

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 DECEMBER 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[Chennault Airport Secures \\$20.9M FEMA Award to Drive Major Job Growth in Southwest Louisiana](#)
December 10th, 2025

[Epic Piping Expands Louisiana Operations to Support the State's Growing Data Center and Energy Sectors](#)
December 10th, 2025

[SLB Doubles Shreveport Footprint to Support Global Digital Infrastructure and Data Center Growth](#)
December 9th, 2025

[Boudreaux's Jewelers Expands and Modernizes Mandeville Flagship Facility](#)
December 4th, 2025

[Saronic Technologies Investing \\$300 Million to Expand Franklin Shipyard, Creating 3,200 Jobs in Louisiana's Bayou Region](#)
December 3rd, 2025

[Entergy Louisiana Breaks Ground on New, State-of-the-Art Generation Facilities to Power Reliability, Growth and Innovation](#)
December 1st, 2025

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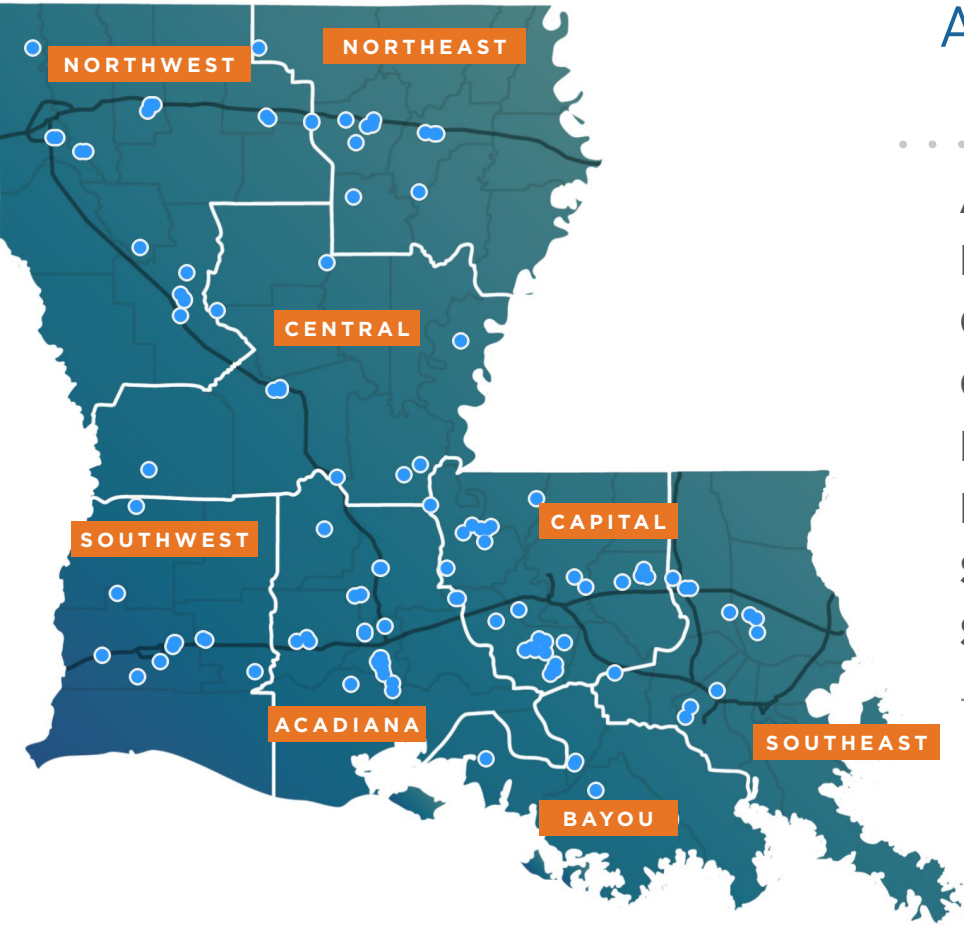
LED PROJECT PIPELINE

Since Governor Landry took office in January 2024, LED has announced 72 projects representing more \$64.7 billion USD in new investment and over 11,170 direct new jobs across Louisiana.

As of December 11, 2025, LED is actively tracking and involved in 186 distinct projects with a combined value exceeding \$242.2 billion and the potential to create more than 60,765 direct new jobs.

CERTIFIED SITE PROGRAM

Since the launch of its Certified Sites Program, LED has certified 163 industrial sites, with all or portions of 36 sites advancing into active commerce. At full build-out, these projects represent more than \$27 billion in capital investment, over 6,350 direct new jobs, and more than \$410 million in total annual wages statewide. Currently, there are 123 actively marketed certified sites across every region of Louisiana.



Active Certified Sites by Region

Acadiana	23
Bayou	6
Capital	24
Central	9
Northeast	13
Northwest	17
Southeast	17
Southwest	14

TOTAL 123

1. LABOR MARKET ACTIVITY

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. Because of the data fog caused by the shutdown, the state-level data for August 2025 has just been released and for Louisiana, it is provided in Table 1.

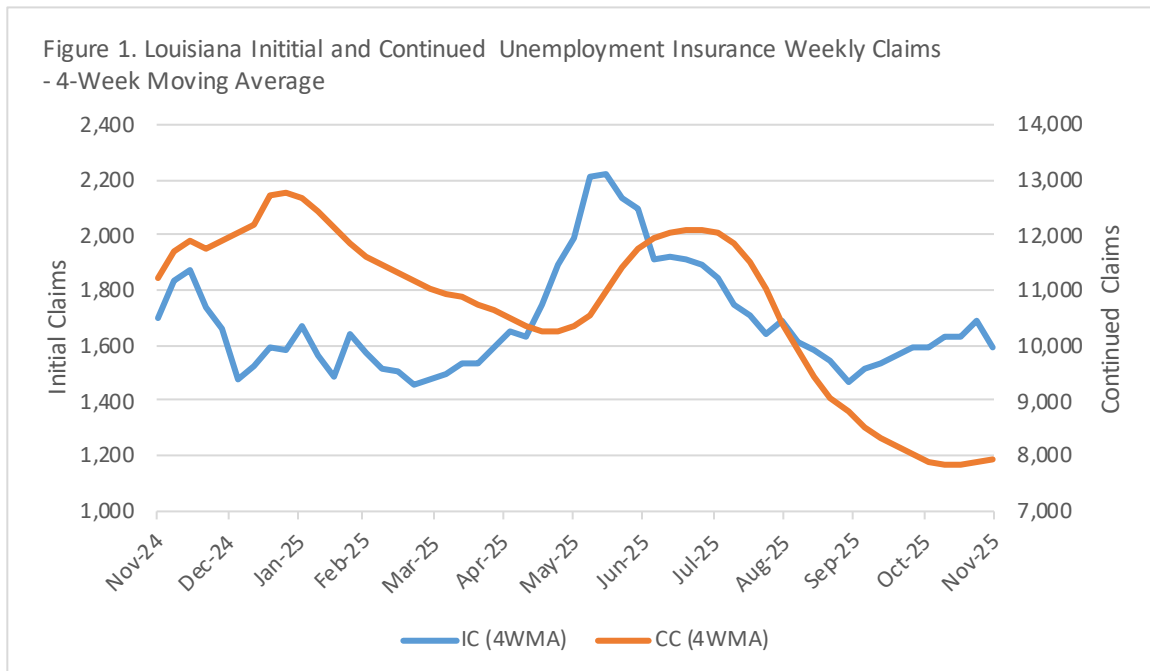
Source: [bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov)

Table 1. U.S. Job Openings and Labor Turnover - October, Total Nonfarm (In Thousands)					
Category	10/16/2025 ¹	9/16/2025 ²	10/16/24	% Change	
				(MoM)	(YoY)
Job Openings	7,670	7,658	7,615	0.2%	0.7%
Hires	5,149	5,367	5,350	-4.1%	-3.8%
Quits	2,941	3,128	3,217	-6.0%	-8.6%
Layoffs and Discharges	1,854	1,781	1,788	4.1%	3.7%
Note: ¹ Preliminary; ² Revised; Data are seasonally adjusted					

Table 2. Louisiana Job Openings and Labor Turnover - August, Total Nonfarm (In Thousands)					
Category	8/16/2025 ¹	7/16/2025 ²	8/16/24	% Change	
				(MoM)	(YoY)
Job Openings	98	105	105	-6.7%	-6.7%
Hires	76	74	72	2.7%	5.6%
Quits	41	42	32	-2.4%	28.1%
Layoffs and Discharges	18	21	27	-14.3%	-33.3%
Note: ¹ Preliminary; ² Revised; Data are seasonally adjusted					

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.

Source: laworks.net



The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently released state-level nonfarm employment and unemployment data for September 2025. The figures below illustrate labor force participation and unemployment rates by month for Louisiana and the monthly average for the other southern states. These states include: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North and South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Source: bls.gov

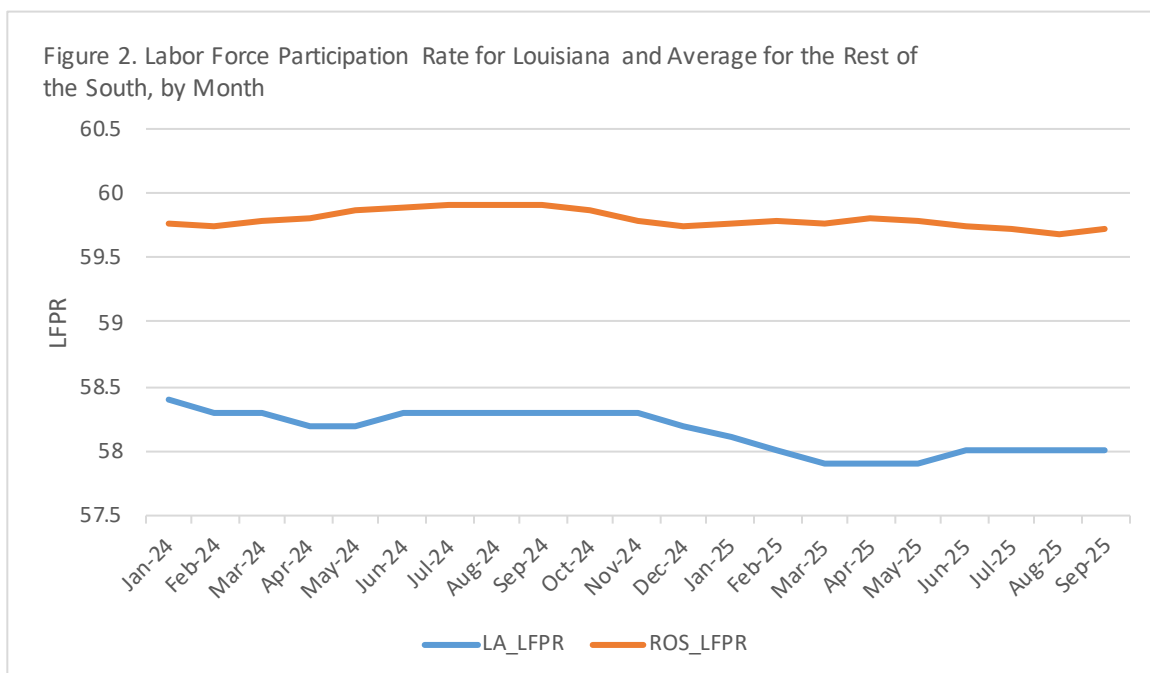
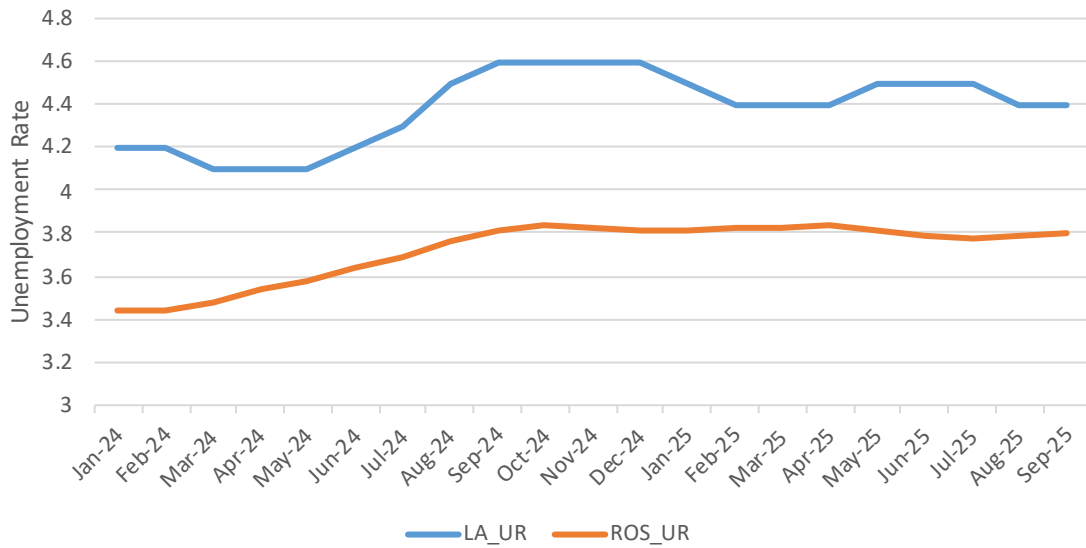


Figure 3. Unemployment Rate for Louisiana and Average for the Rest of the South, by Month



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 3. Energy Commodities, Weekly					
Commodity	12/5/25	11/28/25	12/6/24	% Change	
					(YoY)
Brent Crude Oil	\$63.98	\$64.38	\$73.97	-0.6%	-13.5%
WTI Crude Oil	\$59.48	\$58.69	\$68.89	1.3%	-13.7%
Henry Hub Natural Gas	\$4.97	\$4.29	\$2.90	15.9%	71.4%
U.S. Regular Conventional Gas	\$2.82	\$2.85	\$2.91	-1.1%	-3.1%

Table 4. Agricultural Commodities, Daily Period of December 11, 2025							
Commodity	Listed Price	Dollar (\$)	Unit of Measurement	% Change			
				Daily	Weekly	Monthly	(YoY)
Soybeans	\$1,091.85	\$10.92	\$/Bu	0.1%	-2.5%	-3.7%	9.7%
Wheat	\$522.26	\$5.22	\$/Bu	1.0%	-3.5%	-2.6%	-6.5%
Lumber	\$557.57	\$5.58	\$/MBF	1.0%	3.9%	-3.3%	1.4%
Palm Oil	\$4,064.00	\$40.64	\$/MT	0.1%	-1.0%	-1.5%	-17.4%
Sugar (No. 11)	\$14.84	\$0.15	\$/Lb	-0.3%	-0.01%	2.5%	-28.9%
Coffee	\$402.25	\$4.02	\$/Lb	-0.2%	-2.3%	-0.3%	26.9%
Corn	\$433.36	\$4.34	\$/Bu	0.7%	-1.0%	-0.4%	-2.3%
Rice	\$9.79	\$0.10	\$/CWT	-1.5%	-3.0%	-7.3%	-34.8%
Orange Juice	\$155.03	\$1.55	\$/Lb	4.3%	2.7%	-9.0%	-69.2%

3. LOUISIANA REAL ESTATE

Louisiana Realtors® produces monthly reports on local market updates for the state and its regions. The following figures illustrate regional new listings for single-family homes by month with a year-over-year comparison for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. A list of parishes served by each regional entity is also provided.

Source: louisiana.stats.showingtime.com

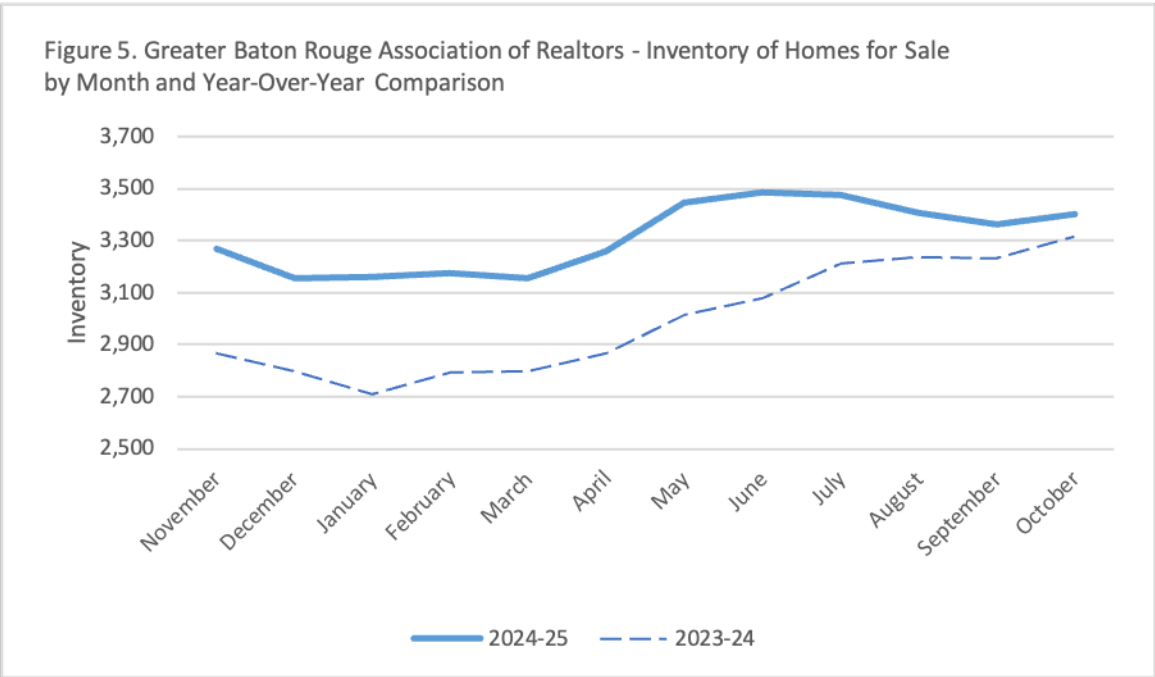
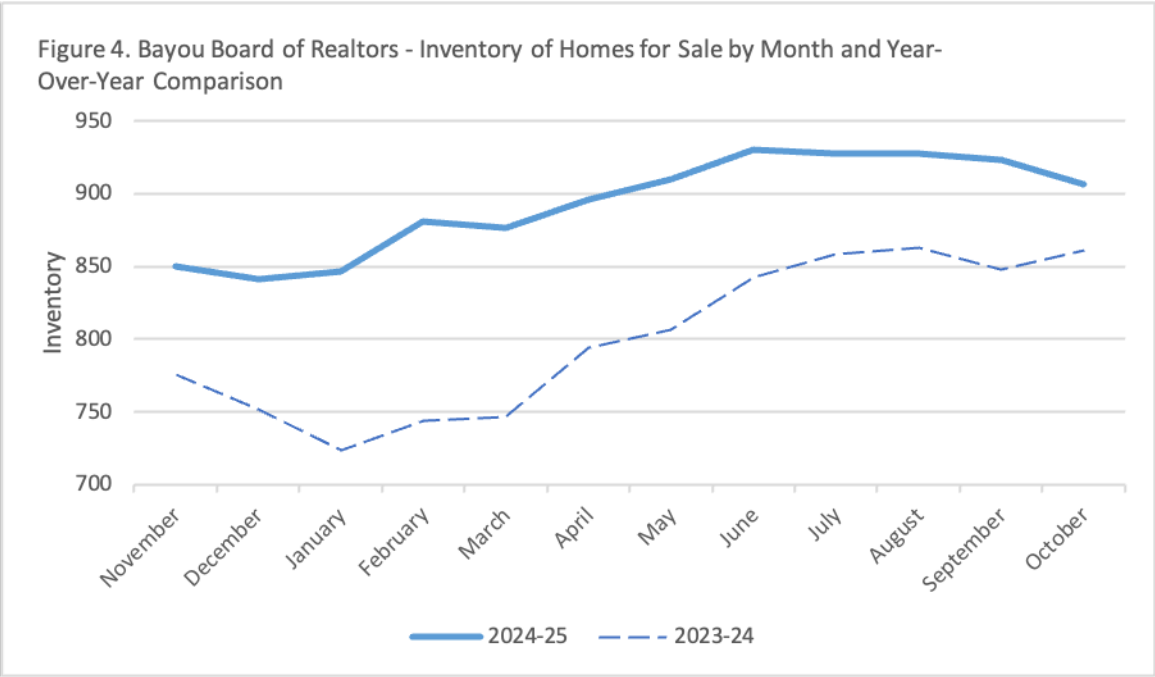


Figure 6. Greater Central Louisiana Realtors Association - Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

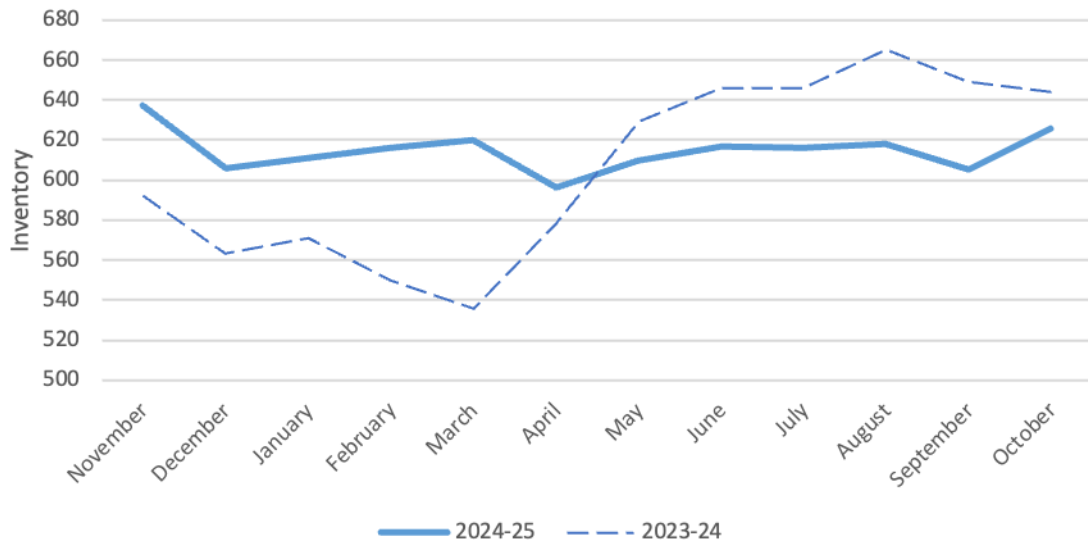


Figure 7. Greater Fort Polk Area Realtors - Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

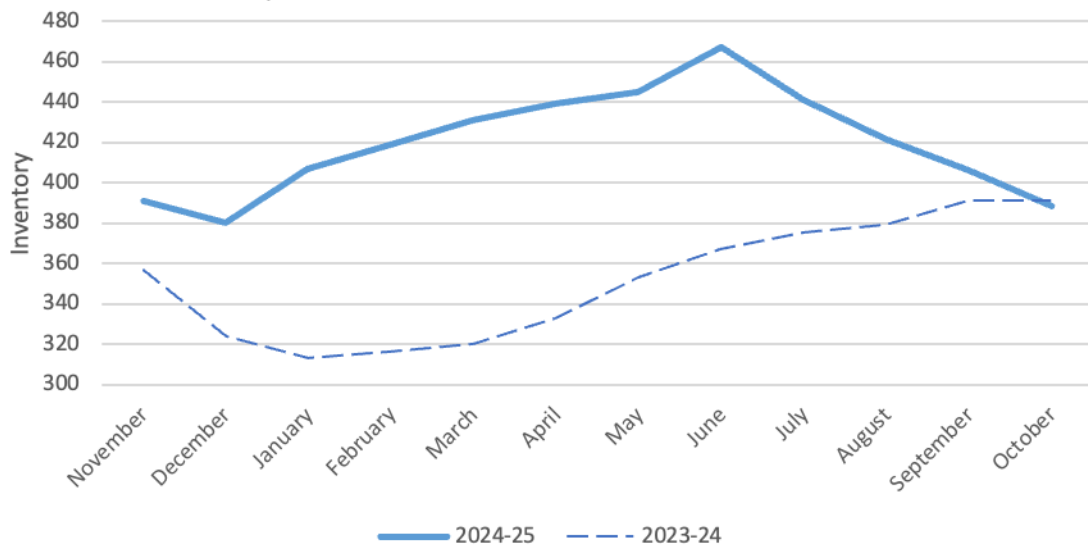


Figure 8. New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors - Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

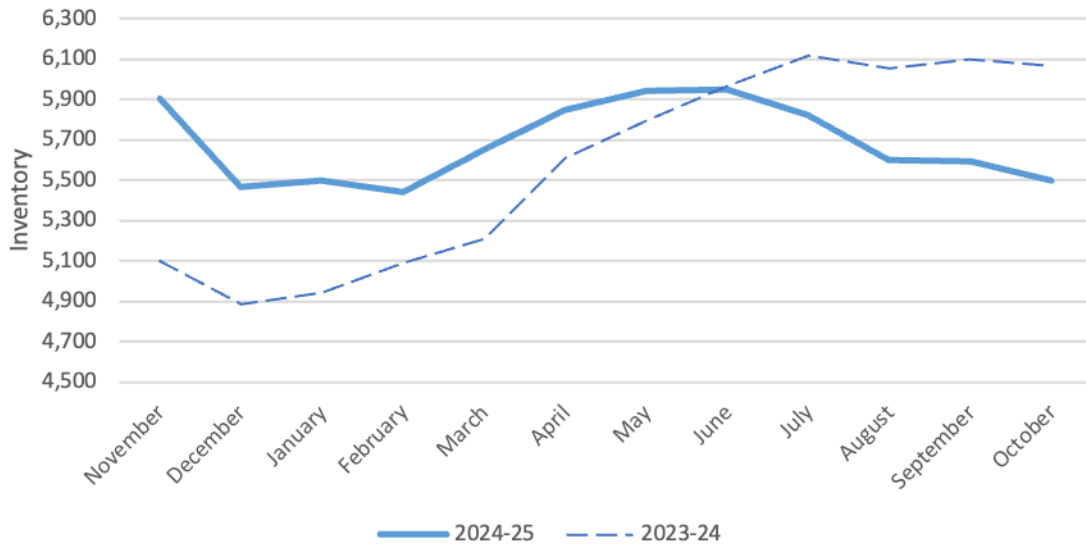


Figure 9. Northeast Realtors of Louisiana - Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

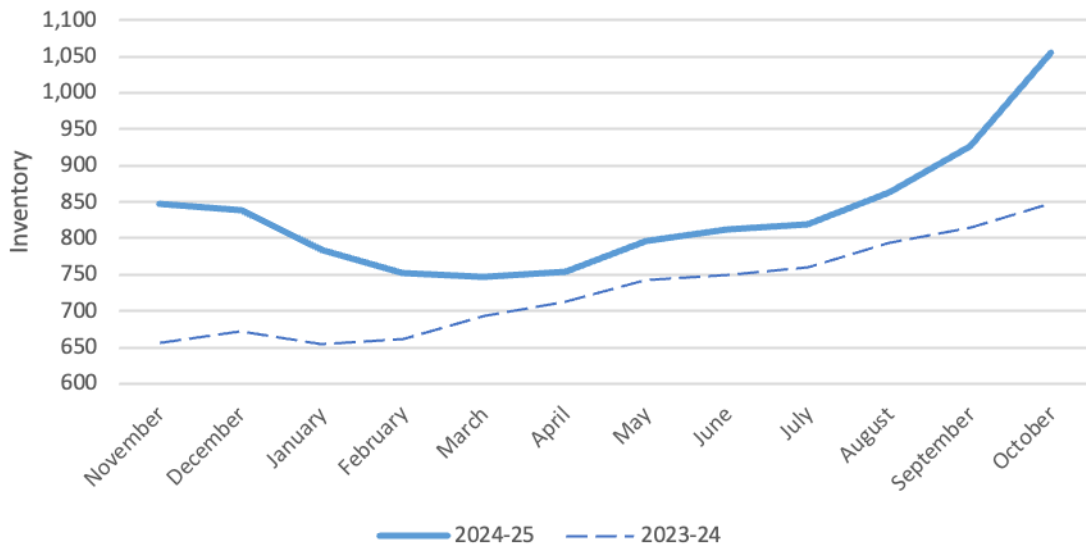


Figure 10. Northwest Louisiana Association of Realtors - Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

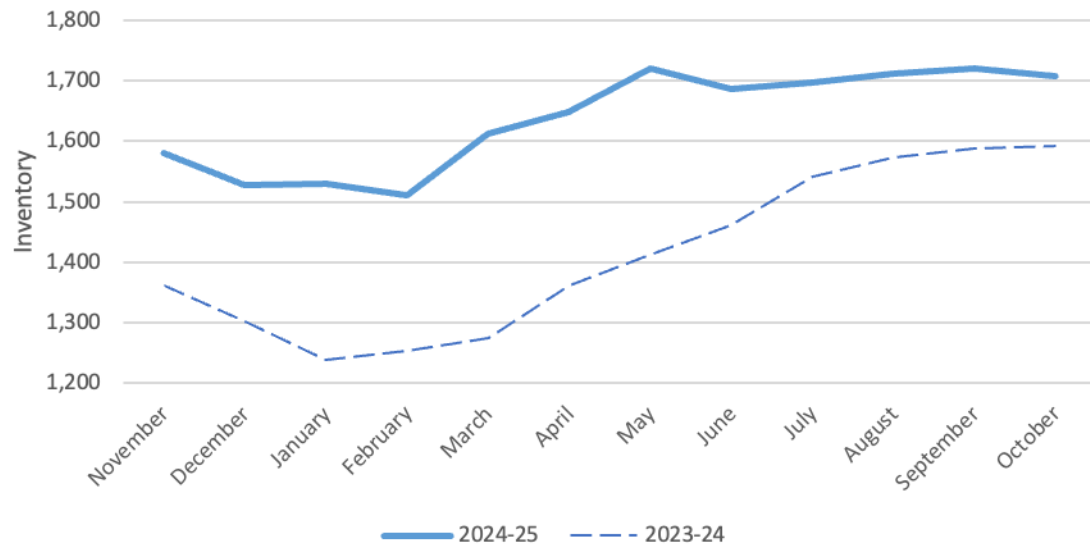
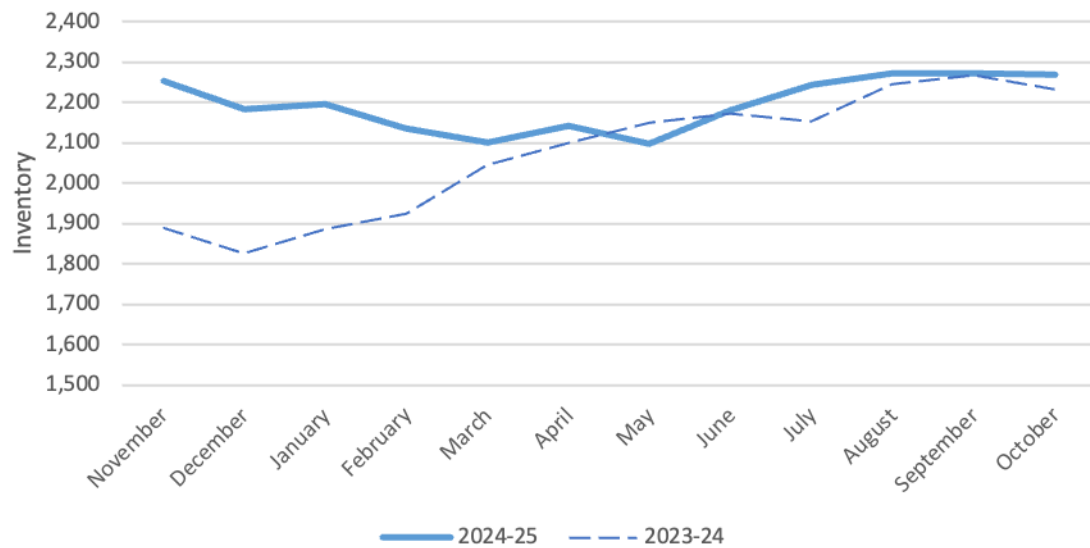
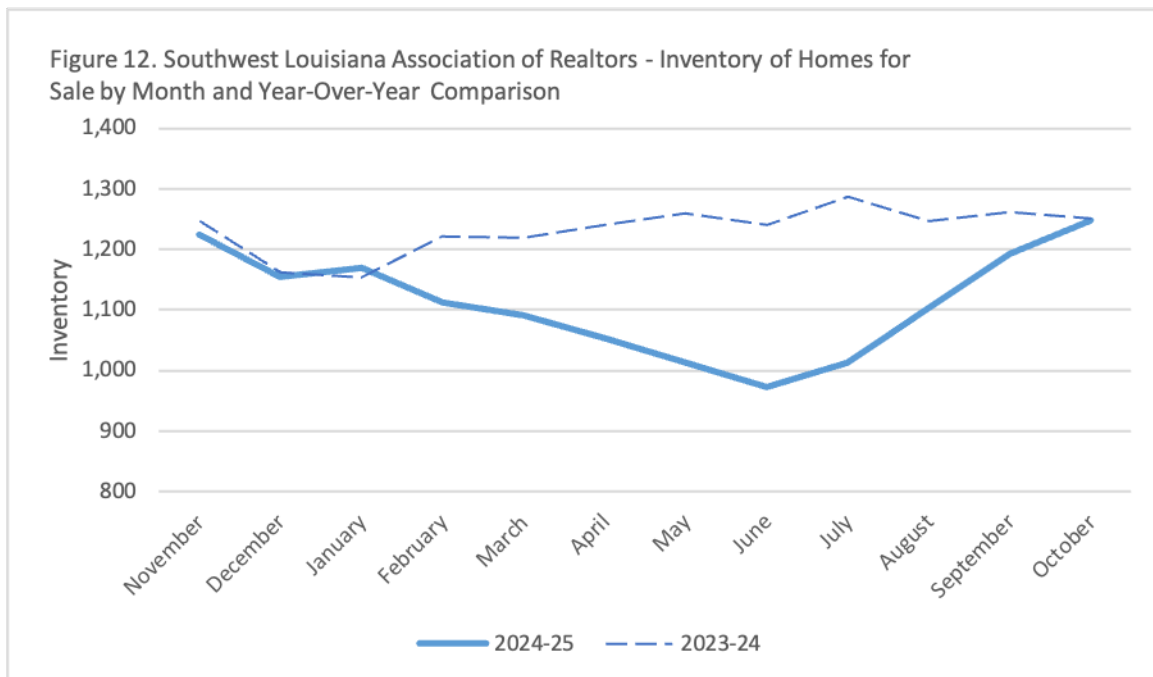


Figure 11. Realtor Association of Acadiana - Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison





Bayou Board of REALTORS® - Assumption, Lafourche, St. Mary, Terrebonne; **Greater Central Louisiana Realtors® Association** - Allen, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Evangeline, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Winn;

Greater Baton Rouge Association of Realtors® - Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana;

Greater Fort Polk Area Realtors® - Beauregard, Sabine, Vernon;

New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors® - Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John;

Northeast Realtors® of Louisiana -Caldwell, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll;

Northwest Louisiana Association of Realtors® - Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Red River, Webster;

Realtor® Association of Acadiana - Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermilion;

Southwest Louisiana Association of Realtors® - Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis;

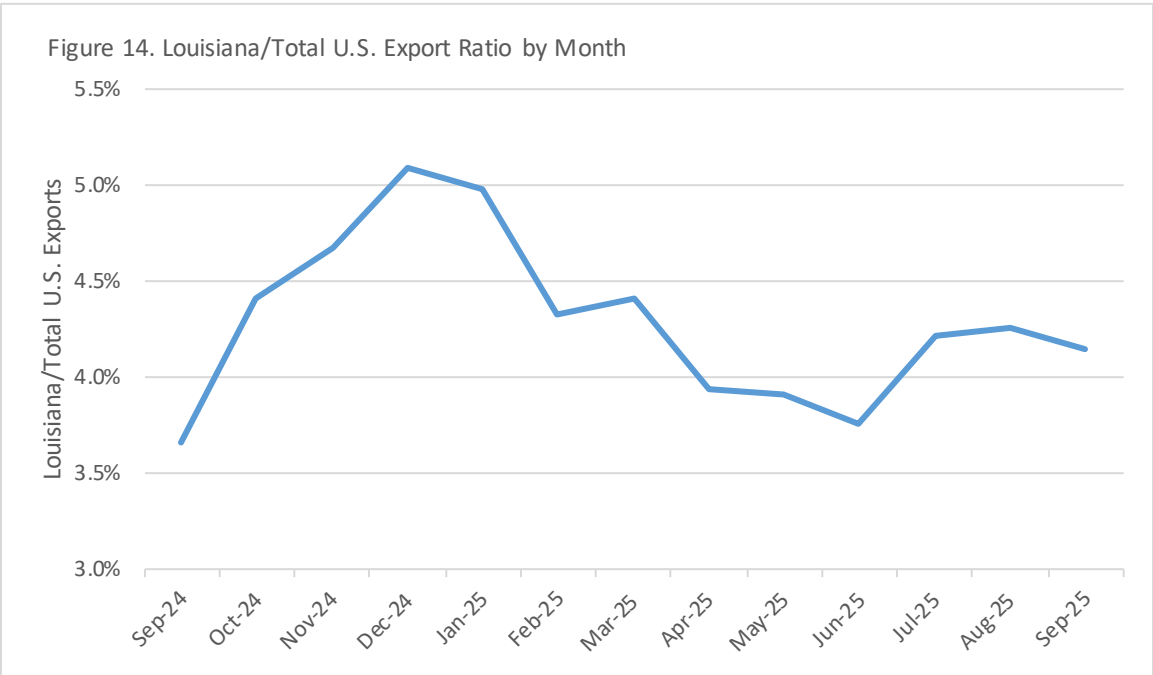
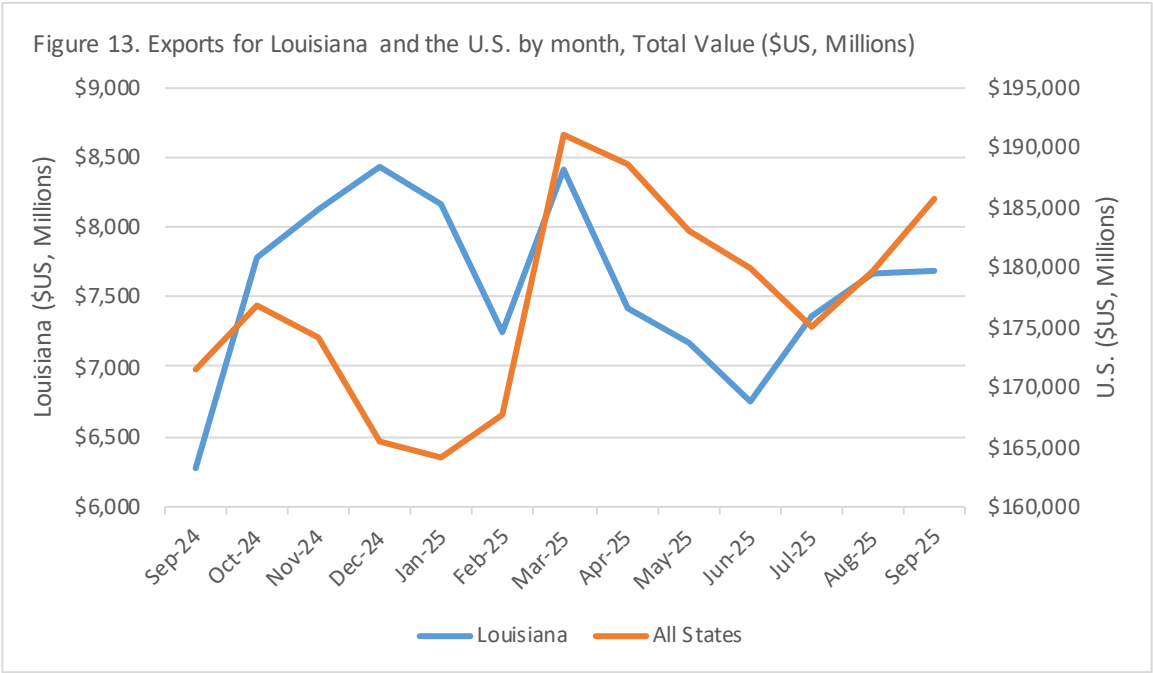
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Northshore Area Board of Realtors® - St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington

4. LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The figure below present Louisiana, and total for the U.S., monthly exports classified by the Harmonized System (HS). A monthly ratio of Louisiana to total U.S. exports is also illustrated in Figure 12. Export data reflect the state of origin of movement—the location where goods began their journey to the port of exit—which may differ from the state of production. Total Value is the selling price (or the cost, if the goods are not sold), plus inland or domestic freight, insurance, and other charges to the U.S. seaport, airport, or land border port of export.

Source: usatrade.census.gov



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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.

The U.S. Census Bureau is updating its economic indicator release calendar in coordination with other agencies and the Office of Management and Budget to address the impacts of the recent lapse in federal funding. We will update the economic calendar as they update their release schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	ISM Manufacturing [Nov] 1	State JOLTS [Aug] 2 Total Vehicle Sales [Nov]	ISM Services [Nov] 3 Import Price Index [Sept] Industrial Production [Sept]	4 U. of Michigan Sentiment [Dec] 5	6	
7	8	JOLTS [Oct] 9 NFIB Small Business [Nov]	Federal Budget [Nov] 10 FOMC Statement	State Employment & Unemployment [Sept] 11 Wholesale Trade [Sept]	12	
14	NAHB Index [Dec] 15	Employment [Nov] 16 Retail Sales [Oct] Manufacturing & Trade Inventory and Sales [Sept]	Metro Area Employment & Unemployment [Sept] 17 International Trade [Sept]	CPI [Nov] 18 Real Earnings [Nov]	Existing Home Sales [Nov] 19 QCEW [Q2] 20	
21	22	GDP [Q3 1 st] 23 Consumer Confidence [Dec] Durable Goods [Oct]	24	25	26	
				Christmas Day [U.S. Markets Closed]		
28	Pending Home Sales [Nov] 29	S&P/C-S Home Prices [Oct] 30	FOMC Minutes [Dec] 31			