Louisiana Economic Vitals
Friday, October 3, 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:

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

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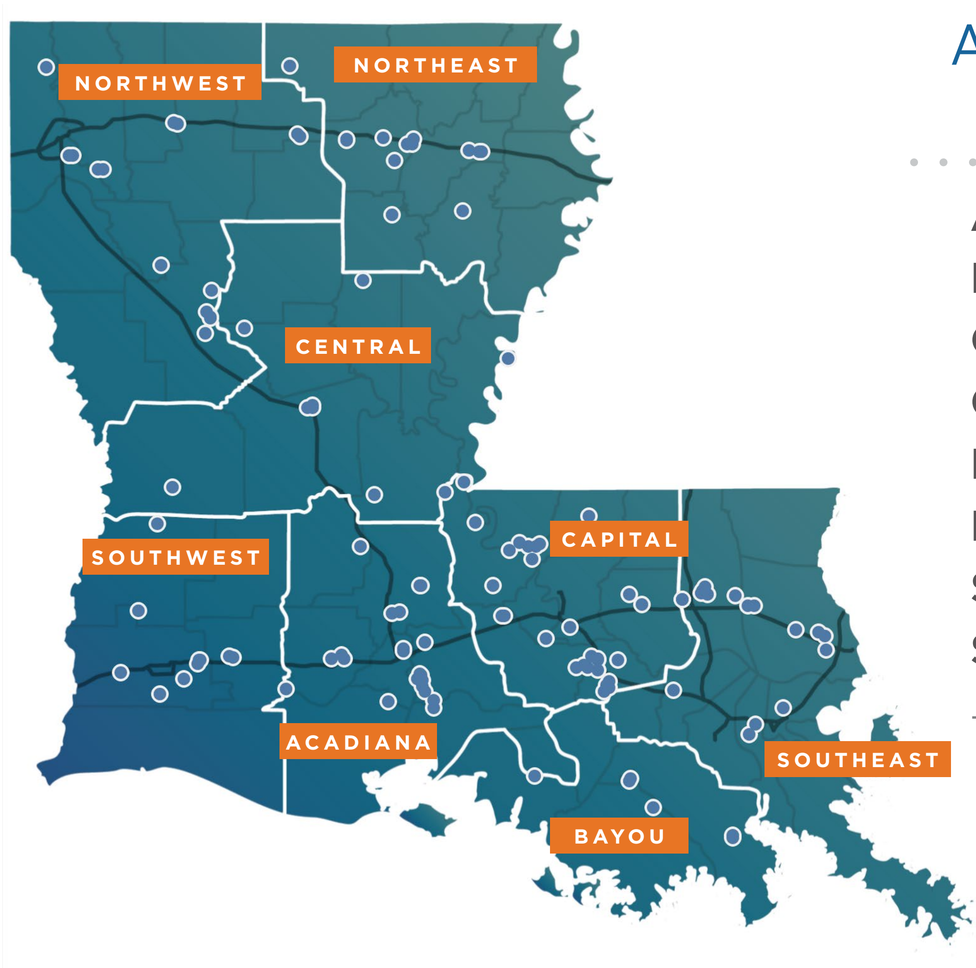
LED PROJECT PIPELINE

Since the start of the current administration, LED has announced 57 projects that will account for over $63.8 billion USD of investment and more than 7,850 direct new jobs.

As of 10/01/2025, LED is involved with and tracking 187 distinct projects, with a combined value of over $235.1 billion USD and with the potential to create more than 46,125 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 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.

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

Table 1. Louisiana Job Openings and Labor Turnover for July 2025, Total Nonfarm (in Thousands)

Category	7/16/2025[1]	6/16/2025[2]	7/16/24	% Change (MoM)	% Change (YoY)
Job Openings	103	100	113	3.0%	-8.8%
Hires	80	67	80	19.4%	-
Quits	43	43	49	-	-12.2%
Layoffs and Discharges	23	19	26	21.1%	-11.5%

Note: [1]Preliminary; [2]Revised; Data are seasonally adjusted

Table 2. U.S. Job Openings and Labor Turnover for August 2025, Total Nonfarm (in Thousands)

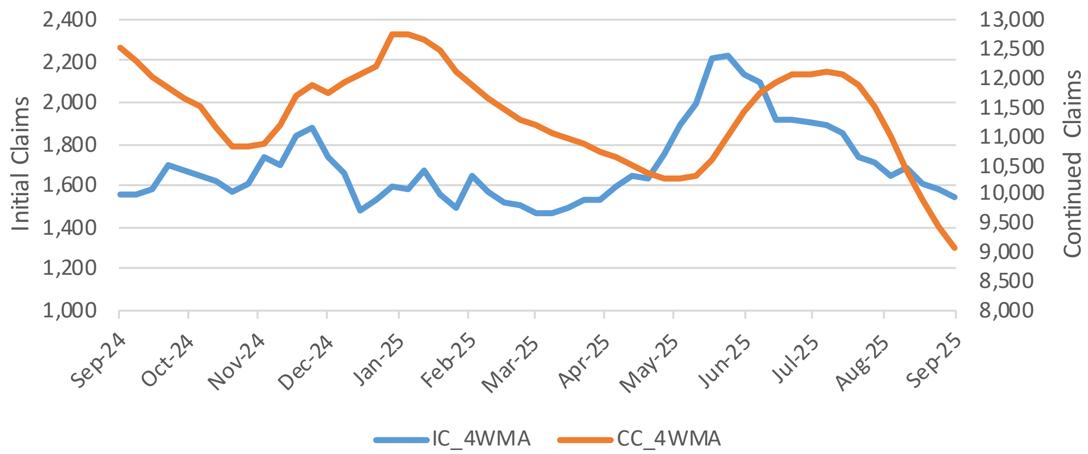
Category	8/16/2025[1]	7/16/2025[2]	8/16/24	% Change (MoM)	% Change (YoY)
Job Openings	7227	7208	7649	0.3%	-5.5%
Hires	5126	5240	5230	-2.2%	-2.0%
Quits	3091	3166	3177	-2.4%	-2.7%
Layoffs and Discharges	1725	1787	1697	-3.5%	1.6%

Note: [1]Preliminary; [2]Revised; Data are seasonally adjusted

Initial claims represent people who are newly filing for unemployment benefits and are a leading indicator of labor market weakness. Continued claims represent people in the state who are still receiving benefits and they reflect the persistence of unemployment. If both initial and continued claims are rising together, it suggests new layoffs and difficulty finding new employment. If initial claims rise but continued claims remain stable or fall, it might indicate a short-term shock rather than a potential recession. Declining continued claims, even if initial claims stay elevated, could signal that people are getting back to work quickly, and if continued claims rise while initial claims fall, that could signal a slowing rate of new layoffs, but ongoing unemployment problems.

Source: laworks.net & U.S. Employment and Training Administration, 4-Week Moving Average of Continued Claims (Insured Unemployment) [CC4WSA], retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; fred.stlouisfed.org

Figure 1. Louisiana Inititial and Continued Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims - 4-Week Moving Average



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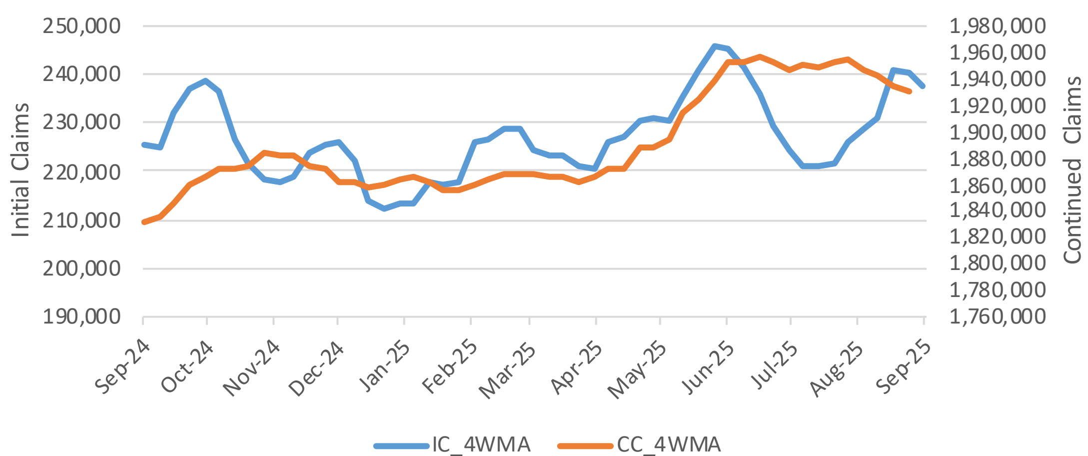
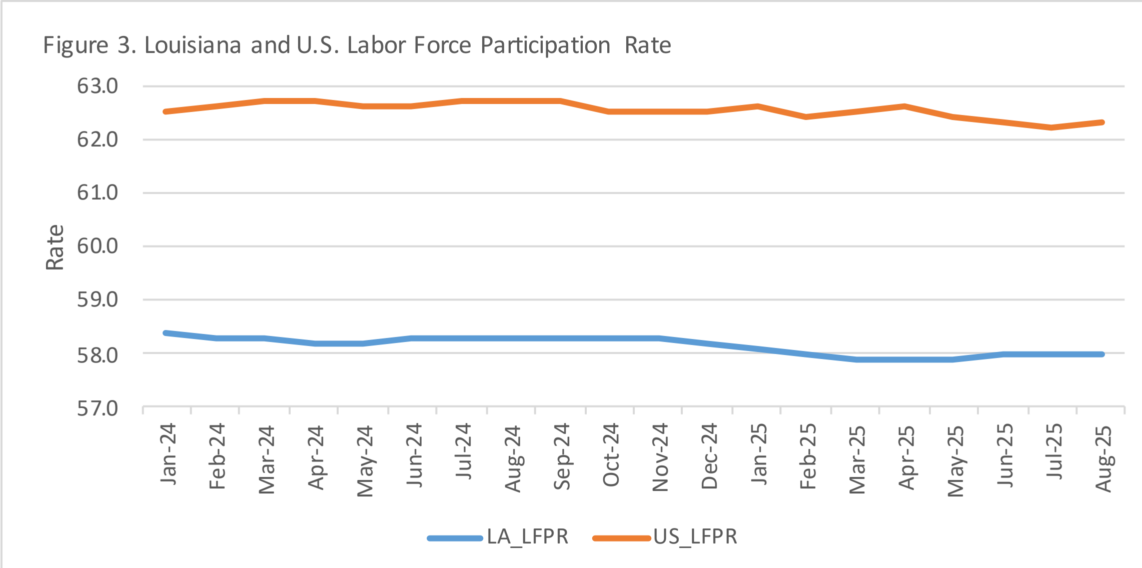
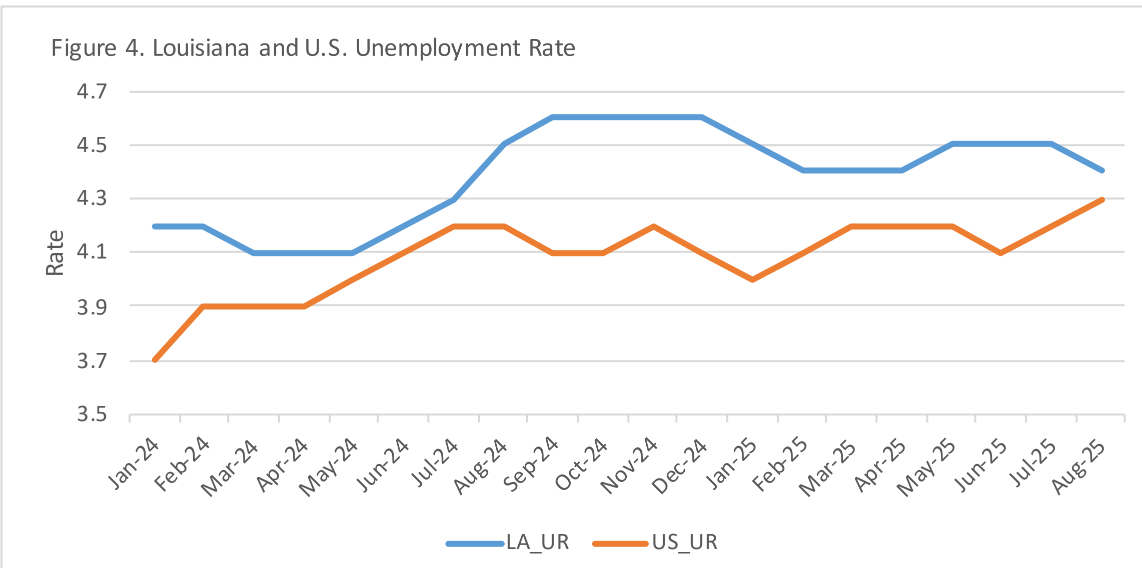


The following tables illustrate labor force participation and unemployment rates for Louisiana and the U.S. Source: [bls.gov](bls.gov)





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 3. Energy Commodities, Weekly					
				% Change	
Commodity	9/26/25	9/19/25	9/27/24	(WoW)	(YoY)
Brent Crude Oil	$69.22	$67.23	$74.98	3.0%	-7.7%
WTI Crude Oil	$64.83	$63.06	$72.14	2.8%	-10.1%
Henry Hub Natural Gas	$2.91	$3.05	$2.57	-4.6%	13.2%
U.S. Regular Conventional Gas	$2.99	$3.05	$3.08	-2.0%	-2.9%

Table 4. Energy Commodities, Monthly					
				% Change	
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 5. Agricultural Commodities, Daily Period of October 2, 2025							
				% Change			
Commodity	Listed Price	Dollar ($)	Unit of Measurement	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	(YoY)
Soybeans	$1,016.02	$10.16	$/Bu	0.2%	0.4%	0.05%	-2.8%
Wheat	$512.02	$5.12	$/Bu	0.4%	-2.8%	1.6%	-15.1%
Lumber	$608.04	$6.08	$/MBF	-0.2%	3.3%	14.3%	14.3%
Palm Oil	$4,450.00	$44.50	$/MT	1.4%	0.2%	0.2%	6.4%
Sugar (No. 11)	$16.41	$0.16	$/Lb	1.7%	0.9%	2.4%	-29.3%
Coffee	$378.86	$3.79	$/Lb	-1.6%	2.1%	-1.6%	49.3%
Corn	$417.96	$4.18	$/Bu	0.2%	-1.8%	5.1%	-2.4%
Rice	$11.03	$0.11	$/CWT	-0.4%	-3.0%	-6.1%	-27.3%
Orange Juice	$225.14	$2.25	$/Lb	-1.5%	-7.0%	-2.8%	-52.0%

3. REAL ESTATE IN LOUISIANA

The following tables provide data on new housing permits for the U.S. and selected states which enables insights into a region's economic conditions, the mobility of residents, and investor sentiment.

Table 6. New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized, by State and U.S.

State	Total Units (unadjusted)				
				% Change	
	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24	(MoM)	(YoY)
Alabama	1,463	1,502	1,759	-2.6%	-16.8%
Arkansas	1,659	1,204	1,188	37.8%	39.6%
Florida	13,594	14,661	15,666	-7.3%	-13.2%
Georgia	4,180	5,548	5,750	-24.7%	-27.3%
Kentucky	1,627	1,233	1,763	32.0%	-7.7%
Louisiana	**1,497**	**1,082**	**1,250**	**38.4%**	**19.8%**
Mississippi	613	647	653	-5.3%	-6.1%
Missouri	1,711	1,195	2,232	43.2%	-23.3%
North Carolina	7,124	7,156	9,465	-0.4%	-24.7%
Oklahoma	1,446	1,135	1,127	27.4%	28.3%
South Carolina	3,661	3,770	3,767	-2.9%	-2.8%
Tennessee	3,313	4,132	4,465	-19.8%	-25.8%
Texas	14,273	19,248	20,105	-25.8%	-29.0%
United States	113,896	121,488	131,857	-6.2%	-13.6%

https://www.census.gov/construction/bps/statemonthly.html

Table 7. New Privately Owned Housing Unit Values (Per Unit) Authorized, by State and U.S. (in Thousands $)

State	Total Units (unadjusted)				
				% Change	
	Aug-25	Jul-25	Aug-24	(MoM)	(YoY)
Alabama	$291.3	$284.2	$266.9	2.5%	9.1%
Arkansas	$279.9	$241.0	$222.4	16.2%	25.8%
Florida	$263.5	$340.8	$270.7	-22.7%	-2.6%
Georgia	$261.7	$255.7	$247.4	2.4%	5.8%
Kentucky	$288.9	$213.9	$186.1	35.0%	55.3%
Louisiana	**$274.2**	**$273.3**	**$231.8**	**0.4%**	**18.3%**
Mississippi	$198.7	$191.4	$193.6	3.8%	2.6%
Missouri	$195.5	$315.9	$205.1	-38.1%	-4.7%
North Carolina	$277.7	$278.9	$240.2	-0.4%	15.6%
Oklahoma	$213.7	$253.3	$249.8	-15.6%	-14.4%
South Carolina	$211.1	$307.5	$284.2	-31.3%	-25.7%
Tennessee	$232.0	$255.8	$238.3	-9.3%	-2.6%
Texas	$261.6	$240.0	$229.9	9.0%	13.8%
United States	$264.2	$273.5	$251.9	-3.4%	4.9%

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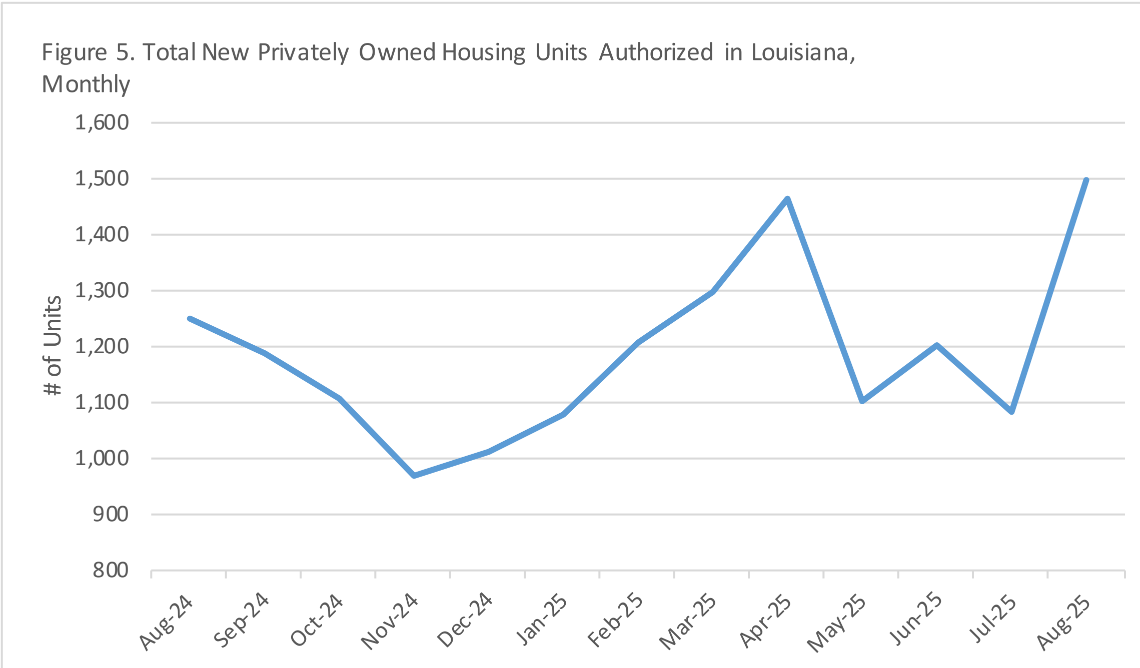


Figure 5. Total New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized in Louisiana, Monthly
# of Units
1,600
1,500
1,400
1,300
1,200
1,100
1,000
900
800
Aug-24
Sep-24
Oct-24
Nov-24
Dec-24
Jan-25
Feb-25
Mar-25
Apr-25
May-25
Jun-25
Jul-25
Aug-25

4. LOUISIANA REAL GDP & PERSONAL INCOME

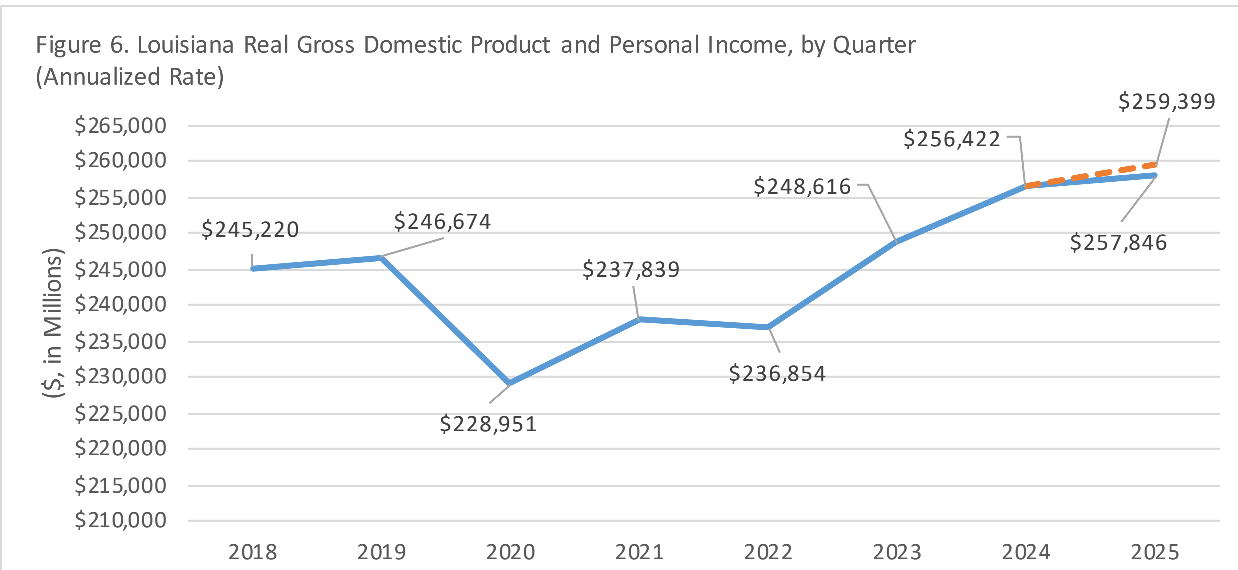
The following table presents data for Louisiana's gross domestic product and personal income for the second quarter of 2025. The figure below illustrates Louisiana's annual Real GDP (in 2017 dollars). For 2025, Louisiana's first quarter GDP estimate is presented as an annualized rate and shown on the blue line. The dotted line represents the the annualized rate of Real GDP for Louisiana based on the second quarter 2025 estimate that is $259 billion assuming 2025:Q2 continued for 4 quarters through 2026:Q2.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis - bea.gov

Table 8. Louisiana Real Gross Domestic Product and Personal Income, by Quarter

Component	2025:Q2	2025:Q1	2024:Q2	% Change (QoQ)	% Change (YoY)
Real GDP	$64,849.7	$64,215.1	$64,306.2	1.0%	0.8%
Personal Income	$74,160.6	$72,944.8	$71,081.6	1.7%	4.3%
Per Capita Personal Income[1] (dollars)	$16,146.0	$15,871.8	$15,464.8	1.7%	4.4%

Note: [1]Per capita personal income is total personal income divided by total quarterly population estimates. Data are seasonally adjusted. GDP is in millions of chained (2017) dollars at quarterly rates; Personal income and personal income per capita are in curent dollars.



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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]	