory Clerk
• 1430575	IT Integrations Analyst
• 1432808	Clinic Patient Representative Senior-Primary Care Clinic
• 1429126	Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)
• 1432246	Medical Assistant PRN
• 1432582	Medical Lab Tech
• 1433435	MRI Tech - PRN

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Join our team!

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**Central Louisiana State Hospital**  
**RNs & LPNs**  
Salary Negotiable Based on Experience

[www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisiana](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/louisiana)  
**318-484-6200**

**LOOKING FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY?**  
Check out these open positions in the area!  
Full descriptions, application instructions, and links can be found at <https://www.laworks.net/>

Under the Job Seeker heading, select immediate job openings and then select search by Job Order Number!

# Restore Louisiana Small Business Loan Program



Assistance is now available for small businesses impacted by 2020-21 disasters. The Restore Louisiana Small Business Loan Program provides loan assistance to eligible small businesses and nonprofits that were affected by 2020-21 disaster events through participating non-profit lenders.

To qualify for a loan, businesses, and non-profits must meet the following criteria:

- 1-50 full-time employees (35 hours or more per week)
- Open and in operation at the time of the disaster event
- Minimum \$25,000 in annual gross revenues before the disaster event
- Located in one of the parishes eligible for program participation
- Experienced either a financial or physical loss as a result of one of 2020-2021 disaster events
- Have an eligible unmet need after accounting for duplication of benefits (see program guidelines)

## Loan Terms:

- 0% interest rate; 60% of the loan amortized over 7 years; no principal repayment for the first 6 months
- 60% repayable and 40% forgivable (if requirements are met)
- Loans from \$10,000 to a maximum of \$150,000

Eligible uses include working capital, equipment, and furniture.

For additional support or to learn more about the eligibility criteria and loan terms, contact Tom Watkins at [tom@scpsc.org](mailto:tom@scpsc.org).

To learn more about the program guidelines, visit the [here](#).

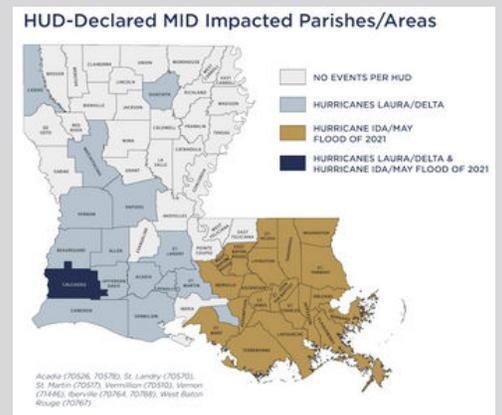
The Restore Louisiana Small Business Loan Program is administered by the Louisiana Office of Community Development. [OCD.Economic\\_Development@la.gov](mailto:OCD.Economic_Development@la.gov)

**Assistance is now available for small businesses and nonprofits impacted by 2020-21 disasters.**

Apply now for the *Small Business Loan Program.*

Visit [restore.la.gov/SBLP](https://restore.la.gov/SBLP) to learn more.

**RESTORE LOUISIANA**  
Small Business Loan Program



# Good Headspace Helps Make a Safe Workplace

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's mission is to ensure safe and healthful working conditions for workers. As a regulatory agency, we have historically approached that mission by focusing on physical hazards in workplaces, things you can see and measure. But today's work environment requires a broader approach that includes both traditional occupational safety and health and paying attention to the huge impact of mental health on workers' well-being as well.



Work-related stress is a significant problem in the United States:

- 83% of workers report suffering from work-related stress.
- Work-related stress has been reported to cause 120,000 deaths each year.
- For every \$1 spent on ordinary mental health concerns, employers see a \$4 return in productivity.

now that the pandemic has had a significant impact on mental health, with nearly half of Americans surveyed reporting symptoms of an anxiety or depressive disorder in 2021. It is clear from these statistics that it's time to recognize mental health hazards as occupational hazards. To bring about meaningful change, we all will need to work together to protect the mental health of workers.

This is not to say that all stress can be eliminated from workplaces. There will always be stressful parts of work, like the physical demands of a job, challenges with technology, or concerns about job security from downsizing due to economic changes.

During Mental Health Awareness Month, we want employers to consider the role that workplace stress may have in their business. OSHA has a workplace stress toolkit for employers with guidance, training, real-world solutions, and outreach materials to help improve employee mental health and well-being.

Source: Doug Parker  
U.S. Department of Labor

[full story here](#)

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