From July 2018 to July 2019, Louisiana lost 1,000 jobs. This was the only state to lose jobs during this time period. Louisiana lost 0.1 percent of its jobs from July 2018 to July 2019.

Most 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:

- AR: 12,100 jobs (1%)
- AL: 40,300 jobs (2%)
- FL: 227,200 jobs (2.6%)
- TX: 323,300 jobs (2.6%)
- MS: 19,000 jobs (1.6%)
- OK: 14,500 jobs (0.9%)

For the entirety of 2018, Louisiana’s economy only grew at 1.1 percent. This ranked 41st.
On its face, personal income in Louisiana grew at a pretty fair rate in 2017 -- 2.9%, which is just below the 3.1% national average. But if you look closer, the numbers are far worse.

**PERSONAL INCOME**

Net earnings (wage growth) rose only 2.0 percent in the first quarter of 2019. Meanwhile, the U.S. rose by 2.8 percent.


**POPULATION**

From July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018, Louisiana lost 27,914 residents.

The 4th largest loss in the country.

Source: Table 5. Estimates of the Components of Resident Population Change for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018

**NATIONAL RANKINGS**

Louisiana ranks poorly in every major category:

50th in net job gains
(or job losses) from July 2018 to July 2019


46th in the net number of Americans migrating away from Louisiana from July 2017 to July 2018


41st in economic growth in 2018


34th in income growth in net personal earnings growth in the first quarter of 2019.