

CENLA ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

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KEY FINDINGS

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COVID-19

Region 6 (central Louisiana) continues to rank as the second lowest vaccinated region in the state with 35% of the population fully vaccinated, up from 30% in August and 27% in July. Rapides and Evangeline have the highest percentage of completed vaccinations in Region 6 at 40% and 39%, respectively. The number of cases has been declining in recent weeks. Young adults continue to lead the 4th wave of the pandemic with 5-17 year olds reporting the highest number of cases, followed by 18-29 year olds. Children (0-4) and elderly (60+) continue to be the least infected. Every parish remains at the highest risk level whereas just three months ago only four parishes were considered high risk. After exceeding the third wave for several weeks, hospitalizations for Covid for Region 6 have started a sharp decline, with deaths following a similar pattern.

EMPLOYMENT

Employment in the Alexandria MSA in July 2021 reached the highest level in five years with 61,950 employed, an increase of 1,295 over the previous month. The metro area reached a pandemic low of 55,588 employed just 14 months earlier. Statewide initial unemployment claims fell -45% in August while continued claims fell -18%. However, in the two weeks following Hurricane Ida, initial claims rose from 2,061 on August 28 to 14,056 on September 11, up 582%. The unemployment rate in Cenla fell to 5.4% in July compared to 6.3% for the state. Rapides reported a 4.3% unemployment rate, well below the state and Cenla rates. Hiring pressures tightened again in the Alexandria MSA and statewide. Currently, there are two job openings for every unemployed in Alexandria, while the state average is nearly one unemployed for every opening.

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CONSUMER SPENDING

Changes in consumer spending are measured by changes in sales tax revenue. Sales taxes collected in August reflect activity in July. Spending in July was generally higher than June, except for autos. Vehicle sales were down in Avoyelles, Evangeline, and St. Landry with auto sales tax data unavailable for Rapides. Year-to-date comparisons of consumer spending in the nine jurisdictions reporting are up between 12% to 57%. Boyce, Woodworth and Ball continue to post extraordinary increases in consumer spending over 2020 with YTD gains of 78%, 59%, and 34%, respectively. Since August 2020, \$15.9 million in sales tax revenue have been collected from online sales in central Louisiana with Rapides collecting the most at \$4.8 million, followed by St. Landry at \$3.1 million, and Vernon at \$2.0 million.

TRAVEL

Any adverse impact from the 4th wave is not yet evident in travel data, except for nationwide air passenger traffic which declined in August after leveling in July. Travelers have been taking to the road this summer. Louisiana gasoline sales in June reached the highest level since October 2018, exceeding last June by 12%. Visitors to Louisiana by highway were up 7% in July over June but remained 19% below June 2019 according to Welcome Center visitations. Statewide air passenger traffic decreased in August from 84% to 81% of the 2019 level, keeping in pace with a nationwide decrease from 80% to 77%. AEX continues to lead the air transportation sector statewide, with passenger traffic in August at 103% of the 2019 level. Hotel occupancy was up double digits across the board in Rapides and Avoyelles. Rapides had increases of 11% in July over June while Avoyelles had a 13% in the same period. Both parishes are seeing occupancy rates of more than 30% higher for the year.

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PERMITS

Because of the volatility of monthly data, year-to-date permit data presents a clearer picture of local construction. Commercial permits in Alexandria are up 46% for the year while the value of residential permits are up 83%. So far this year permit valuations issued in Allen parish are up 38%, Avoyelles 58%, Evangeline 187%, and Rapides parish 1238%! Residential construction permits in Cenla are up 6%, excluding the City of Alexandria.

HOUSING

The US Lumber Price Index declined -19% in August from the previous month, the third consecutive monthly decline and -12% below January 2021. Nationwide declines in residential construction this summer are a contributing factor. Active listings in the Alexandria MSA continue to be low but unchanged, creating a slower seller's market. Homes remained on the market an average of 12 days longer in August and median and average price listings remained little changed.

NEW BUSINESSES

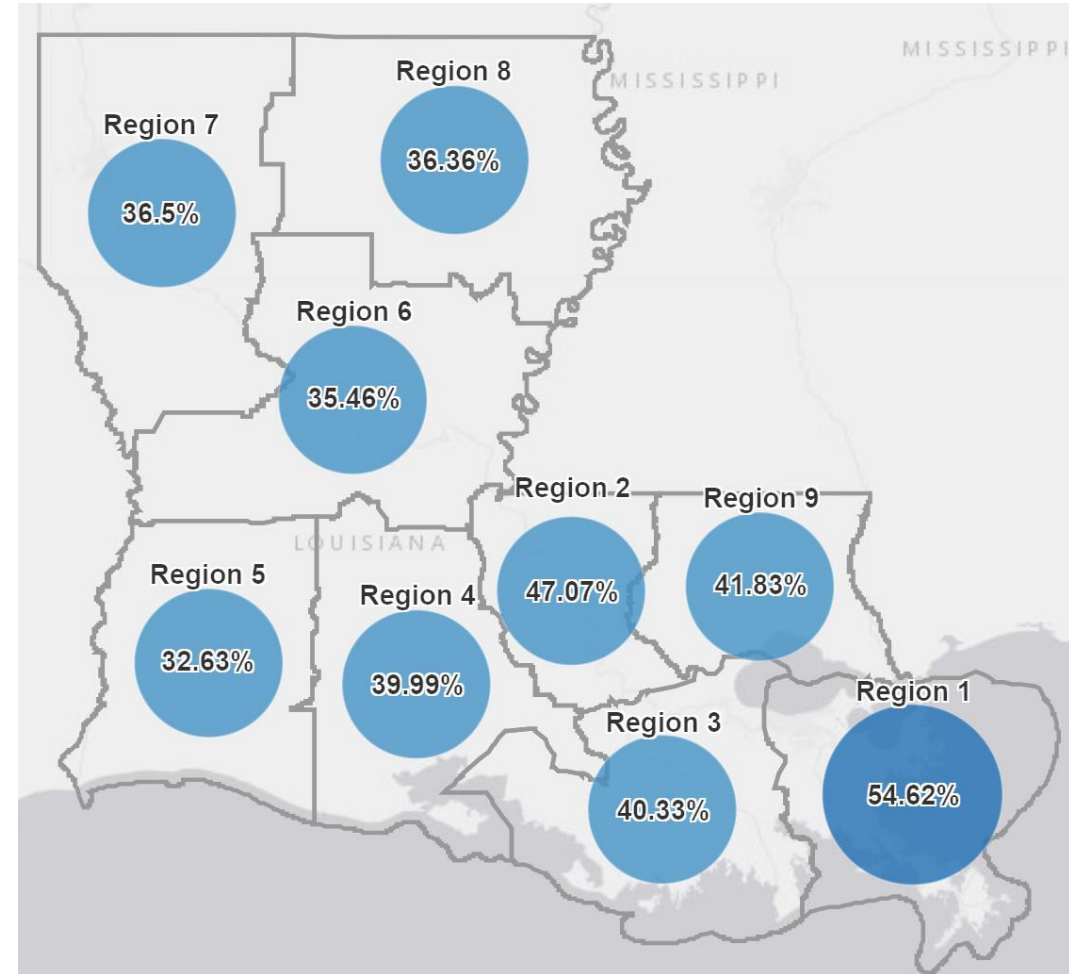
New business growth continues strong in central Louisiana and statewide. Through August of this year, the number of new business applications in Louisiana in 2021 grew 27% over 2020 and 90% over 2019. In Rapides, the number of new business applications in 2020 grew 30% over 2019, numbering 1,488 applications. That is the highest number of new business applications since 2005. In August 2021, the number of new businesses established in Rapides was unchanged from July but was 35% higher than August 2020. And so far this year, new businesses established in Rapides, not just applications, are up 36% over 2020.

COVID-19

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

COVID-19 vaccinations as a percent of region population as of September 18, 2021.

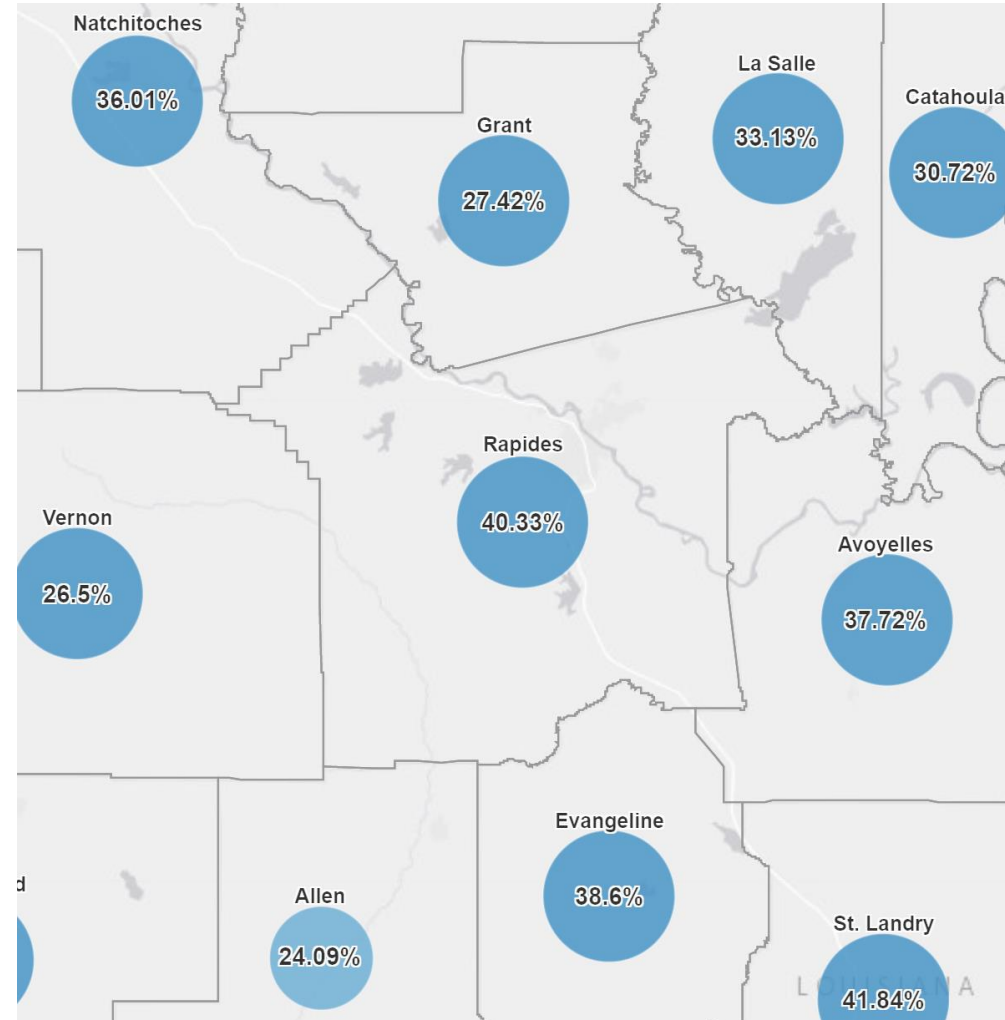
- ✓ Region 6 continues to have the second lowest vaccination rate in the state with 35% of the population vaccinated, up from 30% in August and 27% in July.
- ✓ Region 1 (New Orleans) and Region 2 (Baton Rouge) have the highest rates of vaccination at 55% and 47%, respectively.



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS BY PARISH

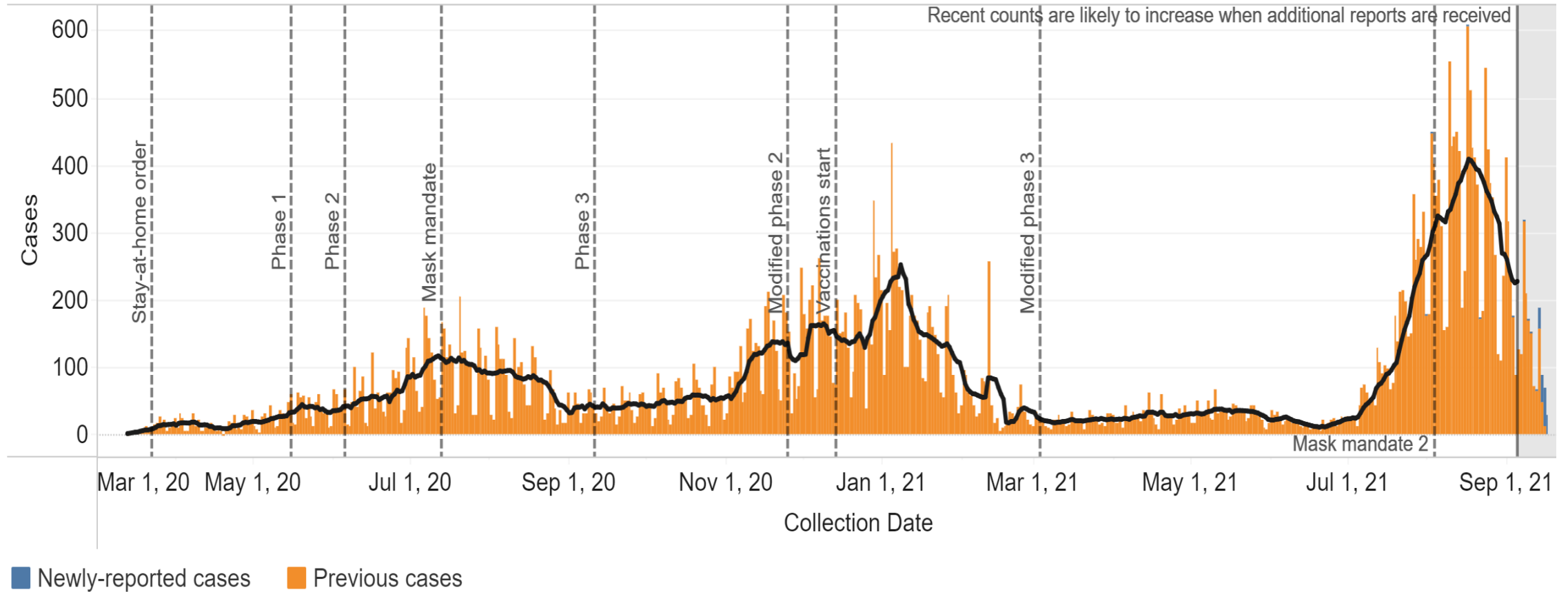
COVID-19 vaccinations as a percent of parish population as of September 18, 2021.

- ✓ Rapides and Evangeline have the highest percentage of completed vaccinations in Region 6 at 40% and 39% respectively, up from 35% and 32% a month ago.
- ✓ Since the last report, Avoyelles increased from 31.5% to 37.7%, Natchitoches from 31.4% to 36.0%, Vernon from 22.1% to 26.5%, LaSalle from 27.4% to 33.1%.



COVID-19 CASES BY COLLECTION DATE

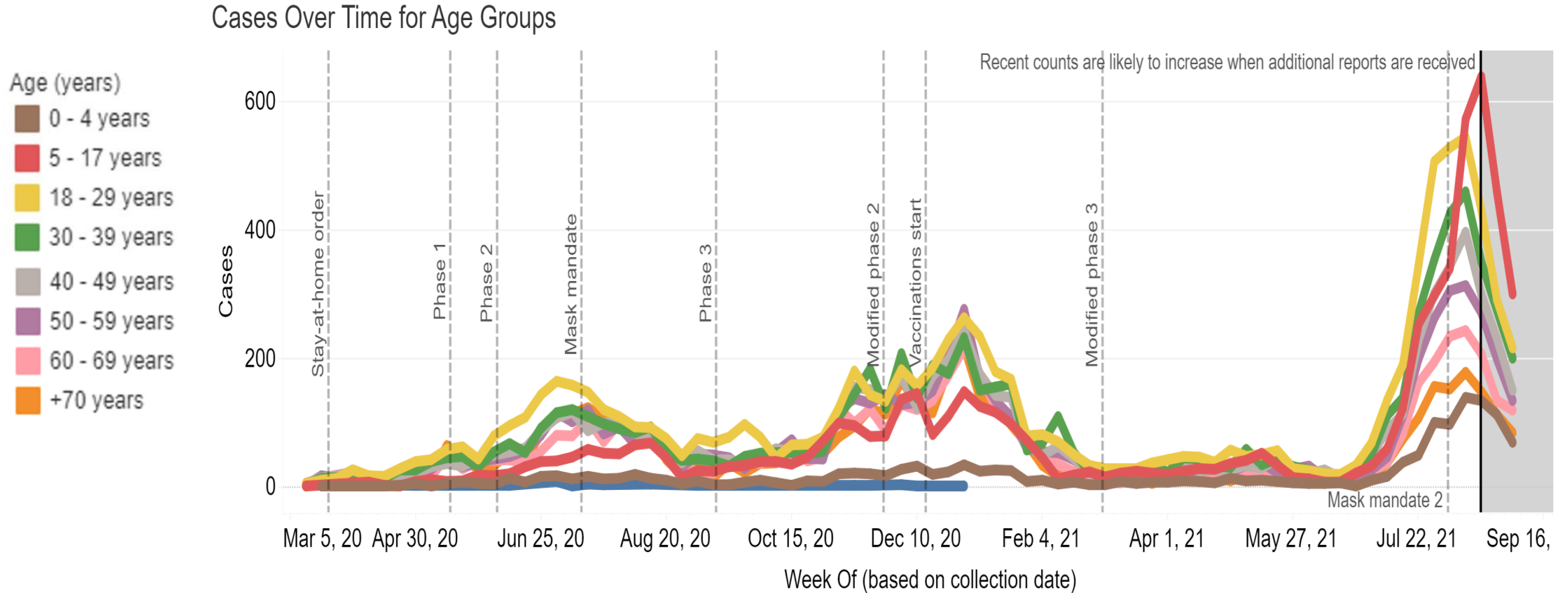
COVID-19 cases by collection date as of September 18, 2021 in Region 6 with a 7-day moving average.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), September 18, 2021.

COVID-19 REGION 6 CASES BY AGE GROUP

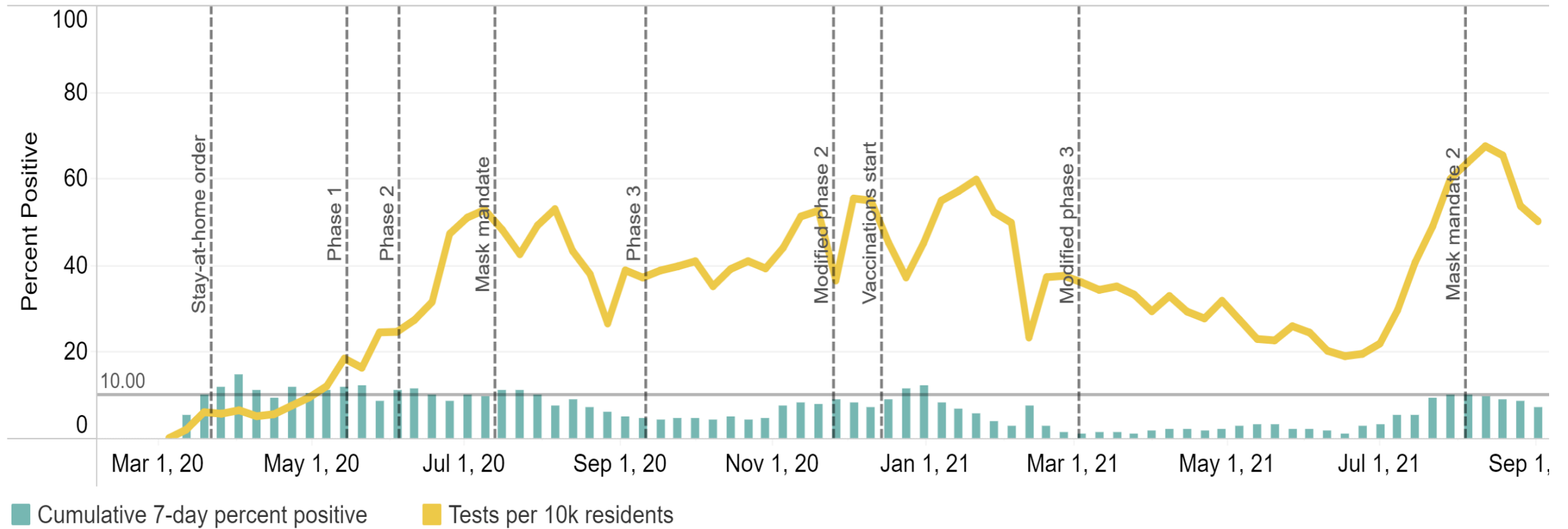
Cases over time by age group in Region 6 through September 18, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), September 18, 2021.

COVID-19 PERCENT POSITIVE AND TEST VOLUME

COVID-19 percent positive and test volume in Region 6 as of September 18, 2021.

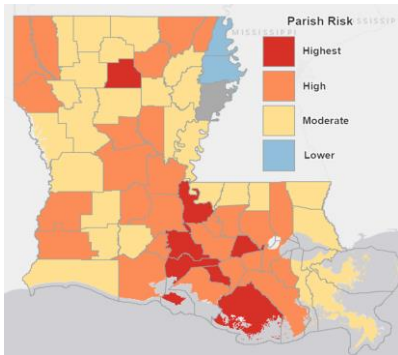


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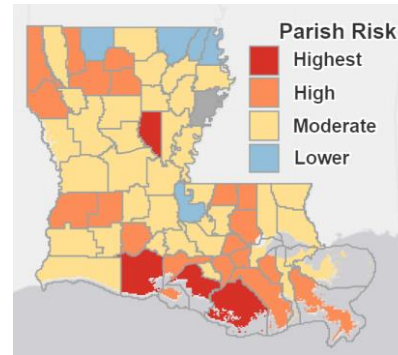
COVID-19 STATEWIDE RISK BY PARISH

COVID-19 statewide risk by parish.

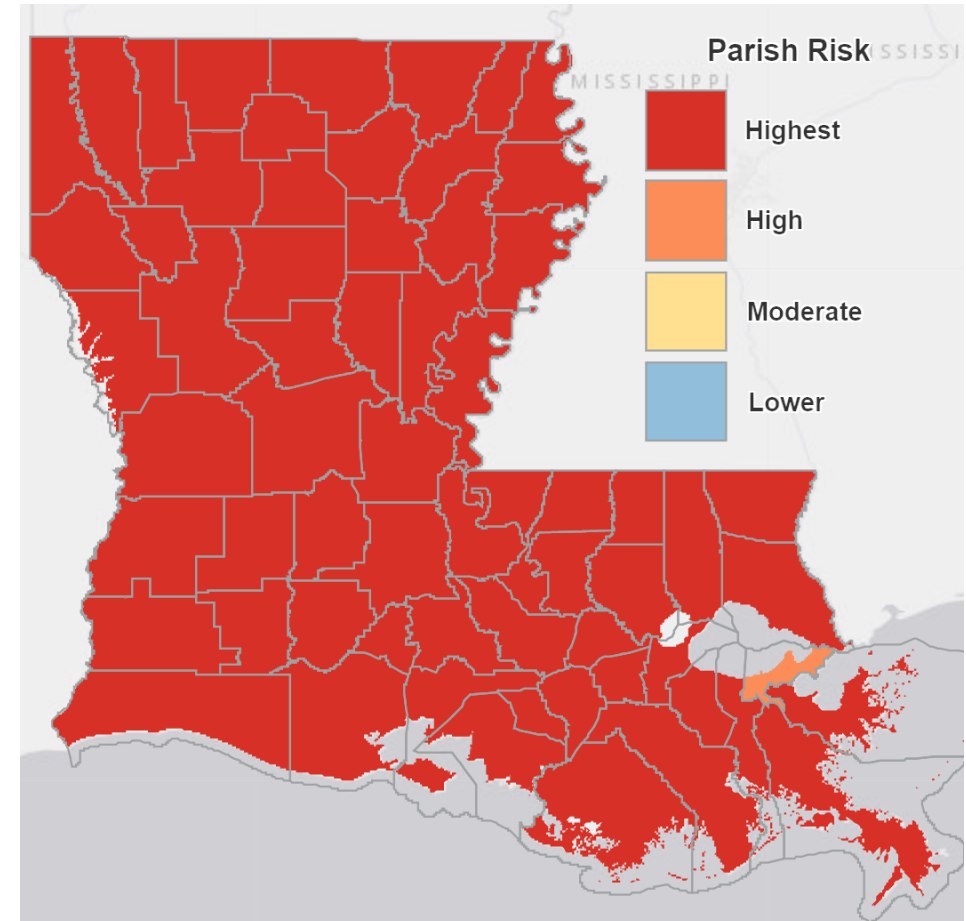
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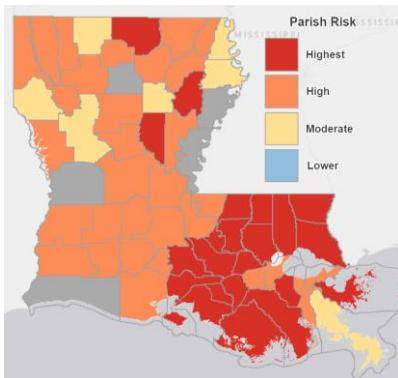
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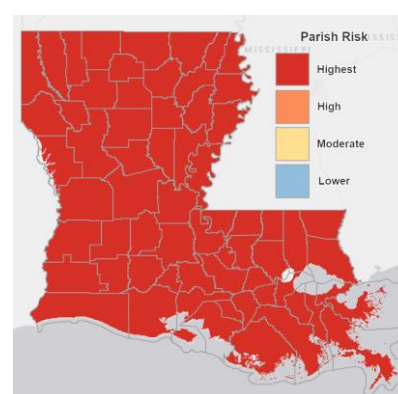
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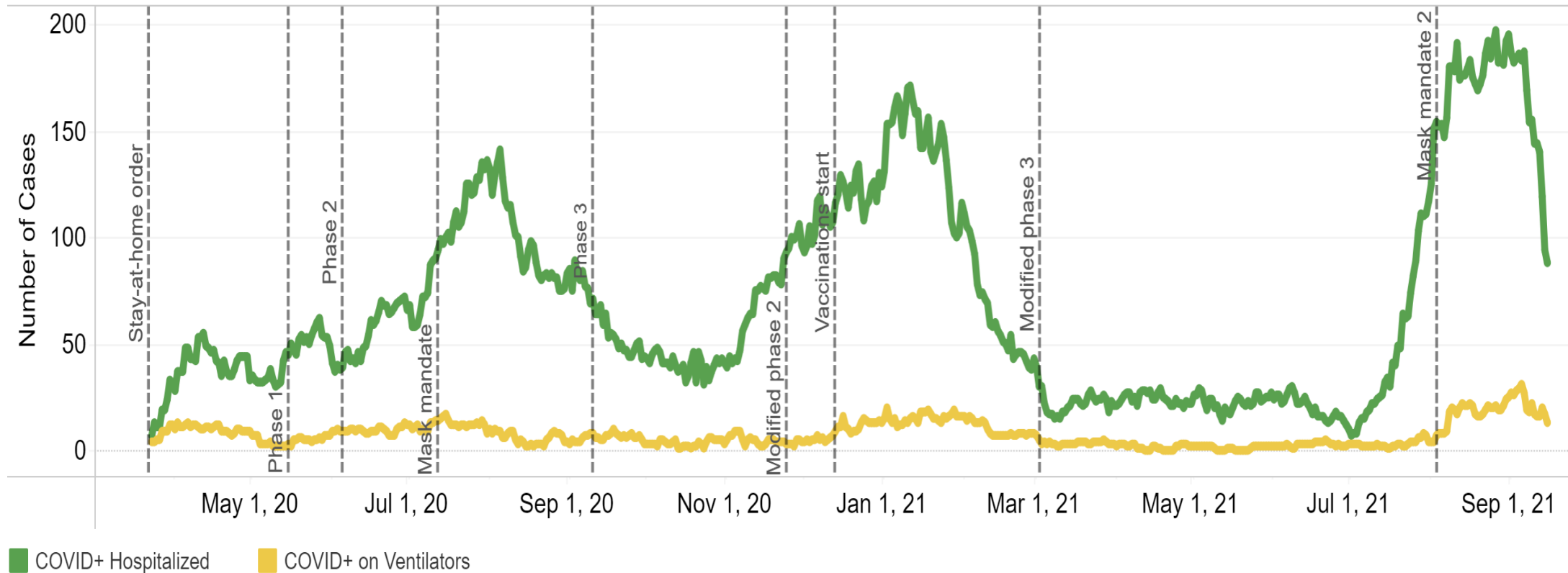
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COVID-19 HOSPITALIZED & VENTILATED

Number of cases hospitalized (green line) and ventilated (yellow line) in Region 6 as of September 18, 2021.

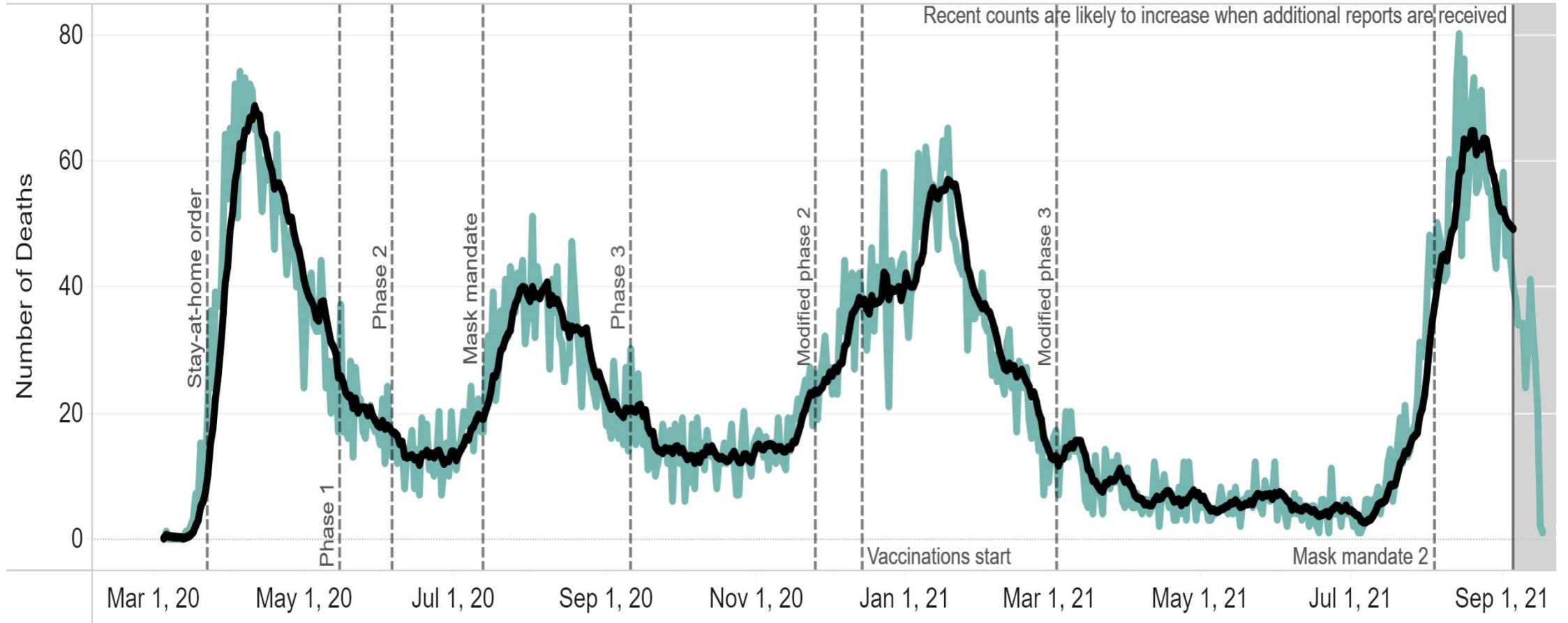
Hospitalization and Ventilator Usage



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), September 18, 2021.

COVID-19 DEATHS STATEWIDE BY DATE

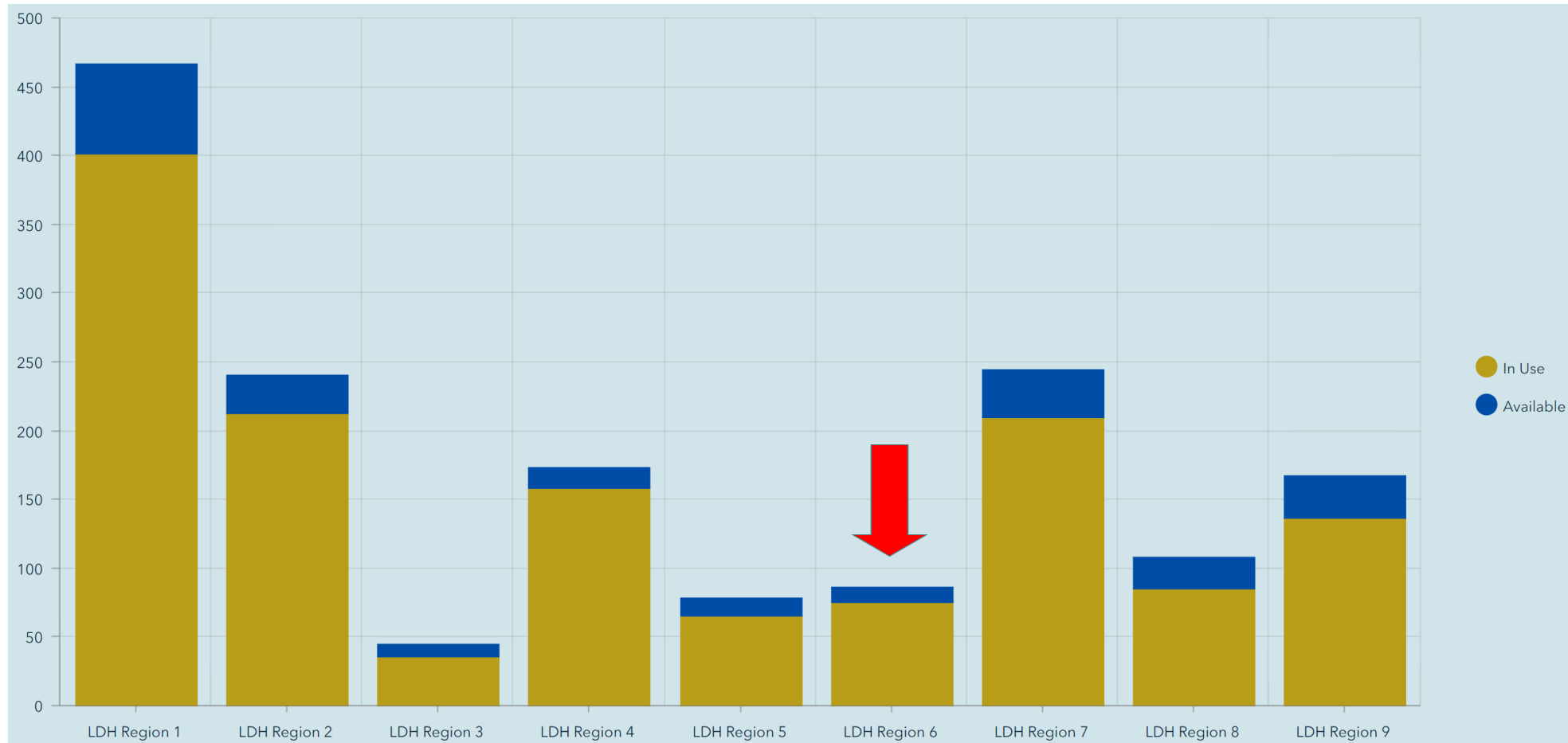
COVID-19 deaths by date of death statewide as of September 18, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), September 18, 2021.

ICU BEDS AVAILABLE & IN USE BY LDH REGION

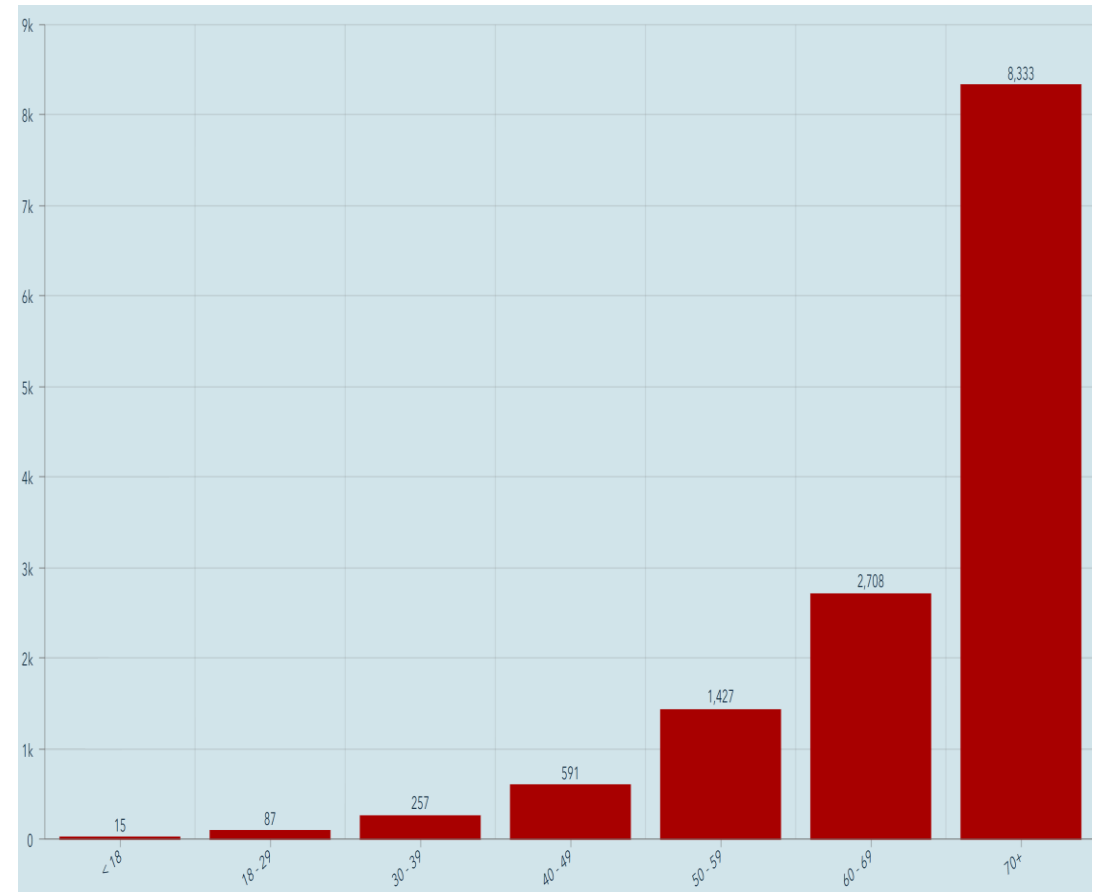
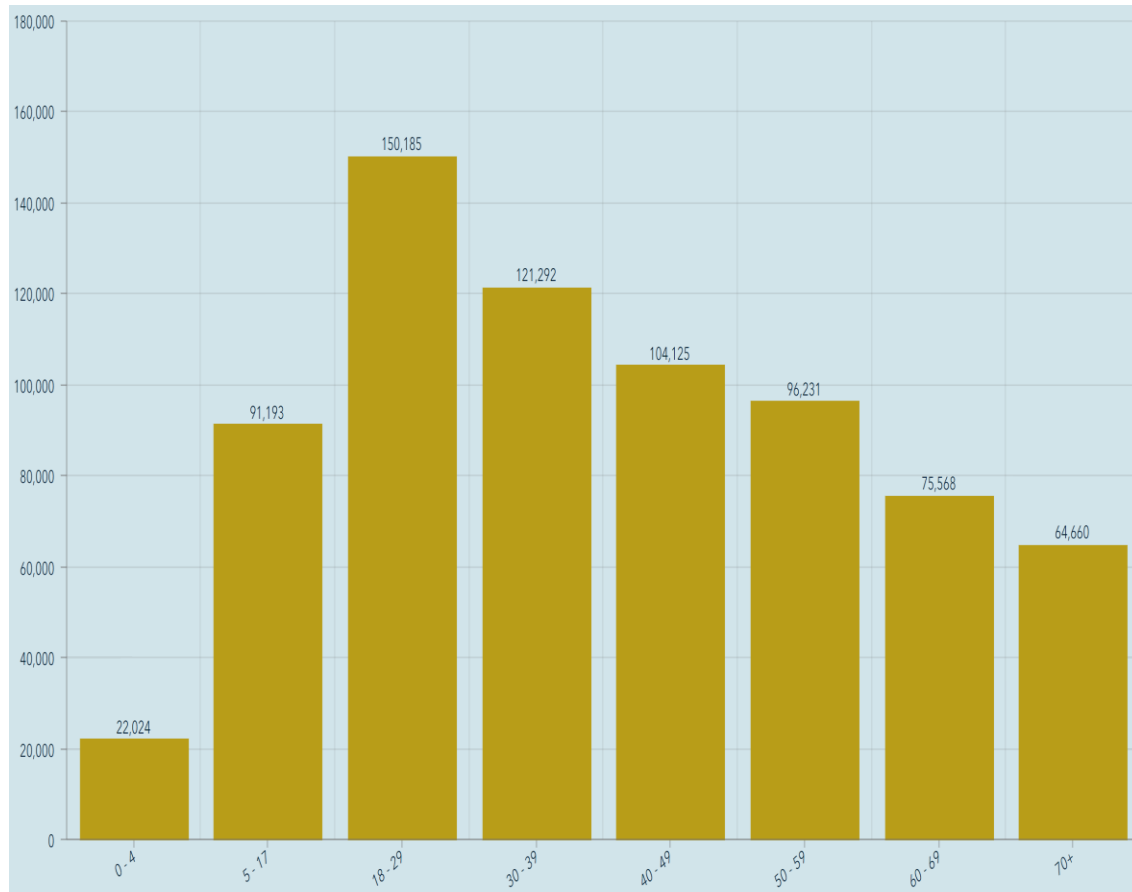
Available beds by Louisiana Department of Health region as of September 18, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), September 18, 2021.

COVID-19 CASES & DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

COVID-19 cases (left) and deaths (right) statewide by age group as of September 18, 2021.



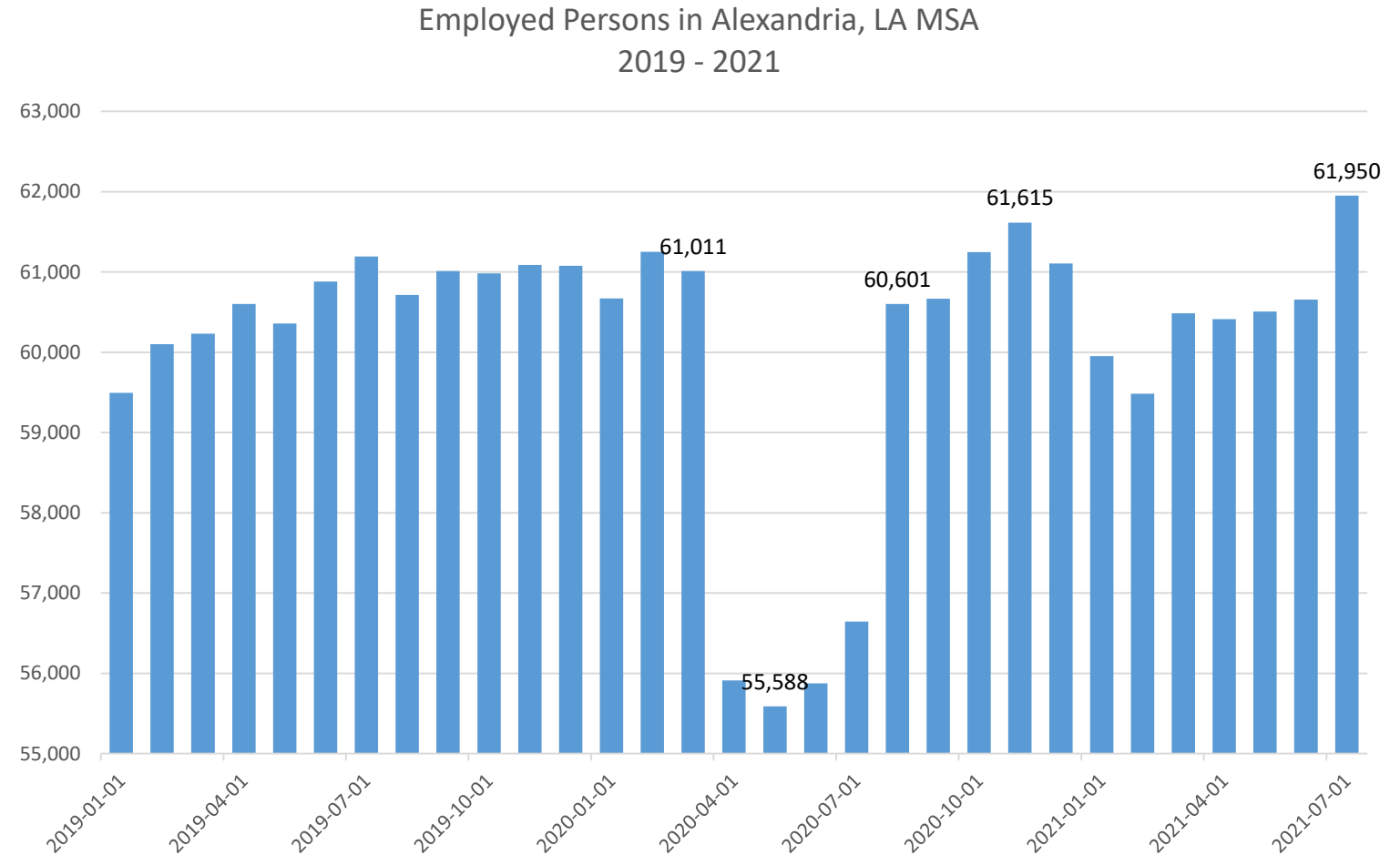
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EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT IN ALEXANDRIA MSA

Employed persons in the Alexandria MSA from 2019 – 2021.

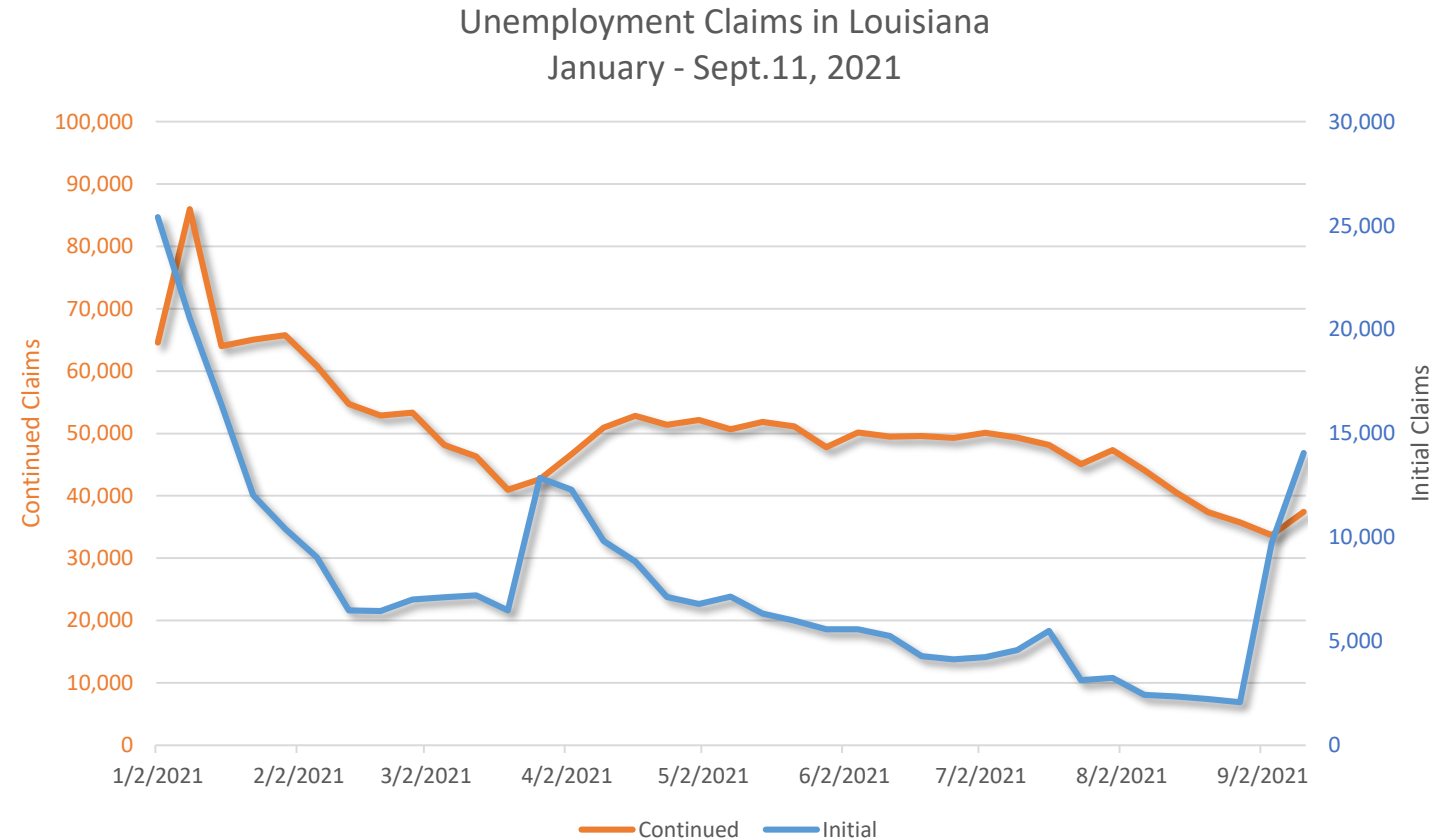
- ✓ In July 2021, 61,950 were employed in the Alexandria metro area, an increase of 1,295 from June.
- ✓ July 2021 recorded the highest employment level since July 2016.



UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS IN LOUISIANA

Initial and continued unemployment claims in Louisiana from January to September 11, 2021.

- ✓ Statewide average weekly initial unemployment claims filed in August fell to 2,260 from 4,134 in July, a -45% decrease.
- ✓ Statewide average weekly continued unemployment claims filed in August fell to 39,429 from 47,997 in July, a -18% decrease.
- ✓ Following Hurricane Ida, initial claims rose from 2,061 on August 28 to 14,056 on September 11, up 582%.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY CENLA PARISH

The table below shows July 2021 preliminary unemployment rate, labor force, and employment data for central Louisiana parishes.

- ✓ In July, parishes in central Louisiana had an average unemployment rate of 5.4% compared to 6.3% statewide.
- ✓ At 3.4%, La Salle Parish had the lowest unemployment rate in the state, a record it has held for over a year.
- ✓ Grant and Rapides had the 10th and 11th lowest unemployment rate, respectively.

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate July 2021	Unemployment Rate June 2021
Allen	7,581	7,067	514	6.8%	7.8%
Avoyelles	14,809	13,913	896	6.1%	6.7%
Catahoula	3,509	3,317	192	5.5%	6.2%
Concordia	6,939	6,460	479	6.9%	7.3%
Evangeline	11,755	11,027	728	6.2%	7.0%
Grant	8,338	7,983	355	4.3%	4.9%
La Salle	6,931	6,692	239	3.4%	4.0%
Natchitoches	15,839	14,948	891	5.6%	6.4%
Rapides	56,414	53,967	2,447	4.3%	5.2%
St. Landry	32,420	30,108	2,312	7.1%	8.2%
Vernon	16,067	15,333	734	4.6%	5.4%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG LA METROS

The table below shows July 2021 preliminary unemployment rate, labor force, and employment data for Metropolitan Statistical Areas in Louisiana.

- ✓ At 4.3%, the Alexandria MSA had the lowest unemployment rate among the state's major metro areas for the 15th straight month, down 0.8% from the previous month.
- ✓ Louisiana's unemployment rate fell 1.9% in July to 5.5% from 7.4% in June.

Area	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed
Louisiana	5.5%	2,060,627	1,947,097	113,530
Alexandria	4.3%	64,752	61,950	2,802
Baton Rouge	5.8%	419,554	395,166	24,388
Hammond	7.4%	57,288	53,057	4,231
Houma-Thibodaux	5.3%	89,222	84,527	4,695
Lafayette	5.6%	215,060	202,979	12,081
Lake Charles	6.3%	98,921	92,719	6,202
Monroe	5.5%	79,645	75,237	4,408
New Orleans-Metairie	7.6%	597,759	552,514	45,245
Shreveport-Bossier City	6.1%	186,472	175,080	11,392

UNEMPLOYED PER JOB OPENING

The table below shows the number of unemployed, number of advertised jobs online, and the ratio of unemployed to advertised job openings online for Metropolitan Statistical Areas in Louisiana in July 2021.

- ✓ In July, the Alexandria MSA had the tightest labor market in the state with only 0.49 unemployed persons per job opening.
- ✓ In July, Louisiana had an unemployed to job openings ratio of 1.16 down from 1.41 in June.
- ✓ The state preliminary unemployed per job opening ratio for August is 0.92.

Rank	Metro Area	Unemployed	Job Openings	Unemployed per Job Opening
1	Alexandria	2,802	5,683	0.49
2	Shreveport-Bossier City	10,542	12,465	0.85
3	Lafayette	7,215	7,716	0.94
4	Lake Charles	6,202	6,337	0.98
5	Monroe	4,408	4,472	0.99
6	New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner	44,429	39,591	1.12
7	Baton Rouge	24,388	20,735	1.18
8	Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	4,695	3,002	1.56

TAX REVENUE

TAX REVENUE OVERVIEW

An overview of sales, vehicle sales, and hotel occupancy taxes collected in the August 2021 reflecting sales activity in July 2021.

August 2021

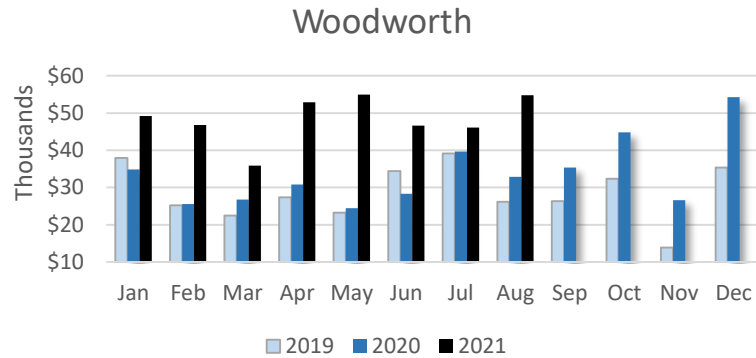
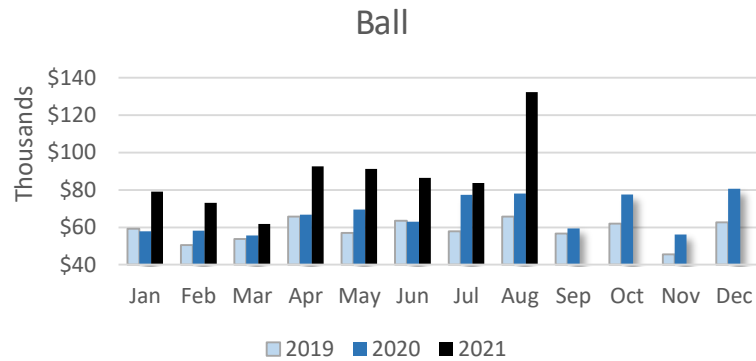
Sales Tax	M/M	Y/Y	YTD		Vehicle Sales Tax	M/M	Y/Y	YTD
Alexandria	3%	19%	19%		Avoyelles	-1%	1%	21%
Avoyelles	-15%	13%	28%		Evangeline	-11%	-1%	25%
Catahoula	62%	66%	57%		Rapides	n/a	4%	32%
Concordia	30%	26%	17%		St. Landry	-15%	7%	22%
Evangeline	1%	21%	27%					
La Salle	22%	40%	19%		Hotel Occupancy Tax			
Pineville	2%	17%	12%		Avoyelles	13%	35%	36%
Rapides	11%	25%	21%		Rapides	11%	60%	34%
St. Landry	-12%	14%	12%					

Note: August tax revenue reflects sales activity in July. N/a = Not available

Data Source noted in detailed reports.

RAPIDES PARISH TOWNS & CITIES

An overview of sales tax revenue in Rapides Parish other towns and cities in August 2021 (excluding Alexandria and Pineville).



August

	Aug-20	Jul-21	Aug-21	% M/M	% Y/Y	%YTD
Ball	\$78,070	\$83,729	\$132,324	58.0%	69.5%	34%
Boyce	\$31,984	\$45,304	\$44,556	-1.7%	39.3%	78%
Cheneyville	\$3,147	\$2,507	(\$1,645)	-165.6%	-152.3%	-15%
Glenmora	\$18,158	\$16,173	\$22,151	37.0%	22.0%	17%
Lecompte	\$27,408	\$25,097	\$28,930	15.3%	5.6%	8%
Woodworth	\$32,862	\$46,064	\$54,796	19.0%	66.7%	59%


Note: Current tax revenue reflects sales activity in prior month.


Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, September 2021.


ALEXANDRIA SALES TAX

(TR) Alexandria total sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

(BR) Alexandria total monthly sales tax revenue from 2019 to present.

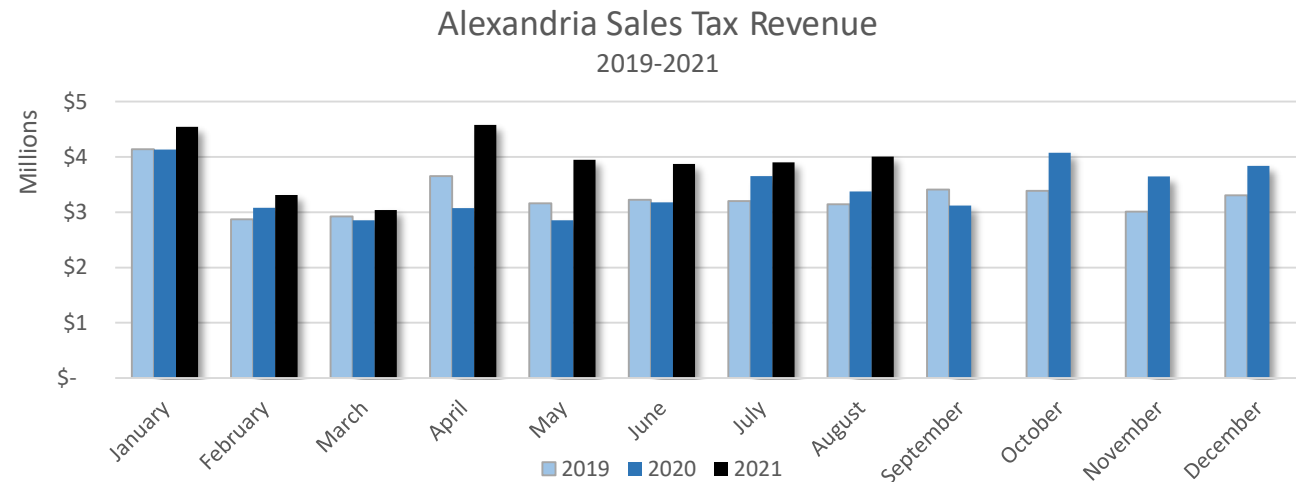
August  3%

Aug YoY  19%

Aug YTD  19%

August

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 3,102,358	\$ 3,142,520	\$ 3,376,015	\$ 4,004,760
July	\$ 3,413,163	\$ 3,200,300	\$ 3,655,288	\$ 3,903,243
% Chg over Prev Month	-9.1%	-1.8%	-7.6%	2.6%
% Chg over Prev Year		1.3%	7.4%	18.6%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 26,417,395	\$ 26,311,723	\$ 26,204,870	\$ 31,201,093
% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.4%	-0.4%	19.1%






Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July.

Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, September 2021.

AVOYELLES SALES TAX




Avoyelles Parish total sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons. Vehicle and hotel tax revenues are excluded.

		<i>August</i>				
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	 -15%	\$ 1,332,553	\$ 1,315,372	\$ 1,359,051	\$ 1,492,541	\$ 1,689,171
Aug YoY	 13%	\$ 1,479,817	\$ 1,528,239	\$ 1,428,461	\$ 1,604,074	\$ 1,995,289
		% Chg over Prev Month	-10.0%	-13.9%	-4.9%	-7.0%
		% Chg over Prev Year		-1.3%	3.3%	9.8%
Aug YTD	 28%	\$ 11,333,156	\$ 11,231,775	\$ 11,589,849	\$ 11,638,486	\$ 14,920,696
		% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.9%	3.2%	0.4%

Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July.
Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. September 2021.

AVOYELLES VEHICLE SALES TAX

Avoyelles Parish vehicle sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.


		<i>August</i>					
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
August	 -1%	\$ 232,586	\$ 258,817	\$ 292,917	\$ 406,296	\$ 412,169	
Aug YoY	 1%	\$ 292,871	\$ 267,010	\$ 262,096	\$ 375,528	\$ 415,951	
		% Chg over Prev Month	-20.6%	-3.1%	11.8%	8.2%	-0.9%
		% Chg over Prev Year		11.3%	13.2%	38.7%	1.4%
Aug YTD	 21%	\$ 2,253,354	\$ 2,146,046	\$ 2,222,584	\$ 2,357,072	\$ 2,848,874	
		% Chg over Prev YTD		-4.8%	3.6%	6.1%	20.9%


Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July.
Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. September 2021


CATAHOULA SALES TAX

Catahoula Parish total sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

August

August 
62%

Aug YoY 
66%

Aug YTD 
57%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 479,038	\$ 449,434	\$ 516,541	\$ 854,679
July	\$ 520,954	\$ 470,891	\$ 575,103	\$ 526,875
% Chg over Prev Month	-8.0%	-4.6%	-10.2%	62.2%
% Chg over Prev Year		-6.2%	14.9%	65.5%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 3,912,870	\$ 3,778,490	\$ 3,886,933	\$ 6,096,597
% Chg over Prev YTD		-3.4%	2.9%	56.8%


Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July.

Data Source: Catahoula Parish Tax Administrator September 2021


CONCORDIA SALES TAX

Concordia Parish total sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

August

August 
30%

Aug YoY 
26%

Aug YTD 
17%


	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 1,029,914	\$ 1,037,847	\$ 1,204,454	\$ 1,512,542
July	\$ 1,080,013	\$ 1,100,733	\$ 1,282,109	\$ 1,159,623
% Chg over Prev Month	-4.6%	-5.7%	-6.1%	30.4%
% Chg over Prev Year		0.8%	16.1%	25.6%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 8,009,787	\$ 8,759,249	\$ 8,674,945	\$ 10,151,223
% Chg over Prev YTD		9.4%	-1.0%	17.0%


Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July.


Data Source: Concordia Parish Tax Administrator. September 2021

EVANGELINE SALES TAX

Evangeline Parish total sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year and YTD comparisons.

August 
1%

Aug YoY 
21%

Aug YTD 
27%

August




	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 1,445,804	\$ 1,505,085	\$ 1,495,056	\$ 1,742,197	\$ 2,107,214
July	\$ 1,610,268	\$ 1,695,844	\$ 1,635,230	\$ 1,800,168	\$ 2,087,819
% Chg over Prev Month	-10.2%	-11.2%	-8.6%	-3.2%	0.9%
% Chg over Prev Year		4.1%	-0.7%	16.5%	21.0%
YTD	\$ 10,759,479	\$ 10,667,009	\$ 10,863,089	\$ 11,176,230	\$ 14,231,608
% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.9%	1.8%	2.9%	27.3%

Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July. Evangeline implemented a 1% sales tax increase July 1, 2021.

Data Source: Evangeline Parish Sales Tax Commissioner. September 2021

EVANGELINE VEHICLE SALES TAX

Evangeline Parish vehicle sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year and YTD comparisons.

		<i>August</i>					
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
August	 -11%	\$ 245,581	\$ 284,117	\$ 320,521	\$ 418,622	\$ 416,214	
Aug YoY	 -1%	\$ 316,792	\$ 325,194	\$ 285,501	\$ 410,144	\$ 467,473	
		% Chg over Prev Month	-22.5%	-12.6%	12.3%	2.1%	-11.0%
		% Chg over Prev Year		15.7%	12.8%	30.6%	-0.6%
Aug YTD	 25%						
		YTD	\$ 2,116,291	\$ 2,094,084	\$ 2,207,876	\$ 2,275,561	\$ 2,839,528
		% Chg over Prev YTD		-1.0%	5.4%	3.1%	24.8%


Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July. Evangeline implemented a 1% sales tax increase July 1, 2021.

Data Source: Evangeline Parish Sales Tax Commissioner. August 2021

LA SALLE SALES TAX

La Salle Parish total sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

August

		2018	2019	2020	2021
August	 22%	\$ 787,528	\$ 821,823	\$ 859,808	\$ 1,207,278
July		\$ 896,159	\$ 810,314	\$ 899,235	\$ 988,410
% Chg over Prev Month		-12.1%	1.4%	-4.4%	22.1%
% Chg over Prev Year			4.4%	4.6%	40.4%
YTD (Jan - Aug)		\$ 5,994,112	\$ 7,193,587	\$ 6,993,563	\$ 8,307,426
% Chg over Prev YTD			20.0%	-2.8%	18.8%

Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July.

Data Source: La Salle Parish Tax Administrator, September 2021


PINEVILLE SALES TAX


(TR) Pineville sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.


(BR) Pineville monthly sales tax revenue from 2019 to present.

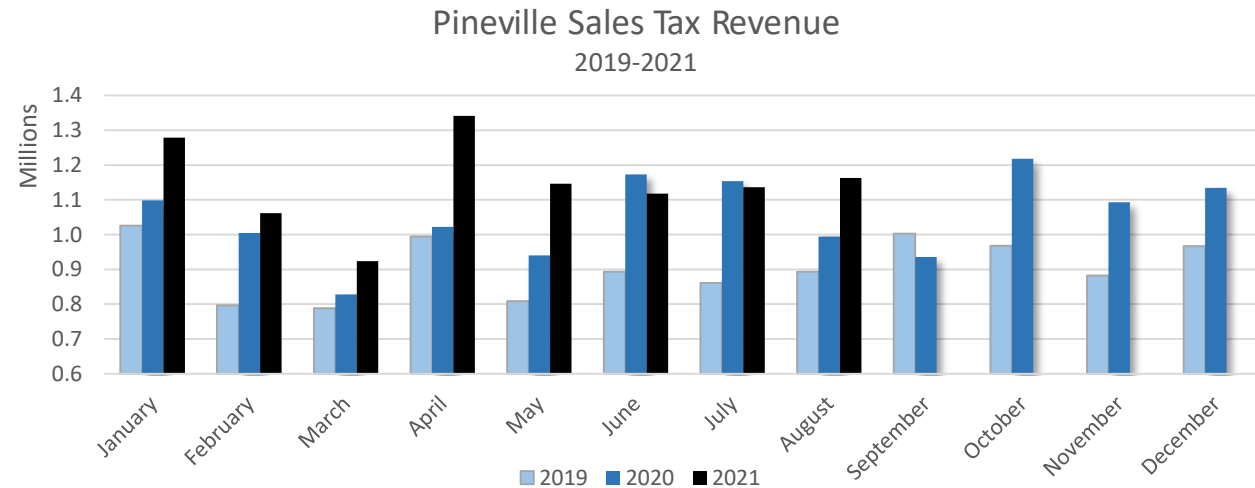
August

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 801,008	\$ 893,170	\$ 994,293	\$ 1,162,510
July	\$ 932,318	\$ 861,470	\$ 1,153,483	\$ 1,136,530
% Chg over Prev Month	-14.1%	3.7%	-13.8%	2.3%
% Chg over Prev Year		11.5%	11.3%	16.9%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 7,181,130	\$ 7,062,450	\$ 8,214,174	\$ 9,167,420
% Chg over Prev YTD		-1.7%	16.3%	11.6%

August 
2%

Aug YoY 
17%

Aug YTD 
12%

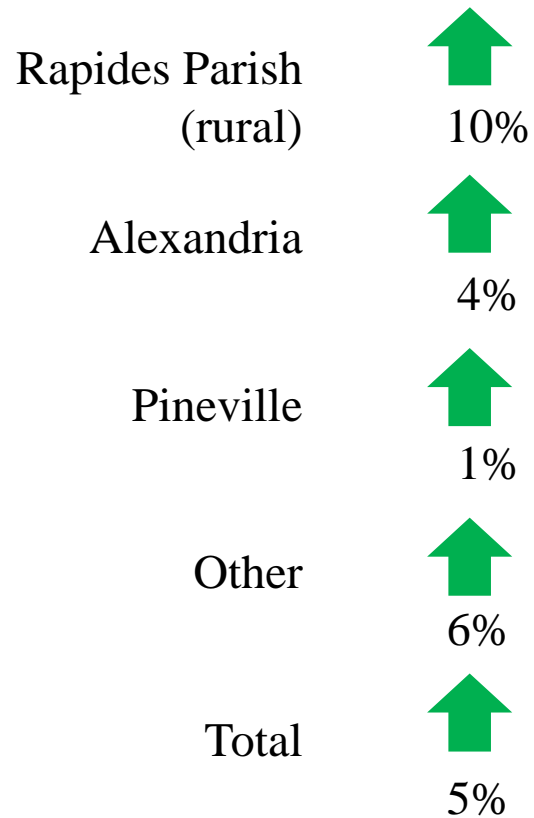


Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the prior month.

Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, September 2021.

RAPIDES OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

Rapides Parish occupational license revenue YTD with previous YTD comparisons.



August Year-to-Date

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Parish	\$ 594,567	\$ 631,272	\$ 587,511	\$ 648,635
% Chg over Prev YTD		6.2%	-6.9%	10.4%
Alexandria	\$ 1,848,415	\$ 1,844,610	\$ 1,835,029	\$ 1,905,437
% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.2%	-0.5%	3.8%
Pineville	\$ 375,571	\$ 386,524	\$ 425,169	\$ 427,373
% Chg over Prev YTD		2.9%	10.0%	0.5%
Other	\$ 133,120	\$ 137,848	\$ 138,742	\$ 147,566
% Chg over Prev YTD		3.6%	0.6%	6.4%
Total	\$ 2,951,673	\$ 3,000,254	\$ 2,986,451	\$ 3,129,011
% Chg over Prev YTD		1.6%	-0.5%	4.8%

Note: Rapides Parish reflects unincorporated areas.

Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, September 2021.


RAPIDES SALES TAX


(TR) Rapides Parish sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.


(BR) Rapides monthly sales tax revenue from 2019 to present.

August

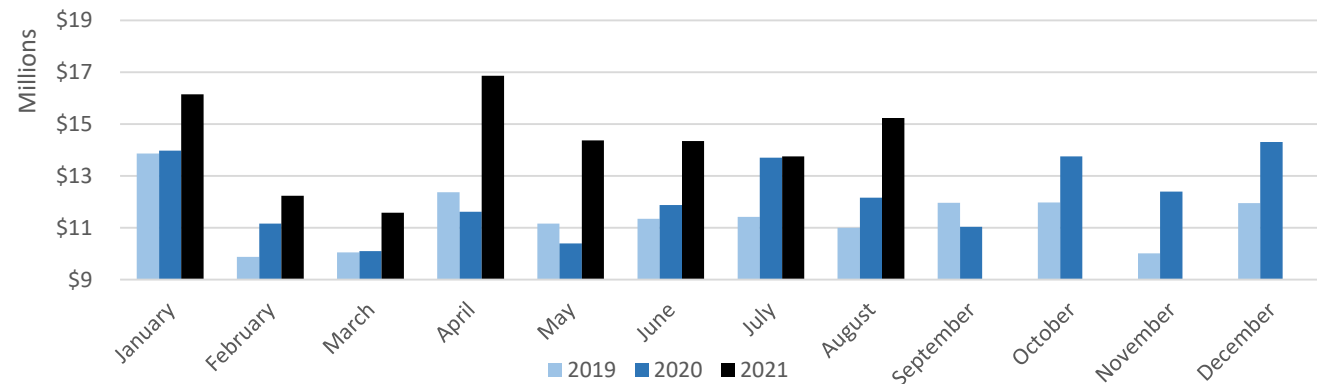
	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 10,797,854	\$ 11,001,838	\$ 12,164,470	\$ 15,237,754
July	\$ 11,938,467	\$ 11,420,981	\$ 13,709,468	\$ 13,752,280
% Chg over Prev Month	-9.6%	-3.7%	-11.3%	10.8%
% Chg over Prev Year		1.9%	10.6%	25.3%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 90,168,241	\$ 91,097,197	\$ 95,024,594	\$ 114,528,901
% Chg over Prev YTD		1.0%	4.3%	20.5%

August 
11%

Aug YoY 
25%

Aug YTD 
21%

Rapides Parish Total Sales Tax Revenue
2019 - 2021



Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the prior month.


Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, September 2021.


RAPIDES VEHICLE SALES TAX

Rapides Parish vehicle sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

August

August n/a*

Aug YoY  4%

Aug YTD  32%




	2018	2019	2020	2021
August*	\$ 1,058,927	\$ 1,165,550	\$ 1,533,699	\$ 1,586,860
July*	\$ 1,023,842	\$ 1,156,192	\$ 1,716,535	\$ 1,586,860
% Chg over Prev Month	3.4%	0.8%	-10.7%	0.0%
% Chg over Prev Year		10.1%	31.6%	3.5%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 8,465,760	\$ 8,787,275	\$ 9,944,133	\$13,128,703
% Chg over Prev YTD		3.8%	13.2%	32.0%

*August 2021 sales data includes July. Therefore, August sales data of \$3,173,721 was evenly split between July and August 2021 reports.

Data Source: Tax revenue data from Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, September 2021.

ST. LANDRY SALES TAX

St. Landry Parish sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.




		<i>August</i>				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	
August	 -12%	\$ 5,608,199	\$ 5,736,290	\$ 6,239,039	\$ 7,091,591	
Aug YoY	 14%	\$ 6,396,248	\$ 5,892,715	\$ 7,878,371	\$ 8,026,542	
		% Chg over Prev Month	-12.3%	-2.7%	-20.8%	-11.6%
		% Chg over Prev Year		2.3%	8.8%	13.7%
Aug YTD	 12%					
		YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$46,562,386	\$47,033,123	\$51,410,138	\$57,710,141
		% Chg over Prev YTD		1.0%	9.3%	12.3%

Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July.

Data Source: Tax revenue data from St. Landry Parish School Board. September 2021

ST. LANDRY VEHICLE SALES TAX

St. Landry Parish vehicle sales tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

		<i>August</i>			
		2018	2019	2020	2021
August	 -15%	\$ 835,145	\$ 929,242	\$ 938,690	\$ 1,006,739
July		\$ 779,553	\$ 817,484	\$ 939,225	\$ 1,177,511
Aug YoY	 7%		13.7%	-0.1%	-14.5%
			11.3%	1.0%	7.2%
Aug YTD	 22%	\$ 6,358,286	\$ 6,628,729	\$ 6,631,073	\$ 8,108,043
			4.3%	0.0%	22.3%

Note: August sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in July.

Data Source: Tax revenue data from St. Landry Parish School Board. September 2021

REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN CENLA

Remote seller tax revenue is tax revenue from online sales by location of the seller at the time of purchase.

Total Remote Sellers Sales Tax Collection in Cenla
August 2020 - August 2021



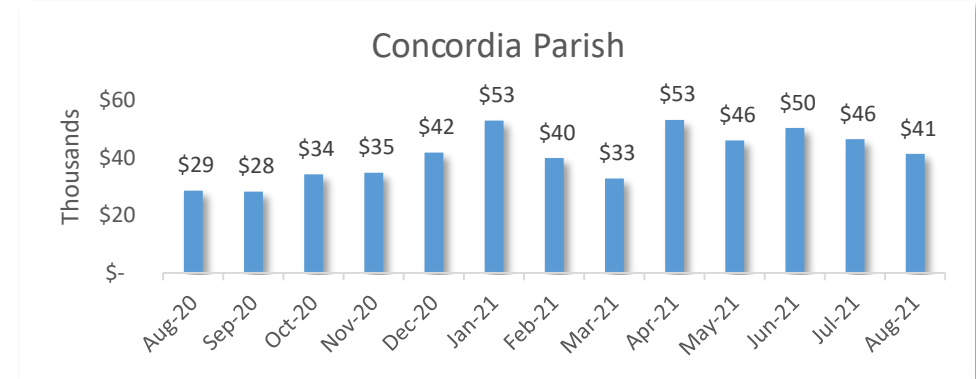
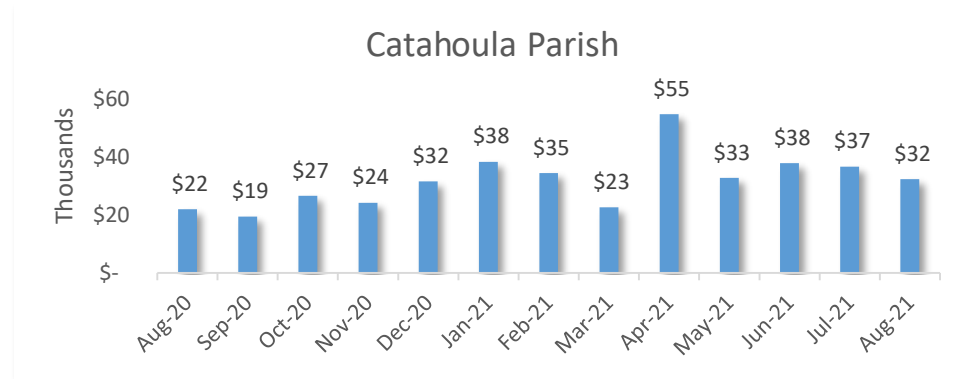
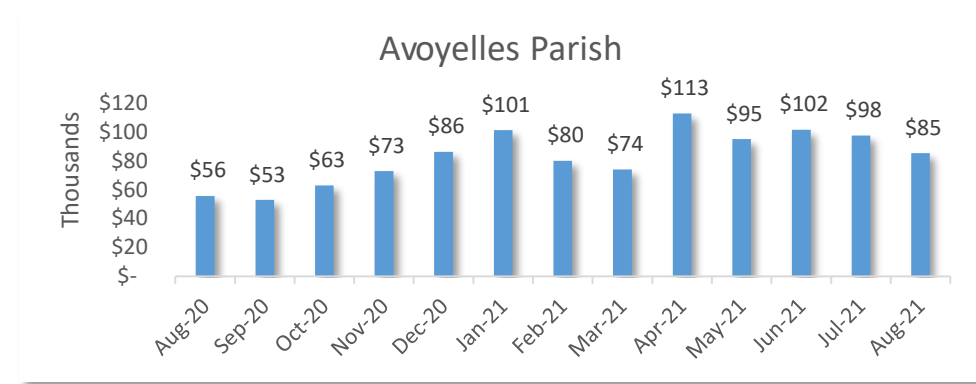
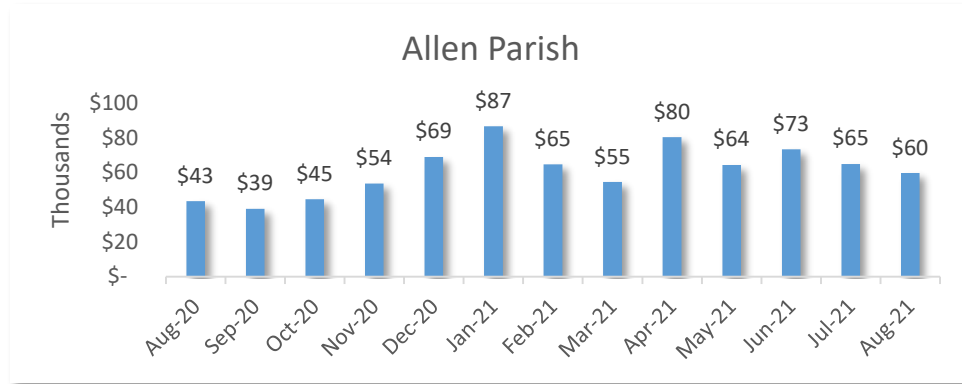
- ✓ Since August 2020, \$15.9 million in sales tax revenue have been collected from online sales in central Louisiana with Rapides collecting \$4.8 million.
- ✓ Online sales tax revenue in August decreased 3% from July.

Note: Sales tax revenue collected in August reflects sales activity in July.

Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – September 2021

REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN CENLA - 1

Remote sellers tax revenue is tax revenue from online sales by location of the seller at the time of purchase.

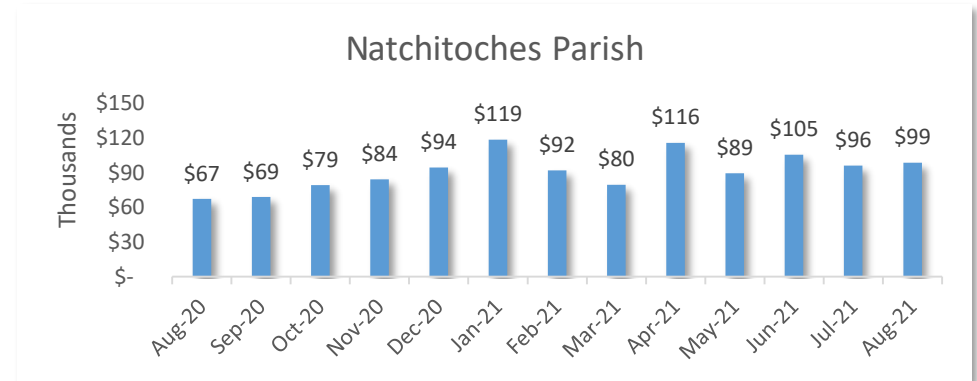
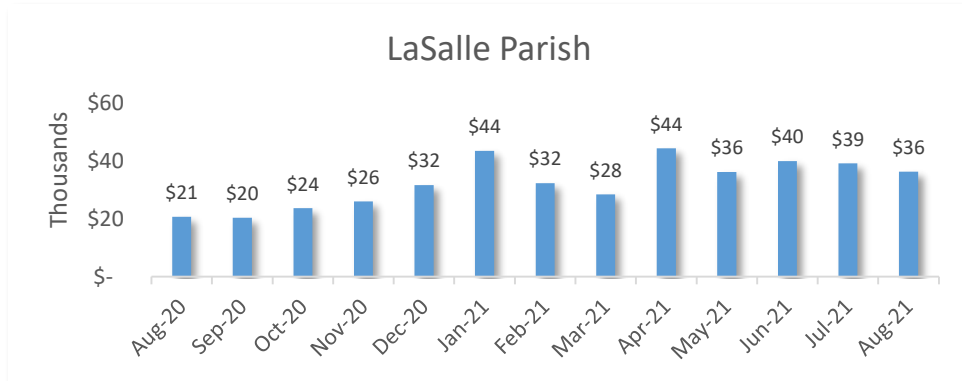
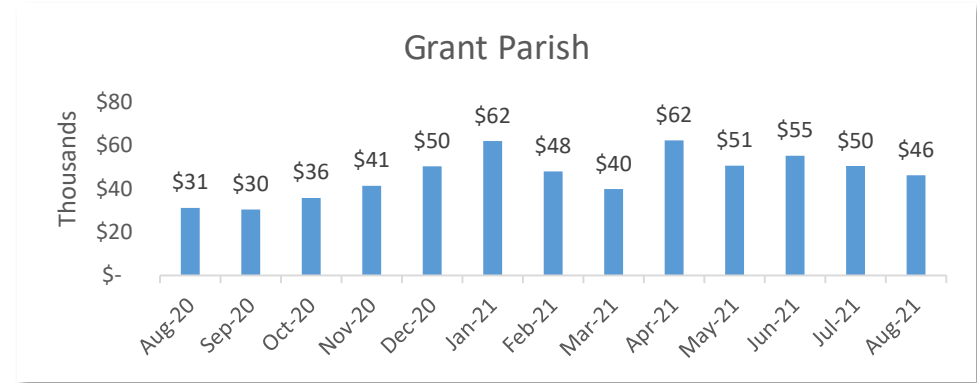
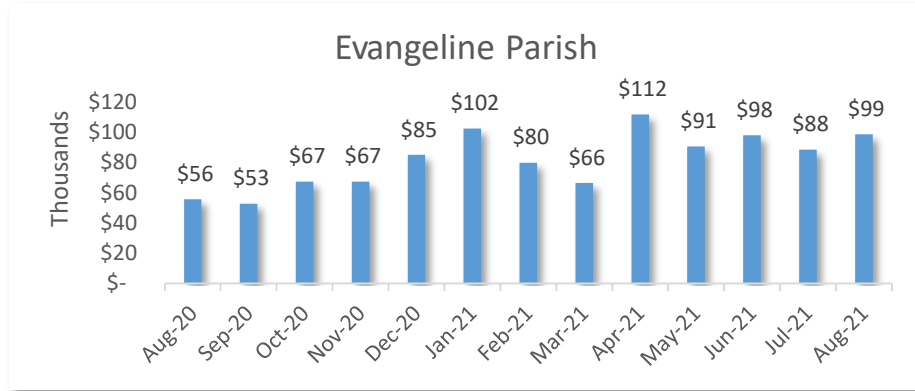


Note: Sales tax revenue collected in one month reflects sales activity in the prior month.

Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – September 2021

REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN CENLA - 2

Remote sellers tax revenue is tax revenue from online sales by location of the seller at the time of purchase.

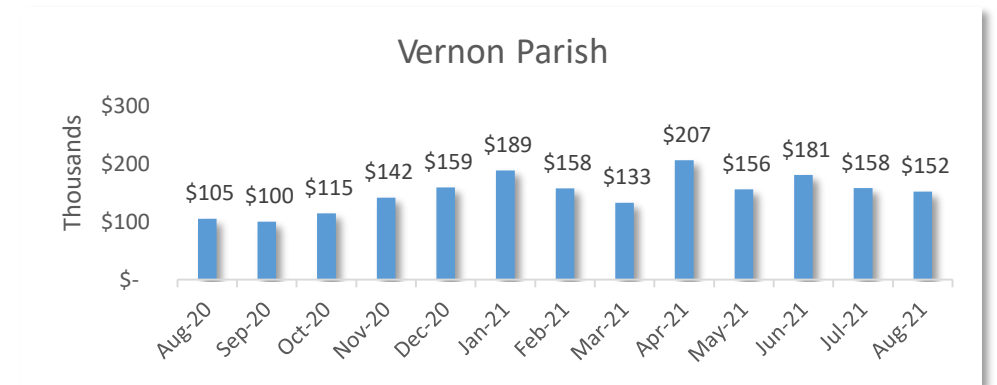
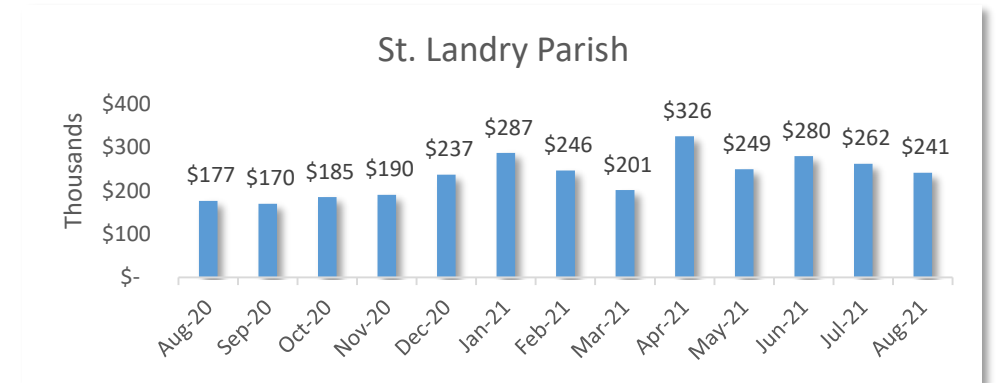
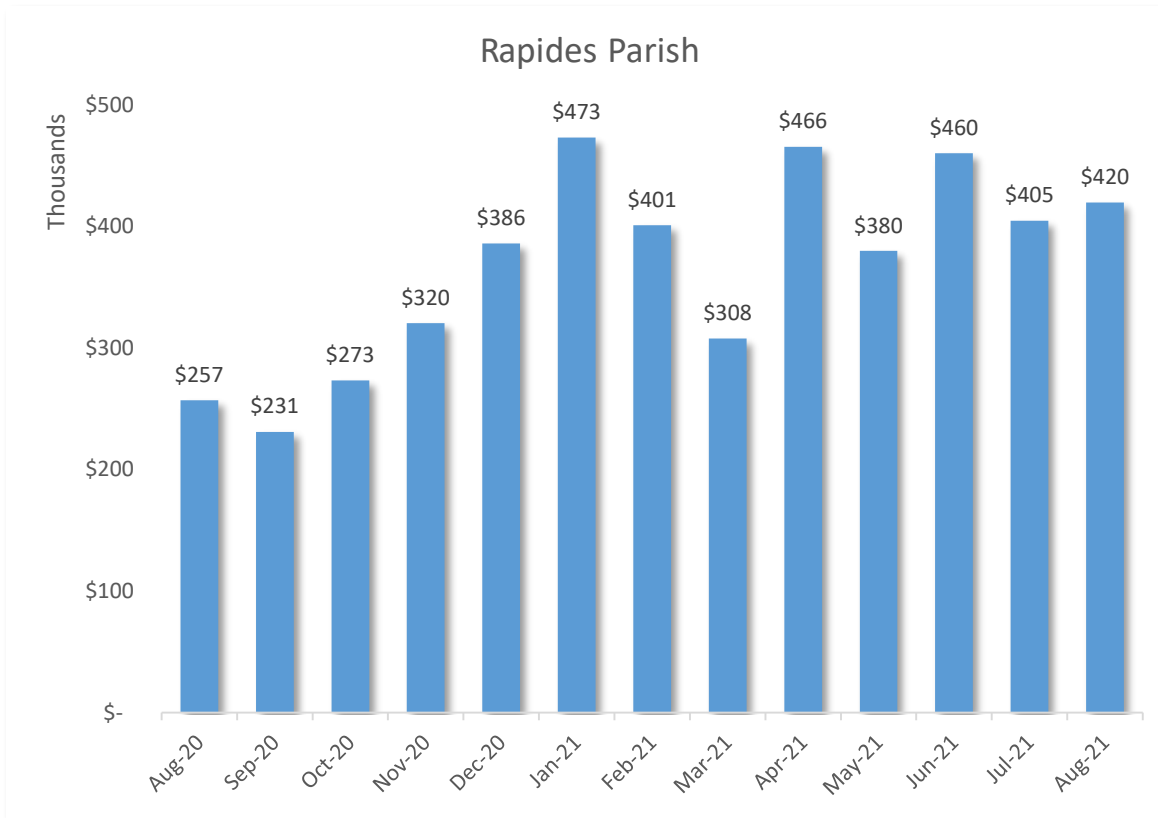


Note: Sales tax revenue collected in one month reflects sales activity in the prior month.

Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – September 2021

REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN CENLA - 3

Remote sellers tax revenue is tax revenue from online sales by location of the seller at the time of purchase.



Note: Sales tax revenue collected in one month reflects sales activity in the prior month.

Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – September 2021

LOUISIANA TAX REVENUES

(TR) Louisiana tax revenue from all sources for July with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

(BR) Louisiana monthly tax revenue from 2019 to present.

July

	2019	2020	2021
July	852,585,821	1,162,257,189	606,870,904
June	767,823,368	789,213,162	1,147,149,312
% Chg over Prev Month	11.0%	47.3%	-47.1%
% Chg over Prev Year		36.3%	-47.8%
YTD (Jan - Jul)	\$5,613,501,791	\$4,075,224,838	\$5,164,288,930
% Chg over Prev YTD		-27.4%	26.7%

July



-47%

Jul YoY



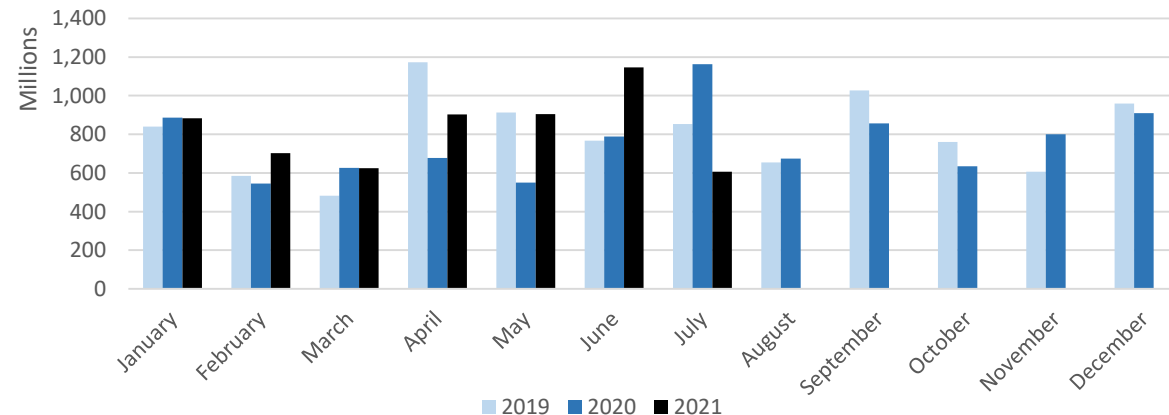
-48%

Jul YTD



27%


Louisiana Tax Revenue
2019-2021





BUILDING PERMITS

ALEXANDRIA COMMERCIAL PERMITS

The valuation (estimated development cost) of new commercial construction permits issued by the City of Alexandria in August 2021 with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

August 
27%

Aug YoY 
187%


Aug YTD 
46%


August


	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 8,422,292	\$ 19,531,800	\$ 1,546,879	\$ 4,447,239
July	\$ 4,767,000	\$ 6,069,877	\$ 1,406,000	\$ 3,494,054
% Chg over Prev Month	77%	222%	10%	27%
% Chg over Prev Year		132%	-92%	187%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 31,889,856	\$ 38,906,537	\$ 18,915,688	\$ 27,631,806
% Chg over Prev YTD		22%	-51%	46%

ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

The valuation (estimated development cost) of new residential construction permits issued by the City of Alexandria in August 2021 with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

August 
36%

Aug YoY 
257%

Aug YTD 
83%


August

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 2,364,959	\$ 986,701	\$ 629,100	\$ 2,242,658
July	\$ 1,603,505	\$ 7,159,712	\$ 1,271,114	\$ 1,649,327
% Chg over Prev Month	47.5%	-86.2%	-50.5%	36.0%
% Chg over Prev Year		-58.3%	-36.2%	256.5%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 24,244,093	\$ 16,400,608	\$ 9,182,578	\$ 16,823,201
% Chg over Prev YTD		-32.4%	-44.0%	83.2%


ALLEN PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

This chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission in Allen Parish in August between 2018-2021 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

August

August 
-100%

Aug YoY n/a


Aug YTD 
38%


	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ -	\$ 526,396	\$ -	\$ -
July	\$ 351,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 435,000
% Chg Prev Month	-100%	5%	#DIV/0!	-100%
% Chg from Prev Year		#DIV/0!	-100%	#DIV/0!
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$2,481,670	\$3,294,541	\$4,077,595	\$5,646,558
% Chg over Prev YTD		33%	24%	38%


AVOYELLES PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

This chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission in Avoyelles Parish in August between 2019-2021 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

August

August  11%

Aug YoY  60%

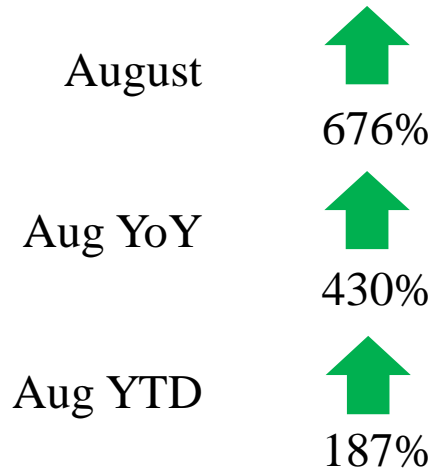
Aug YTD  58%

	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 6,614,680	\$ 4,381,654	\$ 7,009,043
July	\$ 5,350,743	\$ 5,980,629	\$ 6,296,577
% Chg Prev Month	24%	-27%	11%
% Chg from Prev Year		-34%	60%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 36,081,002	\$ 31,138,572	\$ 49,300,126
% Chg over Prev YTD		-14%	58%

EVANGELINE PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

This chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission in Evangeline Parish in August between 2018-2021 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

August





	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 1,552,363	\$ 1,294,765	\$ 848,712	\$ 4,499,170
July	\$ 1,419,991	\$ 2,803,662	\$ 1,365,215	\$ 579,850
% Chg Prev Month	9%	-54%	-38%	676%
% Chg from Prev Year		-17%	-34%	430%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 8,959,988	\$ 13,877,291	\$ 9,015,091	\$ 25,873,487
% Chg over Prev YTD		55%	-35%	187%


PINEVILLE PERMIT VALUATIONS

This chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission in the City of Pineville in August between 2018-2021 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

August

August  -14%


Aug YoY  -3%


Aug YTD  -33%


	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 2,391,931	\$ 662,849	\$ 1,017,000	\$ 981,411
July	\$ 1,419,991	\$ 3,688,000	\$ 1,134,000	\$ 1,138,886
% Chg Prev Month	68%	-82%	-10%	-14%
% Chg from Prev Year		-72%	53%	-3%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 7,966,147	\$15,098,081	\$10,191,795	\$ 6,782,396
% Chg over Prev YTD		90%	-32%	-33%

RAPIDES PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

This chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission in Rapides Parish (excluding Alexandria) in August between 2018-2021 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

August 
123%

Aug YoY 
257%

Aug YTD 
1238%

August

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 4,138,652	\$ 3,101,697	\$ 2,787,285	\$ 9,947,807
July	\$ 3,485,433	\$ 3,261,592	\$ 4,689,974	\$ 4,467,100
% Chg Prev Month	19%	-5%	-41%	123%
% Chg from Prev Year		-25%	-10%	257%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$27,759,714	\$55,217,086	\$32,233,511	\$431,170,861
% Chg over Prev YTD		99%	-42%	1238%

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS BY AREA

New residential construction permit valuation (estimated development cost) issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission by jurisdiction in August 2021 compared to August 2020.

*Valuation of New Residential Construction
August 2020 vs August 2021*

Year-over-year value of residential construction in the RAPC jurisdictions increased from \$5.4 million in August 2020 to \$5.8 million in August 2020.



	Aug-20	Aug-21	Change	% Change
Allen	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
Avoyelles	\$ 907,718	\$ 338,475	\$ (569,243)	-63%
Pineville	\$ 731,000	\$ 460,000	\$ (271,000)	-37%
Evangeline	\$ 549,200	\$ 1,966,772	\$ 1,417,572	258%
LaSalle	\$ 770,000	\$ 25,000	\$ (745,000)	-97%
Rapides	\$ 2,478,000	\$ 2,978,625	\$ 500,625	20%

Note: City of Alexandria permits are accounted for separately.
Data Source: Rapides Area Planning Commission, September 2021.

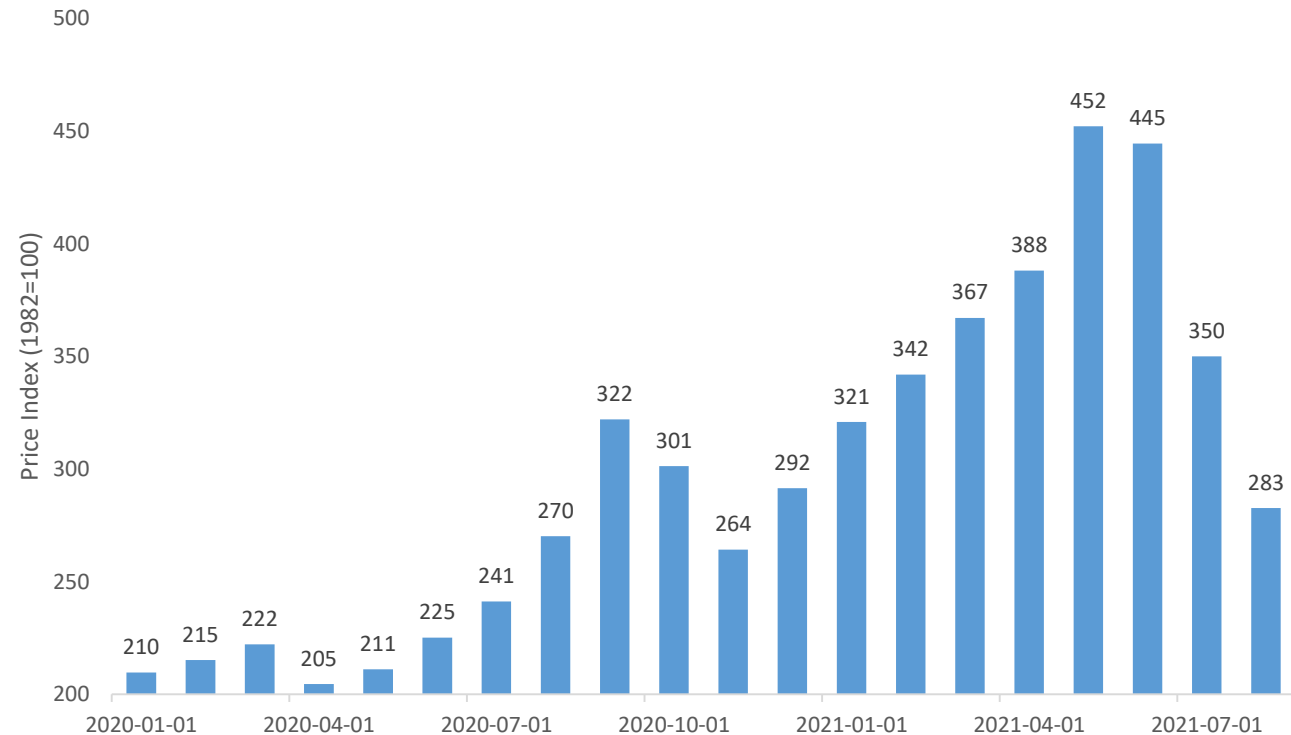
HOUSING

LUMBER PRICES

The chart represents the Lumber Price Index in the U.S. from January 2020 – August 2021.

- In August 2021, the US Lumber Price Index declined -19% from the previous month, the third consecutive monthly decline.
- The US Lumber Price Index nears the November 2020 level.
- The US Lumber Price Index in August was -12% below January's level.

Monthly Price Index of Lumber
2020 - 2021



ALEXANDRIA ACTIVE LISTINGS

The count of active single-family and condo/townhome listings for Alexandria MSA (excludes pending listings) for August 2018-2021 with month-to-month and year-over-year comparisons.

August

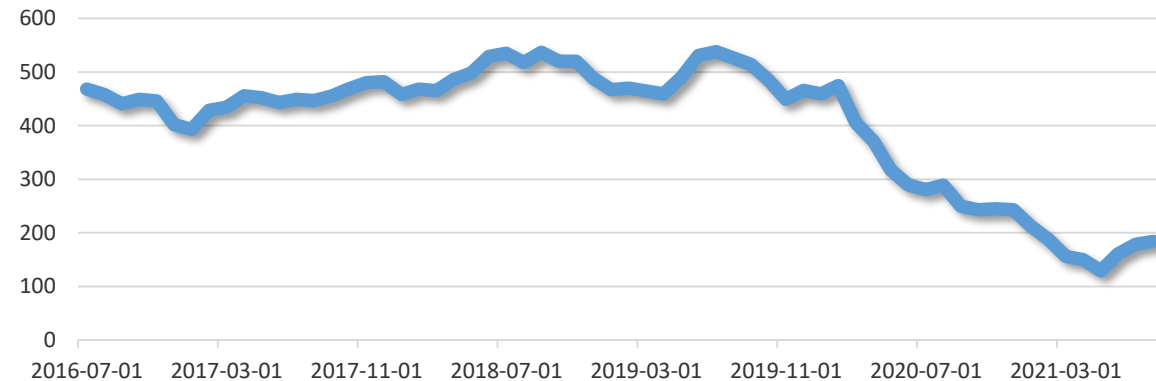
August 
3%

Aug YoY 
-36%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	518	526	289	184
July	535	538	281	179
% Chg Prev Month	-3.2%	-2.2%	2.8%	2.8%
% Chg from Prev Year		1.5%	-45.1%	-36.3%

✓ Active listings in August increased 3% but remain 36% below August 2020.

Active Listings Count in Alexandria
2016 - 2021



ALEXANDRIA MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET

The median number of days property listings spend on the market in Alexandria MSA for August 2018-2021 with month-to-month and year-over-year comparisons.

August



29%

Aug YoY



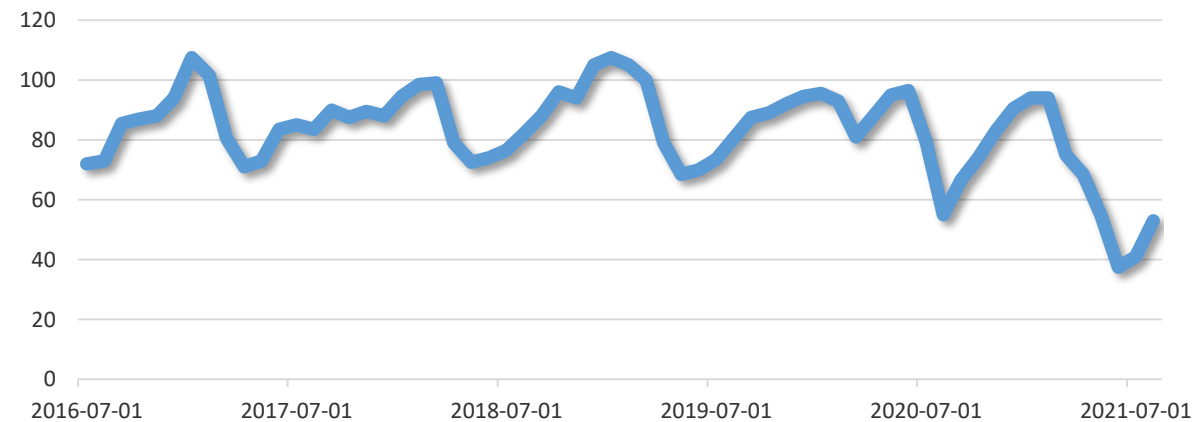
-4%

August

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	82	81	55	53
July	77	74	80	41
% Chg Prev Month	7.2%	9.5%	-30.8%	29.3%
% Chg from Prev Year		-1.8%	-31.7%	-3.6%

- ✓ Median days on the market rose 29% in August from July 2021 but was still -4% below August 2020.
- ✓ Homes took an average of 53 days on the market to sell in August, well below the 2020 average of 83 days and the 2019 average of 87 days.

Median Days on Market in Alexandria
2016 - 2021



ALEXANDRIA MEDIAN LISTING PRICE

The median listing price of houses in Alexandria MSA for August 2018-2021 with month-to-month and year-over-year comparisons.

August

August 0%

Aug YoY

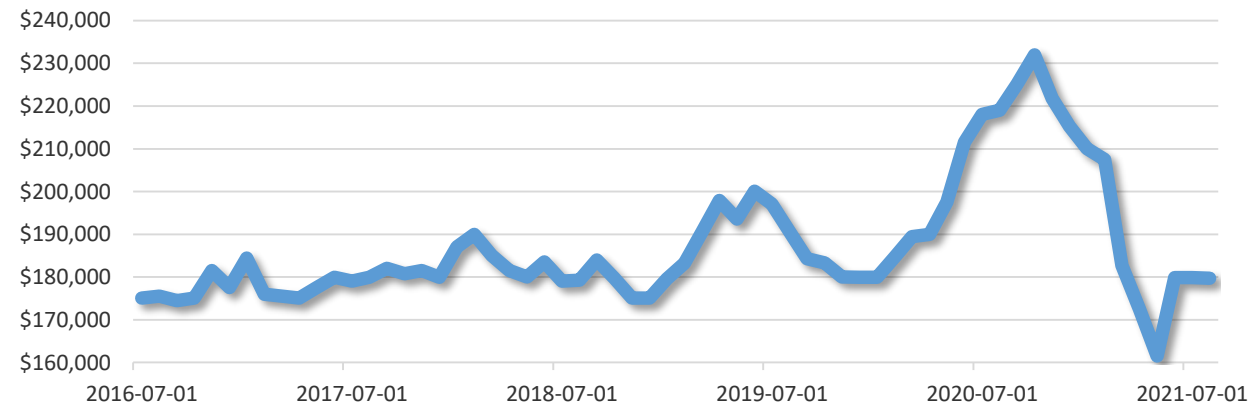


-20%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 179,300	\$ 190,625	\$ 225,050	\$ 179,700
July	\$ 179,050	\$ 197,050	\$ 218,050	\$ 179,900
% Chg Prev Month	0.1%	-3.3%	3.2%	-0.1%
% Chg from Prev Year		6.3%	18.1%	-20.2%

- ✓ The median listing price remained relatively unchanged from last month at \$179,700, but still remains -20% below the August 2020 level.

Median Listing Price in Alexandria
2016 - 2021



ALEXANDRIA PENDING LISTINGS

The count of pending single-family and condo/townhome listings for Alexandria MSA for August 2018-2021 with month-to-month and year-over-year comparisons.

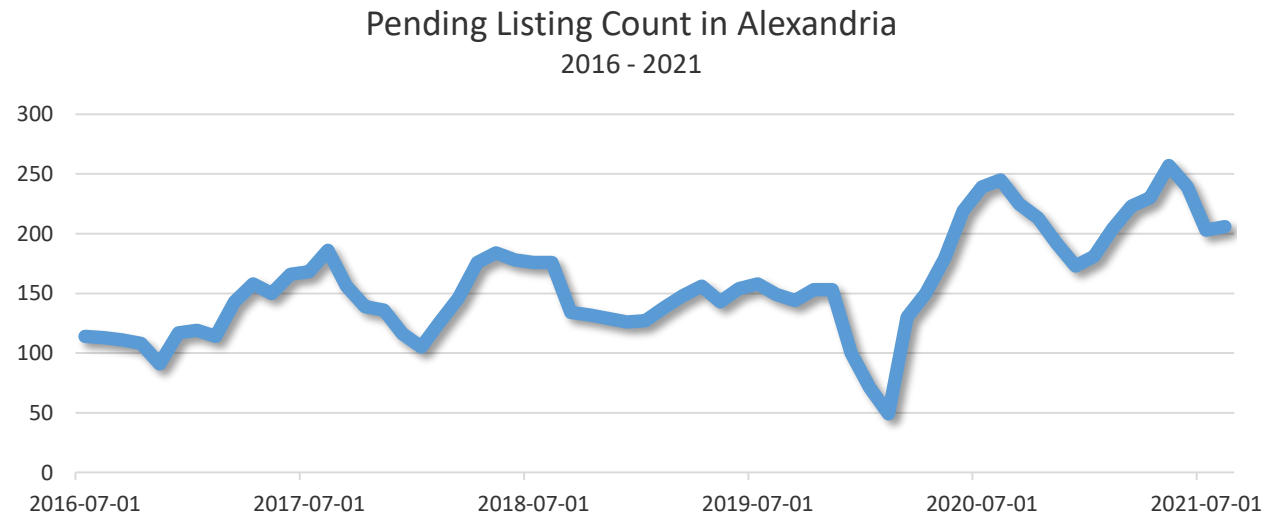
August

August 
2%

Aug YoY 
-16%

✓ Pending listings increased 2% over last month but are -16% below last August.

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	176	149	245	206
July	176	158	239	203
% Chg Prev Month	0.0%	-5.7%	2.5%	1.5%
% Chg from Prev Year		-15.3%	64.4%	-15.9%



ALEXANDRIA AVERAGE LISTING PRICE

The average listing price of houses in Alexandria MSA for August 2018-2021 with month-to-month and year-over-year comparisons.

August



-4%

Aug YoY



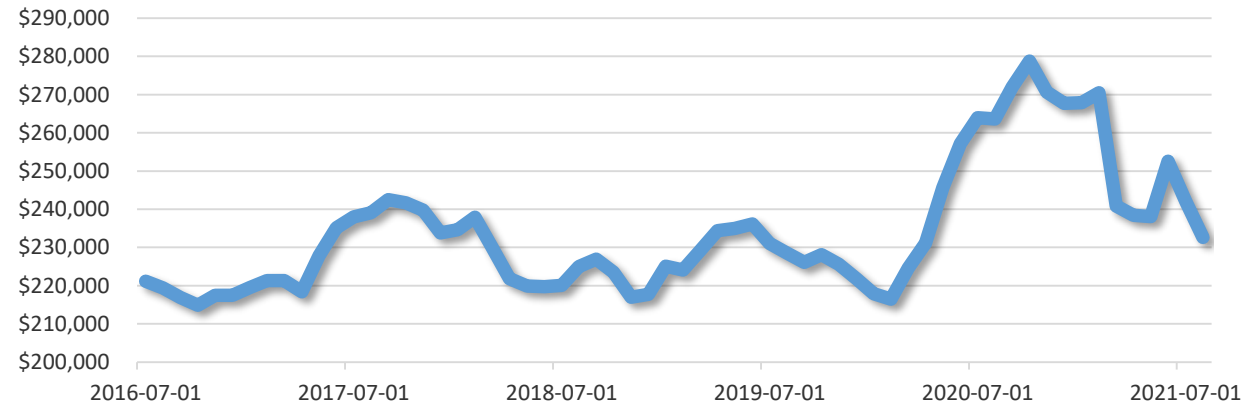
-12%

- ✓ The average listing price fell -4.2% to \$232,620 this month from \$242,090 in July and is -12% below the year ago level.

August

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 225,025	\$ 228,541	\$ 263,608	\$ 232,620
July	\$ 220,100	\$ 231,039	\$ 263,951	\$ 242,090
% Chg Prev Month	2.2%	-1.1%	-0.1%	-3.9%
% Chg from Prev Year		1.6%	15.3%	-11.8%

Average Listing Price in Alexandria
2016 - 2021



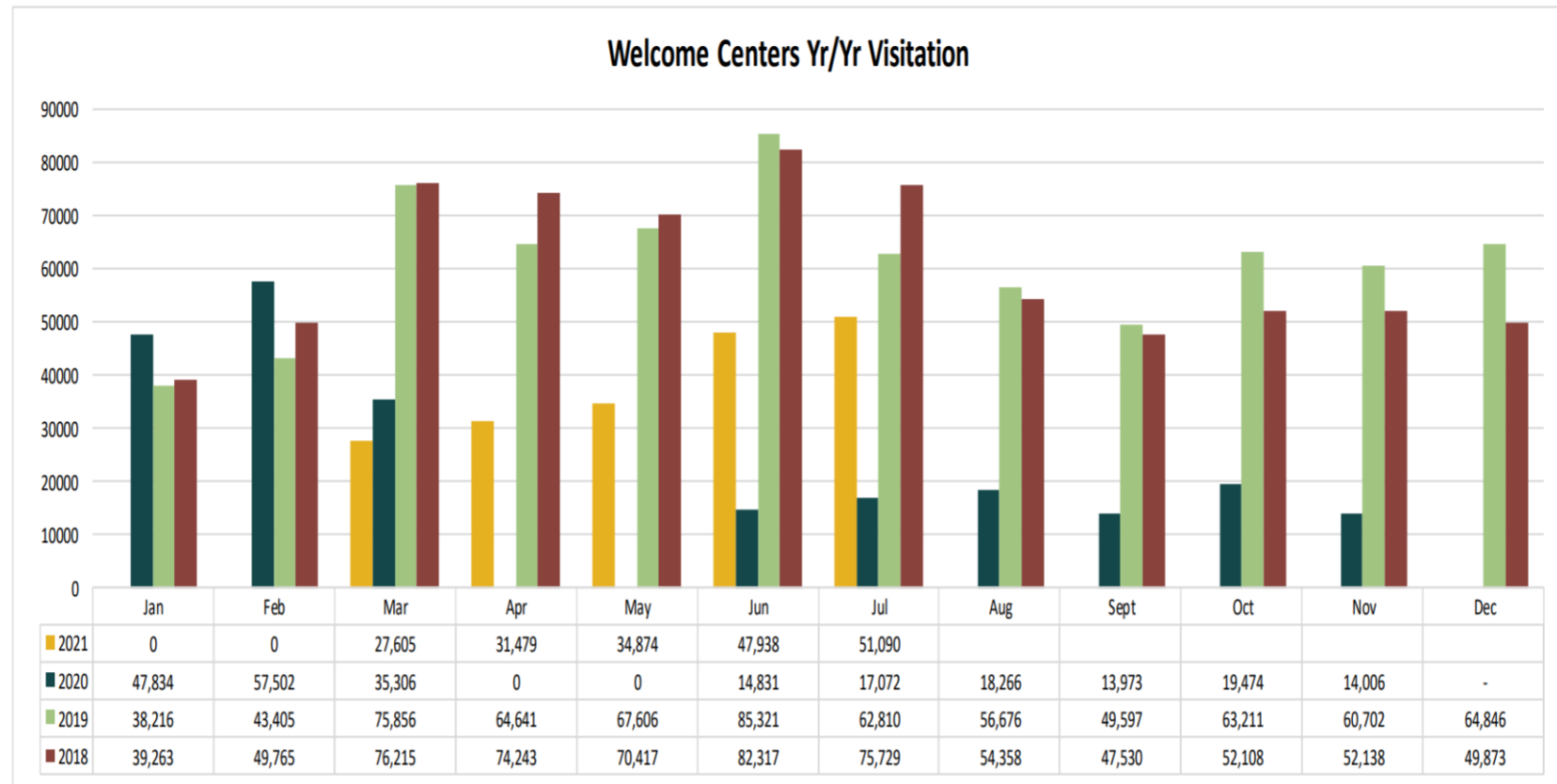
TRAVEL

WELCOME CENTERS VISITATIONS

The graph illustrates the number of visitors at Louisiana Welcome Centers from 2018 to 2021.

WELCOME CENTERS


- ✓ Welcome center visitors in July 2021 were 6.6% higher than June 2021.
- ✓ Likewise, welcome center visitors were 199% higher than July 2020, but -19% below July 2019.





AVOYELLES HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Avoyelles Parish hotel occupancy tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

August

August 
13%

Aug YoY 
35%

Aug YTD 
36%

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 13,848	\$ 14,968	\$ 14,228	\$ 13,383	\$ 18,012
July	\$ 12,596	\$ 14,505	\$ 14,731	\$ 11,955	\$ 15,904
% Chg over Prev Month	9.9%	3.2%	-3.4%	12.0%	13.3%
% Chg over Prev Year		8.1%	-4.9%	-5.9%	34.6%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 93,362	\$ 90,083	\$ 90,729	\$ 70,272	\$ 95,569
% Chg over Prev YTD		-3.5%	0.7%	-22.5%	36.0%


Note: August tax revenue reflects hotel occupancy activity in July. Hotel occupancy tax revenue is used as a proxy for hotel occupancy rate.


Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. September 2021.


RAPIDES HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Rapides Parish hotel occupancy tax revenue for August with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

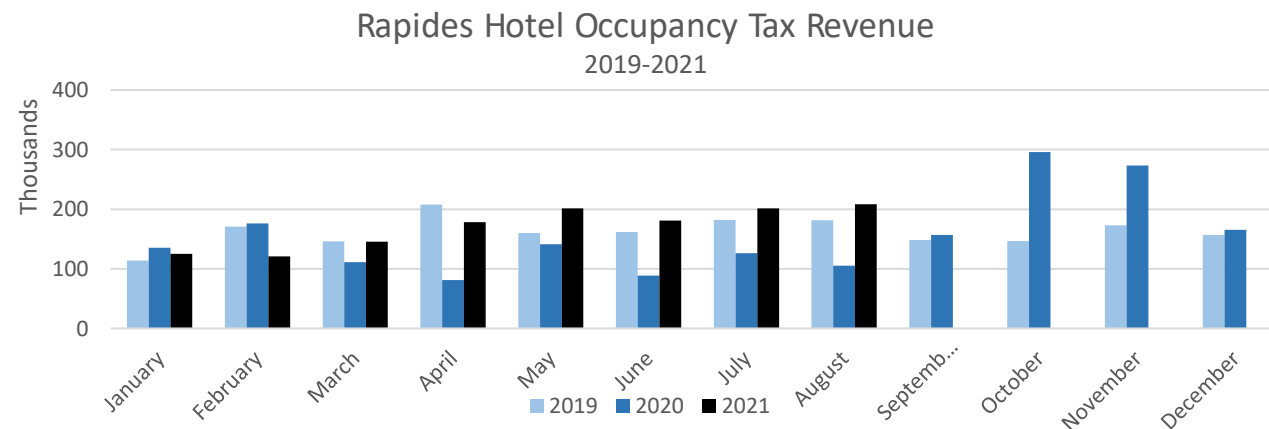
August

August 
11%

Aug YoY 
60%

Aug YTD 
34%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	\$ 183,123	\$ 181,611	\$ 105,064	\$ 208,193
July	\$ 168,325	\$ 181,894	\$ 126,105	\$ 201,180
% Chg over Prev Month	8.8%	-0.2%	-16.7%	3.5%
% Chg over Prev Year		-0.8%	-42.1%	98.2%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	\$ 1,256,468	\$1,324,263	\$ 965,367	\$1,361,758
% Chg over Prev YTD		6.5%	-24.7%	34.1%



Note: August tax revenue reflects hotel occupancy activity in July. Hotel occupancy tax revenue is used as a proxy for hotel occupancy rate.

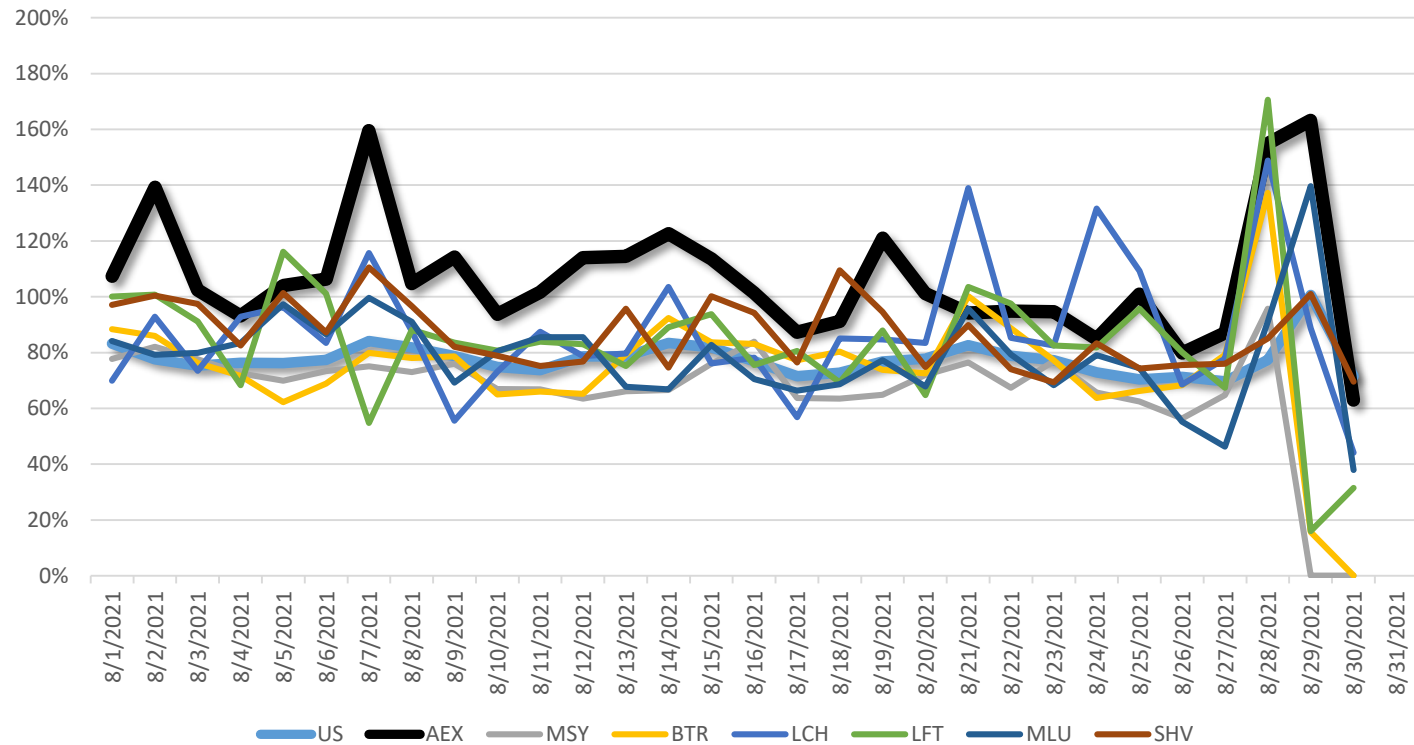
Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, September 2021.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT LOUISIANA AIRPORTS

This chart shows total passenger throughput at AEX and other Louisiana airports in August 2021 as a percent of traffic in 2019. AEX is the solid black line.

Airport	% of 2019 Traffic
US	77%
AEX	103%
MSY	64%
BTR	71%
LCH	83%
LFT	84%
MLU	76%
SHV	86%

Passenger Throughput at AEX as a Percent 2019 Traffic (August 2021)

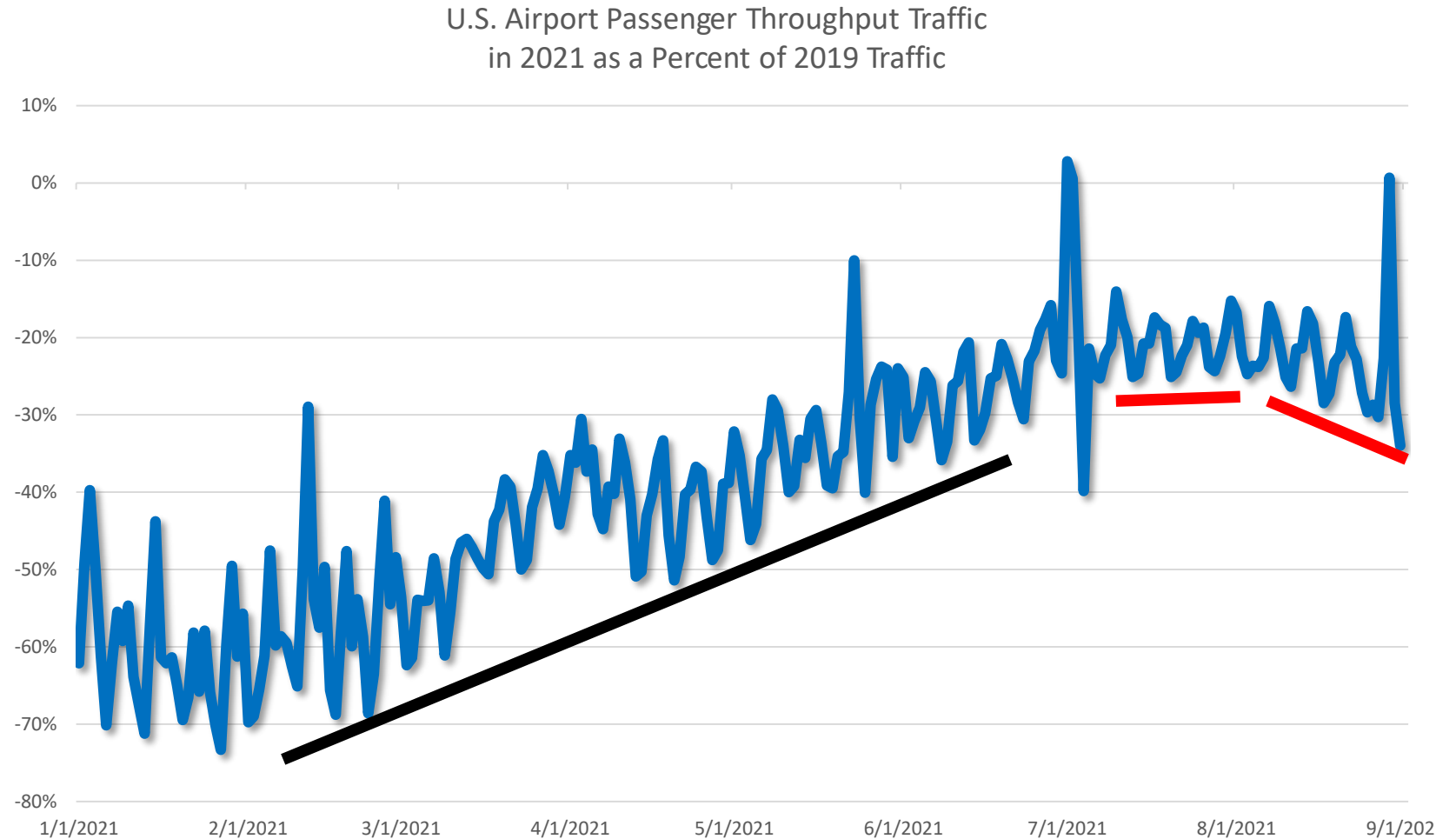


✓ AEX had the highest percentage of total passenger throughput in the state in August 2021 at 103% of the August 2019 level. The state averaged 81%.

AIR TRAVELER STATS

Nationwide daily percentage of passengers passing through current TSA checkpoints in 2021 expressed as a percentage of 2019 traffic.

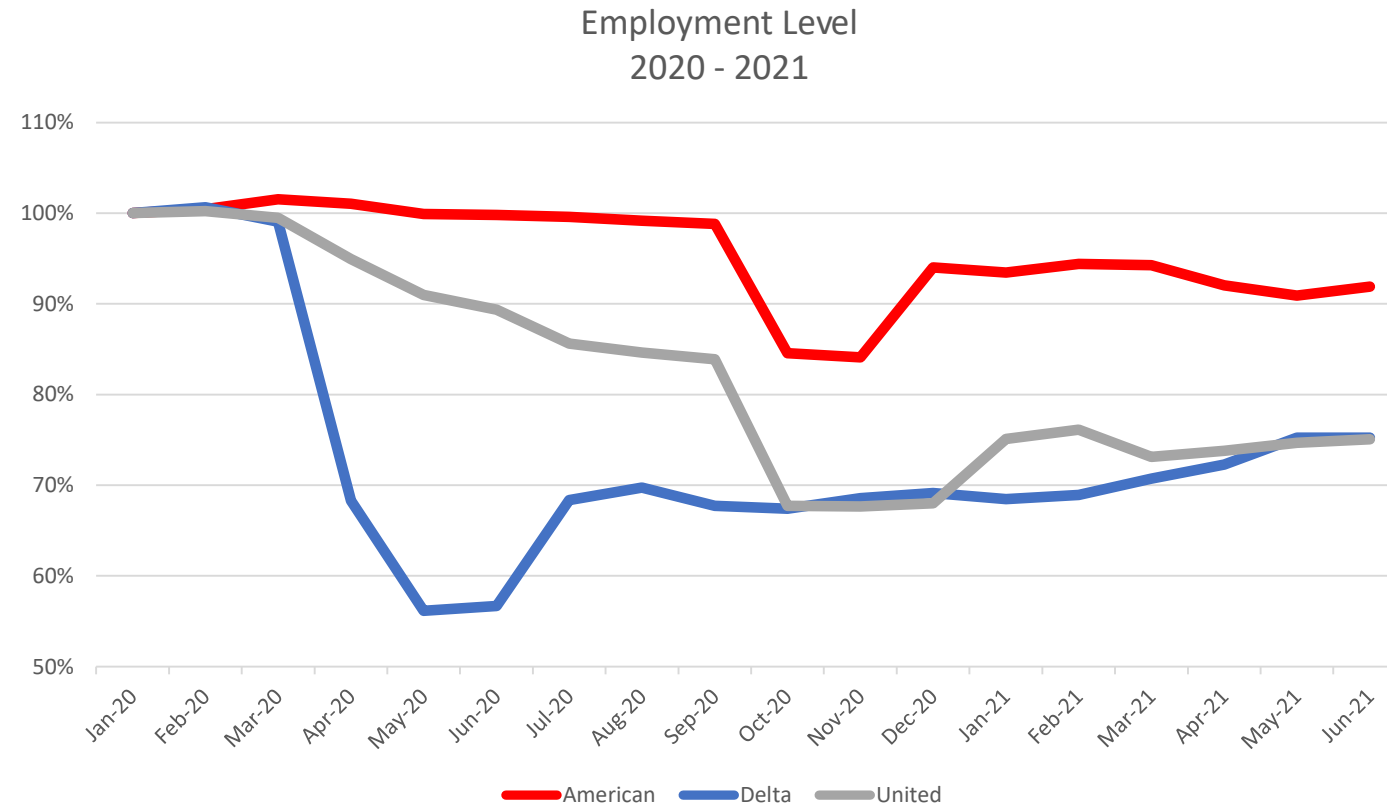
✓ Nationally, air passenger traffic in August was down -9% over July 2021 but up 167% from a year ago. Average US passenger traffic declined for the first time 2021.



AIRLINE EMPLOYMENT

The chart illustrates the level of employment retained since 2020 with January 2020 being the baseline.

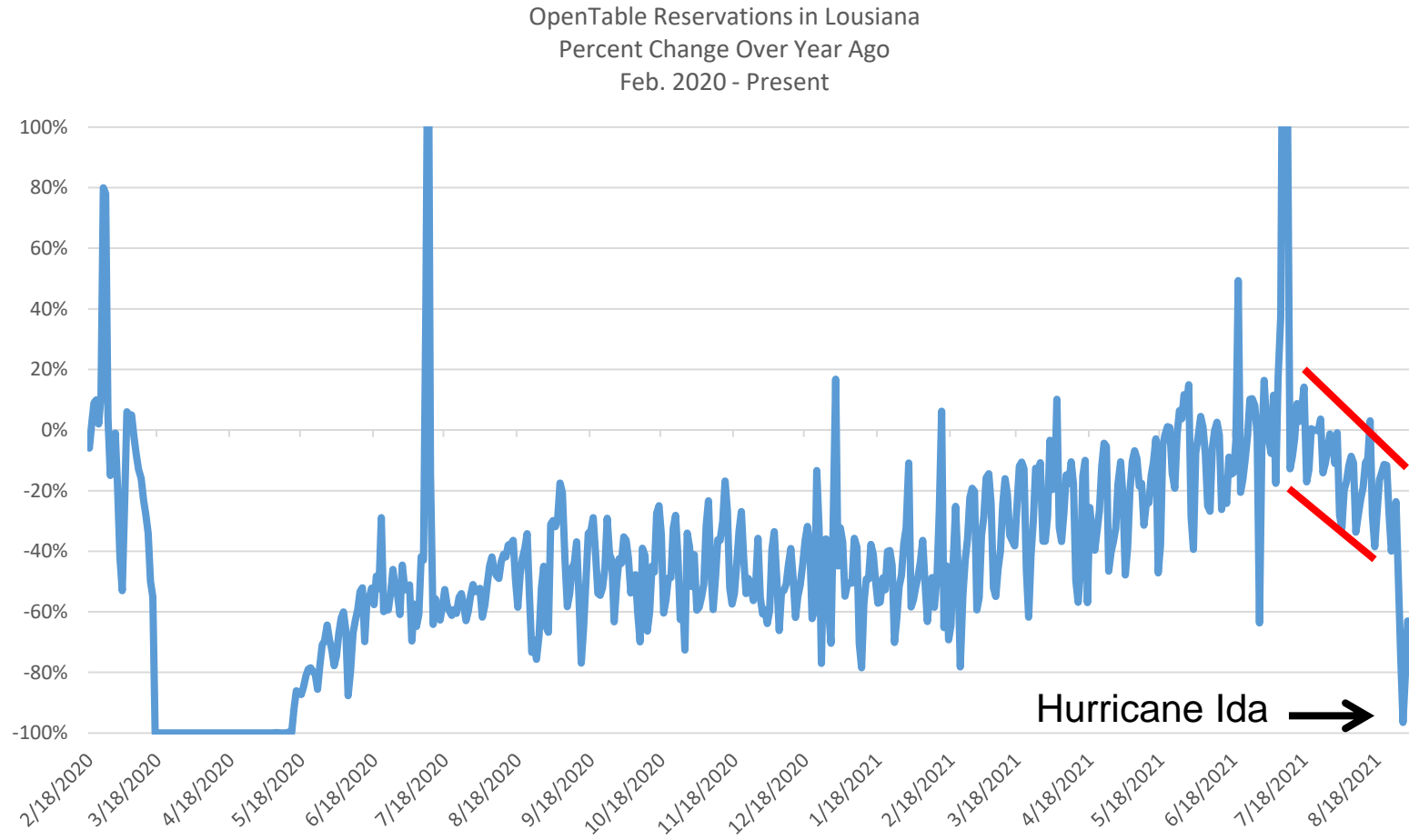
✓ American Airlines has retained 92% employment since January 2020 compared to Delta and United which stand 75%.



OPEN TABLE RESERVATIONS IN LOUISIANA

This data shows year-over-year seated diners at restaurants on the OpenTable network in Louisiana. Year-over-year comparisons by day compare the same day of the week from the same week in the previous year.

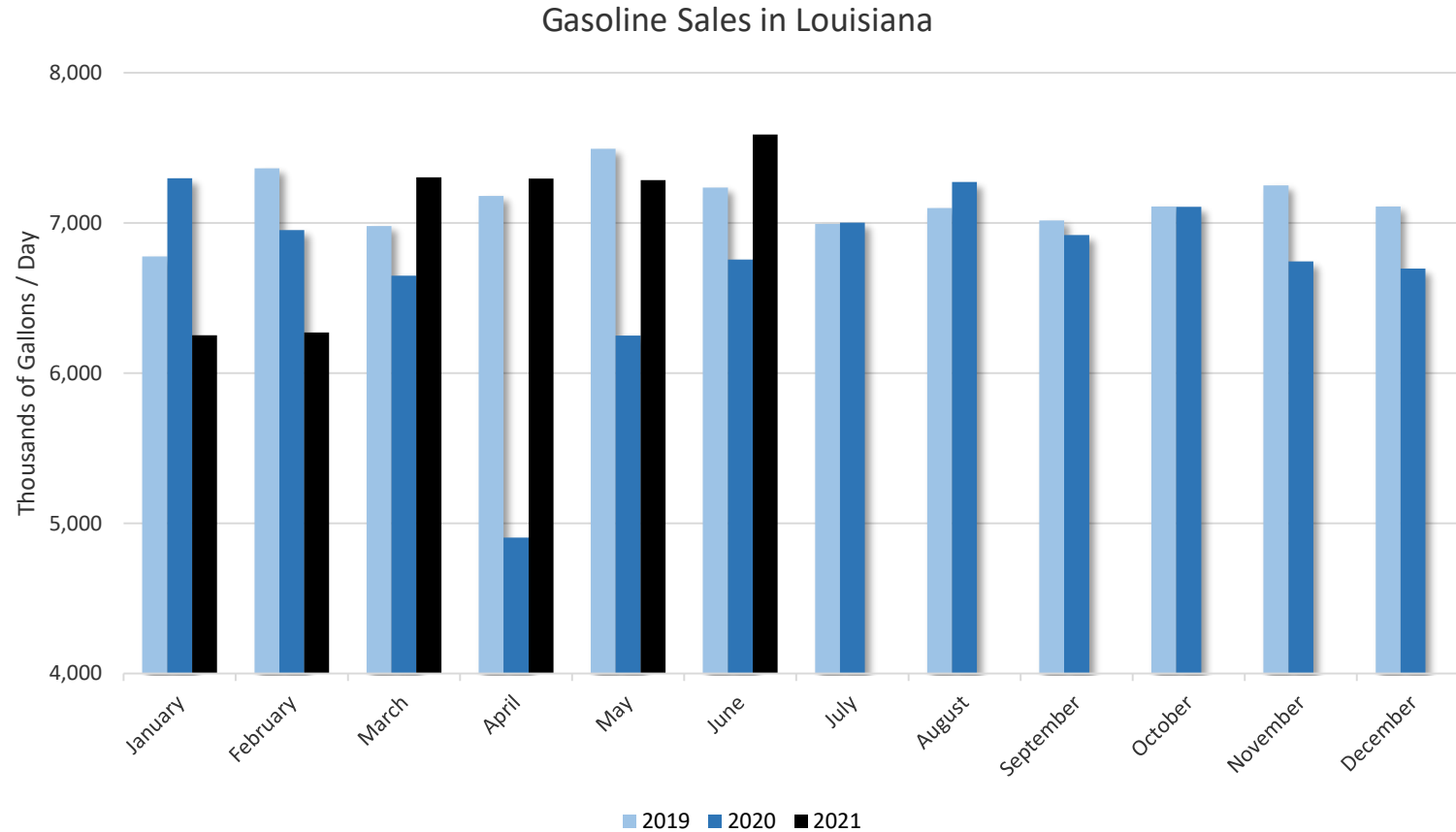
- *Dinner reservations in Louisiana have been trending down since mid-July.*
- *Compared to January 2020, August 2021 reservations were down -29%, -3% in July and -9% in June.*



LOUISIANA GASOLINE SALES

Total gasoline sales in Louisiana in 2019 - 2021.

- ✓ June 2021 gasoline sales increase 4% from May and was 12% above June 2020.
- ✓ Gasoline sales in June reached the highest level since October 2018.



LOCAL & LOUISIANA

NEW BUSINESSES IN RAPIDES

The chart below represents the number of new businesses established each month in Rapides from January 2019 through August 2021.

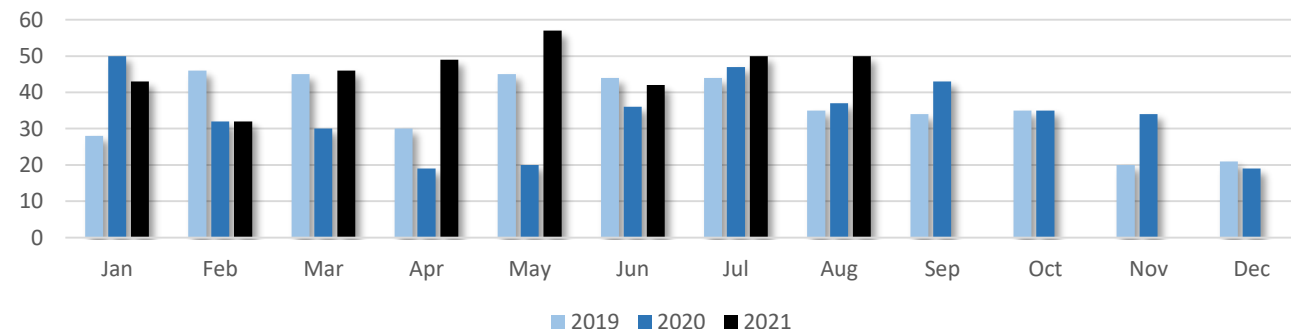
✓ The number of new businesses established in Rapides in August 2021 was unchanged from July but was 35% higher than August 2020.

✓ Year-to-date new businesses in Rapides are up 36% over 2020.

August

	2018	2019	2020	2021
August	39	35	37	50
July	49	44	47	50
% Chg Prev Month	-20.4%	-20.5%	-21.3%	0.0%
% Chg from Prev Year		-10.3%	5.7%	35.1%
YTD (Jan - Aug)	374	317	271	369
% Chg over Prev YTD		-15.2%	-14.5%	36.2%

New Businesses in Rapides
2019-2021



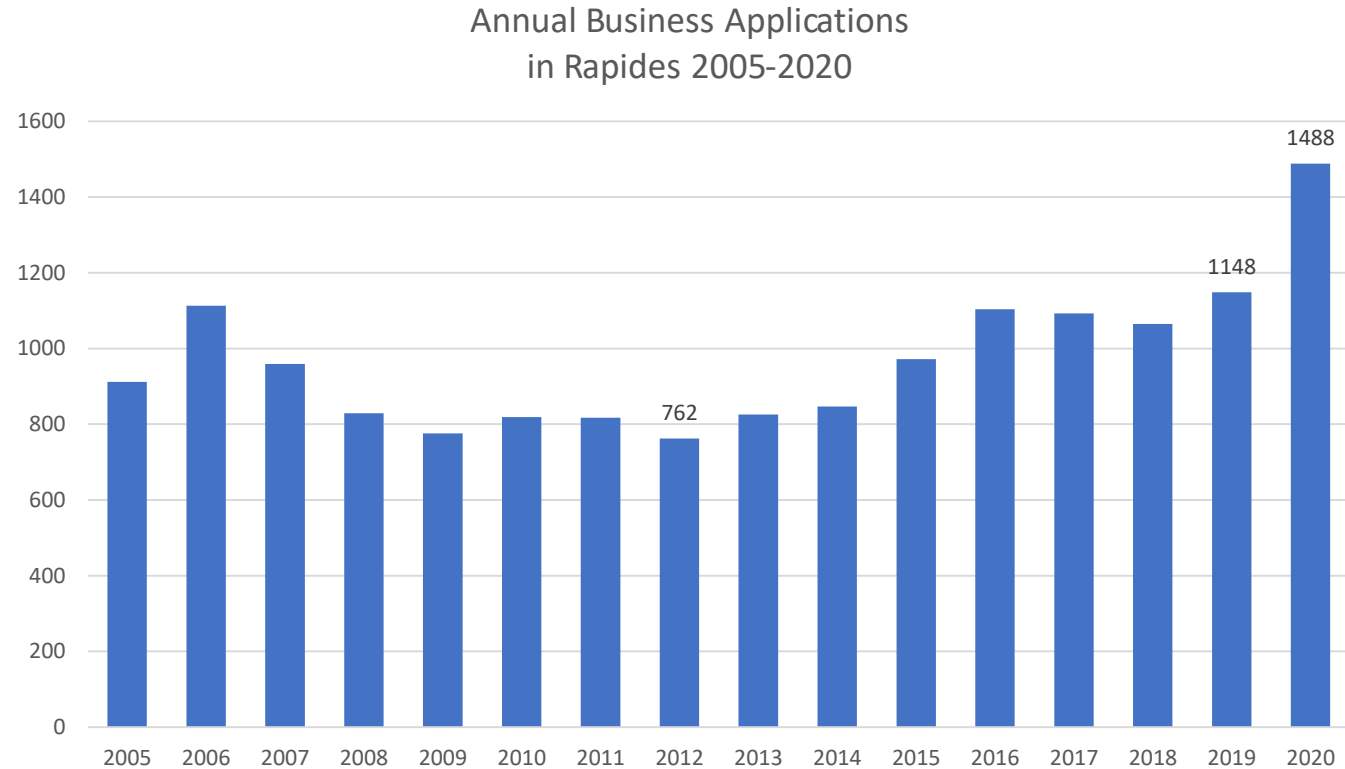
Note: Data reflects businesses established in the prior month.

Data Source: Rapides Parish Sales and Use Tax Department, September 6, 2021.

ANNUAL NEW BUSINESSES IN RAPIDES

The chart below represents the number of new business applications in Rapides Parish from 2005 - 2020.

- ✓ The number of new business applications in Rapides in 2020 grew 30% over 2019 reaching 1,488.
- ✓ In 2020, Rapides had the highest number of new business applications in 15 years.



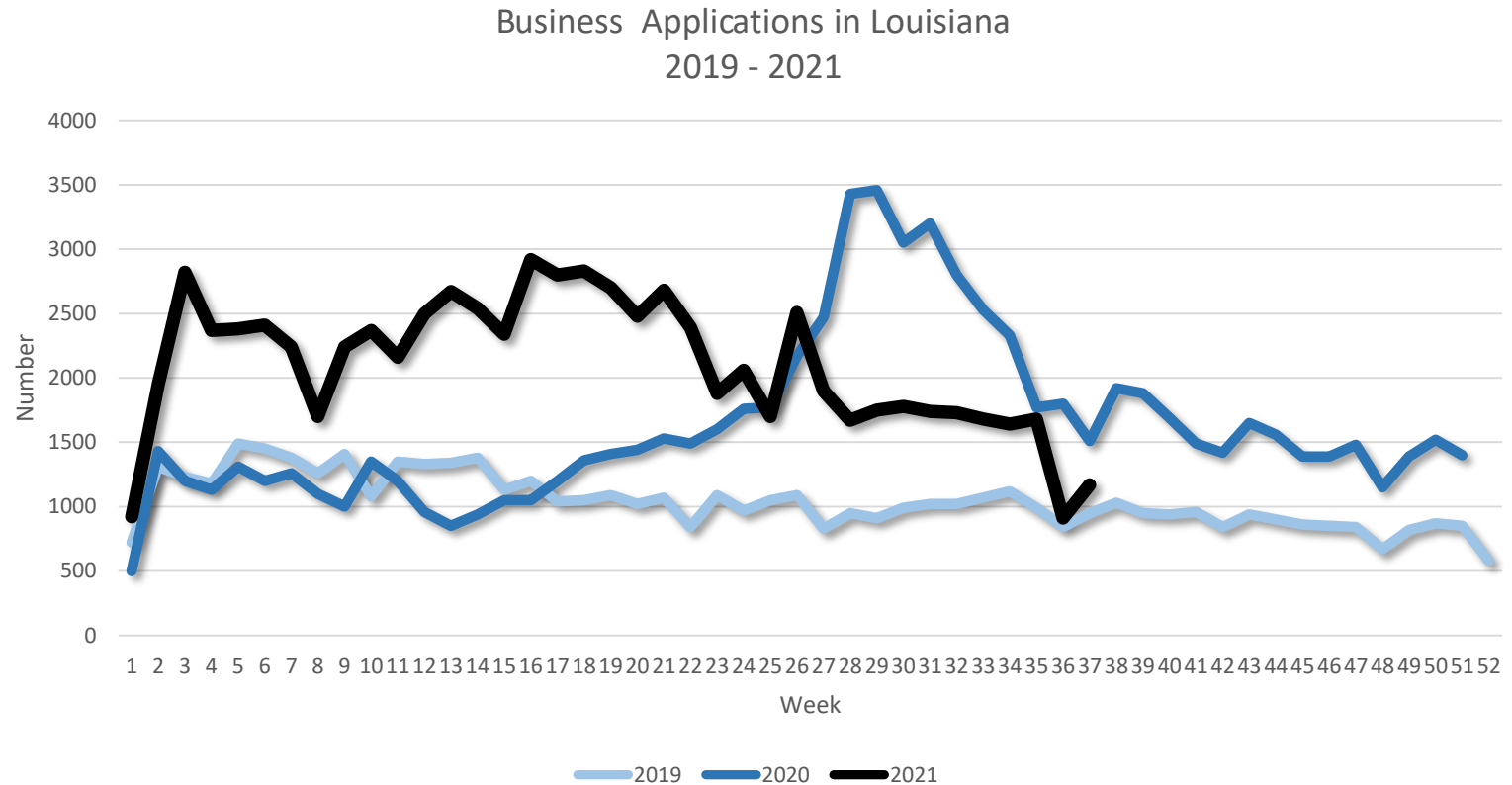
Note: Data reflects businesses applications, not necessarily business formations.

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Business Formation Statistics, Retrieved September 18, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS APPS IN LOUISIANA

The chart below represents the weekly number of new businesses applications in Louisiana from 2019-2021

✓ Year-to-date the number of new business applications in Louisiana in 2021 grew 27% over 2020 and 90% over 2019.



Note: Data reflects businesses applications, not necessarily business formations.

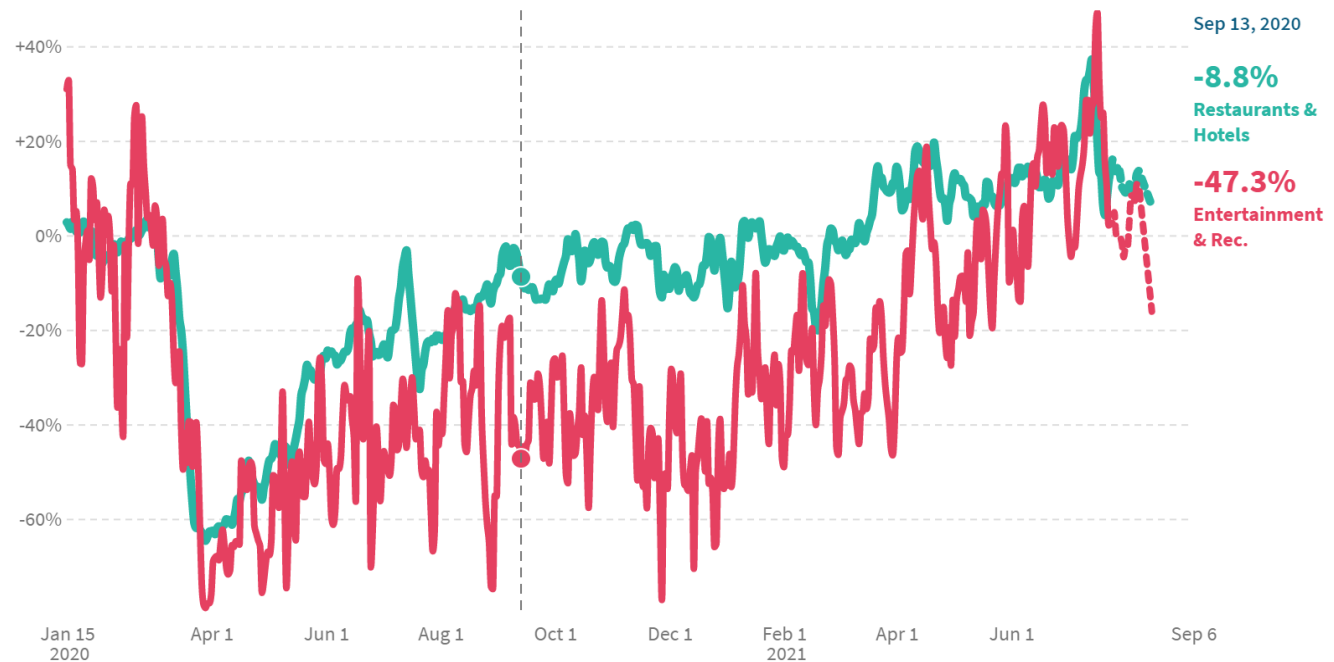
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CONSUMER SPENDING IN LOUISIANA

These graphs represents the percent change in average consumer credit and debit card spending in Louisiana as of August 15, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline.

In Louisiana, as of August 15 2021, restaurant and hotel spending by all consumers increased by **6.2%** compared to January 2020.

- ✓ Total consumer spending in Louisiana was 17% over the baseline.
- ✓ Entertainment and transportation both declined sharply from mid-July, with entertainment falling from +43% to -16% in mid-August. Restaurant and hotel spending fell from +35% to +6% in the same period.



data source: Affinity

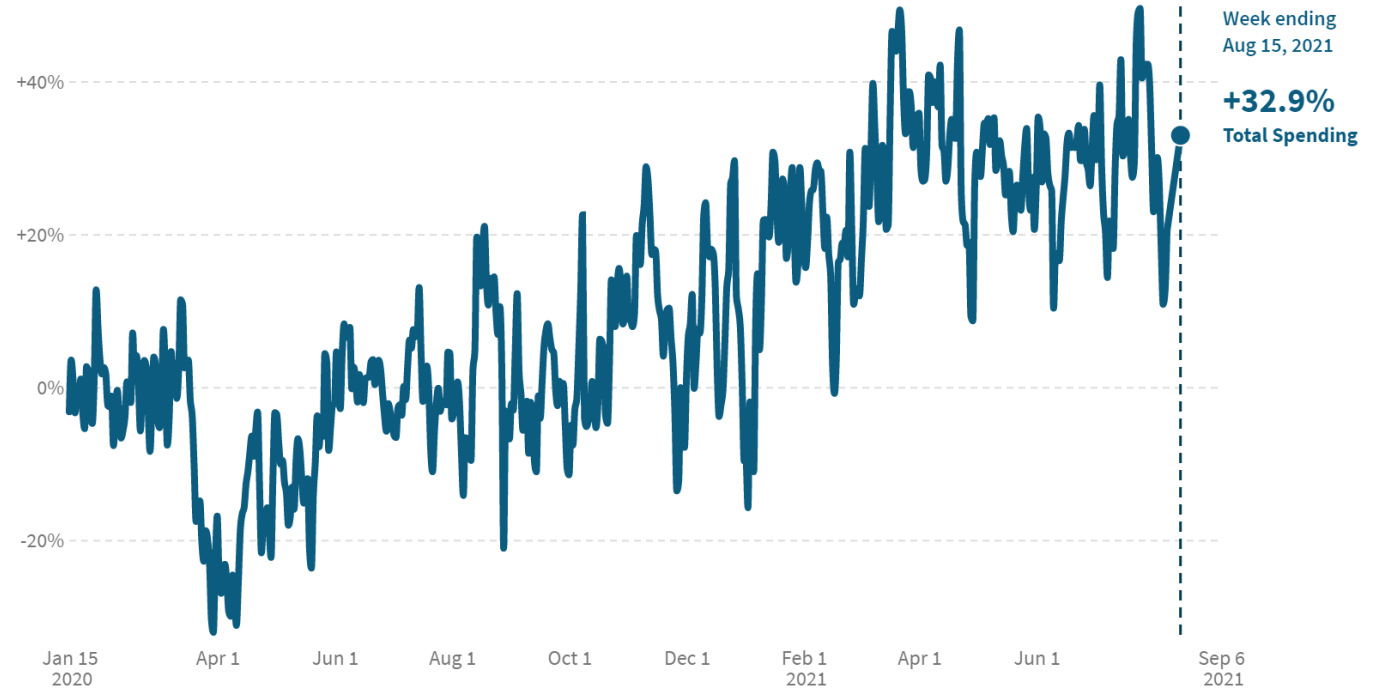
- Compared to the January 2020 baseline, total consumer spending on August 15, 2021 in Louisiana was up 16%, with retail and entertainment down -16% and restaurant and hotel spending up 6%. Grocery spending was up 15%, health care up 24%, and retail up 32%.

ALL CONSUMER SPENDING IN CENLA

The table and chart represents the percent change in average consumer credit and debit card spending in Cenla as of August 15, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline, while the chart represents Rapides.

	<u>Change in Spending</u>
Allen	+50%
Catahoula	+21%
Evangeline	+21%
Grant	+39%
La Salle	+24%
Natchitoches	+24%
Rapides	+33%
St. Landry	+2%
Vernon	+24%

In **Rapides**, as of August 15 2021, total spending by all consumers increased by **32.9%** compared to January 2020.



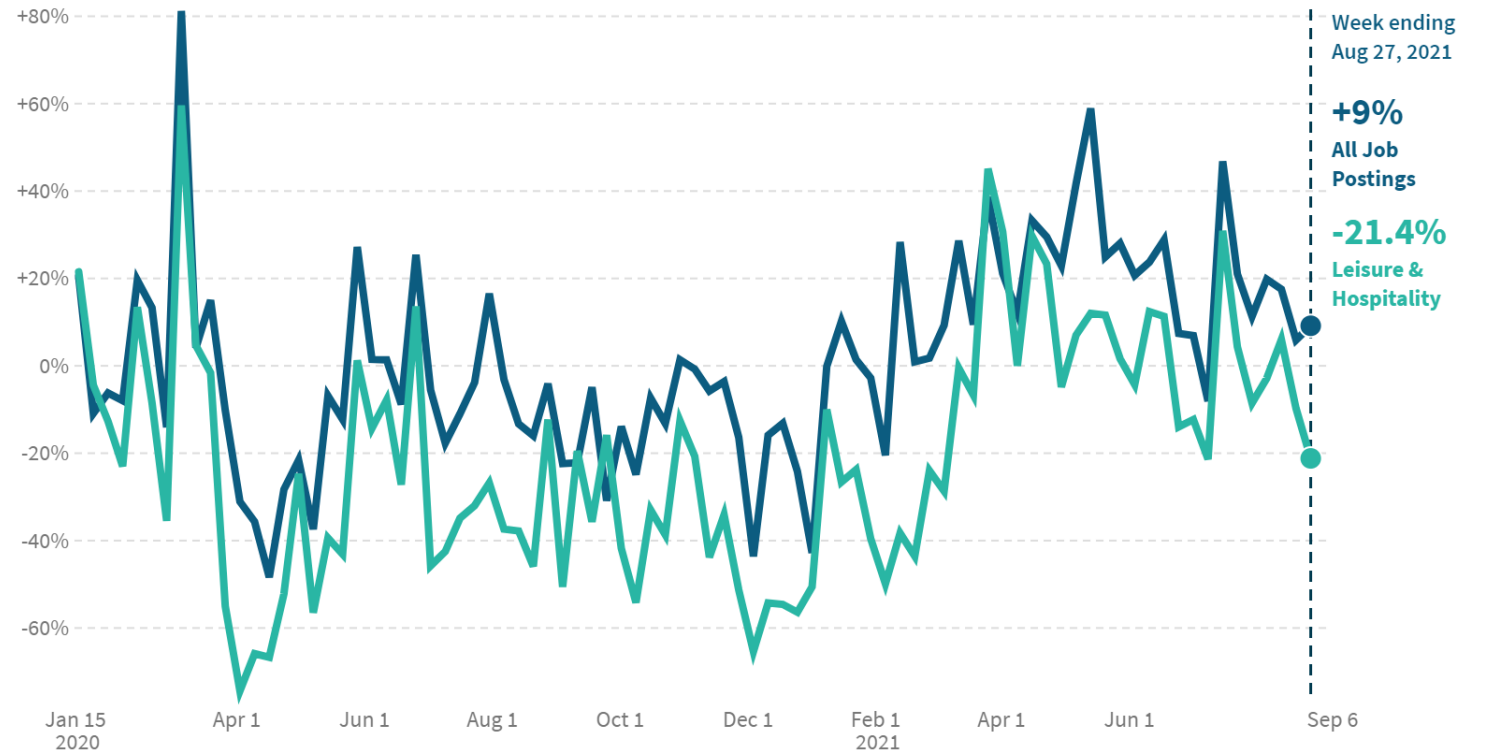
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PERCENT CHANGE IN JOB POSTING IN LOUISIANA

The chart below represents the percent change in job posting by industry in Louisiana as of August 27, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline.

In **Louisiana**, as of August 27 2021, total job postings increased by **9%** compared to January 2020.

<u>Industry</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Education & Health Services	-4%
Manufacturing	+13%
Leisure & Hospitality	-21%
Professional	+14%
Financial	+48%



data source: **Burning Glass Technologies**

TIME SPENT AT WORK IN CENLA

The chart represents the percent of time employees in Cenla and statewide spent at work as of August 29, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline.

In **Louisiana**, as of August 29, 2021, total time spent at workplace locations decreased by **29%** compared to January 2020.

	<u>Change in Time at Work</u>
Avoyelles	-27%
Concordia	-28%
Evangeline	-31%
Grant	-7%
Natchitoches	-25%
Rapides	-19%
St. Landry	-21%
Vernon	-18%

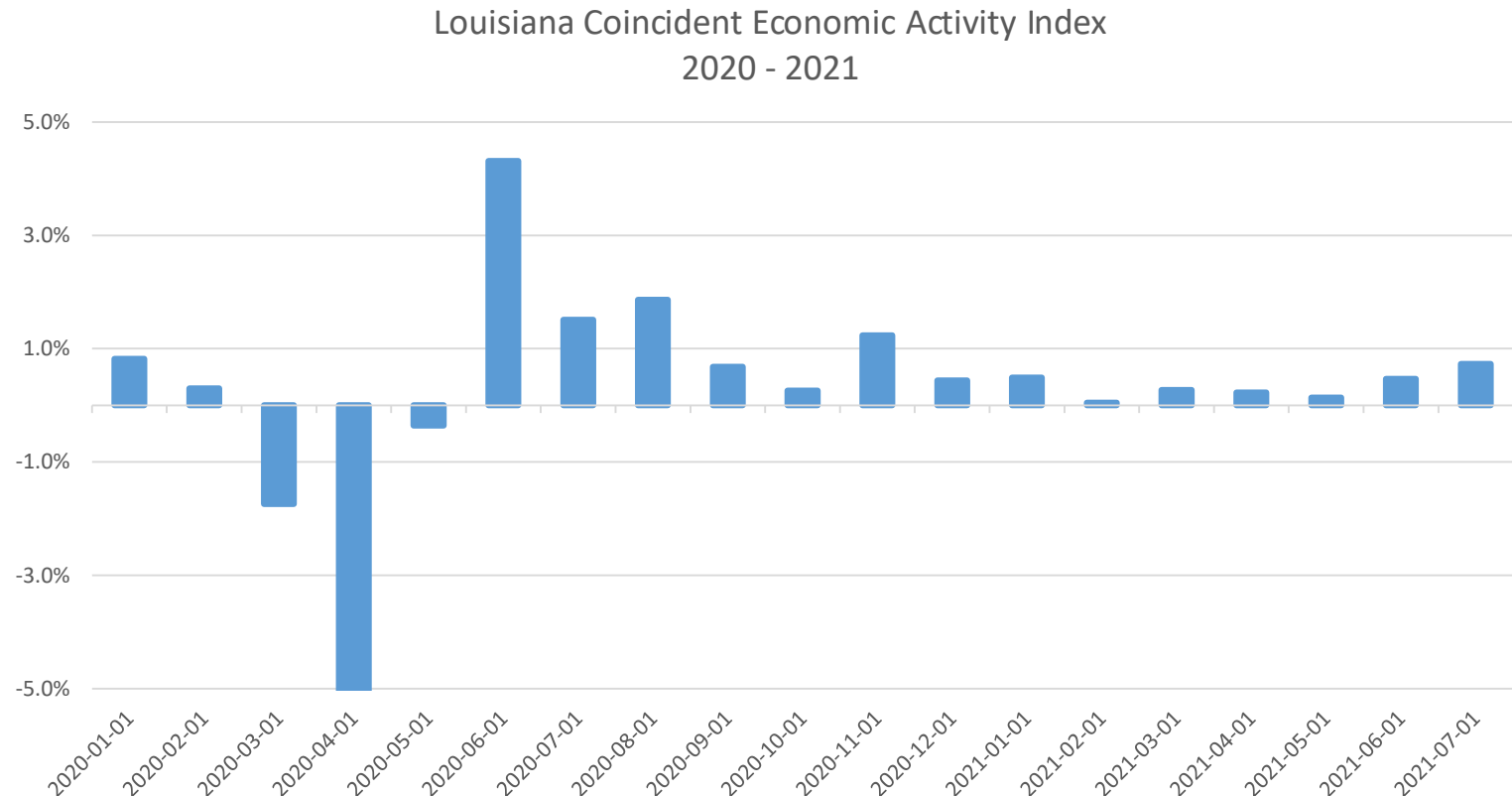


data source: **Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports**

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY INDEX

The Coincident Economic Activity Index for Louisiana is set to match the trend in the gross state product and includes four indicators: nonfarm payroll employment, the unemployment rate, average hours worked in manufacturing and wages and salaries. The column graph below represents the percentage change in the index. A positive percentage represents an expanding statewide economy.

✓ *The Index for July 2021 increased 0.73% over June, which represents the largest monthly increase since November 2020 and a continuation of the economic recovery.*



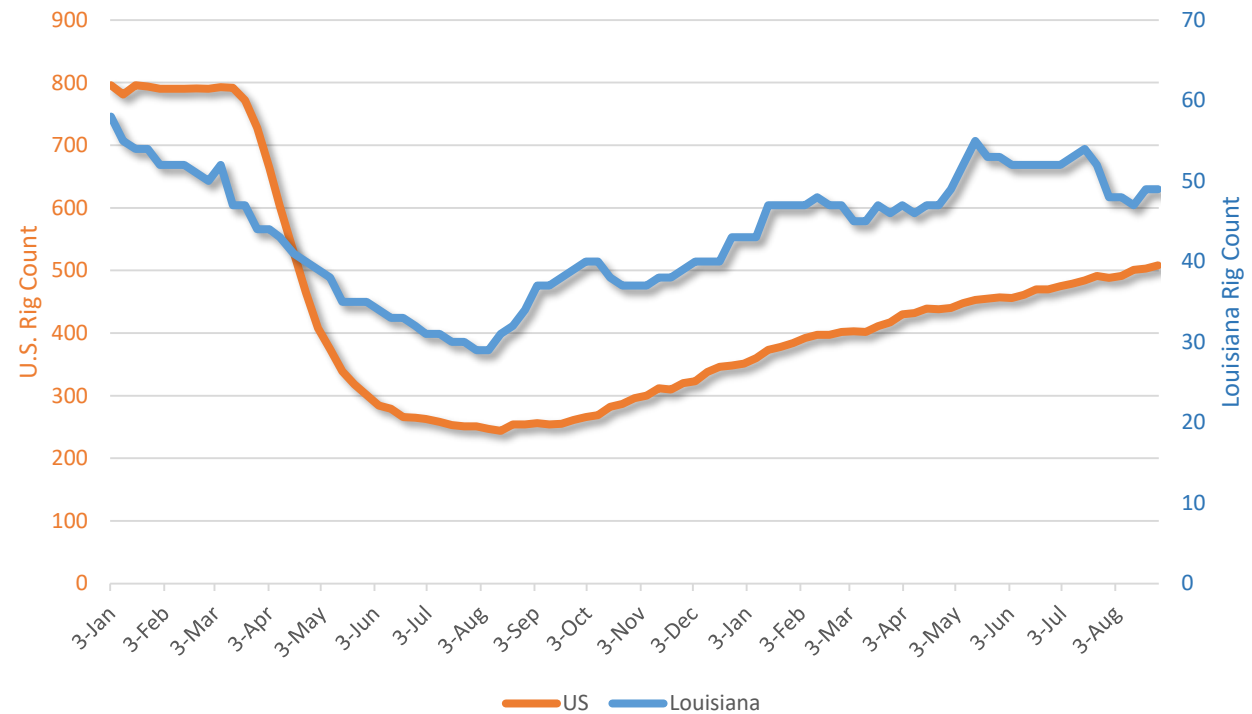
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNT

Represents the number of drilling rigs actively exploring for or developing oil or natural gas in Louisiana and the U.S. in 2021

	Aug 20	Jul 21	Aug 21
N. LA-Land	21	35	32
Int l Water	1	1	3
S. LA-Land	0	1	1
S. LA-Offshore	10	15	13
TOTAL LOUISIANA	32	52	49
TOTAL US	250	483	503

- ✓ Rig count in Louisiana fell by 2 rigs in August from July but is up 53% or 17 rigs from August 2020.
- ✓ Nationwide, the rig count is up 101% from a year ago.




Rig Count in U.S. & Louisiana
2020-2021



NATIONAL

NATIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Monthly U.S. economic indicators for July 2021.

		Indicator	Jun-21	Jul-21
Business Inventories	 0.5%	Monthly Wholesale Trade	1.2%	0.6%
		Business Inventories	0.9%	0.5%
		Construction Spending	0.0%	0.3%
Residential Sales	 1.0%	Advance Monthly Wholesale Inventories	1.2%	0.6%
		Advance Monthly Retail Inventories	0.5%	0.4%
		Advance Durable Goods Manf. Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	0.8%	-0.1%
Residential Construction	 -7.0%	New Residential Sales	-2.6%	1.0%
		New Residential Construction *	3.5%	-7.0%
		Advance Monthly Sales for Retail and Food Services *	-1.1%	-1.8%

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