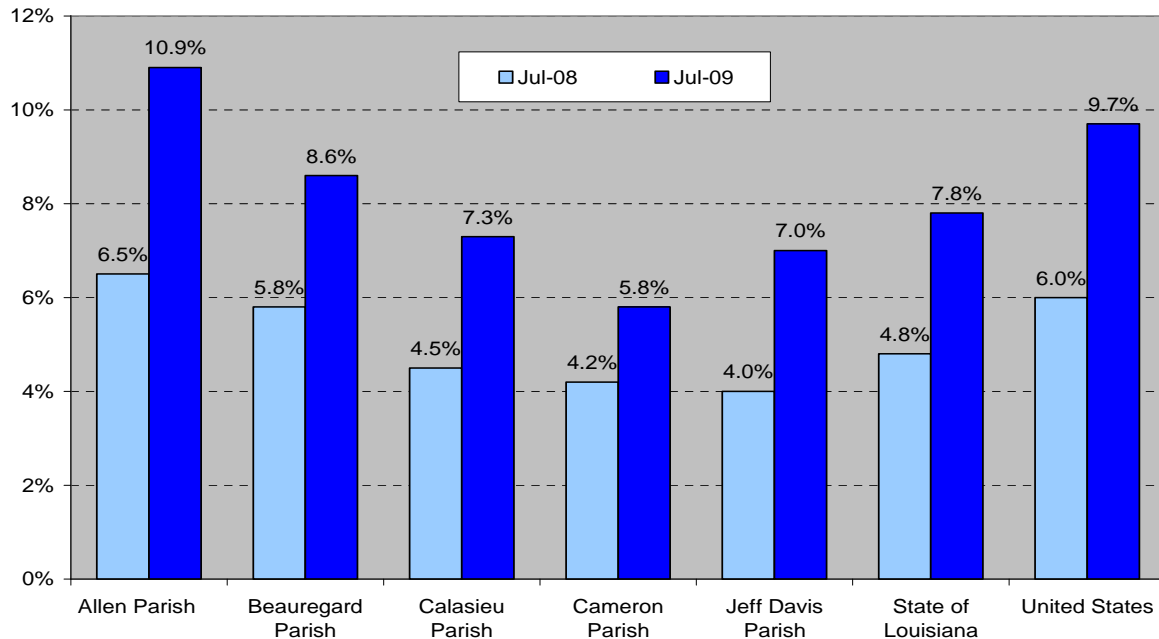


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## Labor Market Trends: Non-Ag Employment and Unemployment Rates

Unemployment Rate Comparisons  
July 2008 and 2009



The Louisiana unemployment rate in July 2009 was three percentage points higher compared to the same month of 2008, but still nearly two percentage points below the nationwide average—see chart. In the Lake Charles MSA (Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes) total nonagricultural employment in July dropped by 400 jobs from the previous month, and by 500 jobs from the previous year—see table.

### Nonagricultural Employment, Lake Charles MSA

	Nonagricultural Employment			Job Gain (Loss) over-the	
	Jul-09	Jun-09	Jul-08	Month	Year
<b>Total</b>	92,700	93,100	93,200	(400)	(500)
Mining & Logging	1,400	1,400	1,500	-	(100)
Construction	10,000	10,200	10,300	(200)	(300)
Manufacturing	9,100	9,100	9,400	-	(300)
Trade, Transport, Utilities	17,300	17,500	17,800	(200)	(500)
Prof & Bus Services	7,600	7,700	8,100	(100)	(500)
Leisure & Hospitality	11,200	11,300	11,800	(100)	(600)
Government	15,900	16,300	14,900	(400)	1,000

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