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## Louisiana's seasonally adjusted employed data reaches the highest number ever recorded for the month of June

Data released on July 21st by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that Louisiana's seasonally adjusted number of employed is the highest ever seen in the month of June, and the 2nd highest in series history.

The number of seasonally adjusted employed for June 2023 is 2,037,445. The number of employed saw a loss of 1,937 individuals from the May revised estimate of 2,039,382, but, compared to June 2022, the number of seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 20,020. This is the 27th consecutive month with an over-the-year gain in the number of employed.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2023 is 3.6 percent. The rate is tied for the second-lowest rate in series history. The rate shows no change from the May 2023 figure but increased by 0.1 percentage points from June 2022.

*full story here*

## Job Fairs



Register for the LSUA Fall Career Fair [here](https://www.lsu.edu/careerfair).

# ~~dis~~ABILITY Inclusion Job Fair

Wednesday, October 11  
9 AM - 12 PM  
Brazen Job Fair Platform  
Online platform, join from anywhere!

Interested employers can contact your Regional  
Employment Specialist or scan the QR code to register!

**Shelli White**  
SWhite@lwc.la.gov  
(318) 487-5344



[lrs2023disabilityinclusion  
jobfair.splashthat.com](https://lrs2023disabilityinclusion.jobfair.splashthat.com)

Hosted by:



# Career Opportunities

RPSB is Hiring!



**WE ARE HIRING**  
*Join Our Team!*

Key Positions:

- **Agriculture Teacher at Rapides High School**
- **School Counselor at Oak Hill High School**
- **Asst. Principal at Horseshoe Drive Elementary**
- **Head Custodian at ASH**

**Rapides Parish Schools**  
ENGAGE EMPOWER ELEVATE

## RAPIDES PARISH SCHOOLS

**RAPIDES PARISH SCHOOLS ARE ADVERTISING FOR CRITICAL SHORTAGE POSITIONS:**

### J. B. Lafargue Special Education Center

1-Educational Diagnostician

1-School Psychologist

1-Educational Interpreter

1-Speech Therapist

### Rapides High School

1-Certified Agricultural Teacher

**Must apply at [www.rpsb.us](http://www.rpsb.us)**

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RPSB offers a wide range of employment opportunities for those wanting to make a difference in the community!

Apply [here!](http://www.rpsb.us)

LSUA is Hiring!



**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

**LSUA**  
LSU of ALEXANDRIA

If you're looking to create an impact in higher education, become part of LSUA team and make a difference in the lives of students and the entire LSUA community.

Discover various career opportunities at LSU Alexandria by visiting [here](http://lsua.edu).



**WE'RE HIRING**

**JOIN OUR TEAM!!**  
**Central Louisiana State Hospital**  
*Leading the way in mental health care*

**Immediate Positions Available:**  
Registered Nurses  
Licensed Practical Nurses  
Psychiatric Aides  
Psychologists

**Benefits include:**

- Special Entry Rate of Pay
- Retirement
- Health Insurance/Other Insurances
- Paid Holidays
- Sick Leave & Personal Leave

**Salaries negotiable based on experience**  
For more information contact: (318) 484-6200

**Learn more and apply by visiting:**  
[governmentjobs.com/careers/Louisiana/ldh](http://governmentjobs.com/careers/Louisiana/ldh)

**SCAN ME**



**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**CLSH is Hiring!**  
Apply [here!](http://governmentjobs.com/careers/Louisiana/ldh)



# Career Opportunities

Join AmeriCorps for a year and your impact could last a lifetime.



## Serve with Us!

Starting August 22nd 2023  
Through August 15th 2024

**Help your community.  
Get paid.  
Make a difference.**

AmeriCorps Members are vital to the Food Bank. As part of the team, you will...

- ⇒ Distribute food across eleven parishes
- ⇒ Pack and sort food in our warehouse
- ⇒ Help alleviate hunger for thousands in need.




### Benefits of Service

- ✓ Paid living allowance
- ✓ Education Award
- ✓ Student loan deferment
- ✓ Skills training

**Learn more at**  
[fbcenla.org/ameri corps](http://fbcenla.org/ameri corps)

**APPLY NOW!**



Contact:  
Ashlon Ling  
Food Bank of  
Central Louisiana  
318-445-2773  
EXT. 222

**AmeriCorps Louisiana**

Supported by a grant from the Volunteer Louisiana Commission in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Looking for your next opportunity?  
Make a difference and serve for a year in  
AmeriCorps at the Food Bank!

Learn more at [here](http://fbcenla.org/ameri corps).

## JOB VACANCIES

Job Order #	Job Title
• 1478863	Detail Technician
• 1482243	Diesel Mechanic Tech
• 1478264	Dietary Asst
• 1484075	Dietary Asst
• 1478094	Dietitian
• 1478005	Dietitian
• 1481177	Direct Care Worker
• 1480597	Driver - Geo Delivery
• 1480057	Echo Tech - Cardiology
• 1481197	Echocardiogram Tech / Registered
• 1483704	Electric Plant Operator I
• 1479908	Engineer - Capital Repair
• 1477661	Engineer - Power Plant Maintenance
• 1479696	Engineer - System Protection
• 1477822	Engineering Tech II, Electric Distribution
• 1483717	Equipment Operator I
• 1483993	EVS Asst PRN
• 1477052	Exercise Tech PRN
• 1484095	Experience Presence Specialist
• 1484089	Facilities Coordinator - Remote
• 1478255	Field Mechanic - Heavy Equipment
• 1478661	Fire Captain

Check out these open positions in Rapides!  
Full descriptions, application instructions, and links  
can be found [here](#). Under the Job Seeker heading  
select immediate job openings and then select  
search by Job Order Number!

Follow [Rapides American Job Center](#)  
for more job postings!

## We're HIRING!

You deserve a career where talent is recognized and rewarded. When your strengths meet our opportunities, great things can happen. Work and learn from the best in the industry, in a fulfilling career with exceptional benefits at RoyOMartin.

### Current Opportunities

- Production Team Member (Full/Part Time) - Chopin, LA
- Truck Driver (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Storeroom Team Member (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Industrial Electrician (Full Time) - Chopin, LA
- Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor (Full time) - Corrigan, TX
- Millwright (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Supervisor (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Production Team Member (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Human Resources Assistant (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Process Engineer (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX
- Purchasing Specialist (Full Time) - Corrigan, TX



SCAN ME

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



## CENTRAL LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Join our team

# WE'RE HIRING



Interested? Send your application materials to [hr@CLTCC.edu](mailto:hr@CLTCC.edu)

Join CLTCC team and help make a difference  
in Cenla. CLTCC has several full-time  
position vacancies.

For details, scan the QR code or click [here](#).



# Community Events

## 36th Annual Youth Fishing Tournament

**Sayes Office Supply  
& the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs  
36th Annual Youth Tournament**

When: Saturday, August 12th  
Time: from Safe Daylight to 10:30 a.m.  
Location: Cotile Lake Park Landing  
Entry Fee: \$5 per Child

**Two Age Groups:**  
3 to 8 years old & 9 to 14 years old

**Three Fish Classes:**  
Bass Bream White Perch  
Only one fish per class will be weighed.

**Sponsored by:**  
**Mac's FRESH MARKET**  
**ReddyIce** **Academy SPORTS+OUTDOORS**

**FREE ZEBCO Rod & Reel to first 300 entries!**

**Enter to WIN one of several bicycles!**

**RULES**

- 1) Child may fish from bank or boat. Must have parent or guardian
- 2) Parents may fish BUT only child's fish will be weighed in.
- 3) Only one fish per class will be weighed
- 4) Must be at least 3 years of age


Entry fees used to cover the expenses of the tournament

Hot Dogs & drinks will be furnished to all contestants and parents.

**Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs**  
FOUNDED IN 1979

**SAYES OFFICE SUPPLY**  
WWW.SAYESOFFICE.COM

## Rapides American Job Center Youth Council Meeting



**YOUTH COUNCIL**

We will hold a youth council meeting via Zoom. Please join us to learn more about the Y.E.S. Program for CenLa, as well as other community partners' programs.

**JOIN OUR EVENT**  
AUGUST 29, 2023  
3:00 - 3:30 PM  
Zoom link to be sent

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## The Rapides Foundation 2023 Symposium

**JOIN US FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM**

**THE RAPIDES FOUNDATION SYMPOSIUM**  
An annual gathering around a topic of importance.

**2023 FOCUS: OPPORTUNITY YOUTH**

Thursday, September 7, 2023  
3:00 p.m. (Doors open at 2:30 p.m.)  
Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center, Alexandria, LA  
(Also available through Zoom webinar)

**THE PROMISE OF OPPORTUNITY YOUTH**

The Rapides Foundation is working to address the high number of young adults ages 16 to 24 who are neither in school nor working.

Research shows that these young adults, often referred to as disconnected youth, have significantly lower incomes, are less likely to gain meaningful employment in the future and have poorer health outcomes than their peers.

Disconnected Youth are also referred to as opportunity youth because of their potential to succeed and contribute to their communities. The Symposium program, "The Promise of Opportunity Youth," will feature a panel of national experts who will define opportunity youth in the region, outline the challenges in working with this group of young people, identify best practices among strategies and share what is working in other places.

This program is free, but registration is required.  
Visit [www.rapidesfoundation.org/symposium](http://www.rapidesfoundation.org/symposium) to register.

**THE RAPIDES FOUNDATION**  
[www.rapidesfoundation.org/symposium](http://www.rapidesfoundation.org/symposium)

The Symposium is in recognition of the creation of The Rapides Foundation on September 1, 1994.

**Register here!**

## CNA Classes Offered by CommCare Corporation

**CNA CLASSES OFFERED**

**MAKE MORE THAN A LIVING, MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**Rivière de Soleil Community Care Center**

**Mary & Brenda are Rockstars**

Mary and Brenda are Riviere Rockstars! They have each been dedicated Certified Nursing Assistants for 25 years.

If you're interested in starting your career we will be offering a **6 week CNA class!**

Classes will start August 21st at Oak Haven Community Care Center. Apply online at [www.commcare.com/careers](http://www.commcare.com/careers) or come by our center.



6-week CNA Classes are being offered at Oak Haven Community Care Center starting August 21st.

Applicants can apply online or in person at Riviere de Soleil or Oak Haven.

# Cenla Community Action Committee PAD Drive

## Preventing a Disaster Drive

Mandated  
Partner's  
Updates!

Cenla CAC embarks upon a new project called "Prevent A Disaster Drive (PAD) Initiative that promotes life-sustaining services to Cenla residents. Every year, the summer months and hurricane season pose treats to seniors and disables community. This year alone, precious lives were lost due to excessive heat. During hurricanes Laura and Ida, more than 16 people died from excessive heat due to power outages. Two key issues stand out: 1) excessive heat and 2) power outages. The PAD Initiative will provide households who lack the resources to equip themselves with life-sustaining devices to help provide relief during the aforementioned emergencies.

Cenla CAC respectfully request your sponsorship of (1) one or more of the following units:

- 5,000 BTU or above unit (s)
- 200W or above portable power station (s)
- 8,000 BTU or above mini-split systems



You may purchase item(s) and send or bring to Cenla CAC Office at 2011 MacArthur Drive, Bldg. 1 or give monetary donation on Cenla CAC's Donation page. You may call Cenla CAC for more information at 318-314-3471.

## Success Stories WIOA Adult Training Program

K. Ryland is a 22-year-old, single female resident of Rapides Parish. When she first started the WIOA Adult program in October 2021, she was pursuing a BS degree in Radiologic Science at NSU with GPA of 3.932. Her anticipated graduation was May of 2023. Throughout college, she relied on scholarships, grants, and her part time job, working toward her degree. During the clinical phase of her studies, her time spent in class had exponentially increased and had intensified, such that she was only able to work her part-time job as a waitress, on the weekends, making \$2.15 an hour plus tips. When she was a senior in high school, she was deemed a "homeless youth". She continued her schooling while working full-time. She was able to save enough to purchase a used manufactured home so that she could create a stable environment for herself. Last year, her car engine had a cracked head and was not repairable. She was forced to immediately purchase a used car to travel to class and work. This created a large financial obligation that was unforeseen. She also paid monthly rental on her lot, car insurance, cellphone bill, gasoline, and other day to day expenses. The additional financial burden of the car payment, combined with having less availability to work, caused Kylie to be in a financial crisis. With the help of the WIOA adult program, Kylie was able to finish her college career with a BS in Radiologic Science from NSU in May 2023. She received her ARRT license and moved to Shreveport where she is working at Willis Knighton Medical Center as a Rad Tech.

For more information about the WIOA Adult Training program, you may contact Jackie Whitcher at 318-487-5652 or [jwhitcher@cenlaworks.org](mailto:jwhitcher@cenlaworks.org).

Source: Jackie Whitcher

## SunGas Renewables Chooses Rapides Parish for Proposed \$1.8 Billion Clean Fuel Facility

SunGas Renewables, an independent division of GTI Energy, announced it is considering an investment of approximately \$1.8 billion to establish a renewable low-carbon methanol production facility in Rapides Parish. The company projects its Pineville facility, Beaver Lake Renewable Energy (BLRE), would manufacture nearly 400,000 metric tons of green methanol per year for SunGas customers worldwide.

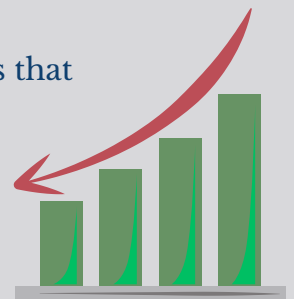
If the project moves forward as outlined, the company expects to create 109 new direct jobs with an average annual salary of more than \$78,000. SunGas also anticipates the creation of about 1,150 construction jobs at peak construction. Louisiana Economic Development estimates the project would result in an additional 390 new indirect jobs, for a total of 499 new jobs in central Louisiana.

“As the only state in the Gulf South with a climate action plan, Louisiana is a global leader in the energy transition and companies like SunGas Renewables have taken notice,” Gov. John Bel Edwards said. “I applaud SunGas Renewables for pursuing this massive investment that would create quality, high-paying jobs in central Louisiana for our talented workers. If it moves forward, this project will be another milestone in our efforts to grow and diversify our economy. The state will continue to support the company’s efforts to bring it to completion.”

[full story here](#)

## Louisiana’s Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate a Record Low for June

Data released on July 28th by the Louisiana Workforce Commission shows that Louisiana’s not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2023 is 4.4 percent. This is the lowest rate for the month of June in series history. The rate shows an increase of 0.5 percentage points from the May 2023 rate of 3.9 percent but a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from June 2022.



Since May 2023, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals has decreased by 3,824 to 2,020,568 in June 2023. This is the second-highest number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals for the month of June in series history. Compared to June 2022, the number of not seasonally adjusted employed individuals increased by 6,270.

[full story here](#)



# One-Stop Source: Rapides American Job Center

The Rapides American Job Center (RAJC) brings "those who need jobs" and "those who need employees" together. The Rapides AJC offers local Employers a one-stop source for assistance with job postings, hiring, training, and retaining a strong workforce.

Recently, RoyOMartin held a highly successful recruiting event at Rapides American Job Center, aimed at filling vacancies for Production Team Members. With 88 views on HiRE and 49 applications received through the company website, the response was overwhelming, indicating the high demand for job opportunities in the area. A total of 53 job seekers attended the event, and 33 were interviewed by the company, showcasing the effectiveness of the event in connecting job seekers with the right employers.

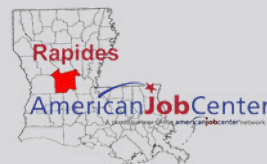


This is a testament to the commitment of Rapides American Job Center and RoyOMartin Co. in creating opportunities for job seekers and fostering economic growth in the community.

Call the Center at 318-767-6030 for more information on Rapides AJC Services.

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