

CENLA ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

November 19, 2021

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KEY FINDINGS

November 19, 2021 CENLA Economic Dashboard

COVID-19

Region 6 (central Louisiana) has moved from second lowest vaccinated region in the state to the third lowest with 39.7% of the population fully vaccinated as of mid-November, up from 38% in mid-September. Rapides and Avoyelles have the highest percentage of completed vaccinations in Region 6 at 44.6% and 43.0%, respectively. The number of cases continues to decline, nearing the levels from Spring and early Summer. Young adults led the 4th wave of the pandemic with 5-17 year olds reporting the highest number of cases. However, all age groups have fallen equally. All parishes in Cenla are at a moderate risk level, except for Avoyelles, Natchitoches, St. Landry, and Vernon which are rated at substantial risk. Hospitalizations for Covid in Region 6 continue to decline and are at pre-4th wave levels.

EMPLOYMENT

The Louisiana Workforce Commission's Louisiana Occupational Information System database been down in recent weeks. Therefore, the usual employment and unemployment data is not available except for unemployment insurance claims. Instead, education attainment in Alexandria and statewide are presented.

High school graduates in Alexandria earned \$33,122 in 2019 compared to \$50,899 for 4-year college graduates, a 54% advantage for the latter group. Only 17.5% of the population in the Alexandria MSA has a four-year degree or higher, making it the second lowest percentage of college graduates among the state's metro areas. The statewide average weekly initial unemployment claims filed in October fell to 2,845 from 8,714 in September, a -67% decrease, while the average weekly continued unemployment claims in fell to 31,908 from 39,327 in September, a -19% decrease.

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CONSUMER SPENDING

Changes in consumer spending are measured by changes in sales tax revenue. Sales taxes collected in October reflect activity in September. Spending in September was higher in 9 of the ten jurisdictions reporting and ranged from 4% in Avoyelles to 30% higher in Grant. Rapides experienced an 11% increase. Vehicle sales were up 110% in Avoyelles, and 10% and 8% in Evangeline and Rapides, respectively. Year-to-date comparisons of consumer spending and vehicle sales remain very positive across all categories. Since the first of the year, \$13.6 million in sales tax revenue have been collected from online sales in central Louisiana with Rapides collecting the most at \$4.1 million, followed by St. Landry at \$2.6 million, and Vernon at \$1.6 million. Grant has collected \$508,000 since January and \$698,000 since remote sales tax collection started in July 2020. Consumer spending in Rapides in mid-October was 31% above January 2020 compared to 27% for the state, according to Opportunity Insights.

TRAVEL

The adverse impact on travel from the 4th wave is disappearing. Nationwide, air passenger throughput is up 12% in October over September. Passenger throughput at AEX was 80% of the 2019 level compared to 66% for the state. Dining reservations are in a new uptrend since September 1, according to OpenTable. Hotel occupancy in September was up 24% in Avoyelles and 34% in Rapides over August. Year-to-date, occupancy is up 23% in Avoyelles and 28% in Rapides. Likewise, year-to-date gasoline sales in Louisiana are up 5% for the year through August.

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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 44% for the year while the value of residential permits are up 58%. Residential permits in Alexandria were \$2.9 in October, up 144% from the previous month. So far this year, permit valuations issued in Avoyelles are up 57%, Evangeline 160%, and Rapides 965% Permits in Pineville declined 13% in October from September and are down -41% so far this year. Residential construction permits in the RAPC jurisdiction are up 217% over October 2020.

HOUSING

The US Lumber Price Index in October increased for the first time in five months. The 5.5% increase in October still puts the index 10% below the January 2021 level. Nationwide residential sales increased 14% in September. Active listings in the Alexandria MSA were down -5% in October, with median days on the market increasing 31% from 51 to 67 days, while the average and median listing price increased 1% and 2%, respectively.

NEW BUSINESSES

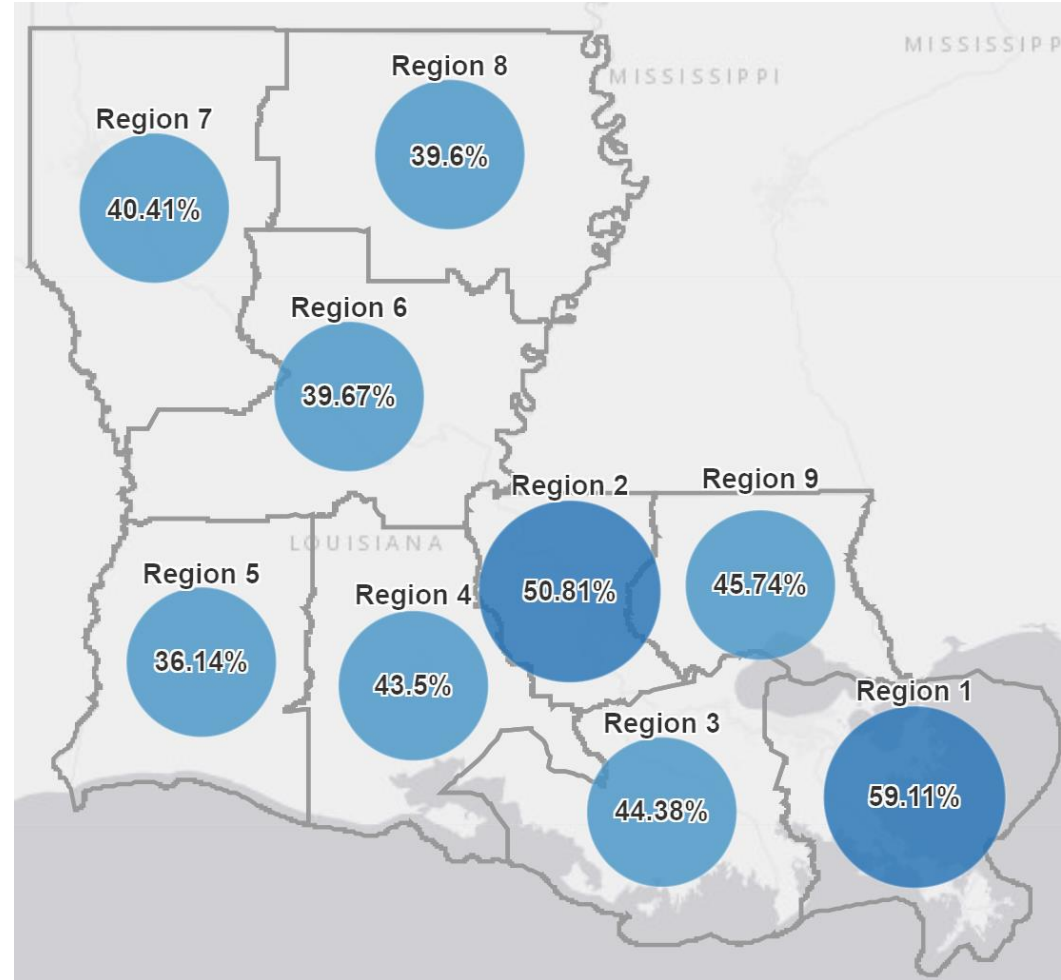
Through October, 85,563 of new business applications were filed in Louisiana compared to 70,927 in 2020 and 45,195 in 2019, representing increases of 21% over 2020 and 89% over 2019. The number of new businesses established in Rapides in October 2021 rose 46% from September and was 37% higher than October 2020. Year-to-date new businesses in Rapides are up 29% over 2020.

COVID-19

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

COVID-19 vaccinations as a percent of region population as of November 14, 2021.

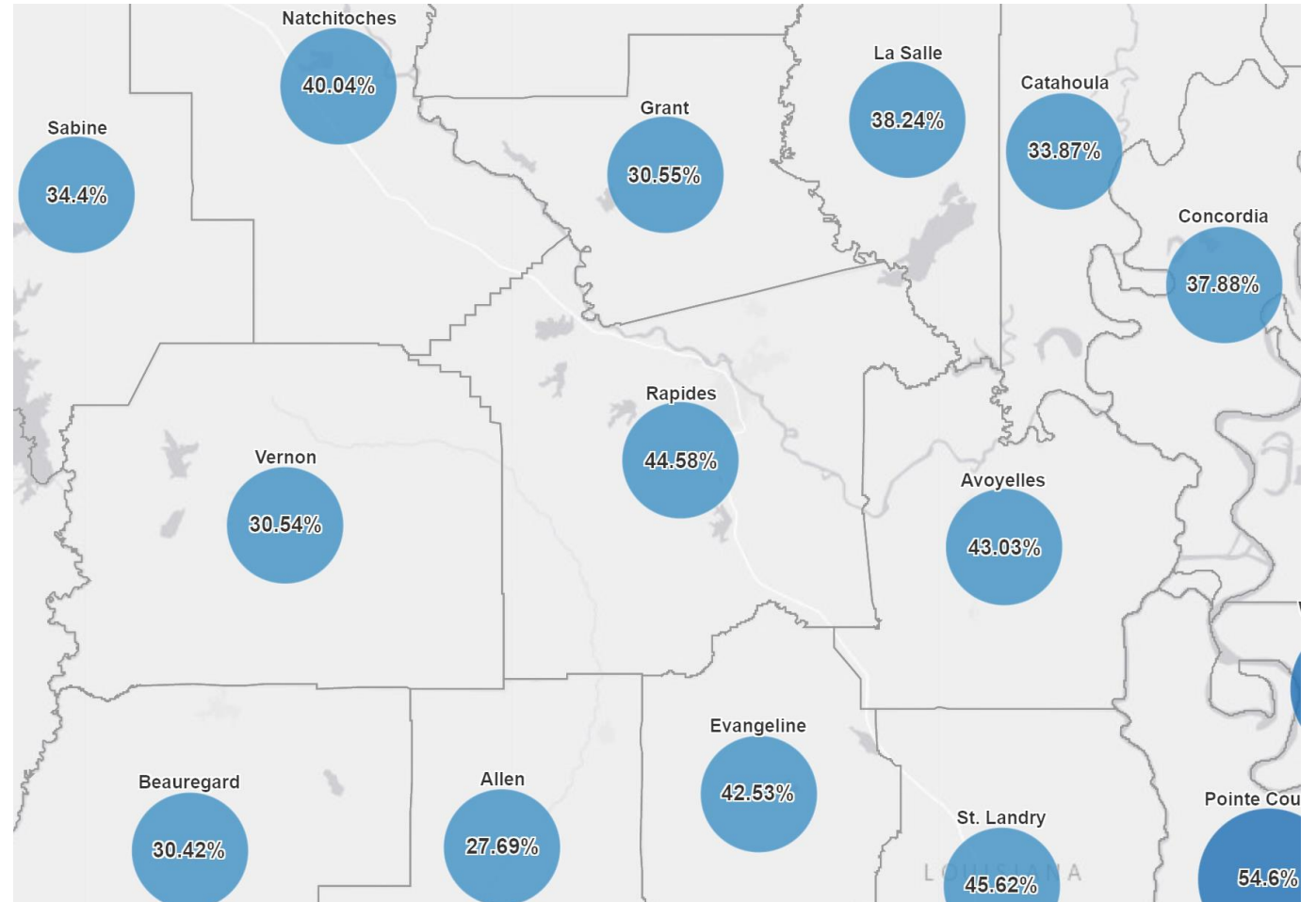
- ✓ Region 6 now has the third lowest vaccination rate in the state with 39.7% of the population vaccinated by mid- November, up from 38% in October, 35% in September, 30% in August and 27% in July.
- ✓ Region 6 (Alexandria) moved ahead of Region 8 (Monroe) in percentage of total population vaccinated.
- ✓ Region 1 (New Orleans) and Region 2 (Baton Rouge) have the highest rates of vaccination at 59% and 51%, respectively.



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS BY PARISH

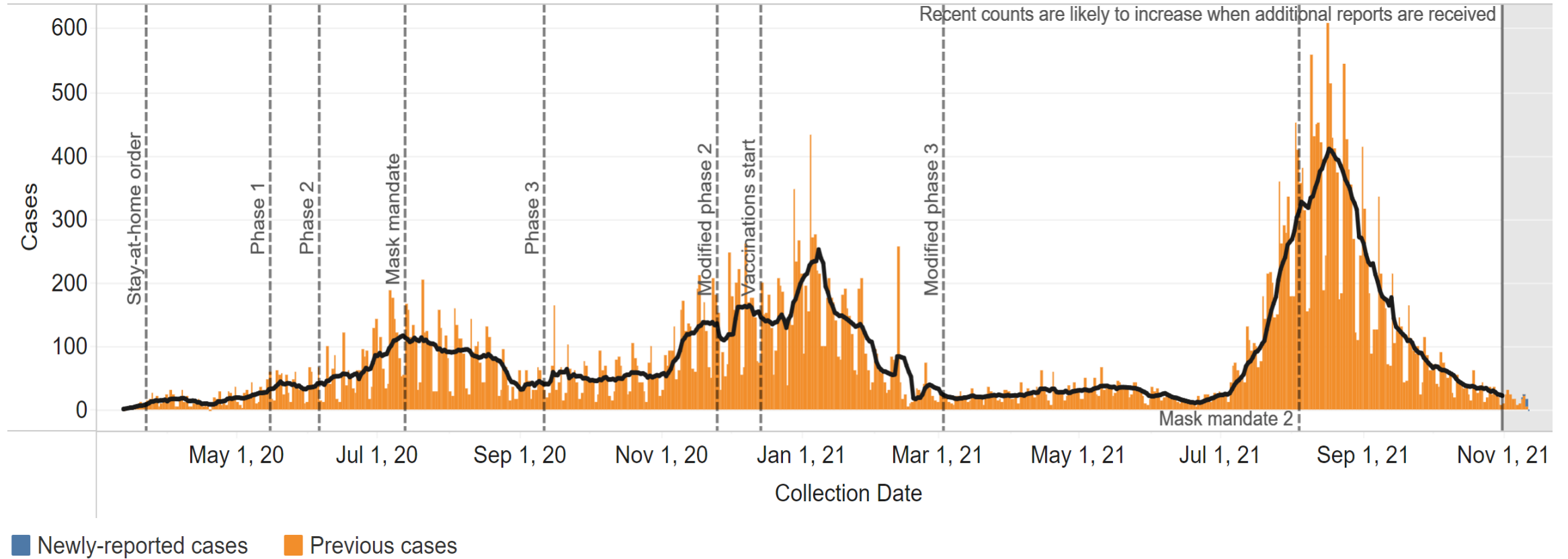
COVID-19 vaccinations as a percent of parish population as of November 14, 2021.

✓ Rapides and Avoyelles have the highest percentage of completed vaccinations in Region 6 at 44.6% and 43.0%, up from 42.8% and 41.2% respectively.



COVID-19 CASES BY COLLECTION DATE

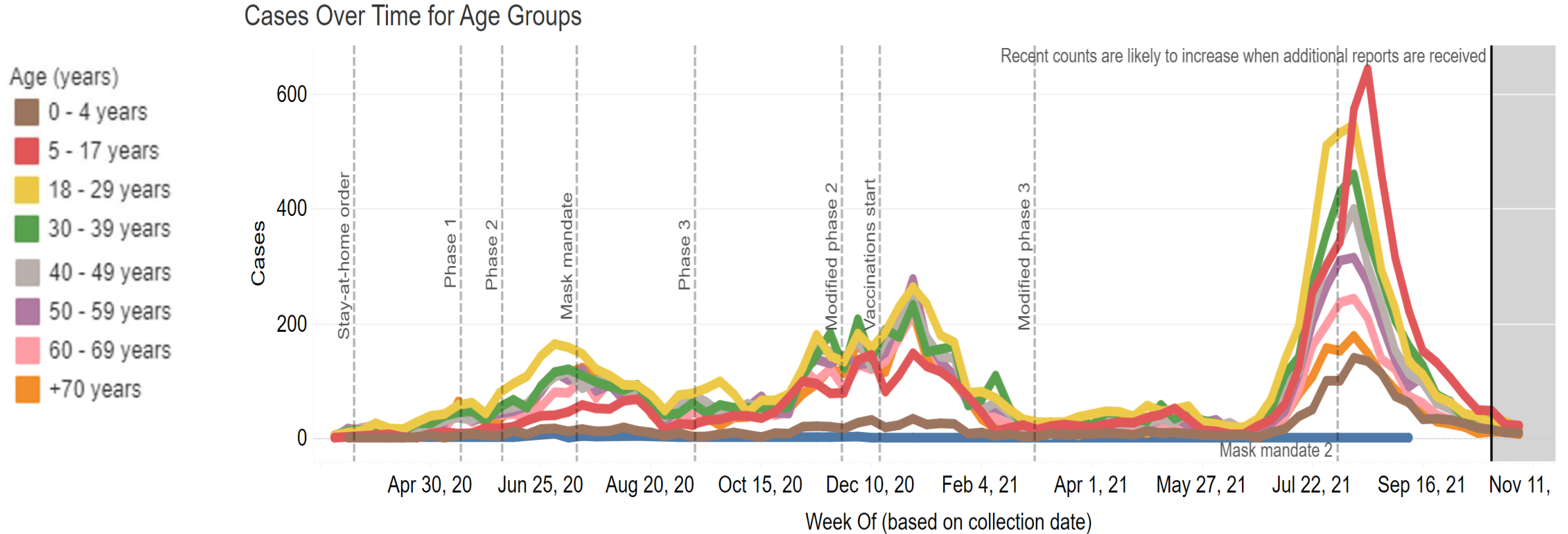
COVID-19 cases by collection date as of November 14, 2021 in Region 6 with a 7-day moving average.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), November 14, 2021.

COVID-19 REGION 6 CASES BY AGE GROUP

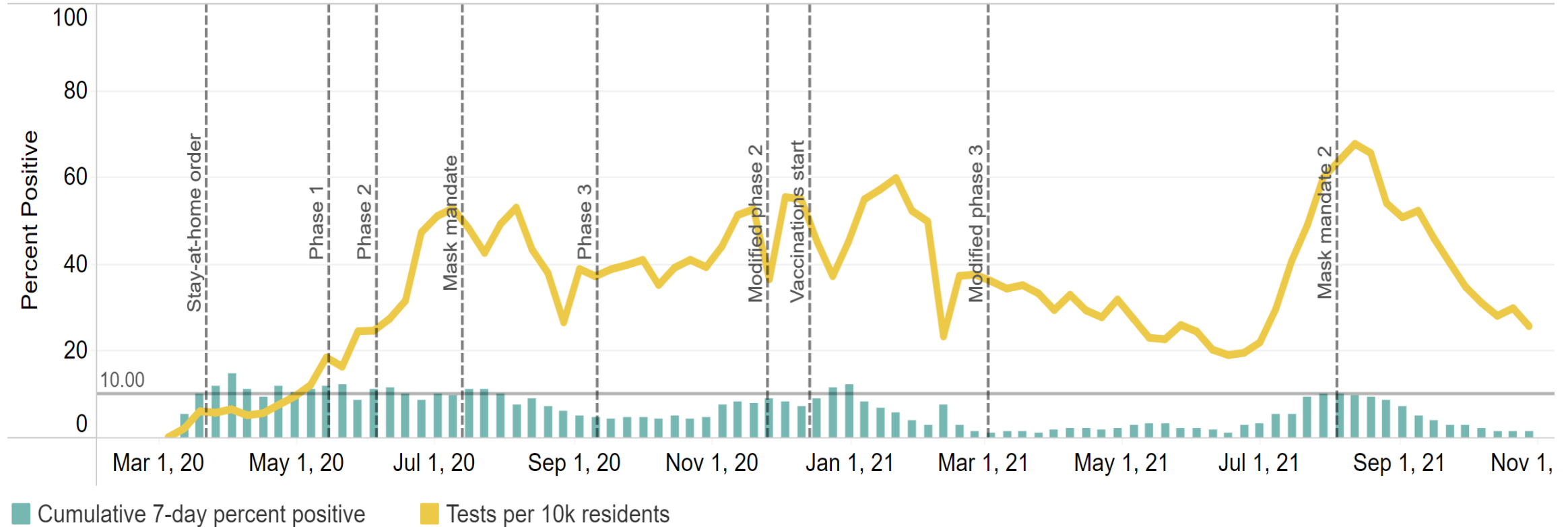
Cases over time by age group in Region 6 through November 14, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), November 14, 2021.

COVID-19 PERCENT POSITIVE AND TEST VOLUME

COVID-19 percent positive and test volume in Region 6 as of November 14, 2021.

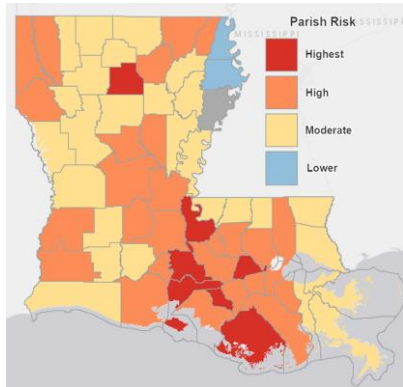


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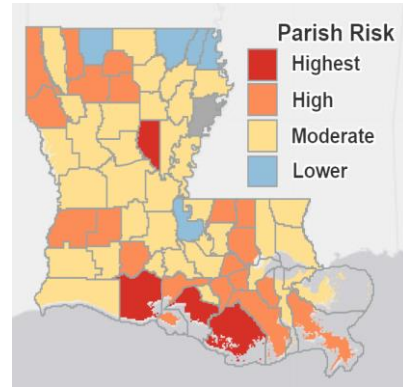
COVID-19 STATEWIDE RISK BY PARISH

COVID-19 statewide risk by parish.

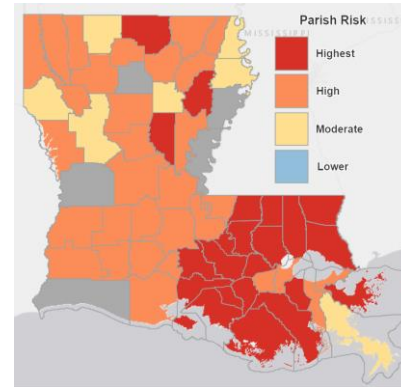
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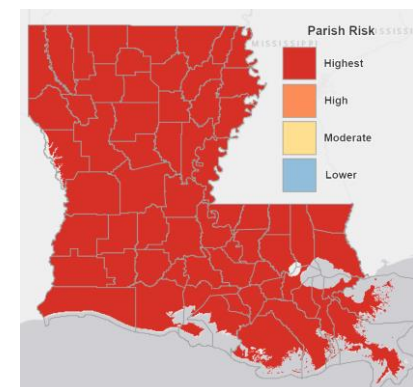
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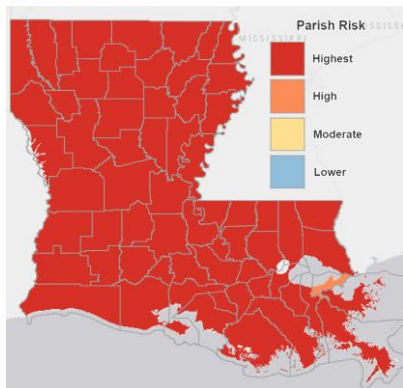
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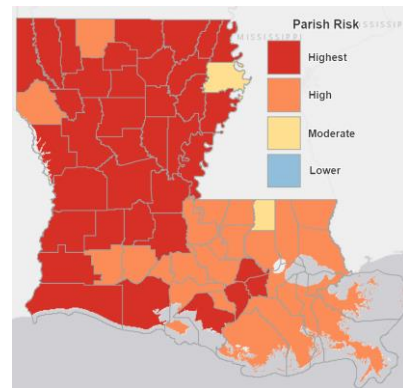
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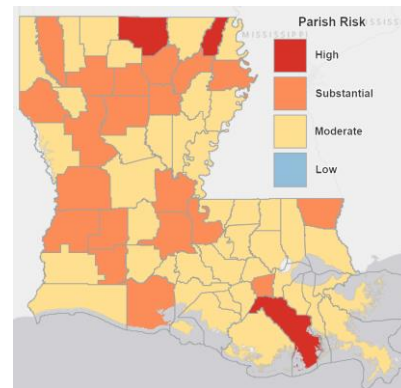
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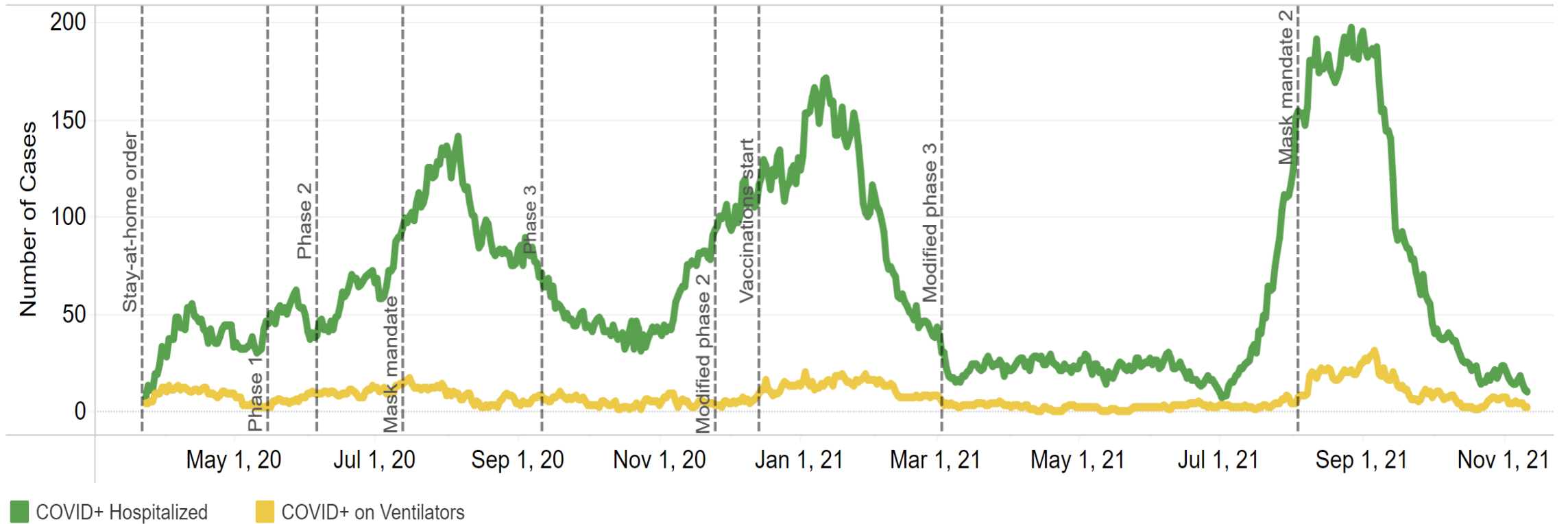
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Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, November 14, 2021.

COVID-19 HOSPITALIZED & VENTILATED

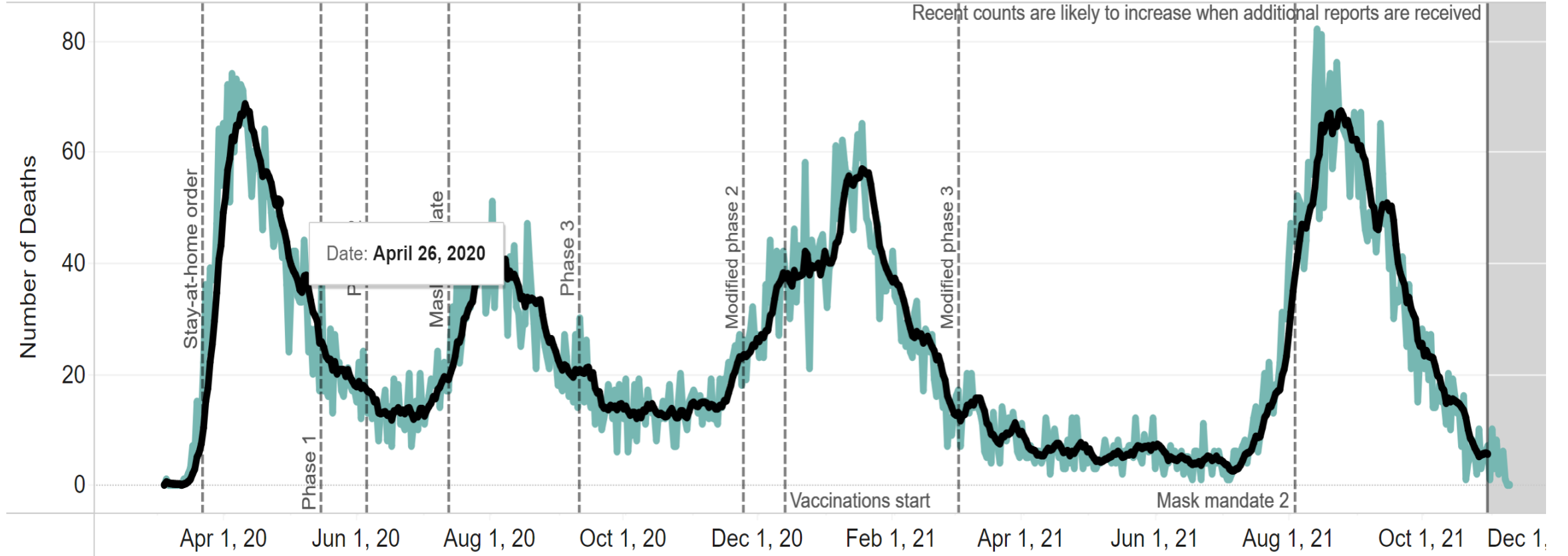
Number of cases hospitalized (green line) and ventilated (yellow line) in Region 6 as of November 14, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), November 14, 2021.

COVID-19 DEATHS STATEWIDE BY DATE

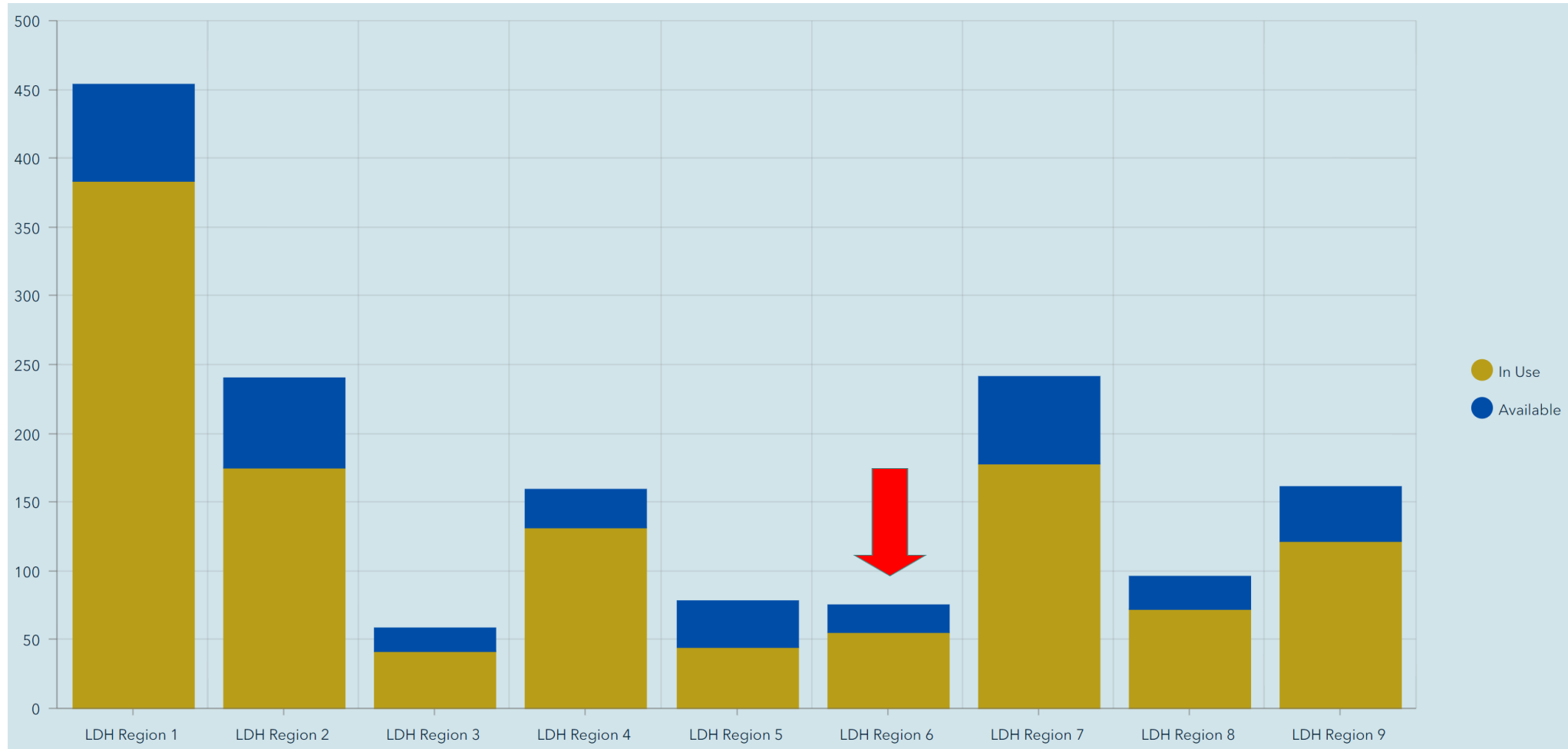
COVID-19 deaths by date of death statewide as of November 14, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), November 14, 2021.

ICU BEDS AVAILABLE & IN USE BY LDH REGION

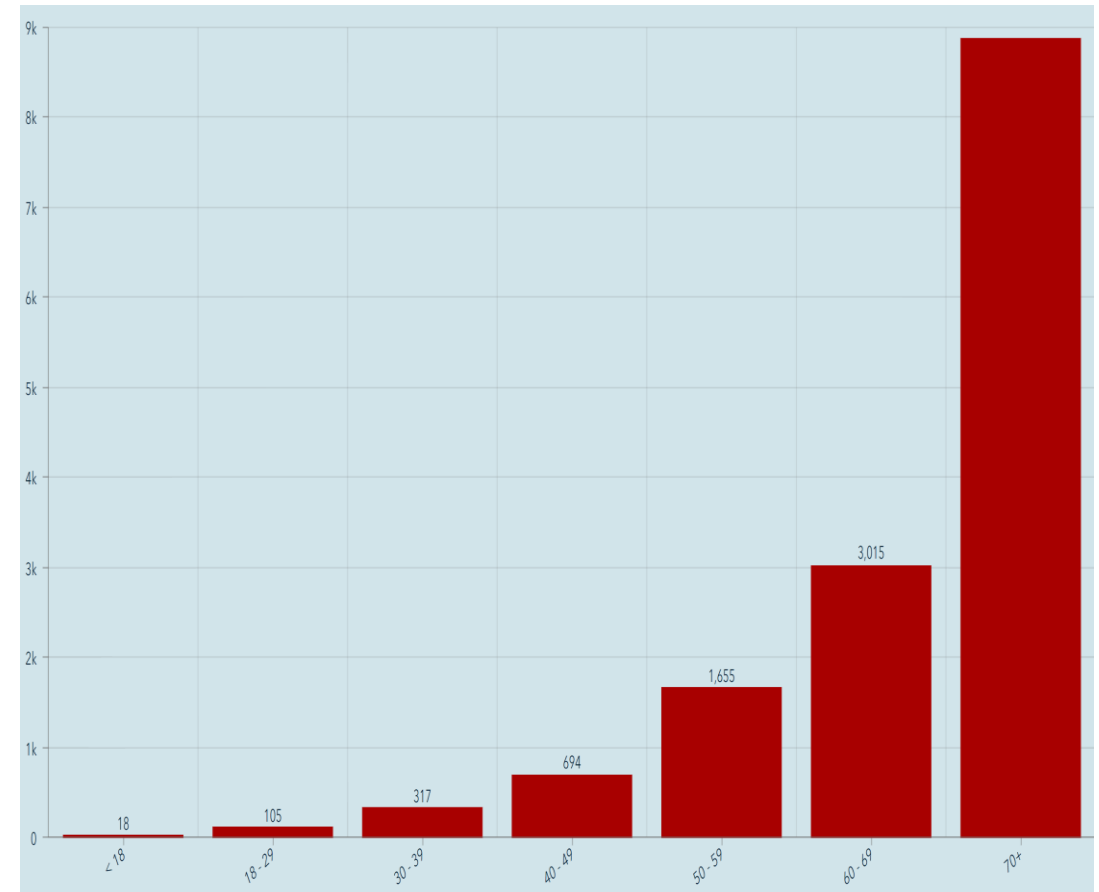
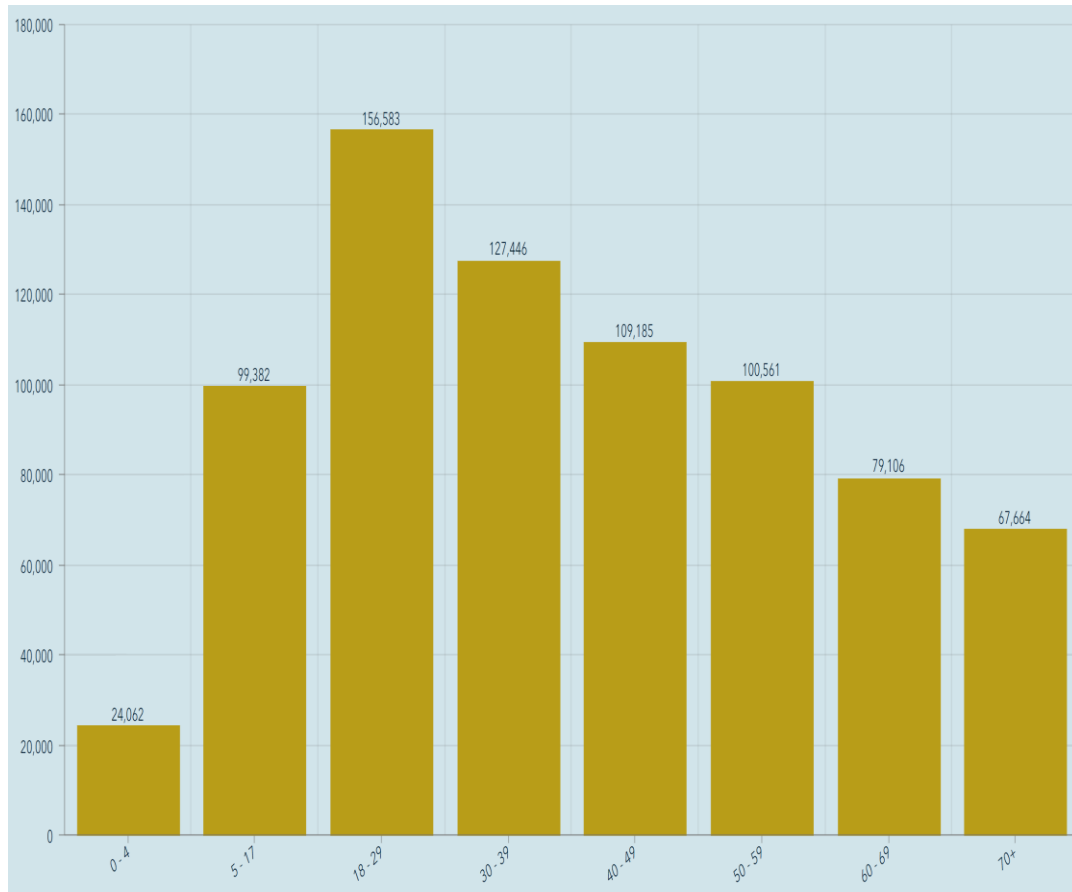
Available beds by Louisiana Department of Health region as of November 14, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), November 14, 2021.

COVID-19 CASES & DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

COVID-19 cases (left) and deaths (right) statewide by age group as of November 14, 2021.



Source: Louisiana Office of Public Health, Region 6 (Central Louisiana), November 14, 2021.

EMPLOYMENT

LOUISIANA OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

LOIS (Louisiana Occupational Information System) is currently unavailable due to internal server errors. Therefore, the usual employment data presented here is not available this month.

The Louisiana Occupational Information System is Louisiana's Virtual Labor Market Information Web Portal. LOIS is an interactive site that gives users access to the latest Louisiana labor force, wages, population, industry employment, training schools, training programs, long and short term projections, demographics, nonfarm employment, employer database, unemployment claimants, industry staffing patterns, licensed occupations, and other career products.

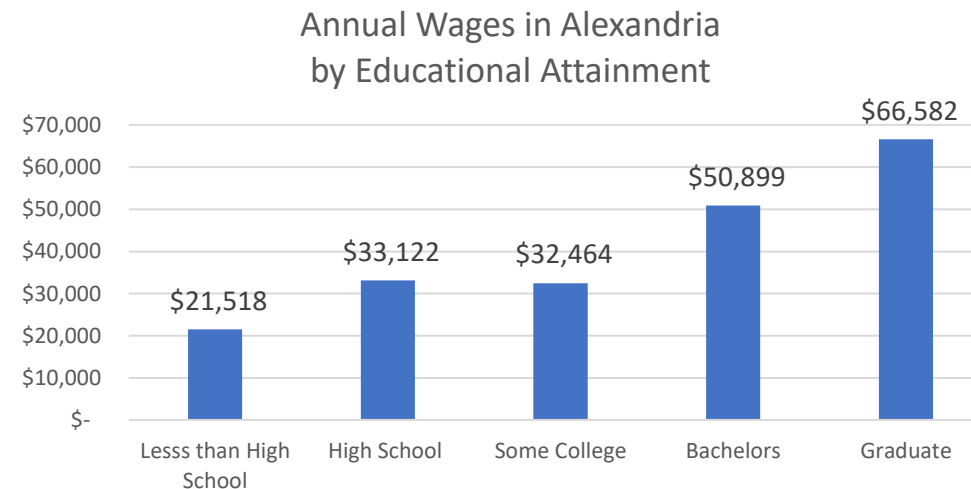
https://www2.laworks.net/LaborMarketInfo/LMI_MainMenu.asp

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT IN ALEXANDRIA

The table below shows the educational attainment and wages of individuals 25 years of age and older in the Alexandria MSA.

- Average wages in the Alexandria MSA in 2019 was \$35,560.
- ✓ Four-year college graduates made 43% higher wages than the average wage for the MSA and 54% higher than high school graduates.

Educational Attainment	Annual Wages	Population Size
Less than High School	\$ 21,518	14,846
High School	\$ 33,122	39,044
Some College	\$ 32,464	22,900
Associates		7,160
Bachelors	\$ 50,899	12,427
Graduate	\$ 66,582	5,391
25 years and older	\$ 35,560	101,768



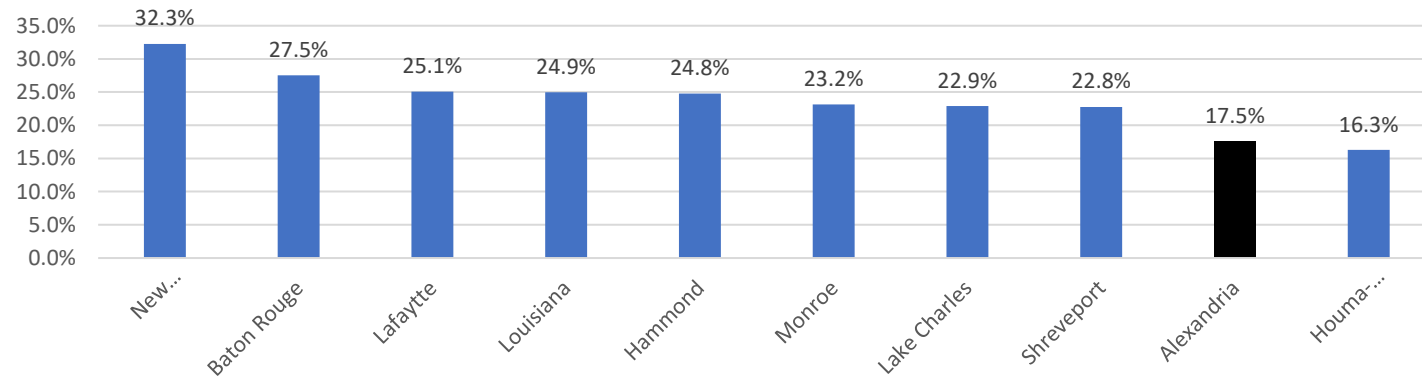
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY MSA IN LA

The table below shows the educational attainment of individuals 25 years of age and older by metropolitan statistical area.

- Alexandria MSA ranks second lowest in the state in percentage of population with a 4-year degree or higher.

City (MSA)	Pop. (25+)	Bachelors	Graduate	4 Yr Degree or Higher	% Bachelors or Higher
Alexandria	101,768	12,427	5,391	17,818	17.5%
Baton Rouge	563,894	103,377	51,851	155,228	27.5%
Hammond	87,255	13,525	8,088	21,613	24.8%
Houma-Thibodaux	141,478	15,266	7,774	23,040	16.3%
Lafayette	327,789	59,341	22,799	82,140	25.1%
Lake Charles	138,265	20,063	11,570	31,633	22.9%
Louisiana	3,140,201	502,947	280,328	783,275	24.9%
Monroe	133,223	20,335	10,514	30,849	23.2%
New Orleans	887,526	174,560	111,817	286,377	32.3%
Shreveport	266,723	37,093	23,632	60,725	22.8%

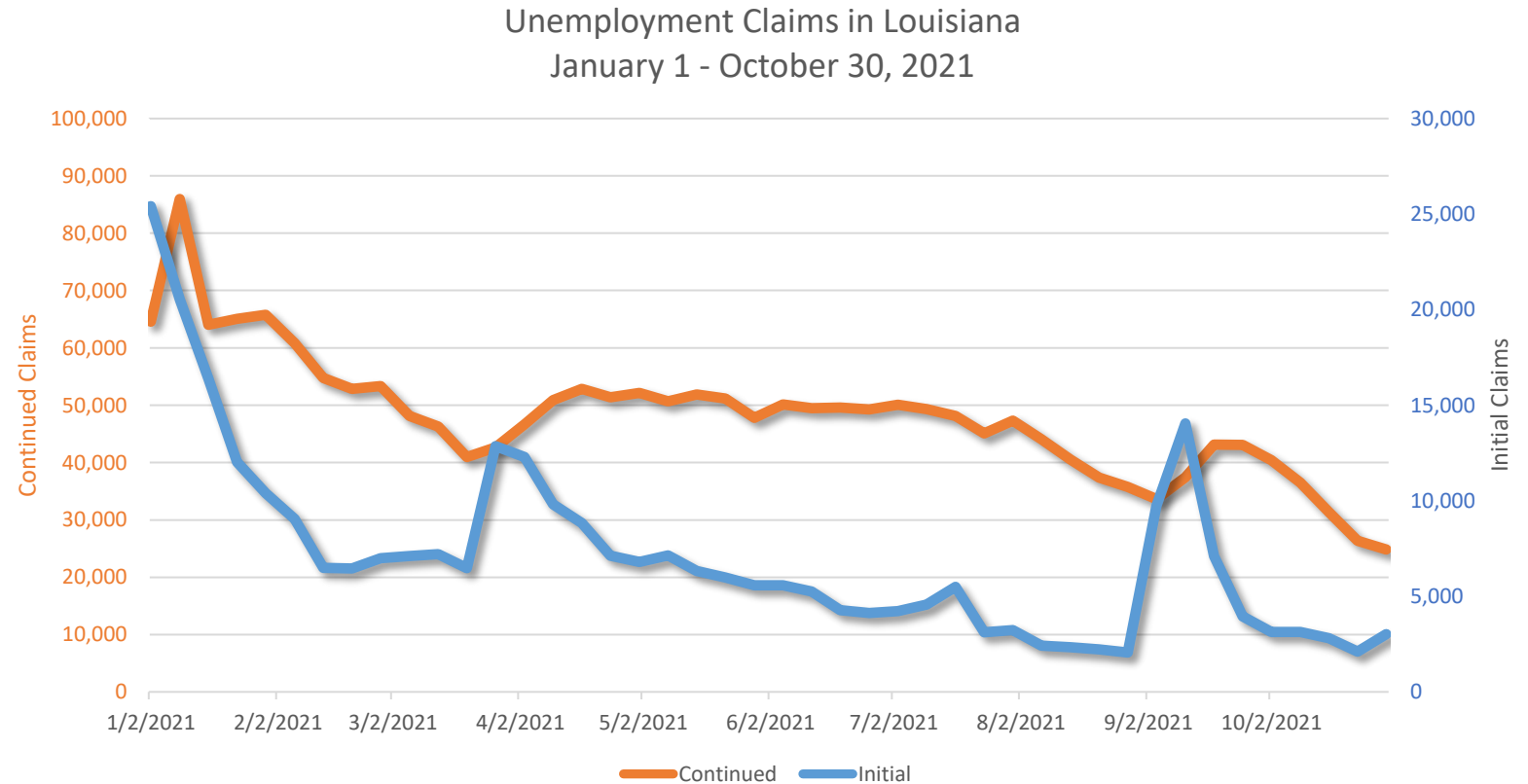
Percent of Population with a 4-Year Degree or Higher



UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS IN LOUISIANA

Initial and continued unemployment claims in Louisiana from January to October 30, 2021.

- ✓ Statewide average weekly initial unemployment claims filed in October fell to 2,845 from 8,714 in September, a -67% decrease.
- ✓ Statewide average weekly continued unemployment claims in fell to 31,908 from 39,327 in September, a -19% decrease.

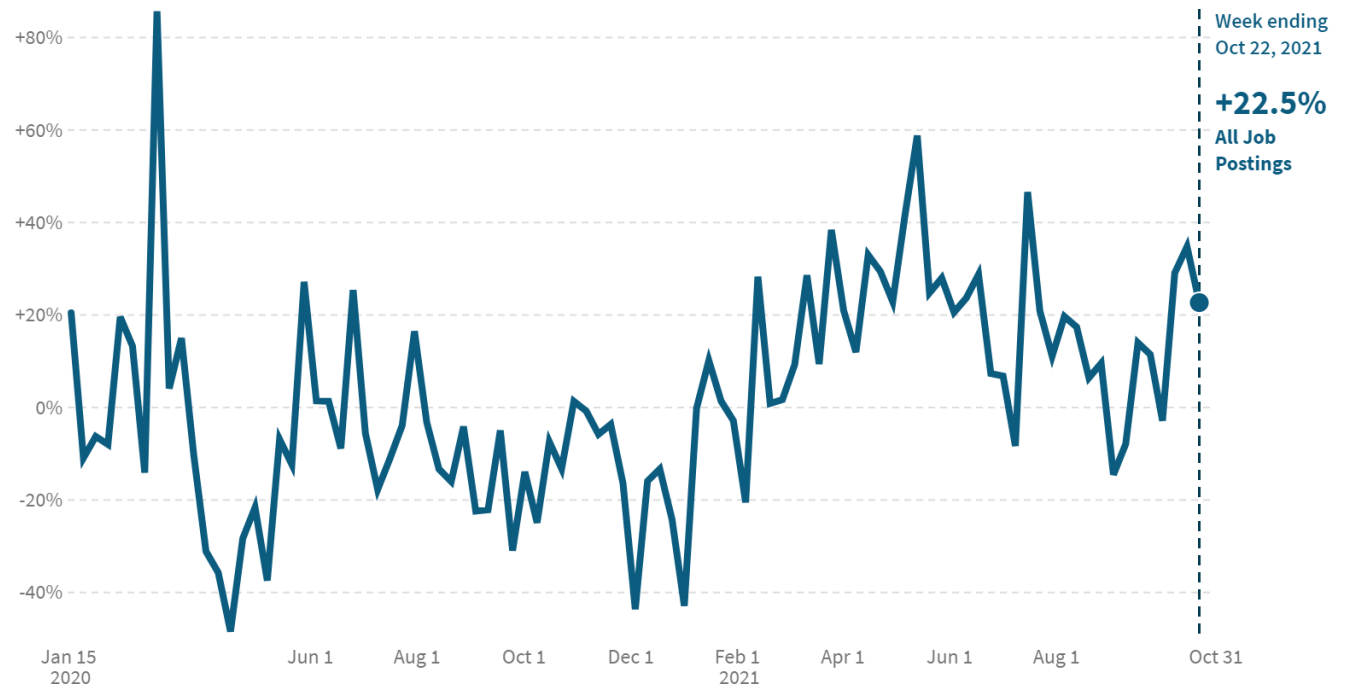


PERCENT CHANGE IN JOB POSTING IN LOUISIANA

The chart below represents the percent change in job posting by industry in Louisiana as of October 22, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline.

In **Louisiana**, as of October 22 2021, total job postings increased by **22.5%** compared to January 2020.

<u>Industry</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Education & Health Services	+10%
Manufacturing	+25%
Leisure & Hospitality	-7%
Professional	+34%
Financial	+60%



data source: **Burning Glass Technologies**

TAX REVENUE

TAX REVENUE OVERVIEW

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

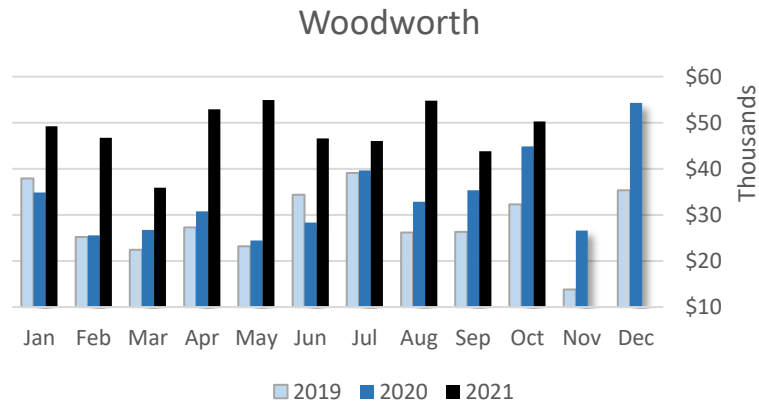
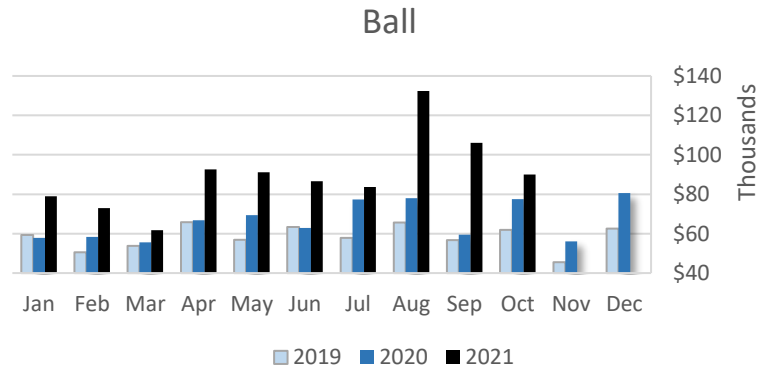
October 2021

Sales Tax	M/M	Y/Y	YTD		Vehicle Sales Tax	M/M	Y/Y	YTD
Alexandria	12%	1%	17%		Avoyelles	101%	29%	18%
Avoyelles	4%	9%	27%		Evangeline	10%	22%	24%
Catahoula	13%	22%	49%		Rapides	8%	11%	30%
Concordia	13%	9%	15%		St. Landry	-14%	-5%	20%
Evangeline	9%	34%	29%					
Grant	30%	12%	23%					
La Salle	-0.4%	12%	19%		Hotel Occupancy Tax			
Pineville	10%	-6%	10%		Avoyelles	24%	-2%	23%
Rapides	11%	-1%	18%		Rapides	34%	-13%	28%
St. Landry	8%	0%	11%					

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



October

	Oct-20	Sep-21	Oct-21	% M/M	% Y/Y	%YTD
Ball	\$77,486	\$106,118	\$90,071	-15.1%	16.2%	35.6%
Boyce	\$91,008	\$42,822	\$49,296	15.1%	-45.8%	44.5%
Cheneyville	\$4,099	\$2,458	\$3,409	38.7%	-16.8%	-11.9%
Glenmora	\$23,117	\$17,550	\$15,367	-12.4%	-33.5%	9.3%
Lecompte	\$29,382	\$25,956	\$34,258	32.0%	16.6%	10.0%
Woodworth	\$44,848	\$43,822	\$50,258	14.7%	12.1%	48.4%

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

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


ALEXANDRIA SALES TAX


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


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

October

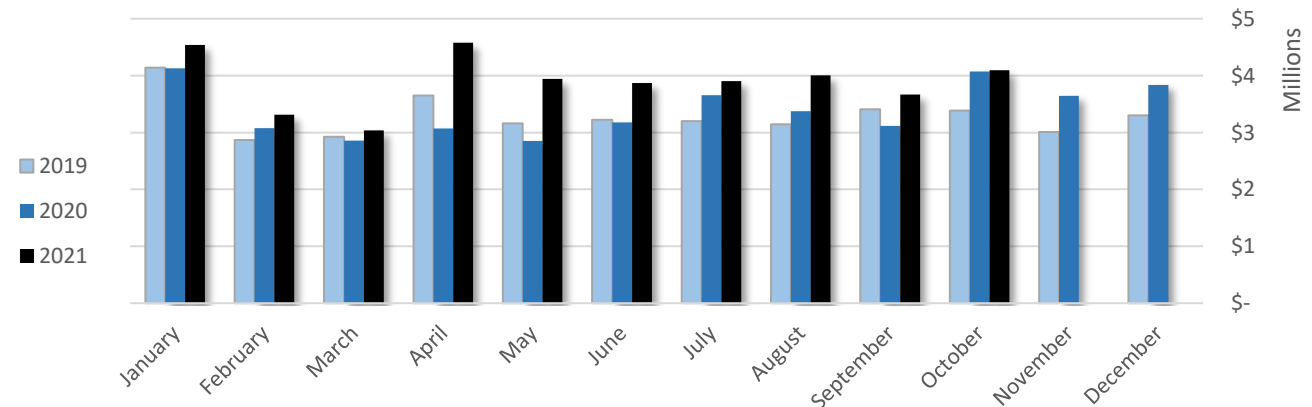
	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 3,188,133	\$ 3,385,908	\$ 4,072,623	\$ 4,095,630
September	\$ 3,077,513	\$ 3,410,715	\$ 3,117,685	\$ 3,670,600
% Chg over Prev Month	3.6%	-0.7%	30.6%	11.6%
% Chg over Prev Year		6.2%	20.3%	0.6%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 32,683,040	\$ 33,108,345	\$ 33,395,178	\$ 38,967,323
% Chg over Prev YTD		1.3%	0.9%	16.7%

October  12%

Oct YoY  1%

Oct YTD  17%

Alexandria Sales Tax Revenue
2019-2021






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

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

AVOYELLES SALES TAX

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

		<i>October</i>				
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	 4%	\$ 1,489,996	\$ 1,488,063	\$ 1,653,457	\$ 1,830,784	\$ 1,989,498
Oct YoY	 9%	\$ 1,389,889	\$ 1,323,763	\$ 1,513,526	\$ 1,403,970	\$ 1,908,473
		% Chg over Prev Month	7.2%	12.4%	9.2%	30.4%
		% Chg over Prev Year		-0.1%	11.1%	10.7%
Oct YTD	 27%	\$ 14,213,040	\$ 14,043,601	\$ 14,756,833	\$ 14,873,241	\$ 18,818,667
		% Chg over Prev YTD		-1.2%	5.1%	0.8%


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


Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. November 2021.


AVOYELLES VEHICLE SALES TAX

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

October

October 
101%

Oct YoY 
29%

Oct YTD 
18%

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 232,828	\$ 238,948	\$ 261,340	\$ 324,326	\$ 416,788
September	\$ 298,684	\$ 284,178	\$ 300,610	\$ 256,314	\$ 207,201
% Chg over Prev Month	-22.0%	-15.9%	-13.1%	26.5%	101.2%
% Chg over Prev Year		2.6%	9.4%	24.1%	28.5%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 2,784,866	\$ 2,669,172	\$ 2,784,534	\$ 2,937,712	\$ 3,472,862
% Chg over Prev YTD		-4.2%	4.3%	5.5%	18.2%


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


Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. November 2021


CATAHOULA SALES TAX

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

October

October 
13%

Oct YoY 
22%

Oct YTD 
49%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 494,056	\$ 528,402	\$ 542,915	\$ 661,305
September	\$ 473,831	\$ 508,650	\$ 507,843	\$ 585,734
% Chg over Prev Month	4.3%	3.9%	6.9%	12.9%
% Chg over Prev Year		7.0%	2.7%	21.8%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 4,880,758	\$ 4,815,542	\$ 4,937,691	\$ 7,343,636
% Chg over Prev YTD		-1.3%	2.5%	48.7%

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




Data Source: Catahoula Parish Tax Administrator, November 2021

CONCORDIA SALES TAX

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

October

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 978,053	\$ 1,293,099	\$ 1,242,516	\$ 1,350,733
September	\$ 1,204,032	\$ 1,222,663	\$ 1,142,316	\$ 1,190,705
% Chg over Prev Month	-18.8%	5.8%	8.8%	13.4%
% Chg over Prev Year		32.2%	-3.9%	8.7%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 10,191,873	\$ 11,275,011	\$ 11,059,777	\$ 12,692,661
% Chg over Prev YTD		10.6%	-1.9%	14.8%




October		13%
Oct YoY		9%
Oct YTD		15%

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

Data Source: Concordia Parish Tax Administrator. November 2021

EVANGELINE SALES TAX

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


		<i>October</i>				
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	 9%	\$ 1,539,965	\$ 1,458,546	\$ 1,635,286	\$ 1,798,781	\$ 2,405,620
Oct YoY	 34%	\$ 1,416,403	\$ 1,530,450	\$ 1,510,816	\$ 1,588,031	\$ 2,201,023
		% Chg over Prev Month	8.7%	-4.7%	8.2%	13.3%
		% Chg over Prev Year		-5.3%	12.1%	10.0%
Oct YTD	 29%					
		YTD	\$ 13,715,847	\$ 13,656,005	\$ 14,009,191	\$ 14,563,042
		% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.4%	2.6%	4.0%


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


Data Source: Evangeline Parish Sales Tax Commissioner. November 2021

EVANGELINE VEHICLE SALES TAX

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

October 
10%

Oct YoY 
22%

Oct YTD 
24%

October

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 268,989	\$ 253,898	\$ 285,082	\$ 341,620	\$ 417,328
September	\$ 296,330	\$ 312,342	\$ 260,235	\$ 319,288	\$ 378,144
% Chg over Prev Month	-9.2%	-18.7%	9.5%	7.0%	10.4%
% Chg over Prev Year		-5.6%	12.3%	19.8%	22.2%
YTD	\$ 2,681,610	\$ 2,660,324	\$ 2,753,193	\$ 2,936,469	\$ 3,635,000
% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.8%	3.5%	6.7%	23.8%

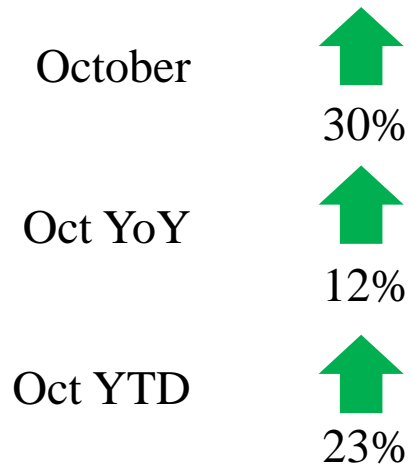
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GRANT SALES TAX

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

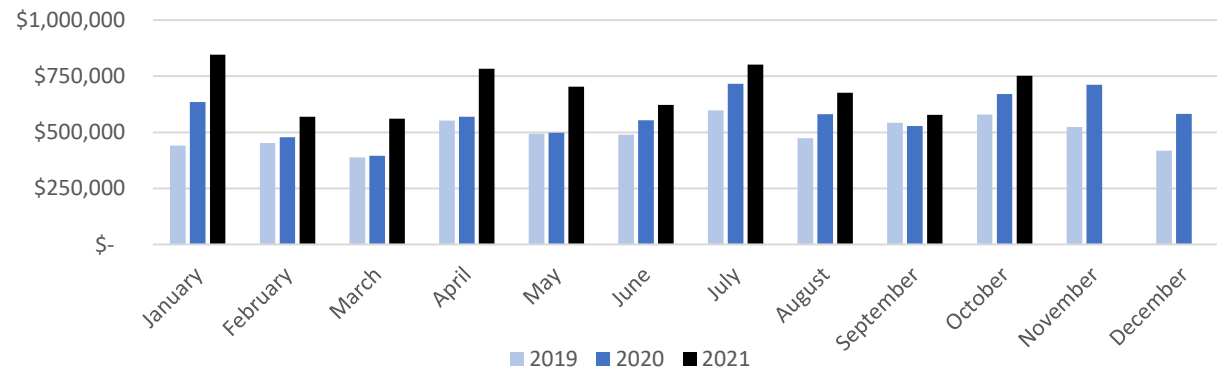
(BR) Grant monthly sales tax revenue from 2019 to present.



October

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 460,486	\$ 579,578	\$ 670,142	\$ 751,924
September	\$ 279,869	\$ 542,063	\$ 527,749	\$ 577,932
% Chg over Prev Month	64.5%	6.9%	27.0%	30.1%
% Chg over Prev Year		25.9%	15.6%	12.2%
YTD (Jan - Oct)		\$ 5,011,682	\$ 5,624,883	\$ 6,890,642
% Chg over Prev YTD			12.2%	22.5%

Grant Parish Sales Tax Revenue
2019-2021






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

LA SALLE SALES TAX

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

October

		2018	2019	2020	2021	
October	 -0.4%	\$ 2,112,898	\$ 928,034	\$ 912,346	\$ 1,023,669	
Oct YoY	 12%	\$ 808,341	\$ 894,054	\$ 801,110	\$ 1,027,773	
Oct YTD	 19%					
		% Chg over Prev Month	161.4%	3.8%	13.9%	-0.4%
		% Chg over Prev Year		-56.1%	-1.7%	12.2%
		YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 8,915,351	\$ 9,015,675	\$ 8,707,019	\$ 10,358,868
		% Chg over Prev YTD		1.1%	-3.4%	19.0%

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

Data Source: La Salle Parish Tax Administrator, November 2021


PINEVILLE SALES TAX


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


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

October

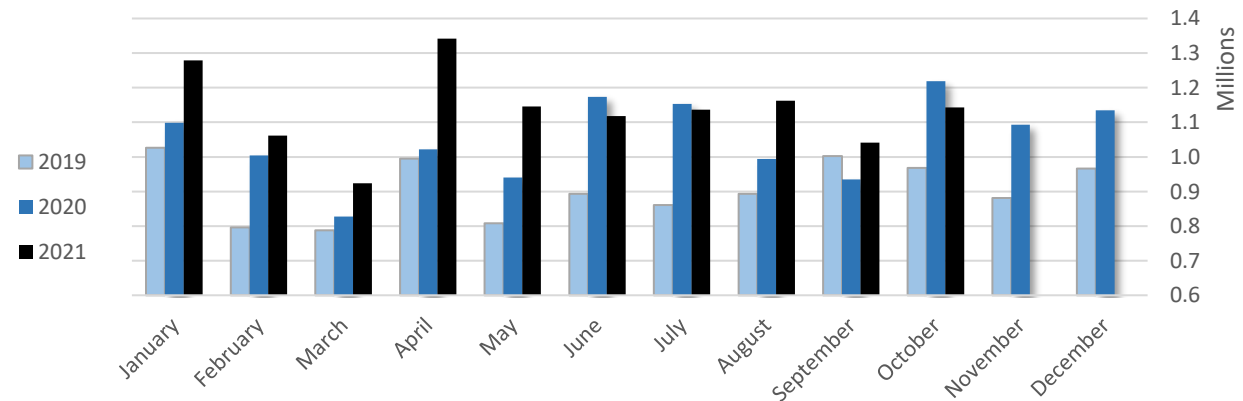
	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 831,588	\$ 968,213	\$ 1,218,365	\$ 1,142,808
September	\$ 772,998	\$ 1,002,333	\$ 935,245	\$ 1,041,133
% Chg over Prev Month	7.6%	-3.4%	30.3%	9.8%
% Chg over Prev Year		16.4%	25.8%	-6.2%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 8,785,715	\$ 9,032,995	\$ 10,367,784	\$ 11,351,360
% Chg over Prev YTD		2.8%	14.8%	9.5%

October  10%

Oct YoY  -6%

Oct YTD  10%

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, November 2021.


RAPIDES SALES TAX

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

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

October 
11%

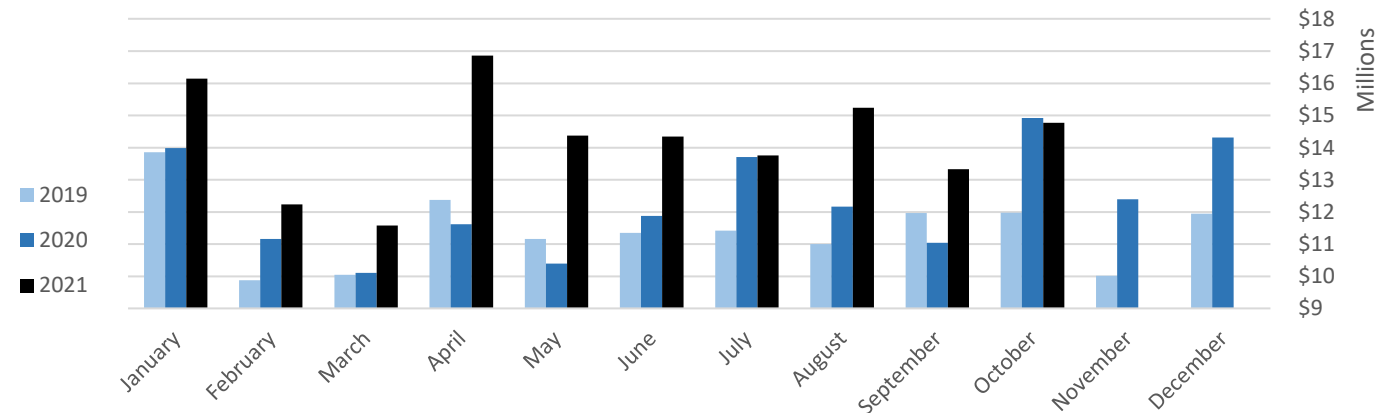
Oct YoY 
-1%

Oct YTD 
18%

October

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 10,950,642	\$ 11,972,707	\$ 14,925,550	\$ 14,774,022
September	\$ 10,531,139	\$ 11,964,200	\$ 11,042,515	\$ 13,334,237
% Chg over Prev Month	4.0%	0.1%	35.2%	10.8%
% Chg over Prev Year		9.3%	24.7%	-1.0%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 111,650,023	\$ 115,034,104	\$ 120,992,659	\$ 142,637,160
% Chg over Prev YTD		3.0%	5.2%	17.9%

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, November 2021.


RAPIDES VEHICLE SALES TAX

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

October

October 
8%

Oct YoY 
11%

Oct YTD 
30%



	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 1,003,404	\$ 1,209,183	\$ 1,470,681	\$ 1,639,003
September	\$ 1,109,241	\$ 1,067,323	\$ 1,138,236	\$ 1,519,978
% Chg over Prev Month	-9.5%	13.3%	29.2%	7.8%
% Chg over Prev Year		20.5%	21.6%	11.4%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$10,536,486	\$11,105,700	\$12,553,051	\$16,287,684
% Chg over Prev YTD		5.4%	13.0%	29.8%

*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, November 2021.

ST. LANDRY SALES TAX

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

		<i>October</i>				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	
October	 8%	\$ 5,781,910	\$ 6,060,417	\$ 7,481,386	\$ 7,469,737	
Oct YoY	0%	\$ 5,654,393	\$ 5,968,334	\$ 5,886,140	\$ 6,938,261	
		% Chg over Prev Month	2.3%	1.5%	27.1%	7.7%
		% Chg over Prev Year		4.8%	23.4%	-0.2%
Oct YTD	 11%	YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$57,998,689	\$59,061,875	\$64,777,664	\$72,118,139
		% Chg over Prev YTD		1.8%	9.7%	11.3%


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


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


ST. LANDRY VEHICLE SALES TAX

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

October

October 
-14%

Oct YoY 
-5%

Oct YTD 
20%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 733,822	\$ 863,699	\$ 936,785	\$ 894,956
September	\$ 849,590	\$ 793,167	\$ 782,075	\$ 1,040,025
% Chg over Prev Month	-13.6%	8.9%	19.8%	-13.9%
% Chg over Prev Year		17.7%	8.5%	-4.5%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 7,941,699	\$ 8,285,595	\$ 8,349,933	\$10,043,024
% Chg over Prev YTD		4.3%	0.8%	20.3%

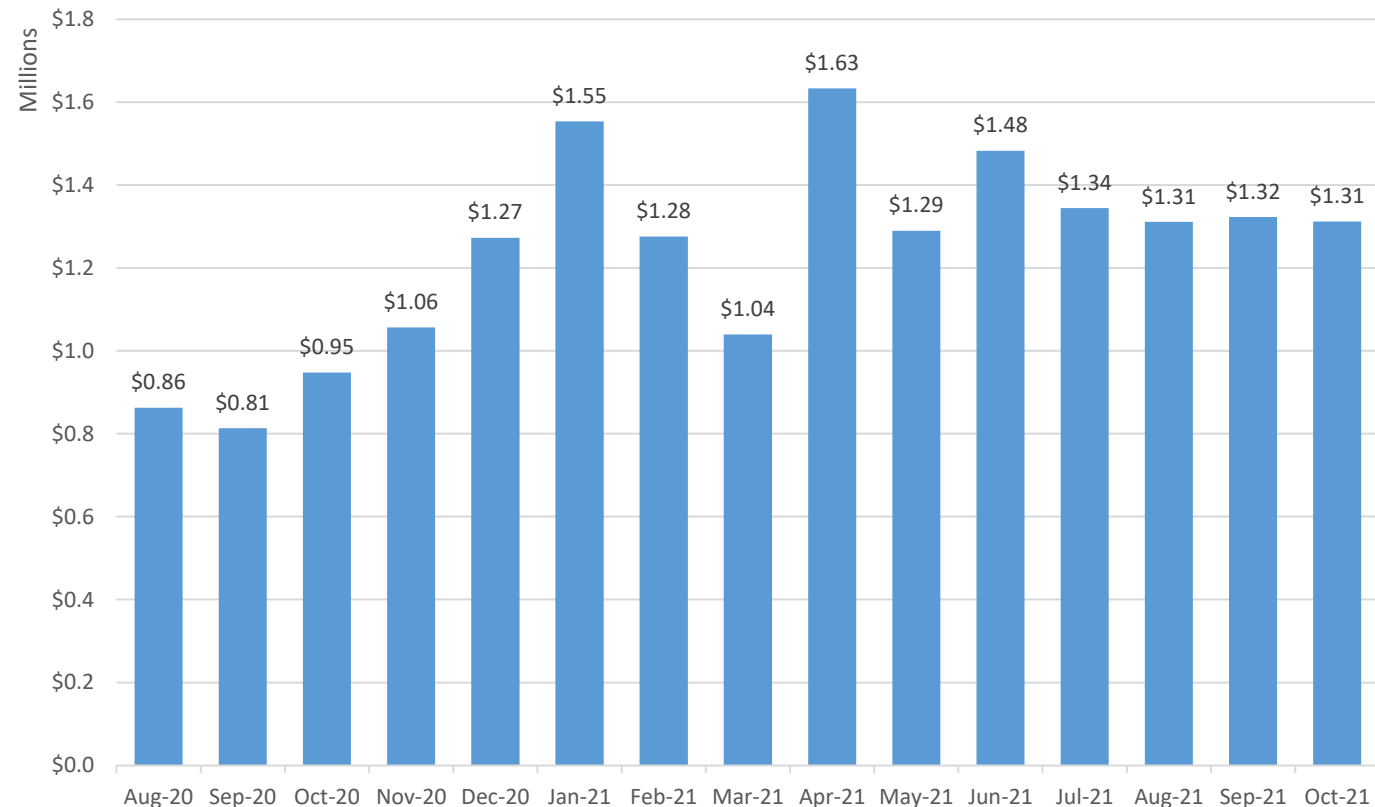
Note: October sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in September.

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



✓ Since August 2020 when remote sellers tax revenue collection started, \$18.5 million in sales tax revenue have been collected from online sales in central Louisiana with Rapides collecting \$5.6 million.

✓ Online sales tax revenue in Cenla has remained steady since July, averaging \$1.32 million a month.

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

Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – November 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 October fell -0.8% from September but increased 38% from a year earlier.

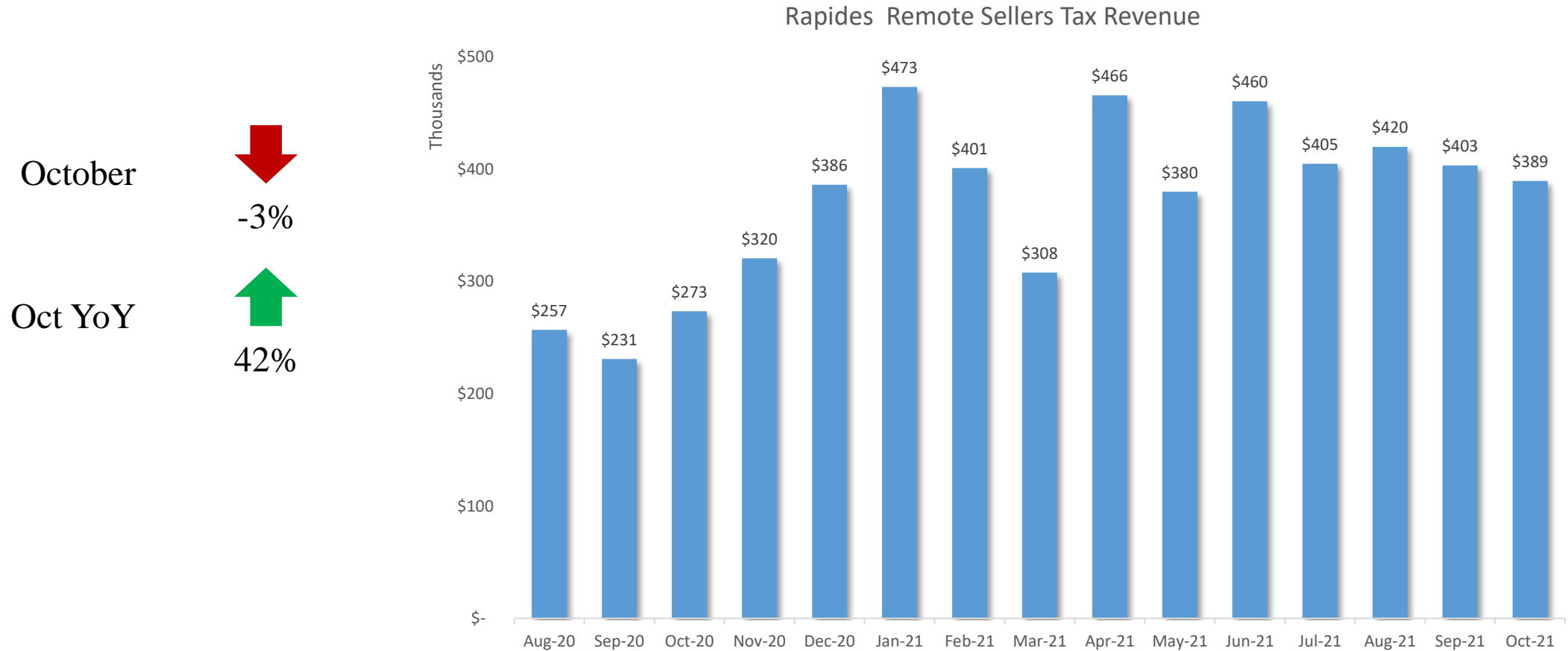
	Oct-21	Sep-21	Oct-20	M/M	Y/Y	YTD
Allen	\$ 60,730	\$ 63,370	\$ 44,540	-4.2%	42.3%	\$ 672,553
Avoyelles	\$ 97,809	\$ 88,347	\$ 62,962	10.7%	40.3%	\$ 934,985
Catahoula	\$ 31,144	\$ 31,859	\$ 26,598	-2.2%	19.8%	\$ 353,375
Concordia	\$ 45,205	\$ 40,940	\$ 34,143	10.4%	19.9%	\$ 448,541
Evangeline	\$ 107,400	\$ 99,429	\$ 67,290	8.0%	47.8%	\$ 1,308,649
Grant	\$ 46,734	\$ 47,535	\$ 35,736	-1.7%	33.0%	\$ 508,505
LaSalle	\$ 35,469	\$ 37,328	\$ 23,721	-5.0%	57.4%	\$ 508,505
Natchitoches	\$ 110,574	\$ 106,919	\$ 79,304	3.4%	34.8%	\$ 1,012,620
Rapides	\$ 389,459	\$ 403,238	\$ 273,357	-3.4%	47.5%	\$ 4,104,488
St Landry	\$ 236,670	\$ 249,626	\$ 185,115	-5.2%	34.8%	\$ 2,578,447
Vernon	\$ 150,719	\$ 154,458	\$ 114,716	-2.4%	34.6%	\$ 1,637,547
Total (Cenla)	\$ 1,311,913	\$ 1,323,049	\$ 947,482	-0.8%	39.6%	\$ 13,566,721

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

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 – October 2021.



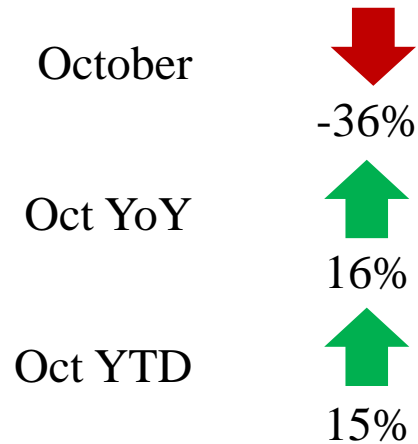
Note: Sales tax revenue collected in one month reflects sales activity in the prior month.

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

LOUISIANA TAX REVENUES

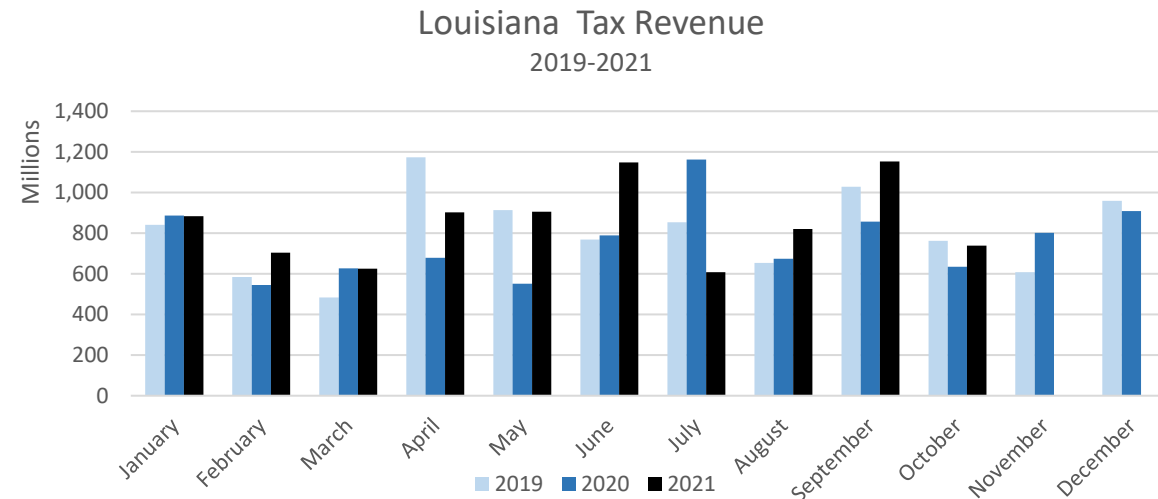
(TR) Louisiana tax revenue from all sources for October with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

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



October


	2019	2020	2021
October	761,067,643	634,344,203	738,373,951
September	1,027,777,349	856,926,947	1,151,813,823
% Chg over Prev Month	-26.0%	-26.0%	-35.9%
% Chg over Prev Year		-16.7%	16.4%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 8,056,179,348	\$ 7,403,122,619	\$ 8,480,964,372
% Chg over Prev YTD		-8.1%	14.6%





BUILDING PERMITS

ALEXANDRIA COMMERCIAL PERMITS

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

October  -92%

Oct YoY  -89%


Oct YTD  44%


October


	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 4,619,809	\$ 4,389,694	\$ 2,187,474	\$ 250,500
September	\$ 1,225,274	\$ 1,103,614	\$ 570,850	\$ 3,278,837
% Chg over Prev Month	277%	298%	283%	-92%
% Chg over Prev Year		-5%	-50%	-89%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 37,734,939	\$ 44,399,845	\$ 21,674,012	\$ 31,161,143
% Chg over Prev YTD		18%	-51%	44%

ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

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

October 
144%

Oct YoY 
62%

Oct YTD 
58%

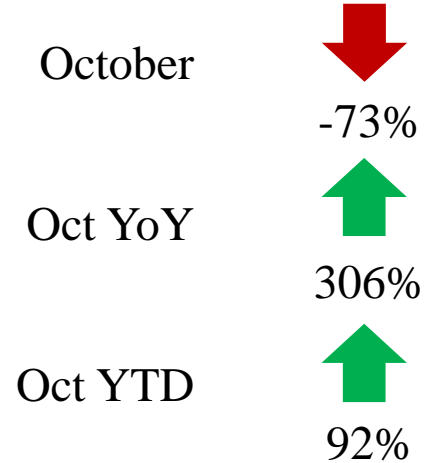
October

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 3,676,054	\$ 2,338,050	\$ 1,797,036	\$ 2,917,862
September	\$ 849,870	\$ 962,868	\$ 2,315,020	\$ 1,194,537
% Chg over Prev Month	332.5%	142.8%	-22.4%	144.3%
% Chg over Prev Year		-36.4%	-23.1%	62.4%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 28,770,017	\$ 19,701,526	\$ 13,294,634	\$ 20,935,600
% Chg over Prev YTD		-31.5%	-32.5%	57.5%

ALLEN PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

October





	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 32,000	\$2,304,750	\$ 150,748	\$ 611,300
September	\$1,045,000	\$ 532,000	\$ 189,308	\$2,245,372
% Chg Prev Month	-97%	333%	-20%	-73%
% Chg from Prev Year		7102%	-93%	306%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$3,558,670	\$6,131,291	\$4,417,651	\$8,503,230
% Chg over Prev YTD		72%	-28%	92%


AVOYELLES PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

October

October 
35%

Oct YoY 
67%


Oct YTD 
57%

	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 6,217,797	\$ 5,886,506	\$ 9,813,598
September	\$ 4,808,569	\$ 5,169,723	\$ 7,296,283
% Chg Prev Month	29%	14%	35%
% Chg from Prev Year		-5%	67%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 47,107,368	\$ 42,194,801	\$ 66,410,007
% Chg over Prev YTD		-10%	57%


EVANGELINE PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

October

October 
113%

Oct YoY 
299%


Oct YTD 
160%


	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 311,772	\$ 1,508,050	\$ 539,817	\$ 2,155,000
September	\$ 1,197,165	\$ 730,600	\$ 1,617,100	\$ 1,009,464
% Chg Prev Month	-74%	106%	-67%	113%
% Chg from Prev Year		384%	-64%	299%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$10,468,925	\$ 16,115,941	\$ 11,172,008	\$ 29,037,951
% Chg over Prev YTD		54%	-31%	160%


PINEVILLE PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

October

October  -13%


Oct YoY  -33%


Oct YTD  -41%


	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 365,944	\$ 598,000	\$ 2,006,320	\$ 1,353,400
September	\$ 482,000	\$ 3,358,000	\$ 4,189,108	\$ 1,561,000
% Chg Prev Month	-24%	-82%	-52%	-13%
% Chg from Prev Year		63%	236%	-33%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 8,814,091	\$19,054,081	\$16,387,223	\$ 9,696,796
% Chg over Prev YTD		116%	-14%	-41%

RAPIDES PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

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

October  -12%

Oct YoY  17%

Oct YTD  965%

October

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 5,087,287	\$ 4,776,133	\$ 4,530,724	\$ 5,316,194
September	\$ 3,966,195	\$ 3,069,869	\$ 4,773,746	\$ 6,070,408
% Chg Prev Month	28%	56%	-5%	-12%
% Chg from Prev Year		-6%	-5%	17%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$36,813,196	\$63,063,088	\$41,537,981	\$442,557,463
% Chg over Prev YTD		71%	-34%	965%

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS BY AREA

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

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

Year-over-year value of new residential construction in the RAPC jurisdictions increased from \$4.4 million in October 2020 to \$13.8 million in October 2021.


217%

	Oct-20	Oct-21	Change	% Change
Allen	\$ -	\$ 611,300	\$ 611,300	NA
Avoyelles	\$ 535,338	\$ 5,066,270	\$ 4,530,932	846%
Pineville	\$ 597,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 403,000	68%
Evangeline	\$ 370,000	\$ 2,061,000	\$ 1,691,000	457%
LaSalle	\$ 348,300	\$ 600,000	\$ 251,700	72%
Rapides	\$ 2,512,000	\$ 4,475,922	\$ 1,963,922	78%

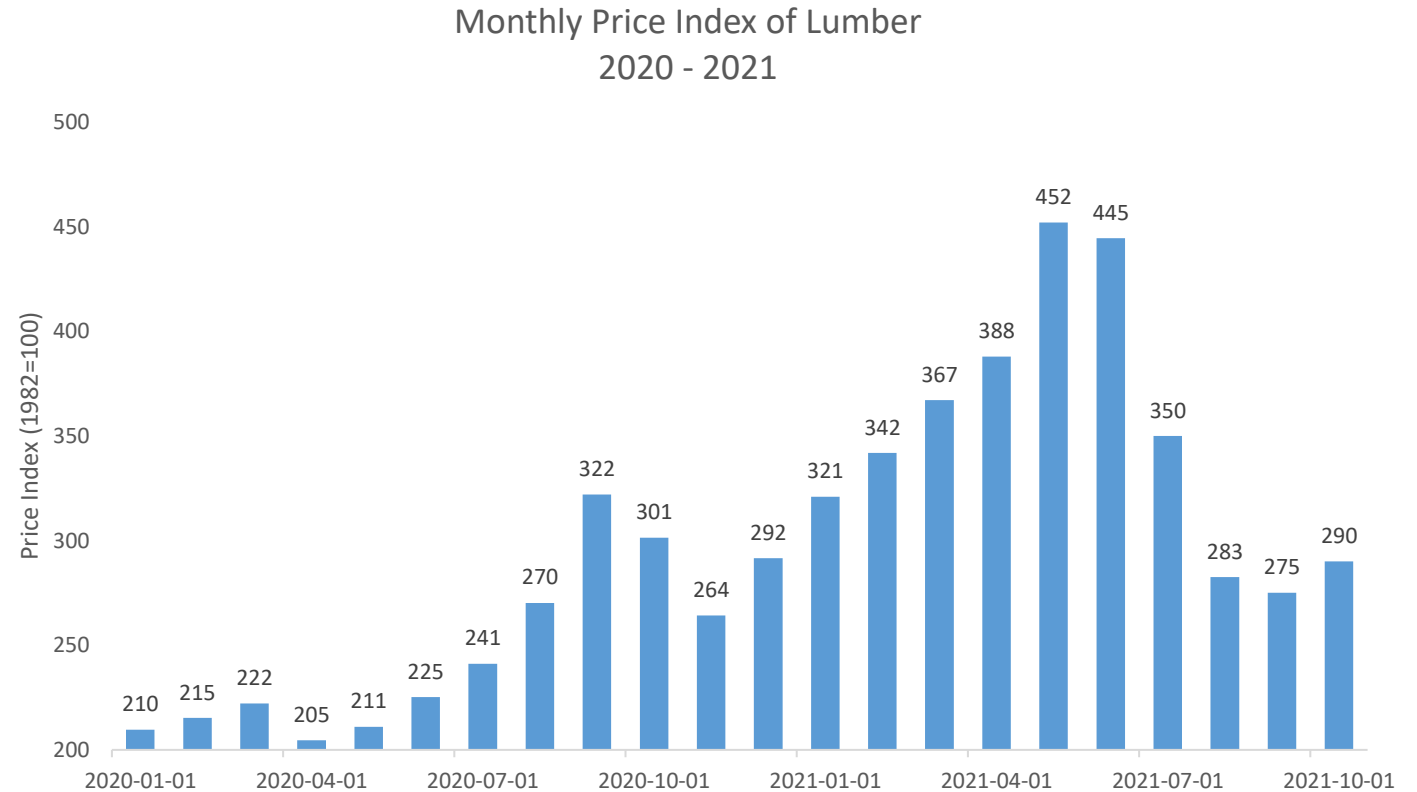
Note: City of Alexandria permits are accounted for separately.
Data Source: Rapides Area Planning Commission, November 2021.

HOUSING

LUMBER PRICES

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


- In October 2021, the US Lumber Price Index increased 5.5% from the previous month, breaking a four month decline.
- The US Lumber Price Index in October was -10% below the January 2021 level.




ALEXANDRIA ACTIVE LISTINGS

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

October

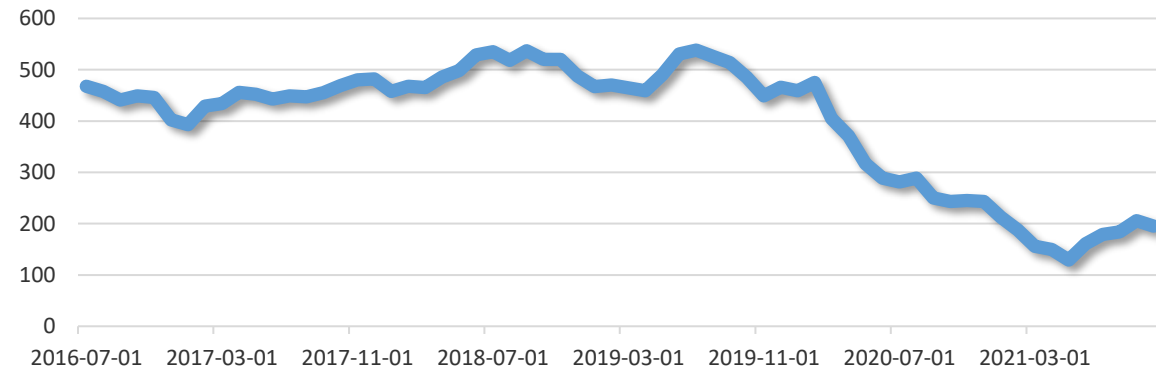
October 
-5%

Oct YoY 
-20%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	520	485	243	195
September	537	514	250	206
% Chg Prev Month	-3.2%	-5.6%	-2.8%	-5.3%
% Chg from Prev Year		-6.7%	-49.9%	-19.8%

✓ Active listings in October decreased -5% over the previous month and remain -20% below a year ago.

Active Listings Count in Alexandria
July 2016 - October 2021



ALEXANDRIA PENDING LISTINGS

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

October

October

 -6%

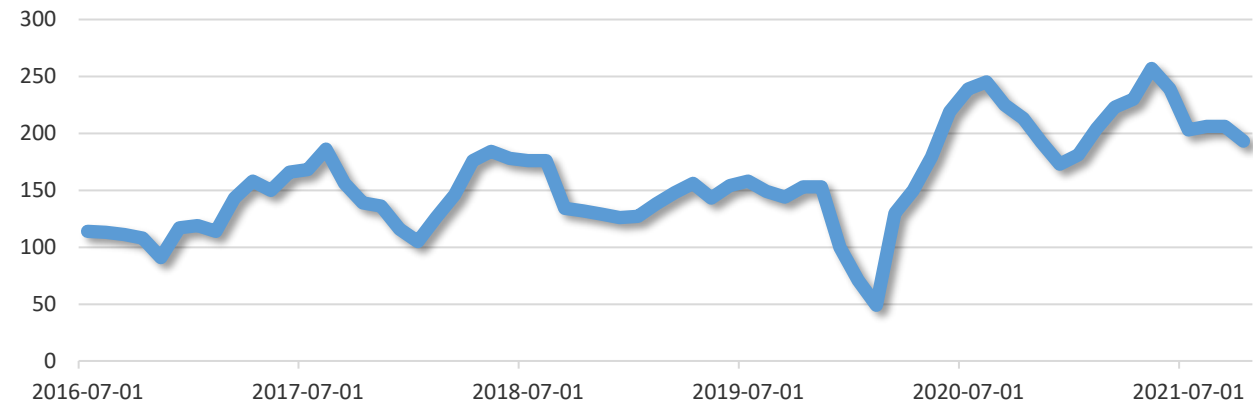
Oct YoY

 -9%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	132	153	213	193
September	134	144	225	206
% Chg Prev Month	-1.5%	6.3%	-5.3%	-6.3%
% Chg from Prev Year		15.9%	39.2%	-9.4%


✓ Pending listings were down -6% over last month and are -9% below a year ago.


Pending Listing Count in Alexandria
 July 2016 - October 2021



ALEXANDRIA MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET

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

October 
31%

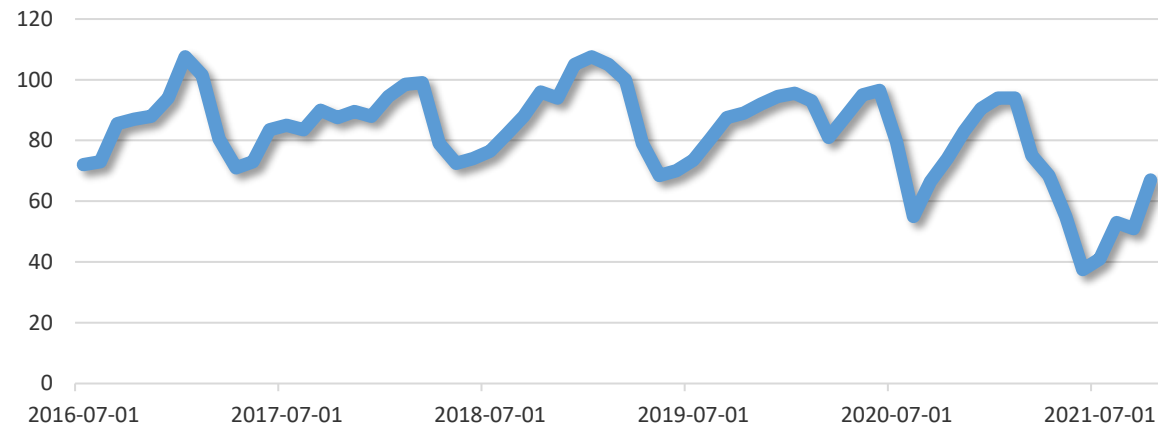
Oct YoY 
-10%

October

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	96	89	74	67
September	88	88	67	51
% Chg Prev Month	9.1%	1.7%	11.3%	31.4%
% Chg from Prev Year		-7.3%	-16.9%	-9.5%


- ✓ Median days on the market rose 31% in October from previous month and was -10% below a year ago.
- ✓ Homes took an average of 67 days on the market to sell in October, down from 74 days the same month in 2020 and 89 in 2019.


Median Days on Market in Alexandria
July 2016 - October 2021



ALEXANDRIA MEDIAN LISTING PRICE

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

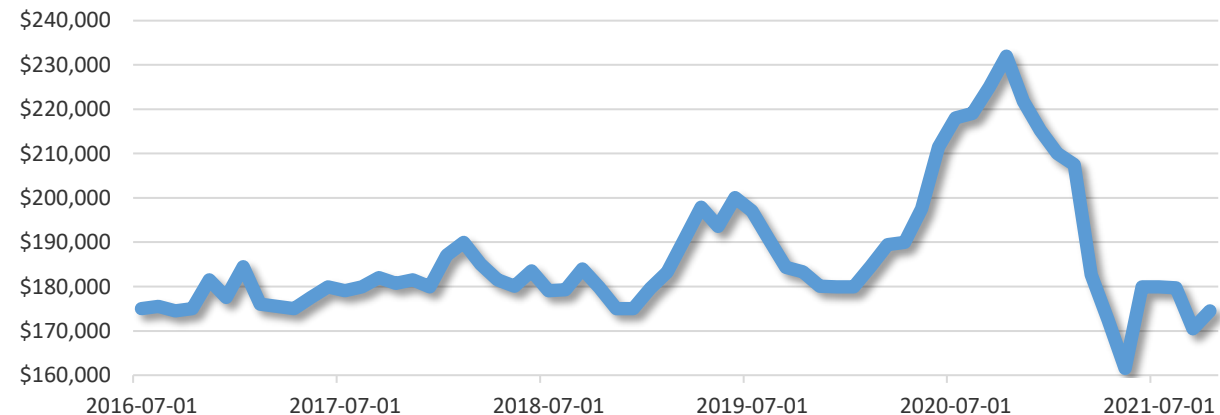
October 
2%

Oct YoY 
-25%

October

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 179,750	\$ 183,300	\$ 231,950	\$ 174,500
September	\$ 183,950	\$ 184,300	\$ 225,050	\$ 170,500
% Chg Prev Month	-2.3%	-0.5%	3.1%	2.3%
% Chg from Prev Year		2.0%	26.5%	-24.8%

Median Listing Price in Alexandria
July 2016 - October 2021





- ✓ The median listing price in October rose 2% to \$174,500 from the previous month of \$170,500, and still remains -25% below a year ago.

ALEXANDRIA AVERAGE LISTING PRICE

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

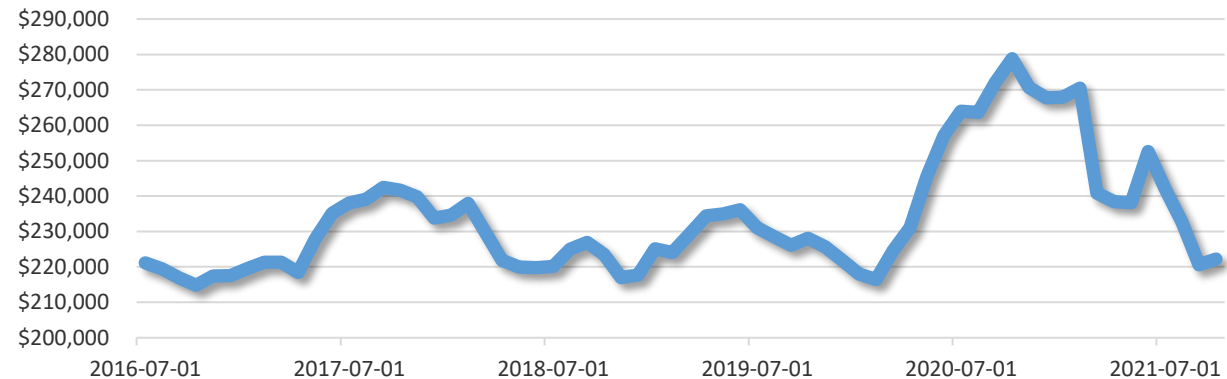
October

October 
1%

Oct YoY 
-20%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 223,518	\$ 228,074	\$ 278,763	\$ 222,244
September	\$ 226,897	\$ 226,142	\$ 272,005	\$ 220,586
% Chg Prev Month	-1.5%	0.9%	2.5%	0.8%
% Chg from Prev Year		2.0%	22.2%	-20.3%

Average Listing Price in Alexandria
2016 - 2021



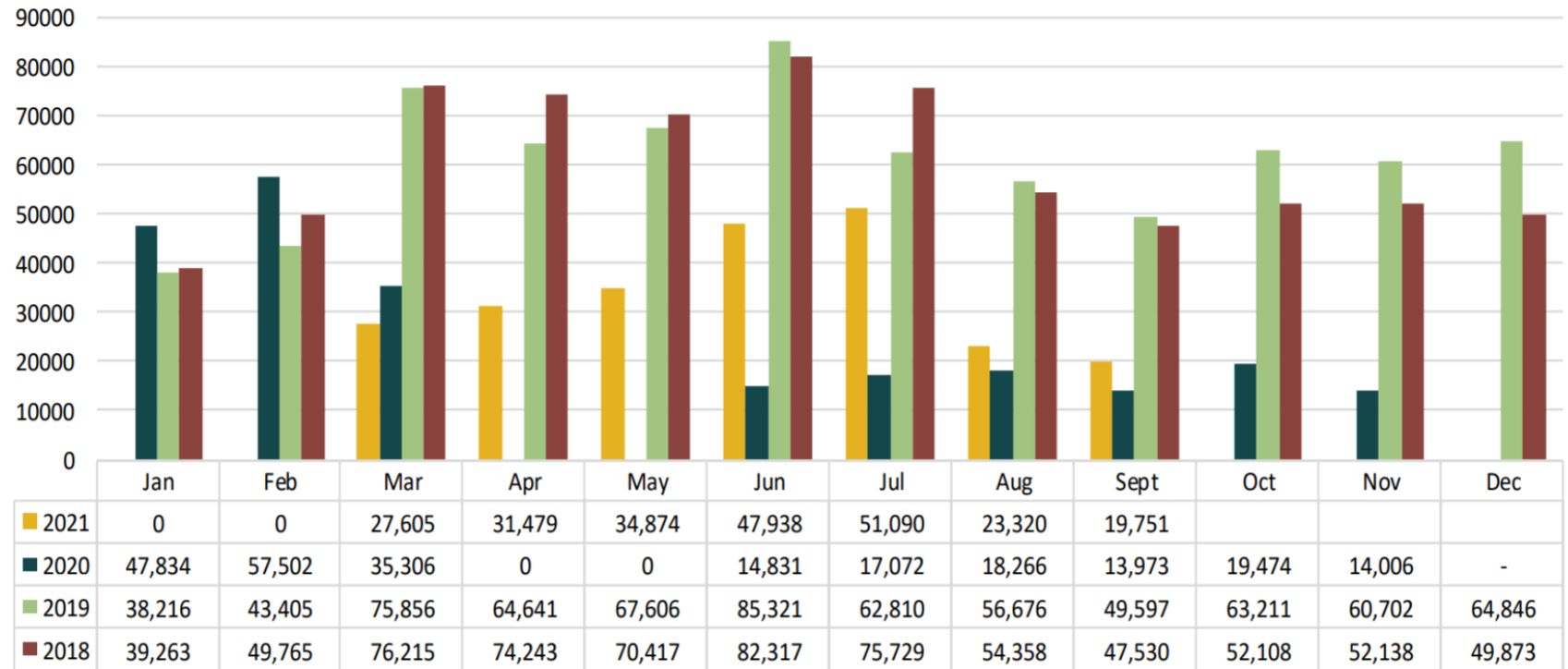
✓ The average listing price rose 1% to \$222,244 this month from \$220,586 last month but is -20% below a year ago.

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 September 2021 were down 15% from August 2021.

✓ In September, Louisiana's welcome centers recorded the second monthly decline in traffic since March.

AVOYELLES HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

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

October

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 12,713	\$ 10,427	\$ 11,191	\$ 16,075	\$ 15,691
September	\$ 10,474	\$ 12,242	\$ 12,542	\$ 14,134	\$ 12,627
% Chg over Prev Month	21.4%	-14.8%	-10.8%	13.7%	24.3%
Oct YoY		-18.0%	7.3%	43.6%	-2.4%
Oct YTD					
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 116,549	\$ 112,753	\$ 114,462	\$ 100,482	\$ 123,887
% Chg over Prev YTD		-3.3%	1.5%	-12.2%	23.3%



24%



-2%



23%


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


Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. November 2021.


RAPIDES HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

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

October

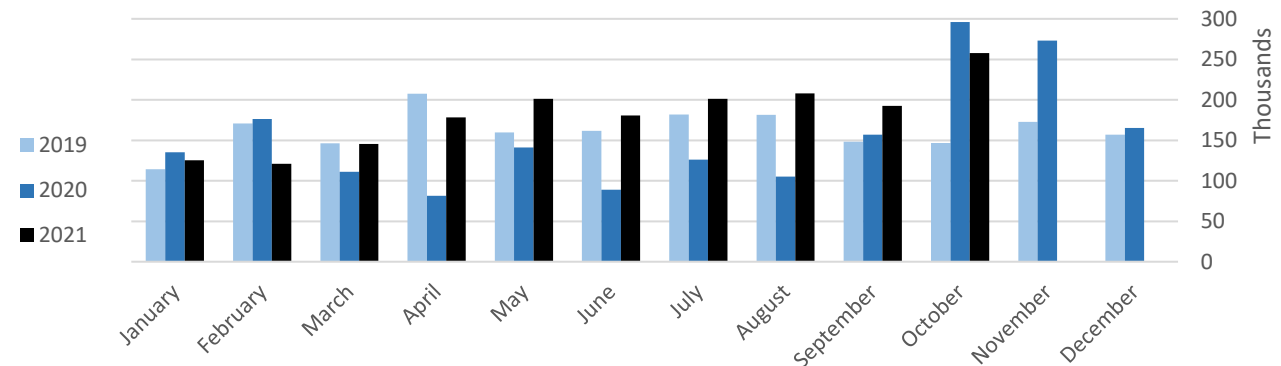
October  34%

Oct YoY  -13%

Oct YTD  28%

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	\$ 150,152	\$ 146,583	\$ 296,043	\$ 257,765
September	\$ 151,907	\$ 148,201	\$ 157,003	\$ 192,493
% Chg over Prev Month	-1.2%	-1.1%	88.6%	33.9%
% Chg over Prev Year		-2.4%	102.0%	-12.9%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	\$ 1,592,036	\$1,619,044	\$1,418,410	\$1,812,012
% Chg over Prev YTD		1.7%	-12.4%	27.7%

Rapides Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue
2019-2021



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

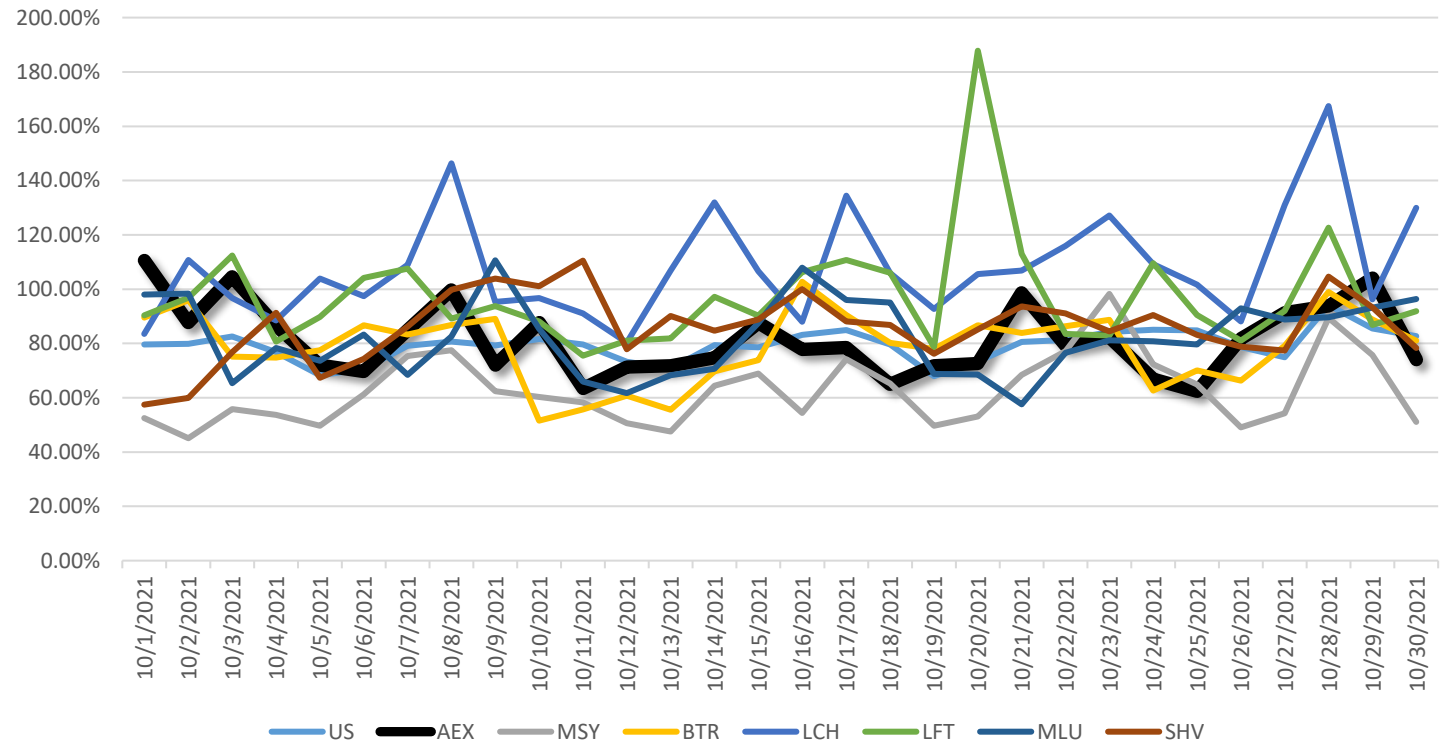
Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, November 2021.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT LOUISIANA AIRPORTS

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

Airport	% of 2019 Traffic
US	79%
AEX	80%
MSY	62%
BTR	76%
LCH	105%
LFT	94%
MLU	79%
SHV	85%

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

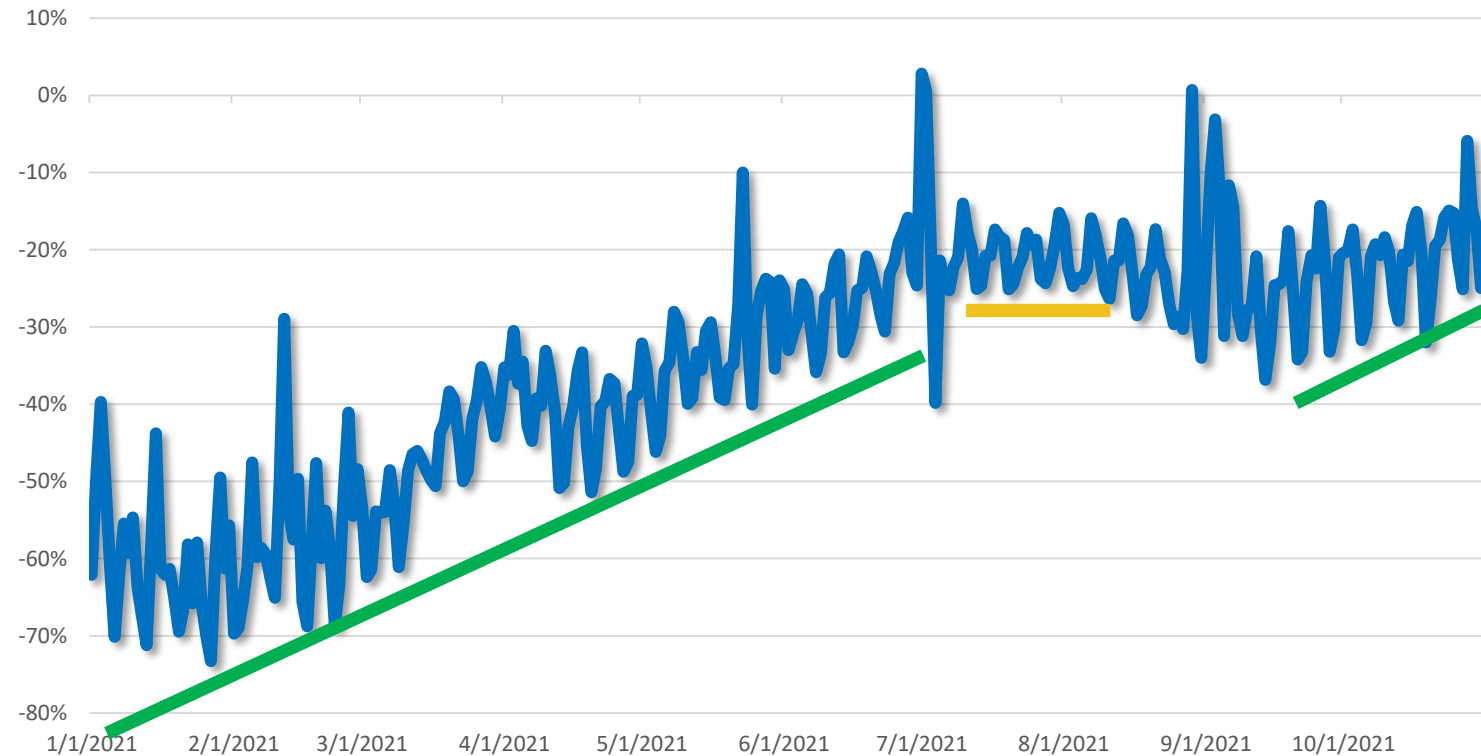


- ✓ Last month, AEX had 80% of the passenger throughput of October 2019.
- Statewide passenger throughput in October was 66% of October 2019.

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

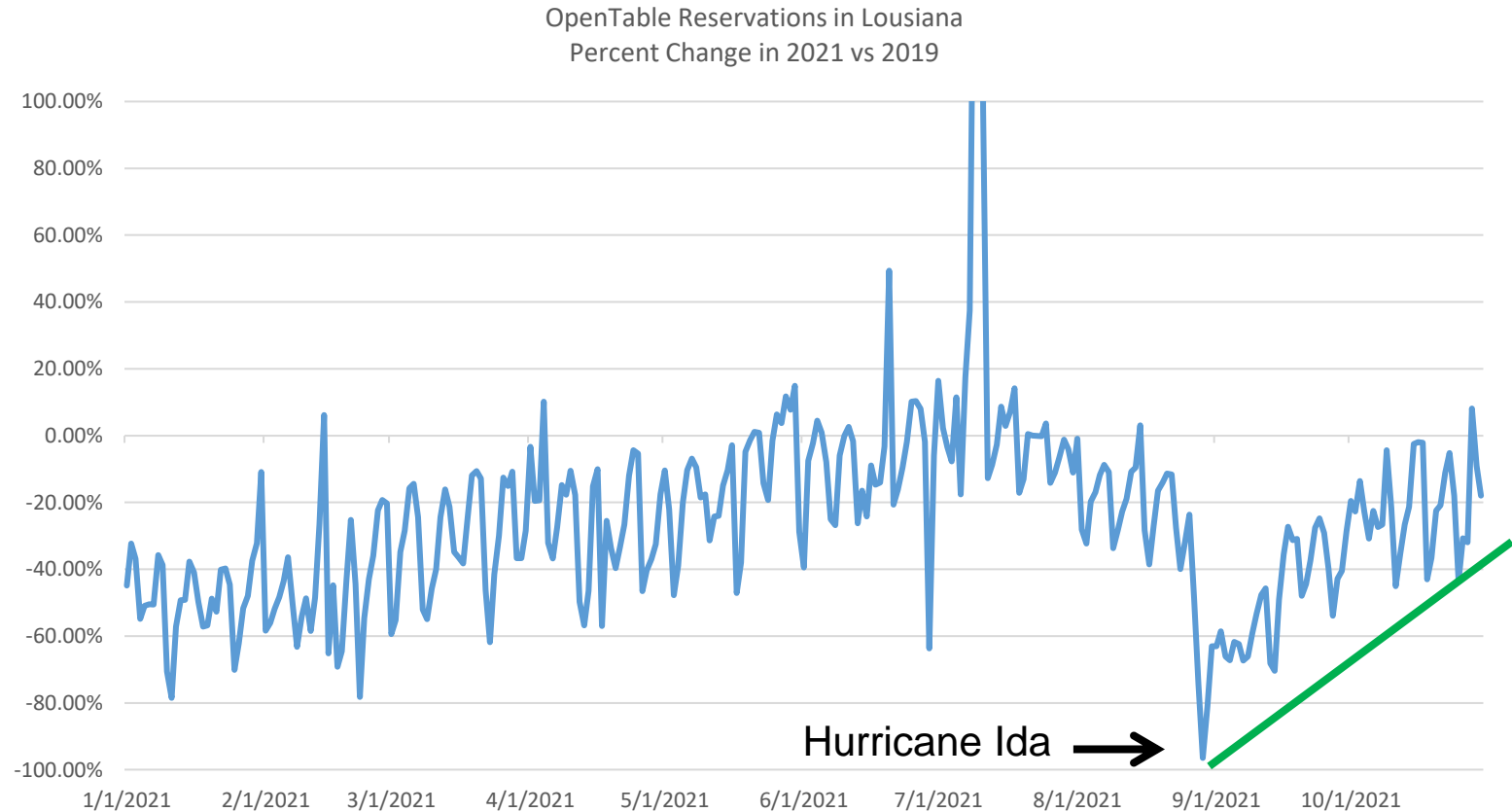


✓ Nationally, air passenger traffic in October was up 12% over September.

OPEN TABLE RESERVATIONS IN LOUISIANA

This data shows seated diners at restaurants on the OpenTable network in Louisiana in 2021 compared with the same day of the week for 2019. OpenTable reservations are mostly from southeast Louisiana restaurants.

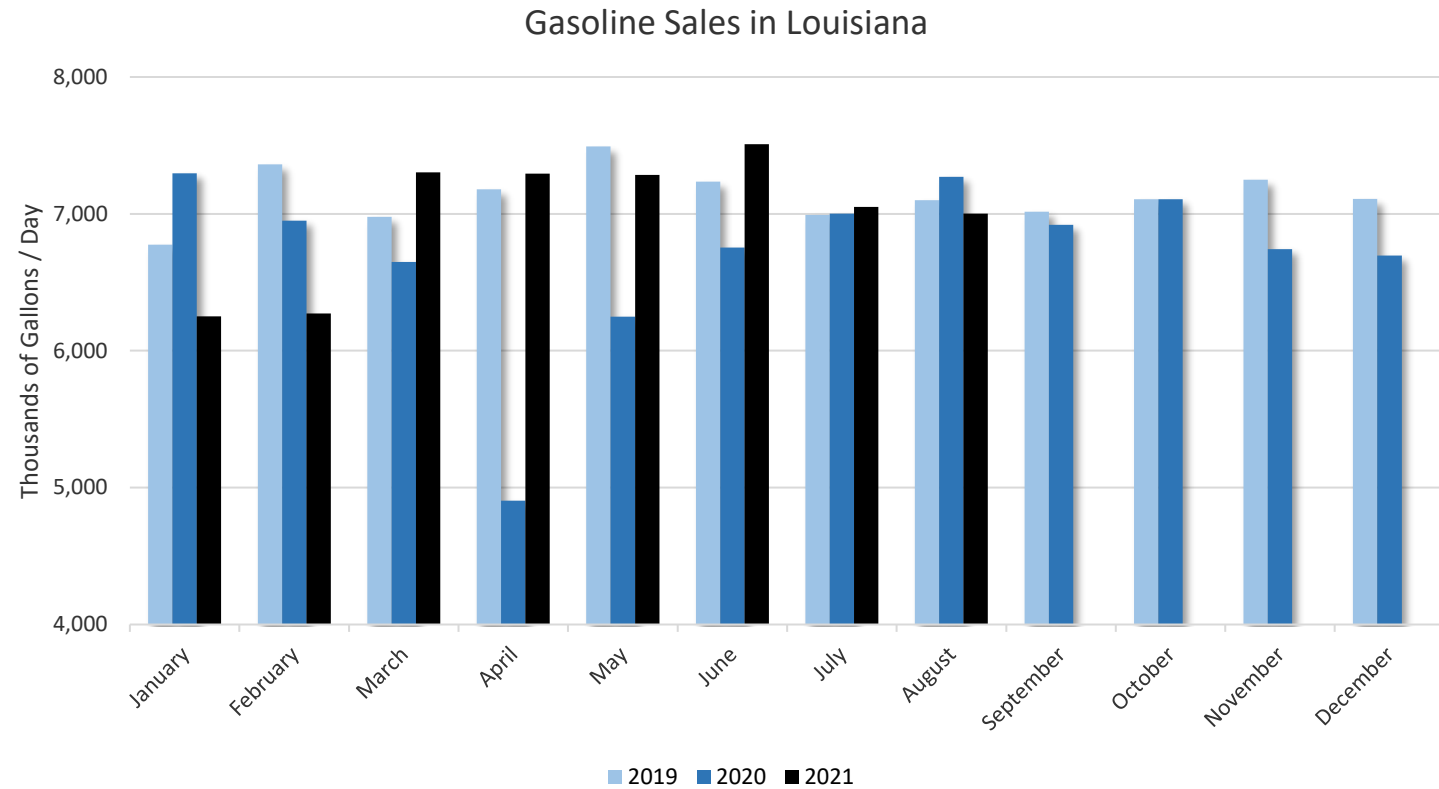
- *Reservations in Louisiana have begun a new uptrend from the low reached following Hurricane Ida.*
- *Reservations were down 21% in October compared to October 2019.*



LOUISIANA GASOLINE SALES

Total gasoline sales in Louisiana in 2019 - 2021.

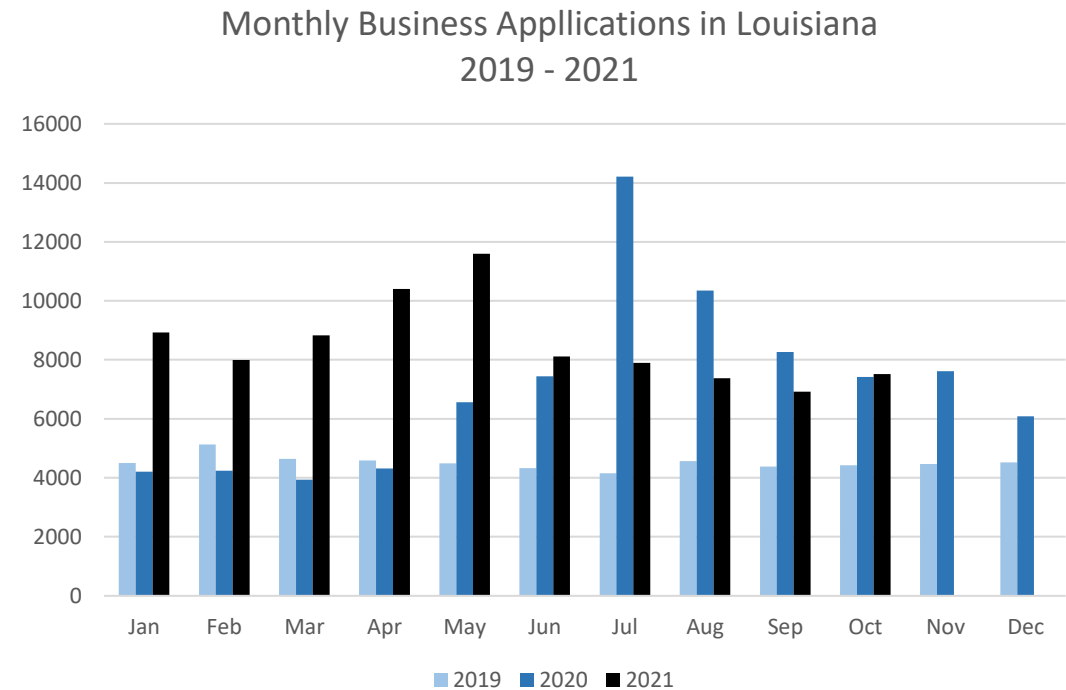
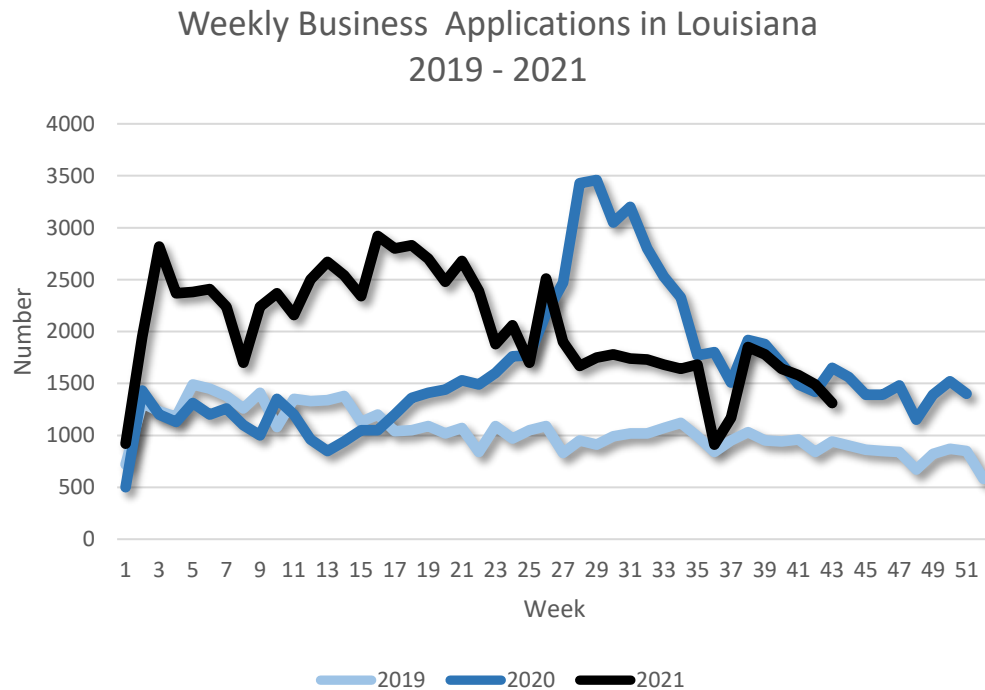
- ✓ August 2021 gasoline sales fell -0.7% from July and was down -3.7% from a year ago.
- ✓ Gasoline sales YTD in August are 5.4% above the same period in 2020.



LOCAL & LOUISIANA

NEW BUSINESS APPS IN LOUISIANA

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



✓ Through October 85,563 of new business applications were filed in Louisiana compared to 70,927 in 2020 and 45,195 in 2019, representing increases of 21% over 2020 and 89% over 2019.

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

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Business Formation Statistics, Retrieved November 17, 2021.

NEW BUSINESSES IN RAPIDES

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

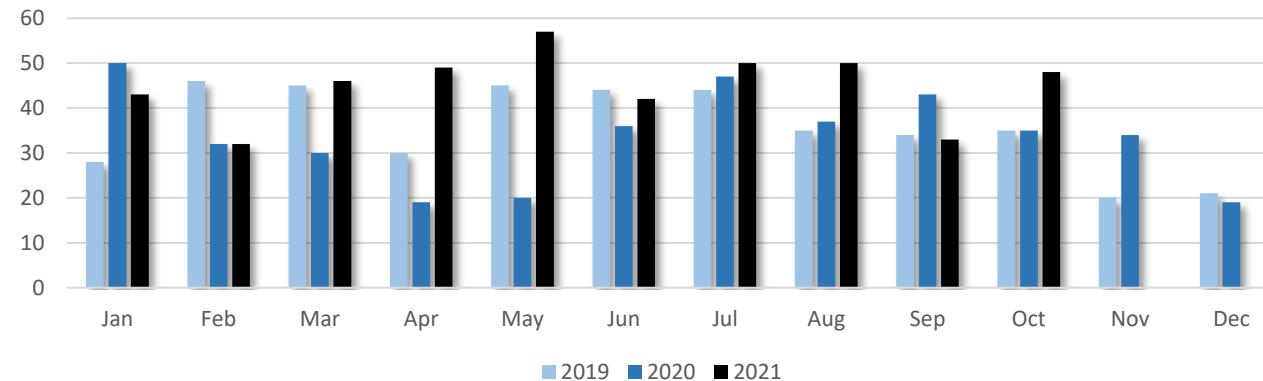
September

	2018	2019	2020	2021
October	45	35	35	48
September	33	34	43	33
% Chg Prev Month	36.4%	2.9%	-18.6%	45.5%
% Chg from Prev Year		-22.2%	0.0%	37.1%
YTD (Jan - Oct)	452	386	349	450
% Chg over Prev YTD		-14.6%	-9.6%	28.9%

✓ The number of new businesses established in Rapides in October 2021 rose 46% from September and was 37% higher than October 2020.

✓ Year-to-date new businesses in Rapides are up 29% over 2020.

New Businesses in Rapides
2019-2021

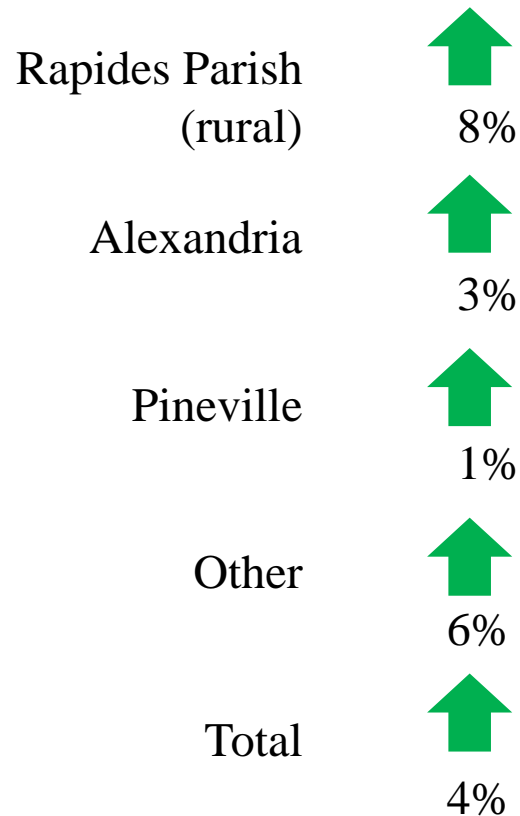


Note: Data reflects businesses established in the current month.

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

RAPIDES OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

Rapides Parish occupational license revenue YTD with previous YTD comparisons.



October Year-to-Date

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Parish	\$ 612,629	\$ 637,963	\$ 604,404	\$ 655,316
% Chg over Prev YTD		4.1%	-5.3%	8.4%
Alexandria	\$ 1,875,883	\$ 1,865,646	\$ 1,871,646	\$ 1,924,015
% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.5%	0.3%	2.8%
Pineville	\$ 383,274	\$ 390,299	\$ 429,874	\$ 434,463
% Chg over Prev YTD		1.8%	10.1%	1.1%
Other	\$ 133,137	\$ 138,577	\$ 140,086	\$ 149,038
% Chg over Prev YTD		4.1%	1.1%	6.4%
Total	\$ 3,004,923	\$ 3,032,485	\$ 3,046,010	\$ 3,162,832
% Chg over Prev YTD		0.9%	0.4%	3.8%

Note: Rapides Parish reflects unincorporated areas.

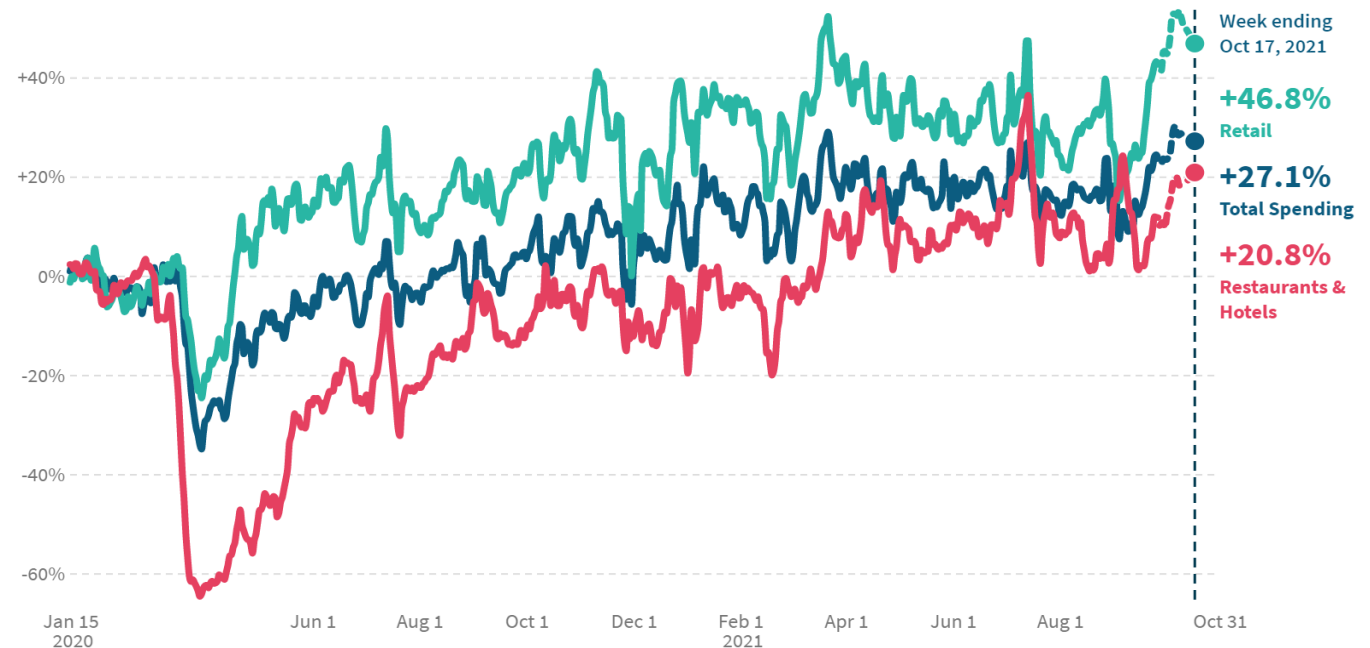
Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, November 2021.

CONSUMER SPENDING IN LOUISIANA

This graph represents the percent change in average consumer credit and debit card spending in Louisiana as of October 17, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline.

In **Louisiana**, as of October 17, 2021, total spending by all consumers increased by **27.1%** compared to January 2020.

- ✓ Total consumer spending in Louisiana was 27% above the January 2020 baseline.
- ✓ From mid-September to mid-October, retail spending increased from 32% to 47% above the baseline. Restaurant spending increased from 4% to 21%, while grocery spending decreased from 18% to 11% from September.



data source: Affinity

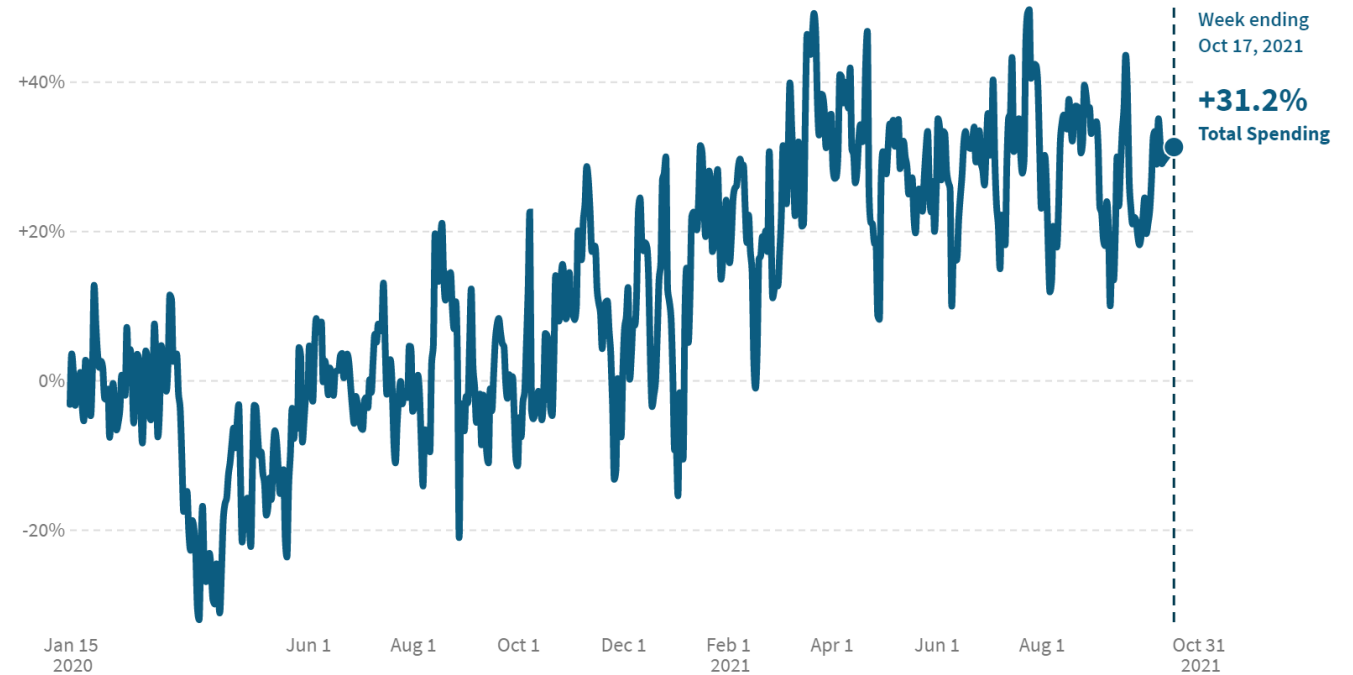
- Compared to the January 2020 baseline, total consumer spending on October 17, 2021 in Louisiana was up 27%, with entertainment spending turning positive in October at 2% compared to -16% in September. Healthcare spending saw the lowest percentage increase in October, rising to 12% from 9% in September.

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 October 17, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline, while the chart represents Rapides.

	<u>Change in Spending</u>
Allen	+46%
Catahoula	+43%
Evangeline	+13%
Grant	+32%
La Salle	+20%
Natchitoches	+44%
Rapides	+31%
St. Landry	+16%
Vernon	+9%

In **Rapides**, as of October 17 2021, total spending by all consumers increased by **31.2%** compared to January 2020.



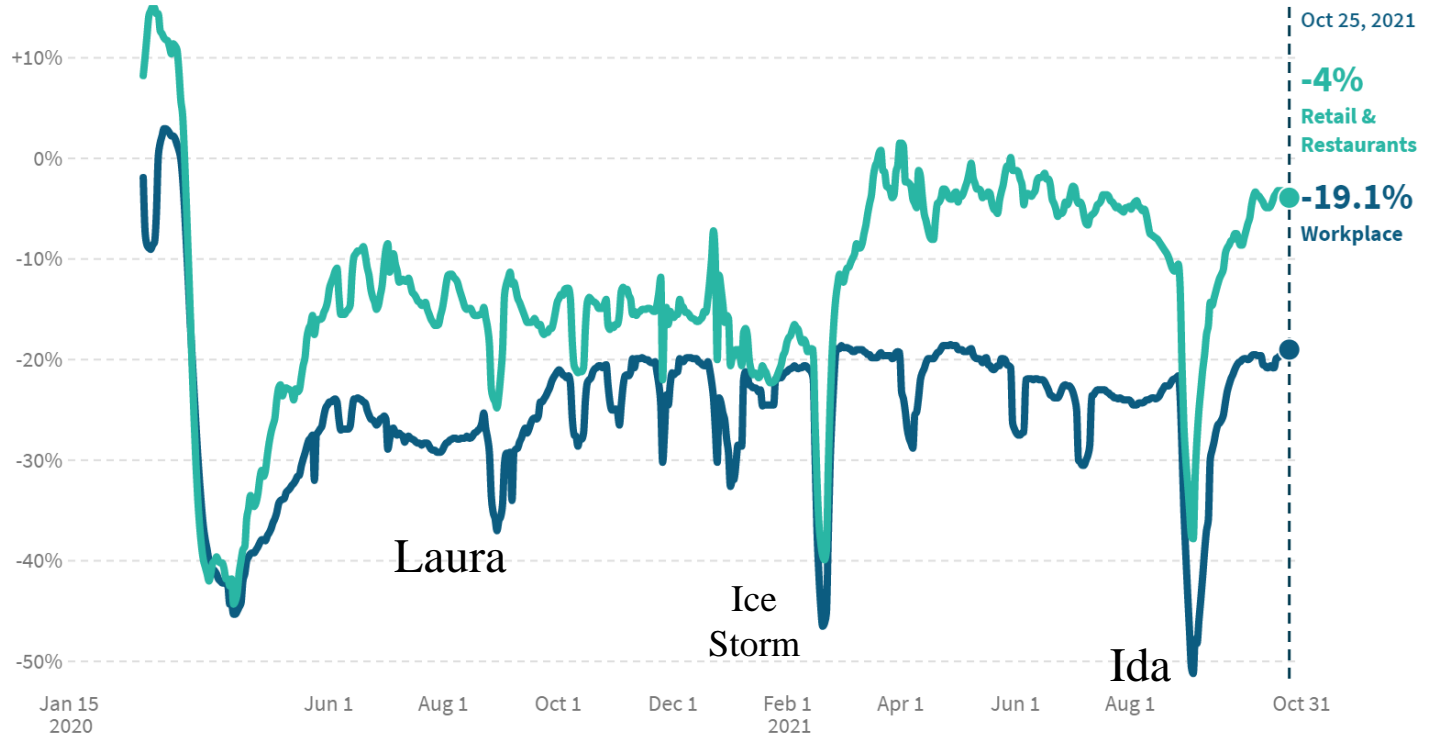
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TIME SPENT AT WORK IN CENLA

The chart represents the percent of time employees in Cenla and statewide spent at work as of October 25, 2021 with January 2020 as the baseline.

	Change in <u>Time at Work</u>
Avoyelles	-20%
Concordia	-23%
Evangeline	-24%
Grant	+2%
Natchitoches	-14%
Rapides	-15%
St. Landry	-16%
Vernon	-11%

In Louisiana, as of October 25, 2021, total time spent at workplace locations compared to January 2020.

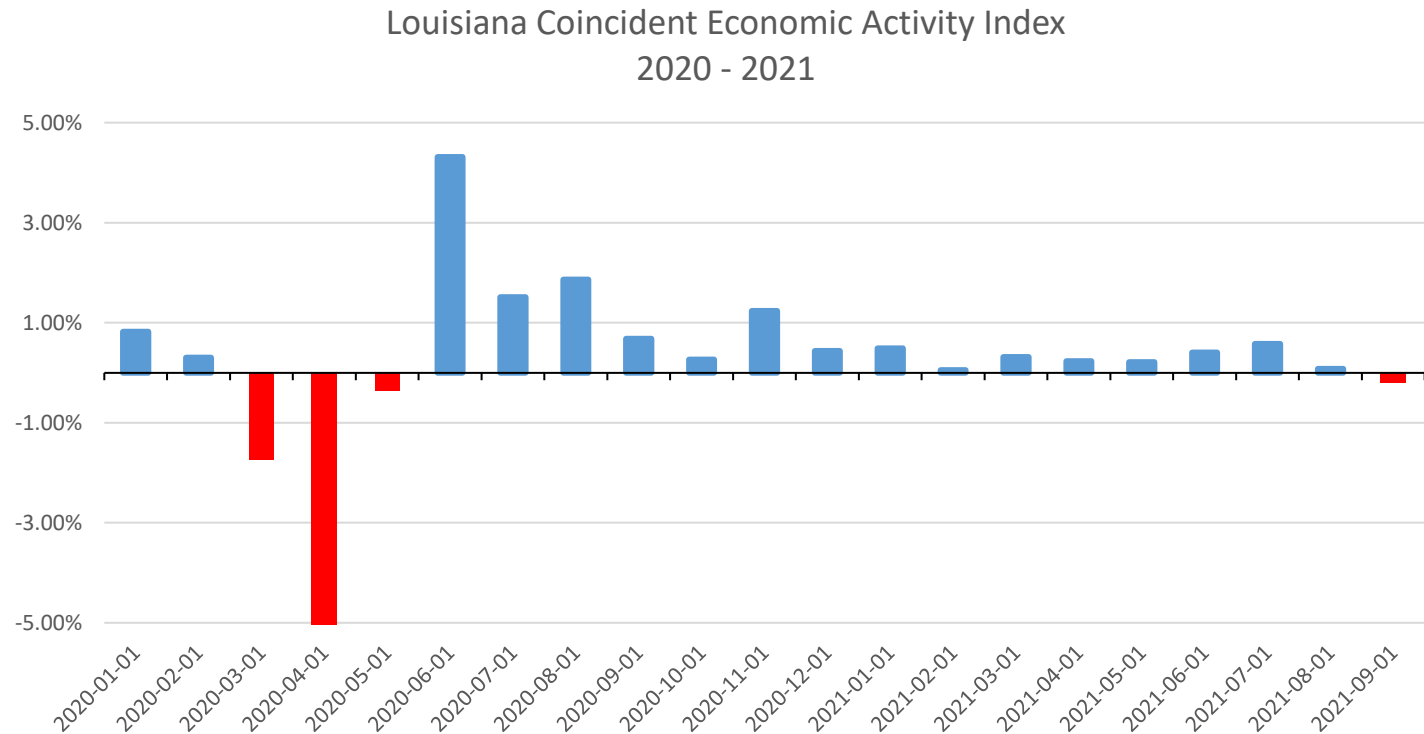


data source: Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports

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 September 2021 decreased -0.21% from August.*
- ✓ *September saw the first decrease in the index since May 2020 indicating a possible slowdown as the economy was hit by the fourth wave of the pandemic.*

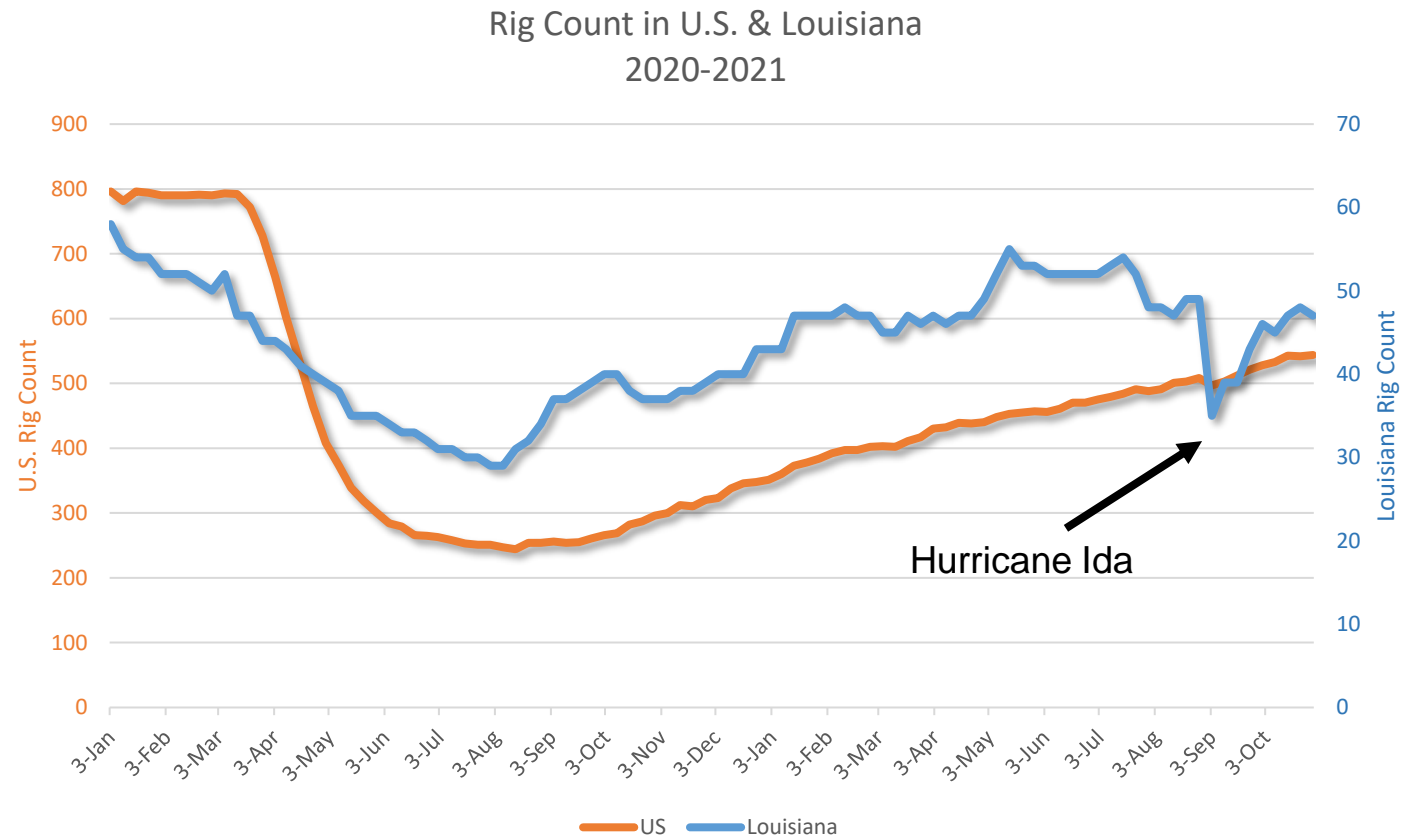


BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNT

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

	Oct 20	Sep 21	Oct 21
N. LA-Land	25	34	34
Int'l Water	1	0	1
S. LA-Land	1	11	1
S. LA-Offshore	12	4	11
TOTAL LOUISIANA	38	39	47
TOTAL US	280	508	538

- ✓ Rig count in Louisiana increased by 8 rigs or 21% in October from September regaining most of the decline from Hurricane Ida.
- The offshore rig count is only two below the pre-Ida level.
- ✓ Nationwide, the rig count is up 92% from a year ago.



LOUISIANA GAMING REVENUE

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

September 2021

September 0%

Sep YoY  19%

	Sep-20	Aug-21	Sep-21	% Change MoM	% Change YoY
Video Poker	\$54,451,586	\$58,571,214	\$55,191,495	-5.8%	1.4%
Riverboat	\$94,344,809	\$119,033,274	\$127,545,986	7.2%	35.2%
Landbased	\$13,747,783	\$13,673,110	\$7,956,327	-41.8%	-42.1%
Slots	\$17,946,800	\$23,545,156	\$24,179,309	2.7%	34.7%
Total	\$180,490,978	\$214,822,754	\$214,873,117	0.0%	19.0%

VEHICLE DATA IN LOUISIANA & US

New auto sales and inventory levels in Louisiana and U.S.

New Auto Sales

Oct 2021 vs. Oct 2020



New Auto Sales

Oct 2021 vs. Oct 2020



Inventory Levels

Oct 2021 vs. Oct 2020



Inventory Levels



Oct 2021 vs. Oct 2020



NATIONAL

NATIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Monthly U.S. economic indicators for September 2021 with select (*) indicators for October.

		Indicator	Aug-21	Sep-21
Business Formation	0%	Business Formation Statistics *	0.8%	0.0%
		Business Inventories	0.8%	0.7%
		Construction Spending	0.1%	-0.5%
Residential Sales	 14%	Advance Monthly Wholesale Inventories	1.2%	1.1%
		Advance Monthly Retail Inventories	0.2%	0.2%
		Advance Durable Goods Manf. Shipments, Inventories, and Orders	1.3%	0.4%
Residential Construction	 1%	New Residential Sales	-1.4%	14.0%
		New Residential Construction *	-2.7%	0.7%
		Advance Monthly Sales for Retail and Food Services	0.8%	1.7%

* Indicates the current month is October and previous month is September.

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