

EMPLOYMENT IN THE LOUISIANA AREA INCREASED



The economy in the United States seemingly fell apart in 2007. Because of the downward spiral of the economy and a major recession, many companies went out of business, people lost their jobs, and unemployment rates were at an all time high in states all over the United States. Louisiana is just one of the many states that were affected by the recession and the depressing economy. In the recent months, the unemployment rate in Louisiana has dropped to 6.9 percent. The state of Louisiana created over 40,000 new jobs for citizens which has helped greatly with decreasing the unemployment rate. While there is not a major decrease in the number of unemployed individuals in the Louisiana area, the fact that there is a decrease at all shows that progress is being made. Progress is expected to continue to be made and unemployment rates are expected to continue to decrease within the next few years. It is a good thing that drastic progress is not occurring. In fact, drastic progress can often cause more problems for the economy. It is better that the economy is getting better at a slow yet steady pace. The unemployment rate is expected to be at an all time low by the year 2015 or possibly even sooner. Employment opportunities were created for a number of job industries. Thousands of jobs in both the construction and manufacturing industries were created this year alone. Educational jobs and health-related jobs have also continued to grow. There is a high demand for teachers, educators, nurses, and other health practitioners in the area. Students who are ready to finish high school can greatly benefit in getting involved in any of these job fields that are in demand right now. It is important for unemployed individuals to find jobs that can offer a sense of security. The unemployment rate in St. Landry dropped by almost 10% this year from 2010. The actual unemployment rate in St. Landry in 2010 was 8.3 percent in September. In September of 2011, the unemployment rate is now at 7.5 percent. This is great news for St. Landry and it shows that progress is being made all over. The economy, which is often compared to the Great Depression, is finally starting to getting better. People are finally finding employment and jobs are continuously being created. Louisiana and Acadiana are also now leaning to rely on several sources of income instead of just one major source. Relying on just one major source can cause turmoil and problems in the future. In order for the economy to grow and thrive, new jobs need to be continuously made and the states must learn not to depend solely on one source of income.