

Louisiana's **NOT** Working

JOBS

From February 2017 to February 2018, Louisiana LOST a net of 200 jobs.



Louisiana was **one of only four states to lose jobs year-on-year**

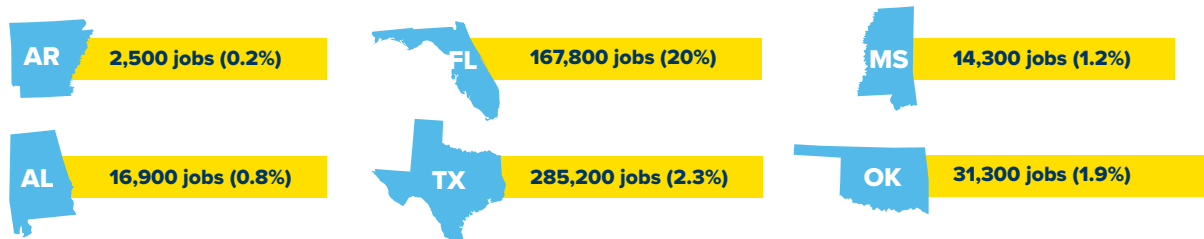
(the others, North Dakota, Alaska, and Delaware).



Any reduction in the unemployment rate came from a combination of:

- 1) people *leaving the workforce and becoming discouraged* and/or
- 2) people *leaving Louisiana altogether* – exactly the wrong reasons to “celebrate” a lower unemployment rate.

While Louisiana lost jobs, our neighbors are growing jobs:



Source: https://www.bls.gov/web/laus/statewide_otm_oty_change.htm

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

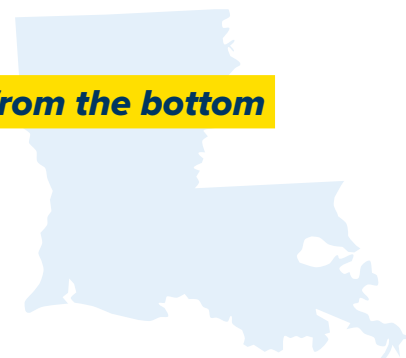
In the third quarter of 2017,

Louisiana's GDP grew 1.1%. This ranked **second from the bottom**

only South Dakota grew at a slower rate.
(By comparison, Texas' 5.0% growth rate ranked second from the top.)

Louisiana's GDP grew only 0.2% in 2016.

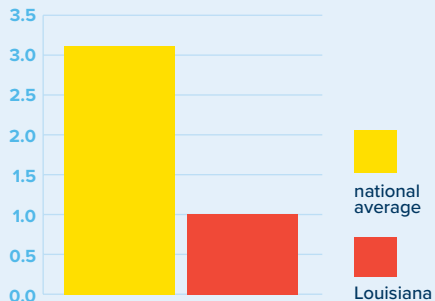
Source: https://www.bea.gov/newsreleases/regional/gdp_state/2018/pdf/qgdpstate0118.pdf





PERSONAL INCOME

Net earnings (wage growth) rose at only 1.0%
only seven states had a lower rate of wage growth.



Conversely, Louisiana led the nation in the **growth of welfare transfer receipts-- those rose 8.3%.**

Source: <https://bea.gov/newsreleases/regional/spi/2018/pdf/spi0318.pdf>

POPULATION



From 2016 to 2017,
Louisiana lost 1,824 residents,
ranking 48th in the country

Source: <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2010-2017/state/totals/nst-est2017-04.xlsx>
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NATIONAL RANKINGS

Louisiana ranks poorly in every major category:

47th

in net job gains
(or job losses) from Feb. 2017 through Feb. 2018
per the Bureau of Labor Statistics

46th

in the net number of Americans migrating away from Louisiana
from July 2016 to July 2017, per the Census Bureau

49th

in economic growth
in the third quarter of 2017,
per the Bureau of Economic Analysis

50th

in income growth
in 2016
per the Census Bureau