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U. S. real gross domestic product grew at a 3.1 percent annual rate during the first quarter of 2019. Year-over-year, 1Q2019 real GDP was 3.2 percent higher than in the first quarter of 2018.

Total civilian employment for the first quarter of 2019 rose 1.2 percent compared to the first quarter of 2018, while the labor force grew by 1.0 percent. This led to a decline in the unemployment rate from 4.1 percent in 1Q2018 to 3.9 percent in 1Q2019.

A survey of professional forecasters released in May 2019 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia projects U.S. Real GDP to grow by 2.6, 2.0, 1.9, and 2.3 percent in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, respectively.

Most of these forecasts are slightly higher than the same panel's March 2019 estimates of 2.4, 2.0, 1.8, and 2.1 percent in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, respectively.

EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted) **UNITED STATES (Numbers in Thousands)** Apr 18 May 18 Jun 18 **Jul 18 Aug 18** Sep 18 Oct 18 Nov 18 Dec 18 Jan 19 Feb 19 Mar 19 161,551 161,667 162,129 162,209 161,802 162,055 162,694 162,821 163,240 163,229 163,184 162,960 Labor Force 1.4% % Change vs Prior Year 0.9% 1.1% 1.3% 1.1% 0.7% 0.5% 1.4% 1.6% 1.3% 0.8% 0.8% Total Employment 155,216 155,539 155,592 155,964 155,604 156,069 156,582 156,803 156,945 156,694 156,949 156,748 % Change vs Prior Year 1.3% 1.6% 1.6% 1.3% 1.1% 1.8% 1.9% 1.9% 1.4% 1.1% 1.0% 1.7% Total Nonfarm Emp. 148,475 148,745 149,007 149,185 149,467 149,575 149,852 150,048 150,275 150,587 150,643 150,832 % Change vs Prior Year 1.6% 1.7% 1.7% 1.7% 1.7% 1.8% 1.8% 1.8% 1.8% 1.9% 1.7% 1.7% **Unemployment Rate** 3 9% 3.8% 4 0% 3.8% 3.8% 3 7% 3.8% 3.7% 3 9% 4 0% 3.8% 3.8% % Change vs Prior Year -0.5% -0.6% -0.3% -0.5% -0.6% -0.5% -0.3% -0.5% -0.2% -0.1% -0.3% -0.2% **Total Employment (000s)** 2QT-18 <u>3QT-18</u> 4QT-18 1QT-19 160,000 **Labor Force** 161,782 162,022 162,918 163,124 % Change vs Prior Year 1.1% 0.8% 1.5% 1.0% 157,500 Total Employment 155.449 155,879 156,777 156,797 155,000 % Change vs Prior Year 1.5% 1.3% 1.8% 1.2% 152,500 Total Nonfarm Emp. 148,742 149,409 150,058 150,687 % Change vs Prior Year 1.6% 1.7% 1.8% 1.8% **Unemployment Rate** 3.9% 3.8% 3.8% 3.9% Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec -0.4% -0.5% -0.4% -0.2% % Change vs Prior Year **——2017 ——2018 — — 2019** Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Total state employment for the first quarter of 2019 increased 0.2 percent from the previous quarter but fell 0.4 percent compared to 1Q2018.

The statewide labor force for 1Q2019 increased 0.1 percent over the previous quarter but declined 0.3 percent compared to 1Q2018.

The unemployment rate increased from 4.7 percent in 1Q2018 to 4.8 percent in 1Q2019.

Initial unemployment insurance claims in 1Q2019 were down 9.2 percent compared to 1Q2018, and continuing claims were down 14.8 percent.

Estimated statewide taxable retail sales (not including motor vehicles) in 1Q2019 fell 1.6 percent compared to 1Q2018.

Seasonally-adjusted state personal income in 4Q0218 (the latest data available) increased 1.1 percent from the previous quarter and 4.5 percent compared to 4Q2017. Year-over-year,

net earnings rose 4.8 percent, dividends, interest, and rent increased 3.2 percent, and personal transfer receipts rose by 4.6 percent.

Industries contributing the most year-over-year growth in earnings in 2018 were *Construction* (+\$1.4 billion), *Manufacturing* (+\$688 million), and *Health care and social assistance* (+\$580 million).

The only industries with year-over-year declines in earnings were *Management of companies and enterprises* (-\$246 million) and *Information* (-\$35 million).

On a percentage basis the largest gainers were Farm earnings (+35.0 percent), Mining (+11.7 percent), and Construction (+11.1 percent), with the decliners Management of companies and enterprises and Information down -9.6 and -2.0 percent, respectively.

EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted) LOUISIANA (Numbers in Thousands) Apr 18 May 18 <u>Jun 18</u> Jul 18 Aug 18 Sep 18 Oct 18 Nov 18 <u>Dec 18</u> <u>Jan 19</u> Feb 19 Mar 19 2,102 2,108 2,107 2,105 2,100 2,099 2,099 2,099 2,100 2,101 2,103 2,102 **Labor Force** -0.3% % Change vs Prior Year 0.3% 0.3% 0.2% 0.0% -0.1% -0.3% -0.4% -0.4% -0.4% -0.3% -0.2% **Total Employment** 2,004 2,002 1,999 1,997 1,996 1,996 1,997 1,997 1,997 1,999 2,000 2,003 0.3% -0.2% -0.5% -0.4% % Change vs Prior Year 0.8% 0.6% 0.0% -0.4% -0.6% -0.6% -0.5% -0.2% Total Nonfarm Emp. 1.982 1.981 1.981 1.982 1.986 1.986 1.987 1.984 1.982 1,984 1.981 1.985 0.5% 0.5% 0.0% % Change vs Prior Year 0.5% 0.3% 0.6% 0.7% 0.8% 0.8% 0.7% 0.5% 0.4% 4.9% **Unemployment Rate** 4.9% 5.0% 5.0% 5.0% 4.9% 4.9% 4.9% 4.9% 4.9% 4.9% 4.7% % Change vs Prior Year -0.5% -0.3% -0.1% 0.0% 0.1% 0.1% 0.2% 0.2% 0.3% 0.2% 0.1% -0.1% **Total Employment (000s)** <u> 2QT-</u>18 3QT-18 4QT-18 1QT-19 **Labor Force** 2,106 2,101 2,099 2,102 2,050 % Change vs Prior Year 0.3% -0.4% -0.1% -0.3% 2,025 **Total Employment** 2.002 1.997 1.997 2.001 2,000 % Change vs Prior Year 0.6% -0.2% -0.6% -0.4% Total Nonfarm Emp. 1,981 1,984 1,985 1,983 1,975 0.3% % Change vs Prior Year 0.4% 0.7% 0.7% 1.950 **Unemployment Rate** 5.0% 4.9% 4.9% 4.8% Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec % Change vs Prior Year -0.3% 0.1% 0.2% 0.1% 2017 --2018 **- -** 2019 Source: Louisiana Department of Labor, Labor Market Statistics

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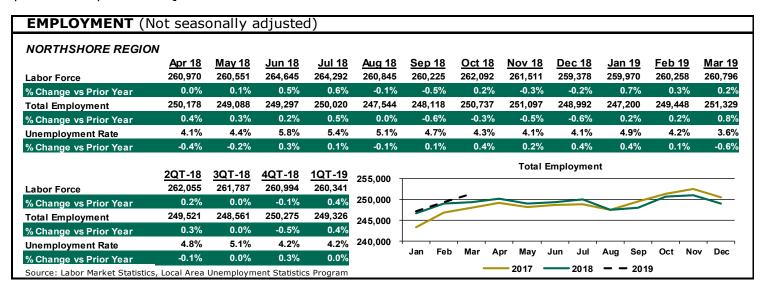
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Northshore Employment

Total employment among Northshore residents in 1Q2019 was down 0.4 percent from the prior quarter but up 0.4 percent over 1Q2018. The total civilian work force in 1Q2019 was down 0.2 percent from the prior quarter but also up 0.4 percent compared to 1Q2018.

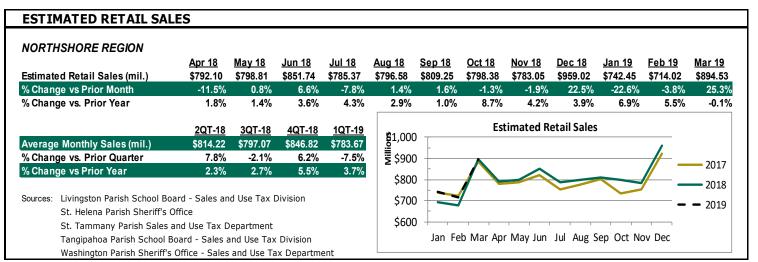
With both employment and the labor force increasing by 0.4 percent, the Northshore unemployment rate for 1Q2019 was unchanged from the 4.2 percent of 1Q2018 .



Northshore Estimated Retail Sales

Northshore retail sales for 1Q2019 averaged \$784 million per month, an increase of 3.7 percent compared to 1Q2018. Sales were unchanged in Livingston Parish and increased in the other four

parishes - ranging from 0.4 percent in Tangipahoa Parish to 12.0 percent in St. Helena. (Note: St. Helena's collections may have been increased by audit findings related to prior quarters.)

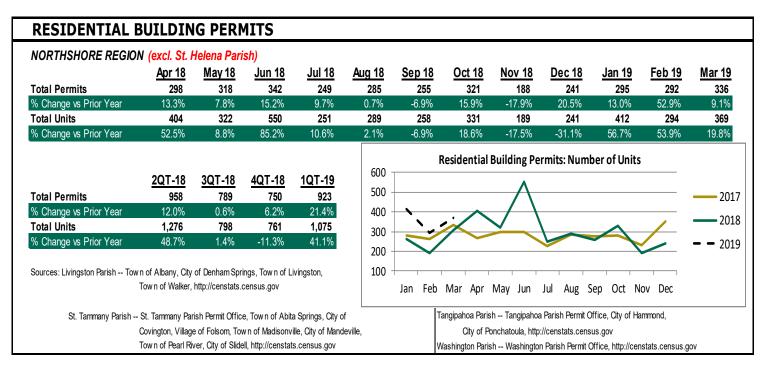


Northshore Residential Building Permits

The number of residential building permits issued in the Northshore region during 1Q2019 (excluding St. Helena Parish—for which data were not available) was up 21.4 percent compared to the first quarter of 2018, and the number of permitted units was up 41.1 percent.

Year-over-year permitted unit counts were down 25.0 percent in Washington Parish but up in the other three parishes — ranging from +0.5 percent in Livingston to +128.7 percent in Tangipahoa.

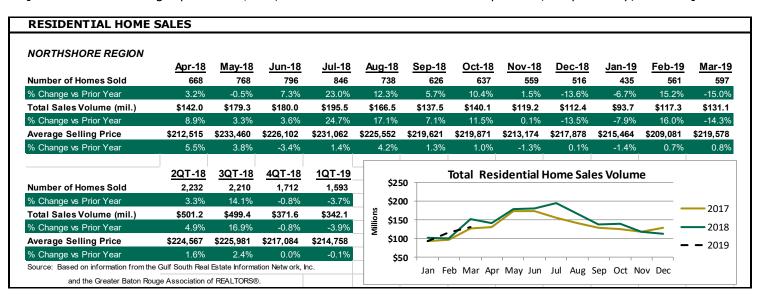
Permit counts for some parishes and municipalities are based on data reported to or estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau.



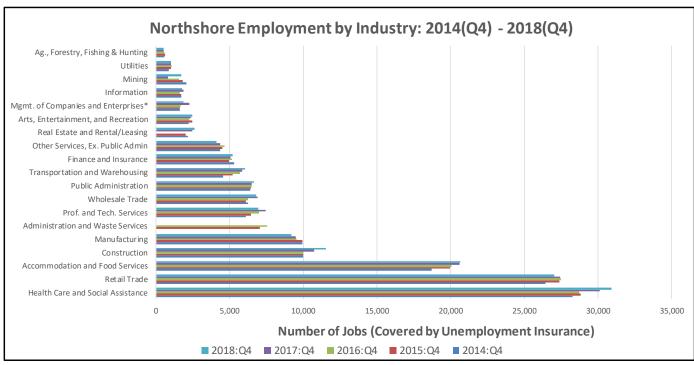
Northshore Residential Home Sales

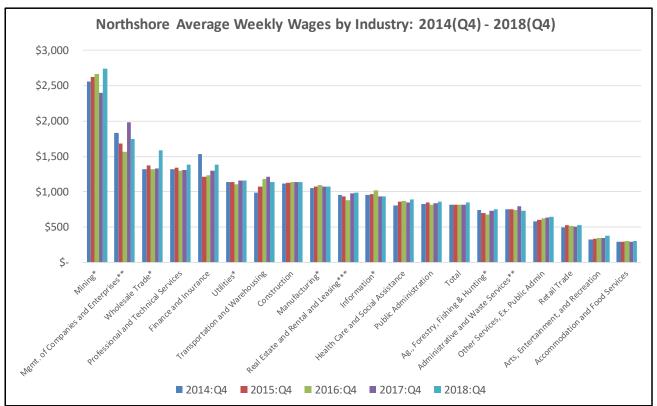
There were 1,593 Northshore homes sold during 1Q2019 at an average price of \$214,758. The

number sold and the average price were down 3.7 and 0.1 percent, respectively, from 1Q2018.



Northshore Employment and Average Weekly Wages by Industry: 2014(Q4) - 2018(Q4)





Data from Bureau of Labor Statistics: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

^{* -} Does not include St. Helena Parish; ** - based on data from St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes ONLY; *** - 2016Q4 based on data from St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington parishes ONLY

LOCAL

Livingston Parish

Both the number of employed Livingston Parish residents and the civilian labor force in 1Q2019 were unchanged from their levels in the first quarter of 2018.

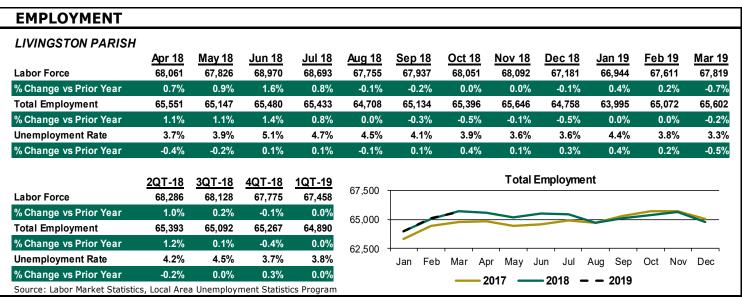
This resulted in the unemployment rate in 1Q2019 also being unchanged from the 3.8 percent of 1Q2018.

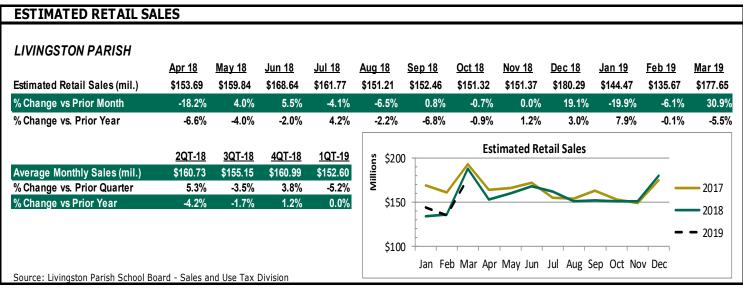
The value of taxable retail sales in 1Q2019 averaged \$152.6 million per month, unchanged from 1Q2018.

The number of residential building permits issued in 1Q2019 was up slightly (+0.5 percent) compared to the first quarter of 2018.

The number of homes sold in 1Q2019 was down 5.8 percent compared to 1Q2018, but the average price increased 7.5 percent to \$192,791, resulting in total residential sales volume increasing by 1.2 percent.

Livingston Parish residents purchased 1,260 new cars and light trucks in 1Q2019, down 10.1 percent from 1,402 in 1Q2018.





Livingston Parish—continued

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS LIVINGSTON PARISH <u>Aug</u> 18 Apr 18 May 18 Jun 18 Jul 18 Sep 18 Oct 18 **Nov 18** Dec 18 Jan 19 Feb 19 Mar 19 **Total Permits** 78 84 75 76 81 61 73 63 78 62 61 71 .4% 18.2% 3.7% 7.0% 11.0% 1.6% 1.3% 0.0% % Change vs Prior Yea 0.0% **Total Units** 75 83 63 73 9.9% 0.0% 1.4% % Change vs Prior Year 13.7% 32.2% 0.0% **Residential Building Permits: Number of Units** 2QT-18 3QT-18 4QT-18 1QT-19 120 194 **Total Permits** 237 218 214 % Change vs Prior 0.5% 2017 **Total Units** 237 224 214 194 70 2018 **-** 2019 Sources: City of Denham Springs, Town of Livingston, City of Walker, 20 http://censtats.census.gov. Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

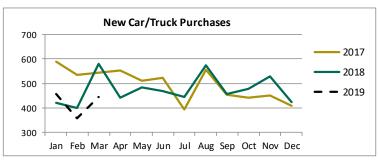
RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES LIVINGSTON PARISH Jan-19 Apr-18 May-18 Jun-18 <u>Jul-18</u> Aug-18 Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 **Dec-18** Feb-19 Mar-19 174 186 215 161 148 140 133 105 145 **Number of Homes Sold** 169 181 169 % Change vs Prior Year -8.6% 18.1% -5.3% -14.0% -19.4% -9.5% -10.1% Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$29.5 \$32.2 \$34.8 \$41.2 \$30.5 \$28.3 \$33.2 \$25.9 \$24.8 \$20.4 \$28.5 \$31.9 20.4% -18.4<u>%</u> -7.5% -13.8% 3 2% 24.8% -0.9% -13.9% 14.9% -3.3% % Change vs Prior Year -5.9% 17.6% \$177,500 Median Selling Price \$170,000 \$170,000 \$175,000 \$179,000 \$180,000 \$179,950 \$170,000 \$179,700 \$186,000 \$179,200 \$178,000 % Change vs Prior Year 1.8% -0.1% 2.6% 1.0% 3.0% -3.1% 6.9% 2.4% 4.5% 1.7% 3.7% 5 7% Number of Homes Sold per Month 2QT-18 3QT-18 4QT-18 1QT-19 250 **Number of Homes Sold** 524 454 419 529 2017 200 % Change vs Prior Year -6.5% 0.0% 3 4% -5.8% 2018 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$96.5 \$100.0 \$83.8 \$80.8 150 % Change vs Prior Year -5.8% 3.5% 4 2% 12% **-** 2019 100 Average Selling Price

\$182,378 \$184,632 \$190,914 \$192,791 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec % Change vs Prior Year Source: Based on information from the Greater Baton Rouge Association of REALTORS® and Gulf South Real Estate Information Network, Inc.

New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales LIVINGSTON PARISH **May 18** Jun 18 Jul 18 **Aug 18 Sep 18** Oct 18 **Nov 18 Dec 18** Jan 19 Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 18 New Car/Truck Purchases 485 469 446 575 478 457 357 443 456 528 423 446 % Change vs Prior Year -20.0% -5.3% -10.2% 13.5% 3.4% 0.7% 7.9% 17.3% 3.2% 8.3% -10.5% -23.2% **Purchases within Parish** 83 99 64 106 86 92 109 100 84 103 92 77 New Car/Truck Sales* 189 231 161 246 220 207 228 266 166 171 213 184 % Change vs Prior Year 133.3% 97.4% 42.5% 161.7% 64.2% 132.6% 65.2% 79.7% 37.2% 32.3% 33.6% -31.1% New Car/Truck Purchases 700

	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19
New Car/Truck Purchases	1,397	1,477	1,429	1,260
% Change vs Prior Year	-12.0%	5.3%	9.7%	-10.1%
Purchases within Parish	246	284	293	272
New Car/Truck Sales*	581	673	660	568
% Change vs Prior Year	86.8%	112.3%	62.2%	2.2%

Source: Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety (compiled by Dominion Cross-Sell)



^{* =} Includes only new vehicle sales within Louisiana

St. Helena Parish

Employment among St. Helena Parish residents in the first quarter of 2019 was unchanged compared to 1Q2018. The labor force contracted by 0.5 percent, leading to a decrease in the unemployment rate from 6.2 percent in 1Q2018 to 5.8 percent in 1Q2019.

Sales tax collections within St. Helena Parish in the first quarter of 2019 (including some audit assessments) grew 12.0 percent compared to 1Q2018.

Building permit data were not available for St. Helena Parish for 1Q2019.

There were three homes sold in St. Helena Parish in 1Q2019 at an average price of \$172,333. This was the same number sold in 1Q2018, but the average price was down 10.4 percent.

St. Helena Parish residents purchased 43 new cars and light trucks in 1Q2019, up 10.3 percent from 39 in 1Q2018.

ST. HELENA PARISH												
	<u> Apr 18</u>	May 18	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Aug 18</u>	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	<u>Jan 19</u>	Feb 19	<u>Mar 19</u>
Labor Force	4,314	4,320	4,439	4,412	4,347	4,318	4,325	4,314	4,269	4,264	4,283	4,274
% Change vs Prior Year	0.6%	0.8%	1.4%	0.7%	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.3%	-0.5%	-1.3%
Total Employment	4,067	4,050	4,071	4,066	4,016	4,039	4,058	4,069	4,013	3,969	4,041	4,073
% Change vs Prior Year	0.9%	0.8%	1.0%	0.5%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.3%	0.0%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.2%	-0.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	6.3%	8.3%	7.8%	7.6%	6.5%	6.2%	5.7%	6.0%	6.9%	5.7%	4.7%
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	-0.6%	-1.0%
	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19	4,250	_		Total I	Employme	nt		
Labor Force	4,358	4,359	4,303	4,274	,,							
% Change vs Prior Year	0.9%	0.1%	0.0%	-0.5%	4,000							
Total Employment	4,063	4,040	4,047	4,028	,							
% Change vs Prior Year	0.9%	0.0%	-0.3%	0.0%	3,750	<u> </u>				, ,		
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.3%	5.9%	5.8%	3,700	Jan Fel	b Mar A	Apr May	Jun Jul	Aug Se	p Oct N	ov Dec
% Change vs Prior Year	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	-0.5%				2017	201		2019	

ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES ST. HELENA PARISH Apr 18 May 18 Jun 18 <u>Jul 18</u> Aug 18 Sep 18 Oct 18 Nov 18 <u>Dec 18</u> <u>Jan 19</u> Feb 19 Mar 19 \$5.19 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$5.81 \$5.87 \$6.65 \$5.81 \$6.17 \$8.00 \$6.47 \$5.51 \$7.92 \$6.06 \$7.54 % Change vs Prior Month 1.2% -14.4% 13.2% -12.7% 6.3% 29.7% -19.1% -14.8% 43.7% -23.5% -14.4% 45.3% -9.2% 15.2% 11.7% 22.9% % Change vs. Prior Year -30.9% 1.0% 8.3% -9.1% 24.6% 5.0% 2.6% 11.1% **Estimated Retail Sales** 2QT-18 3QT-18 4QT-18 1QT-19 \$12 Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$6.66 \$6.63 \$6.11 \$6.26 \$10 % Change vs. Prior Quarter 9.3% 9.0% -0.4% -5.6% 2017 % Change vs Prior Year -14.6% 10.3% \$8 7.6% 12.0% 2018 \$6 2019 \$4 Source: St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

St. Helena Parish—continued

Building permit data not available.

RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES ST HELENA PARISH Apr-18 May-18 <u>Jun-18</u> <u>Jul-18</u> <u>Aug-18</u> Sep-18 Oct-18 Nov-18 **Dec-18** Jan-19 Feb-19 Number of Homes Sold % Change vs Prior Year 200.0% -100.0% #DIV/0! -50.0% -50.0% 0.0% 200.0% #DIV/0! #DIV/0! -100.0% #DIV/0! 0.0% Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$0.2 \$0.0 \$0.1 \$0.5 \$0.2 \$0.0 \$0.5 \$0.0 \$0.4 \$0.0 \$0.1 \$0.4 % Change vs Prior Year 60.7% -100.0% #DIV/0! 255.5% -6.8% -80.8% 1463.4% #DIV/0! #DIV/0! -100.0% #DIV/0! 11.3% \$53,833 \$151,133 #DIV/0! \$202,500 Average Selling Price #DIV/0! \$95,000 \$455,000 \$245,000 \$25,000 #DIV/0! \$75,000 \$221,000 % Change vs Prior Year -46.4% -80.8% #DIV/0! #DIV/0! 610.9% 86.3% 421.1% #DIV/0! #DIV/0! #DIV/0! 11.3% #DIV/0! Number of Homes Sold per Month 2QT-18 3QT-18 4QT-18 1QT-19 4 **Number of Homes Sold** 2017 % Change vs Prior Year 0.0% -40.0% 400.0% 0.0% 2018 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$0.3 \$0.7 \$0.9 \$0.5 % Change vs Prior Year -62.9% 39.2% 2860.0% -10.4% 2019 \$64,125 **Average Selling Price** \$241,667 \$171,680 \$172,333 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec -62.9% 492.0% -10.4% % Change vs Prior Year 131.9% Source: Based on information from the Greater Baton Rouge Association of REALTORS® and Gulf South Real Estate Information Network, Inc.

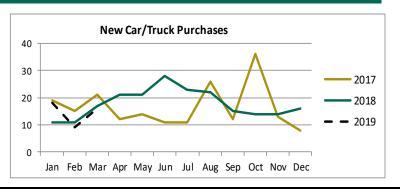
New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales

ST. HELENA PARISH

	<u> Apr 18</u>	May 18	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	Mar 19
New Car/Truck Purchases	21	21	28	23	22	15	14	14	16	18	9	16
% Change vs Prior Year	75.0%	50.0%	154.5%	109.1%	-15.4%	25.0%	-61.1%	7.7%	100.0%	63.6%	-18.2%	-5.9%
Purchases within Parish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Car/Truck Sales*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Change vs Prior Year	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19
New Car/Truck Purchases	70	60	44	43
% Change vs Prior Year	89.2%	22.4%	-22.8%	10.3%
Purchases within Parish	0	0	0	0
New Car/Truck Sales*	0	0	0	0
% Change vs Prior Year	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety (compiled by Dominion Cross-Sell)



^{* =} Includes only new vehicle sales within Louisiana

St. Tammany Parish

Both the number of employed St. Tammany Parish residents and the civilian labor force in 1Q2019 increased by 0.7 percent compared to 1Q2018. The unemployment rate declined slightly from 3.9 percent in 1Q2018 to 3.8 percent in 1Q2019.

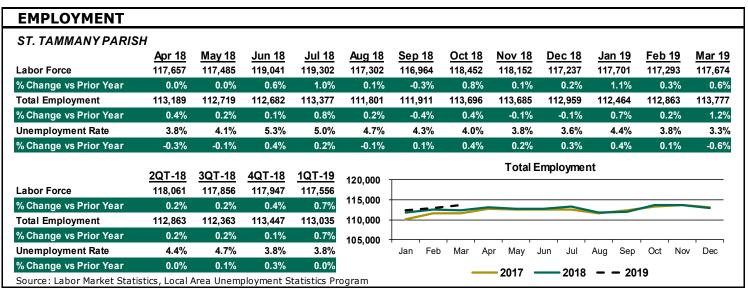
The value of taxable retail sales in St. Tammany Parish averaged \$407.2 million per month in 1Q2019, an increase of 6.3 percent compared to the first quarter of 2018.

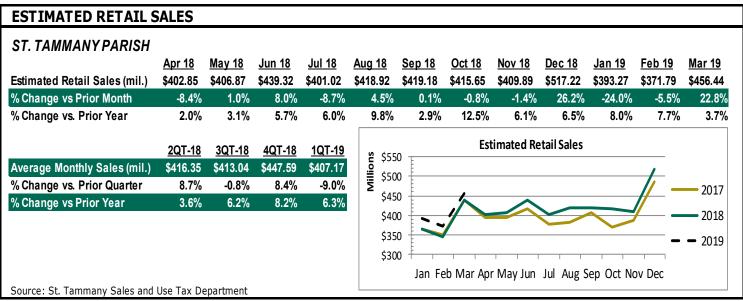
Building permits for residential units in 1Q2019 increased by 39.9 percent from the previous

quarter and were up 23.7 percent compared to the first quarter of 2018.

The number of homes sold in St. Tammany Parish in 1Q2019 was down 4.9 percent compared to 1Q2018 and the average selling price declined by 1.1 percent, leading to a 5.9 percent drop in total residential sales volume.

St. Tammany Parish residents purchased 2,917 cars and light trucks in 1Q2019, down 2.5 percent from 2,992 in 1Q2018. Approximately 58.0 percent of purchases in 1Q2019 were from dealers within St. Tammany Parish.





St. Tammany Parish—continued

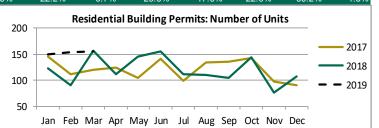
ST. TAMMANY PARISH

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS

	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19
Total Permits	110	144	155	112	110	105	144	76	107	149	153	155
% Change vs Prior Year	-11.3%	37.1%	9.9%	13.1%	-17.9%	-20.5%	0.7%	-21.6%	17.6%	23.1%	68.1%	-1.3%
Total Units	111	145	155	112	110	105	144	77	107	150	154	155
% Change vs Prior Year	-10.5%	38.1%	9.9%	13.1%	-17.9%	-22.2%	0.7%	-20.6%	17.6%	22.0%	69.2%	-1.3%

	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19
Total Permits	409	327	327	457
% Change vs Prior Year	10.5%	-10.4%	-1.2%	23.8%
Total Units	411	327	328	459
% Change vs Prior Year	11.1%	-11.1%	-0.9%	23.7%

Sources: St. Tammany Parish Permit Office, Town of Abita Springs, City of Covington, Village of Folsom, Town of Madisonville, City of Mandeville, Town of Pearl River, City of Slidell, http://censtats.census.gov (some data estimated)



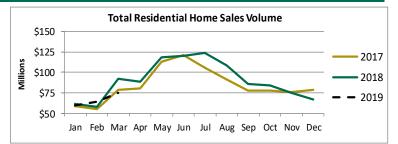
RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

	<u> Apr-18</u>	May-18	<u>Jun-18</u>	<u>Jul-18</u>	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	<u>Jan-19</u>	Feb-19	<u>Mar-19</u>
Number of Homes Sold	364	438	461	449	414	351	324	309	264	243	268	290
% Change vs Prior Year	5.2%	1.6%	3.1%	12.3%	13.4%	11.8%	2.2%	1.3%	-12.9%	3.8%	13.1%	-21.8%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$88.9	\$118.7	\$119.7	\$123.3	\$108.2	\$86.1	\$84.0	\$74.8	\$66.7	\$59.7	\$64.1	\$75.3
% Change vs Prior Year	10.4%	5.2%	-0.7%	16.7%	18.2%	10.8%	7.8%	-1.8%	-14.9%	-3.0%	11.2%	-18.5%
Average Selling Price	\$244,340	\$271,035	\$259,727	\$274,587	\$261,345	\$245,420	\$259,210	\$241,926	\$252,682	\$245,691	\$239,361	\$259,681
% Change vs Prior Year	4.9%	3.5%	-3.7%	4.0%	4.2%	-0.9%	5.5%	-3.1%	-2.3%	-6.6%	-1.7%	4.2%

	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19						
Number of Homes Sold	1,263	1,214	897	801						
% Change vs Prior Year	3.2%	12.5%	-3.0%	-4.9%						
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$327.4	\$317.6	\$225.4	\$199.2						
% Change vs Prior Year	4.2%	15.5%	-3.0%	-5.9%						
Average Selling Price	\$259,214	\$261,638	\$251,335	\$248,638						
% Change vs Prior Year	1.0%	2.7%	0.0%	-1.1%						
Source: Based on information from the Gulf South Real Estate Information Network, Inc.										

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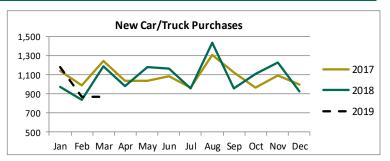
New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

	<u> Apr 18</u>	<u>May 18</u>	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Aug 18</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>	Oct 18	<u>Nov 18</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	<u>Mar 19</u>
New Car/Truck Purchases	982	1,181	1,162	952	1,431	953	1,103	1,223	924	1,176	870	871
% Change vs Prior Year	-4.8%	13.9%	7.6%	-0.8%	9.3%	-15.1%	14.5%	11.9%	-7.1%	21.2%	4.4%	-26.7%
Purchases within Parish	574	705	728	561	860	563	689	756	556	710	525	458
New Car/Truck Sales*	912	1,109	1,144	889	1,393	869	1,056	1,222	874	1,066	859	746
% Change vs Prior Year	-9.3%	14.3%	13.2%	2.1%	10.1%	-19.6%	22.6%	21.7%	-2.2%	22.8%	16.4%	-30.1%

	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19
New Car/Truck Purchases	3,325	3,336	3,250	2,917
% Change vs Prior Year	5.6%	-1.7%	6.5%	-2.5%
Purchases within Parish	2,007	1,984	2,001	1,693
New Car/Truck Sales*	3,165	3,151	3,152	2,671
% Change vs Prior Year	6.0%	-2.1%	14.2%	-0.1%

Source: Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety (compiled by Dominion Cross-Sell)



^{* =} Includes only new vehicle sales within Louisiana

Tangipahoa Parish

The number of employed Tangipahoa Parish residents and the civilian labor force in 1Q2019 were both unchanged from their levels in 1Q2018, causing the unemployment rate to also be unchanged at 5.1 percent for both 1Q2018 and 1Q2019.

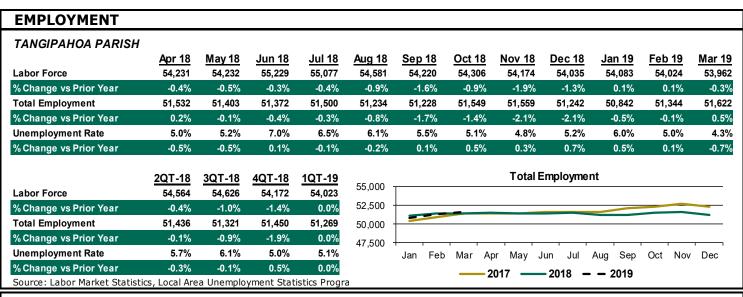
The value of taxable retail sales in 1Q2019 averaged \$178.3 million per month, an increase of 0.4 percent compared to 1Q2018.

The number of residential construction units permitted in 102019 was up 128.7 percent compared

to 1Q2018, bolstered by several multi-unit apartment complexes.

The number of homes sold in Tangipahoa Parish in 1Q2019 declined by 0.9 percent compared to 1Q2018, while the average selling price decreased by 4.1 percent, leading to a decline in total residential sales volume of 5.0 percent.

Tangipahoa Parish residents purchased 1,114 light vehicles in 1Q2019, down 4.0 percent from 1,161 in 1Q2018. Approximately 50.8 percent of purchases in 1Q2019 were from dealers within Tangipahoa Parish.



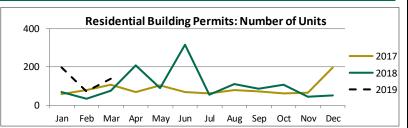
ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES TANGIPAHOA PARISH Apr 18 May 18 <u>Jun 18</u> <u>Jul 18</u> <u>Aug 18</u> Sep 18 Oct 18 Nov 18 <u>Dec 18</u> <u>Jan 19</u> Feb 19 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$186.46 \$188.37 \$193.71 \$179.10 \$181.12 \$186.16 \$187.36 \$180.32 \$203.72 \$166.23 \$165.57 \$203.13 % Change vs Prior Month -14.2% 1.0% 2.8% -7.5% 1.1% 2.8% 0.6% -3.8% 13.0% -18.4% -0.4% 22.7% 2.5% 6.2% -0.1% -5.9% -0.9% % Change vs. Prior Year 2.5% 0.3% 9.6% 1.1% 5.0% 5.4% -6.5% **Estimated Retail Sales** 2QT-18 3QT-18 4QT-18 1QT-19 **§** \$250 Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$189.51 \$182.13 \$190.47 \$178.31 \$200 -3.9% % Change vs. Prior Quarter 6.7% 4.6% -6.4% 2017 % Change vs Prior Year 3.7% -2.0% 3.0% 0.4% 2018 \$150 **-** 2019 \$100 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Source: Sales Tax Division of the Tangipahoa Parish School System

Tangipahoa Parish—continued

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS TANGIPAHOA PARISH Apr 18 <u>Jun 18</u> <u>Jul 18</u> <u>Jan 19</u> May 18 <u>Aug 18</u> <u>Sep 18</u> Oct 18 Nov 18 **Dec 18** Feb 19 Mar 19 **Total Permits** 109 Total Units 208 88 317 55 111 45 73 87 105 50 197 137 82.7%

	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19
Total Permits	297	250	190	257
% Change vs Prior Year	24.8%	18.5%	11.8%	44.4%
Total Units	613	253	200	407
% Change vs Prior Year	154.4%	18.8%	-37.9%	128.7%

Source: Tangipahoa Parish Permit Office, City of Hammond Permit Office, City of Ponchatoula Permit Office, http://censtats.census.gov



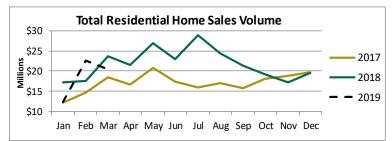
RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

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	Apr-18	May-18	<u>Jun-18</u>	<u>Jul-18</u>	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	<u>Jan-19</u>	Feb-19	<u>Mar-19</u>
Number of Homes Sold	120	142	129	162	139	111	106	98	109	72	131	112
% Change vs Prior Year	20.0%	26.8%	29.0%	82.0%	37.6%	22.0%	11.6%	-6.7%	-4.4%	-28.0%	42.4%	-11.1%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$21.6	\$26.9	\$23.0	\$28.9	\$24.3	\$21.4	\$19.2	\$17.1	\$19.6	\$12.4	\$22.6	\$20.5
% Change vs Prior Year	29.8%	30.0%	32.3%	80.5%	43.2%	35.7%	6.1%	-8.6%	-0.6%	-27.8%	28.6%	-13.4%
Average Selling Price	\$179,911	\$189,527	\$178,277	\$178,384	\$175,159	\$192,499	\$181,563	\$174,592	\$179,686	\$172,400	\$172,794	\$182,786
% Change vs Prior Year	8.2%	2.6%	2.6%	-0.8%	4.0%	11.3%	-4.9%	-2.1%	3.9%	0.3%	-9.7%	-2.6%

	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19
Number of Homes Sold	391	412	313	315
% Change vs Prior Year	25.3%	46.6%	-0.3%	-0.9%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$71.5	\$74.6	\$55.9	\$55.5
% Change vs Prior Year	30.7%	53.0%	-1.1%	-5.0%
Average Selling Price	\$182,864	\$181,099	\$178,727	\$176,256
% Change vs Prior Year	4.3%	4.4%	-0.8%	-4.1%
Source: Based on information from	the Gulf South	Real Estate In	formation Netv	v ork, Inc.

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New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales

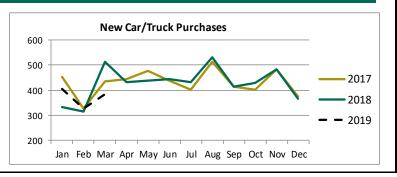
TANGIPAHOA PARISH

	Apr 18	May 18	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	<u>Jan 19</u>	<u>Feb 19</u>	Mar 19
New Car/Truck Purchases	433	437	444	431	531	415	430	483	366	404	327	383
% Change vs Prior Year	-2.5%	-8.6%	1.4%	6.9%	3.7%	0.0%	7.2%	0.2%	-2.7%	21.3%	3.8%	-25.3%
Purchases within Parish	225	227	234	243	270	219	213	241	201	199	157	210
New Car/Truck Sales*	409	450	424	440	520	410	420	453	404	402	299	428
% Change vs Prior Year	-14.3%	-5.7%	-5.1%	9.5%	1.0%	-7.2%	2.4%	6.8%	9.5%	12.3%	-2.9%	-3.6%

	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19
New Car/Truck Purchases	1,314	1,377	1,279	1,114
% Change vs Prior Year	-3.4%	3.5%	1.6%	-4.0%
Purchases within Parish	686	732	655	566
New Car/Truck Sales*	1,283	1,370	1,277	1,129
% Change vs Prior Year	-8.4%	0.8%	6.2%	1.7%
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Source: Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety (compiled by Dominion Cross-Sell)

* = Includes only new vehicle sales within Louisiana



Washington Parish

The number of employed Washington Parish residents in the first quarter of 2019 increased by 1.3 percent compared to 1Q2018.

The labor force increased by a larger 1.6 percent, resulting in an increase in the unemployment rate from 5.2 percent in 1Q2018 to 5.4 percent in 1Q2019.

Taxed retail sales in Washington Parish averaged \$39.3 million in 1Q2019, an increase of 7.1 percent over 1Q2018.

Building permits for 15 homes were issued in

1Q2019, down 25.0 percent from 20 in 1Q2018.

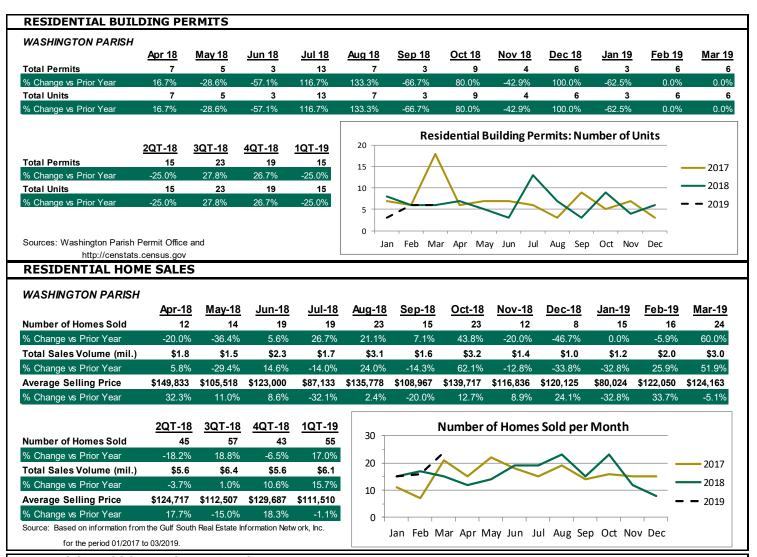
The number of Washington Parish homes sold in 1Q2019 was 17.0 percent higher than 1Q2018, but the average sales price declined by 1.1 percent, resulting in a year-over-year increase in total residential sales volume of 15.7 percent.

Washington Parish residents purchased 291 new cars and light trucks in 1Q2019, up 7.4 percent from 271 in 1Q2018.

EMPLOYMENT												
WASHINGTON PARISH												
	Apr 18	May 18	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	<u>Jan 19</u>	Feb 19	<u>Mar 19</u>
Labor Force	16,707	16,688	16,966	16,808	16,860	16,786	16,958	17,024	16,912	16,978	17,047	17,067
% Change vs Prior Year	-2.0%	-0.6%	-1.4%	-0.4%	1.1%	0.6%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.4%	1.2%	1.2%	2.2%
Total Employment	15,839	15,769	15,692	15,644	15,785	15,806	16,038	16,138	16,020	15,930	16,128	16,255
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.5%	-0.5%	-2.3%	-0.6%	1.2%	0.5%	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.5%	0.4%	0.7%	2.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.5%	7.5%	6.9%	6.4%	5.8%	5.4%	5.2%	5.3%	6.2%	5.4%	4.8%
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.9%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	-0.6%
	2QT-18	3QT-18	4QT-18	1QT-19				Total	Employme	ent		
Labor Force	16,787	16,818	16,965	17,031	16,500							
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.3%	0.4%	0.3%	1.6%	16,000							
Total Employment	15,767	15,745	16,065	16,104	15,500							
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.4%	0.4%	-0.4%	1.3%	15,000							
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.4%	5.3%	5.4%	10,000	Jan Feb	Mar A	pr May	Jun Jul	Aug Sep	Oct No	v Dec
% Change vs Prior Year	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.2%				2017 —	- 2018 -	– 2019	1	
Source: Labor Market Statistics,	Local Area	Unemployn	nent Statisti	cs Program			•	LVII	2010	2013	•	

ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES WASHINGTON PARISH Apr 18 <u>May 18</u> <u>Jun 18</u> **Jul 18** <u>Aug 18</u> Sep 18 Oct 18 Nov 18 **Dec 18** <u>Jan 19</u> Feb 19 Mar 19 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$43.29 \$37.85 \$43.42 \$37.67 \$39.15 \$43.45 \$37.58 \$35.95 \$49.87 \$32.42 \$35.80 \$49.78 -13.2% -13.5% % Change vs Prior Month -0.4% -12.6% 14.7% 3.9% 11.0% -4.3% 38.7% -35.0% 10.4% 39.1% 1.4% 1.0% % Change vs. Prior Year 5.1% 12.1% 7.7% 13.1% 6.7% 10.9% -1.8% 6.3% 14.5% 24.1% **Estimated Retail Sales** 2QT-18 3QT-18 4QT-18 1QT-19 Millions \$60 \$41.52 \$40.09 \$41.13 \$39.33 Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$50 2017 % Change vs. Prior Quarter 13.1% -3.4% 2.6% -4.4% \$40 % Change vs Prior Year 13.6% 7.4% 5.4% 7.1% 2018 \$30 2019 Source: Washington Parish Sheriff's Office - Sales and Use Tax Department. \$20 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Washington Parish—continued



New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales

WASHINGTON PARISH

	Apr 18	May 18	<u>Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul 18</u>	<u>Aug 18</u>	<u>Sep 18</u>	Oct 18	Nov 18	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan 19</u>	Feb 19	Mar 19
New Car/Truck Purchases	107	128	113	97	151	69	113	124	84	113	91	87
% Change vs Prior Year	2.9%	18.5%	6.6%	21.3%	7.9%	-35.5%	27.0%	33.3%	-21.5%	41.3%	9.6%	-19.4%
Purchases within Parish*	-	-	-	-	-					-	-	
New Car/Truck Sales*												
% Change vs Prior Year*												

 New Car/Truck Purchases
 348
 317
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 291

 % Change vs Prior Year
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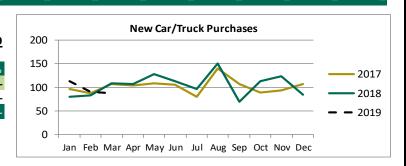
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Source: Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety (compiled by Dominion Cross-Sell)

* = Data not disclosed due to confidentiality concerns.



SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Sustainability earns national, state recognition

Southeastern Louisiana University's Sustainability Center has been recognized by the Environmental Leadership Program national organization for its pollution prevention and commitment to environmental protection. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Chuck Carr Brown, who served on the selection committee, will present the award to Southeastern Physical Plant Director Byron Patterson and Sustainability Manager Alejandro Martinez in Baton Rouge at the ELP Awards ceremony.

Southeastern has been focusing on conservation efforts, from the new geothermal energy projects on campus to wind turbines at Southeastern's Sustainability Center. The center was created in order to save operating dollars and reduce waste going to landfills, while at the same time providing an invaluable learning component for students involved in energy, mechanical and construction engineering technology.

"Southeastern's newest residence halls, Ascension Hall and Twelve Oaks Hall, draw from 220 geothermal wells situated 300 feet underground to heat and cool 556 rooms," Martinez said. "The earth is used as a heat source in winter and as heat storage in summer. Geothermal production involves no combustion and creates zero air emissions as gases removed from the wells are returned into the ground after giving up their heat without exposure to the atmosphere."

In addition to environmental benefits, Martinez explained, the geothermal hybrid system will significantly cut down on heating and cooling costs. "Over time, it is projected that savings greater than 50 percent will be captured on energy expenses compared to a traditional method and build," he said.

Since beginning single-stream recycling in 2012, the university has recycled 255.94 tons of paper, plastics and metal cans, and approximately 99.185 tons of cardboard. And, since collaborating with Print Cartridge Recyclers of America in 2014, the university has collected approximately 5.17 tons of used print cartridges and packaging for recycling.

For more information about Southeastern's Sustainability Center, go to www.southeastern.edu/sustainability. (Article courtesy of Southeastern Louisiana University's Office of Communications and Creative Services.)







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