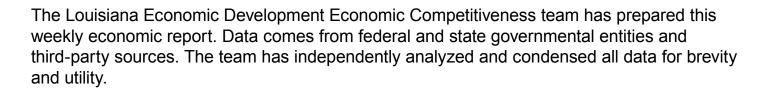
# Louisiana Economic Vitals Friday, September 12, 2025



# **PREFACE**



#### LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUGUST 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Noble Plastics Announces \$8.5 Million Expansion in Acadiana to Build Local Supply Chain for First Solar September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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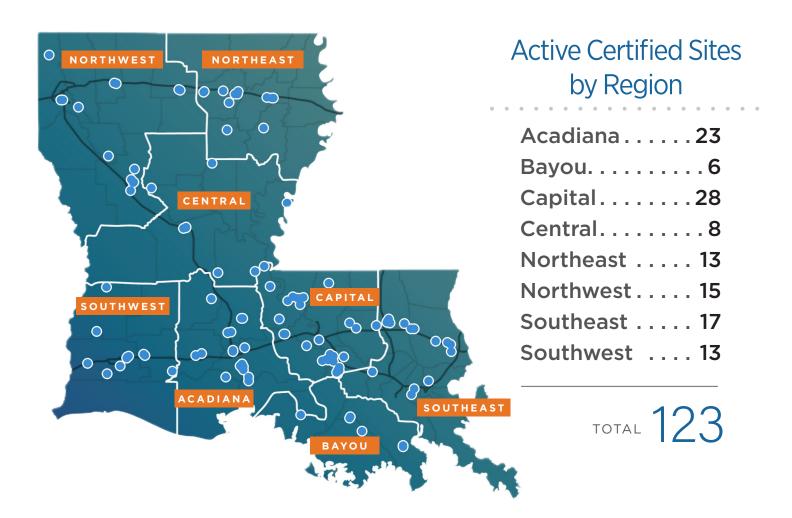
# LED PROJECT PIPELINE

Since the start of the current administration, LED has announced 55 projects that will account for over \$63.8 billion USD of investment and more than 7,315 direct new jobs

As of 09/11/2025, LED is involved with and tracking 180 distinct projects, with a combined value of over \$206.3 billion USD and with the potential to create more than 42,780 direct new jobs

## CERTIFIED SITE PROGRAM

Since its inception, Louisiana Economic Development has Certified 160 Industrial sites, with portions or all of 32 of them moved into higher commerce. At full build out, that equates to over \$24.1 Billion in CapEx, more than 6,100 direct new jobs and total annual wages of more than \$383 million.



## 1. LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

The Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes monthly estimates of job openings, hires, and separations for the U.S. and each state at the total nonfarm industry level.

Table 1. U.S. Job Openings, Hires, and Labor Turnover, Total Nonfarm (in Thousands) by Month									
				% Change					
Category	7/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>	6/1/25	7/1/24	(MoM)	(YoY)				
Job Openings	7,181	7,357	7,504	-2.4%	-4.3%				
Hires	5,308	5,267	5,451	0.8%	-2.6%				
Quits	3,208	3,209	3,390	-	-5.4%				
Layoffs and Discharges	1,808	1,796	1,745	0.7%	3.6%				
Note: ¹Preliminary; Source: bls.gov									

Table 2. Job Openings by Selected States, Total Nonfarm (in Thousands) by Month								
				% Change				
State	6/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>	5/1/25	6/1/24	(MoM)	(YoY)			
Alabama	115	123	110	-6.5%	4.5%			
Arkansas	78	78	78	-	-			
Florida	474	484	449	-2.1%	5.6%			
Georgia	286	328	258	-12.8%	10.9%			
Kentucky	105	117	122	-10.3%	-13.9%			
Louisiana	104	111	96	-6.3%	8.3%			
Mississippi	64	68	61	-5.9%	4.9%			
Missouri	137	151	163	-9.3%	-16.0%			
North Carolina	301	285	247	5.6%	21.9%			
Oklahoma	102	110	89	-7.3%	14.6%			
South Carolina	143	144	134	-0.7%	6.7%			
Tennessee	183	165	161	10.9%	13.7%			
Texas	575	650	581	-11.5%	-1.0%			
Note: ¹Preliminary; Source: <u>bls.gov</u>								

				% Ch	ange
State	6/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>	5/1/25	6/1/24	(MoM)	(YoY)
Alabama	73	73	74	-	-1.4%
Arkansas	55	48	56	14.6%	-1.8%
Florida	338	354	407	-4.5%	-17.0%
Georgia	151	164	151	-7.9%	-
Kentucky	75	81	66	-7.4%	13.6%
Louisiana	70	72	72	-2.8%	-2.8%
Mississippi	41	42	39	-2.4%	5.1%
Missouri	80	90	95	-11.1%	-15.8%
North Carolina	160	162	157	-1.2%	1.9%
Oklahoma	61	63	67	-3.2%	-9.0%
South Carolina	96	98	94	-2.0%	2.1%
Tennessee	130	119	116	9.2%	12.1%
Texas	535	443	448	20.8%	19.4%

				% Change	
State	6/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>	5/1/25	6/1/24	(MoM)	(YoY)
Alabama	40	54	49	-25.9%	-18.4%
Arkansas	23	20	32	15.0%	-28.1%
Florida	197	243	258	-18.9%	-23.6%
Georgia	78	115	117	-32.2%	-33.3%
Kentucky	39	42	47	-7.1%	-17.0%
Louisiana	43	45	56	-4.4%	-23.2%
Mississippi	27	26	29	3.8%	-6.9%
Missouri	61	65	66	-6.2%	-7.6%
North Carolina	107	98	100	9.2%	7.0%
Oklahoma	40	43	42	-7.0%	-4.8%
South Carolina	54	60	69	-10.0%	-21.7%
Tennessee	71	70	84	1.4%	-15.5%
Texas	293	301	339	-2.7%	-13.6%

Table 5. Layoffs and Discharges by Selected States, Total Nonfarm (in Thousands) by Month								
				% Change				
State	6/1/2025 <sup>1</sup>	5/1/25	6/1/24	(MoM)	(YoY)			
Alabama	21	19	16	10.5%	31.3%			
Arkansas	14	12	12	16.7%	16.7%			
Florida	74	90	67	-17.8%	10.4%			
Georgia	47	44	35	6.8%	34.3%			
Kentucky	26	25	16	4.0%	62.5%			
Louisiana	19	20	23	-5.0%	-17.4%			
Mississippi	11	10	11	10.0%	-			
Missouri	24	25	21	-4.0%	14.3%			
North Carolina	56	44	50	27.3%	12.0%			
Oklahoma	16	17	29	-5.9%	-44.8%			
South Carolina	24	22	17	9.1%	41.2%			
Tennessee	44	32	33	37.5%	33.3%			
Texas	146	126	120	15.9%	21.7%			
Note: ¹Preliminary; Source: bls.gov								

The following table provides preliminary data for total nonfarm employment for all establishment sizes for each Louisiana parish for the first quarter of 2025. Date are not seasonally adjusted.

Source: <u>laworks.net</u>

Table 6. Total Covered Employment, by Parish - 2025:Q1								
				% Change				
Parish	2025:Q1	2024:Q4	2024:Q1	(QoQ)	(YoY)			
Acadia Parish	14,814	14,482	14,322	2.3%	3.4%			
Allen Parish	7,447	7,503	7,411	-0.7%	0.5%			
Ascension Parish	50,017	50,290	50,955	-0.5%	-1.8%			
Assumption Parish	4,039	4,145	3,825	-2.6%	5.6%			
Avoyelles Parish	9,730	9,781	9,704	-0.5%	0.3%			
Beauregard Parish	8,481	8,950	9,249	-5.2%	-8.3%			
Bienville Parish	4,005	3,883	3,783	3.1%	5.9%			
Bossier Parish	44,924	44,321	44,557	1.4%	0.8%			
Caddo Parish	110,032	109,133	107,453	0.8%	2.4%			
Calcasieu Parish	88,630	89,115	87,351	-0.5%	1.5%			
Caldwell Parish	2,222	2,248	2,232	-1.2%	-0.4%			
Cameron Parish	3,981	3,775	4,133	5.5%	-3.7%			
Catahoula Parish	2,223	2,271	2,224	-2.1%	-0.04%			
Claiborne Parish	2,958	3,016	2,978	-1.9%	-0.7%			
Concordia Parish	5,040	5,184	5,286	-2.8%	-4.7%			

Table 6 (continued). Total Covered	Employment, by Paris	sh - 2025:Q1			
				% Ch	ange
Parish	2025:Q1	2024:Q4	2024:Q1	(MoM)	(YoY)
De Soto Parish	8,426	8,455	8,444	-0.3%	-0.2%
East Baton Rouge Parish	270,615	273,580	268,500	-1.1%	0.8%
East Carroll Parish	1,397	1,438	1,389	-2.9%	0.6%
East Feliciana Parish	5,180	5,174	5,094	0.1%	1.7%
Evangeline Parish	7,963	7,862	7,782	1.3%	2.3%
Franklin Parish	4,658	4,669	4,619	-0.2%	0.8%
Grant Parish	3,411	3,465	3,389	-1.6%	0.6%
Iberia Parish	24,030	24,275	23,808	-1.0%	0.9%
Iberville Parish	16,718	16,364	16,420	2.2%	1.8%
Jackson Parish	3,914	3,880	3,805	0.9%	2.9%
Jefferson Davis Parish	7,897	8,007	8,089	-1.4%	-2.4%
Jefferson Parish	185,712	186,854	183,146	-0.6%	1.4%
Lafayette Parish	138,070	139,124	135,668	-0.8%	1.8%
Lafourche Parish	35,574	35,520	34,692	0.2%	2.5%
LaSalle Parish	4,677	4,717	4,651	-0.8%	0.6%
Lincoln Parish	18,924	18,941	18,444	-0.1%	2.6%
Livingston Parish	31,101	31,093	31,222	0.03%	-0.4%
Madison Parish	2,999	3,052	3,073	-1.7%	-2.4%
Morehouse Parish	6,122	6,251	6,134	-2.1%	-0.2%
Natchitoches Parish	14,256	14,500	14,308	-1.7%	-0.4%
Orleans Parish	188,858	191,486	186,958	-1.4%	1.0%
Ouachita Parish	69,174	69,868	69,200	-1.0%	-0.04%
Plaquemines Parish	13,959	12,864	11,953	8.5%	16.8%
Pointe Coupee Parish	5,208	5,461	5,640	-4.6%	-7.7%
Rapides Parish	56,444	56,879	55,856	-0.8%	1.1%
Red River Parish	2,532	2,523	2,486	0.4%	1.9%
Richland Parish	6,081	6,380	6,143	-4.7%	-1.0%
Sabine Parish	5,450	5,361	5,335	1.7%	2.2%
St. Bernard Parish	11,096	11,433	11,036	-2.9%	0.5%
St. Charles Parish	22,704	26,451	24,688	-14.2%	-8.0%
St. Helena Parish	1,616	1,667	1,652	-3.1%	-2.2%
St. James Parish	7,598	7,657	7,653	-0.8%	-0.7%
St. John the Baptist Parish	13,567	13,417	13,042	1.1%	4.0%
St. Landry Parish	23,470	23,745	23,269	-1.2%	0.9%
St. Martin Parish	12,231	12,403	12,005	-1.4%	1.9%

Table 6 (continued). Total Covered Employment, by Parish - 2025:Q1									
				% Cł	nange				
Parish	2025:Q1	2024:Q4	2024:Q1	(MoM)	(YoY)				
St. Mary Parish	19,537	19,782	19,931	-1.2%	-2.0%				
St. Tammany Parish	96,718	97,259	95,509	-0.6%	1.3%				
Tangipahoa Parish	47,131	47,587	47,134	-1.0%	-0.01%				
Tensas Parish	774	837	798	-7.5%	-3.0%				
Terrebonne Parish	47,352	47,950	47,556	-1.2%	-0.4%				
Union Parish	5,505	5,535	5,398	-0.5%	2.0%				
Vermillion Parish	12,799	12,666	12,329	1.1%	3.8%				
Vernon Parish	12,450	12,795	12,698	-2.7%	-2.0%				
Washington Parish	11,113	11,252	11,174	-1.2%	-0.5%				
Webster Parish	11,220	11,151	10,959	0.6%	2.4%				
West Baton Rouge Parish	13,304	13,065	13,392	1.8%	-0.7%				
West Carroll Parish	1,954	2,006	1,931	-2.6%	1.2%				
West Feliciana Parish	5,111	4,949	4,825	3.3%	5.9%				
Winn Parish	4,365	4,478	4,393	-2.5%	-0.6%				
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## 2. COMMODITIES

The following tables provide data on the prices of energy commodities, which reflect the overall health of the economy.

Source: fred.stlouisfed.org

Table 7. Energy Commodities, Weekly										
				% Ch	ange					
Commodity	9/5/25	8/29/25	9/6/24	(WoW)	(YoY)					
Brent Crude Oil	\$66.85	\$67.77	\$75.25	-1.4%	-11.2%					
WTI Crude Oil	\$64.09	\$64.52	\$70.02	-0.7%	-8.5%					
Henry Hub Natural Gas	\$2.97	\$2.85	\$2.02	4.2%	47.0%					
U.S. Regular Conventional Gas	\$3.07	\$3.06	\$3.12	0.3%	-1.6%					

Table 8. Energy Commodities, Monthly									
				% Cł	nange				
Commodity	6/1/25	5/1/25	6/1/24	(MoM)	(YoY)				
Diesel	\$3.60	\$3.50	\$3.80	2.9%	-5.3%				
EU Natural Gas	\$12.30	\$11.62	\$10.29	5.9%	19.5%				
Asia Liquefied Natural Gas	\$12.96	\$11.68	\$10.11	11.0%	28.2%				
Global Henry Hub Natural Gas	\$3.68	\$3.46	\$2.48	6.4%	48.4%				
Brent Crude Oil Global	\$69.85	\$64.09	\$74.98	9.0%	-6.8%				
WTI Crude Oil Global	\$68.54	\$62.20	\$79.91	10.2%	-14.2%				

The following tables provide data on the prices of agricultural commodities, which reflect the overall health of the economy.

Source: tradingeconomics.com

Table 9. Agricultural Commodities, Daily Period of September 4, 2025										
				% Change						
Commodity	Listed Price	Dollar (\$)	Unit of Measurement	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	(YoY)			
Soybeans	\$1,016.30	\$10.16	\$/Bu	1.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%			
Wheat	\$496.87	\$4.97	\$/Bu	0.4%	-1.1%	-1.6%	-14.1%			
Lumber	\$522.56	\$5.23	\$/MBF	-1.4%	-3.4%	-16.0%	9.7%			
Palm Oil	\$4,453.00	\$44.53	\$/MT	0.9%	0.09%	1.2%	15.7%			
Sugar (No. 11)	\$15.84	\$0.16	\$/Lb	-0.4%	0.9%	-6.6%	-16.8%			
Coffee	\$399.32	\$3.99	\$/Lb	0.6%	3.52%	26.7%	61.8%			
Corn	\$396.10	\$3.96	\$/Bu	-0.03%	-0.9%	6.6%	-2.4%			
Rice	\$11.34	\$0.11	\$/CWT	0.2%	-2.4%	-11.3%	-25.6%			
Orange Juice	\$240.76	\$2.41	\$/Lb	-5.6%	7.8%	-5.1%	-49.2%			

### 3. RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE METRICS

Realtor.com has established a comprehensive database of MLS-listed for sale homes in the industry. The following tables and figures present median listing prices and days on market for the U.S., selected states, and regions in Louisiana. The Median Price Ratio is the median listing price for August 2025 for each state as a ratio of the U.S. median listing price. The Median Days Ratio is the median days on market for each region as a ratio of the median days on market for Louisiana.

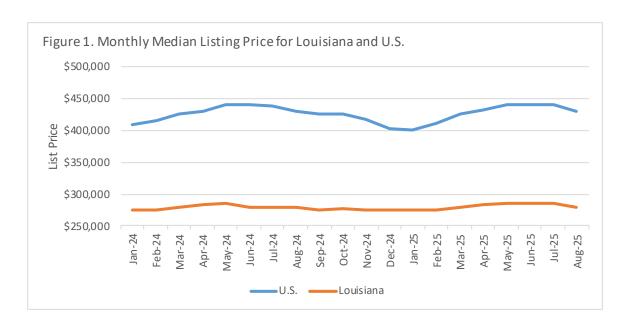
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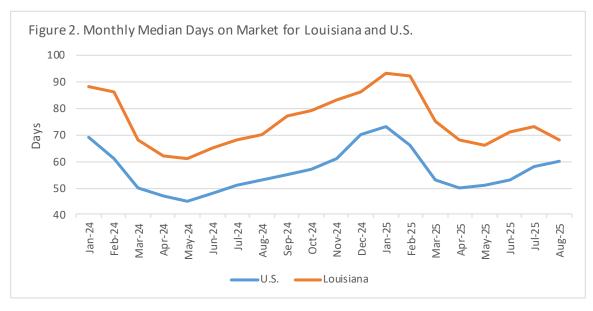
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				% Ch	ange						
State	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24	(MoM)	(YoY)	Median Price Ratio					
Alabama	\$335,000	\$339,650	\$330,000	-1.4%	1.5%	77.9%					
Arkansas	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$299,000	-	2.0%	70.9%					
Florida	\$429,900	\$435,000	\$440,000	-1.2%	-2.3%	100.0%					
Georgia	\$395,000	\$399,250	\$396,000	-1.1%	-0.3%	91.9%					
Kentucky	\$310,000	\$315,000	\$305,000	-1.6%	1.6%	72.1%					
Louisiana	\$279,900	\$284,950	\$279,000	-1.8%	0.3%	65.1%					
Mississippi	\$295,000	\$299,000	\$298,000	-1.3%	-1.0%	68.6%					
Missouri	\$309,900	\$311,000	\$300,000	-0.4%	3.3%	72.1%					
North Carolina	\$419,900	\$424,950	\$415,000	-1.2%	1.2%	97.7%					
Oklahoma	\$300,000	\$304,995	\$299,000	-1.6%	0.3%	69.8%					
South Carolina	\$370,000	\$371,950	\$359,000	-0.5%	3.1%	86.0%					
Tennessee	\$434,999	\$439,950	\$434,900	-1.1%	0.02%	101.2%					
Texas	\$369,000	\$375,000	\$378,000	-1.6%	-2.4%	85.8%					
U.S.	\$429,990	\$439,450	\$429,990	-2.2%	0.0%	-					

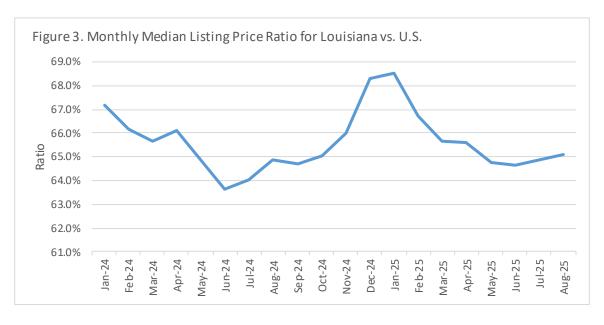
Table 11. Median Days on Market, by State and U.S.								
				% Change				
State	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24	(MoM)	(YoY)	Median Days Ratio		
Alabama	67	66	59	1.5%	13.6%	111.7%		
Arkansas	64	61	57	4.9%	12.3%	106.7%		
Florida	87	86	73	1.2%	19.2%	145.0%		
Georgia	60	58	51	3.4%	17.6%	100.0%		
Kentucky	51	51	47	-	8.5%	85.0%		
Louisiana	68	73	70	-6.8%	-2.9%	113.3%		
Mississippi	70	71	67	-1.4%	4.5%	116.7%		
Missouri	53	52	51	1.9%	3.9%	88.3%		
North Carolina	64	59	53	8.5%	20.8%	106.7%		
Oklahoma	58	58	53	-	9.4%	96.7%		
South Carolina	63	61	58	3.3%	8.6%	105.0%		
Tennessee	63	60	50	5.0%	26.0%	105.0%		
Texas	64	60	58	6.7%	10.3%	106.7%		
U.S.	60	58	53	3.4%	13.2%	-		

Table 12. Median Listing Price, by Region and State							
				% Change		Median Price	
CBSA	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24	(MoM)	(YoY)	Ratio	
Alexandria	\$239,950	\$248,450	\$229,950	-3.4%	4.3%	85.7%	
Baton Rouge	\$299,900	\$300,000	\$301,995	-0.03%	-0.7%	107.1%	
Bogalusa	\$200,000	\$195,000	\$199,995	2.6%	-	71.5%	
DeRidder	\$263,750	\$259,500	\$259,900	1.6%	1.5%	94.2%	
Hammond	\$277,500	\$284,950	\$259,450	-2.6%	7.0%	99.1%	
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	\$225,000	\$224,900	\$229,500	0.04%	-2.0%	80.4%	
Lafayette	\$270,000	\$275,000	\$272,000	-1.8%	-0.7%	96.5%	
Lake Charles	\$239,290	\$239,900	\$235,750	-0.3%	1.5%	85.5%	
Minden	\$162,500	\$157,500	\$199,900	3.2%	-18.7%	58.1%	
Monroe	\$250,000	\$258,850	\$259,000	-3.4%	-3.5%	89.3%	
Morgan City	\$170,000	\$180,000	\$210,000	-5.6%	-19.0%	60.7%	
Natchitoches	\$275,000	\$280,000	\$299,500	-1.8%	-8.2%	98.2%	
New Iberia	\$175,000	\$176,225	\$185,000	-0.7%	-5.4%	62.5%	
New Orleans-Metairie	\$315,000	\$317,500	\$317,000	-0.8%	-0.6%	112.5%	
Opelousas	\$196,950	\$195,375	\$192,500	0.8%	2.3%	70.4%	
Ruston	\$270,000	\$275,000	\$257,500	-1.8%	4.9%	96.5%	
Shreveport-Bossier City	\$250,000	\$257,450	\$239,900	-2.9%	4.2%	89.3%	
Slidell-Mandeville-Covington	\$350,000	\$355,000	\$334,950	-1.4%	4.5%	125.0%	
Louisiana	\$279,900	\$284,950	\$279,000	-1.8%	0.3%	-	

Table 13. Median Days on Market, by Region and State							
				% Change		Median Days	
CBSA	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24	(MoM)	(YoY)	Ratio	
Alexandria	73	78	66	-6.4%	10.6%	107.4%	
Baton Rouge	75	71	65	5.6%	15.4%	110.3%	
Bogalusa	82	86	81	-4.7%	1.2%	120.6%	
DeRidder	57	91	94	-37.4%	-39.4%	83.8%	
Hammond	65	59	71	10.2%	-8.5%	95.6%	
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	100	98	87	2.0%	14.9%	147.1%	
Lafayette	67	69	68	-2.9%	-1.5%	98.5%	
Lake Charles	33	86	82	-61.6%	-59.8%	48.5%	
Minden	65	68	60	-4.4%	8.3%	95.6%	
Monroe	63	63	64	-	-1.6%	92.6%	
Morgan City	82	82	66	-	24.2%	120.6%	
Natchitoches	100	101	83	-1.0%	20.5%	147.1%	
New Iberia	67	73	84	-8.2%	-20.2%	98.5%	
New Orleans-Metairie	79	74	72	6.8%	9.7%	116.2%	
Opelousas	85	77	80	10.4%	6.3%	125.0%	
Ruston	71	66	79	7.6%	-10.1%	104.4%	
Shreveport-Bossier City	67	68	61	-1.5%	9.8%	98.5%	
Slidell-Mandeville-Covington	70	66	65	6.1%	7.7%	102.9%	
Louisiana	68	73	70	-6.8%	-2.9%	-	



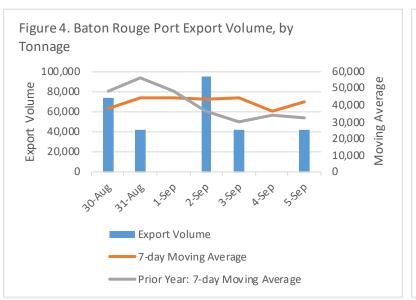


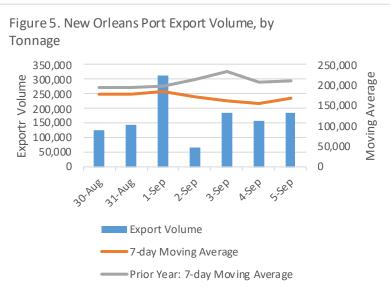


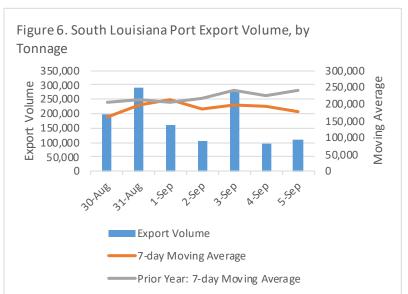
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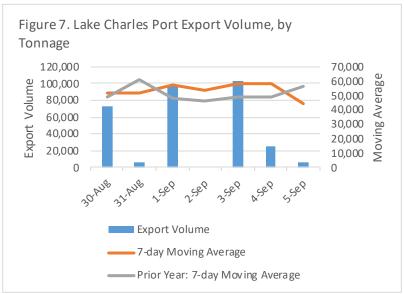
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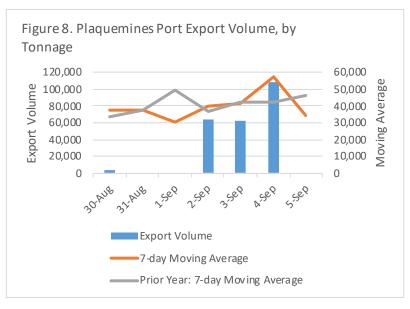
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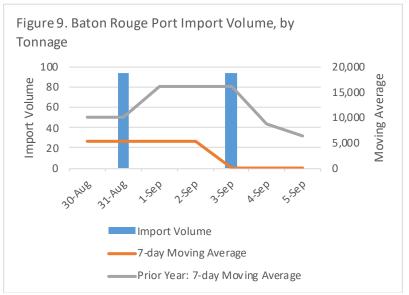


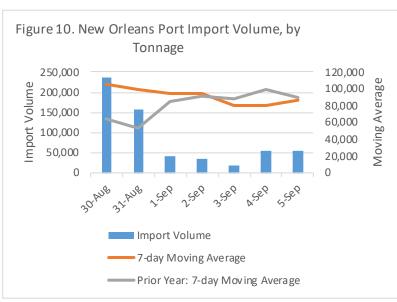


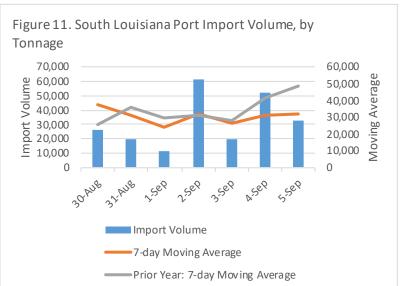


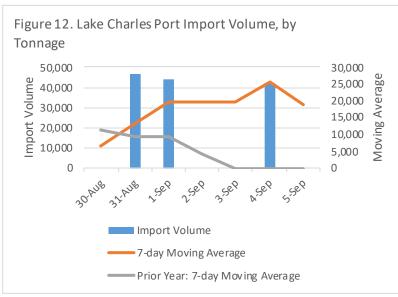


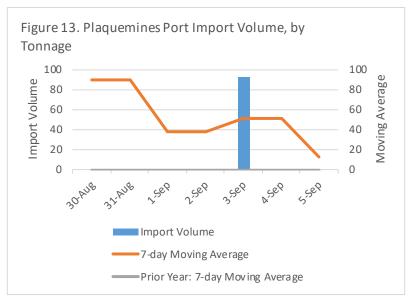


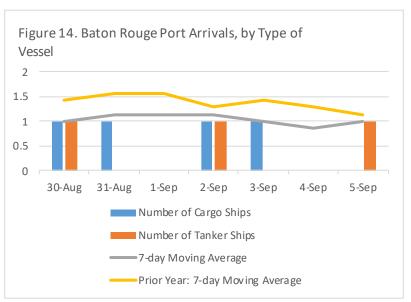


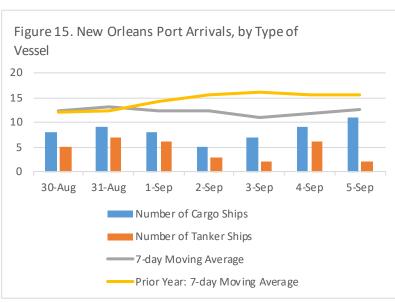


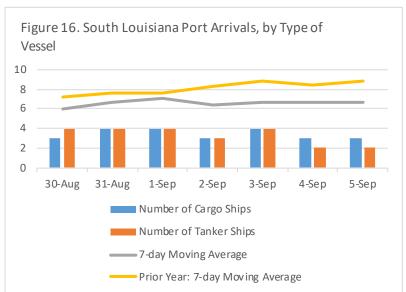


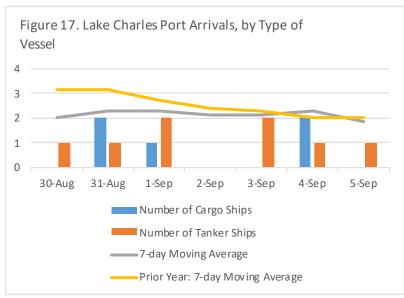


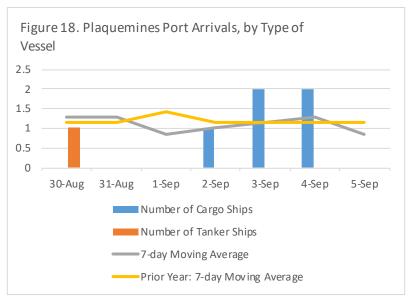








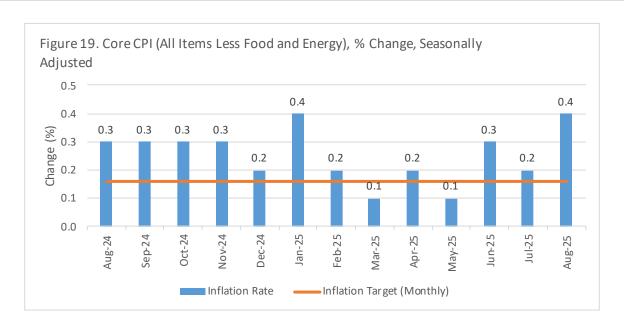




### 5. CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) tracks the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a basket of goods and services. It's one of the most widely used indicators of inflation in the United States.

Table 14. Change in CPI-U, U.S. City Average, by Month, Seasonally Adjusted						
Category	Aug-25	Jul-25	Since Aug-24 <sup>1</sup>			
All Items	0.4%	0.2%	2.9%			
All Items Less Food and Energy (Core CPI)	0.3%	0.3%	3.1%			
Medical Care Services	-0.1%	0.8%	4.2%			
Eggs	-0.15%	-3.4%	10.9%			
Note: ¹Not Seasonally Adjusted; Source: bls.gov						



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#### **Economic Calendar**

The Economic Calendar provides insights into upcoming events and data releases.

 $It\ includes\ information\ on\ national\ economic\ indicators,\ such\ as\ GDP,\ employment\ figures,\ inflation\ rates,\ and\ central\ bank\ meetings.$ 

Links to source are included.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day [U.S. Markets Closed]	Construction Spending [Jul] ISM Manufacturing [Aug]	2 JOLTS [Jul] Total Vehicle Sales [Aug]	3	Trade Balance [Jul] Productivity [Q2 F] ISM Services [Aug]	Employment 5 [Aug]	6
	Consumer Credit [Jul]	NFIB Small Business [Aug] QCEW [Q1:2025] Housing Inventory [Aug]	9 PPI [Aug]	10	CPI [Aug] Real Earngins [Aug] Market Hotness [Aug] Federal Budget [Aug]	U. of Michigan Sentiment [Sep]	13
14	15	5 Retail Sales [Aug] Import Price Index [Aug] Industrial Production [Aug] Business Inventories [Jul] NAHB Index [Sep]	16 Housing Starts [Aug] State JOLTS [Jul] FOMC Statement	17	18	State Employment 19 [Aug]	20
21	22	2 Existing Home Sales [Aug]	[Aug] State Coincidence Index [Aug]	24	GDP [Q2 3 <sup>rd</sup> ] Durable Goods [Aug]	Personal Income [Aug] State GPD, Consumption Expenditures, & Personal Income [Q2 2025]	27
	Pending Home Sales [Aug]	9 S&P/C-S Home Prices [Jul] Consumer Confidence [Sep] JOLTS [Aug]	30				