Louisiana Economic Vitals
Friday, October 10, 2025

PREFACE

The Louisiana Economic Development Economic Competitiveness team has prepared this weekly economic report. Data comes from federal and state governmental entities and third-party sources. The team has independently analyzed and condensed all data for brevity and utility.

Louisiana Economic Development October 2025 Announcements:

Bollinger Shipyards Wins Major U.S. Defense Deal - Built in Louisiana, Backed by America
October 10th, 2025

MMR Group Expands Louisiana Footprint with $55.2 Million Investment in Lafayette to Serve Growing Tech Markets
October 6th, 2025

DMR Technologies to Launch Full-Scale U.S. Drone Manufacturing Facility in Lafayette
October 2nd, 2025

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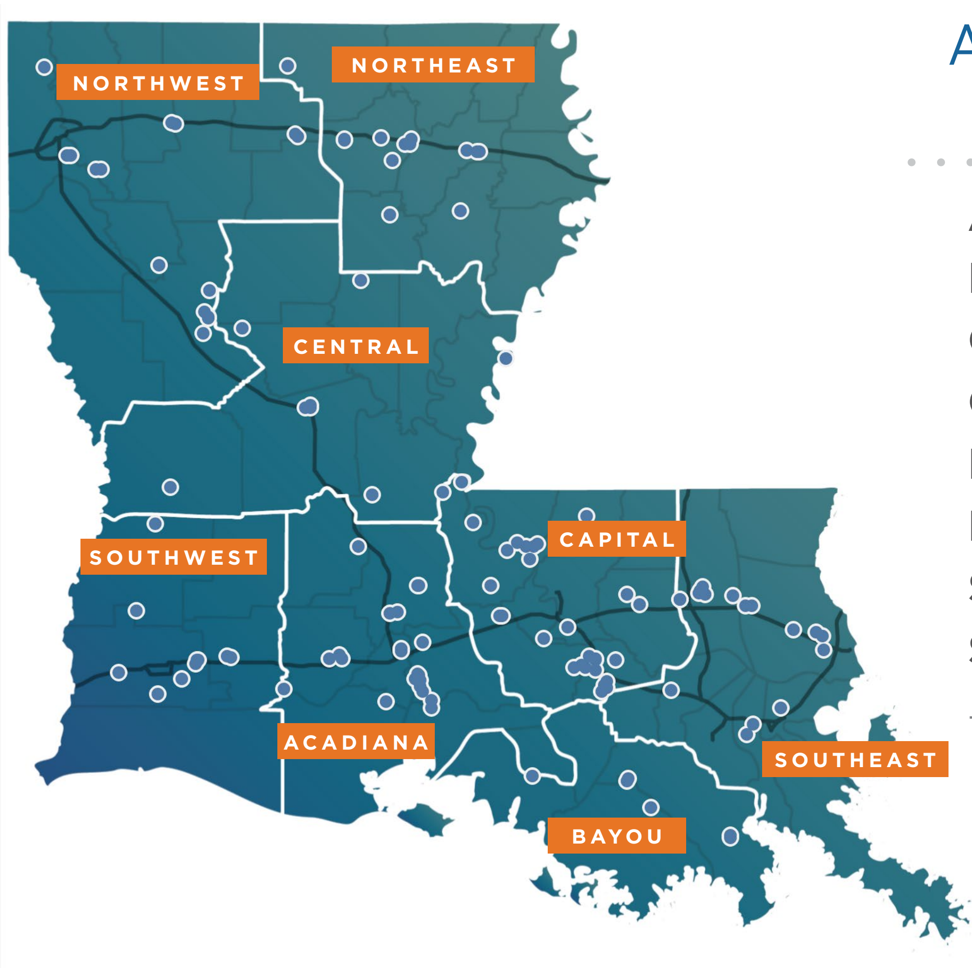
LED PROJECT PIPELINE

Since the start of the current administration, LED has announced 58 projects that will account for over $63.9 billion USD of investment and more than 8,050 direct new jobs.

As of 10/09/2025, LED is involved with and tracking 183 distinct projects, with a combined value of over $228.6 billion USD and with the potential to create more than 45,870 direct new jobs.

CERTIFIED SITE PROGRAM

Since its inception, Louisiana Economic Development has Certified 162 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.



Active Certified Sites by Region

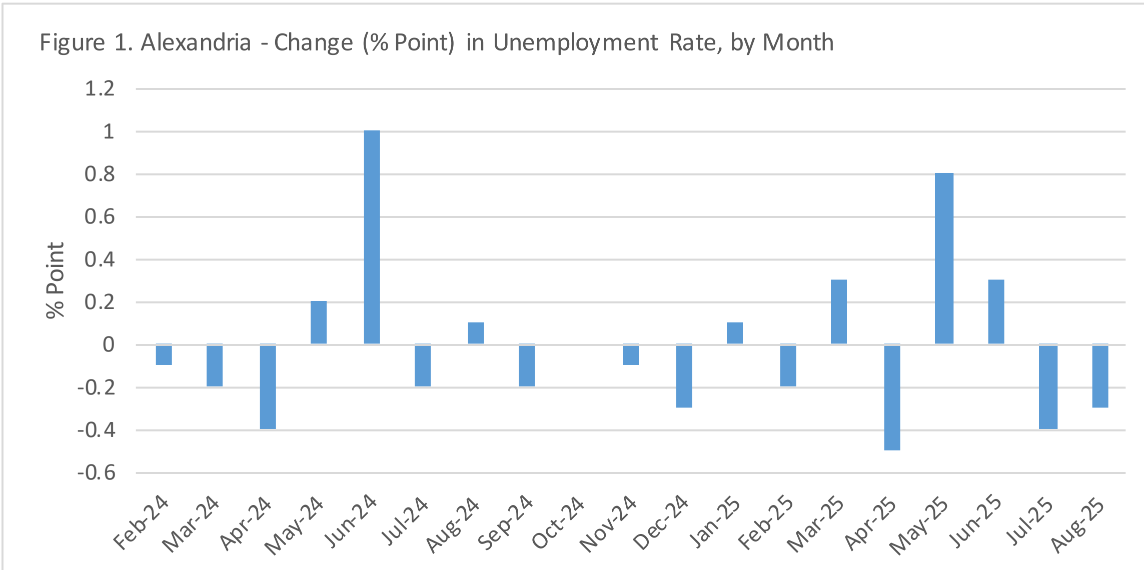
Acadiana 23
Bayou. 6
Capital 27
Central. 9
Northeast 13
Northwest 16
Southeast 17
Southwest 14

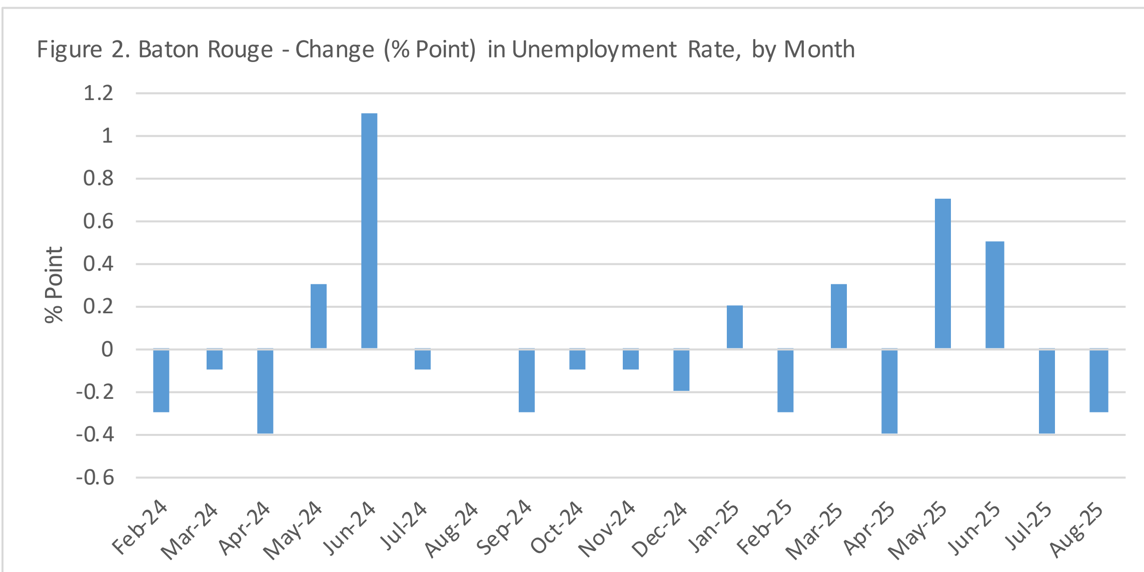
TOTAL 125

1. LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

The following figures illustrate the change in the monthly unemployment rate for Louisiana and each MSA in the state.

Source: [bls.gov](bls.gov)





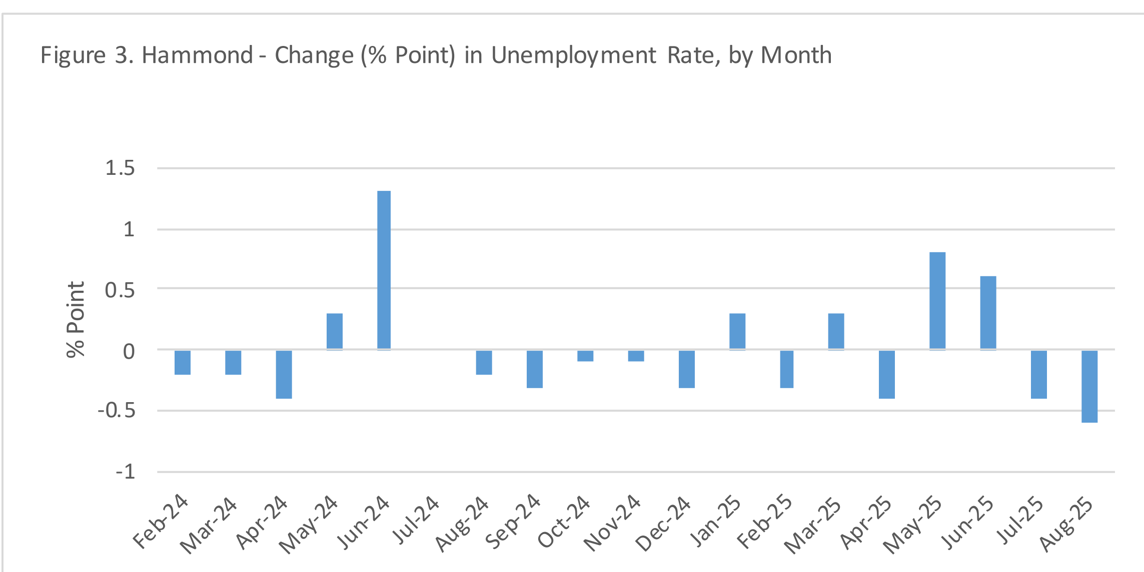


Figure 4. Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux - Change (% Point) in Unemployment Rate, by Month

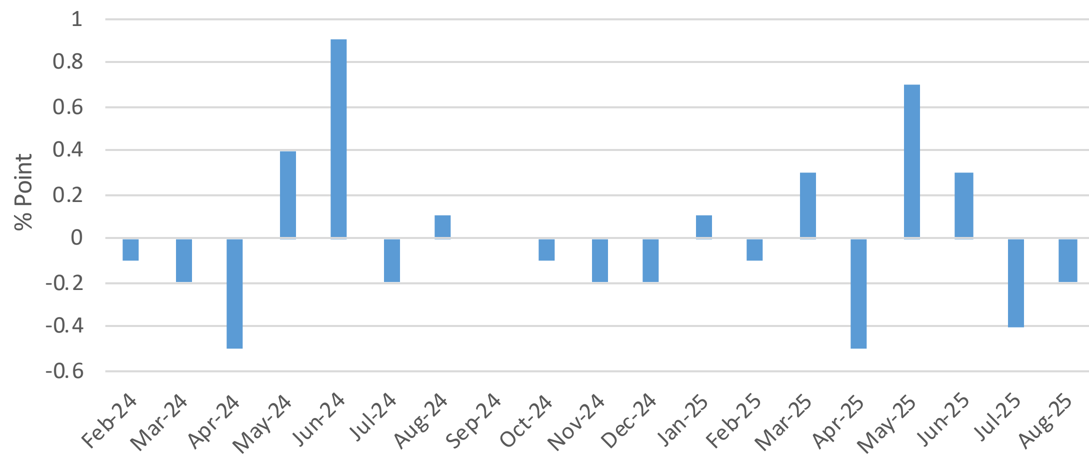


Figure 5. Lafayette - Change (% Point) in Unemployment Rate, by Month

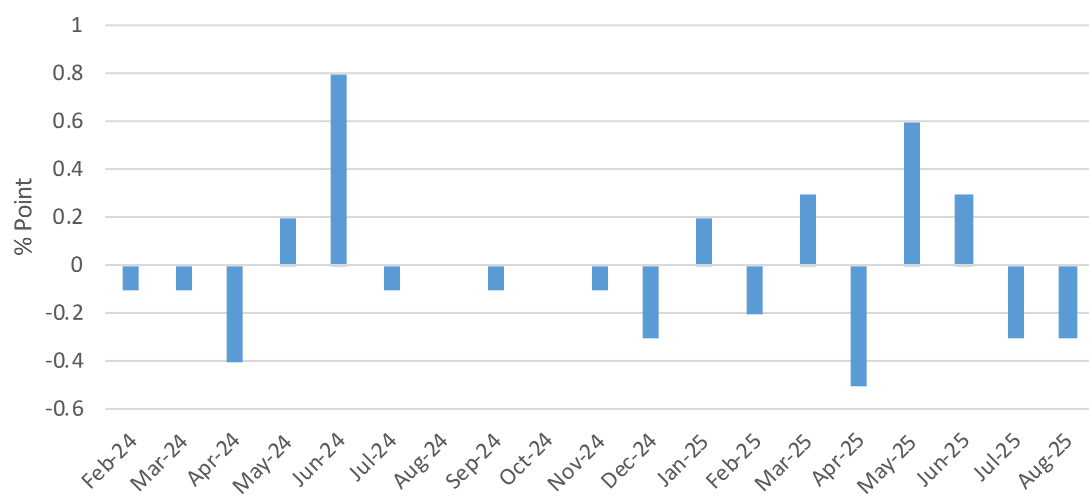
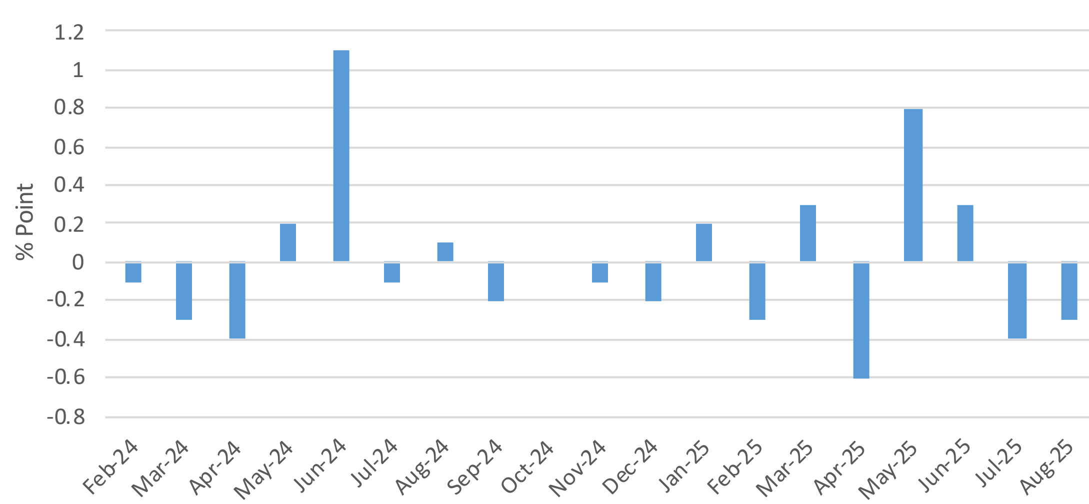


Figure 6. Lake Charles - Change (% Point) in Unemployment Rate, by Month



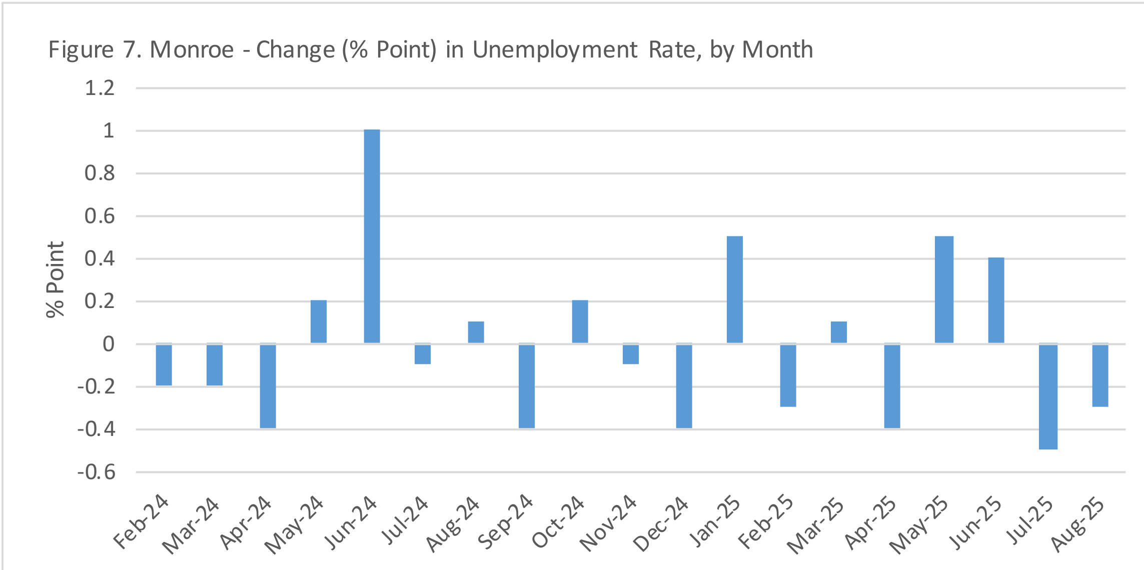


Figure 7. Monroe - Change (% Point) in Unemployment Rate, by Month
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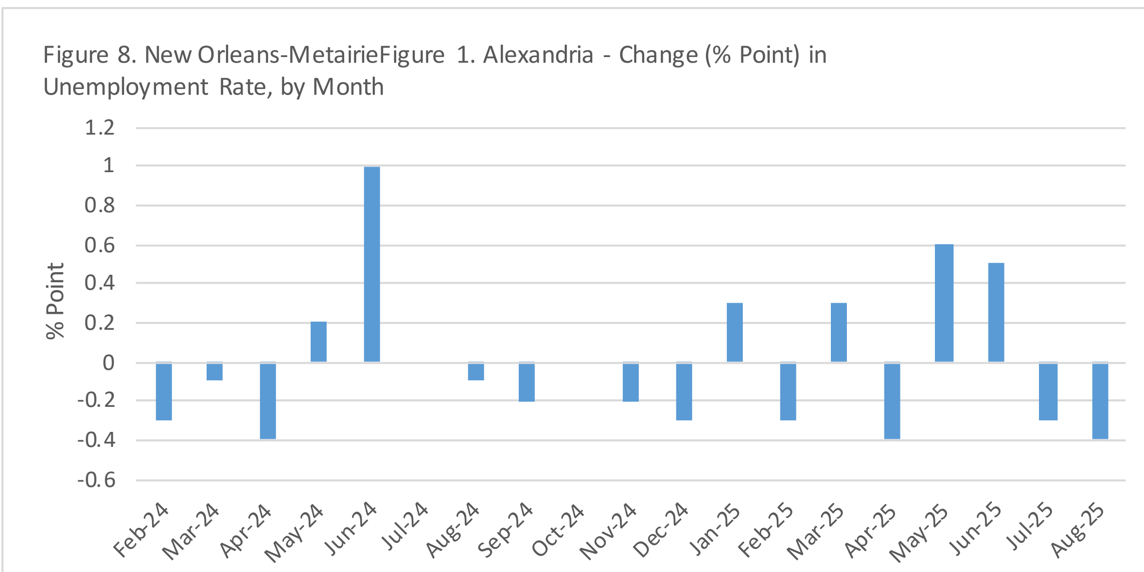
Figure 8. New Orleans-MetairieFigure 1. Alexandria - Change (% Point) in Unemployment Rate, by Month
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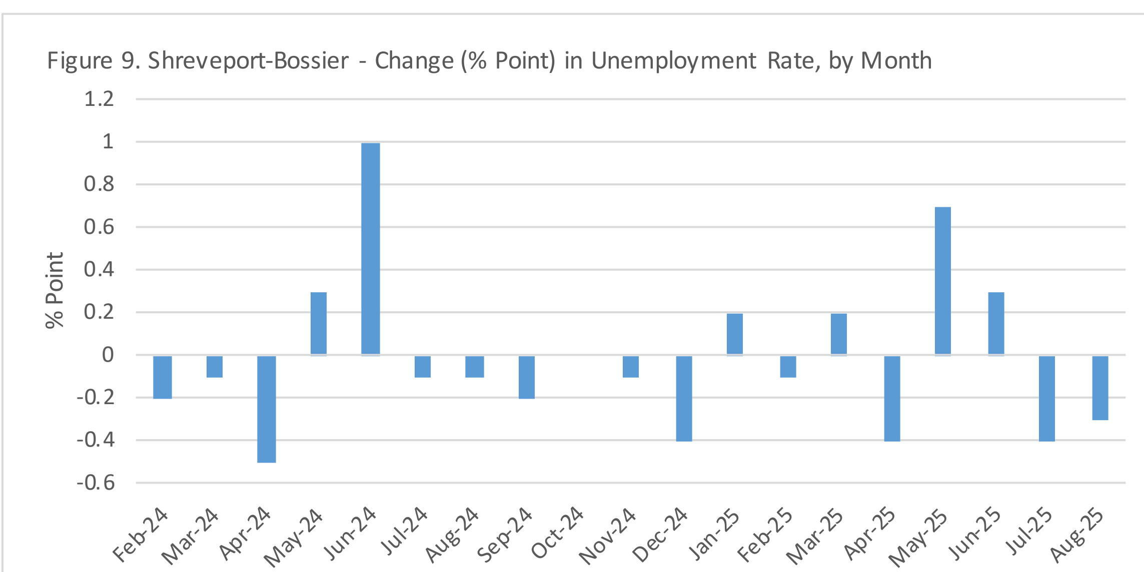
Figure 9. Shreveport-Bossier - Change (% Point) in Unemployment Rate, by Month
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Figure 10. Slidell-Mandeville-Covington - Change (% Point) in Unemployment Rate, by Month

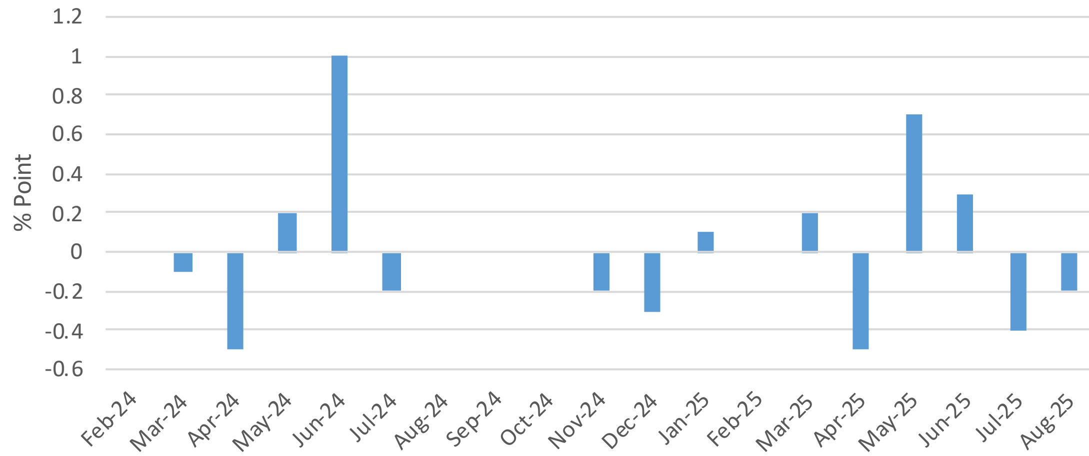
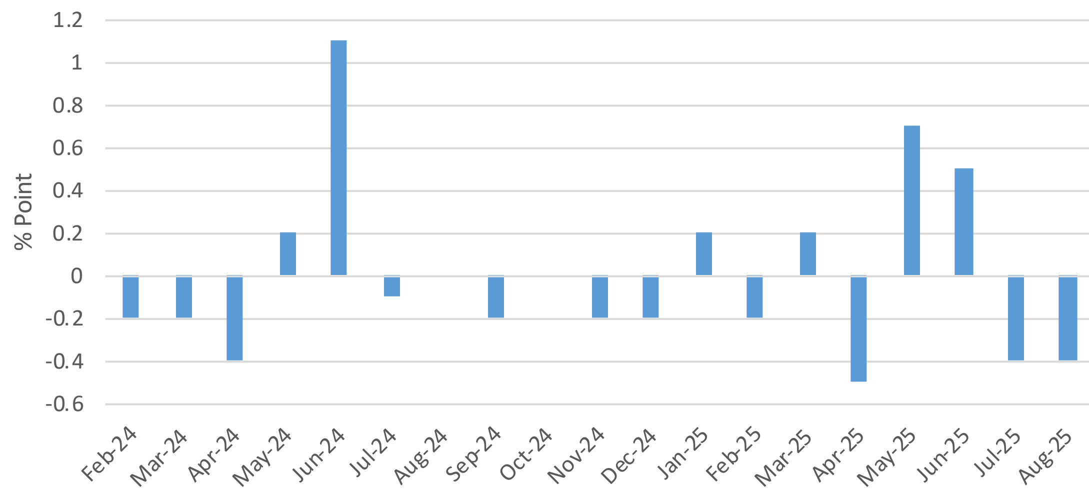


Figure 11. Louisiana - Change (% Point) in Unemployment Rate, by Month



2. COMMODITIES

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

Source: fred.stlouisfed.org

Table 1. Energy Commodities, Weekly					
				% Change	
Commodity	10/3/25	9/26/25	10/4/24	(WoW)	(YoY)
Brent Crude Oil	$67.15	$69.22	$75.88	-3.0%	-11.5%
WTI Crude Oil	$62.59	$64.83	$71.83	-3.5%	-12.9%
Henry Hub Natural Gas	$3.16	$2.91	$2.66	8.6%	18.8%
U.S. Regular Conventional Gas	$3.00	$2.99	$3.03	0.3%	-1.0%

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

Source: tradingeconomics.com

Table 2. Agricultural Commodities, Daily Period of October 9, 2025							
				% Change			
Commodity	Listed Price	Dollar ($)	Unit of Measurement	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	(YoY)
Soybeans	$1,026.76	$10.27	$/Bu	-0.2%	0.3%	0.15%	1.2%
Wheat	$511.50	$5.12	$/Bu	0.8%	-0.6%	-0.7%	-15.3%
Lumber	$609.05	$6.09	$/MBF	1.3%	-0.7%	4.3%	15.8%
Palm Oil	$4,594.00	$45.94	$/MT	1.1%	3.2%	4.1%	8.5%
Sugar (No. 11)	$16.23	$0.16	$/Lb	-0.7%	-1.2%	2.0%	-26.8%
Coffee	$378.25	$3.78	$/Lb	-1.4%	0.1%	-4.8%	48.5%
Corn	$422.46	$4.22	$/Bu	0.1%	0.2%	1.4%	1.0%
Rice	$10.80	$0.11	$/CWT	0.9%	-2.0%	-7.0%	-28.3%
Orange Juice	$207.61	$2.08	$/Lb	-0.8%	-10.5%	-18.3%	-54.8%

3. REAL ESTATE IN LOUISIANA

Regional housing market indicators can reflect local economic conditions, affordability, demand vs, supply, migration trends, and cost of living. The median listing price vs. the U.S. shows whether homes in the local area are more or less expensive than the national average.

Source: realtor.com

Table 3. Median Listing Price by CBSA, Monthly (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

CBSA	Sep-25	Aug-25	Sep-24	% Change (MoM)	% Change (YoY)
Alexandria	$238,000	$239,950	$224,725	-0.8%	5.9%
Baton Rouge	$304,450	$299,900	$306,675	1.5%	-0.7%
Bogalusa	$199,000	$200,000	$200,000	-0.5%	-0.5%
DeRidder	$239,950	$263,750	$254,700	-9.0%	-5.8%
Hammond	$274,900	$277,500	$258,700	-0.9%	6.3%
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	$225,000	$225,000	$229,500	-	-2.0%
Lafayette	$271,090	$270,000	$272,100	0.4%	-0.4%
Lake Charles	$239,950	$239,290	$239,500	0.3%	0.2%
Minden	$167,725	$162,500	$192,000	3.2%	-12.6%
Monroe	$250,000	$250,000	$249,450	-	0.2%
Morgan City	$172,725	$170,000	$199,575	1.6%	-13.5%
Natchitoches	$265,000	$275,000	$299,000	-3.6%	-11.4%
New Iberia	$178,950	$175,000	$178,500	2.3%	0.3%
New Orleans-Metairie	$314,625	$315,000	$319,000	-0.1%	-1.4%
Opelousas	$194,750	$196,950	$188,250	-1.1%	3.5%
Ruston	$262,575	$270,000	$274,750	-2.8%	-4.4%
Shreveport-Bossier City	$249,250	$250,000	$239,700	-0.3%	4.0%
Slidell-Mandeville-Covington	$350,500	$350,000	$338,800	0.1%	3.5%

Table 4. Median Days on Market by CBSA, Monthly (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
				% Change	
CBSA	Sep-25	Aug-25	Sep-24	(MoM)	(YoY)
Alexandria	75	73	72	2.7%	4.2%
Baton Rouge	79	75	73	5.3%	8.2%
Bogalusa	92	82	80	12.2%	15.0%
DeRidder	63	57	100	10.5%	-37.0%
Hammond	71	65	66	9.2%	7.6%
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	101	100	94	1.0%	7.4%
Lafayette	72	67	76	7.5%	-5.3%
Lake Charles	65	33	80	97.0%	-18.8%
Minden	67	65	64	3.1%	4.7%
Monroe	68	63	63	7.9%	7.9%
Morgan City	88	82	78	7.3%	12.8%
Natchitoches	85	100	85	-15.0%	-
New Iberia	67	67	76	-	-11.8%
New Orleans-Metairie	82	79	80	3.8%	2.5%
Opelousas	85	85	85	-	-
Ruston	68	71	83	-4.2%	-18.1%
Shreveport-Bossier City	66	67	67	-1.5%	-1.5%
Slidell-Mandeville-Covington	72	70	73	2.9%	-1.4%

4. OIL & GAS

Oil and Gas rig counts signal future oil and gas production levels. More rigs usually mean companies are ramping up drilling, expecting either higher prices or rising demand. A declining rig count may suggest lower future supply, possibly due to falling prices or reduced demand. Also, high rig counts often reflect strong capital investment in energy infrastructure, signaling confidence in the market while a sharp drop might indicate companies are pulling back spending, which can reflect broader economic uncertainty. Because energy is a key input for nearly all economic activity, changes in rig counts can correlate with GDP growth, industrial production, and transportation activity.

Table 5. Louisiana and U.S. Oil & Gas Rig Counts

Location	10/3/25	9/26/25	10/4/24	% Change	
				(MoM)	(YoY)
Louisiana (Total all areas)	38	38	41	-	-7.3%
North - Land	24	24	24	-	-
South Inland - Water	2	2	0	-	200.0%
South Inland - Land	3	3	3	-	-
State Offshore	0	0	0	-	-
Louisiana Federal Offshore	9	9	14	-	-35.7%
U.S. Total	549	549	585	-	-6.2%

Source: State of Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources, reported by Baker Hughes.

Table 6. Louisiana Monthly Oil and Gas Production

Type	Jul-25	Jun-25	Jul-24	% Change	
				(MoM)	(YoY)
Crude Oil[1]	2,261	2,256	2,625	0.2%	-13.9%
Natural Gas[2]	323,876	300,185	307,143	7.9%	5.4%

Note: [1]Thousand Barrels; [2]Million Cubic Feet
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

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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
			1 *Construction Spending* [Aug] *ISM Manufacturing* [Sep] *Total Vehicle Sales* [Sep] *MSA Employment* [Aug]	2	3 *Employment* [Sep] *ISM Services* [Sep]	4
5	6	7	8 *Trade Balance* [Aug] *U.S. Trade in Goods by State* [Aug] *Consumer Credit* [Aug]	9 *FOMC Minutes* [Sep]	10 *U. of Michigan Sentiment* [Oct] *Federal Budget* [Aug]	11
12	13 Columbus Day [U.S. Markets Closed]	14 *NFIB Small Business* [Sep]	15 *CPI* [Sep]	16 *Retail Sales* [Sep] *PPI* [Sep] *Business Inventories* [Aug] *NAHB Index* [Oct]	17 *Housing Starts* [Sep] *Import Price Index* [Sep] *Industrial Production* [Sep]	18
19	20	21 *State Employment* [Sep]	22	23 *Existing Home Sales* [Sep]	24 *New Home Sales* [Sep] *State Coincidence Index* [Sep]	25
26	27 *Durable Goods* [Sep]	28 *S&P/C-S Home Prices* [Aug] *Consumer Confidence* [Oct]	29 *Pending Home Sales* [Sep] *FOMC Statement*	30 *GDP* [Q3 1st]	31 *Personal Income* [Sep]	