

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 38% of the population fully vaccinated, up from 35% in mid-September. Rapides and Avoyelles have the highest percentage of completed vaccinations in Region 6 at 43% and 41%, respectively. The number of cases continues to decline nearing pre-4th wave levels. Young adults led the 4th wave of the pandemic with 5-17 year olds reporting the highest number of cases, followed by 18-29 year olds, then 30-39 year olds, etc. Children (0-4) and elderly (60+) were the least infected. Every parish in Region 6 remains at the highest risk level while other regions of the state are beginning to experience reduce risk levels. Hospitalizations for Covid for Region 6 continue to decline but have not reached the lows of post-3rd wave.

EMPLOYMENT

After reaching a multi-year employment peak of 61,950 in the Alexandria MSA in July 2021, employment declined by 614 to 61,366 in August. The metro area reached a pandemic low of 55,588 employed just 15 months ago. Statewide initial unemployment claims were up 286% in September due to Hurricane Ida, while continued claims remained unchanged. The unemployment rate in Cenla fell to 4.7% in August compared to 5.4% in July and 5.5% for the state. In August, Rapides reported a 3.8% unemployment rate down from 4.3% in July and well below the state and Cenla rates. Hiring pressures tightened even further in the Alexandria MSA and statewide. Currently, there are almost three job openings for every unemployed in Alexandria, while the state average is less than 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 September reflect activity in August. Spending in August was lower in 8 of the ten jurisdictions reporting and ranged from -32% in Catahoula to +13% in Avoyelles. Vehicle sales were down -50% in Avoyelles, and single digits in Evangeline and Rapides, but up 3% in St. Landry. Year-to-date comparisons of consumer spending and vehicle sales remain very positive. Since the first of the year, \$12.2 million in sales tax revenue have been collected from online sales in central Louisiana with Rapides collecting the most at \$3.7 million, followed by St. Landry at \$2.3 million, and Vernon at \$1.4 million. Thanks to Sheriff McCain, Grant sales tax data is now included in the *Dashboard*.

TRAVEL

The adverse impact from the 4th wave is now visible in travel data. Travelers at state welcome centers dropped 55% in July from the previous month. Louisiana gasoline sales in July fell by 6% over June, but year-to-date is still 7% above 2020. Visitors to Louisiana by highway were down 55% in August compared to July. It was the first monthly decline since Spring, according to Welcome Center records. Statewide, air passenger traffic suffered in September due to Hurricane Ida, falling from 81% of the 2019 level in August to 40% in September. At 88% of the 2019 level, AEX outpaced the national average of 76%, while Lafayette led the air transportation sector statewide at 99%. Hotel occupancy so far this year is up 28% in Avoyelles and 39% in Rapides, but was mixed for September. Restaurant reservations in Louisiana (largely New Orleans) continued to trend downward in September, according to OpenTable. However, the is reservations are expected to start a new uptrend.

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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 59% for the year while the value of residential permits are up 57%. So far this year, permit valuations issued in Avoyelles are up 56%, Evangeline 153%, and Rapides parish 1082%! Permits in Pineville are down -33%. Residential construction permits in Cenla are up 40% within the RAPC jurisdiction over September 2020.

HOUSING

The US Lumber Price Index declined only -3% in September from the previous month, but it was the fourth consecutive monthly decline and stands -14% below January 2021. Nationwide residential construction increased 3.9% in August. Active listings in the Alexandria MSA picked up 12% in September, with median days on the market slipping -4% and the median and average listing price falling -5%.

NEW BUSINESSES

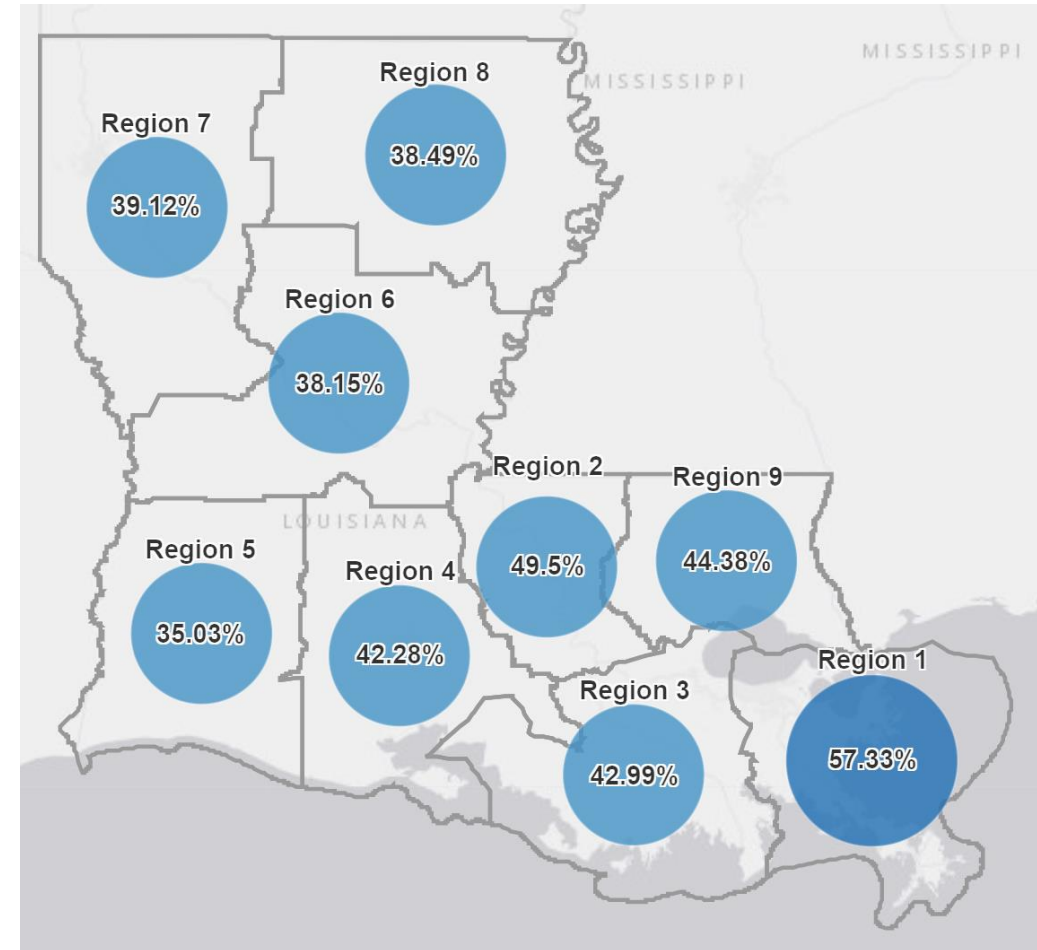
New business growth fell in central Louisiana in the latest report. In September 2021, the number of new businesses established in Rapides fell -34% from August, but remains 28% year-to-date over 2020. Through September of this year, the number of new business applications in Louisiana in 2021 grew 22% over 2020.

COVID-19

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

COVID-19 vaccinations as a percent of region population as of October 17, 2021.

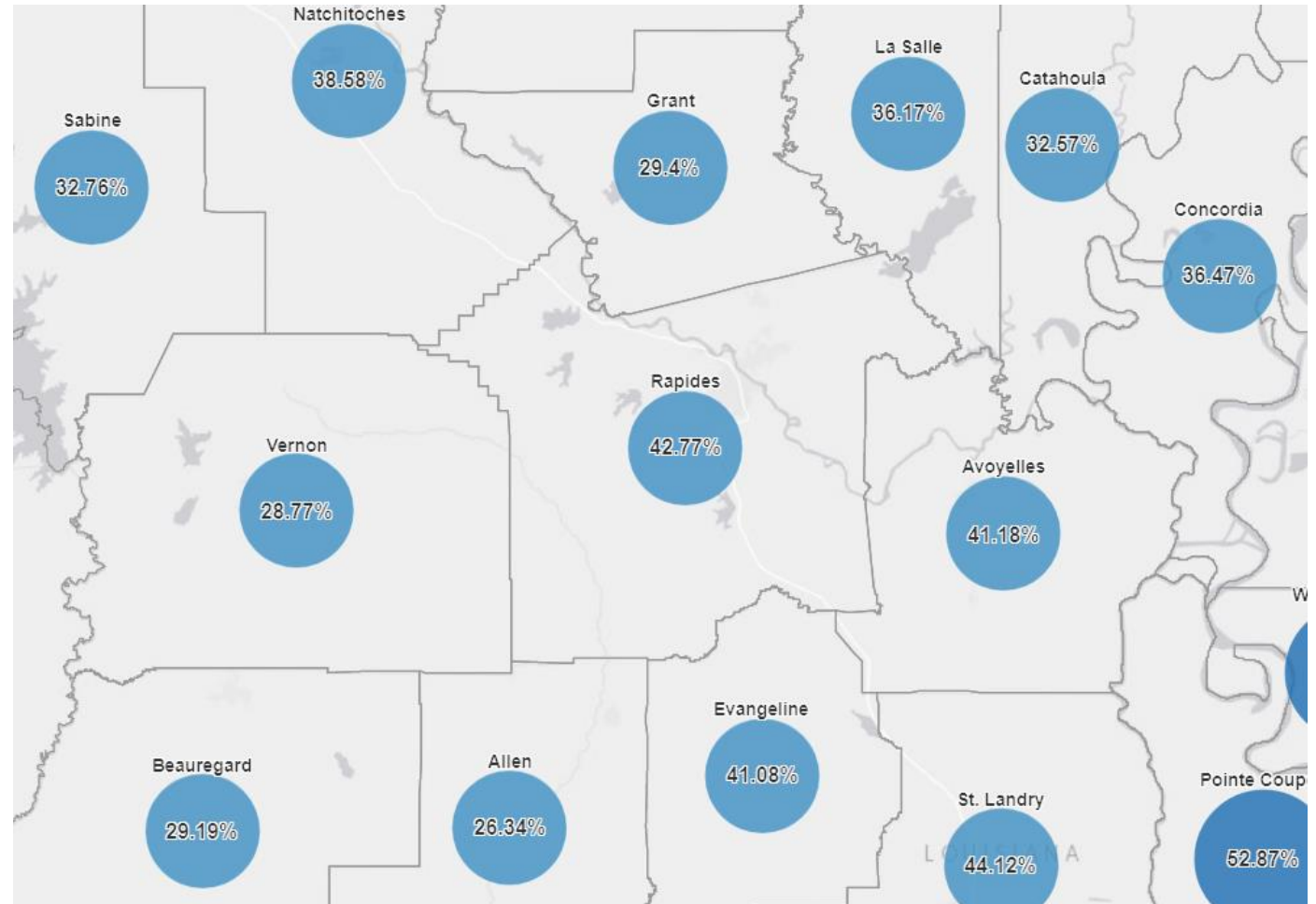
- ✓ Region 6 continues to have the second lowest vaccination rate in the state with 38.2% of the population vaccinated in October, up from 35% in September, 30% in August and 27% in July.
- ✓ Region 1 (New Orleans) and Region 2 (Baton Rouge) have the highest rates of vaccination at 57% and 49%, respectively.



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS BY PARISH

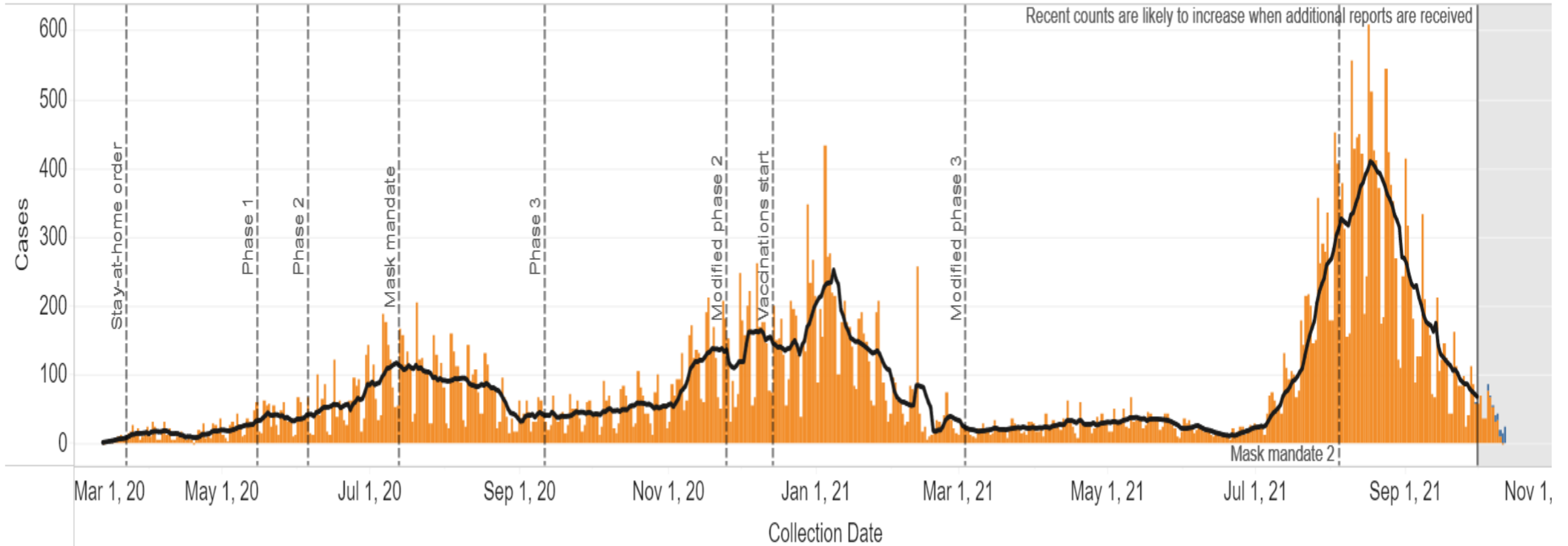
COVID-19 vaccinations as a percent of parish population as of October 13, 2021.

- ✓ Rapides and Avoyelles have the highest percentage of completed vaccinations in Region 6 at 42.8% and 41.2% respectively.



COVID-19 CASES BY COLLECTION DATE

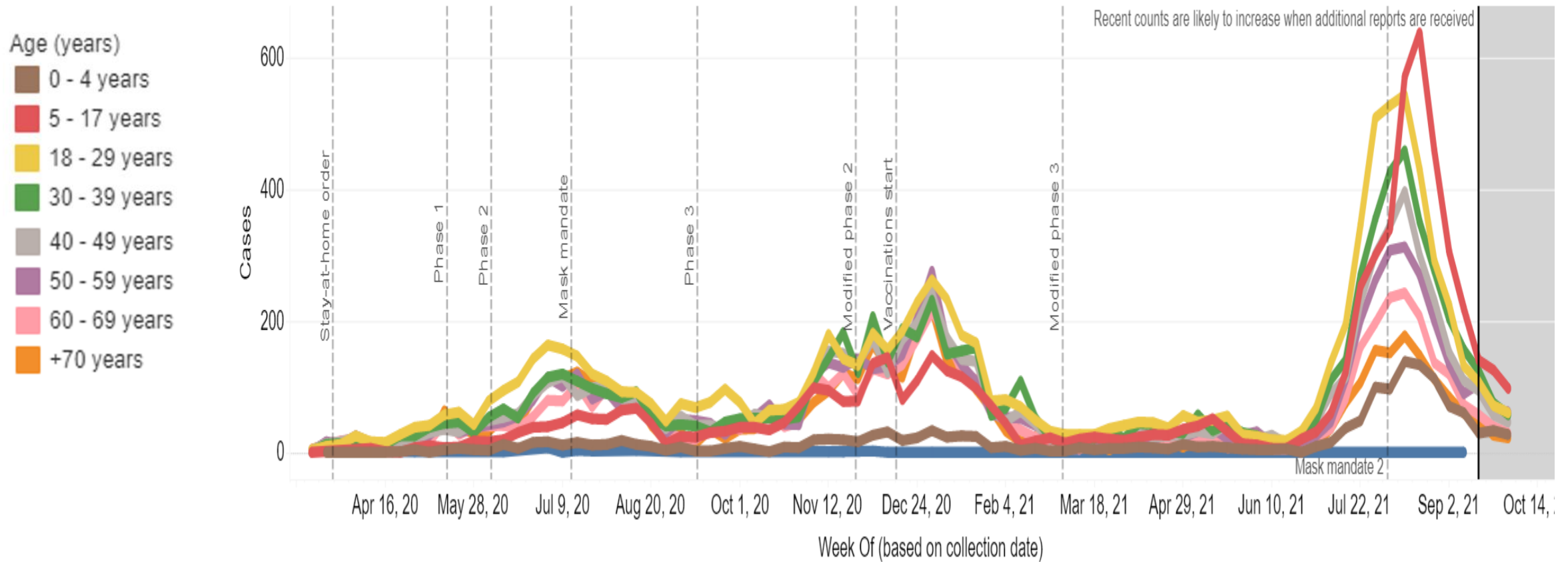
COVID-19 cases by collection date as of October 13, 2021 in Region 6 with a 7-day moving average.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), October 13, 2021.

COVID-19 REGION 6 CASES BY AGE GROUP

Cases over time by age group in Region 6 through October 13, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), October 13, 2021.

COVID-19 PERCENT POSITIVE AND TEST VOLUME

COVID-19 percent positive and test volume in Region 6 as of October 13, 2021.

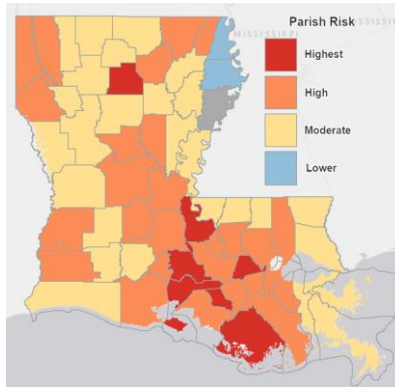


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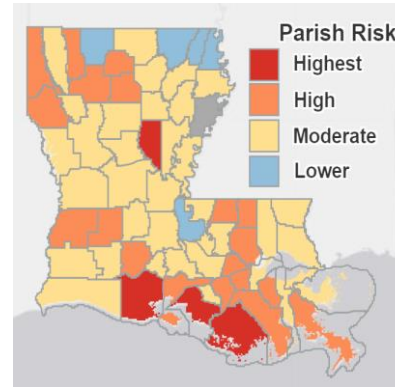
COVID-19 STATEWIDE RISK BY PARISH

COVID-19 statewide risk by parish.

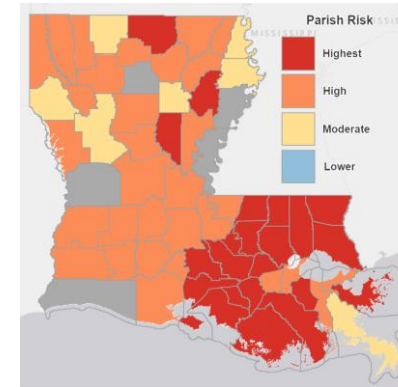
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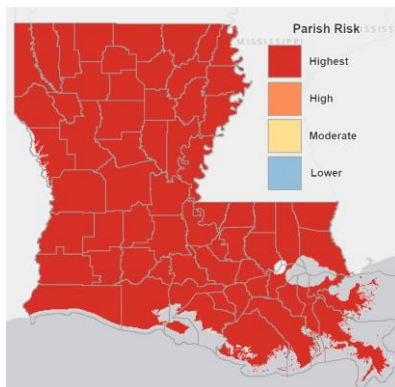
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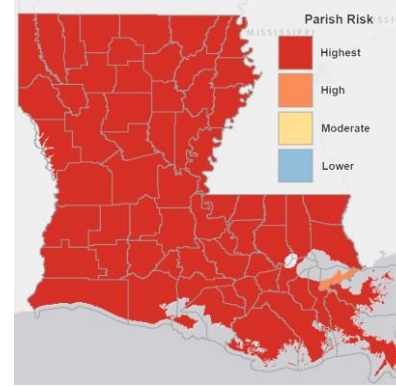
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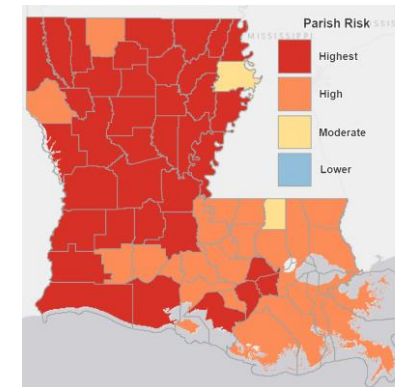
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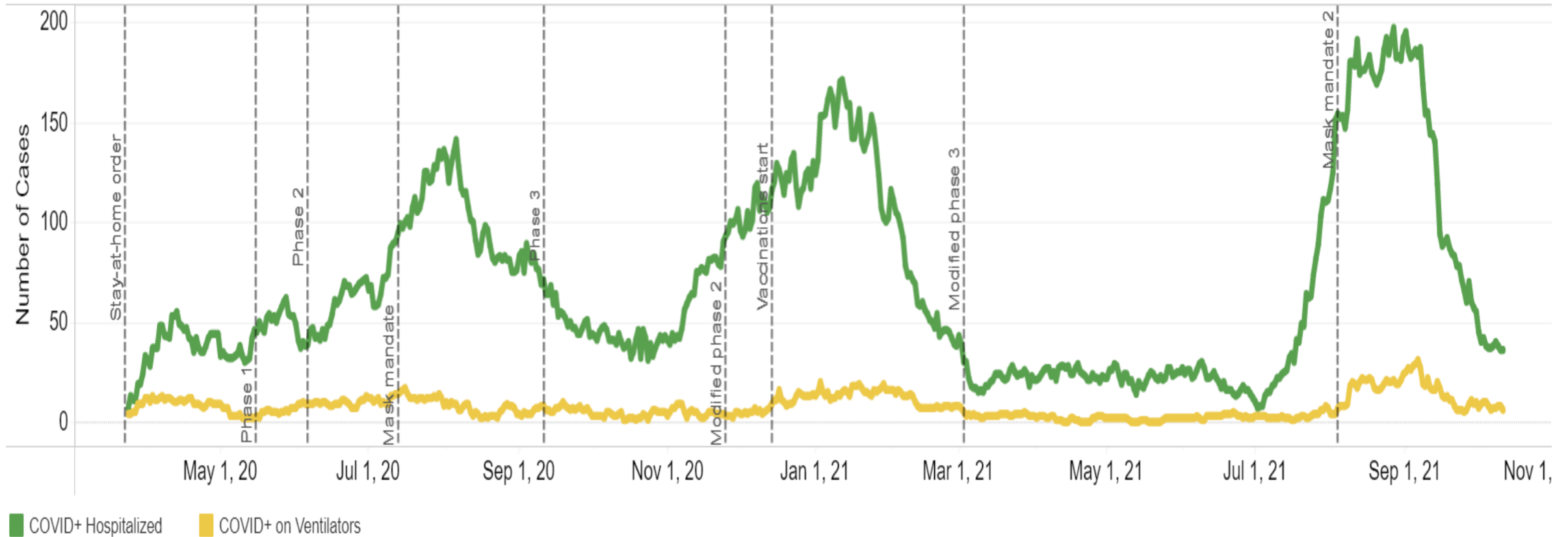
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Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, October 18, 2021.

COVID-19 HOSPITALIZED & VENTILATED

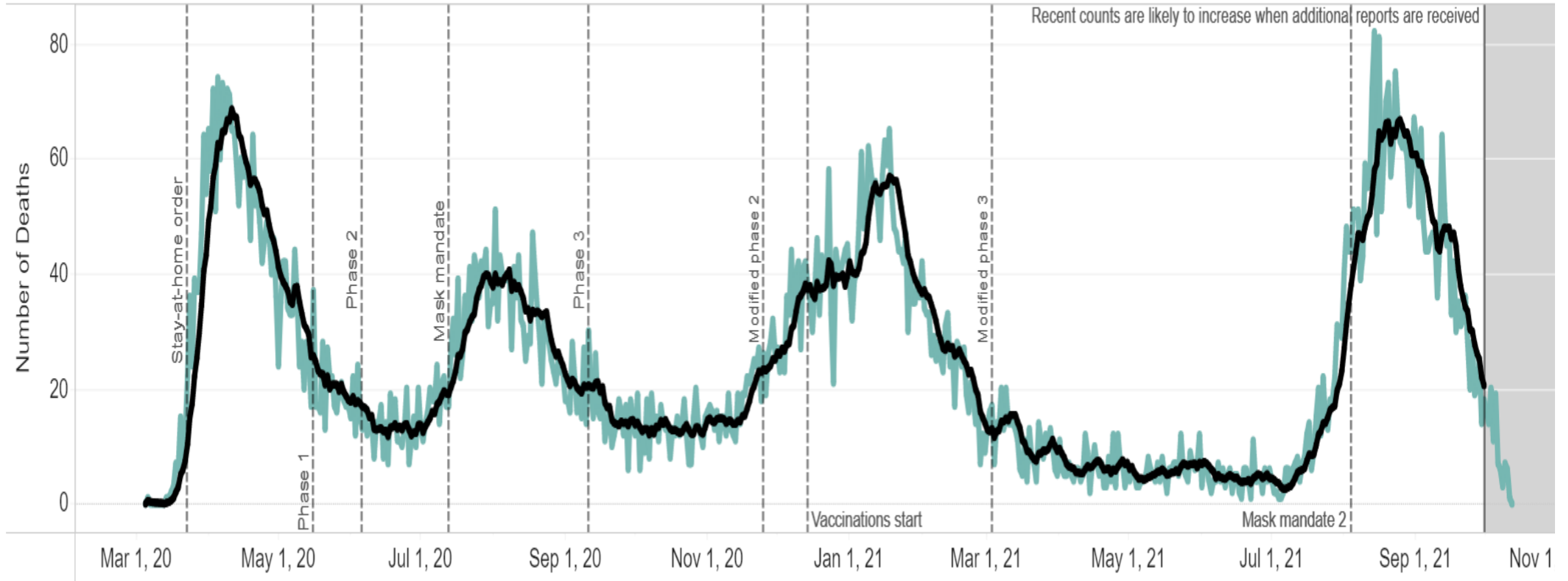
Number of cases hospitalized (green line) and ventilated (yellow line) in Region 6 as of October 13, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), October 13, 2021.

COVID-19 DEATHS STATEWIDE BY DATE

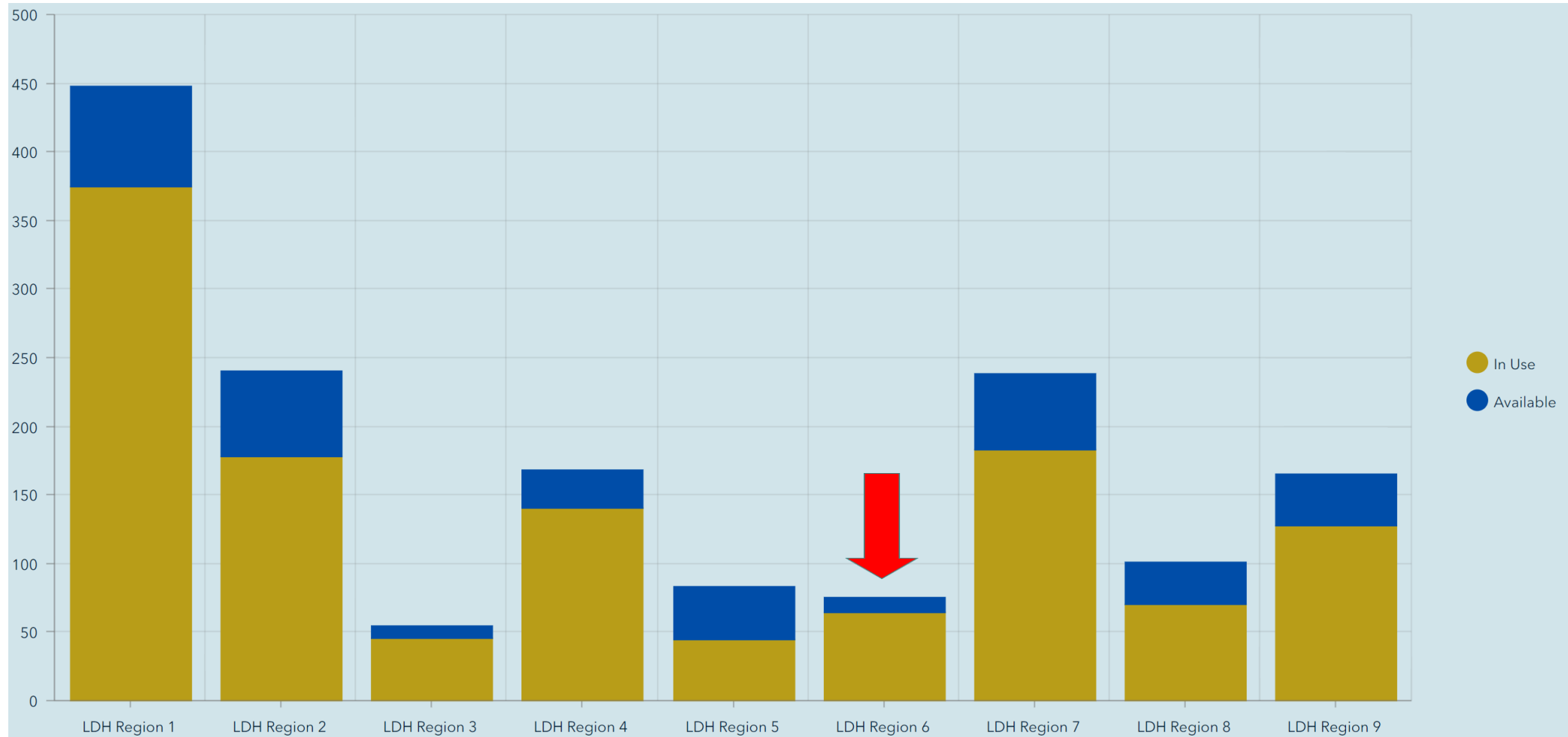
COVID-19 deaths by date of death statewide as of October 13, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), October 13, 2021.

ICU BEDS AVAILABLE & IN USE BY LDH REGION

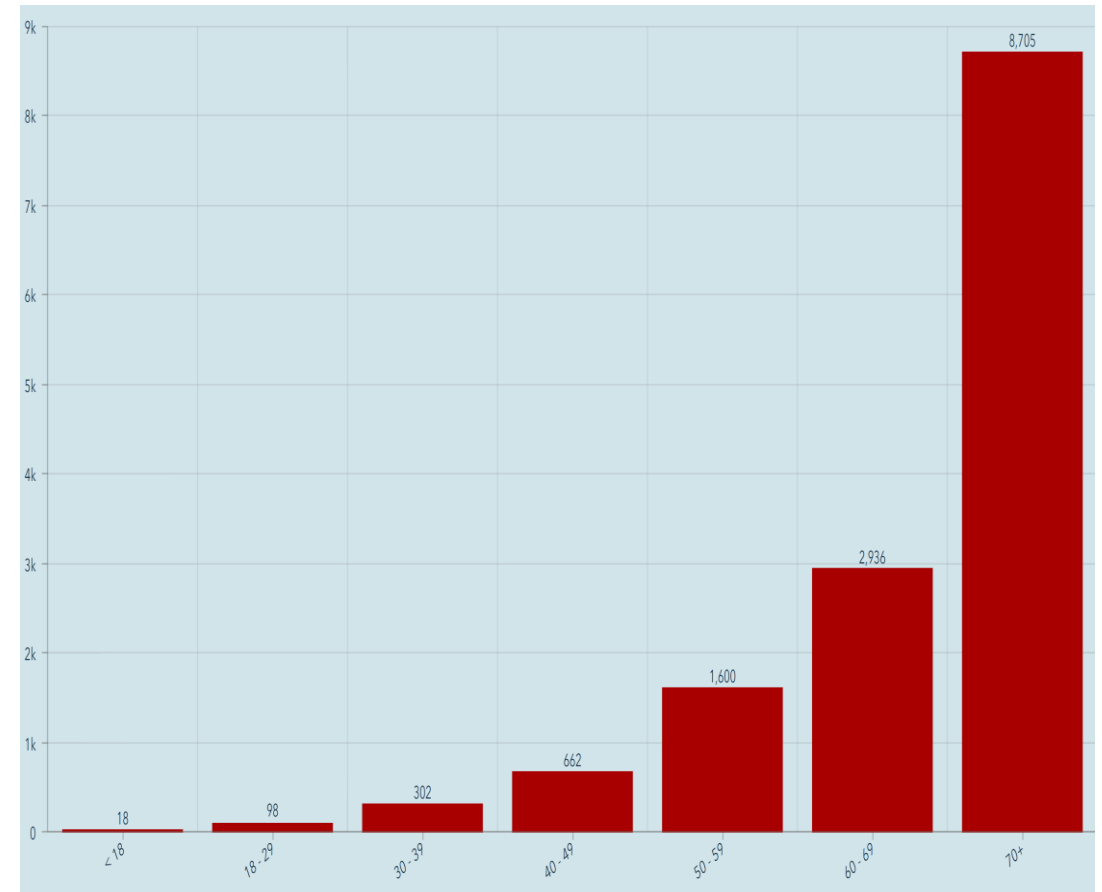
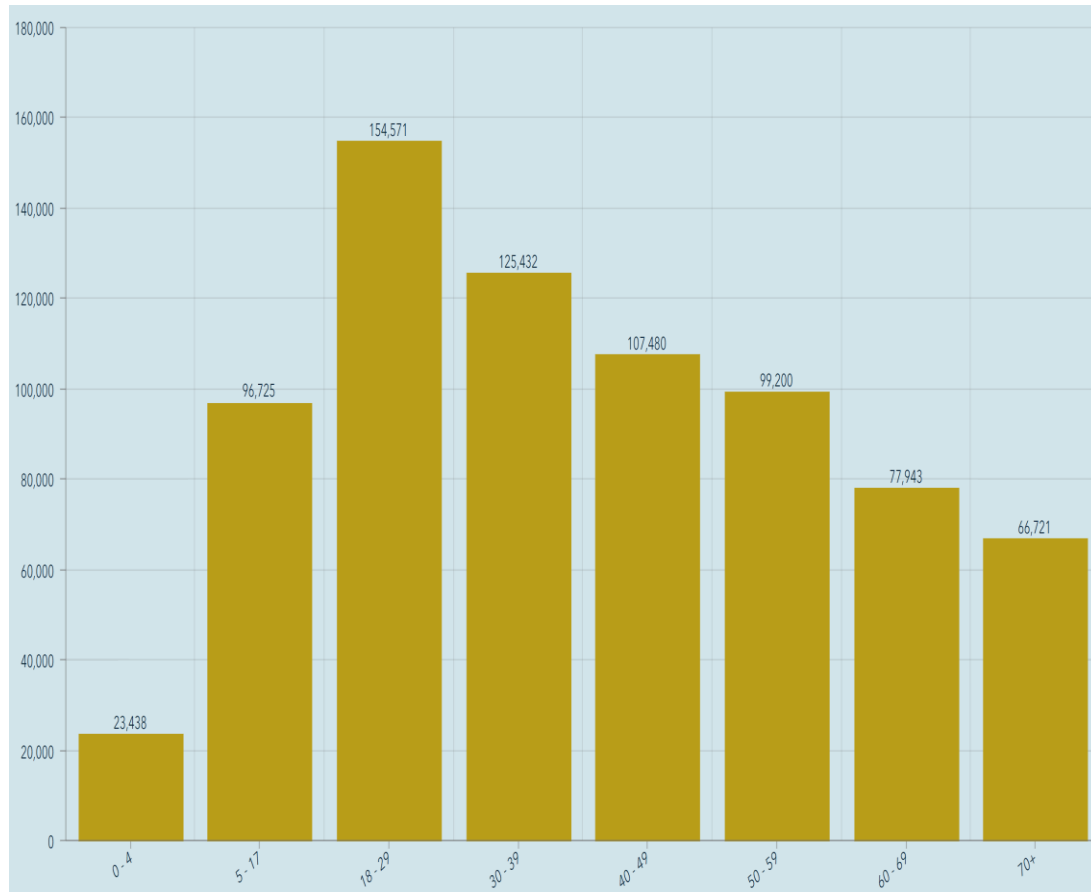
Available beds by Louisiana Department of Health region as of October 17, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), October 17, 2021.

COVID-19 CASES & DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

COVID-19 cases (left) and deaths (right) statewide by age group as of October 17, 2021.



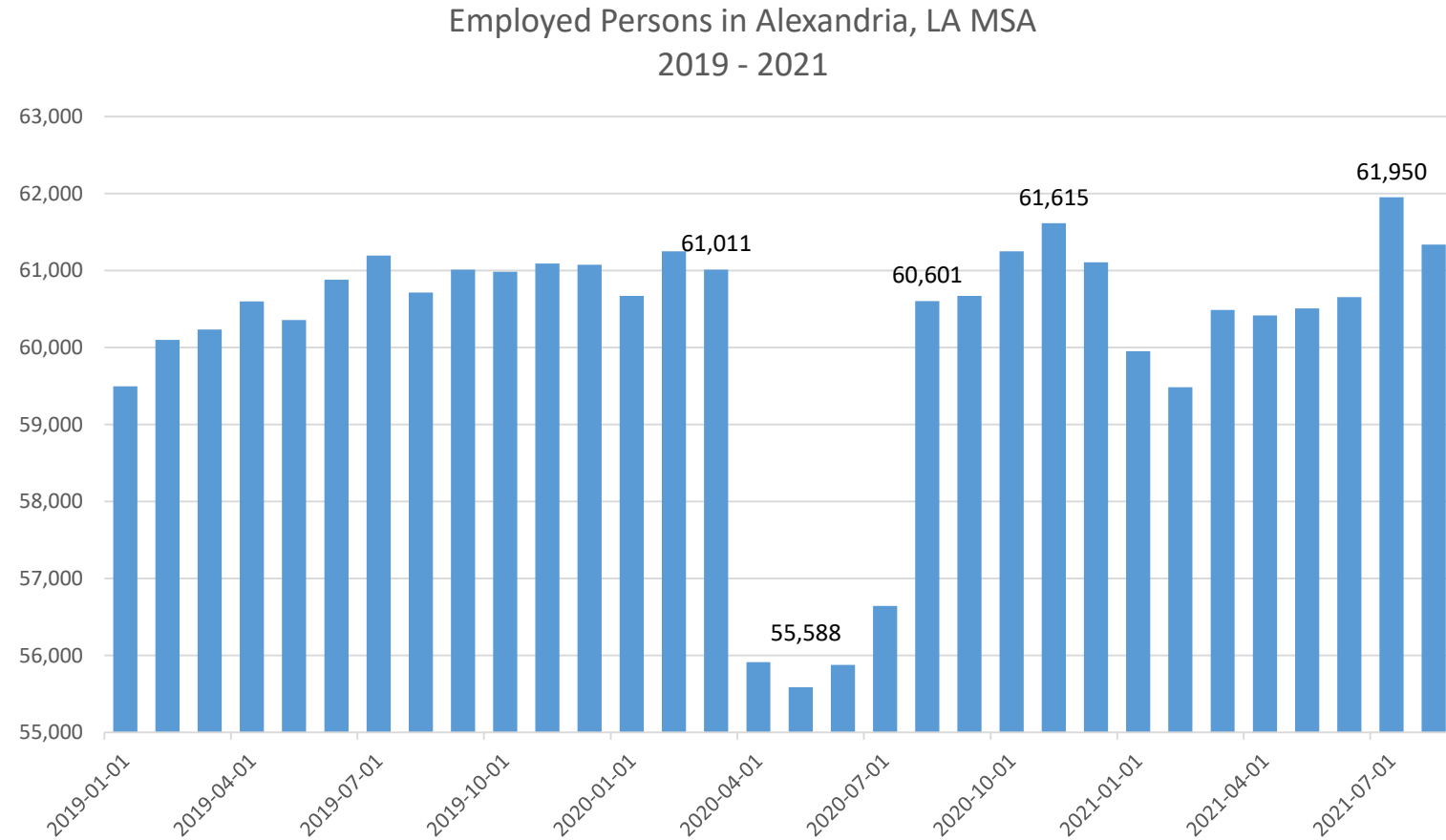
Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), October 17, 2021.

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT IN ALEXANDRIA MSA

Employed persons in the Alexandria MSA from 2019 – 2021.

- ✓ In August 2021, 61,336 were employed in the Alexandria metro area, a decrease of 614 from July.
- ✓ July 2021 recorded the highest employment level since July 2016 at 61,950.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY CENLA PARISH

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

✓ In August, parishes in central Louisiana had an average unemployment rate of 4.7% compared to 5.5% statewide.

✓ At 2.8%, La Salle Parish had the lowest unemployment rate in the state, a record it has held throughout the pandemic.

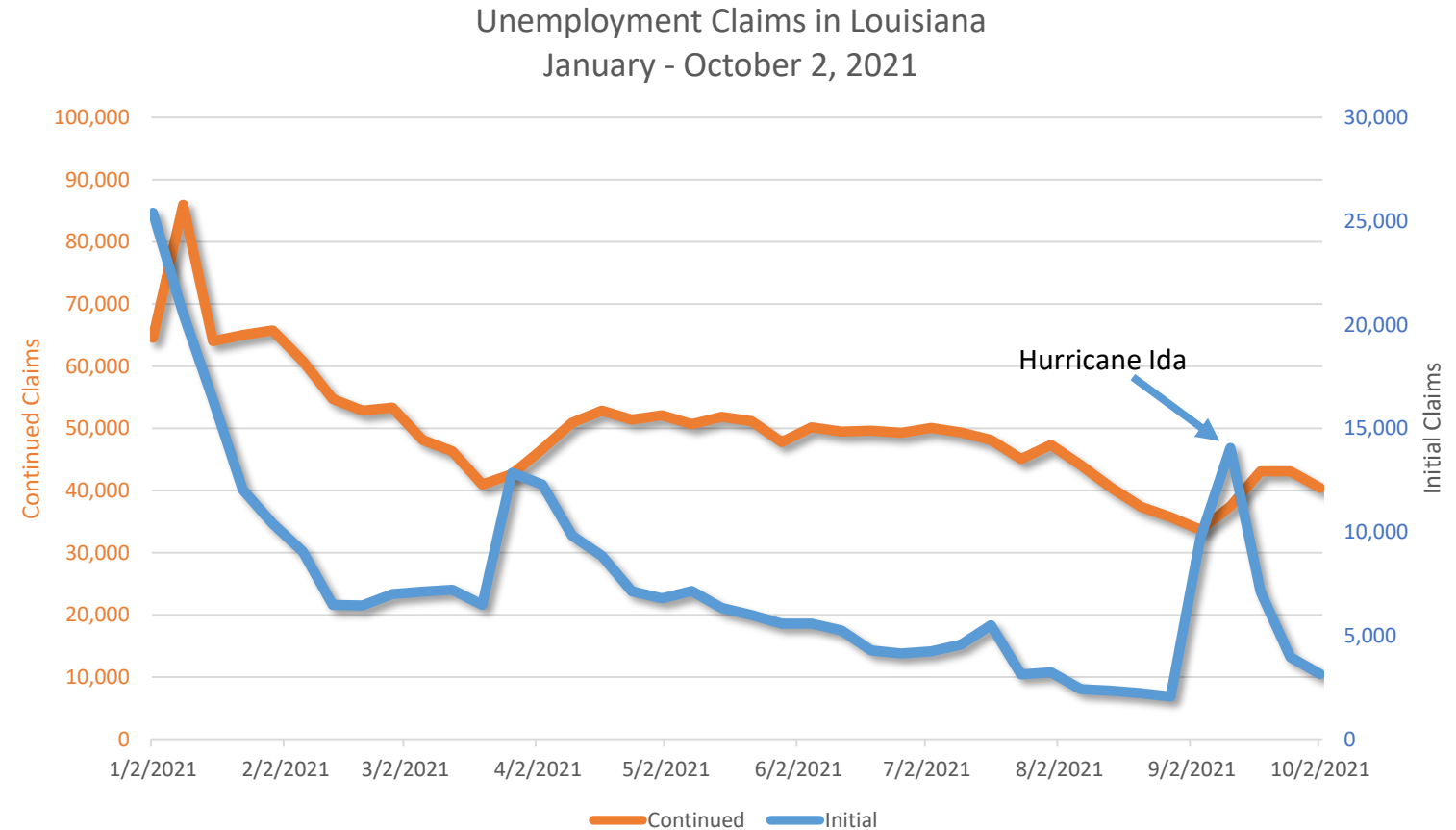
✓ Grant and Rapides had the 11th and 14th lowest unemployment rate in the state, respectively.

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate Aug 2021	Unemployment Rate July 2021
Allen	7,621	7,183	438	5.7%	6.8%
Avoyelles	14,681	13,914	767	5.2%	6.0%
Catahoula	3,498	3,335	163	4.7%	5.5%
Concordia	6,924	6,514	410	5.9%	6.9%
Evangeline	11,697	11,060	637	5.4%	6.2%
Grant	8,207	7,900	307	3.7%	4.3%
La Salle	6,882	6,687	195	2.8%	3.4%
Natchitoches	15,771	15,023	748	4.7%	5.6%
Rapides	55,573	53,436	2,137	3.8%	4.3%
St. Landry	31,859	29,843	2,016	6.3%	7.2%
Vernon	15,838	15,201	637	4.0%	4.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS IN LOUISIANA

Initial and continued unemployment claims in Louisiana from January to October 2, 2021.

- ✓ Statewide average weekly initial unemployment claims filed in September rose to 8,714 from 2,260 in August, a 286% increase.
- ✓ Statewide average weekly continued unemployment claims were little changed in September at 39,327 compared to 39,429 in August.
- ✓ Following Hurricane Ida, initial claims rose from 2,061 on August 28 to 14,056 on September 11, up 582%.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG LA METROS

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

- ✓ At 3.8%, the Alexandria MSA had the lowest unemployment rate among the state's major metro areas for the 16th straight month, down 0.5% from the previous month.
- ✓ Louisiana's unemployment rate fell 0.8% in August to 5.5% from 6.3% in July.

Area	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed
Louisiana	5.5%	2,060,627	1,947,097	113,530
Alexandria	3.8%	63,780	61,336	2,444
Baton Rouge	5.0%	415,653	394,888	20,765
Hammond	6.4%	56,507	52,896	3,611
Houma-Thibodaux	4.6%	88,405	84,337	4,068
Lafayette	4.9%	211,339	200,919	10,420
Lake Charles	5.5%	97,370	92,035	5,335
Monroe	4.9%	78,233	74,423	3,810
New Orleans-Metairie	6.6%	585,938	547,490	38,448
Shreveport-Bossier City	5.3%	184,074	174,251	9,823

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 August 2021.

✓ In August, the Alexandria MSA had the tightest labor market in the state with only 0.39 unemployed persons per job opening, down from 0.49 a month earlier.

✓ In August, Louisiana had an unemployed to job openings ratio of 0.90 down from 1.16 in July and 1.41 in June.

Rank	Metro Area	Unemployed	Job Openings	Unemployed per Job Opening
1	Alexandria	2,444	6,212	0.39
2	Shreveport-Bossier City	9,077	13,765	0.66
3	Lafayette	6,226	8,168	0.76
4	Lake Charles	5,335	7,060	0.76
5	Monroe	3,810	4,855	0.78
6	New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner	37,753	44,475	0.85
7	Baton Rouge	20,765	22,816	0.91
8	Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	4,068	3,218	1.26

TAX REVENUE

TAX REVENUE OVERVIEW

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

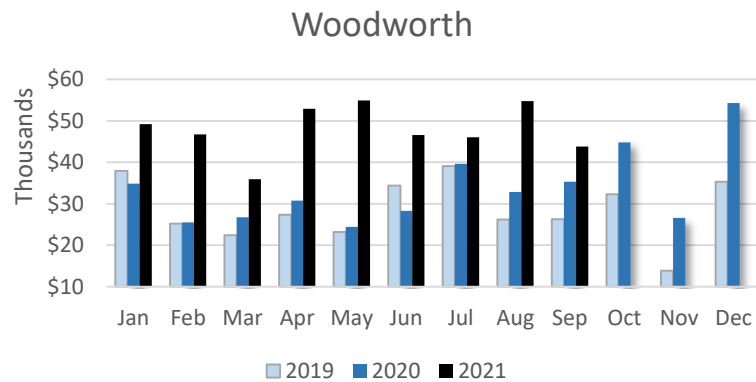
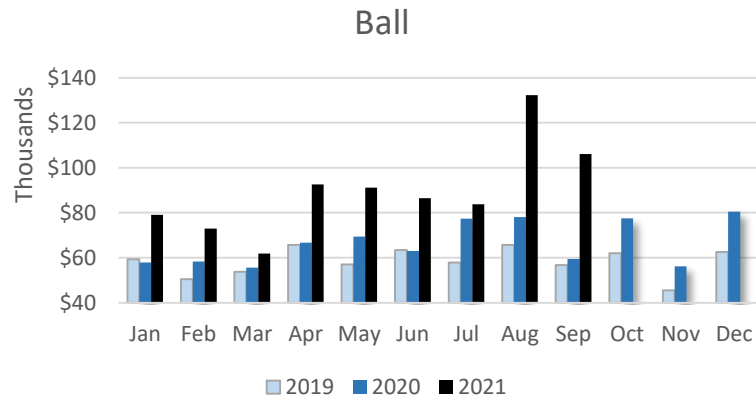
September 2021

Sales Tax	M/M	Y/Y	YTD		Vehicle Sales Tax	M/M	Y/Y	YTD
Alexandria	-8%	18%	19%		Avoyelles	-50%	-19%	17%
Avoyelles	13%	36%	29%		Evangeline	-9%	18%	24%
Catahoula	-32%	15%	52%		Rapides	-4%	34%	32%
Concordia	-21%	4%	16%		St. Landry	3%	33%	23%
Evangeline	5%	39%	29%					
Grant	-15%	10%	24%					
La Salle	-15%	28%	20%		Hotel Occupancy Tax			
Pineville	-10%	11%	12%		Avoyelles	-30%	-11%	28%
Rapides	-13%	21%	21%		Rapides	8%	23%	39%
St. Landry	-2%	18%	13%					

Note: September tax revenue reflects sales activity in August. 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 September 2021 (excluding Alexandria and Pineville).



September

	Sep-20	Aug-21	Sep-21	% M/M	% Y/Y	%YTD
Ball	\$59,430	\$132,324	\$106,118	-19.8%	78.6%	38%
Boyce	\$30,060	\$44,556	\$43,822	-1.6%	45.8%	74%
Cheneyville	\$1,874	(\$1,645)	\$2,458	-249.4%	31.2%	-11%
Glenmora	\$17,385	\$22,151	\$17,550	-20.8%	0.9%	15%
Lecompte	\$22,394	\$28,930	\$25,956	-10.3%	15.9%	9%
Woodworth	\$35,342	\$54,796	\$42,380	-22.7%	19.9%	54%

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

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


ALEXANDRIA SALES TAX


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


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

September

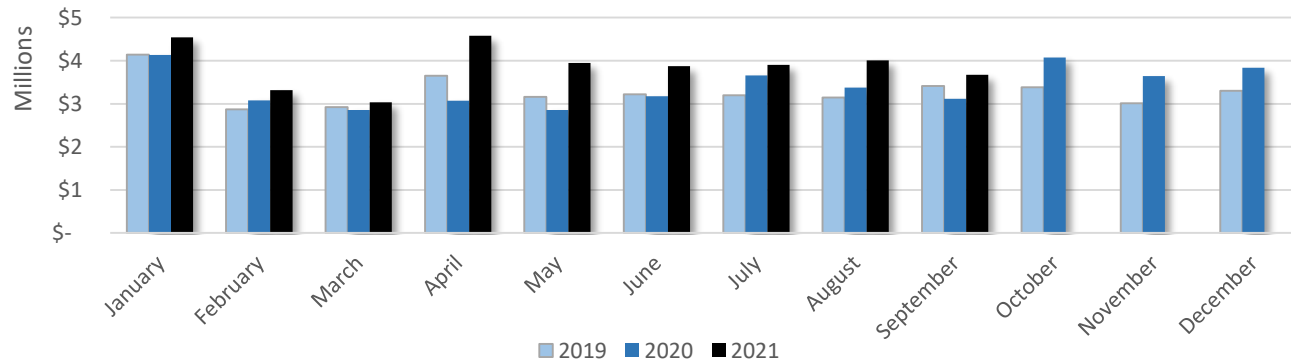
	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 3,077,513	\$ 3,410,715	\$ 3,117,685	\$ 3,670,600
August	\$ 3,102,358	\$ 3,142,520	\$ 3,376,015	\$ 4,004,760
% Chg over Prev Month	-0.8%	8.5%	-7.7%	-8.3%
% Chg over Prev Year		10.8%	-8.6%	17.7%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 29,494,908	\$ 29,722,438	\$ 29,322,555	\$ 34,871,693
% Chg over Prev YTD		0.8%	-1.3%	18.9%

September  -8%

Sep YoY  18%

Sep YTD  19%

Alexandria Sales Tax Revenue
2019-2021



Note: September sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in August.
Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, October 2021.

AVOYELLES SALES TAX

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




		<i>September</i>				
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	↑ 13%	\$ 1,389,889	\$ 1,323,763	\$ 1,513,526	\$ 1,403,970	\$ 1,908,473
Sep YoY	↑ 36%	\$ 1,332,553	\$ 1,315,372	\$ 1,359,051	\$ 1,492,541	\$ 1,689,171
		4.3%	0.6%	11.4%	-5.9%	13.0%
			-4.8%	14.3%	-7.2%	35.9%
Sep YTD	↑ 29%	\$ 12,723,045	\$ 12,555,538	\$ 13,103,375	\$ 13,042,457	\$ 16,829,169
			-1.3%	4.4%	-0.5%	29.0%

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

Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. October 2021.

AVOYELLES VEHICLE SALES TAX

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

		<i>September</i>					
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
September	 -50%	\$ 298,684	\$ 284,178	\$ 300,610	\$ 256,314	\$ 207,201	
Sep YoY	 -19%	\$ 232,586	\$ 258,817	\$ 292,917	\$ 406,296	\$ 412,169	
		% Chg over Prev Month	28.4%	9.8%	2.6%	-36.9%	-49.7%
		% Chg over Prev Year		-4.9%	5.8%	-14.7%	-19.2%
Sep YTD	 17%	\$ 2,552,038	\$ 2,430,224	\$ 2,523,194	\$ 2,613,386	\$ 3,056,075	
		% Chg over Prev YTD		-4.8%	3.8%	3.6%	16.9%


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


Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. October 2021


CATAHOULA SALES TAX

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

September

September 
-32%

Sep YoY 
15%

Sep YTD 
52%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 473,831	\$ 508,650	\$ 507,843	\$ 585,734
August	\$ 479,038	\$ 449,434	\$ 516,541	\$ 854,679
% Chg over Prev Month	-1.1%	13.2%	-1.7%	-31.5%
% Chg over Prev Year		7.3%	-0.2%	15.3%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 4,386,701	\$ 4,287,140	\$ 4,394,776	\$ 6,682,331
% Chg over Prev YTD		-2.3%	2.5%	52.1%


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


Data Source: Catahoula Parish Tax Administrator, October 2021


CONCORDIA SALES TAX

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

September

September 
-21%

Sep YoY 
4%

Sep YTD 
16%


	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 1,204,032	\$ 1,222,663	\$ 1,142,316	\$ 1,190,705
August	\$ 1,029,914	\$ 1,037,847	\$ 1,204,454	\$ 1,512,542
% Chg over Prev Month	16.9%	17.8%	-5.2%	-21.3%
% Chg over Prev Year		1.5%	-6.6%	4.2%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 9,213,819	\$ 9,981,911	\$ 9,817,261	\$ 11,341,928
% Chg over Prev YTD		8.3%	-1.6%	15.5%


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


Data Source: Concordia Parish Tax Administrator. October 2021

EVANGELINE SALES TAX

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

September 
5%

Sep YoY 
39%

Sep YTD 
29%

September




	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 1,416,403	\$ 1,530,450	\$ 1,510,816	\$ 1,588,031	\$ 2,201,023
August	\$ 1,445,804	\$ 1,505,085	\$ 1,495,056	\$ 1,742,197	\$ 2,102,214
% Chg over Prev Month	-2.0%	1.7%	1.1%	-8.8%	4.7%
% Chg over Prev Year		8.1%	-1.3%	5.1%	38.6%
YTD	\$ 12,175,882	\$ 12,197,459	\$ 12,373,905	\$ 12,764,261	\$ 16,432,631
% Chg over Prev YTD		0.2%	1.4%	3.2%	28.7%

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

Data Source: Evangeline Parish Sales Tax Commissioner. October 2021

EVANGELINE VEHICLE SALES TAX

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

		<i>September</i>				
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	 -9%	\$ 296,330	\$ 312,342	\$ 260,235	\$ 319,288	\$ 378,144
Sep YoY	 18%	\$ 245,581	\$ 284,117	\$ 320,521	\$ 418,622	\$ 416,214
		% Chg over Prev Month	20.7%	9.9%	-18.8%	-23.7%
		% Chg over Prev Year		5.4%	-16.7%	22.7%
Sep YTD	 24%					
		YTD	\$ 2,412,621	\$ 2,406,426	\$ 2,468,111	\$ 2,594,849
		% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.3%	2.6%	5.1%
						24.0%


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


Data Source: Evangeline Parish Sales Tax Commissioner. October 2021


GRANT SALES TAX

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

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

September  -15%

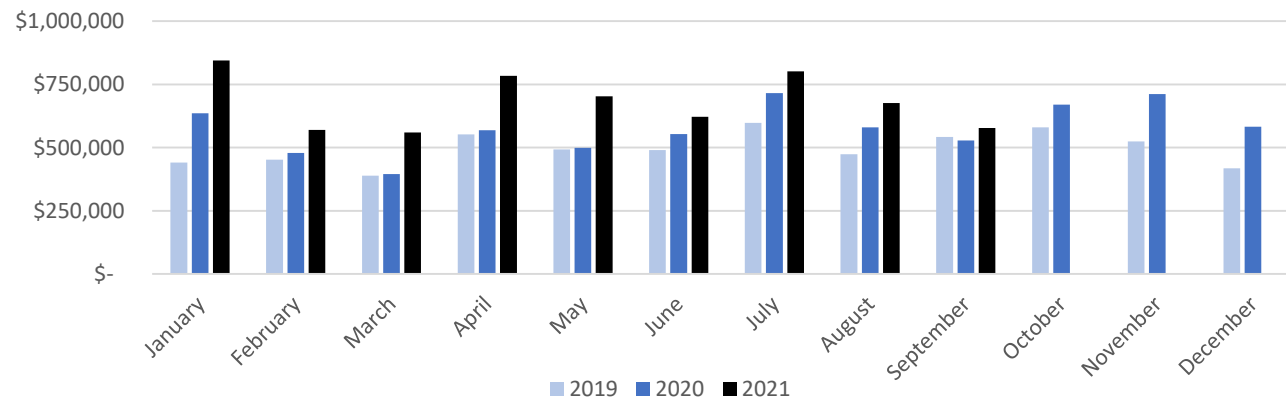
Sep YoY  10%

Sep YTD  24%

September

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 279,869	\$ 542,063	\$ 527,749	\$ 577,932
August	\$ 604,645	\$ 473,853	\$ 580,391	\$ 676,771
% Chg over Prev Month	-53.7%	14.4%	-9.1%	-14.6%
% Chg over Prev Year		93.7%	-2.6%	9.5%
YTD (Jan - Sept)		\$ 4,432,104	\$ 4,954,741	\$ 6,138,718
% Chg over Prev YTD			11.8%	23.9%

Grant Parish Sales Tax Revenue
2019-2021





Note: September sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in August.
Data Source: Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, October 2021.


LA SALLE SALES TAX

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

September

September 
-15%

Sep YoY 
28%

Sep YTD 
20%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 808,341	\$ 894,054	\$ 801,110	\$ 1,027,773
August	\$ 787,528	\$ 821,823	\$ 859,808	\$ 1,207,278
% Chg over Prev Month	2.6%	8.8%	-6.8%	-14.9%
% Chg over Prev Year		10.6%	-10.4%	28.3%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 6,802,453	\$ 8,087,641	\$ 7,794,673	\$ 9,335,199
% Chg over Prev YTD		18.9%	-3.6%	19.8%

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

Data Source: La Salle Parish Tax Administrator, October 2021


PINEVILLE SALES TAX


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


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

September

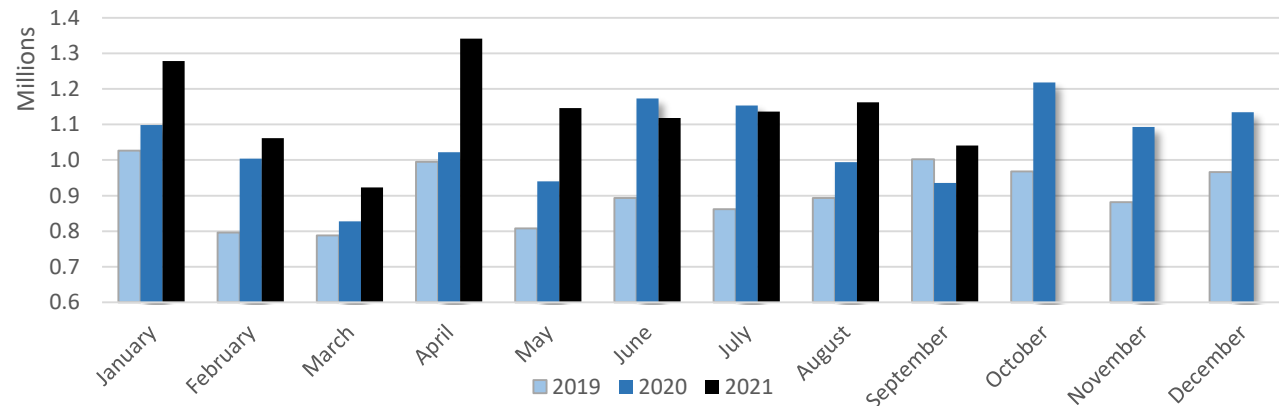
	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 772,998	\$ 1,002,333	\$ 935,245	\$ 1,041,133
August	\$ 801,008	\$ 893,170	\$ 994,293	\$ 1,162,510
% Chg over Prev Month	-3.5%	12.2%	-5.9%	-10.4%
% Chg over Prev Year		29.7%	-6.7%	11.3%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 7,954,128	\$ 8,064,783	\$ 9,149,419	\$ 10,208,553
% Chg over Prev YTD		1.4%	13.4%	11.6%

September  -10%

Sep YoY  11%

Sep YTD  12%

Pineville Sales Tax Revenue
2019-2021

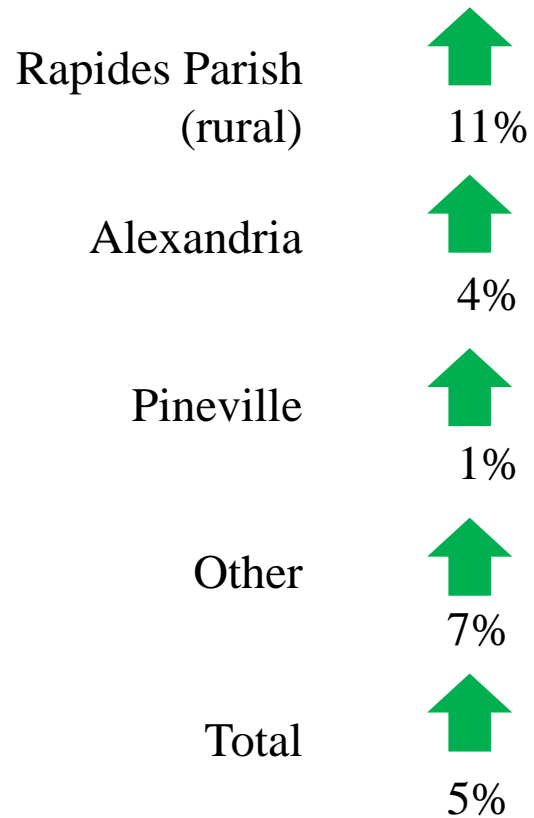


Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the prior month.

Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, October 13, 2021.

RAPIDES OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

Rapides Parish occupational license revenue YTD with previous YTD comparisons.



September Year-to-Date

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Parish	\$ 599,583	\$ 638,346	\$ 590,509	\$ 653,285
% Chg over Prev YTD		6.5%	-7.5%	10.6%
Alexandria	\$ 1,856,737	\$ 1,856,590	\$ 1,844,121	\$ 1,915,370
% Chg over Prev YTD		0.0%	-0.7%	3.9%
Pineville	\$ 376,786	\$ 389,099	\$ 427,219	\$ 431,100
% Chg over Prev YTD		3.3%	9.8%	0.9%
Other	\$ 133,186	\$ 138,082	\$ 139,264	\$ 148,980
% Chg over Prev YTD		3.7%	0.9%	7.0%
Total	\$ 2,966,292	\$ 3,022,117	\$ 3,001,113	\$ 3,148,735
% Chg over Prev YTD		1.9%	-0.7%	4.9%


Note: Rapides Parish reflects unincorporated areas.


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


RAPIDES SALES TAX

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

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

September  -13%

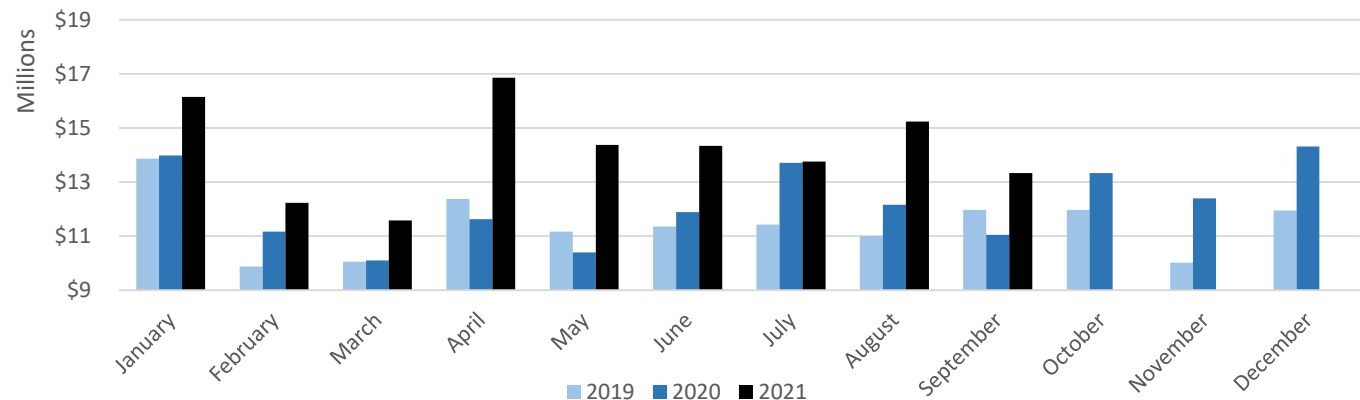
Sep YoY  21%

Sep YTD  21%

September

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 10,531,139	\$ 11,964,200	\$ 11,042,515	\$ 13,334,237
August	\$ 10,797,854	\$ 11,001,838	\$ 12,164,470	\$ 15,237,754
% Chg over Prev Month	-2.5%	8.7%	-9.2%	-12.5%
% Chg over Prev Year		13.6%	-7.7%	20.8%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 100,699,380	\$ 103,061,397	\$ 106,067,109	\$ 127,863,138
% Chg over Prev YTD		2.3%	2.9%	20.5%

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, October 2021.

RAPIDES VEHICLE SALES TAX

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

September

September



-4%

Sep YoY



34%

Sep YTD



32%




	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 1,109,241	\$ 1,067,323	\$ 1,138,236	\$ 1,519,978
August	\$ 1,058,927	\$ 1,165,550	\$ 1,533,699	\$ 1,586,860
% Chg over Prev Month	4.8%	-8.4%	-25.8%	-4.2%
% Chg over Prev Year		-3.8%	6.6%	33.5%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 9,533,082	\$ 9,896,517	\$11,082,369	\$14,648,681
% Chg over Prev YTD		3.8%	12.0%	32.2%

*August sales data of \$3,173,721 was for two months and therefore evenly split between July and August 2021 reports.

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

ST. LANDRY SALES TAX

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




		<i>September</i>				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	
September	 -2%	\$ 5,654,393	\$ 5,968,334	\$ 5,886,140	\$ 6,938,261	
Sep YoY	 18%	\$ 5,608,199	\$ 5,736,290	\$ 6,239,039	\$ 7,091,591	
Sep YTD	 13%					
		% Chg over Prev Month	0.8%	4.0%	-5.7%	-2.2%
		% Chg over Prev Year		5.6%	-1.4%	17.9%
		YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$52,216,779	\$53,001,458	\$57,296,278	\$64,648,402
		% Chg over Prev YTD		1.5%	8.1%	12.8%

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

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

ST. LANDRY VEHICLE SALES TAX

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

		<i>September</i>				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	
September	 3%	\$ 849,590	\$ 793,167	\$ 782,075	\$ 1,040,025	
		\$ 835,145	\$ 929,242	\$ 938,690	\$ 1,006,739	
Sep YoY	 33%	% Chg over Prev Month	1.7%	-14.6%	-16.7%	3.3%
		% Chg over Prev Year		-6.6%	-1.4%	33.0%
Sep YTD	 23%	YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 7,207,876	\$ 7,421,896	\$ 7,413,148	\$ 9,148,069
		% Chg over Prev YTD		3.0%	-0.1%	23.4%

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

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



✓ Since August 2020, \$17.2 million in sales tax revenue have been collected from online sales in central Louisiana with Rapides collecting \$5.2 million.

✓ Online sales tax revenue in Cenla increased 1% in September from August.

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

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

REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE BY PARISH

Remote seller tax revenue by parish with month-over-month and year-over-year comparisons.

✓ Total online sales tax revenue in Cenla in September increased 63% from a year earlier.

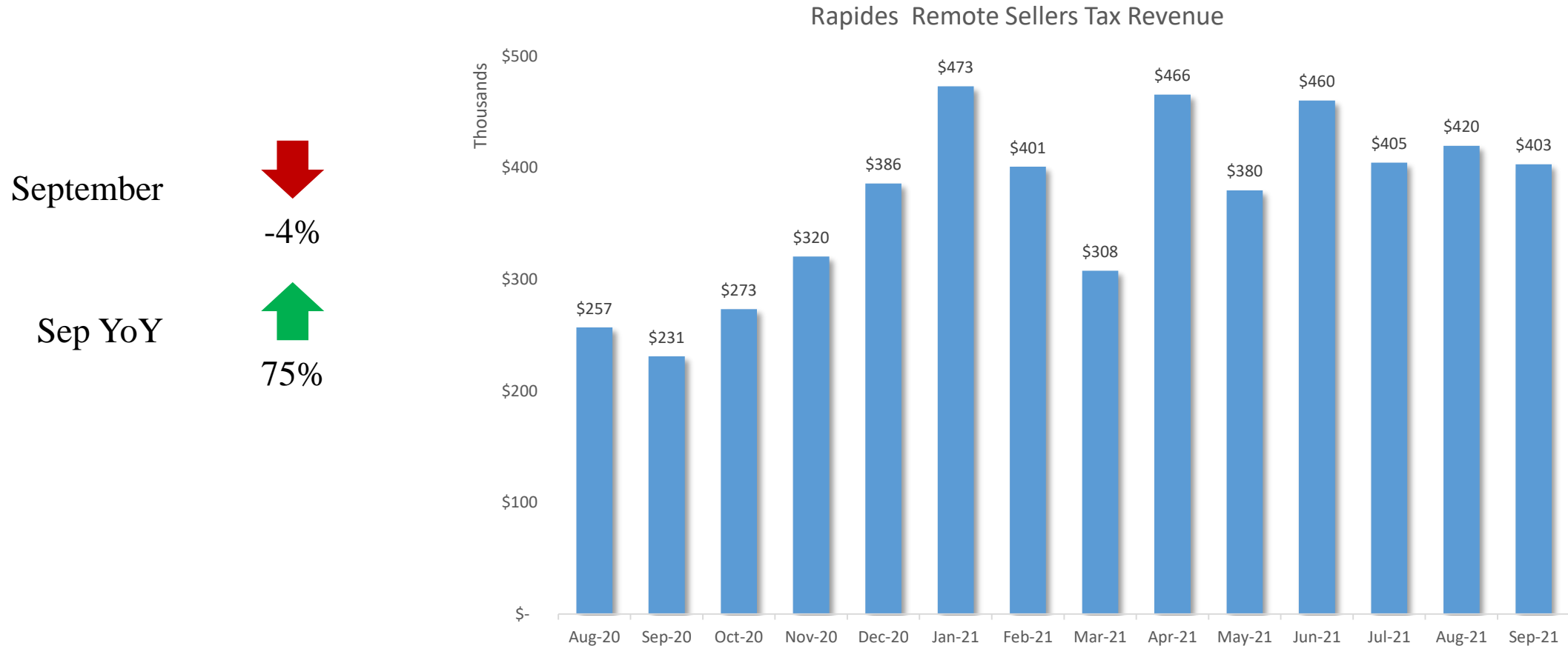
	Sep-21	Aug-21	Sep-20	M/M	Y/Y	YTD
Allen	\$ 63,370	\$ 59,650	\$ 39,092	6.2%	62.1%	\$ 611,823
Avoyelles	\$ 88,347	\$ 85,479	\$ 52,967	3.4%	66.8%	\$ 837,176
Catahoula	\$ 31,859	\$ 32,372	\$ 19,418	-1.6%	64.1%	\$ 322,231
Concordia	\$ 40,940	\$ 41,262	\$ 28,149	-0.8%	45.4%	\$ 403,336
Evangeline	\$ 99,429	\$ 98,649	\$ 52,605	0.8%	89.0%	\$ 1,187,189
Grant	\$ 47,535	\$ 46,158	\$ 30,309	3.0%	56.8%	\$ 461,771
LaSalle	\$ 37,328	\$ 36,325	\$ 20,388	2.8%	83.1%	\$ 461,771
Natchitoches	\$ 106,919	\$ 98,531	\$ 69,070	8.5%	54.8%	\$ 902,046
Rapides	\$ 403,238	\$ 419,724	\$ 231,000	-3.9%	74.6%	\$ 3,715,029
St Landry	\$ 249,626	\$ 241,084	\$ 170,080	3.5%	46.8%	\$ 2,341,777
Vernon	\$ 154,458	\$ 151,960	\$ 100,123	1.6%	54.3%	\$ 1,486,828
Total (Cenla)	\$ 1,323,049	\$ 1,311,194	\$ 813,201	0.9%	62.7%	\$12,254,808

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

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

REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN RAPIDES

Remote sellers tax revenue from online sales in Rapides Parish from July 2020 – September 2021.




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 – October 2021


LOUISIANA TAX REVENUES

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

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

September 
41%

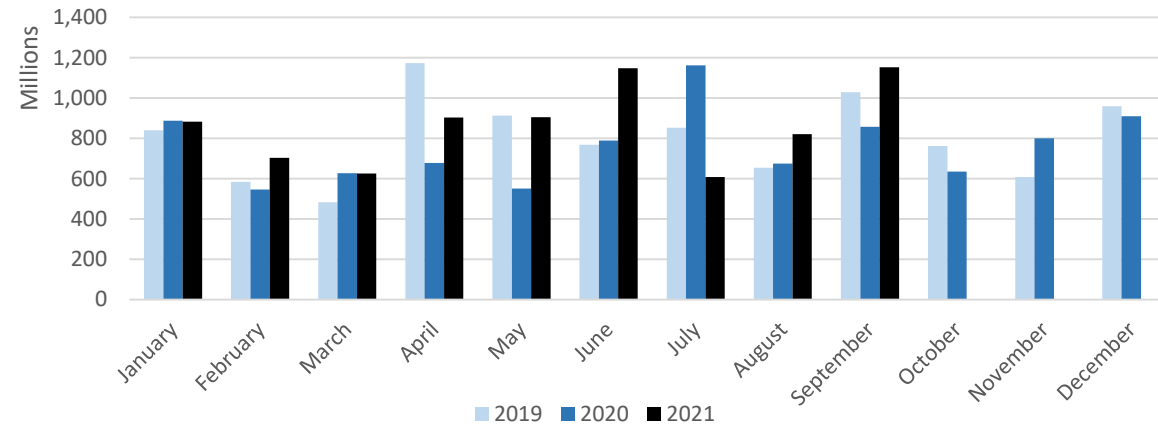
Sep YoY 
34%

Sep YTD 
14%

September

	2019	2020	2021
September	1,027,777,349	856,926,947	1,151,813,823
August	653,832,565	674,369,442	819,616,764
% Chg over Prev Month	57.2%	27.1%	40.5%
% Chg over Prev Year		-16.6%	34.4%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 7,295,111,705	\$ 6,768,778,416	\$ 7,742,590,421
% Chg over Prev YTD		-7.2%	14.4%


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 September 2021 with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

September  -26%

Sep YoY  474%


Sep YTD  59%


September


	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 1,225,274	\$ 1,103,614	\$ 570,850	\$ 3,278,837
August	\$ 8,422,292	\$ 19,531,800	\$ 1,546,879	\$ 4,447,239
% Chg over Prev Month	-85%	-94%	-63%	-26%
% Chg over Prev Year		-10%	-48%	474%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 33,115,130	\$ 40,010,151	\$ 19,486,538	\$ 30,910,643
% Chg over Prev YTD		21%	-51%	59%

ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

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

September 
-47%

Sep YoY 
-48%

Sep YTD 
57%

September


	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 849,870	\$ 962,868	\$ 2,315,020	\$ 1,194,537
August	\$ 2,364,959	\$ 986,701	\$ 629,100	\$ 2,242,658
% Chg over Prev Month	-64.1%	-2.4%	268.0%	-46.7%
% Chg over Prev Year		13.3%	140.4%	-48.4%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 25,093,963	\$ 17,363,476	\$ 11,497,598	\$ 18,017,738
% Chg over Prev YTD		-30.8%	-33.8%	56.7%


ALLEN PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

September

September n/a

Sep YoY  1086%


Sep YTD  85%


	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$1,045,000	\$ 532,000	\$ 189,308	\$2,245,372
August	\$ -	\$ 526,396	\$ -	\$ -
% Chg Prev Month	#DIV/0!	1%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
% Chg from Prev Year		-49%	-64%	1086%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$3,526,670	\$3,826,541	\$4,266,903	\$7,891,930
% Chg over Prev YTD		9%	12%	85%


AVOYELLES PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

September

September 
4%

Sep YoY 
41%


Sep YTD 
56%


	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 4,808,569	\$ 5,169,723	\$ 7,296,283
August	\$ 6,614,680	\$ 4,381,654	\$ 7,009,043
% Chg Prev Month	-27%	18%	4%
% Chg from Prev Year		8%	41%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 40,889,571	\$ 36,308,295	\$ 56,596,409
% Chg over Prev YTD		-11%	56%


EVANGELINE PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

September

September  -78%

Sep YoY  -38%


Sep YTD  153%


	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 1,197,165	\$ 730,600	\$ 1,617,100	\$ 1,009,464
August	\$ 1,552,363	\$ 1,294,765	\$ 848,712	\$ 4,499,170
% Chg Prev Month	-23%	-44%	91%	-78%
% Chg from Prev Year		-39%	121%	-38%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$10,157,153	\$ 14,607,891	\$ 10,632,191	\$ 26,882,951
% Chg over Prev YTD		44%	-27%	153%


PINEVILLE PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

September

September 
59%


Sep YoY 
-63%


Sep YTD 
-42%


	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 482,000	\$ 3,358,000	\$ 4,189,108	\$ 1,561,000
August	\$ 2,391,931	\$ 662,849	\$ 1,017,000	\$ 981,411
% Chg Prev Month	-80%	407%	312%	59%
% Chg from Prev Year		597%	25%	-63%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 8,448,147	\$18,456,081	\$14,380,903	\$ 8,343,396
% Chg over Prev YTD		118%	-22%	-42%

RAPIDES PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

September  -39%

Sep YoY  27%

Sep YTD  1082%

September

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 3,966,195	\$ 3,069,869	\$ 4,773,746	\$ 6,070,408
August	\$ 4,138,652	\$ 3,101,697	\$ 2,787,285	\$ 9,947,807
% Chg Prev Month	-4%	-1%	71%	-39%
% Chg from Prev Year		-23%	56%	27%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$31,725,909	\$58,286,955	\$37,007,257	\$437,241,269
% Chg over Prev YTD		84%	-37%	1082%

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS BY AREA

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

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

Year-over-year value of residential construction in the RAPC jurisdictions increased from \$6.6 million in September 2020 to \$9.2 million in September 2021.



40%

	Sep-20	Sep-21	Change	% Change
Allen	\$ 161,308	\$ 2,245,372	\$ 2,084,064	1292%
Avoyelles	\$ 690,800	\$ 729,597	\$ 38,797	6%
Pineville	\$ 129,108	\$ 450,000	\$ 320,892	249%
Evangeline	\$ 1,502,000	\$ 712,464	\$ (789,536)	-53%
LaSalle	\$ 385,000	\$ 835,000	\$ 450,000	117%
Rapides	\$ 3,724,256	\$ 4,251,300	\$ 527,044	14%

Note: City of Alexandria permits are accounted for separately.

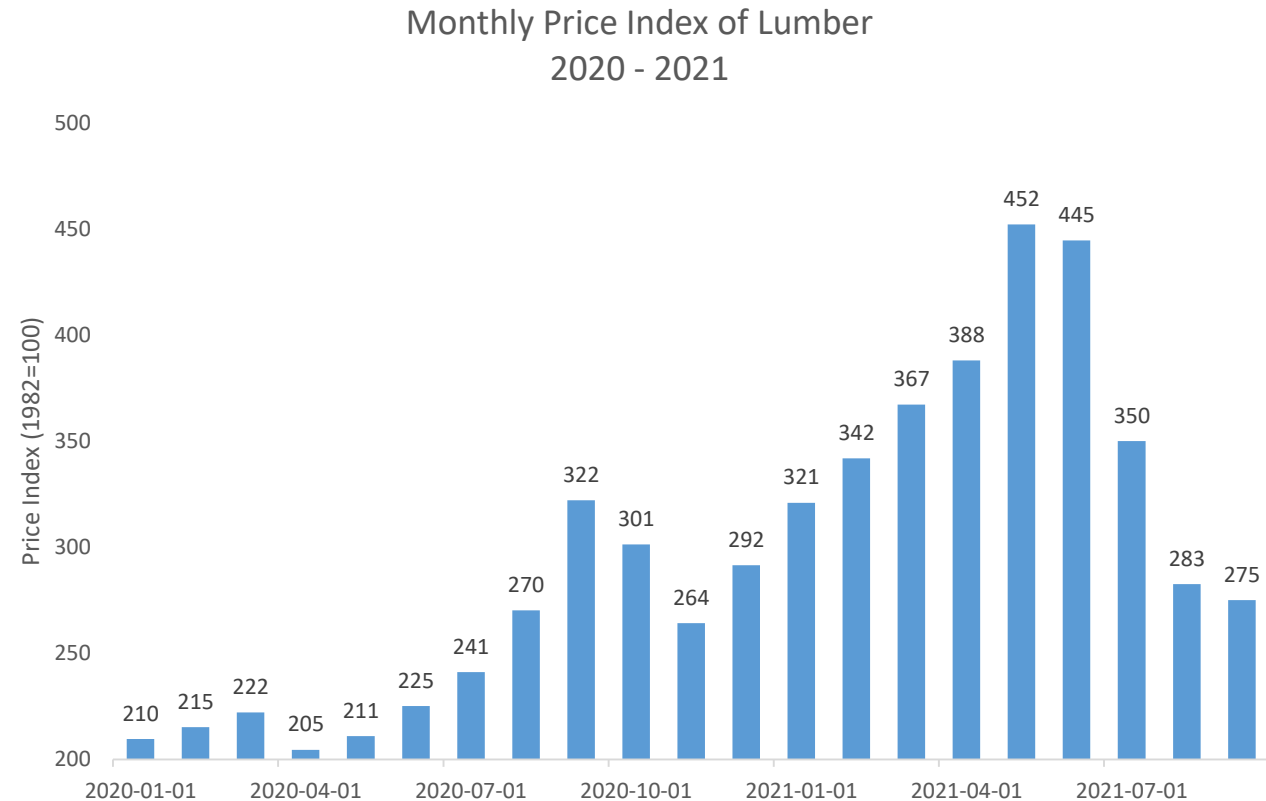
Data Source: Rapides Area Planning Commission, October 2021.

HOUSING

LUMBER PRICES

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


- In September 2021, the US Lumber Price Index declined -3% from the previous month, the fourth consecutive monthly decline.
- The US Lumber Price Index nears the November 2020 level.
- The US Lumber Price Index in August was -14% below January's level.




ALEXANDRIA ACTIVE LISTINGS

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

September

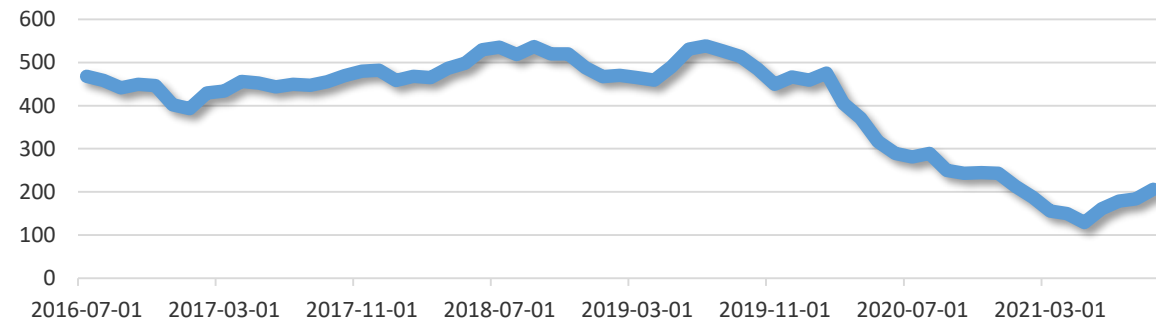
September 
12%

Sep YoY 
-18%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	537	514	250	206
August	518	526	289	184
% Chg Prev Month	3.7%	-2.3%	-13.5%	12.0%
% Chg from Prev Year		-4.3%	-51.4%	-17.6%

✓ Active listings in September increased 12% over the previous month but remain -18% below a year ago.

Active Listings Count in Alexandria
July 2016 - September 2021



ALEXANDRIA PENDING LISTINGS

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

September

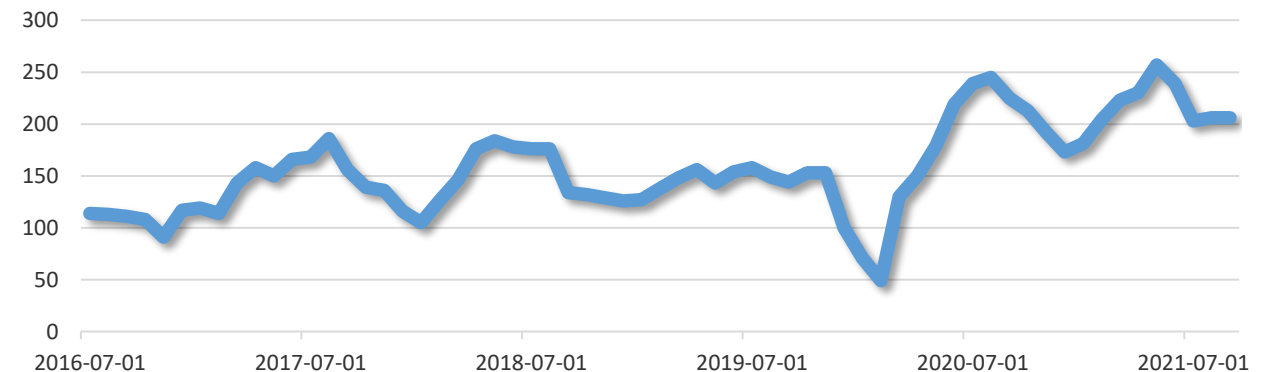
September 0%

Sep YoY  -8%

✓ Pending listings were unchanged over last month but are -8% below a year ago.

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	134	144	225	206
August	176	149	245	206
% Chg Prev Month	-23.9%	-3.4%	-8.2%	0.0%
% Chg from Prev Year		7.5%	56.3%	-8.4%

Pending Listing Count in Alexandria
July 2016 - September 2021



ALEXANDRIA MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET

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

September

September



-4%

Sep YoY

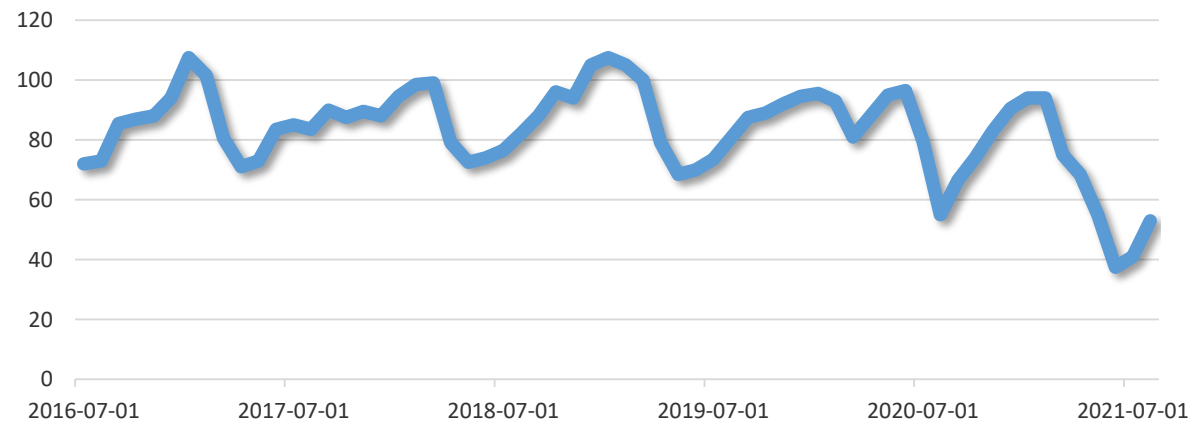


-23%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	88	88	67	51
August	82	81	55	53
% Chg Prev Month	7.3%	8.0%	20.9%	-3.8%
% Chg from Prev Year		0%	-24.0%	-23.3%

- ✓ Median days on the market fell -4% in September from previous month and was -23% below a year ago.
- ✓ Homes took an average of 51 days on the market to sell in September, down from 67 days the same month in 2020 and 88 in 2019.


Median Days on Market in Alexandria
2016 - 2021




ALEXANDRIA MEDIAN LISTING PRICE

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

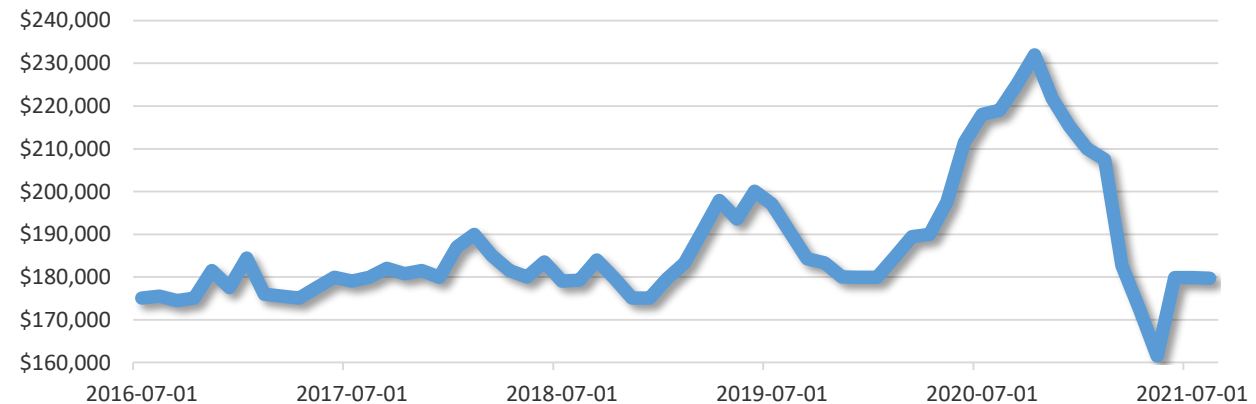
September

September 
5%

Sep YoY 
-24%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 183,950	\$ 184,300	\$ 225,050	\$ 170,500
August	\$ 179,300	\$ 190,625	\$ 219,050	\$ 179,700
% Chg Prev Month	2.6%	-3.3%	2.7%	-5.1%
% Chg from Prev Year		0.2%	22.1%	-24.2%

Median Listing Price in Alexandria
2016 - 2021



✓ The median listing price in September fell -5% to \$170,500 from the previous month of \$179,700, and still remains -24% below a year ago.

ALEXANDRIA AVERAGE LISTING PRICE

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

September

September



-5%

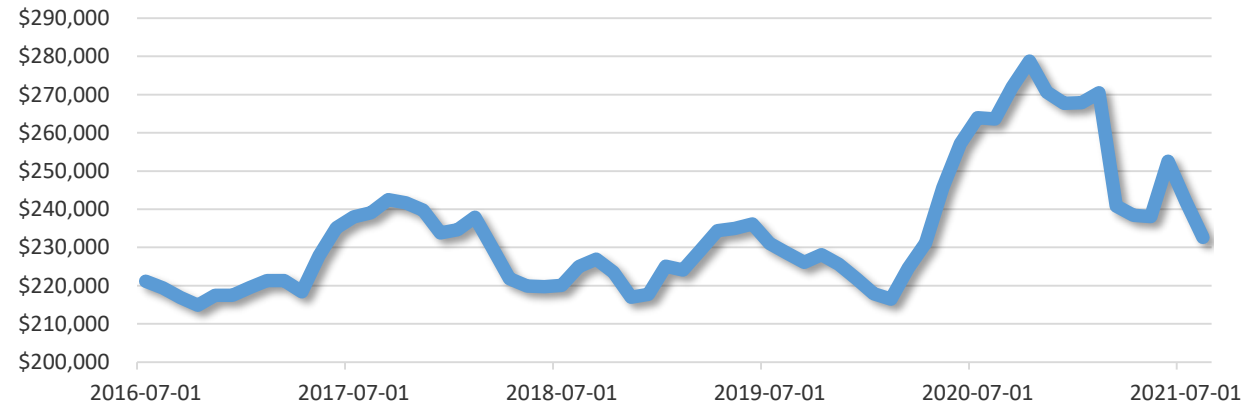
Sep YoY



-19%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 226,897	\$ 226,142	\$ 272,005	\$ 220,586
August	\$ 225,025	\$ 228,541	\$ 263,608	\$ 232,620
% Chg Prev Month	0.8%	-1.0%	3.2%	-5.2%
% Chg from Prev Year		-0.3%	20.3%	-18.9%

Average Listing Price in Alexandria
2016 - 2021



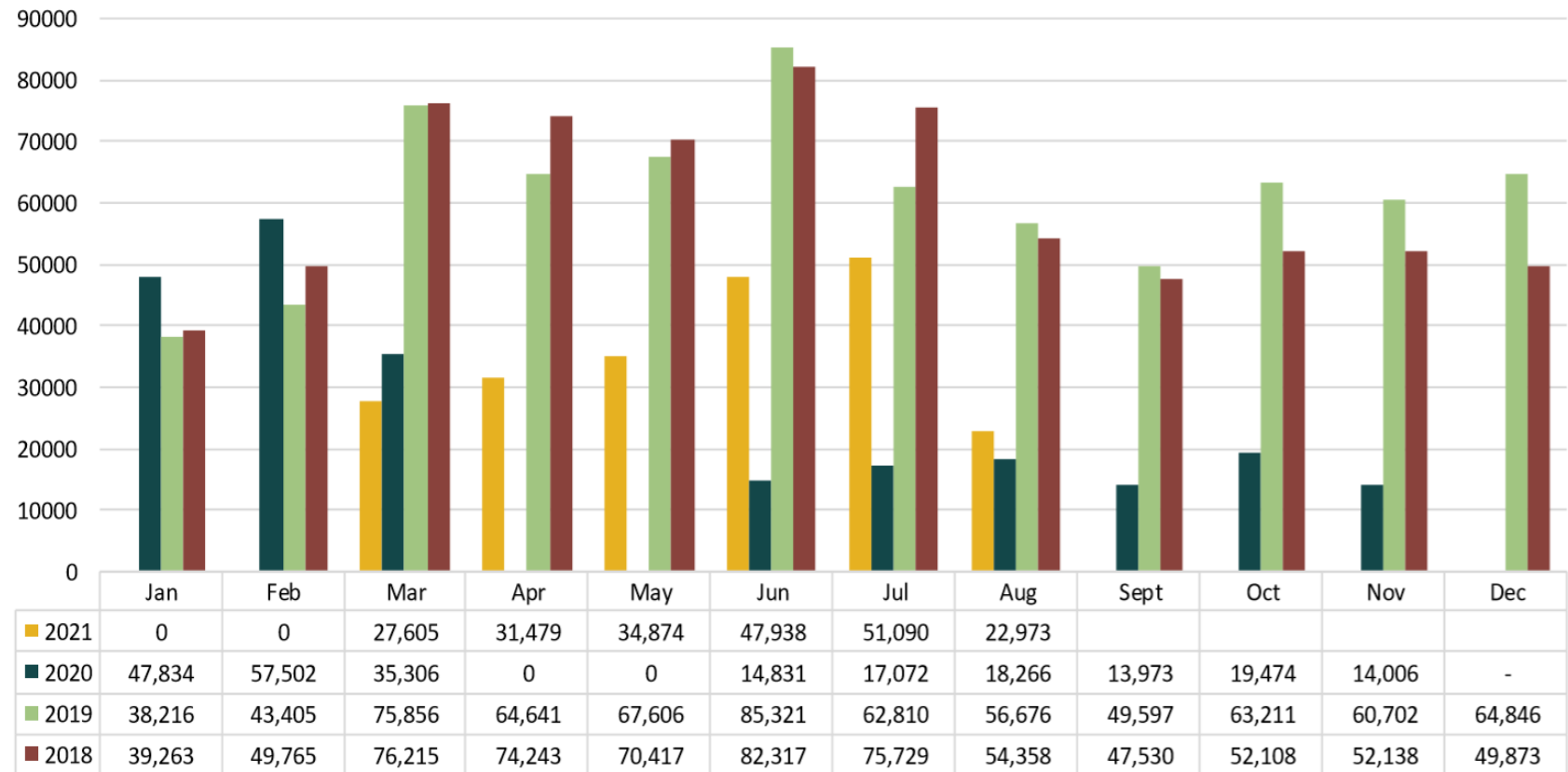
✓ The average listing price fell -5% to \$220,586 this month from \$232,620 last month and is -19% below the year ago.

TRAVEL

WELCOME CENTERS VISITATIONS

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

Welcome Centers Yr/Yr Visitation





- ✓ Welcome Center visitors in August 2021 were down 55% from July 2021.
- ✓ In August, Louisiana's welcome centers recorded the first monthly decline in traffic since March.


AVOYELLES HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

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

September

September 
-30%

Sep YoY 
-11%

Sep YTD 
28%

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 10,474	\$ 12,242	\$ 12,542	\$ 14,134	\$ 12,627
August	\$ 13,848	\$ 14,968	\$ 14,228	\$ 13,383	\$ 18,012
% Chg over Prev Month	-24.4%	-18.2%	-11.8%	5.6%	-29.9%
% Chg over Prev Year		16.9%	2.5%	12.7%	-10.7%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 103,836	\$ 102,326	\$ 103,271	\$ 84,407	\$ 108,196
% Chg over Prev YTD		-1.5%	0.9%	-18.3%	28.2%


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


Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. October 2021.


RAPIDES HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

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

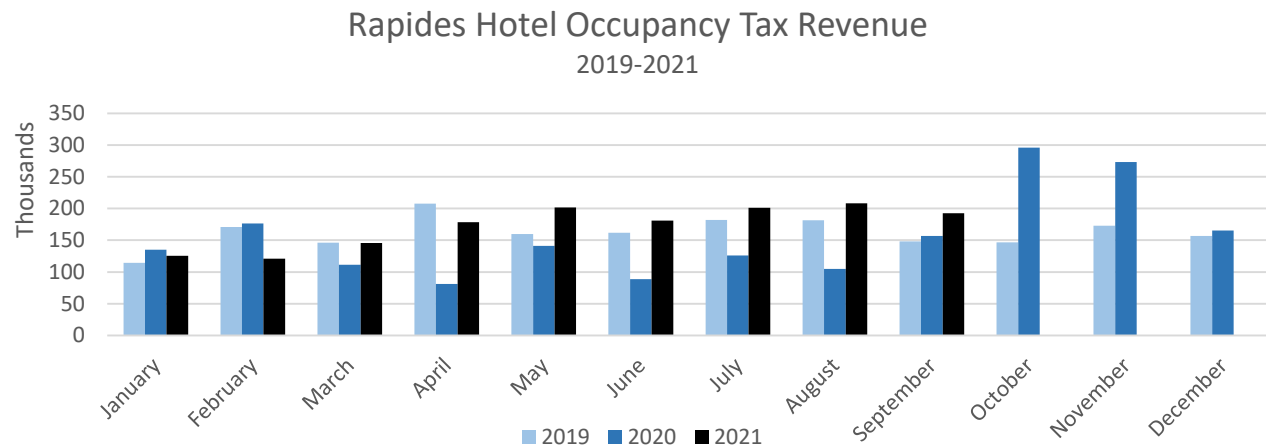
September

September 
8%

Sep YoY 
23%

Sep YTD 
39%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	\$ 151,907	\$ 148,201	\$ 157,003	\$ 192,493
August	\$ 183,123	\$ 181,611	\$ 105,064	\$ 208,193
% Chg over Prev Month	-17.0%	-18.4%	49.4%	-7.5%
% Chg over Prev Year		-2.4%	5.9%	22.6%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	\$ 1,441,884	\$1,472,461	\$1,122,367	\$1,554,247
% Chg over Prev YTD		2.1%	-23.8%	38.5%



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

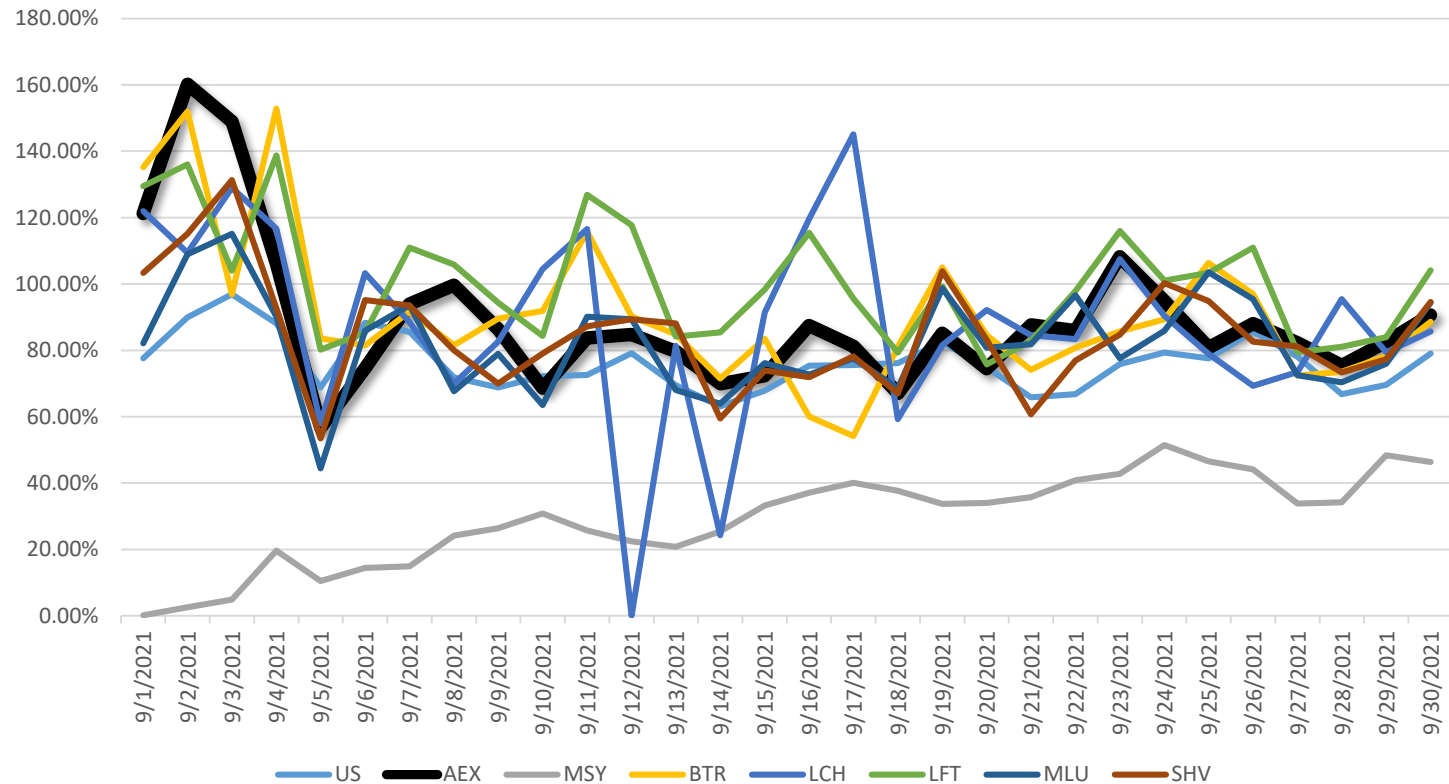
Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, October 2021.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT LOUISIANA AIRPORTS

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

Airport	% of 2019 Traffic
US	76%
AEX	88%
MSY	30%
BTR	89%
LCH	86%
LFT	99%
MLU	82%
SHV	84%

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

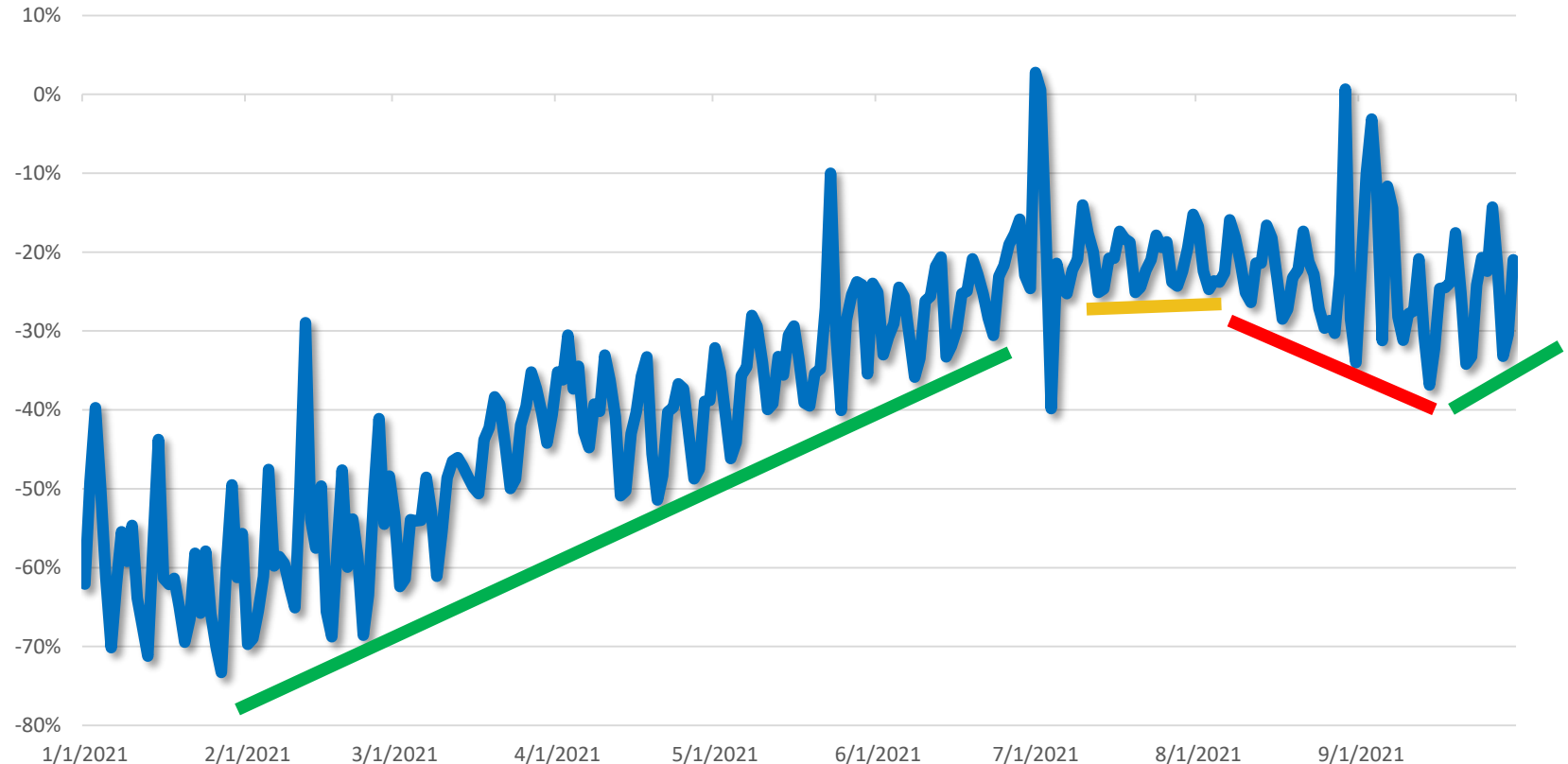


✓ AEX had an 88% passenger throughput in the state in September 2021 compared to the September 2019 level. The state averaged 40%.

AIR TRAVELER STATS

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

U.S. Airport Passenger Throughput Traffic
in 2021 as a Percent of 2019 Traffic



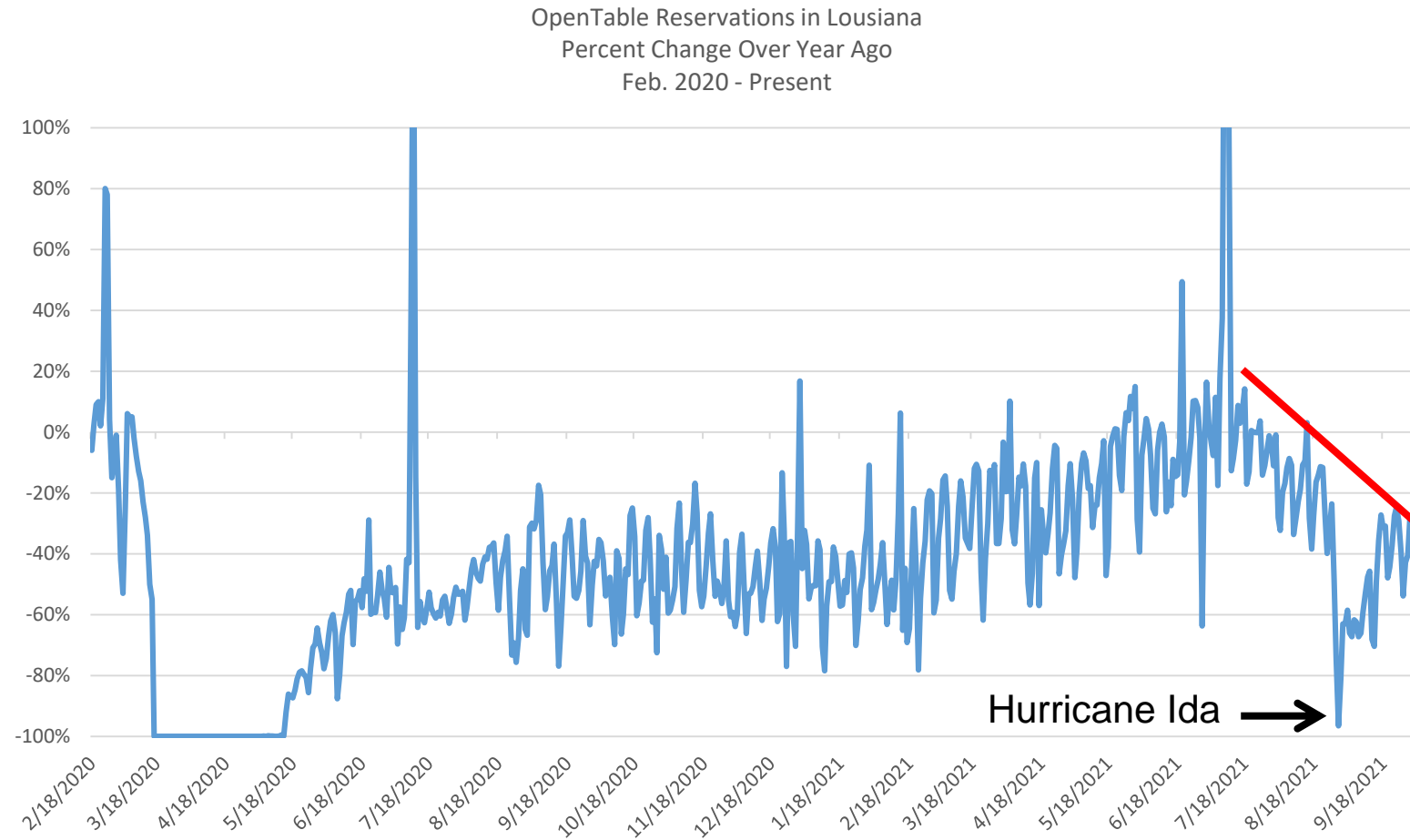
■ Nationally, air passenger traffic in September was down -8% over August and down -16% since July.

✓ Average US passenger traffic showed signs of improving in late September.

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.

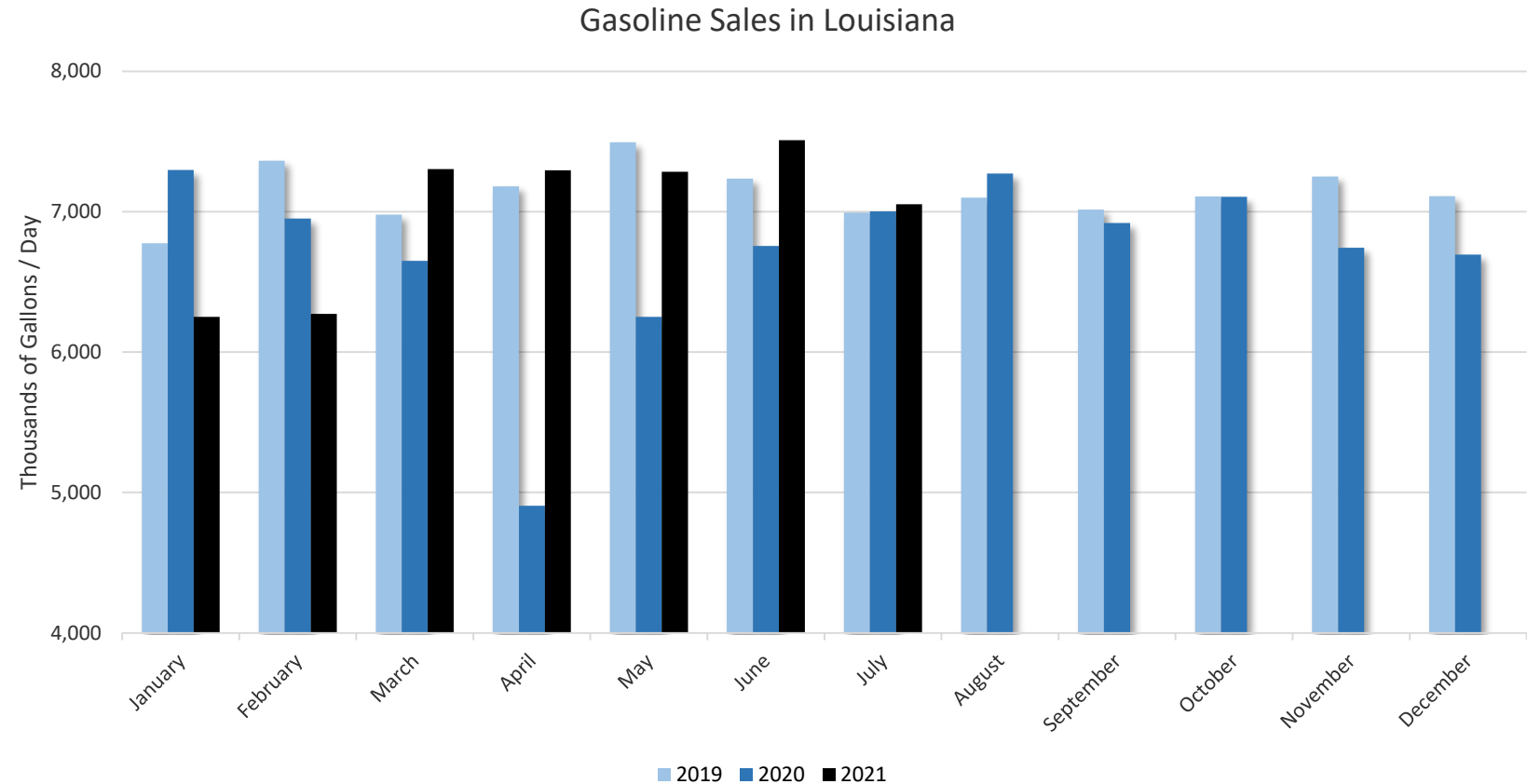
- *Dinner reservations in Louisiana have not broken the downtrend that started in mid-July.*
- *Compared to January 2020, September 2021 reservations were down -48%, -29% in August, and -23% in July.*



LOUISIANA GASOLINE SALES

Total gasoline sales in Louisiana in 2019 - 2021.

- ✓ July 2021 gasoline sales fell -6% from June but was 1% above July 2020.
- ✓ Gasoline sales YTD in July are 7% above the same period in 2020.

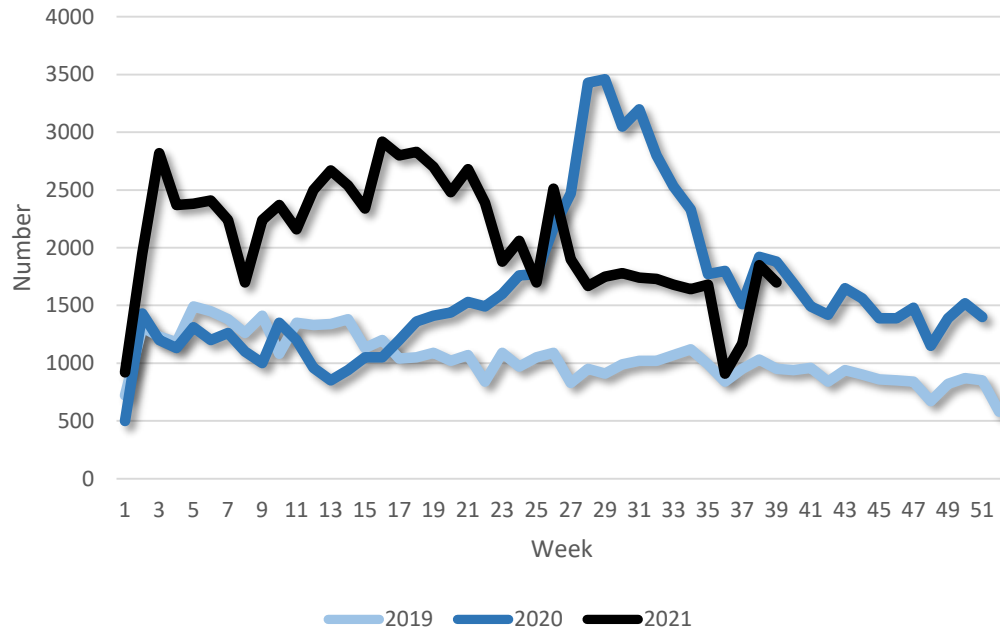


LOCAL & LOUISIANA

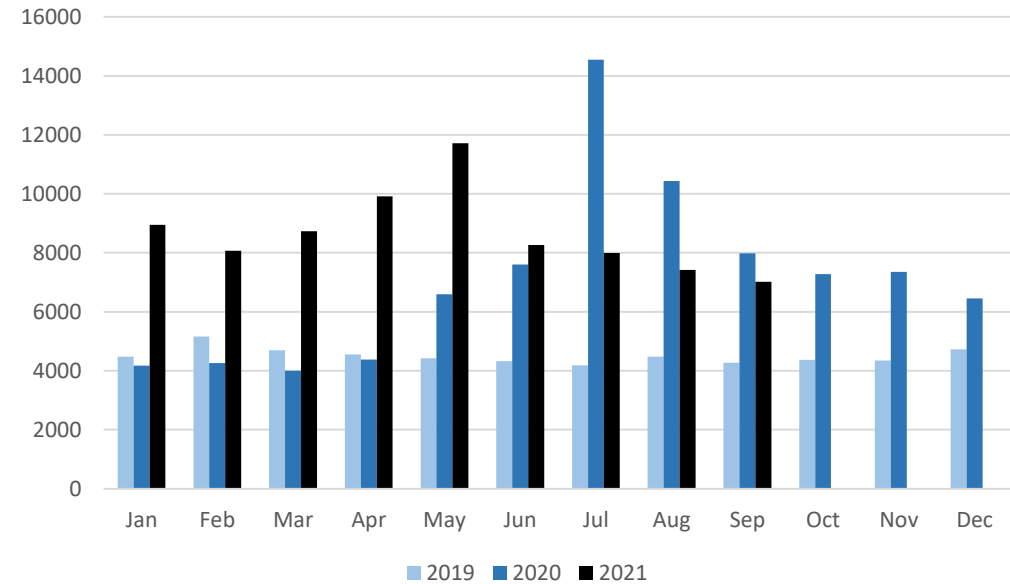
NEW BUSINESS APPS IN LOUISIANA

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

Weekly Business Applications in Louisiana
2019 - 2021



Monthly Business Applications in Louisiana
2019 - 2021



✓ Year-to-date the number of new business applications in Louisiana in 2021 grew 22% over 2020.

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

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Business Formation Statistics, Retrieved October 2, 2021.

NEW BUSINESSES IN RAPIDES

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

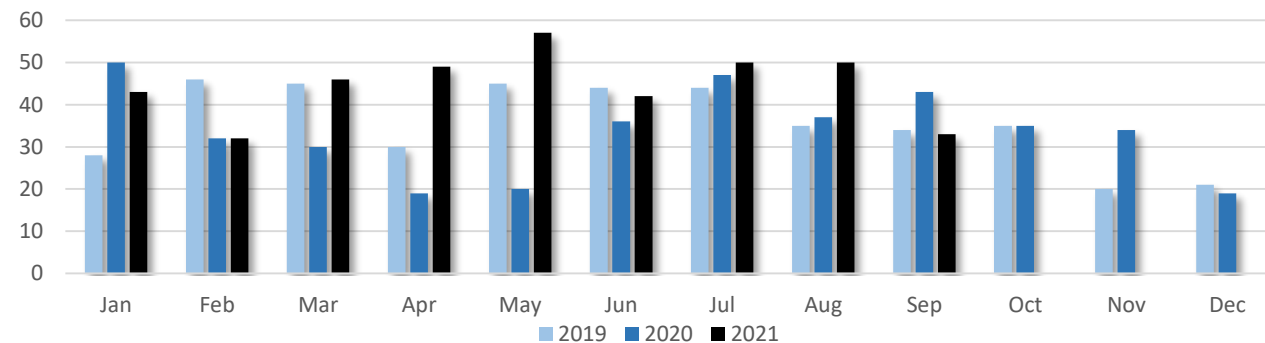
September

	2018	2019	2020	2021
September	33	34	43	33
August	39	35	37	50
% Chg Prev Month	-15.4%	-2.9%	16.2%	-34.0%
% Chg from Prev Year		3.0%	26.5%	-23.3%
YTD (Jan - Sep)	407	351	314	402
% Chg over Prev YTD		-13.8%	-10.5%	28.0%

✓ The number of new businesses established in Rapides in September 2021 fell -34% from August and was -23% lower than September 2020.

✓ Year-to-date new businesses in Rapides are up 28% over 2020.

New Businesses in Rapides
2019-2021



Note: Data reflects businesses established in the current month.

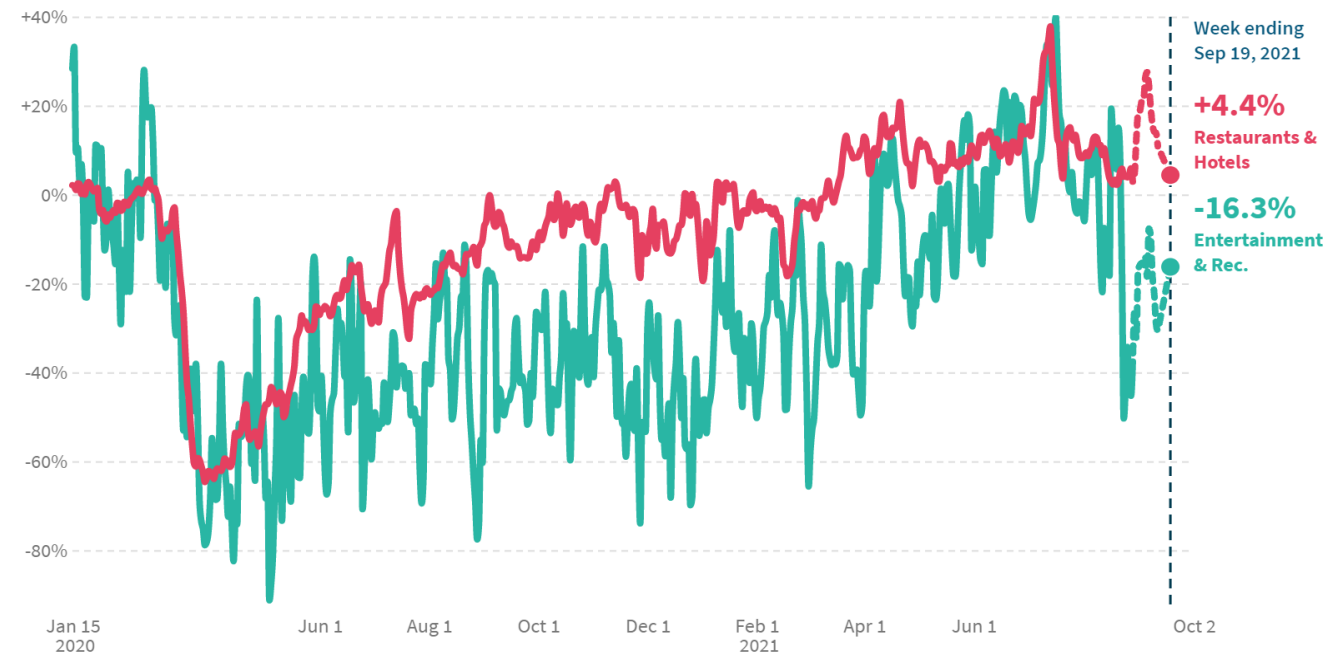
Data Source: Rapides Parish Sales and Use Tax Department, October 2021.

CONSUMER SPENDING IN LOUISIANA

These graphs represents the percent change in average consumer credit and debit card spending in Louisiana as of September 19, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline.

In Louisiana, as of September 19 2021, arts, entertainment, and recreation spending by all consumers decreased by **16.3%** compared to January 2020.

- ✓ Total consumer spending in Louisiana was 18% over the baseline.
- ✓ From mid-August to mid-September, grocery spending increased from 15% to 18% while retail spending remained steady at 32% above January 2020.



data source: Affinity

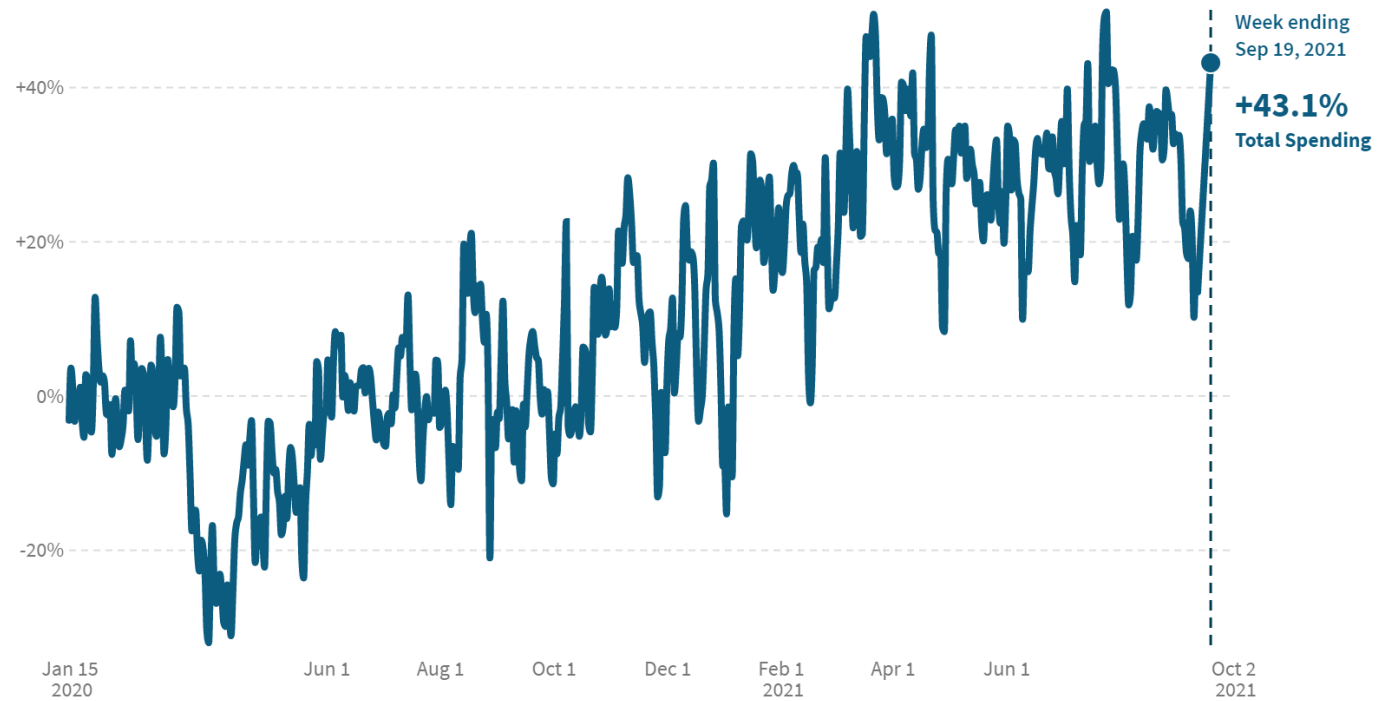
- Compared to the January 2020 baseline, total consumer spending on September 19, 2021 in Louisiana was up 18%, with retail and grocery spending leading with 32% and 18% increases over January 2020. Entertainment was down -16%, restaurant and hotel spending up 4%, and healthcare spending up 9%.

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 September 19, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline, while the chart represents Rapides.

In **Rapides**, as of September 19 2021, total spending by all consumers increased by **43.1%** compared to January 2020.

	Change in Spending
Allen	+34%
Catahoula	+34%
Evangeline	+26%
Grant	+45%
La Salle	+23%
Natchitoches	+17%
Rapides	+43%
St. Landry	-21%
Vernon	+22%



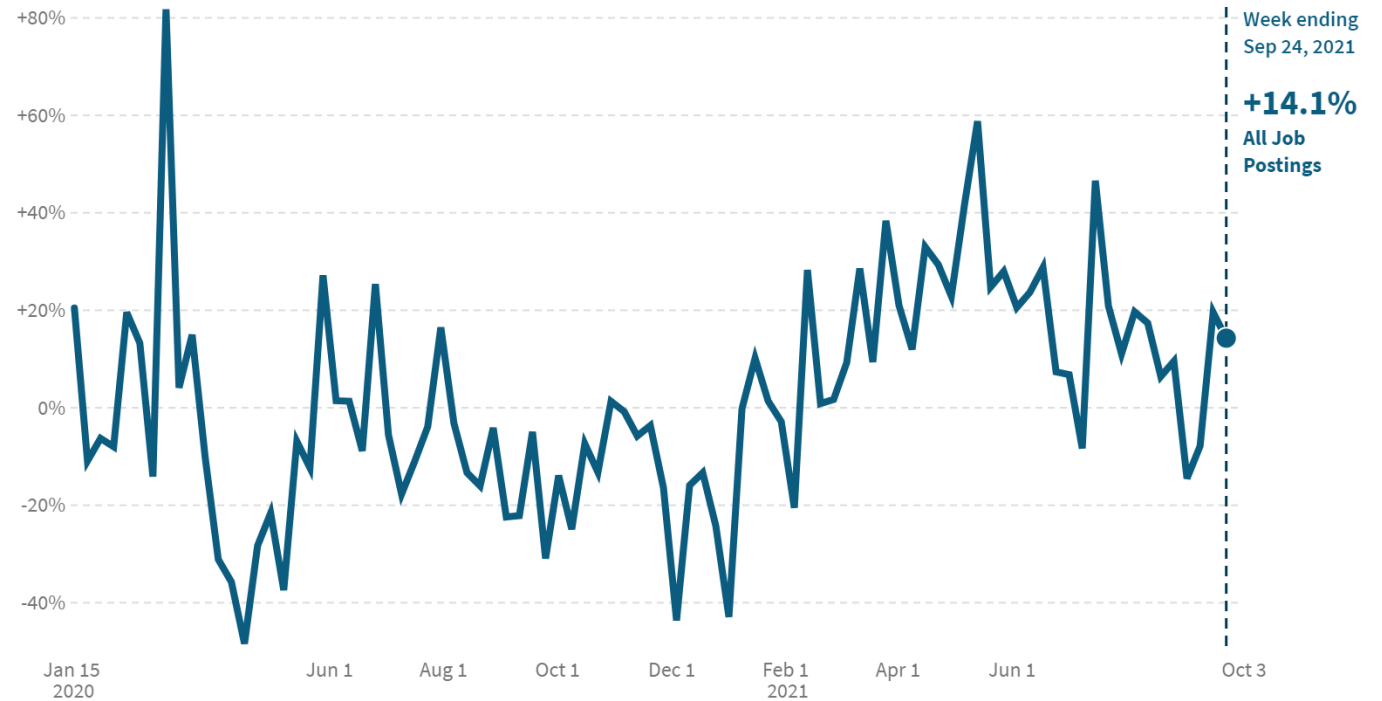
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PERCENT CHANGE IN JOB POSTING IN LOUISIANA

The chart below represents the percent change in job posting by industry in Louisiana as of September 24, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline.

In **Louisiana**, as of September 24 2021, total job postings increased by **14.1%** compared to January 2020.

<u>Industry</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Education & Health Services	+30%
Manufacturing	+12%
Leisure & Hospitality	-29%
Professional	-13%
Financial	+10%



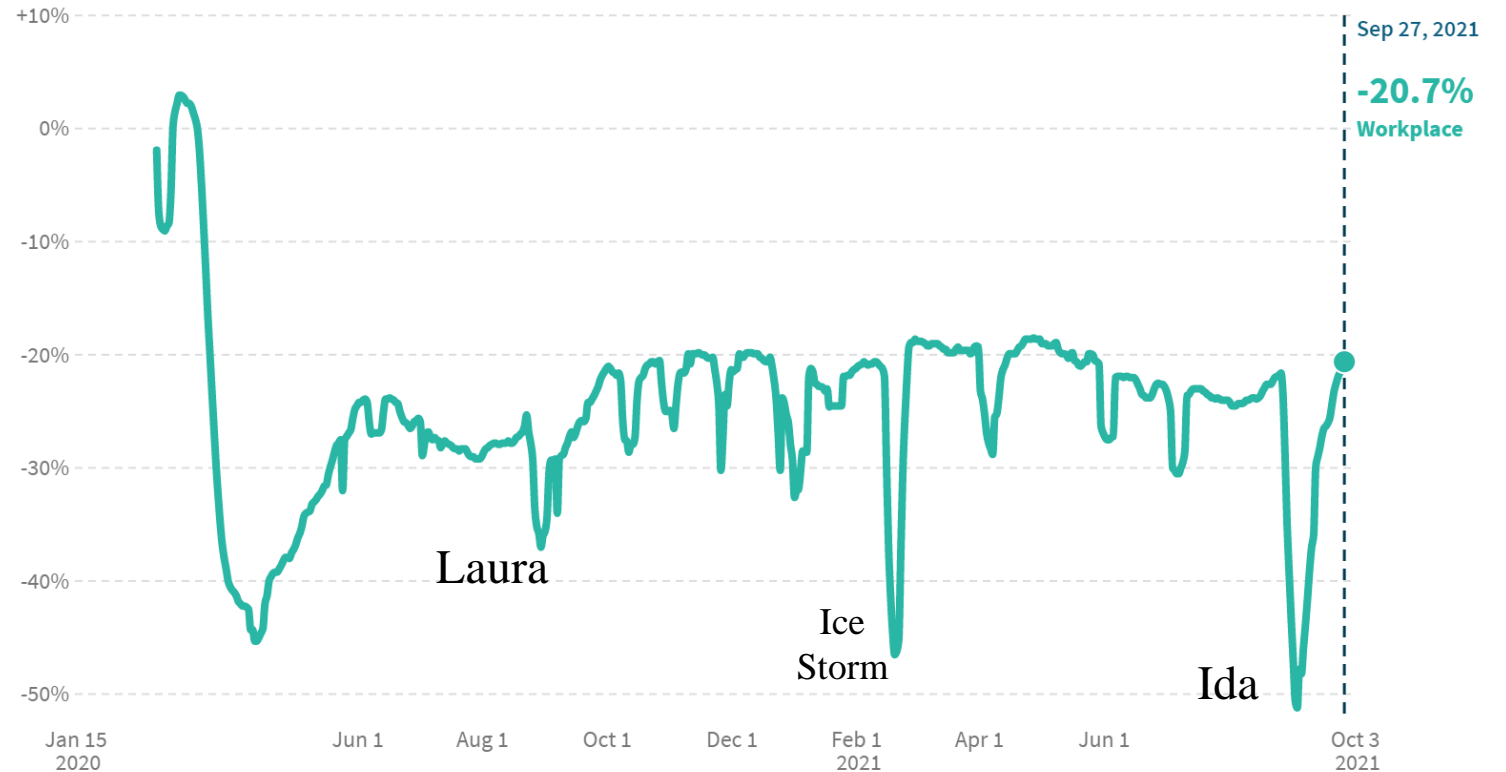
data source: **Burning Glass Technologies**

TIME SPENT AT WORK IN CENLA

The chart represents the percent of time employees in Cenla and statewide spent at work as of September 27, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline.

	Change in <u>Time at Work</u>
Avoyelles	-21%
Concordia	-26%
Evangeline	-27%
Grant	+3%
Natchitoches	-18%
Rapides	-15%
St. Landry	-15%
Vernon	-9%

In Louisiana, as of September 27 2021, total time spent at workplace locations decreased by **20.7%** compared to January 2020.

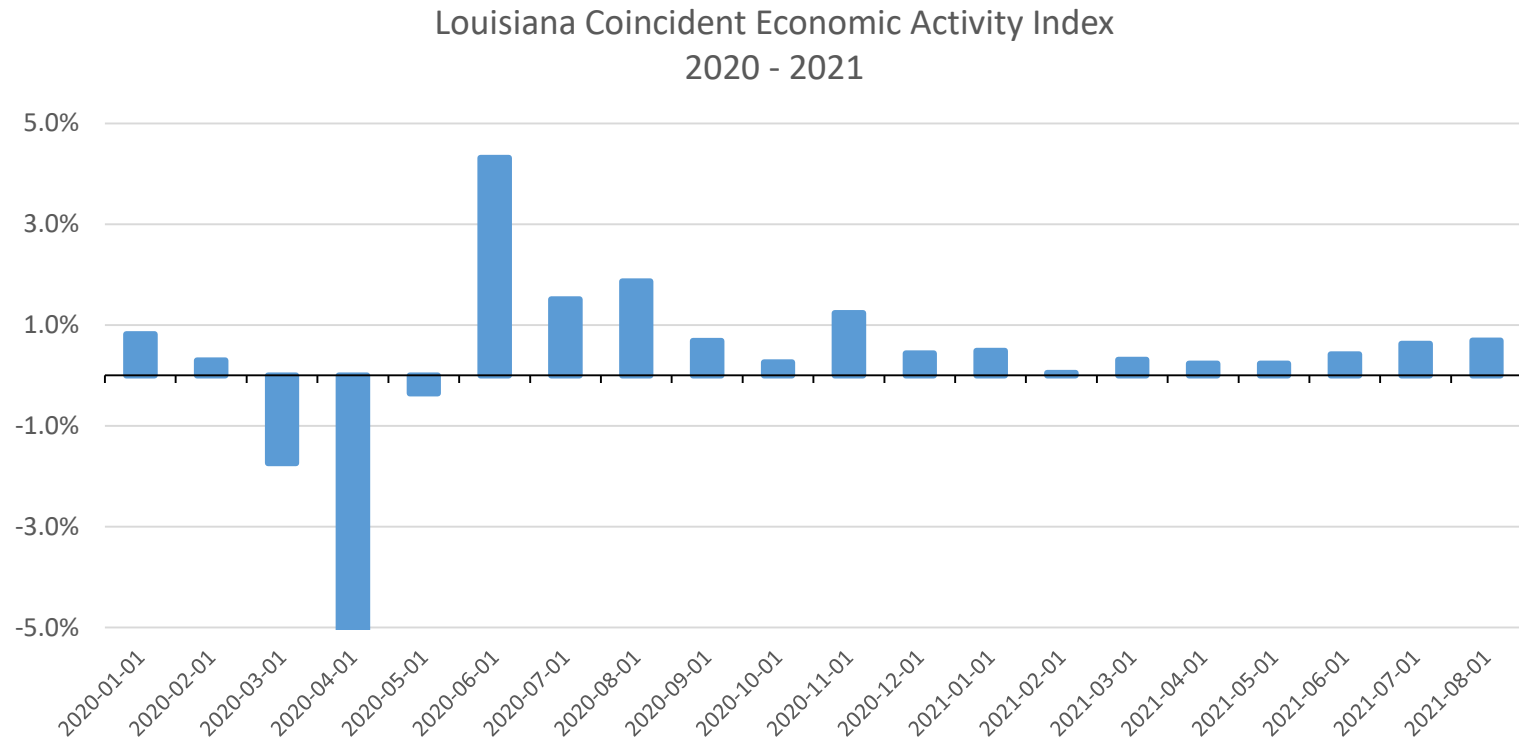


data source: Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports

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 August 2021 increased 0.69% over July.*
- ✓ *The Index has had positive increases for 15 consecutive months, which indicates a continuation of the economic recovery.*

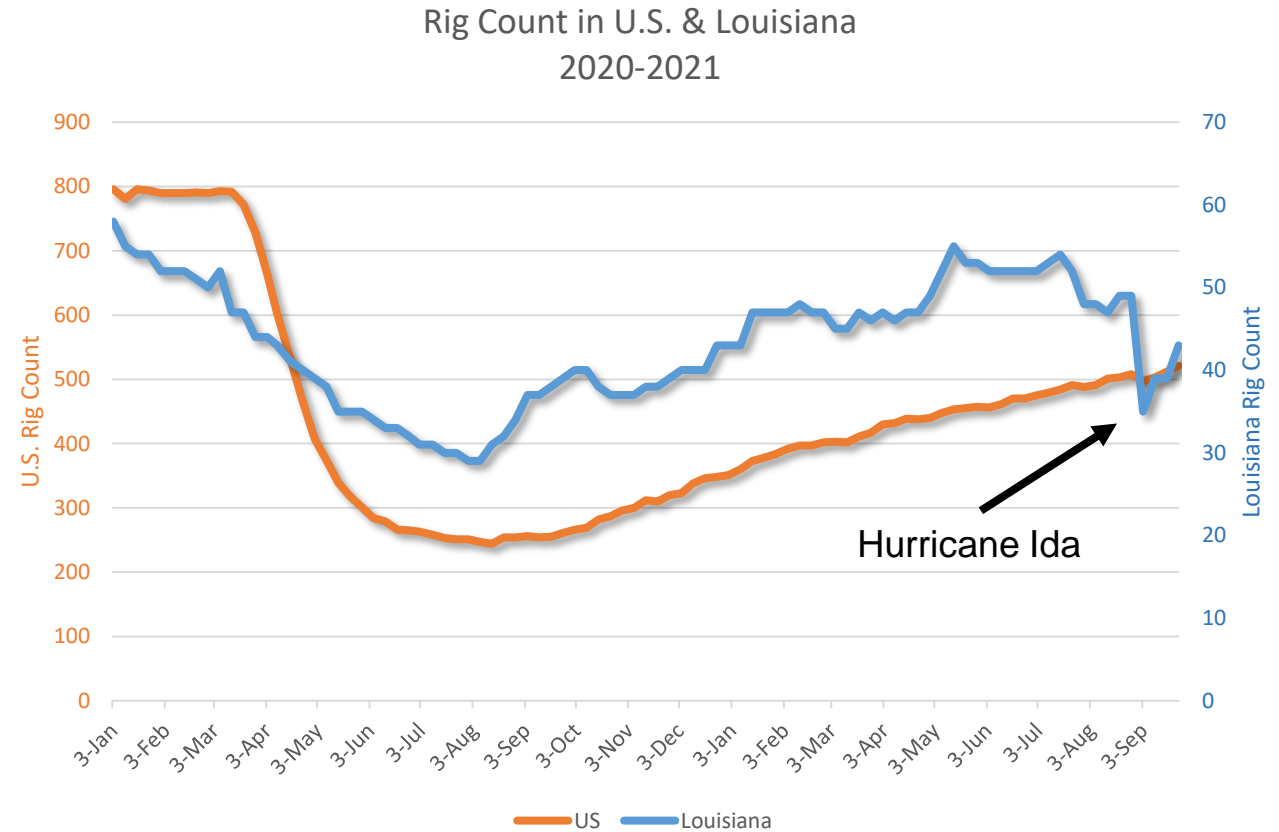


BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNT

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

	Sep 20	Aug 21	Sep 21
N. LA-Land	25	32	34
Int'l Water	1	3	0
S. LA-Land	0	1	11
S. LA-Offshore	12	13	4
TOTAL LOUISIANA	38	49	39
TOTAL US	257	503	508


- ✓ Rig count in Louisiana fell by 10 rigs or 20% in September from August as a result of Hurricane Ida.
- All 15 offshore rigs were shut down the week following Ida and only half were operational at month's end.
- ✓ Nationwide, the rig count is up 98% from a year ago.




LOUISIANA GAMING REVENUE

Gaming revenue in Louisiana for August 2021 with previous month and year comparisons.

August 2021

August 
-27%

Aug YoY 
6%

	Aug-20	Jul-21	Aug-21	% Change MoM	% Change YoY
Video Poker	\$53,480,329	\$73,399,180	\$58,571,214	-20.2%	9.5%
Riverboat	\$113,162,444	\$166,062,726	\$119,033,274	-28.3%	5.2%
Landbased	\$11,792,041	\$24,592,967	\$13,673,110	-44.4%	16.0%
Slots	\$23,628,622	\$30,896,572	\$23,545,156	-23.8%	-0.4%
Total	\$202,063,436	\$294,951,445	\$214,822,754	-27.2%	6.3%

VEHICLE SALES IN LOUISIANA & US

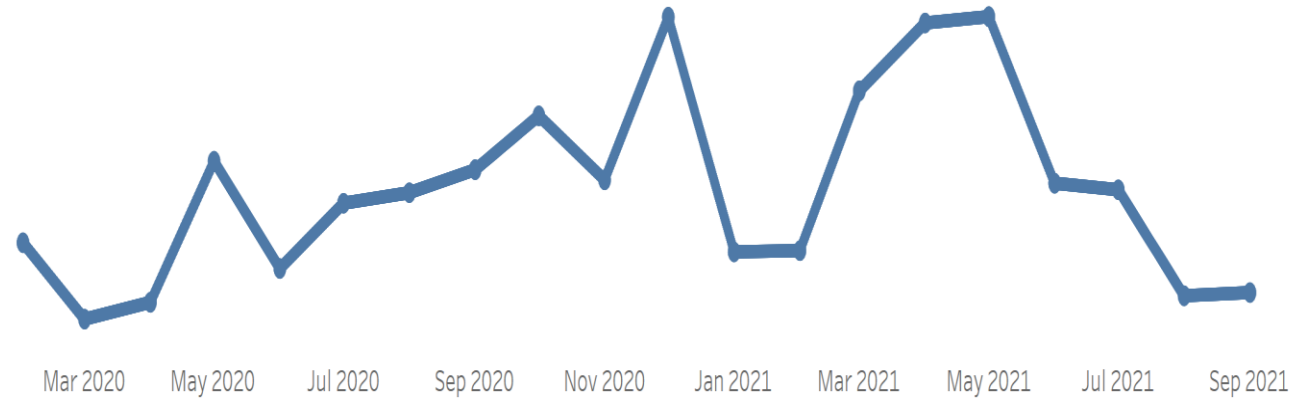
New auto sales in U.S. and Louisiana.

New Auto Sales

Sep 2021 vs. Sep 2020

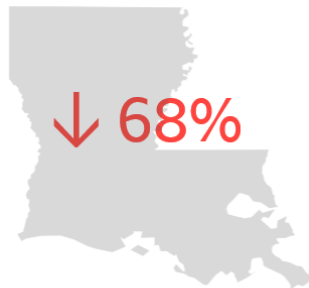


U.S. New Auto Sales

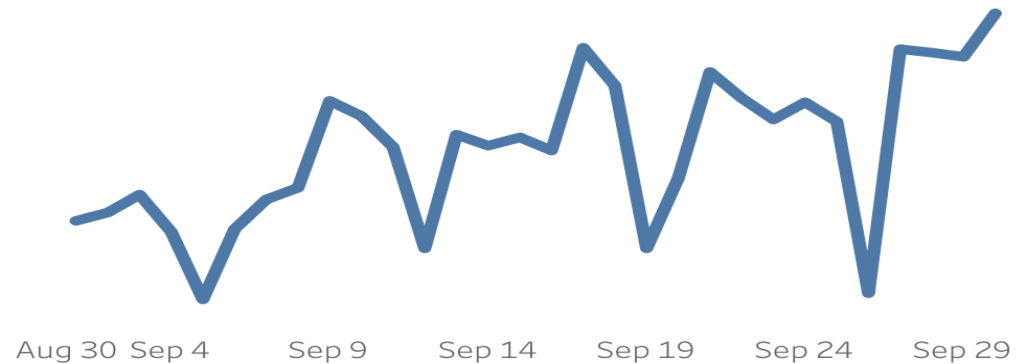


Inventory Levels

Sep 2021 vs. Sep 2020



U.S. Daily Sales for September 2021





Data Source: Foureyes, October 15, 2021.


NATIONAL

NATIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Monthly U.S. economic indicators for August 2021.

Business Formation  -4.7%

Residential Sales  1.5%

Residential Construction  3.9%

Indicator	Jul-21	Aug-21
Business Formation Statistics	0.6%	-4.7%
Business Inventories	0.5%	n/a
Construction Spending	0.3%	0.0%
Advance Monthly Wholesale Inventories	0.6%	1.2%
Advance Monthly Retail Inventories	0.4%	0.1%
Advance Durable Goods Manf. Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	0.5%	1.8%
New Residential Sales	6.4%	1.5%
New Residential Construction *	-6.2%	3.9%
Advance Monthly Sales for Retail and Food Services *	-1.8%	0.7%

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