

Louisiana Economic Vitals

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PREFACE

Louisiana Economic Vitals is a weekly report prepared by LED's State Economic Competitiveness (SEC) team. This report provides readers with data from federal and state governmental entities, as well as other credible third-party sources. All data has been independently analyzed and summarized to ensure clarity, brevity, and practical utilization.

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[Pipe and Steel Industrial Fabricators Announces Second Expansion in Two Years to Further Strengthen Louisiana's Industrial Manufacturing Base](#)

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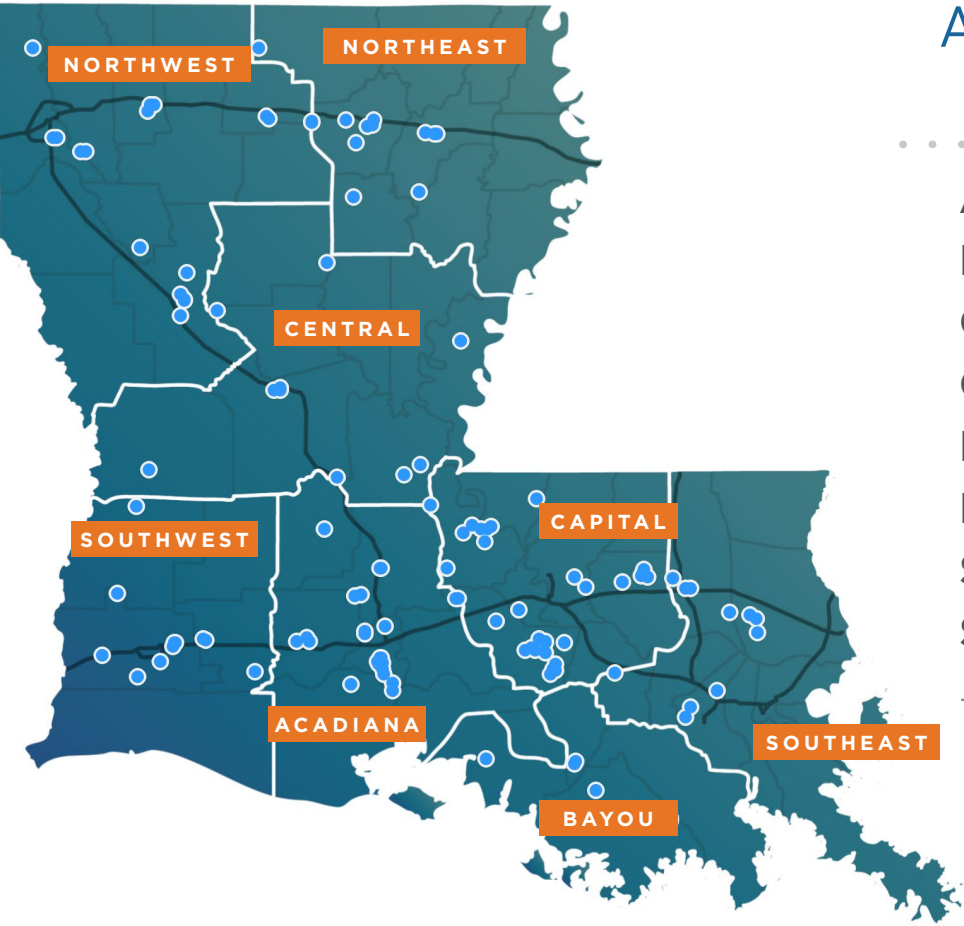
LED PROJECT PIPELINE

Since Governor Landry took office in January 2024, LED has announced 63 projects representing more \$64.2 billion USD in new investment and over 8,310 direct new jobs across Louisiana.

As of November 6, 2025, LED is actively tracking and involved in 177 distinct projects with a combined value exceeding \$234.8 billion and the potential to create more than 45,180 direct new jobs.

CERTIFIED SITE PROGRAM

Since the launch of its Certified Sites Program, LED has certified 162 industrial sites, with all or portions of 33 sites advancing into active commerce. At full build-out, these projects represent more than \$26.6 billion in capital investment, over 6,210 direct new jobs, and more than \$396 million in total annual wages statewide. Currently, there are 125 actively marketed certified sites across every region of Louisiana.



Active Certified Sites by Region

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

TOTAL 126

1. LABOR MARKET ACTIVITY

The following figure is a plot of Initial and Continued Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims for Louisiana as a 4-week moving average. The next two tables utilize ADP Research® data to provide U.S. Private Employment estimates for the month of October by region and industry. Monthly and annual percentage changes are also provided.

Source: laworks.net

Initial claims represent people in Louisiana 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.

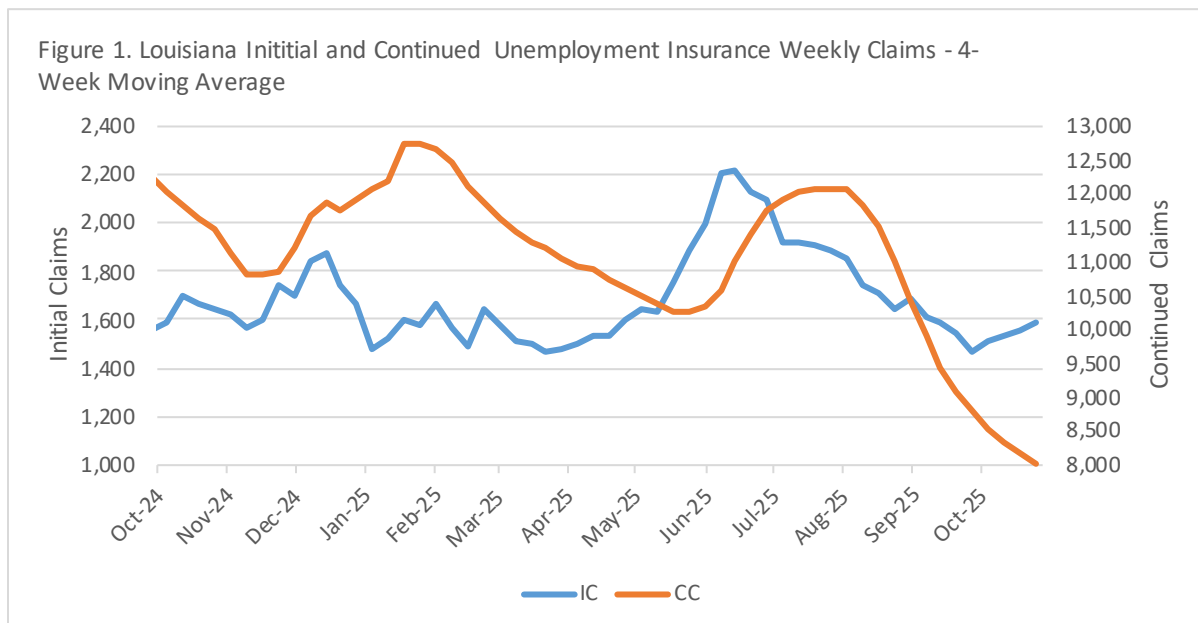


Table 1. ADP Research® U.S. Private Employment, by U.S. Region (in Thousands)					
Region	Oct-25	Sep-25	Oct-24	% Change	
				(MoM)	(YoY)
East North Central	19,505	19,503	19,351	0.01%	0.8%
East South Central	7,424	7,414	7,260	0.1%	2.3%
Mid-Atlantic	17,526	17,545	17,364	-0.1%	0.9%
Mountain	10,186	10,184	10,138	0.02%	0.5%
New England	6,556	6,549	6,515	0.1%	0.6%
Pacific	21,300	21,263	21,159	0.2%	0.7%
South Atlantic	26,649	26,657	26,419	-0.03%	0.9%
West North Central	9,207	9,200	9,145	0.1%	0.7%
West South Central ¹	16,119	16,116	16,179	0.02%	-0.4%

¹Including Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas

Table 2. ADP Research® U.S. Private Employment, by Industry (in Thousands)

Region	Oct-25	Sep-25	Oct-24	% Change	
				(MoM)	(YoY)
Construction	8,368	8,363	8,220	0.1%	1.8%
Education and health services	25,730	25,705	25,690	0.1%	0.2%
Financial activities	8,968	8,957	8,799	0.1%	1.9%
Information	2,936	2,953	2,937	-0.6%	-0.03%
Leisure and hospitality	17,610	17,615	17,201	-0.03%	2.4%
Manufacturing	12,798	12,801	12,778	-0.02%	0.2%
Natural resources and mining	1,849	1,842	1,800	0.4%	2.7%
Other services	4,795	4,809	4,763	-0.3%	0.7%
Professional and business services	22,639	22,654	22,610	-0.1%	0.1%
Trade, transportation, and utilities	28,877	28,830	28,798	0.2%	0.3%

2. COMMODITIES

The following tables provide data on the weekly prices of energy and agricultural commodities, reflecting the broader economic performance of these sectors.

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

Table 1. Energy Commodities, Weekly					
Commodity	10/31/25	10/24/25	11/1/24	% Change	
				(WoW)	(YoY)
Brent Crude Oil	\$65.02	\$63.22	\$72.61	2.8%	-10.5%
WTI Crude Oil	\$61.49	\$60.20	\$68.69	2.1%	-10.5%
Henry Hub Natural Gas	\$3.42	\$3.25	\$1.83	5.2%	86.9%
U.S. Regular Conventional Gas	\$2.90	\$2.92	\$2.98	-0.7%	-2.7%

Table 2. Agricultural Commodities, Daily Period of November 7, 2025							
Commodity	Listed Price	Dollar (\$)	Unit of Measurement	% Change			
				Daily	Weekly	Monthly	(YoY)
Soybeans	\$1,100.45	\$11.00	\$/Bu	-1.1%	0.8%	7.68%	8.4%
Wheat	\$546.28	\$5.46	\$/Bu	-1.6%	4.2%	7.8%	-4.4%
Lumber	\$534.53	\$5.35	\$/MBF	-0.5%	-2.9%	-13.2%	-6.4%
Palm Oil	\$4,149.00	\$41.49	\$/MT	1.0%	-2.6%	-7.2%	-16.2%
Sugar (No. 11)	\$14.38	\$0.14	\$/Lb	1.8%	0.6%	-13.6%	-35.4%
Coffee	\$401.47	\$4.01	\$/Lb	-3.2%	2.4%	6.9%	55.2%
Corn	\$432.69	\$4.33	\$/Bu	-0.6%	0.6%	3.1%	1.2%
Rice	\$9.95	\$0.10	\$/CWT	0.2%	-2.8%	-8.7%	-30.9%
Orange Juice	\$182.46	\$1.82	\$/Lb	-0.9%	5.7%	-14.0%	-64.9%

3. LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE

Regional housing market indicators can reflect local economic conditions, affordability, demand vs, supply, migration trends, and cost of living. The following tables provide data on median list price and median listing price per square foot at the CBSA level for Louisiana.

Source: [realtor.com](https://www.realtor.com)

Table 5. Median Listing Price by CBSA, Monthly (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
CBSA	Oct-25	Sep-25	Oct-24	% Change	
				(MoM)	(YoY)
Alexandria	\$240,575	\$238,000	\$228,375	1.1%	5.3%
Baton Rouge	\$310,000	\$304,450	\$301,173	1.8%	2.9%
Bogalusa	\$193,125	\$199,000	\$203,750	-3.0%	-5.2%
DeRidder	\$229,000	\$239,950	\$254,375	-4.6%	-10.0%
Hammond	\$272,000	\$274,900	\$262,500	-1.1%	3.6%
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	\$227,450	\$225,000	\$232,500	1.1%	-2.2%
Lafayette	\$270,000	\$271,090	\$280,000	-0.4%	-3.6%
Lake Charles	\$238,797	\$239,950	\$236,000	-0.5%	1.2%
Minden	\$160,750	\$167,725	\$191,050	-4.2%	-15.9%
Monroe	\$249,450	\$250,000	\$242,625	-0.2%	2.8%
Morgan City	\$170,750	\$172,725	\$203,000	-1.1%	-15.9%
Natchitoches	\$264,975	\$265,000	\$295,000	-	-10.2%
New Iberia	\$170,000	\$178,950	\$187,738	-5.0%	-9.4%
New Orleans-Metairie	\$310,000	\$314,625	\$324,500	-1.5%	-4.5%
Opelousas	\$194,950	\$194,750	\$188,250	0.1%	3.6%
Ruston	\$270,000	\$262,575	\$255,933	2.8%	5.5%
Shreveport-Bossier City	\$249,000	\$249,250	\$240,500	-0.1%	3.5%
Slidell-Mandeville-Covington	\$349,950	\$350,500	\$342,475	-0.2%	2.2%

Table 6. Median Listing Price Per Square Foot by CBSA, Monthly (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

CBSA	Oct-25	Sep-25	Oct-24	% Change	
				(MoM)	(YoY)
Alexandria	\$125	\$122	\$117	2.5%	6.8%
Baton Rouge	\$163	\$162	\$161	0.6%	1.2%
Bogalusa	\$119	\$119	\$113	-	5.3%
DeRidder	\$123	\$127	\$134	-3.1%	-8.2%
Hammond	\$152	\$151	\$150	0.7%	1.3%
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	\$136	\$136	\$137	-	-0.7%
Lafayette	\$151	\$153	\$153	-1.3%	-1.3%
Lake Charles	\$129	\$130	\$127	-0.8%	1.6%
Minden	\$99	\$100	\$106	-1.0%	-6.6%
Monroe	\$129	\$129	\$124	-	4.0%
Morgan City	\$101	\$101	\$104	-	-2.9%
Natchitoches	\$141	\$139	\$139	1.4%	1.4%
New Iberia	\$104	\$108	\$100	-3.7%	4.0%
New Orleans-Metairie	\$183	\$183	\$183	-	-
Opelousas	\$106	\$108	\$108	-1.9%	-1.9%
Ruston	\$141	\$144	\$149	-2.1%	-5.4%
Shreveport-Bossier City	\$129	\$128	\$126	0.8%	2.4%
Slidell-Mandeville-Covington	\$167	\$167	\$168	-	-0.6%

4. PORTS

The following figures provide a snapshot of short-term export, import, and vessel arrival activity across Louisiana's five deep-water ports, reflecting the region's current economic conditions, trade patterns, industrial strengths, and supply chain dynamics.

Source: portwatch.imf.org

Figure 2. Baton Rouge Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

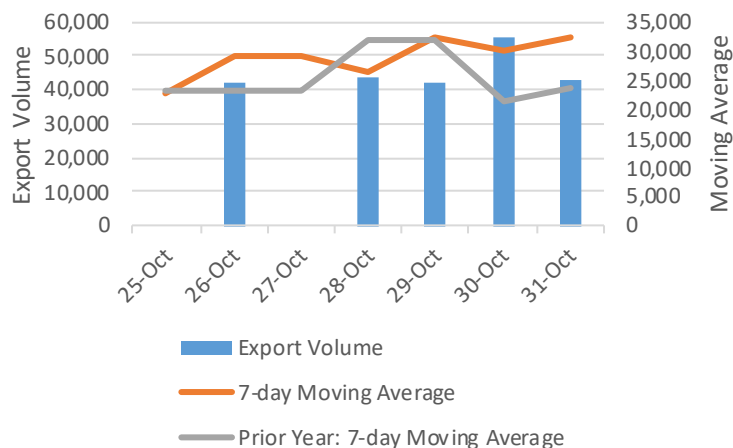


Figure 3. New Orleans Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

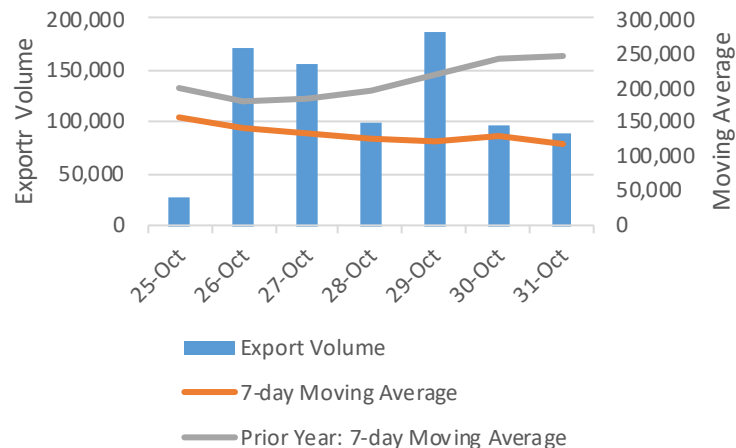


Figure 4. South Louisiana Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

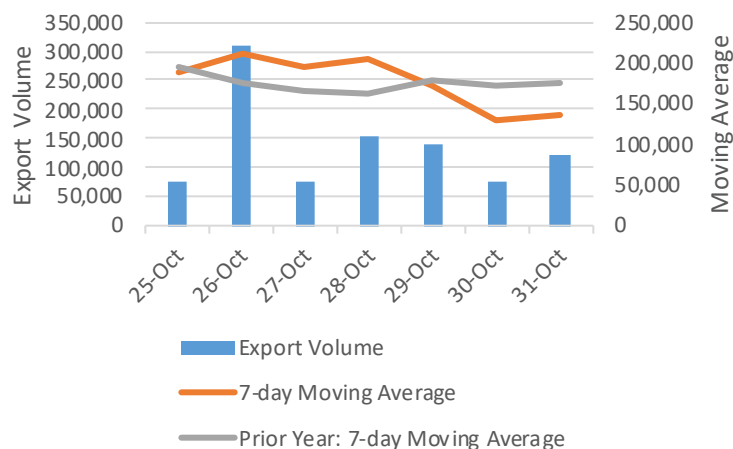


Figure 5. Lake Charles Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

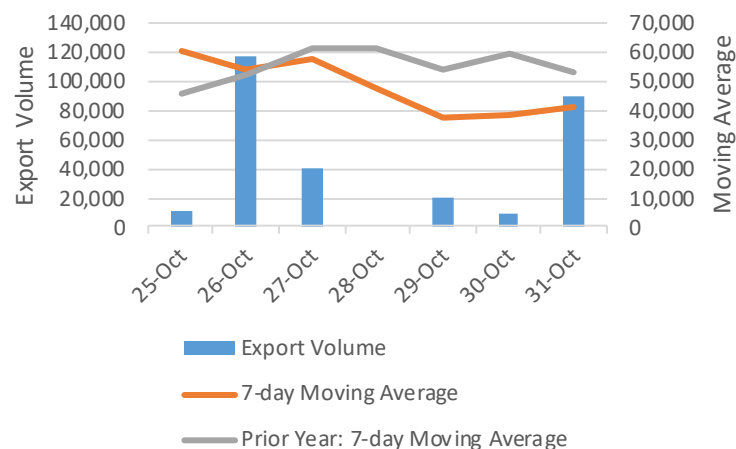


Figure 6. Plaquemines Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

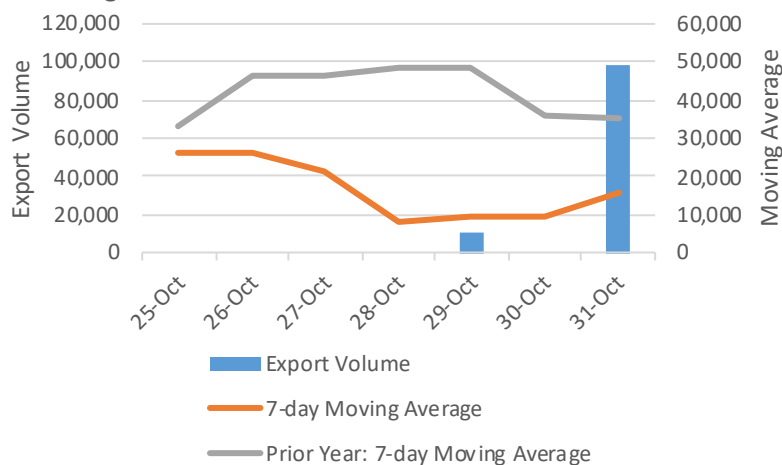


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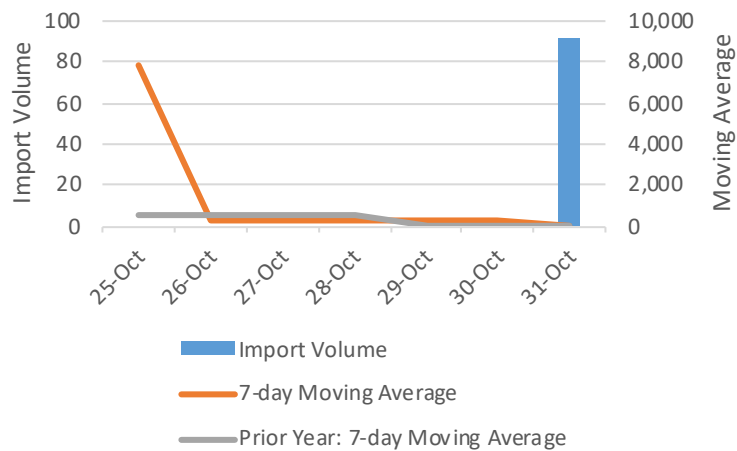


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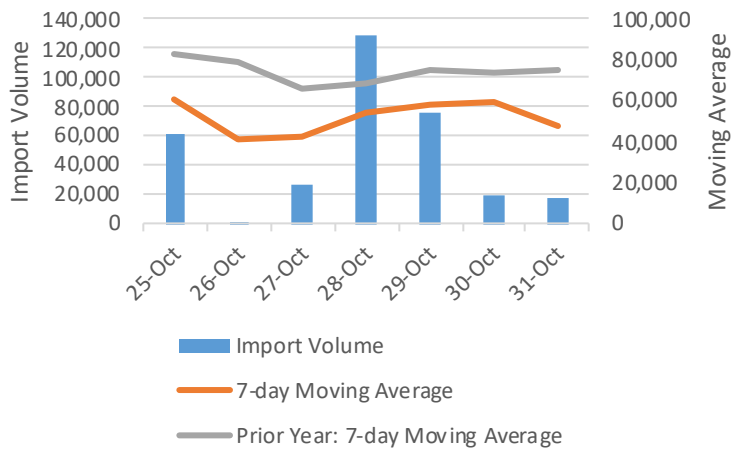


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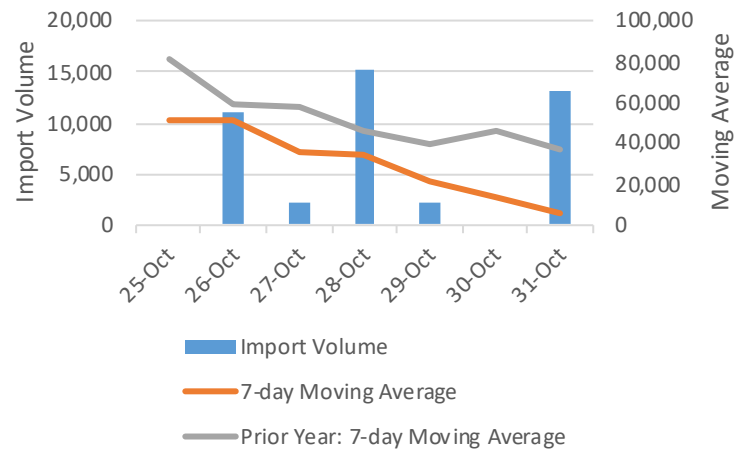


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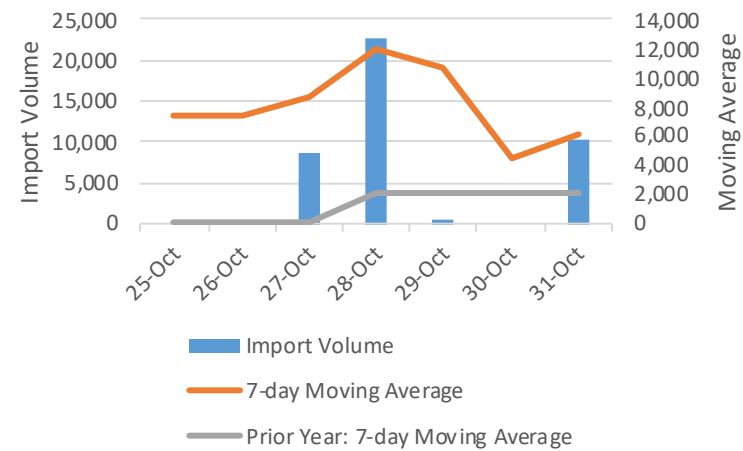


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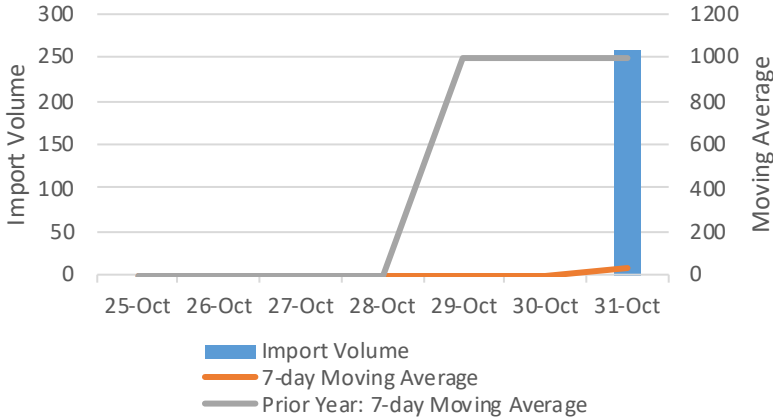


Figure 12. Baton Rouge Port Arrivals, by Type of Vessel

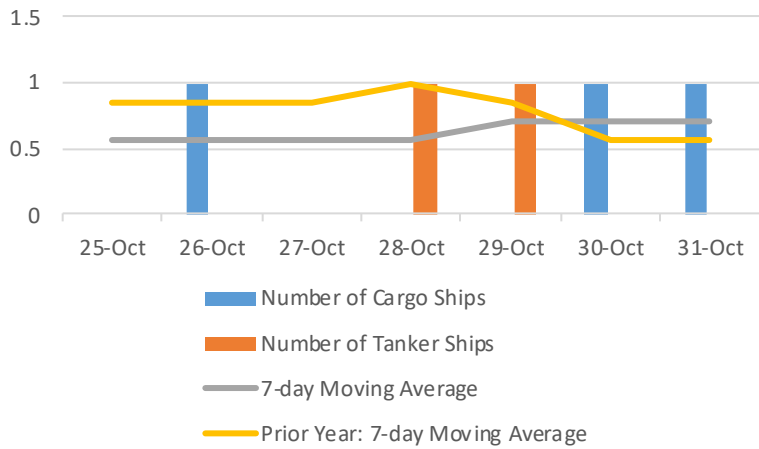


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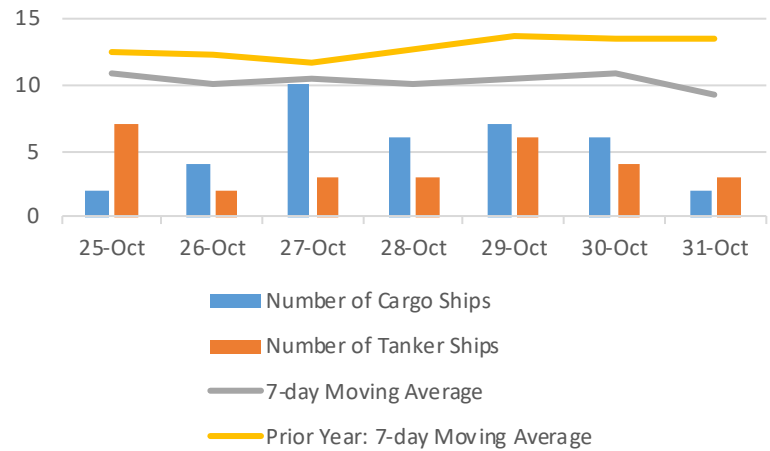


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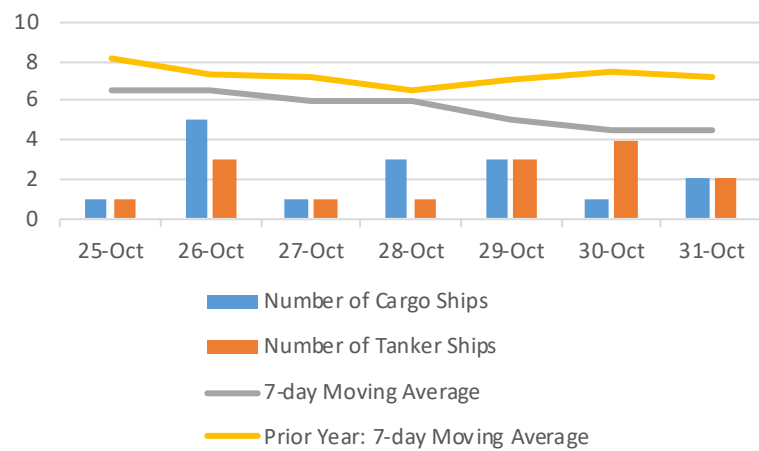


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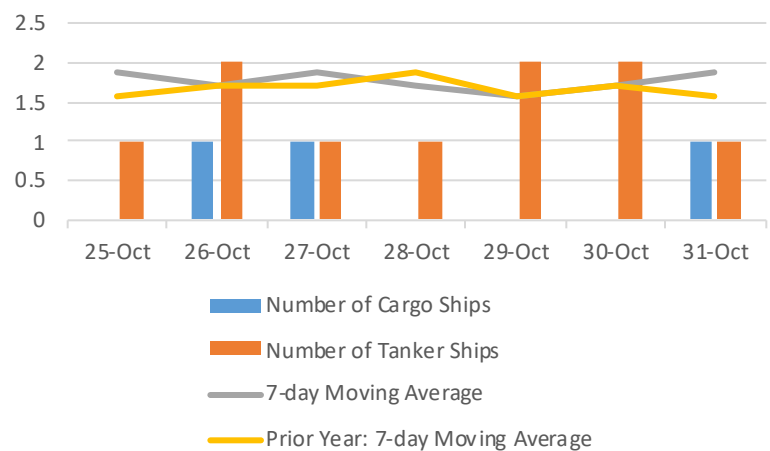
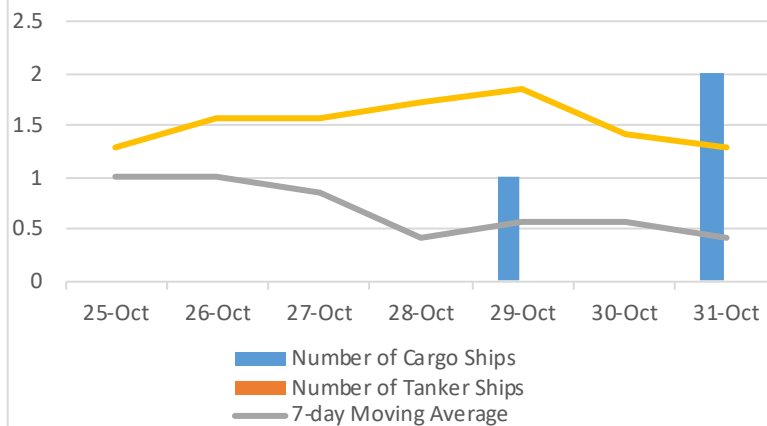


Figure 16. Plaquemines Port Arrivals, by Type of Vessel



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Economic Calendar

The *Louisiana Economic Vitals* 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
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2	Construction Spending [Sep] ISM Manufacturing [Oct] Total Vehicle Sales [Oct]	3 Trade Balance [Sep] Jolts [Sep]	4 ISM Services [Oct]	5 Productivity [Q3 P]	6 Employment [Oct] U. of Michigan Sentiment [Nov] Consumer Credit [Sep]	8
9		10 NFIB Small Business [Oct] Veteran's Day [U.S. Markets Closed]	11	12 CPI [Oct] Federal Budget [Oct]	13 Retail Sales [Oct] PPI [Oct] Business Inventories [Sep]	14 15
16		17 Import Price Index [Oct] Industrial Production [Oct] NAHB Index [Nov]	18 Housing Starts [Oct] FOMC Minutes [Oct]	19 Existing Home Sales [Oct]	20 State Employment [Oct]	21 22
23		24 S&P/C-S Home Prices [Sep] Consumer Confidence [Nov] Pending Home Sales [Oct]	25 GDP & Profits [Q3 2 nd] Durable Goods [Oct] Personal Income [Oct] New Home Sales [Oct]	26	27 Thanksgiving Day [U.S. Markets Closed]	28 29
30						