

Louisiana Economic Vitals

Friday, October 24, 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:

[Aclara Invests \\$277 Million to Build Nation's First Heavy Rare Earth Separation Facility in Southwest Louisiana](#)
October 24th, 2025

[Bascom Hunter is doubling its Baton Rouge footprint with a new fabrication facility](#)
October 16th, 2025

[Louisiana Launches \\$150M FastSites Fund — A Bold New Era of Speed, Strategy, and Statewide Growth](#)
October 16th, 2025

[South Louisiana Rail Facility Expands to Create New Opportunities for Louisiana Rice Farmers](#)
October 13th, 2025

[ICYMI: EquipmentShare Celebrates Grand Opening of New Branch in Louisiana – Part of a Statewide Expansion Exceeding \\$187 Million](#)
October 10th, 2025

[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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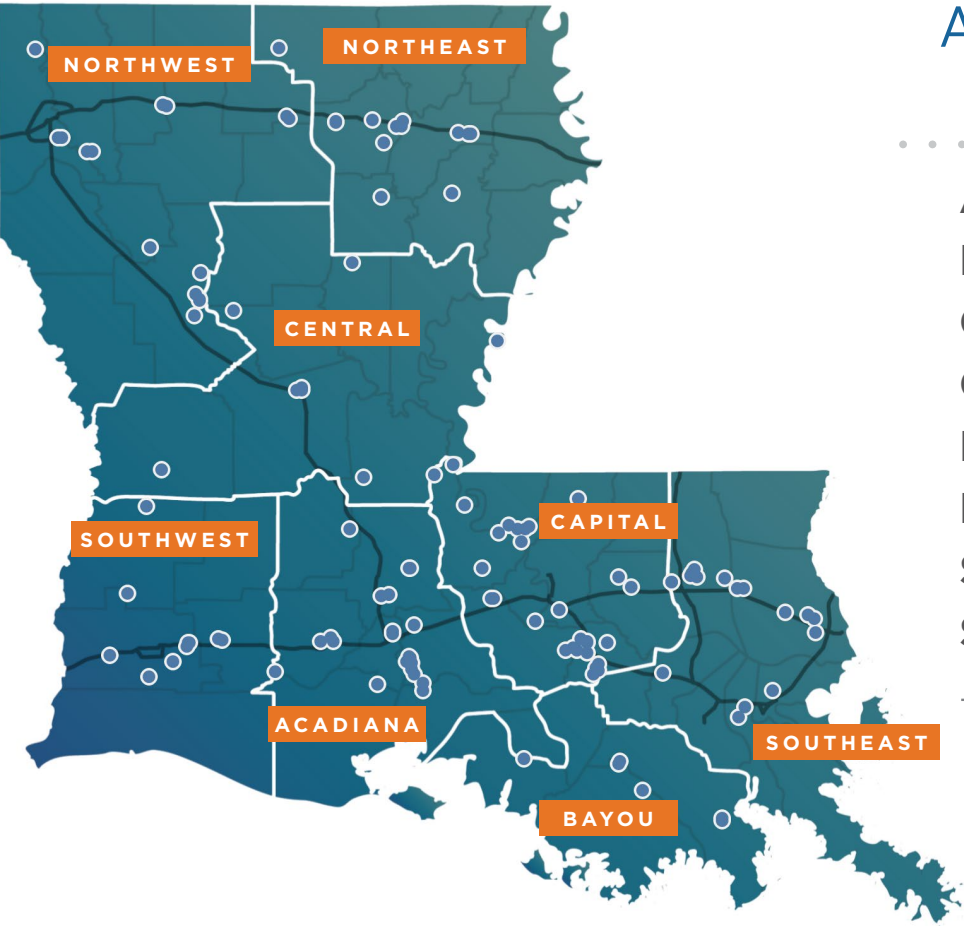
LED PROJECT PIPELINE

Since the start of the current administration, LED has announced 60 projects that will account for over \$64.2 billion USD of investment and more than 8,200 direct new jobs.

As of 10/24/2025, LED is involved with and tracking 172 distinct projects, with a combined value of over \$230.5 billion USD and with the potential to create more than 44,815 direct new jobs.

CERTIFIED SITE PROGRAM

Since its inception, Louisiana Economic Development has Certified 162 Industrial sites, with portions or all of 33 of them moved into higher commerce. At full build out, that equates to over \$24.4 Billion in CapEx, more than 6,240 direct new jobs and total annual wages of more than \$395 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

Lightcast collects job postings worldwide from over 220,000 current and historical sources, including jobs boards and company websites, to develop a comprehensive, real-time portrait of labor market demand. Job postings are a measure of recruitment marketing by employers purportedly looking to fill job vacancies. Job postings are not a perfect correlation with job vacancies. For more information about Lightcast's Job Posting Analytics methodology, see here: <https://kb.lightcast.io/en/articles/6957446-job-posting-analytics-jpa-methodology>.

The following figures include the 2025 monthly percentage change in jobs postings by selected industries, and for all industries, for Louisiana and the average of all other southern states. Each monthly change is expressed as a ratio of January 2025 job postings. Figure 8 illustrates the ratio of each selected industry's September 2025 job postings to the total job postings for that month for Louisiana and the average of all other southern states.

Source: lightcast.io

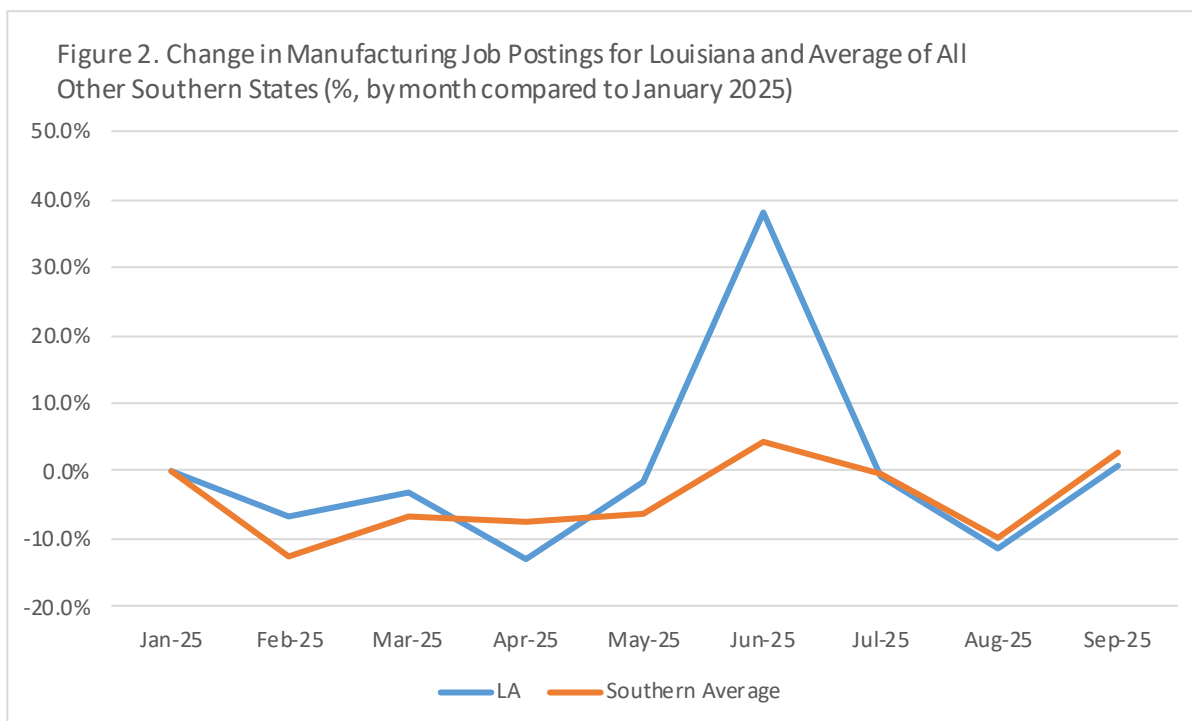
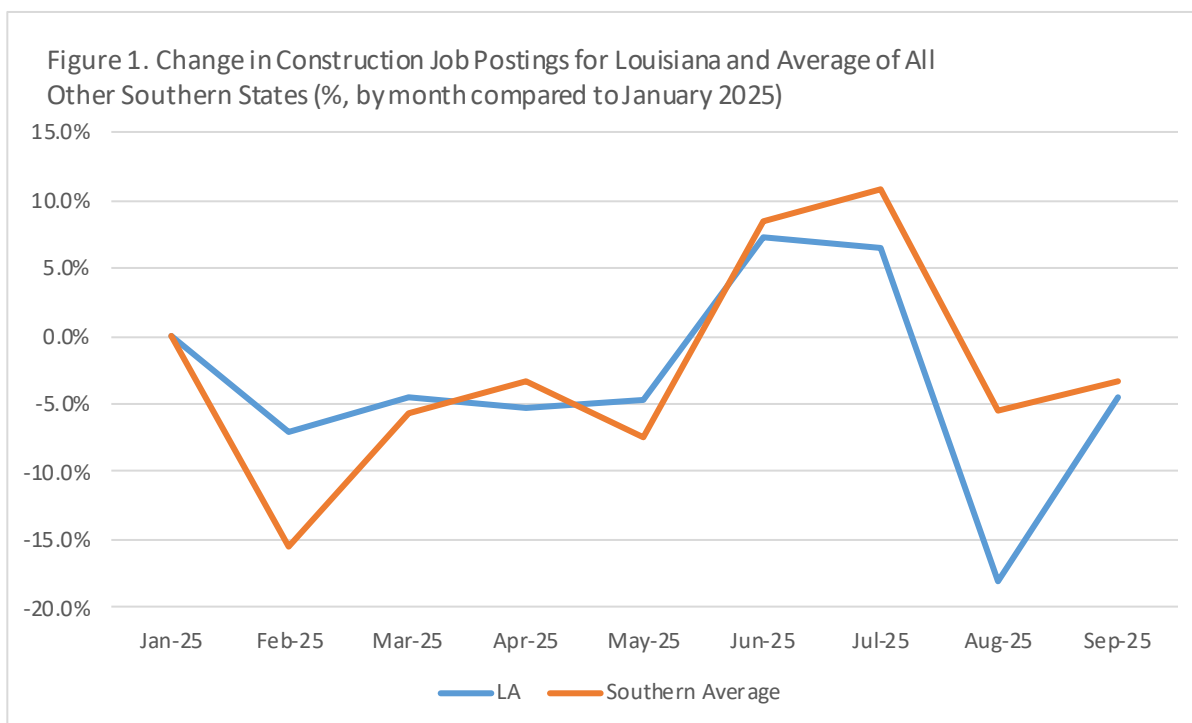


Figure 3. Change in Retail Trade Job Postings for Louisiana and Average of All Other Southern States (% by month compared to January 2025)

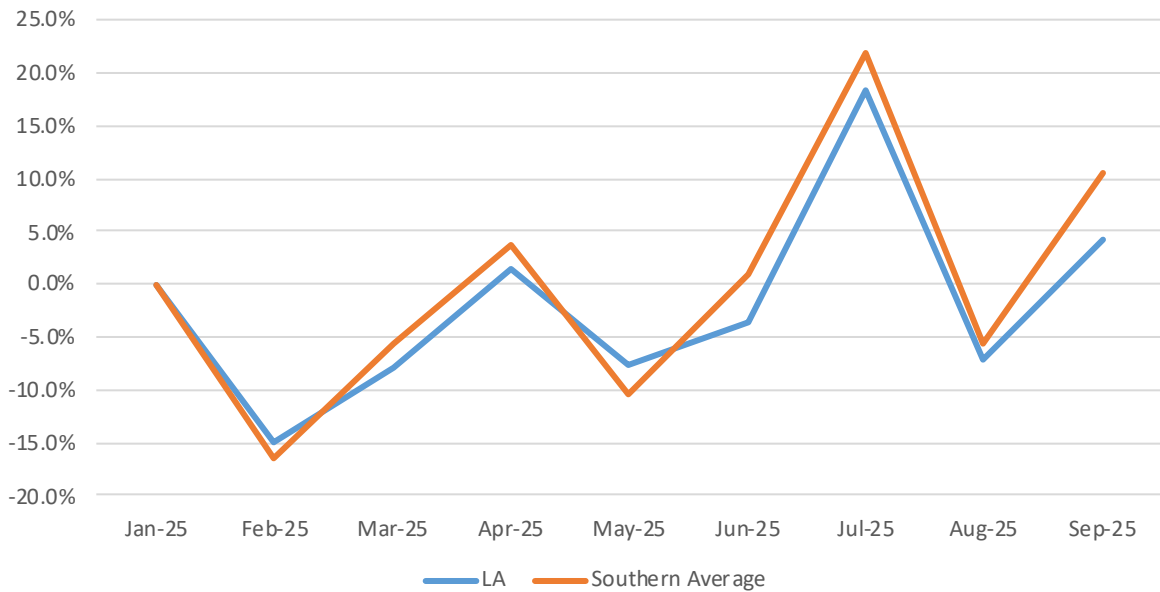


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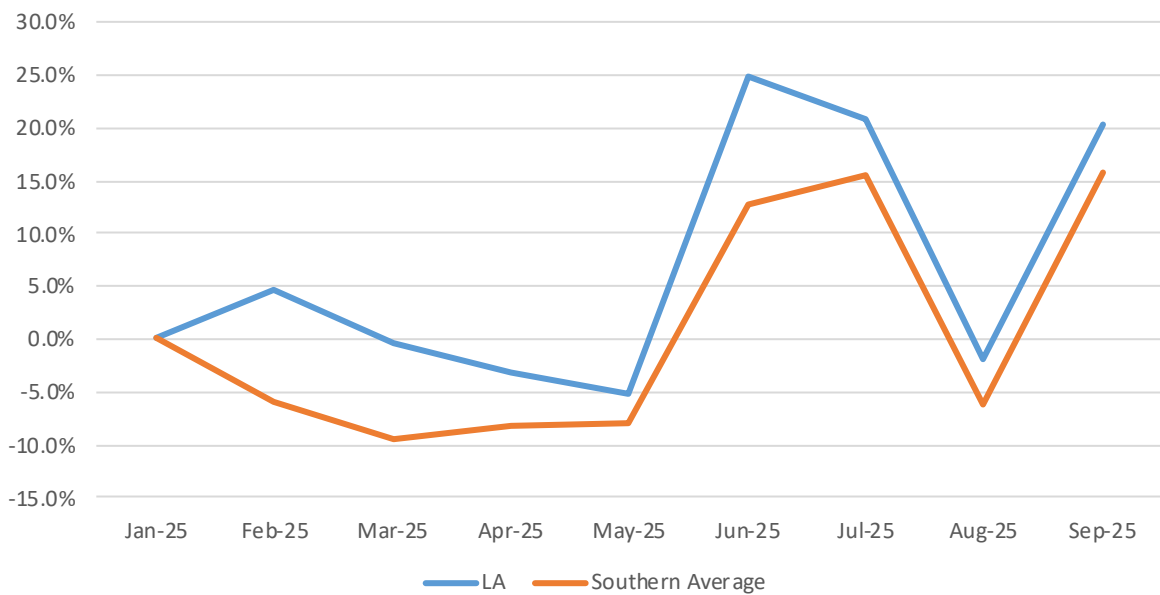


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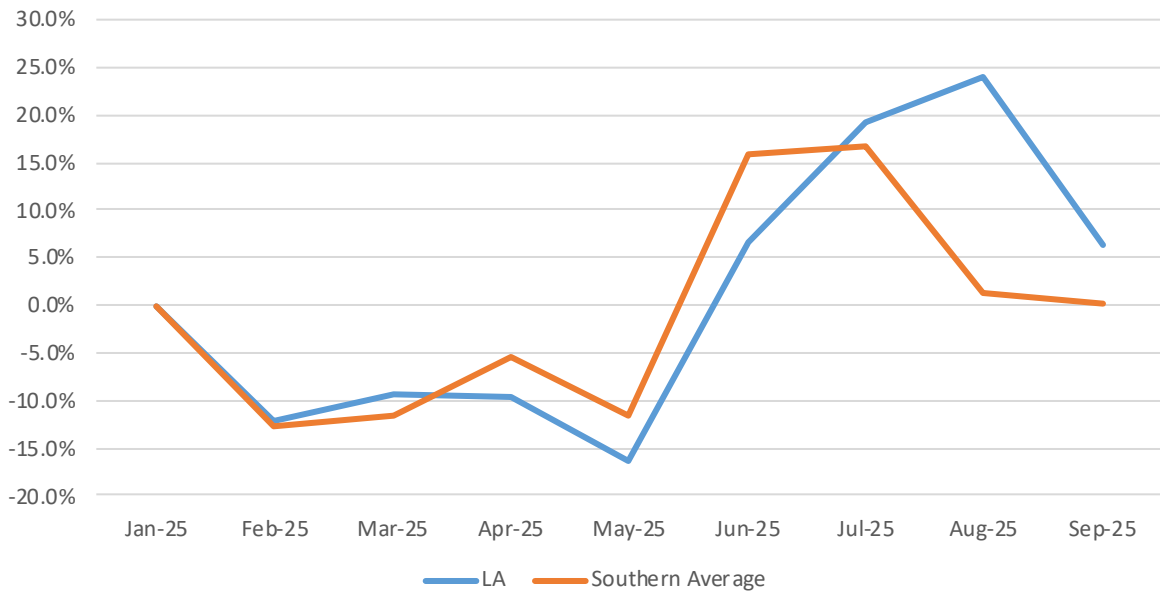


Figure 6. Change in Accommodation, Food, Arts & Entertainment and Recreation Services Job Postings for Louisiana and Average of All Other Southern States (% by month compared to January 2025)

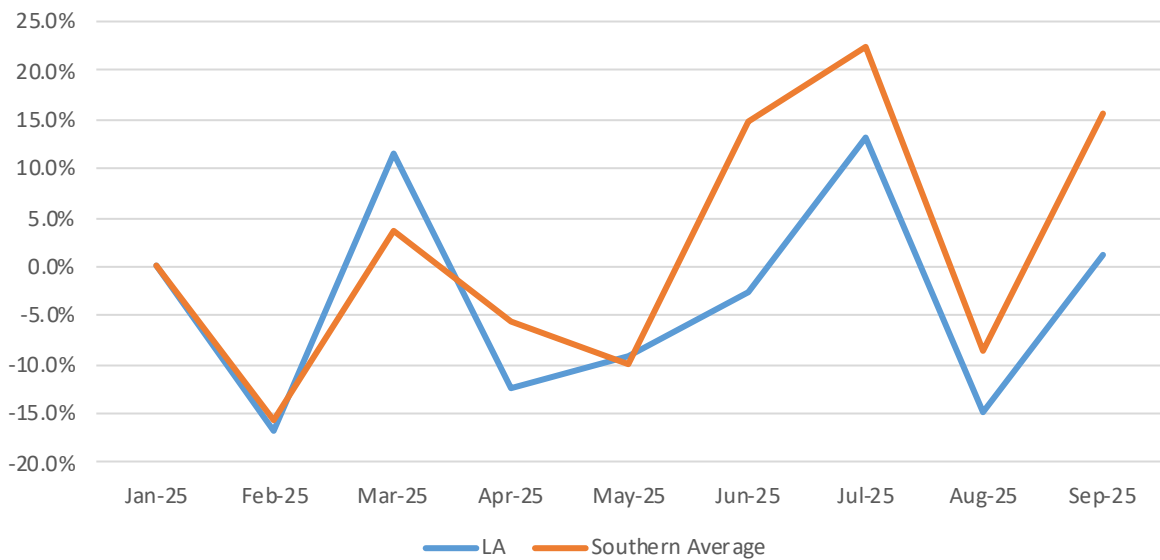


Figure 7. Change in All Industries Job Postings for Louisiana and Average of All Other Southern States (% by month compared to January 2025)

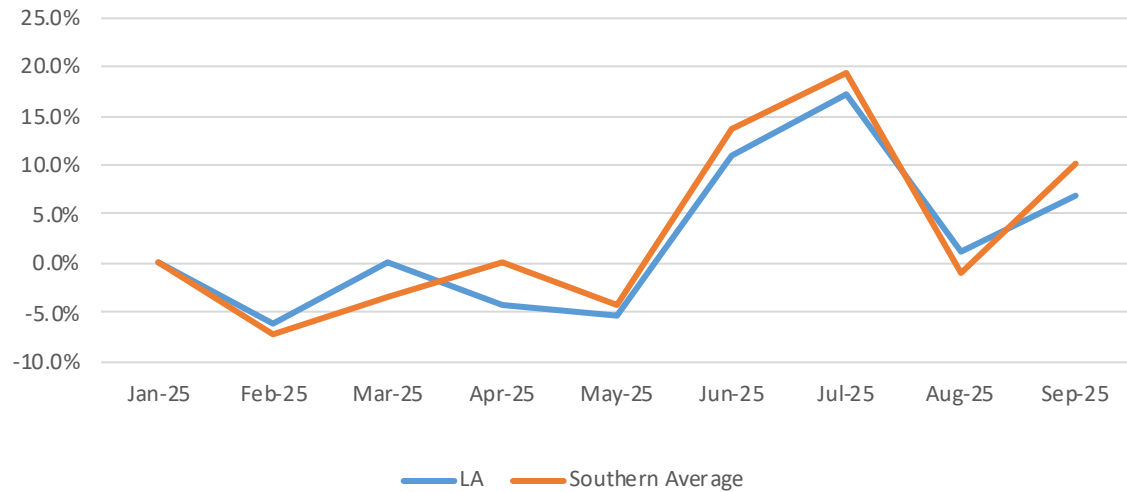
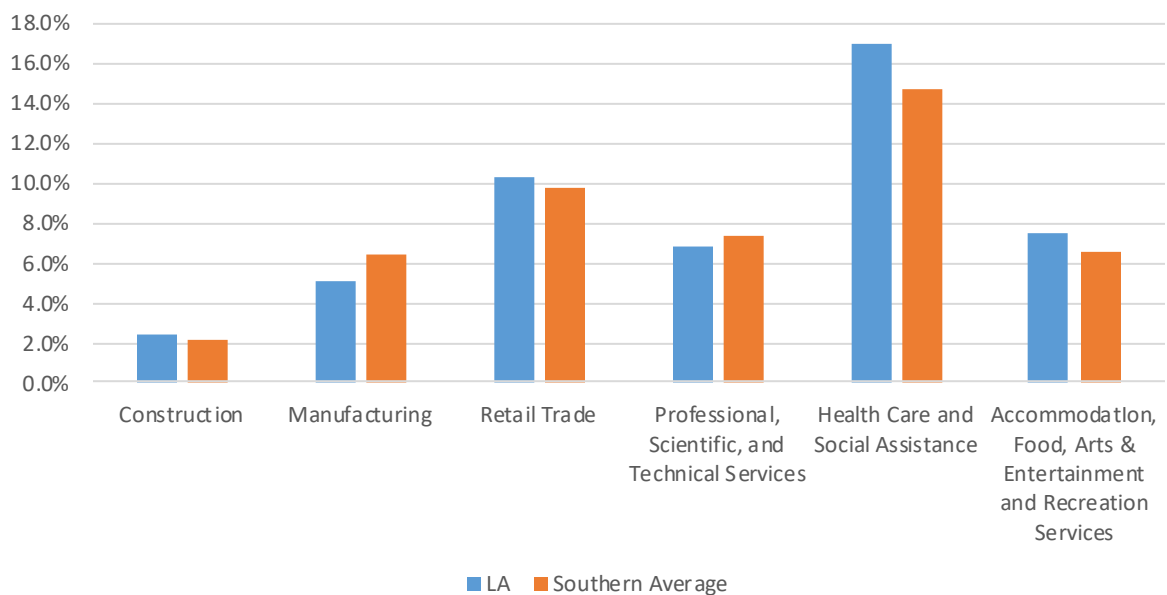


Figure 8. September 2025 Job Postings for Louisiana and Average of All Other Southern States by Selected Industry (% of Total Job Postings)



2. COMMODITIES

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

Source: [eia.gov](https://www.eia.gov)

Table 1. Energy Commodities, Weekly					
Commodity	10/17/25	10/10/25	10/18/24	% Change	
				(WoW)	(YoY)
Brent Crude Oil	\$62.36	\$66.65	\$74.58	-6.4%	-16.4%
WTI Crude Oil	\$58.80	\$62.10	\$70.81	-5.3%	-17.0%
Henry Hub Natural Gas	\$2.80	\$3.23	\$2.15	-13.3%	30.2%
U.S. Regular Conventional Gas	\$2.90	\$2.93	\$3.04	-1.0%	-4.6%

The following tables provide 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 23, 2025							
Commodity	Listed Price	Dollar (\$)	Unit of Measurement	% Change			
				Daily	Weekly	Monthly	(YoY)
Soybeans	\$1,038.67	\$10.39	\$/Bu	0.4%	2.6%	2.82%	4.1%
Wheat	\$505.17	\$5.05	\$/Bu	0.3%	0.2%	-3.1%	-13.4%
Lumber	\$594.52	\$5.95	\$/MBF	-0.8%	-4.3%	3.5%	14.0%
Palm Oil	\$4,470.00	\$44.70	\$/MT	0.4%	-1.1%	2.1%	-2.9%
Sugar (No. 11)	\$15.28	\$0.15	\$/Lb	1.0%	-3.6%	-2.6%	-31.2%
Coffee	\$430.99	\$4.31	\$/Lb	1.6%	10.5%	18.3%	77.7%
Corn	\$423.73	\$4.24	\$/Bu	0.2%	0.2%	-0.4%	0.2%
Rice	\$10.25	\$0.10	\$/CWT	-0.1%	-3.9%	-10.2%	-31.7%
Orange Juice	\$189.27	\$1.89	\$/Lb	8.0%	-3.3%	-23.5%	-61.4%

3. LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE METRICS

Louisiana Realtors® produces monthly reports on local market updates for the state and its regions. The following tables illustrate regional housing market indicators, which can reflect local economic conditions, affordability, demand vs. supply, migration trends, and cost of living. A list of parishes served by each regional entity is also provided.

Source: louisiana.stats.showingtime.com

Table 3. Bayou Board of Realtors® Local Market Update

Metric	Sep-25	Sep-24	Change (%, YoY)	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change
New Listings	173	131	32.1%	1,782	1,665	7.0%
Pending Sales	122	92	32.6%	1,161	1,060	9.5%
Closed Sales	139	116	19.8%	1,124	1,044	7.7%
Days on Market Until Sale	100	112	-10.7%	102	90	13.3%
Median Sales Price ¹	\$222,400	\$224,256	-0.8%	\$210,470	\$219,700	-4.2%
Average Sales Price ¹	\$230,827	\$241,308	-4.3%	\$231,476	\$229,157	1.0%
Percent of List Price Received ¹	96.1%	97.1%	-1	96.4%	96.7%	-0.3
Housing Affordability Index	126	127	-0.8%	133	130	2.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	918	848	8.3%	-	-	-
Months Supply of Inventory	7.6	7.5	1.3%	-	-	-

Note: ¹Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance; the change in Percent of List Price Received is presented as a percentage-point change

Table 4. Greater Central Louisiana Realtors® Association Local Market Update

Metric	Sep-25	Sep-24	Change (%, YoY)	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change
New Listings	179	164	9.1%	1,711	1,801	-5.0%
Pending Sales	137	127	7.9%	1,242	1,205	3.1%
Closed Sales	137	121	13.2%	1,161	1,178	-1.4%
Days on Market Until Sale	60	59	1.7%	70	64	9.4%
Median Sales Price ¹	\$189,000	\$189,900	-0.5%	\$192,000	\$185,000	3.8%
Average Sales Price ¹	\$222,973	\$209,950	6.2%	\$213,184	\$208,915	2.0%
Percent of List Price Received ¹	95.8%	95.0%	0.8	95.8%	95.1%	0.7
Housing Affordability Index	125	127	-1.6%	123	131	-6.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	584	649	-10.0%	-	-	-
Months Supply of Inventory	4.5	5.2	-13.5%	-	-	-

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Table 5. Northwest Louisiana Association of Realtors® Local Market Update

Metric	Sep-25	Sep-24	Change (%, YoY)	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change
New Listings	559	497	12.5%	5,242	5,060	3.6%
Pending Sales	391	334	17.1%	3,520	3,316	6.2%
Closed Sales	392	324	21.0%	3,360	3,199	5.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	59	54	9.3%	63	53	18.9%
Median Sales Price ¹	\$225,000	\$229,750	-2.1%	\$228,000	\$224,000	1.8%
Average Sales Price ¹	\$250,731	\$251,466	-0.3%	\$249,898	\$244,036	2.4%
Percent of List Price Received ¹	96.9%	97.0%	-0.1	97.0%	97.1%	-0.1
Housing Affordability Index	114	114	-	113	117	-3.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	1,682	1,587	6.0%	-	-	-
Months Supply of Inventory	4.6	4.6	-	-	-	-

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Table 6. Realtor® Association of Acadiana Local Market Update

Metric	Sep-25	Sep-24	Change (%, YoY)	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change
New Listings	628	559	12.3%	5,872	5,640	4.1%
Pending Sales	470	403	16.6%	4,345	4,002	8.6%
Closed Sales	482	379	27.2%	4,125	3,855	7.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	65	75	-13.3%	79	70	12.9%
Median Sales Price ¹	\$230,000	\$230,000	0.0%	\$232,000	\$229,900	0.9%
Average Sales Price ¹	\$254,687	\$261,251	-2.5%	\$259,724	\$255,015	1.8%
Percent of List Price Received ¹	97.3%	97.7%	-0.6	97.4%	97.4%	-
Housing Affordability Index	130	132	-1.5%	128	132	-3.0%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	2,239	2,262	-1.0%	-	-	-
Months Supply of Inventory	4.9	5.4	-9.3%	-	-	-

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Table 7. Southwest Louisiana Association of Realtors® Local Market Update

Metric	Sep-25	Sep-24	Change (%, YoY)	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change
New Listings	297	307	-3.3%	2,900	2,858	1.5%
Pending Sales	206	168	22.6%	1,814	1,709	6.1%
Closed Sales	199	164	21.3%	1,696	1,661	2.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	88	82	7.3%	87	85	2.4%
Median Sales Price ¹	\$225,000	\$220,000	2.3%	\$221,700	\$212,000	4.6%
Average Sales Price ¹	\$257,732	\$240,624	7.1%	\$242,026	\$224,175	8.0%
Percent of List Price Received ¹	96.8%	95.9%	0.9	96.5%	96.0%	0.5
Housing Affordability Index	135	141	-4.3%	137	146	-6.2%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	1,239	1,266	-2.1%	-	-	-
Months Supply of Inventory	6.5	7	-7.1%	-	-	-

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Table 8. Greater Baton Rouge Association of Realtors® Local Market Update

Metric	Sep-25	Sep-24	Change (%, YoY)	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change
New Listings	984	856	15.0%	9,945	9,600	3.6%
Pending Sales	755	614	23.0%	7,263	7,040	3.2%
Closed Sales	733	672	9.1%	6,990	6,838	2.2%
Days on Market Until Sale	61	66	-7.6%	70	68	2.9%
Median Sales Price ¹	\$270,000	\$258,768	4.3%	\$267,500	\$264,900	1.0%
Average Sales Price ¹			N/A			N/A
Percent of List Price Received ¹	97.9%	97.5%	0.4	97.9%	97.8%	0.1
Housing Affordability Index			N/A			N/A
Inventory of Homes for Sale	3,326	3,230	3.0%	-	-	-
Months Supply of Inventory	4.4	4.4	-	-	-	-

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Table 9. Greater Fort Polk Area Realtors® Local Market Update

Metric	Sep-25	Sep-24	Change (%, YoY)	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change
New Listings	100	98	2.0%	1,037	988	5.0%
Pending Sales	86	59	45.8%	722	646	11.8%
Closed Sales	79	69	14.5%	684	640	6.9%
Days on Market Until Sale	100	80	25.0%	107	90	18.9%
Median Sales Price ¹	\$207,000	\$210,000	-1.4%	\$209,000	\$207,000	1.0%
Average Sales Price ¹	\$252,139	\$212,699	18.5%	\$226,227	\$219,773	2.9%
Percent of List Price Received ¹	97.5%	96.9%	0.6	97.3%	97.3%	-
Housing Affordability Index	135	138	-2.2%	134	140	-4.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	397	391	1.5%	-	-	-
Months Supply of Inventory	5.2	5.8	-10.3%	-	-	-

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Table 10. New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors® Local Market Update

Metric	Sep-25	Sep-24	Change (%, YoY)	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change
New Listings	1,602	1,513	5.9%	15,566	16,266	-4.3%
Pending Sales	1,005	739	36.0%	9,048	8,595	5.3%
Closed Sales	958	837	14.5%	8,500	8,372	1.5%
Days on Market Until Sale	66	57	15.8%	68	61	11.5%
Median Sales Price ¹	\$275,000	\$274,900	0.04%	\$280,000	\$275,000	1.8%
Average Sales Price ¹	\$355,510	\$339,694	4.7%	\$363,157	\$349,085	4.0%
Percent of List Price Received ¹	96.5%	96.5%	-	96.8%	96.6%	0.2
Housing Affordability Index	106	108	-1.9%	104	108	-3.7%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	5,492	6,094	-9.9%	-	-	-
Months Supply of Inventory	5.8	6.8	-14.7%	-	-	-

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Table 11. Northeast Realtors® of Louisiana Local Market Update

Metric	Sep-25	Sep-24	Change (%, YoY)	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Change
New Listings	278	239	16.3%	2,336	2,227	4.9%
Pending Sales	55	159	-65.4%	1,614	1,632	-1.1%
Closed Sales	185	175	5.7%	1,715	1,544	11.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	111	106	4.7%	117	105	11.4%
Median Sales Price ¹	\$211,000	\$214,450	-1.6%	\$215,000	\$217,000	-0.9%
Average Sales Price ¹	\$246,507	\$236,539	4.2%	\$243,525	\$243,680	-0.1%
Percent of List Price Received ¹	96.7%	95.7%	1	96.5%	96.6%	-0.1
Housing Affordability Index	109	111	-1.8%	107	109	-1.8%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	1,032	815	26.6%	-	-	-
Months Supply of Inventory	6.1	4.9	24.5%	-	-	-

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4. PORTS

The following figures offer a snapshot of short-run export and import activity at each Louisiana port, reflecting the region's economic conditions, including trade patterns, industrial strengths, and supply chain dynamics.

Source: portwatch.imf.org

Figure 9. Baton Rouge Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

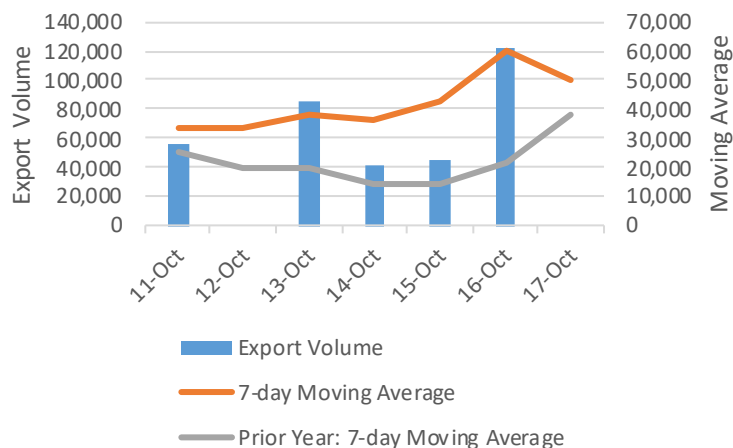


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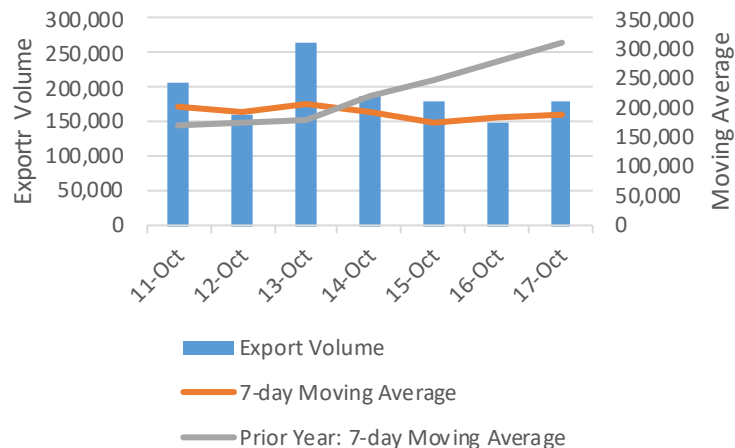


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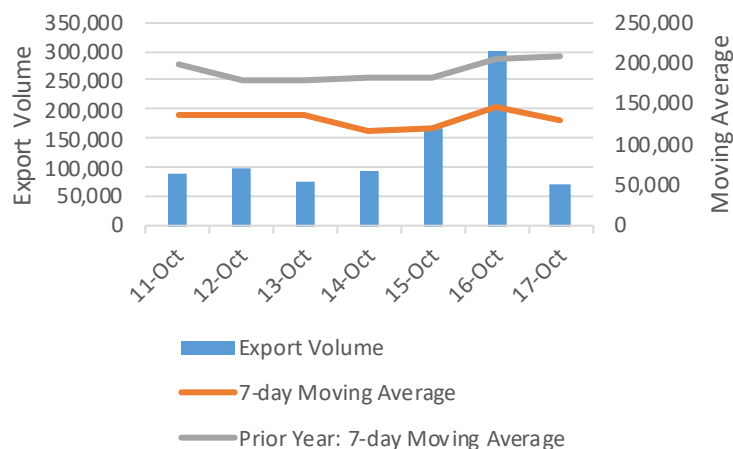


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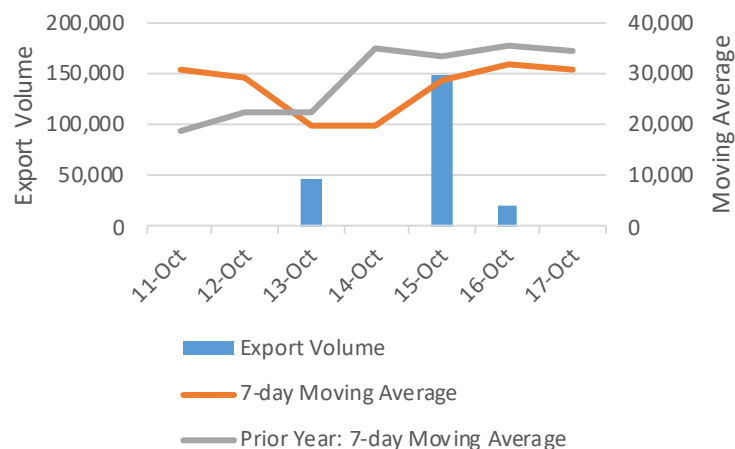


Figure 13. Plaquemines Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

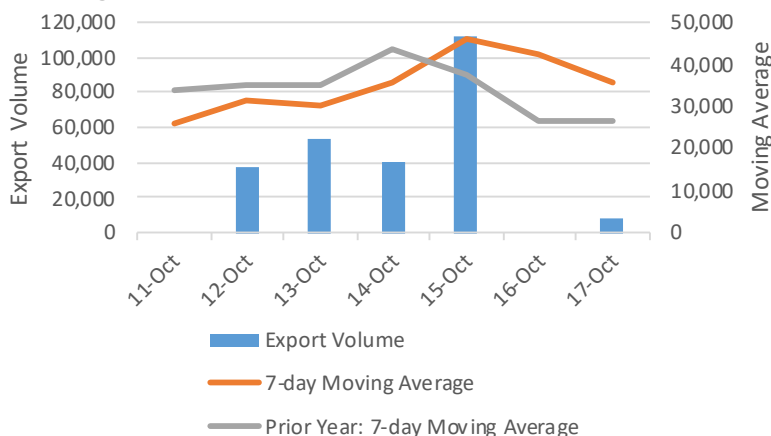


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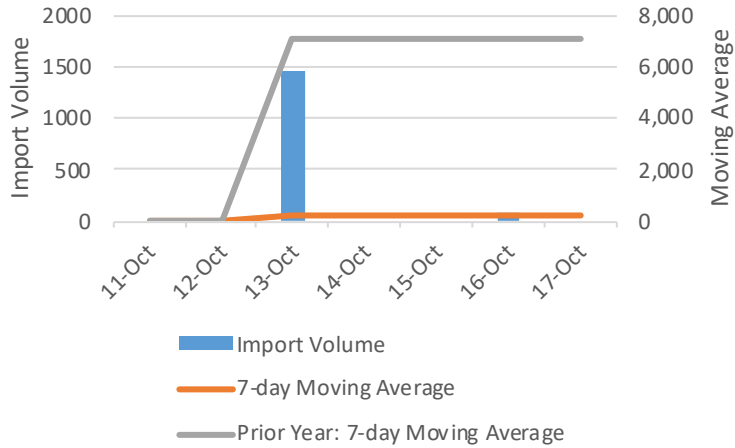


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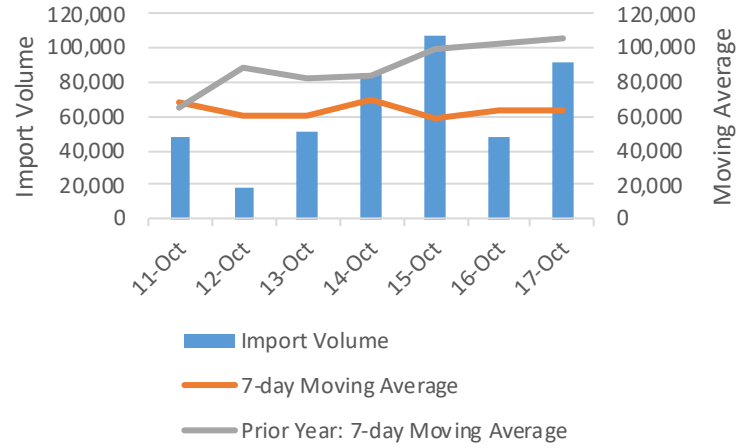


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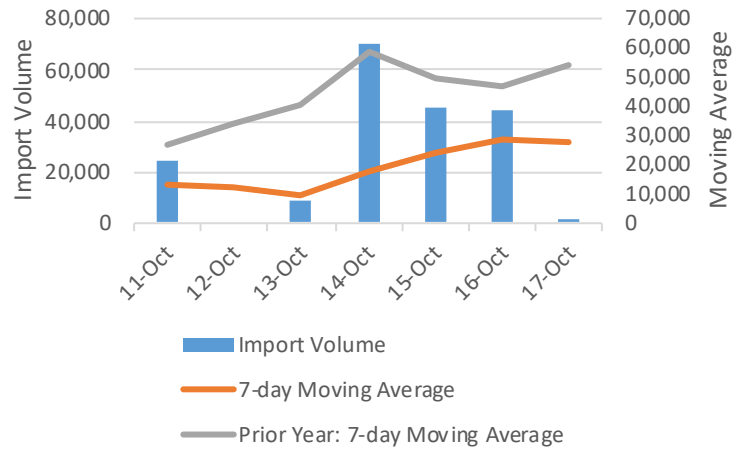


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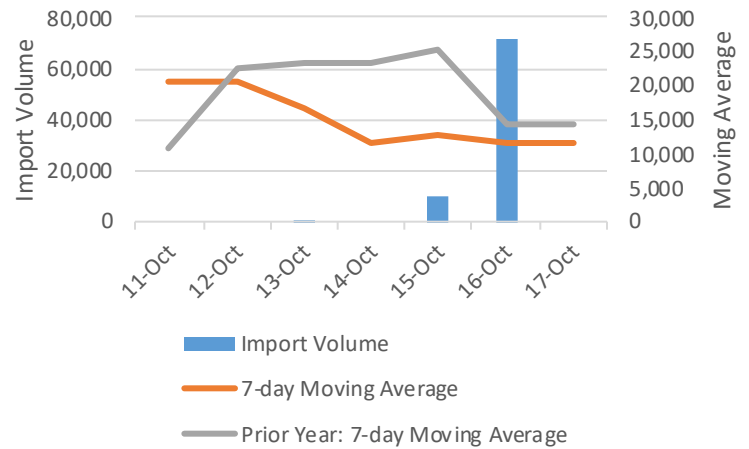


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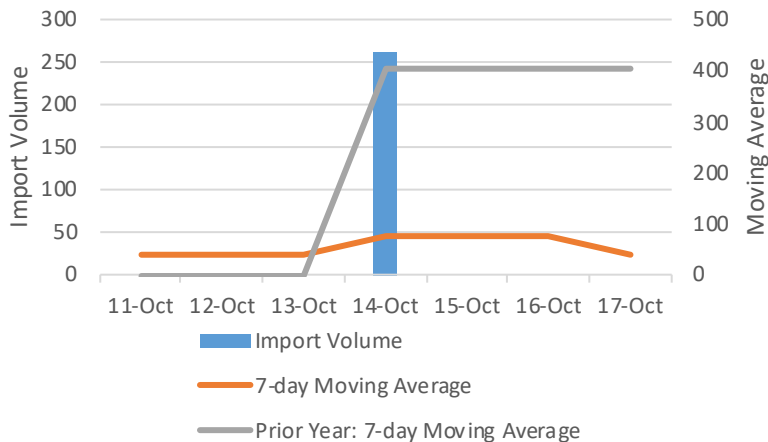


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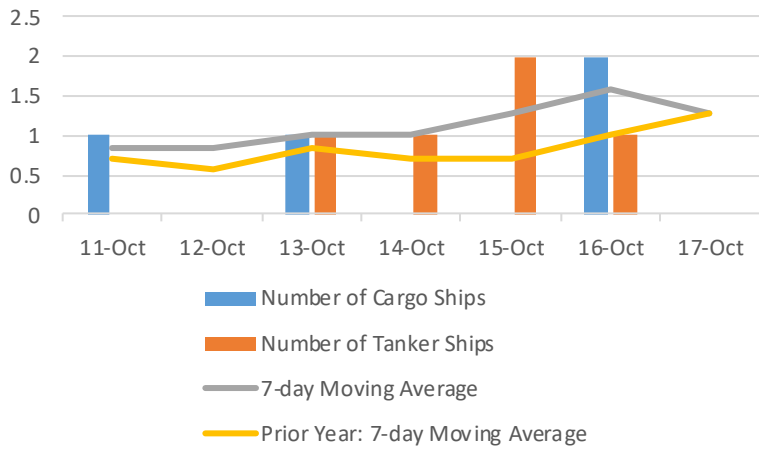


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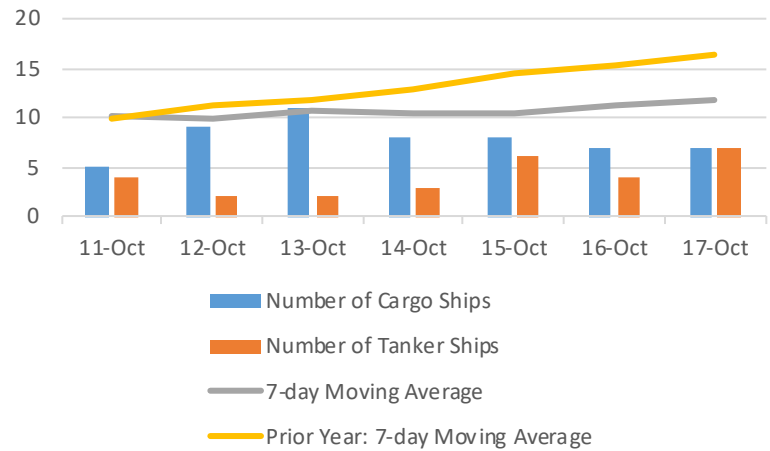


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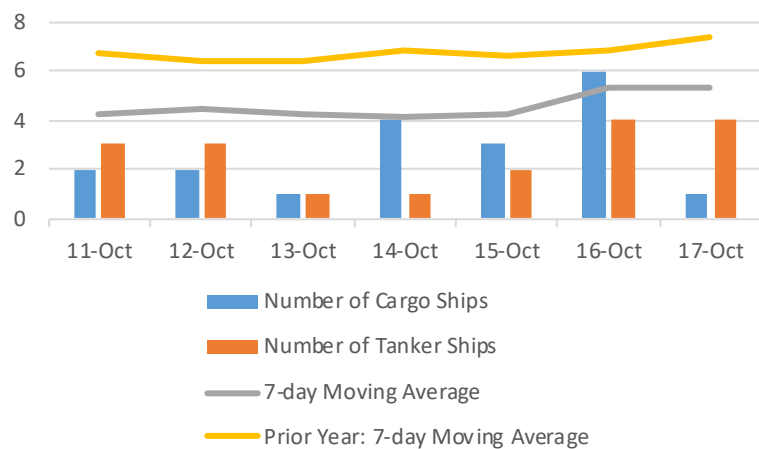


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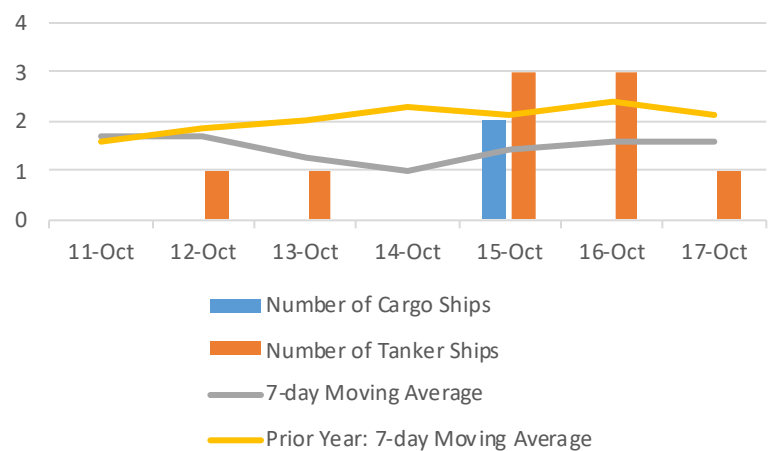
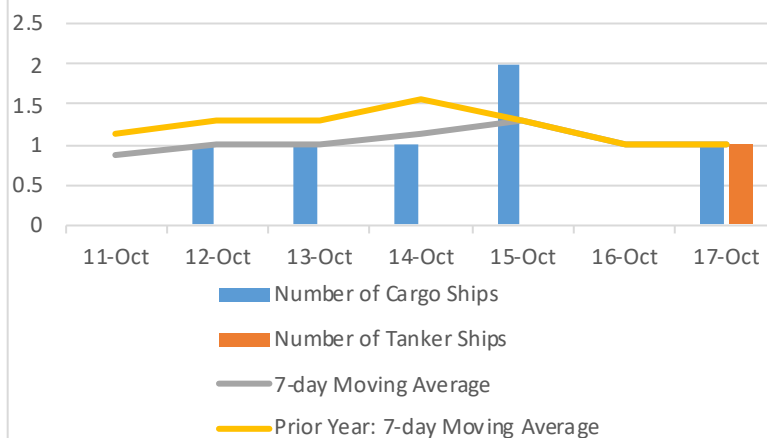


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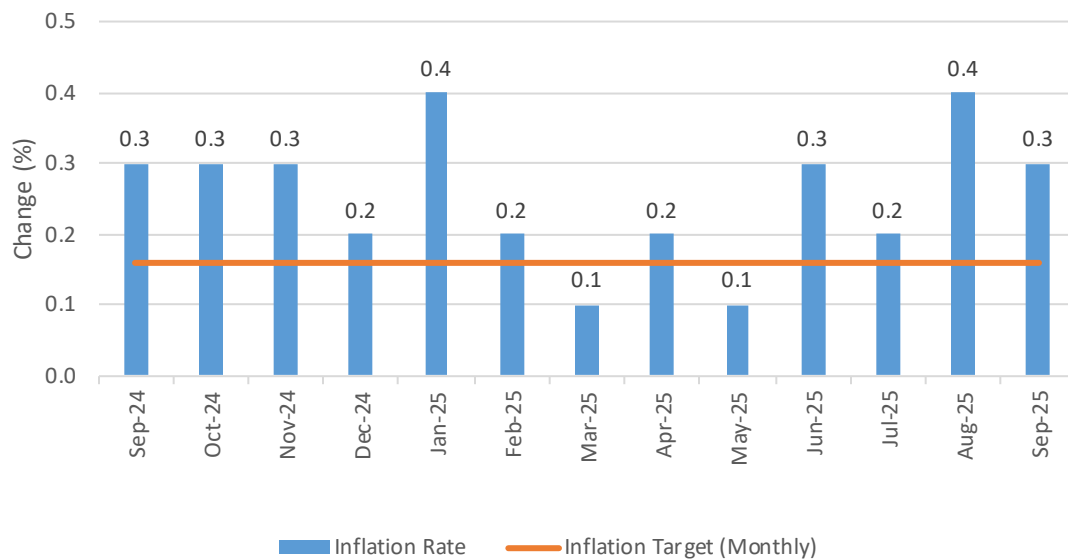
5. CPI

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 12. Change in CPI-U, U.S. City Average, by Month, Seasonally Adjusted			
Category	Sep-25	Aug-25	Since Sep-24 ¹
All Items	0.3%	0.4%	3.0%
All Items Less Food and Energy (Core CPI)	0.2%	0.3%	3.0%
Medical Care Services	0.3%	-0.1%	3.9%
Eggs	-2.1%	-0.15%	-1.3%

Note: ¹Not Seasonally Adjusted
Source: [bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov)

Figure 24. Core CPI (All Items Less Food and Energy), % Change, Seasonally Adjusted



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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
			Construction Spending [Aug] ISM Manufacturing [Sep] Total Vehicle Sales [Sep] MSA Employment [Aug]	Employment [Sep] ISM Services [Sep]		
5	6	7	Trade Balance [Aug] U.S. Trade in Goods by State [Aug] Consumer Credit [Aug]	FOMC Minutes [Sep]	U. of Michigan Sentiment [Oct] Federal Budget [Aug]	11
12	Columbus Day [U.S. Markets Closed]	NFIB Small Business [Sep]	CPI [Sep]	Retail Sales [Sep] PPI [Sep] Business Inventories [Aug] NAHB Index [Oct]	Housing Starts [Sep] Import Price Index [Sep] Industrial Production [Sep]	18
19		State Employment [Sep]		Existing Home Sales [Sep]	New Home Sales [Sep] State Coincidence Index [Sep]	25
26	Durable Goods [Sep]	S&P/C-S Home Prices [Aug] Consumer Confidence [Oct]	Pending Home Sales [Sep] FOMC Statement	GDP [Q3 1 st]	Personal Income [Sep]	31