

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 & DECEMBER 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[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

[Plan A Games Levels Up in Louisiana with New Studio](#)

November 25th, 2025

[Global Vessel & Tank Expands New Iberia Operations to Support Louisiana's Energy Sector](#)

November 24th, 2025

[First Solar Inaugurates New \\$1.1 Billion AI-Enabled Louisiana Manufacturing Facility](#)

November 21st, 2025

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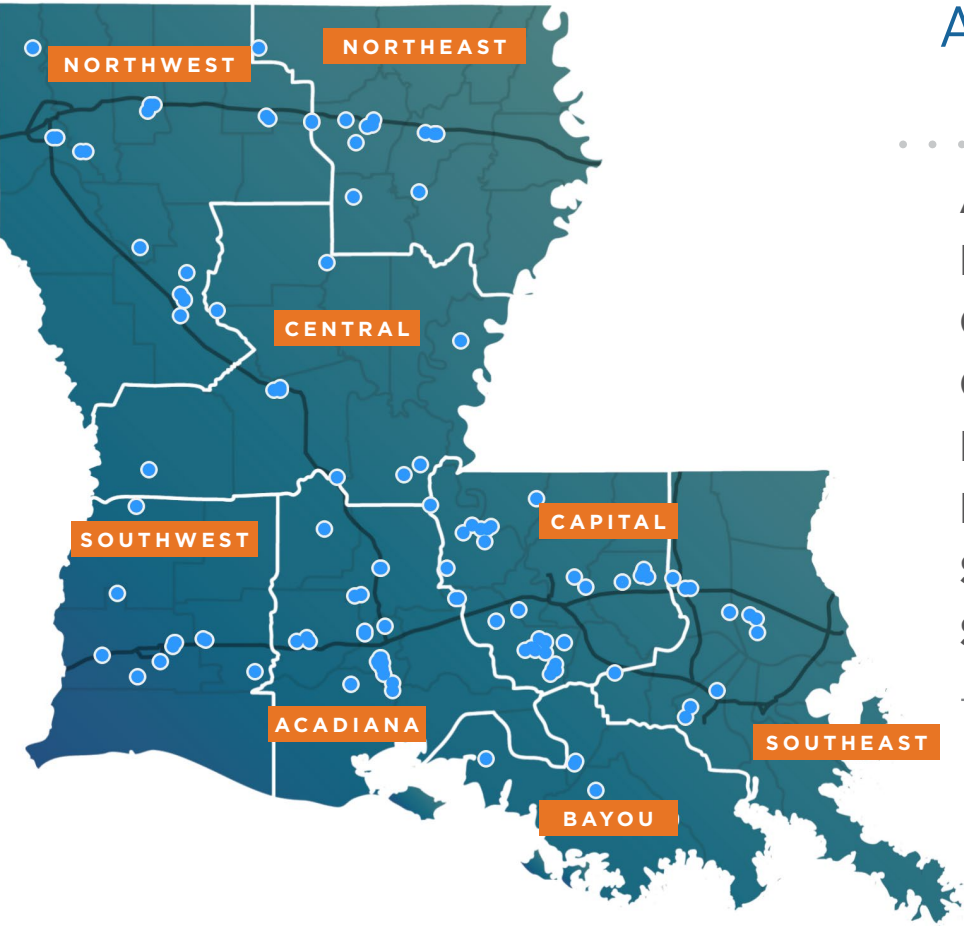
LED PROJECT PIPELINE

Since Governor Landry took office in January 2024, LED has announced 70 projects representing more \$64.6 billion USD in new investment and over 10,500 direct new jobs across Louisiana.

As of December 4, 2025, LED is actively tracking and involved in 183 distinct projects with a combined value exceeding \$241.5 billion and the potential to create more than 60,900 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 35 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 124 actively marketed certified sites across every region of Louisiana.



Active Certified Sites by Region

Acadiana	23
Bayou	6
Capital	25
Central	9
Northeast	13
Northwest	17
Southeast	17
Southwest	14

TOTAL 124

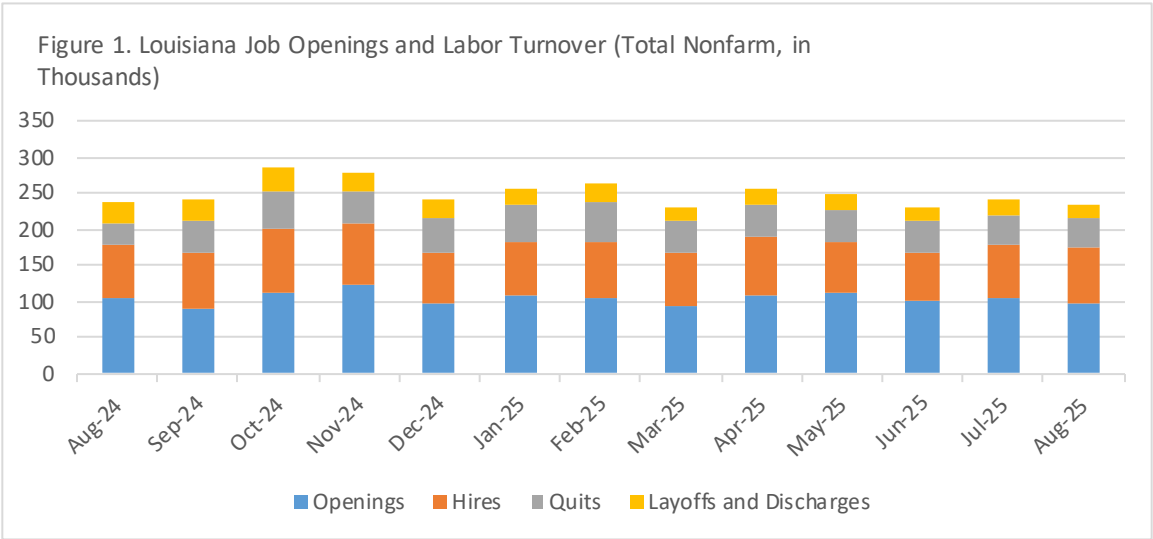
1. LABOR MARKET ACTIVITY

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.

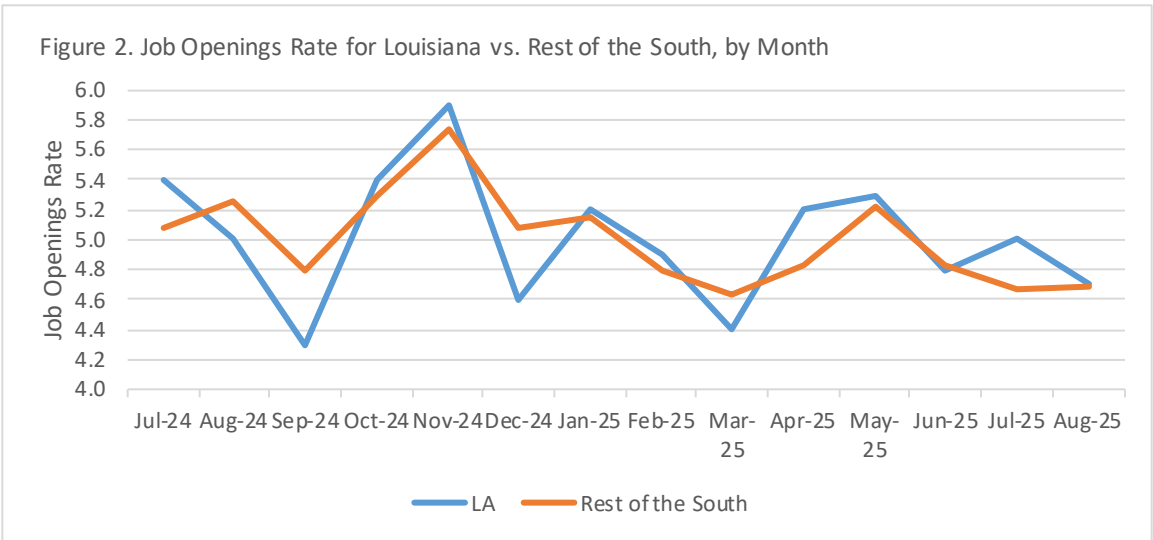
Source: [bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov)

Table 1. Louisiana Job Openings and Labor Turnover, 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: ¹Preliminary; ²Revised; Data are seasonally adjusted

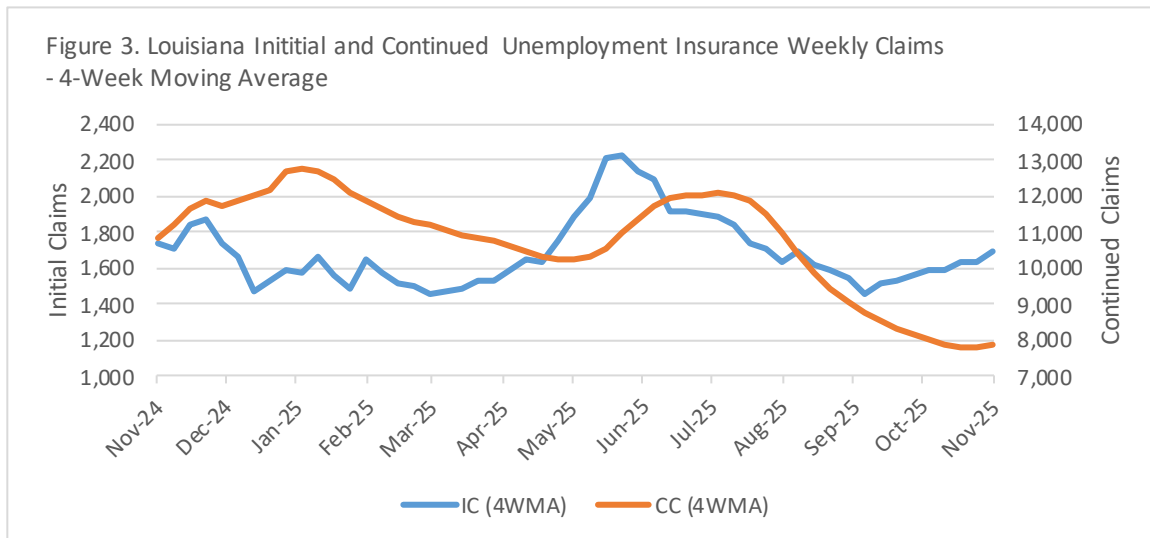


The job openings rate is computed by dividing the number of job openings by the sum of employment and job openings and multiplying that quotient by 100. The figure below shows the monthly job openings rate for Louisiana and the average for the rest of the South. The rest of the South includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North and South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.



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



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 4. Energy Commodities, Weekly					
Commodity	11/28/25	11/21/25	11/29/24	% Change	
				(WoW)	(YoY)
Brent Crude Oil	\$64.38	\$63.64	\$74.16	1.2%	-13.2%
WTI Crude Oil	\$58.69	\$60.27	\$68.94	-2.6%	-14.9%
Henry Hub Natural Gas	\$4.29	\$3.89	\$3.19	10.3%	34.5%
U.S. Regular Conventional Gas	\$2.85	\$2.94	\$2.94	-3.1%	-3.1%

Table 3. Agricultural Commodities, Daily Period of December 4, 2025							
Commodity	Listed Price	Dollar (\$)	Unit of Measurement	% Change			
				Daily	Weekly	Monthly	(YoY)
Soybeans	\$1,115.42	\$11.15	\$/Bu	0.1%	-1.5%	-0.4%	12.2%
Wheat	\$532.21	\$5.32	\$/Bu	-0.3%	2.0%	-4.1%	-2.7%
Lumber	\$528.54	\$5.29	\$/MBF	0.8%	-3.9%	-2.8%	-10.5%
Palm Oil	\$4,106.00	\$41.06	\$/MT	-1.2%	0.4%	-0.1%	-20.1%
Sugar (No. 11)	\$14.86	\$0.15	\$/Lb	-0.4%	-2.3%	5.3%	-30.2%
Coffee	\$407.78	\$4.08	\$/Lb	0.9%	-1.2%	-1.4%	29.3%
Corn	\$432.29	\$4.32	\$/Bu	0.2%	0.1%	-0.7%	1.4%
Rice	\$10.05	\$0.10	\$/CWT	1.3%	-1.0%	1.0%	-33.7%
Orange Juice	\$154.36	\$1.54	\$/Lb	2.3%	2.5%	-18.5%	-68.9%

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

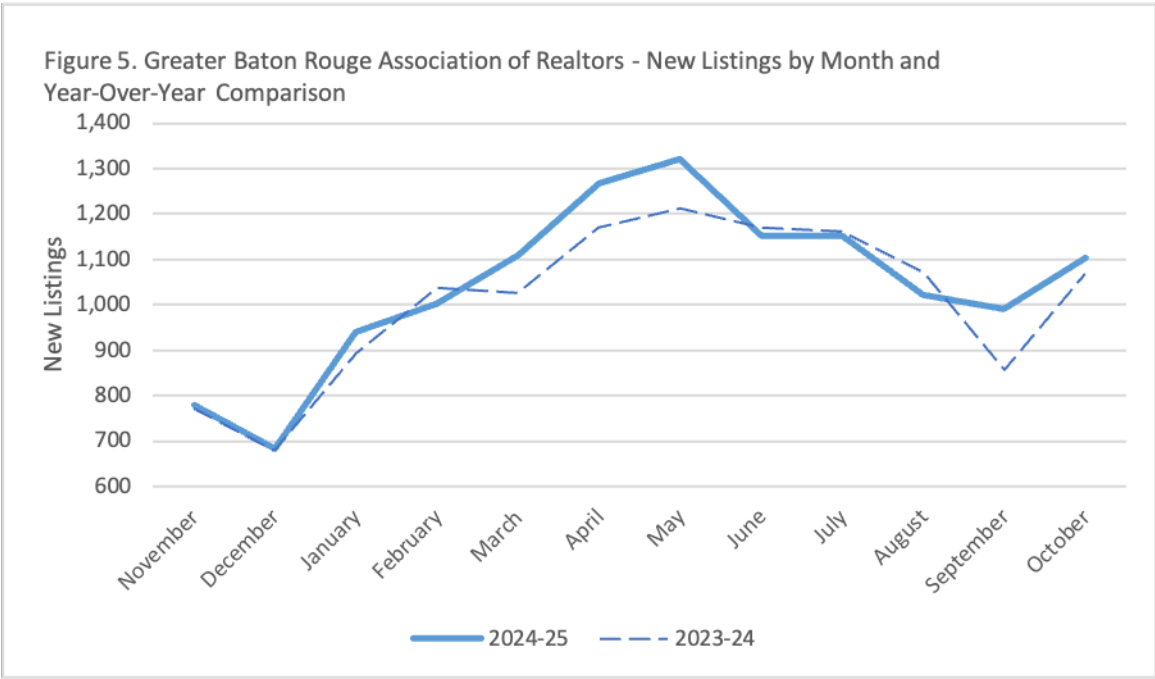
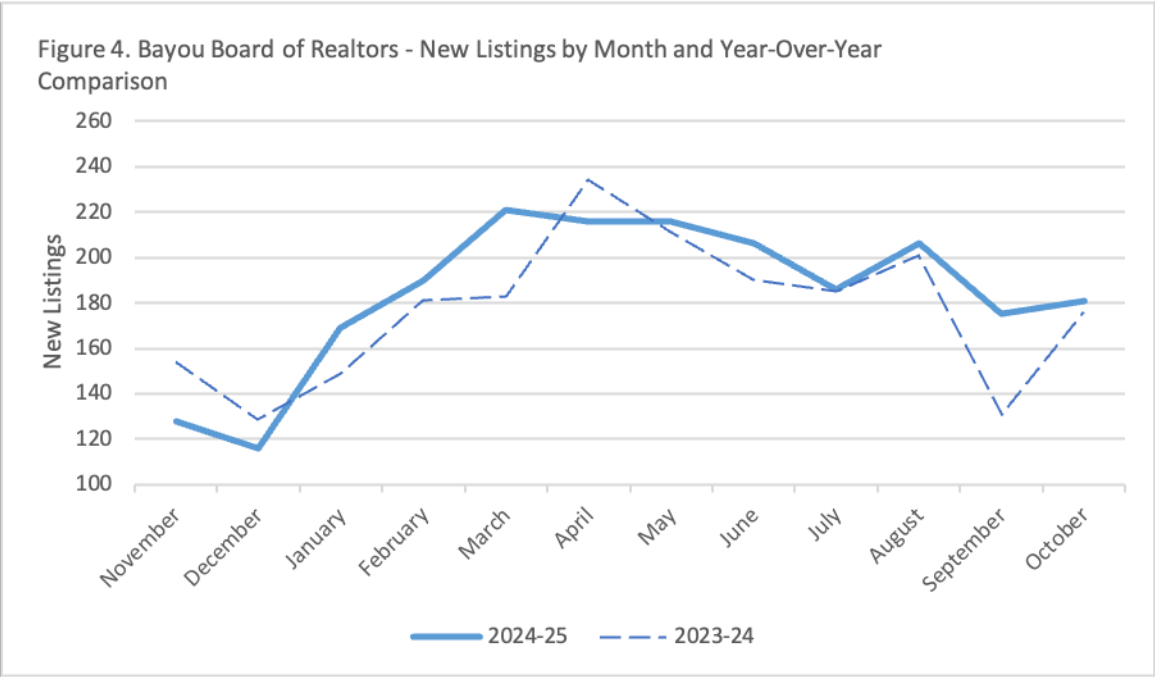


Figure 6. Greater Central Louisiana Realtors Association - New Listings by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

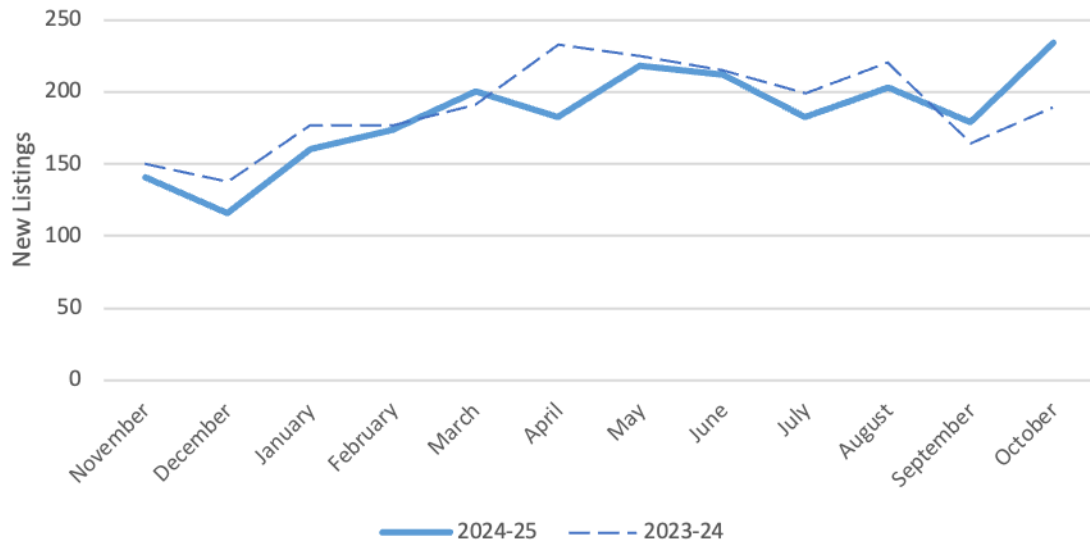


Figure 7. Greater Fort Polk Area Realtors - New Listings by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

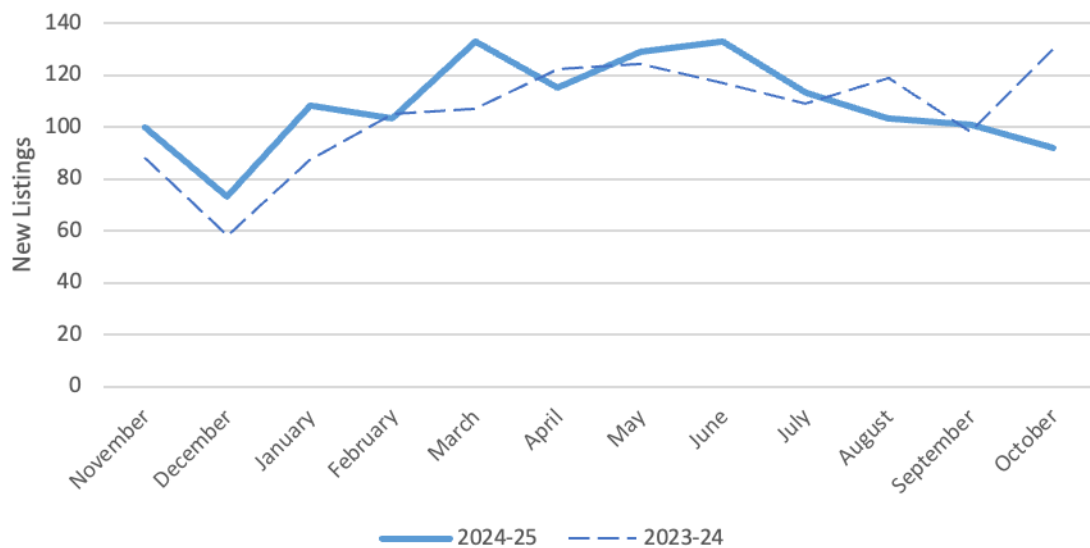


Figure 8. New Orleans Metropolitan Association of Realtors - New Listings by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

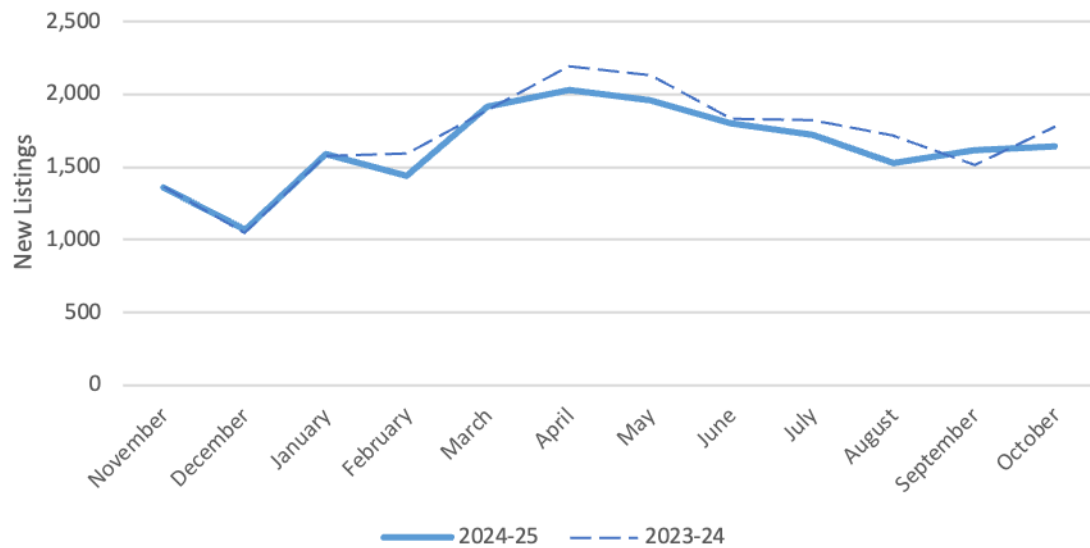


Figure 9. Northeast Realtors of Louisiana - New Listings by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

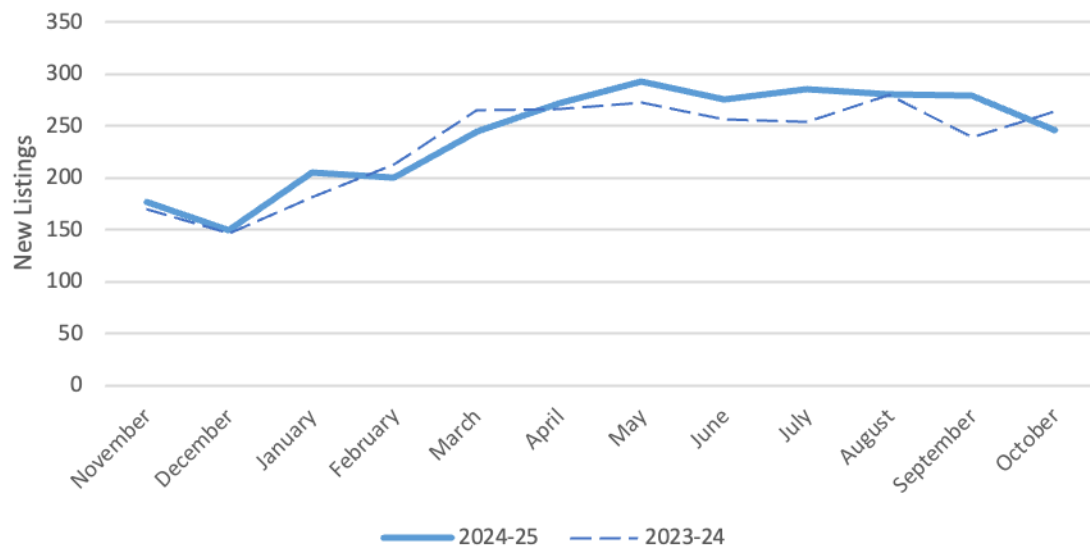


Figure 10. Northwest Louisiana Association of Realtors - New Listings by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison

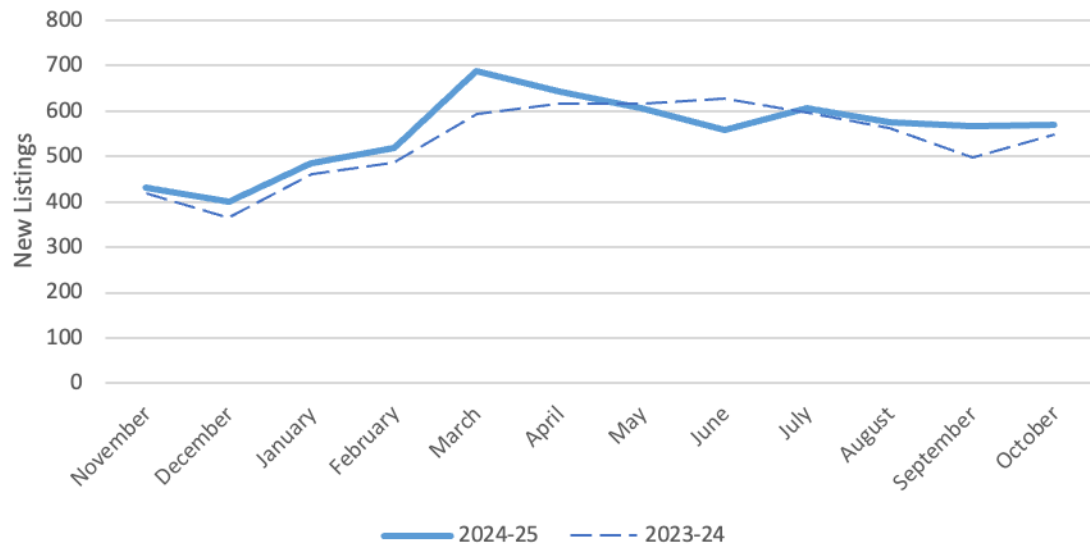
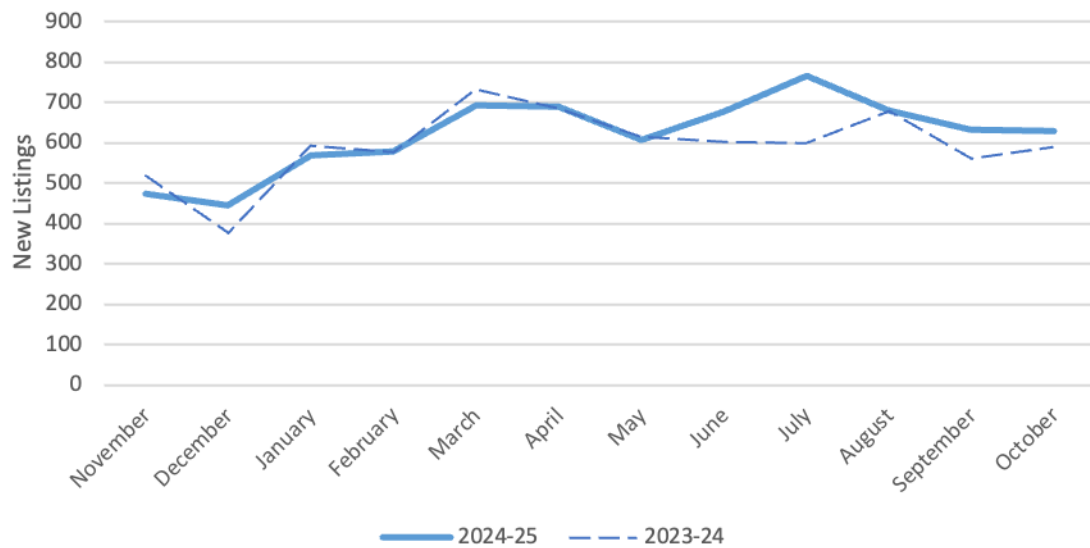
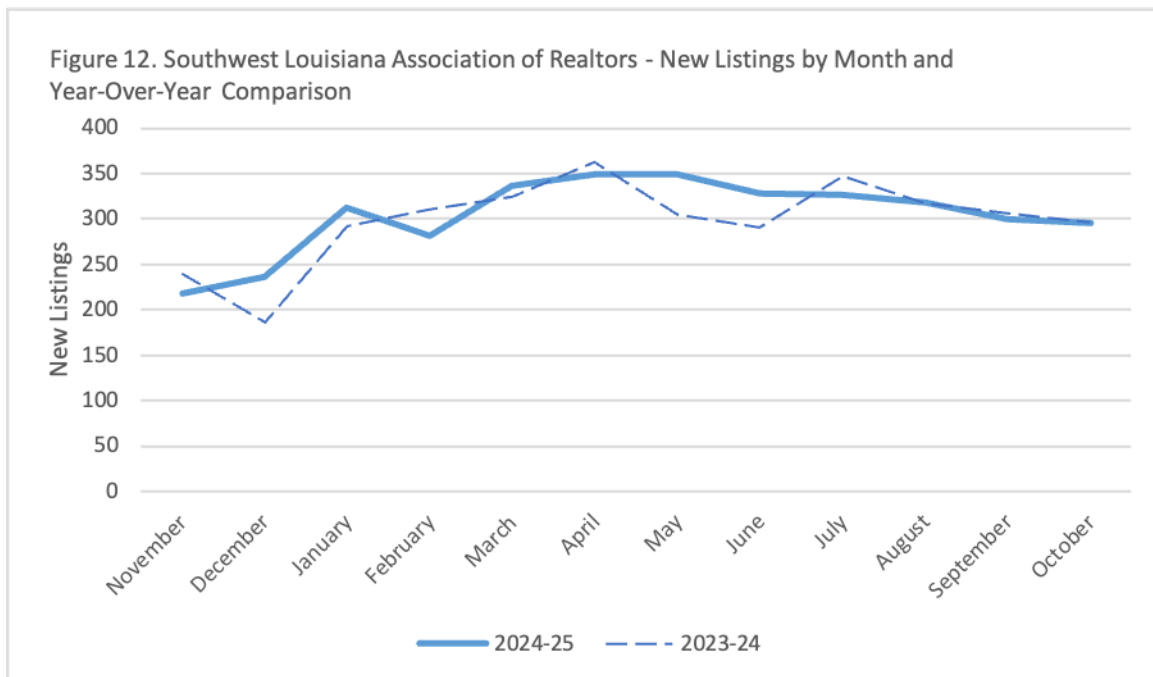


Figure 11. Realtor Association of Acadiana - New Listings by Month and Year-Over-Year Comparison





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;

and, although not included

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

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 13. Baton Rouge Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

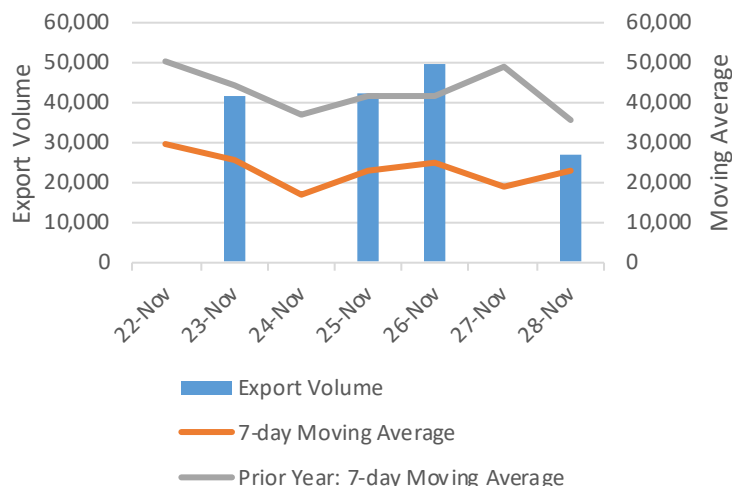


Figure 14. New Orleans Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

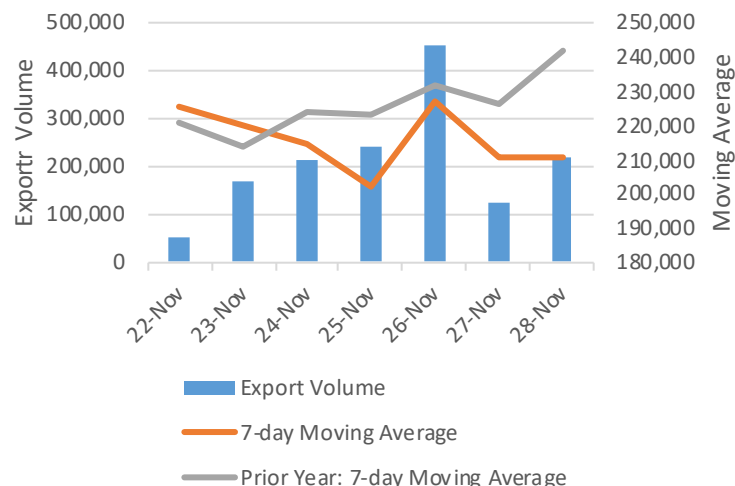


Figure 15. South Louisiana Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

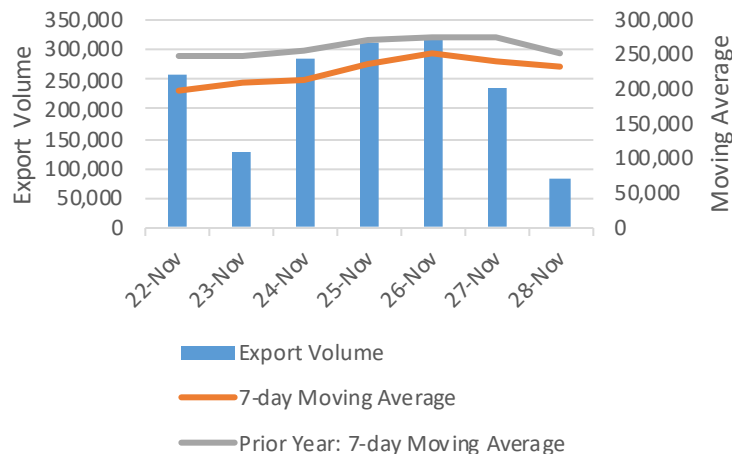


Figure 16. Lake Charles Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

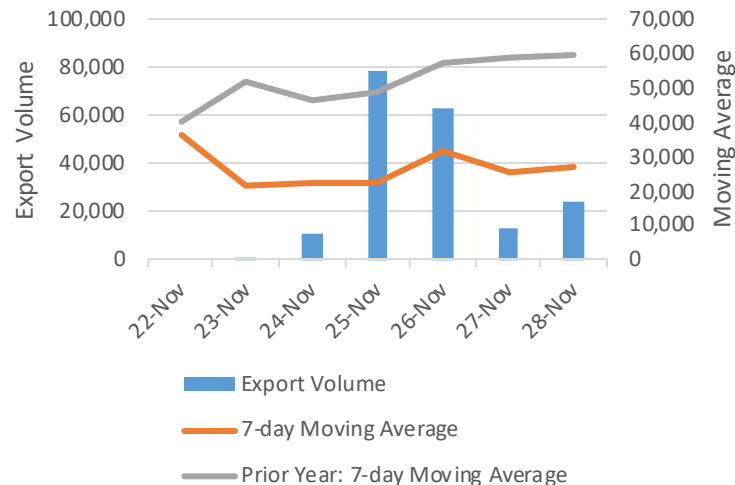


Figure 17. Plaquemines Port Export Volume, by Tonnage

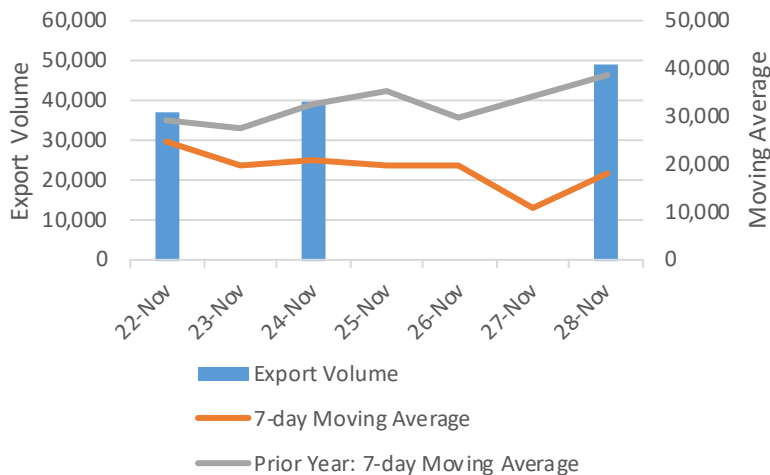


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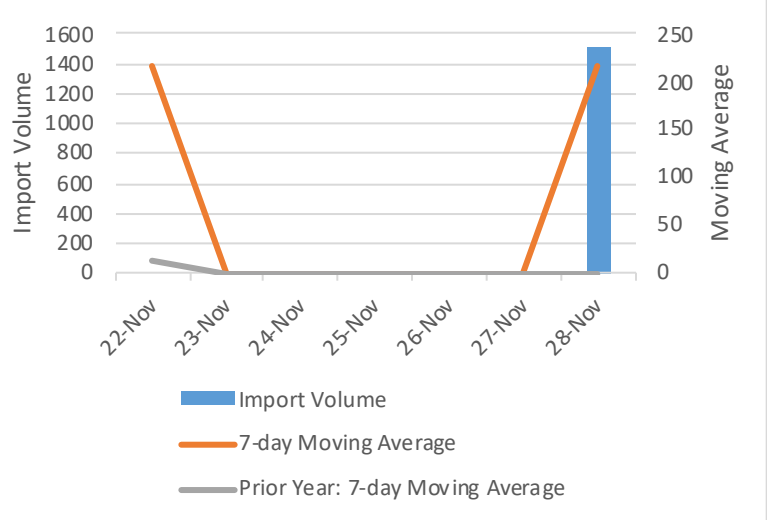


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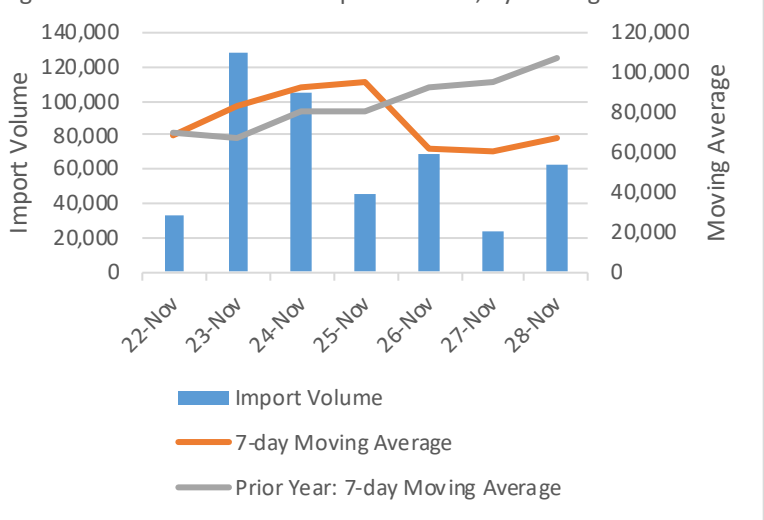


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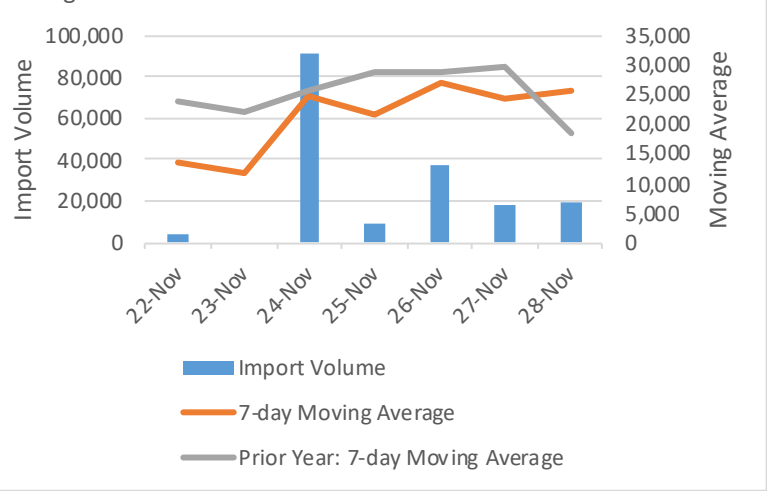


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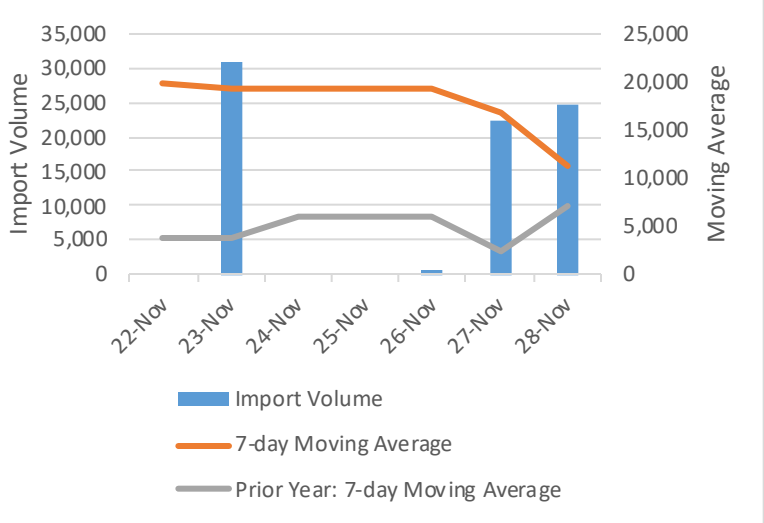


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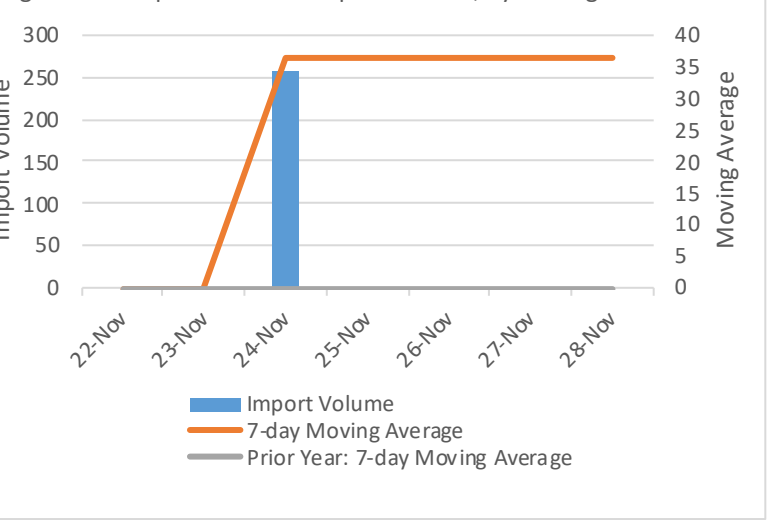


Figure 23. Baton Rouge Port Arrivals, by Type of Vessel

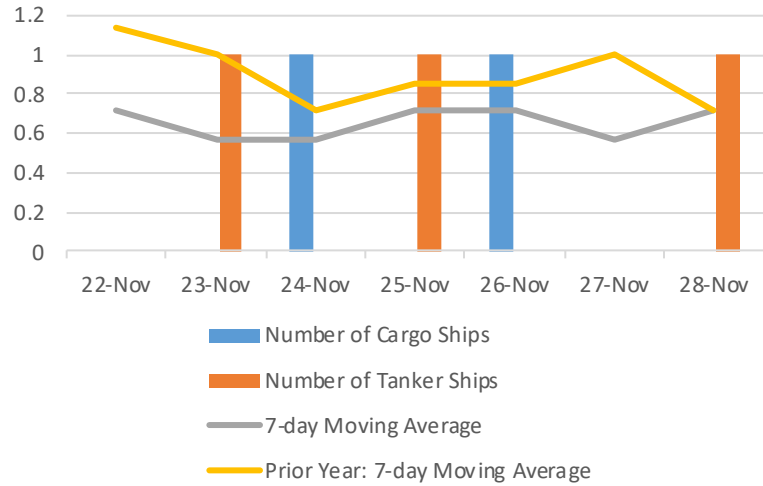


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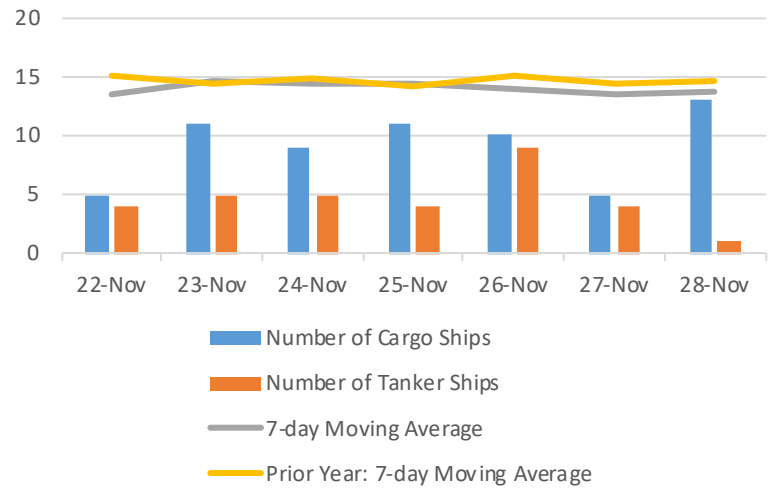


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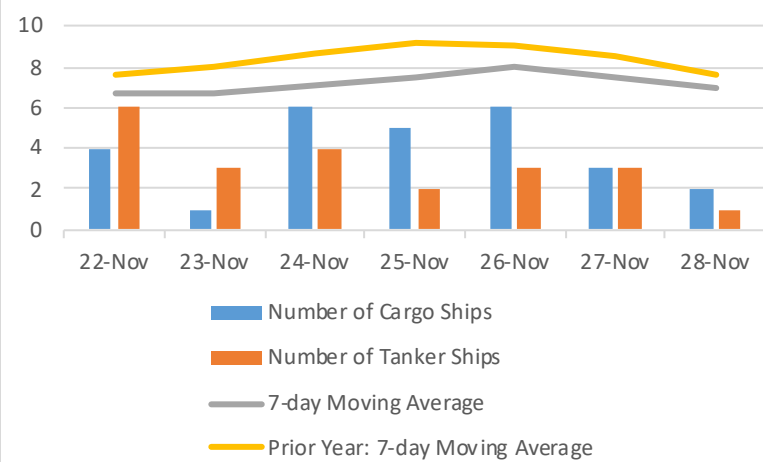


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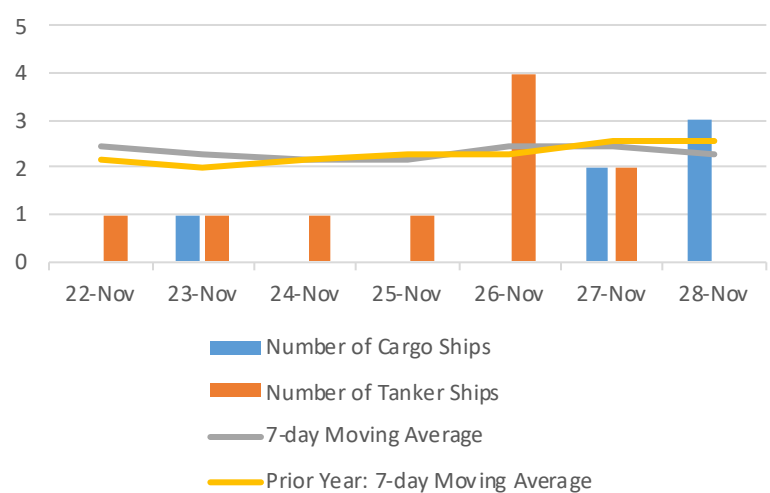
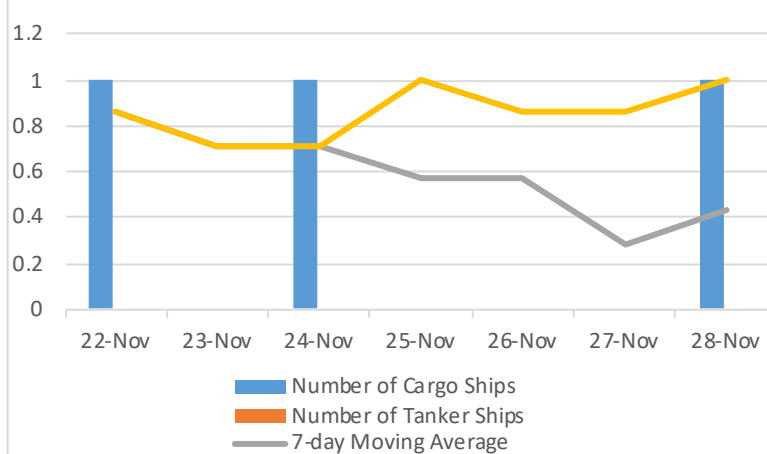


Figure 27. Plaquemines Port Arrivals, by Type of Vessel



5. 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.

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

Table 9. Louisiana and U.S. Oil & Gas Rig Counts					
Location	11/28/25	11/7/25	11/28/24	% Change	
				11/7 - 11/28	(YoY)
Louisiana (Total all areas)	43	45	37	-4.4%	16.2%
North - Land	30	30	22	-	36.4%
South Inland - Water	2	1	0	100.0%	200.0%
South Inland - Land	2	3	3	-33.3%	-33.3%
State Offshore	0	1	0	-100.0%	-
Louisiana Federal Offshore	9	10	12	-10.0%	-25.0%
U.S. Total	544	548	585	-0.7%	-7.0%
Source: State of Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources, reported by Baker Hughes.					

Table 10. Louisiana Monthly Oil and Gas Production					
Type	Sep-25	Aug-25	Sep-24	% Change	
				MoM	YoY
Crude Oil ¹	2,071	2,157	2,240	-4.0%	-7.5%
Natural Gas ²	311,662	336,064	276,420	-7.3%	12.7%
Note: ¹ Thousand Barrels; ² Million Cubic Feet Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration					

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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]	State JOLTS [Aug] Total Vehicle Sales [Nov]	ISM Services [Nov] Import Price Index [Sept] Industrial Production [Sept]		U. of Michigan Sentiment [Dec]	
7	8	JOLTS [Oct] NFIB Small Business [Nov]	Federal Budget [Nov] FOMC Statement	State Employment & Unemployment [Sept]	12	13
14	NAHB Index [Dec]	15 Employment [Nov]	16 Metro Area Employment & Unemployment [Sept]	17 CPI [Nov] Real Earnings [Nov]	18 Existing Home Sales [Nov] QCEW [Q2]	20
21	22 GDP [Q3 1 st] Consumer Confidence [Dec]	23	24	25	26	27
				Christmas Day [U.S. Markets Closed]		
28	Pending Home Sales [Nov]	29 S&P/C-S Home Prices [Oct]	30 FOMC Minutes [Dec]	31		