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U. S. real gross domestic product increased at a 33.1 percent annual rate during the third quarter of 2020. Year-over-year, 3Q2020 real GDP was 2.9 percent lower than in the third quarter of 2019.

Total civilian employment for the third quarter of 2020 decreased 7.4 percent compared to 3Q2019. The labor force declined by 2.1 percent, resulting in an increase in the unemployment rate from 3.6 percent in 3Q2019 to 8.8 percent in 3Q2020.

A survey of a panel of economists by the National Association for Business

EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted)

Economics (NABE) released in October 2020 projects U.S. Real GDP to grow at an annual rate of 4.9 percent in the fourth quarter, resulting in a year-over-year decline of 3.8 percent compared to 4Q2019.

An October news release from Wells Fargo Securities forecasts Real GDP to grow at an annualized rate of 6.1 percent in the fourth quarter, also resulting in a 3.8 percent decline for all of 2020.

Wells Fargo forecasts GDP growth rates of 4.4 percent in 2021 and 2.7 percent in 2022.

6.5%

4.8%

UNITED STATES (Numbers in Thousands) Oct 19 Nov 19 Dec 19 Jan 20 Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Aug 20 **Labor Force** 164,401 164,347 164.556 164,606 164.546 162.913 156,481 158.227 159.932 159.870 160.838 % Change vs Prior Year 0.9% 0.0% -3.7% -2.8% 158,544 158,536 158,803 158,714 158,759 155,772 133,403 137,242 142,182 143.532 147,288 **Total Employment** 1.3% % Change vs Prior Year 1.3% 1.2% 1.3% 1.2% -0.6% -14.9% -12.5% -9.5% -8.8% Total Nonfarm Emp. 151,553 151,814 151,998 152,212 152.463 151,090 130,303 133,028 137,809 139,570 141,063 % Change vs Prior Year 1.3% 1.4% 1.4% 1.4% 1.6% 0.5% -13.4% -11.7% -8.6% -7.5% 3.6% 10.2% **Unemployment Rate** 3.6% 3.5% 3.5% 3.5% 4.4% 14.7% 13.3% 11.1%

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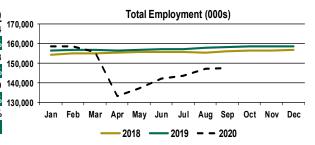
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	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20
Labor Force	164,435	164,022	158,213	160,284
% Change vs Prior Year	1.0%	0.6%	-2.8%	-2.1%
Total Employment	158,628	157,748	137,609	146,128
% Change vs Prior Year	1.3%	0.6%	-12.3%	-7.4%
Total Nonfarm Emp.	151,788	151,922	133,713	140,789
% Change vs Prior Year	1.4%	1.2%	-11.2%	-6.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.8%	13.0%	8.8%
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.2%	0.0%	9.4%)
Source: II S Bureau of La	hor Statistic	·c		

-0.2%

% Change vs Prior Year

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Sep 20

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-2.4%

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4.3%

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Total state employment for the third quarter of 2020 increased 9.7 percent from the previous quarter but was down 5.3 percent compared to 3Q2019.

When analyzed by industry, percentage changes in employment year-over-year (in ascending order) were:

Y-o-Y Change
-20.4 percent
-18.7 percent
-18.7 percent
-14.7 percent
-10.3 percent
- 8.6 percent
- 8.1 percent
- 8.0 percent
- 6.7 percent
- 6.0 percent
- 5.6 percent

Other Services	- 4.7 percent
Transport., Warehousing, & Util.	- 4.4 percent
Real Estate & Rental and Leasing	- 2.6 percent
Retail Trade	- 2.6 percent
Public Administration	- 0.8 percent
Educational Services	- 0.3 percent
Finance & Insurance	+ 1.0 percent

The statewide labor force for 3Q2020 grew by 4.3 percent from the previous quarter but was 1.1 percent smaller than in 3Q2019.

The unemployment rate increased from 4.3 percent in 3Q2019 to 8.4 percent in 3Q2020.

Initial unemployment insurance claims in 3Q2020 were up 875 percent compared to 3Q2019, and average continuing claims were up 1,595 percent.

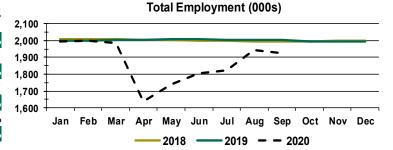
Estimated statewide taxable retail sales (not including motor vehicles) in 3Q2020 decreased by 4.7 percent compared to 3Q2019.

EMPLOYMENT (S	easonally Adjusted)
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LOUISIANA (Numbers in Thousands)

	Oct 19	Nov 19	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	Aug 20	Sep 20
Labor Force	2,102	2,103	2,102	2,107	2,110	2,127	1,932	2,032	1,996	2,011	2,107	2,095
% Change vs Prior Year	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	1.2%	-8.0%	-3.2%	-4.9%	-4.0%	0.6%	0.0%
Total Employment	1,993	1,993	1,993	1,996	2,000	1,985	1,641	1,742	1,805	1,823	1,945	1,925
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.9%	-18.2%	-13.2%	-10.1%	-9.1%	-3.0%	-3.9%
Total Nonfarm Emp.	1,983	1,988	1,984	1,989	1,995	1,961	1,722	1,755	1,817	1,837	1,853	1,851
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.7%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.1%	-1.6%	-13.6%	-11.8%	-8.4%	-7.2%	-6.7%	-6.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	5.2%	6.7%	15.1%	14.2%	9.5%	9.4%	7.7%	8.1%
% Change vs Prior Year	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	1.9%	10.6%	9.9%	5.2%	5.1%	3.4%	3.8%

	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20			
Labor Force	2,102	2,115	1,986	2,071			
% Change vs Prior Year	0.1%	0.6%	-5.3%	-1.1%			
Total Employment	1,993	1,994	1,729	1,897			
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.2%	-0.4%	-13.8%	-5.3%			
Total Nonfarm Emp.	1,985	1,982	1,765	1,847			
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.5%	-0.7%	-11.3%	-6.9%			
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.7%	12.9%	8.4%			
% Change vs Prior Year	0.3%	0.9%	8.5%	4.1%			
Source: Louisiana Department of Labor, Labor Market Statistics							



Federal Student Loan Debt and First-Year Income of Graduates by Field of Study at Louisiana Institutions of Higher Education

Using data downloaded from the U.S. Department of Education's *College Scorecard* website (https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/data/) on 11/10/2020, the BRC compiled Federal student loan debt levels and first-year income of graduates for various fields of study and degree/credential programs at Louisiana institutions of higher education.

Data is presented in separate tables by credential level, with fields of study in ascending order of the percentage of estimated monthly Federal student loan debt payment to monthly income. There are several important factors to keep in mind when viewing these tables:

- 1) These data only include information for completers (graduates) of the various programs. Students who resigned from programs before completion are not included.
- 2) Only information for students who received Federal student loans or grants is included. Students who did not receive Federal student aid are not represented in the data.
- 3) The debt amounts shown include *only* Federal student loan debt. Private student loans are not included.
- 4) The debt amounts shown include *only* debt associated with the specified credential level. For example, the average debt shown for completers of graduate or professional degree programs does not include any debt associated with undergraduate studies completed by those students.
- 5) Although the College Scorecard plans to track earnings of students for several years after graduation, at the current time only *first-year* earnings of students who graduated in either 2014-15 or 2015-16 are included. Therefore, differences in growth rates of future earnings between credential levels or fields of study can not be analyzed. In addition, first-year income levels for some credential levels and degree programs may not represent future earnings due to peculiarities specific to those fields, e.g. first-year earnings of professional degree graduates in the medical field typically represent earnings during their first year of residency.

Table	1.	Undergra	duate	certificates
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Field of Study*	Weighted <u>Average Debt</u>	Avg. 1st Year Median Income	10-year Monthly Debt <u>Payment**</u>	Avg. 1st Year Median Monthly <u>Income</u>	Monthly Debt Pmt. /Monthly <u>Income (%)</u>
Engineering Technology	\$10,151	\$23,950	\$105	\$1,996	5.3%
Medicine & Health Svcs.	\$12,101	\$27,106	\$126	\$2,259	5.6%
Construction Trades	\$19,265	\$36,950	\$200	\$3,079	6.5%
Precision Production Trades	\$12,855	\$21,800	\$133	\$1,817	7.3%
Liberal Arts & General Studies	\$25,484	\$40,200	\$264	\$3,350	7.9%
Personal Services	\$10,323	\$15,938	\$107	\$1,328	8.1%
Business & Commerce	\$18,856	\$20,767	\$196	\$1,731	11.3%
Mechanical Trades	\$22,033	\$23,200	\$229	\$1,933	11.8%

^{*} Fields of study aggregated by BRC.

^{**} Calculated using the current interest rate for undergraduate Direct Subsidized Loans and undergraduate Direct Unsubsidized Loans (4.53 percent). See Technical Documentation: College Scorecard Data by Field of Study (Version: November 20, 2019). U.S. Department of Education.

Federal Student Loan Debt and First-Year Income of Graduates by Field of Study at Louisiana Institutions of Higher Education — *continued*

Table 2. Associate's degree							
Field of Study*	Weighted Average <u>Debt</u>	Avg. 1st Year <u>Median Income</u>	10-year Monthly Debt <u>Payment**</u>	Avg. 1st Year Median Monthly <u>Income</u>	Monthly Debt Pmt. /Monthly <u>Income (%)</u>		
Engineering Technology	\$16,842	\$45,855	\$175	\$3,821	4.6%		
Medicine & Health Services	\$20,211	\$47,869	\$210	\$3,989	5.3%		
Mechanical Trades	\$21,976	\$35,600	\$228	\$2,967	7.7%		
Multi/Interdiscipl. Studies	\$17,269	\$23,600	\$179	\$1,967	9.1%		
Computer & IT	\$18,971	\$25,650	\$197	\$2,138	9.2%		
Liberal Arts & Genl. Studies	\$20,358	\$22,600	\$211	\$1,883	11.2%		
Criminal Justice & Protective Services	\$20,746	\$22,333	\$215	\$1,861	11.6%		
Personal Services	\$23,695	\$23,900	\$246	\$1,992	12.3%		
Communications Tech.	\$15,141	\$15,100	\$157	\$1,258	12.5%		
Business & Commerce	\$23,340	\$23,178	\$242	\$1,931	12.5%		
Visual & Performing Arts	\$21,905	\$21,500	\$227	\$1,792	12.7%		
Family & Consumer Science	\$23,801	\$23,000	\$247	\$1,917	12.9%		

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Table 3. Bachelor's degree							
Field of Study*	Weighted Average <u>Debt</u>	Avg. 1st Year Median Income	10-year Monthly Debt <u>Payment**</u>	Avg. 1st Year Median Monthly <u>Income</u>	Monthly Debt Pmt. /Monthly <u>Income (%)</u>		
Engineering	\$22,732	\$57,613	\$236	\$4,801	4.9%		
Mathematics & Statistics	\$18,324	\$42,300	\$190	\$3,525	5.4%		
Medicine & Health Services	\$23,127	\$49,888	\$240	\$4,157	5.8%		
Computer & IT	\$24,907	\$51,929	\$258	\$4,327	6.0%		
Engineering Technology	\$24,403	\$48,920	\$253	\$4,077	6.2%		

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Federal Student Loan Debt and First-Year Income of Graduates by Field of Study at Louisiana Institutions of Higher Education — *continued*

Table 3. Bachelor's degree (continued from prior page)							
Field of Study*	Weighted Average <u>Debt</u>	Avg. 1st Year Median Income	10-year Monthly Debt Payment**	Avg. 1st Year Median Monthly <u>Income</u>	Monthly Debt Pmt. /Monthly <u>Income (%)</u>		
Transportation	\$21,962	\$42,100	\$228	\$3,508	6.5%		
Architecture & Planning	\$24,060	\$46,025	\$250	\$3,835	6.5%		
Agriculture	\$19,000	\$31,550	\$197	\$2,629	7.5%		
Education	\$22,606	\$37,017	\$235	\$3,085	7.6%		
Business & Commerce	\$22,431	\$36,713	\$233	\$3,059	7.6%		
Language & Literature	\$19,405	\$27,700	\$201	\$2,308	8.7%		
Natural Resource Mgmt.	\$22,164	\$30,900	\$230	\$2,575	8.9%		
History	\$22,095	\$29,720	\$229	\$2,477	9.3%		
Physical Sciences	\$24,135	\$32,000	\$250	\$2,667	9.4%		
Scocial Sciences	\$23,168	\$29,309	\$240	\$2,442	9.8%		
Area Studies	\$21,821	\$27,100	\$226	\$2,258	10.0%		
Philosophy & Relig. Studies	\$20,422	\$24,800	\$212	\$2,067	10.3%		
Liberal Arts & General Studies	\$23,517	\$27,800	\$244	\$2,317	10.5%		
Parks, Recreation, & Leisure	\$23,604	\$27,500	\$245	\$2,292	10.7%		
English Language & Literature	\$21,422	\$24,600	\$222	\$2,050	10.8%		
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	\$23,389	\$26,214	\$243	\$2,185	11.1%		
Natural Sciences	\$22,553	\$25,122	\$234	\$2,094	11.2%		
Communication & Journalism	\$23,758	\$25,936	\$247	\$2,161	11.4%		
Psychology	\$23,615	\$24,769	\$245	\$2,064	11.9%		
Criminal Justice & Protective Services	\$27,260	\$28,560	\$283	\$2,380	11.9%		
Human Svcs. & Public Admin.	\$30,743	\$31,975	\$319	\$2,665	12.0%		
Family & Consumer Science	\$26,950	\$26,600	\$280	\$2,217	12.6%		
Visual & Performing Arts	\$22,677	\$21,045	\$235	\$1,754	13.4%		
Personal Services	\$26,075	\$23,500	\$271	\$1,958	13.8%		
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Library Science

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Federal Student Loan Debt and First-Year Income of Graduates by Field of Study at Louisiana Institutions of Higher Education — continued

Table 4. Master's degree					
Field of Study*	Weighted Average <u>Debt</u>	Avg. 1st Year <u>Median Income</u>	10-year Monthly Debt <u>Payment**</u>	Avg. 1st Year Median Monthly <u>Income</u>	Monthly Debt Pmt. /Monthly <u>Income (%)</u>
Engineering	\$32,377	\$48,800	\$377	\$4,067	9.3%
Medicine & Health Services	\$55,752	\$75,092	\$650	\$6,258	10.4%
Education	\$31,954	\$42,220	\$372	\$3,518	10.6%
Psychology	\$32,577	\$38,600	\$380	\$3,217	11.8%
Business & Commerce	\$51,918	\$58,083	\$605	\$4,840	12.5%
Liberal Arts & General Studies	\$36,886	\$36,500	\$430	\$3,042	14.1%
Parks, Recreation, & Leisure	\$33,146	\$32,550	\$386	\$2,713	14.2%
English Language & Literature	\$35,660	\$29,600	\$416	\$2,467	16.8%
Visual & Performing Arts	\$41,606	\$32,550	\$485	\$2,713	17.9%
Architecture & Planning	\$53,073	\$40,667	\$618	\$3,389	18.2%
Criminal Just. & Prot. Svcs.	\$55,991	\$40,025	\$652	\$3,335	19.6%
Human Svcs. & Public Admin.	\$54,984	\$38,500	\$641	\$3,208	20.0%
Natural Sciences	\$60,239	\$37,833	\$702	\$3,153	22.3%
Communication & Journalism	n/a	\$33,200	n/a	\$2,767	n/a
Engineering Technology	\$25,345	n/a	\$295	n/a	n/a
History	\$26,330	n/a	\$307	n/a	n/a
Language & Literature	\$27,099	n/a	\$316	n/a	n/a
Legal	\$57,043	n/a	\$665	n/a	n/a
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	\$75,728	n/a	\$882	n/a	n/a
Physical Sciences	\$32,160	n/a	\$375	n/a	n/a
Social Sciences	\$53,745	n/a	\$626	n/a	n/a

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Federal Student Loan Debt and First-Year Income of Graduates by Field of Study at Louisiana Institutions of Higher Education — *continued*

Table 5. Doctoral degree					
Field of Study*	Weighted Average <u>Debt</u>	Avg. 1st Year Median Income	10-year Monthly Debt <u>Payment**</u>	Avg. 1st Year Median Monthly <u>Income</u>	Monthly Debt Pmt. /Monthly <u>Income (%)</u>
Medicine & Health Services	\$94,342	\$101,600	\$1,099	\$8,467	13.0%
Legal	\$130,522	\$41,800	\$1,521	\$3,483	43.7%
Education	\$34,636	n/a	\$404	n/a	n/a
English Language & Literature	\$55,615	n/a	\$648	n/a	n/a
Natural Sciences	\$69,846	n/a	\$814	n/a	n/a
Psychology	\$65,923	n/a	\$768	n/a	n/a

Fields of study aggregated by BRC.

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Table 6. Professional degree											
	Weighted Average	Avg. 1st Year	10-year Monthly Debt	Avg. 1st Year Median Monthly	Monthly Debt Pmt. /Monthly						
Field of Study*	<u>Debt</u>	Median Income	Payment**	<u>Income</u>	Income (%)						
Medical Residency Programs	\$98,090	\$189,100	\$1,143	\$15,758	7.3%						
Legal	\$102,700	\$48,067	\$1,197	\$4,006	29.9%						
Medicine & Health Services	\$206,581	\$83,275	\$2,407	\$6,940	34.7%						

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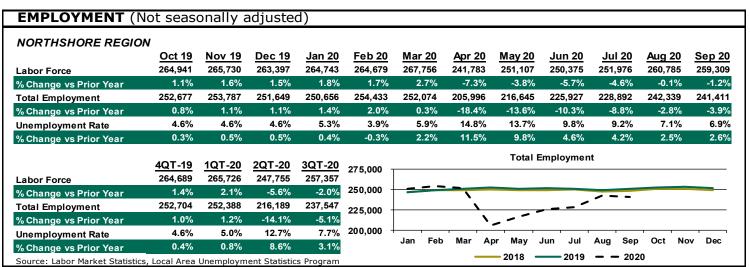
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Northshore Employment

Total employment among Northshore residents in 3Q2020 was down 5.1 percent compared to 3Q2019.

The total Northshore civilian labor force in 3Q2020 shrunk by a smaller 2.0 percent compared to 3Q2019.

With the labor force contracting less than employment, the Northshore unemployment rate increased from 4.6 percent in 3Q2019 to 7.7 percent in 3Q2020.



Northshore Estimated Retail Sales (not including Tangipahoa Parish)

Northshore retail sales in 3Q2020 (excluding Tangipahoa Parish, for which data were not available) averaged \$727 million per month, an increase of 11.8 percent compared to 3Q2019.

Year-over-year sales were up in all four parishes for which data were available, ranging from +11.2 percent in St. Tammany Parish to +15.7 percent in St. Helena.

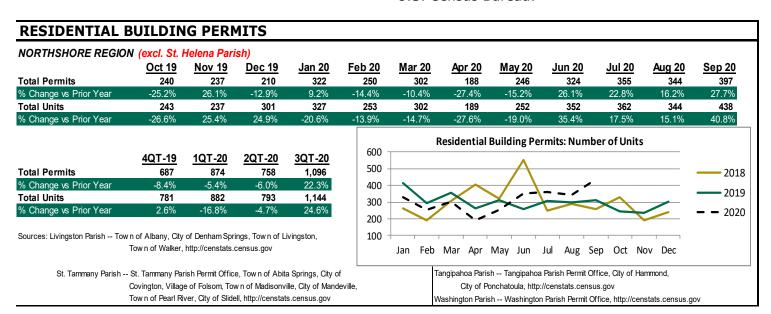
ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES (Not including Tangipahoa Parish) NORTHSHORE REGION Jan 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Oct 19 Nov 19 <u>Dec 19</u> Feb 20 <u>Mar 20</u> Apr 20 May 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 \$680.98 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$655.53 \$623.31 \$781.25 \$606.13 \$559.06 \$597.93 \$662.33 \$763.19 \$718.96 \$691.40 \$770.16 -12.2% % Change vs Prior Month -0.9% -4.9% 25.3% -22.4% -7.8% 21.8% 10.8% 15.2% -5.8% -3.8% 11.4% % Change vs. Prior Year 3.4% 3.4% 5.2% 1.9% -1.5% -2.4% 4.7% 18.2% 12.6% 16.4% 7.3% **Estimated Retail Sales** 4QT-19 1QT-20 2QT-20 3QT-20 lions \$800 \$686.70 \$615.39 \$674.48 Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$726.84 % Change vs. Prior Quarter 5.6% -10.4% 9.6% 7.8% ₫ \$700 2018 % Change vs Prior Year 4.6% 1.7% 7.0% 2019 \$600 Sources: Livingston Parish School Board - Sales and Use Tax Division 2020 St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office \$500 St. Tammany Parish Sales and Use Tax Department Washington Parish Sheriff's Office - Sales and Use Tax Department Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Northshore Residential Building Permits

The number of residential building permits issued in the Northshore region during 3Q2020 (excluding St. Helena Parish—for which data were not available) was up 22.3 percent compared to the third quarter of 2019, and the number of permitted units was up 24.6 percent.

The number of permitted units increased in all four parishes for which data were available, ranging from +7.1 percent in St. Tammany Parish to +100.0 percent in Washington Parish.

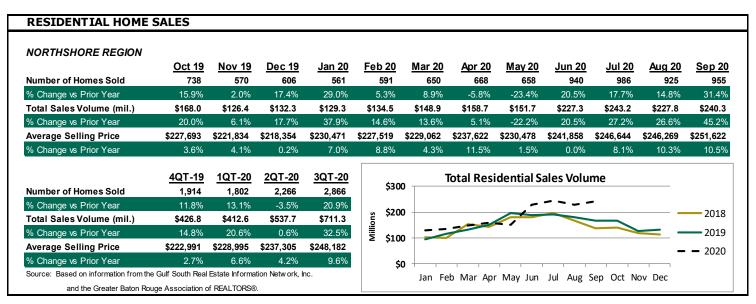
Permit counts for some parishes and municipalities are based on data reported to or estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau.



Northshore Residential Home Sales

There were 2,866 Northshore homes sold during 3Q2020 at an average price of \$248,182. The number sold was up 20.9 percent and the

average price was up 9.6 percent compared to 3Q2019, leading to a 32.5 percent increase in total residential sales volume.



LOCAL

Livingston Parish

The number of employed Livingston Parish residents in 3Q2020 decreased by 2.7 percent compared to 3Q2019, while the civilian labor force contracted a much smaller 0.3 percent.

This resulted in an increase in the unemployment rate from 4.1 percent in 3Q2019 to 6.5 percent in 3Q2020.

The value of taxable retail sales in Livingston Parish in 3Q2020 averaged \$192.6 million per month, up 12.2 percent compared to 3Q2019.

The number of permitted residential building units in 3Q2020 was up 43.5 percent compared to the

third quarter of 2019. (Note that permit data for unincorporated Livingston Parish and Denham Springs are not available, and so are estimated by the Census Bureau.)

The number of homes sold in 3Q2020 was up 22.4 percent compared to 302019, while the average price increased 6.1 percent to \$213,826, resulting in total residential sales volume increasing by 29.9 percent year-over-year.

There were 431 new domestic business filings in Livingston Parish in 3Q2020, an increase of 60.8 percent from 268 in 3Q2019.

EMPLOYMENT LIVINGSTON PARISH Oct 19 **Nov 19** Jan 20 Feb 20 Jun 20 **Dec 19** Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 Jul 20 **Aug 20** Sep 20 **Labor Force** 68,866 69,083 68,528 68,910 69,409 71,038 63,814 66,290 65,109 66.041 68,998 68,226 % Change vs Prior Year 1.2% 1.5% 2.0% 2.9% 2.7% 4.9% -5.4% -2.0% -4.9% -3.0% 2.0% 0.3% 65,964 66,219 65,724 65,622 67,015 67,338 55,510 58,497 59,618 60,849 64,962 64,322 **Total Employment** 0.9% 1.5% 3.0% -15.3% -10.3% -8.7% -6.5% 0.1% -1.6% % Change vs Prior Year 0.9% 2.8% **Unemployment Rate** 4.2% 4.1% 4.1% 4.8% 3.4% 5.2% 13.0% 11.8% 8.4% 7.9% 5.8% 5.7% 3.8% 3.4% % Change vs Prior Year 0.3% 0.6% 0.5% 0.4% -0.3% 1.9% 10.1% 8.2% 1.8% 1.8% **Total Employment** 3QT-20 4QT-19 1QT-20 2QT-20 70,000 67,755 68,826 69,786 65,071 Labor Force 65,000 3.5% -4.1% -0.3% % Change vs Prior Year 1.6% **Total Employment** 65,969 66,658 57,875 63,378 60.000 -2.7% % Change vs Prior Year 1.1% 2.8% -11.4% 55,000 **Unemployment Rate** 4.2% 4.5% 11.1% 6.5% Feb Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Apr May Jun Jul % Change vs Prior Year 0.5% 0.7% 7.4% 2018 --- 2019 - - 2020 Source: Labor Market Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program

ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES

LIVINGSTON PARISH							
	Oct 19	Nov 19	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	Feb 20	<u>Mar 20</u>	Apr 20
Estimated Retail Sales (mil.)	\$161.91	\$158.34	\$196.52	\$157.30	\$143.40	\$184.84	\$160.26
% Change vs Prior Month	-9.1%	-2.2%	24.1%	-20.0%	-8.8%	28.9%	-13.3%
% Change vs. Prior Year	7.0%	4.6%	9.0%	8.9%	5.7%	4.0%	5.3%
	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20	N ¢3E0		Est
Average Monthly Sales (mil.)	\$172.26	\$161.84	\$180.73	\$192.64	\$250 	-	
% Change vs. Prior Quarter	0.3%	-6.0%	11.7%	6.6%	₹ \$200		
% Change vs Prior Year	7.0%	6.1%	14.4%	12.2%		-	^

Estimated Retail Sales 2018 2019 \$150 2020 \$100 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

<u>Jun 20</u>

\$203.50

14.0%

27.7%

<u>Jul 20</u>

\$195.60

-3.9%

12.0%

Aug 20

\$182.47

-6.7%

12.4%

\$199.83 9.5%

12.2%

May 20

\$178.43

11.3%

9.9%

Livingston Parish—continued

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS LIVINGSTON PARISH Oct 19 <u>Nov</u> 19 Dec 19 Jan 20 Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 Jul 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 **Total Permits** 59 62 70 18 84 97 75 72 63 73 93 97 % Change vs Prior Yea 16.1% **Total Units** 59 70 18 73 93 97 14.8% % Change vs Prior Year -20.5% 16.1% -12.5% -74.6% 25.4% 90.2% Residential Building Permits: Number of Units 1QT-20 2QT-20 120 **Total Permits** 196 205 175 287 100 % Change vs Prior Year 80 2018 **Total Units** 196 205 175 287 60 % Change vs Prior Yea -8.4% 43.5% 2019 40 20 2020 Sources: Town of Livingston, City of Walker, http://censtats.census.gov. 0 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES LIVINGSTON PARISH Feb 20 Apr 20 Oct 19 **Nov 19 Dec 19** Jan 20 Mar 20 May 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 172 159 201 179 272 **Number of Homes Sold** 209 163 165 201 247 236 284 % Change vs Prior Year 15.5% 16.4% 29.3% 51.4% 13.8% 18.9% 8.1% -19.0% 21.1% 14.3% 15.7% 38.5% Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$41.0 \$31.0 \$33.4 \$30.7 \$31.0 \$39.0 \$42.8 \$34.4 \$49.9 \$57.8 \$51.7 \$59.9 % Change vs Prior Year 23.7% 19.7% 35.0% 50.2% 8.9% 22.3% 25.9% -22.5% 16.2% 20.1% 25.4% 45.7% **Median Selling Price** \$186,400 \$181,500 \$187,813 \$175,500 \$183,890 \$186,000 \$191,900 \$185,000 \$189,500 \$195,600 \$197,003 \$196,500 -4.5% 4.5% % Change vs Prior Year 9.6% 1.0% 1.0% -2.1% 3.6% 5.9% -1.1% 5.2% 3.7% 5.7% Total Residential Sales Volume 4QT-19 1QT-20 2QT-20 3QT-20 \$100 **Number of Homes Sold** 544 627 792 2018 Millions % Change vs Prior Year 19.8% 25.3% 2.6% 22.4% \$50 2019 \$169.4 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$105.5 \$100.7 \$127.1 % Change vs Prior Year 25.8% 24.6% 4.8% 29.9% 2020 \$0 Average Selling Price \$193,852 \$191,735 \$202,705 \$213.826 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec % Change vs Prior Year 5.0% -0.5% 2.1% 6.1% Source: Based on information from the Greater Baton Rouge Association of REALTORS® and Gulf South Real Estate Information Network, Inc.

New Domestic Business Filings LIVINGSTON PARISH Oct 19 **Nov 19** Dec 19 Jan 20 Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 **New Domestic Filings** 90 86 76 90 85 63 78 125 122 154 151 126 % Change vs Prior Month 2.3% -4.4% -11.6% 18.4% -5.6% -25.9% 23.8% 60.3% -2.4% 26.2% -1.9% -16.6% % Change vs Prior Year 43.3% 43.4% 12.5% -8.6% -23.5% 23.8% 52.5% 43.2% 9.8% -39.4% 75.0% **New Domestic Business Filings** 200 4QT-19 1QT-20 2QT-20

 New Domestic Filings
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 New Domestic Filings
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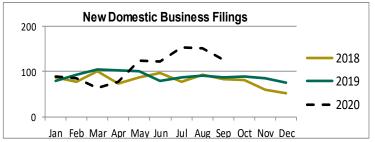
 % Change vs Prior Quarter
 -6.0%
 -5.6%
 36.6%
 32.6%

 % Change vs Prior Year
 29.2%
 -14.1%
 14.8%
 60.8%

Source: Louisiana Secretary of State's Office (compiled by Southeastern BRC)

Note: Includes only domestic business corporations, limited liability companies,

partnerships, and limited liability partnerships. Does not include foreign entities, non-profit corporations, or low-profit limited liability companies



St. Helena Parish

Employment among St. Helena Parish residents in the third quarter of 2020 was down 4.7 percent compared to 3Q2019. The labor force grew by 2.7 percent, leading to an increase in the unemployment rate from 6.1 percent in 3Q2019 to 12.9 percent in 3Q2020.

Estimated retail sales within St. Helena Parish in the third quarter of 2020 averaged \$8.0 million per month, an increase of 15.7 percent compared to 3Q2019.

Building permit data were not available for St. Helena Parish for 3Q2020.

There were 10 homes sold in St. Helena Parish in 3Q2020 at an average price of \$179,270. The number sold was up 67 percent from six in 3Q2019, while the average price increased 111 percent, resulting in an increase in total residential sales volume of 188 percent.

There were 46 new, domestic business filings in St. Helena Parish in 3Q2020, an increase of 207 percent from 15 in 3Q2019.

EMPLOYMENT ST. HELENA PARISH Jan 20 Apr 20 Aug 20 Oct 19 **Nov 19** Dec 19 Feb 20 Mar 20 May 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Sep 20 4,277 4,285 4,270 4,285 4,307 4,428 4,026 **Labor Force** 4,324 4,247 4,324 4,507 4,447 % Change vs Prior Year -1.1% -0.7% 0.0% 0.5% 0.6% 3.7% -5.2% 1.3% -2.5% -0.5% 5.0% 3.5% 4,017 4,024 3,994 4,078 4,102 3,380 3,562 3,627 3,696 3,954 3,921 **Total Employment** -10.5% % Change vs Prior Year -1.0% -1.1% -0.5% 0.5% 0.9% 0.8% -16.7% -12.1% -8.5% -2.0% -3.6% 17.6% 6.1% 6.1% 6.5% 6.9% 5.3% 7.4% 16.0% 14.6% 14.5% 12.3% 11.8% Unemployment Rate 0.4% -0.3% 2.6% 12.6% -0.1% 0.5% 11.7% 7.6% 7.5% 6.3% 6.5% % Change vs Prior Year Total Employment 4QT-19 1QT-20 2QT-20 3QT-20 4,400 4.277 4.340 4,199 4.426 Labor Force 4.000 -0.6% 1.6% -2.1% 2.7% % Change vs Prior Year 3,600 4,056 3,523 3,857 Total Employment 4,012 -0.9% 0.7% -13.1% -4.7% % Change vs Prior Year 3,200 6.2% 6.5% 16.1% 12.9% Feb Nov Dec **Unemployment Rate** Jan. Mar Apr Mav Jul Aua Sep 0.3% 0.8% 10.6% % Change vs Prior Year 2018 2019 - 2020Source: Labor Market Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program

ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES ST. HELENA PARISH Oct 19 Nov 19 **Dec 19** Jan 20 Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$5.37 \$7.39 \$7.96 \$4.15 \$7.27 \$9.35 \$6.54 \$6.42 \$6.70 \$8.47 \$7.36 \$8.74 % Change vs Prior Month -39.8% 75.1% 28.7% -30.1% -17.9% 37.7% -13.1% 4.4% 26.4% -6.1% -7.5% 18.8% % Change vs. Prior Year -35.8% 31.9% 18.0% 7.9% 3.5% -1.9% 2.1% 4.9% 16.8% 8.3% 12.3% 26.8% **Estimated Retail Sales** 1QT-20 2QT-20 4QT-19 3QT-20 \$10 Millions Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$6.92 \$6,43 \$7.20 \$8.02 \$8 % Change vs. Prior Quarter -0.1% -7.1% 11.9% 11.4% 2018 % Change vs Prior Year 4.3% 2.8% 8.4% 15.7% \$6 2019 \$4 2020 \$2 Sales tax data provided by St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office. Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Retail sales estimated by Southeastern BRC.

St. Helena Parish—continued

Building permit data not available.

ST HELENA PARISH												
	Oct 19	Nov 19	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	Aug 20	Sep 20
Number of Homes Sold	1	2	-	2	5	1	1	1	1	3	5	2
% Change vs Prior Year	- 48.2%	#DIV/0!	-100.0%	#DIV/0!	616.7%	-17.4%	-93.0%	-88.2%	82.9%	154.6%	240.8%	129.2%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	(\$0.0)	#DIV/0!	(\$0.0)	#DIV/0!	\$0.0	(\$0.0)	(\$0.0)	(\$0.0)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
% Change vs Prior Year	55.5%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	43.3%	65.2%	-86.1%	-64.6%	82.9%	69.7%	104.5%	14.6%
Average Selling Price	\$235,000	\$141,250	#DIV/0!	\$115,000	\$107,500	\$365,000	\$40,500	\$86,000	\$128,000	\$178,233	\$192,000	\$149,000
% Change vs Prior Year	0.0%	0.0%	300.0%	0.0%	0.0%	800.0%	0.0%	0.0%	300.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1000.0%
	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20	\$1,500,00	T	otal Resi	dential S	ales Volu	me		
Number of Homes Sold	3	8	3	10	71,300,00	Ť						— 2018
% Change vs Prior Year	-40.0%	166.7%	-50.0%	66.7%	\$1,000,00	o ‡			, 1			2018
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$0.5	\$1.1	\$0.3	\$1.8	\$500,00	n ‡		1	<u>,'\</u>			— 2019
% Change vs Prior Year	-39.7%	119.1%	-81.6%	188.4%		± < ,					-	- 2020
Average Selling Price	\$172,500	\$141,563	\$84,833	\$179,270	\$	0 +						
% Change vs Prior Year	66.5%	-17.9%	-40.1%	111.3%		Jan Fel	Mar Apr	May Jun	Jul Aug	Sep Oct N	lov Dec	

New Domestic Business Filings ST. HELENA PARISH Oct 19 Nov 19 Dec 19 Jan 20 Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 **New Domestic Filings** 5 5 25 16 5 % Change vs Prior Month 66.7% -80.0% 300.0% 50.0% -16.7% -60.0% 100.0% 50.0% 16.7% -36.0% -68.8% % Change vs Prior Year 150.0% -75.0% 100.0% 500.0% 0.0% -60.0% 100.0% 200.0% 250.0% 400.0% 128.6% 66.7% **New Domestic Business Filings** 30 4QT-19 1QT-20 2QT-20 3QT-20 **New Domestic Filings** 10 13 17 46 2018 20 % Change vs Prior Quarter -33.3% 170.6% 30.0% 30.8% 2019 10 % Change vs Prior Year 25.0% 18.2% 183.3% 206.7% **-** 2020 Source: Louisiana Secretary of State's Office (compiled by Southeastern BRC) Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Note: Includes only domestic business corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, and limited liability partnerships. Does not include foreign entities, non-profit corporations, or low-profit limited liability companies.

St. Tammany Parish

The number of employed St. Tammany Parish residents declined by 7.5 percent from 3Q2019 to 3Q2020, while the civilian labor force decreased by a smaller 4.9 percent. This led to an increase in the unemployment rate from 4.2 percent in 3Q2019 to 6.8 percent in 3Q2020.

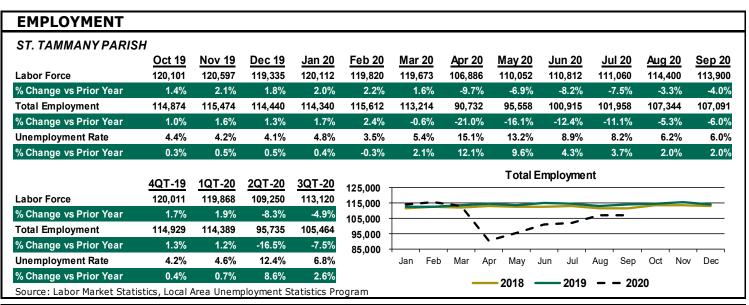
The value of taxable retail sales in St. Tammany Parish averaged \$479.7 million per month in 3Q2020, an increase of 11.2 percent over the third quarter of 2019.

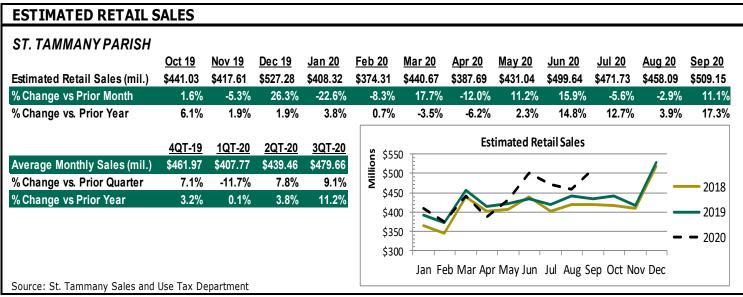
The number of residential building permits issued in 3Q2020 was up 7.3 percent compared

to the third quarter of 2019, while the number of permitted units increased by 7.1 percent.

The number of homes sold in St. Tammany Parish in 3Q2020 was up 26.8 percent compared to 3Q2019, while the average selling price was up 8.8 percent to \$284,739, resulting in a 38.0 percent increase in total residential sales volume.

There were 1,326 new, domestic business filings for St. Tammany Parish businesses in 3Q2020, an increase of 67.8 percent from 790 in 3Q2019.





St. Tammany Parish—continued

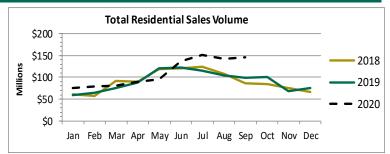
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS ST. TAMMANY PARISH Oct 19 **Nov 19** Dec 19 Jan 20 Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 116 **Total Permits** 106 104 159 107 153 120 140 136 90 126 254 Total Units 107 116 105 153 90 120 140 159 107 126 136 254 **Residential Building Permits: Number of Units** 300 4QT-19 1QT-20 **Total Permits** 326 419 336 530 2018 200 % Change vs Pri 7.3% 2019 419 **Total Units** 328 336 530 100 2020 Sources: City of Covington, Village of Folsom, Town of Madisonville, 0 Town of Pearl River, City of Slidell, Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec http://censtats.census.gov (some data estimated).

RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES

ST. TAMMANY PARISH Oct 19 Nov 19 Dec 19 Jan 20 Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 **Number of Homes Sold** 372 272 292 266 288 293 335 348 528 512 503 % Change vs Prior Year 14.8% -12.0% 10.6% 9.5% 7.5% 1.0% -6.9% -24.0% 10.7% 21.7% 27.4% 32.0% \$79.3 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$68.8 \$74.6 \$75.3 \$80.7 \$90.7 \$94.9 \$135.8 \$150.6 \$142.4 \$146.4 \$99.8 % Change vs Prior Year 26.2% -21.1% 36.9% 46.9% 18.9% -8.0% 11.8% 23.7% 7.2% 2.5% 10.8% 31.3% **Average Selling Price** \$268,404 \$252,950 \$255,450 \$283,223 \$275,485 \$275,427 \$270,723 \$272,840 \$278,812 \$285,273 \$278,056 \$290,981 % Change vs Prior Year 3.5% 4.6% 1.1% 15.3% 15.1% 6.1% 10.1% 3.8% 0.1% 7.9% 7.5% 11.3%

	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20
Number of Homes Sold	936	847	1,170	1,543
% Change vs Prior Year	4.3%	5.7%	-7.0%	26.8%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$243.2	\$235.4	\$321.4	\$439.4
% Change vs Prior Year	7.9%	18.2%	-3.0%	38.0%
Average Selling Price	\$259,872	\$277,895	\$274,720	\$284,739
% Change vs Prior Year	3.4%	11.8%	4.3%	8.8%
Source: Based on information from	the Gulf South F	Real Estate Info	ormation Netwo	ork, Inc.

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New Domestic Business Filings

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

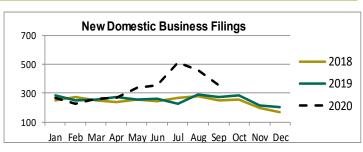
	Oct 19	Nov 19	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	Aug 20	Sep 20
New Domestic Filings	283	215	201	267	225	263	268	334	355	510	461	355
% Change vs Prior Month	4.0%	-24.0%	-6.5%	32.8%	-15.7%	16.9%	1.9%	24.6%	6.3%	43.7%	-9.6%	-23.0%
% Change vs Prior Year	10.5%	9.7%	18.9%	-6.0%	-8 5%	2 7%	-1 1%	31.5%	36.5%	124 7%	58.4%	30.5%

	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20
New Domestic Filings	699	755	957	1,326
% Change vs Prior Quarter	-11.5%	8.0%	26.8%	38.6%
% Change vs Prior Year	12.6%	-3.9%	21.9%	67.8%

Source: Louisiana Secretary of State's Office (compiled by Southeastern BRC)

Note: Includes only domestic business corporations, limited liability companies,





Tangipahoa Parish

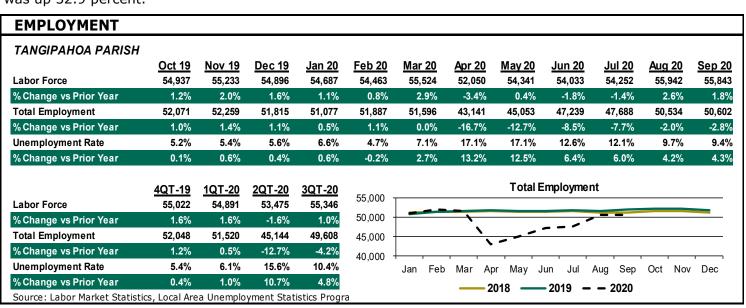
The number of employed Tangipahoa Parish residents declined by 4.2 percent from 3Q2019 to 3Q2020, while the civilian labor force increased by 1.0 percent, causing the unemployment rate to rise from 5.6 percent in 3Q2019 to 10.4 percent in 3Q2020.

Sales tax data were not available for Tangipahoa Parish for 3Q2020.

The number of residential construction permits issued in 3Q2020 was up 31.4 percent compared to 3Q2019, and the number of permitted units was up 32.9 percent.

The number of homes sold in Tangipahoa Parish in 3Q2020 increased by 6.6 percent compared to 3Q2019, while the average selling price increased by 9.1 percent to \$200,296, resulting in an increase in total residential sales volume of 16.4 percent.

There were 651 new, domestic business filings in Tangipahoa Parish in 3Q2020, up 112 percent from 307 in 3Q2019.



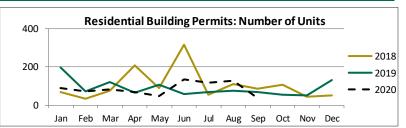
Sales tax data not available.

Tangipahoa Parish—continued

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS TANGIPAHOA PARISH Jan 20 Jun 20 <u>Jul 20</u> Oct 19 Nov 19 **Dec 19** Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 <u>Aug 20</u> Sep 20 **Total Permits** 69 **Total Units** 50 131 72 83 56 90 67 136 118 127 38

	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20
Total Permits	145	238	215	276
% Change vs Prior Year	-23.7%	-7.4%	5.4%	31.4%
Total Units	237	245	250	283
% Change vs Prior Year	18.5%	-37.3%	9.6%	32.9%

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



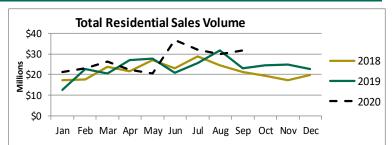
RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

	Oct 19	Nov 19	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	Aug 20	Sep 20
Number of Homes Sold	137	125	123	120	126	137	112	115	181	166	150	150
% Change vs Prior Year	29.2%	27.6%	12.8%	66.7%	-3.8%	22.3%	-25.8%	-27.7%	52.1%	16.9%	-12.3%	21.0%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$24.6	\$24.9	\$22.5	\$21.3	\$23.0	\$26.3	\$22.2	\$20.4	\$36.7	\$31.9	\$29.7	\$31.7
% Change vs Prior Year	27.7%	45.7%	14.9%	71.5%	1.4%	28.7%	-17.2%	-25.9%	75.5%	25.0%	-6.2%	37.9%
Average Selling Price	\$179,449	\$199,394	\$183,020	\$177,433	\$182,221	\$192,308	\$198,172	\$177,710	\$203,003	\$192,466	\$197,940	\$211,318
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.2%	14.2%	1.9%	2.9%	5.5%	5.2%	11.6%	2.4%	15.4%	6.9%	6.9%	14.0%

	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20
Number of Homes Sold	385	383	408	466
% Change vs Prior Year	23.0%	21.6%	-4.9%	6.6%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$72.0	\$70.6	\$79.4	\$93.3
% Change vs Prior Year	28.7%	27.2%	5.4%	16.4%
Average Selling Price	\$187,066	\$184,329	\$194,548	\$200,296
% Change vs Prior Year	4.7%	4.6%	10.8%	9.1%
Source: Based on information from	the Gulf South	Real Estate In	formation Netv	v ork, Inc.

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New Domestic Business Filings

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

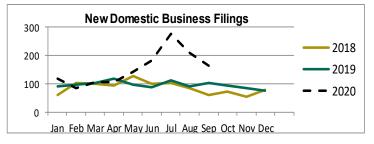
		Oct 19	Nov 19	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	Sep 20
New Domestic	Filings	94	84	76	117	84	105	107	144	183	276	210	165
% Change vs Pi	rior Month	-8.7%	-10.6%	-9.5%	53.9%	-28.2%	25.0%	1.9%	34.6%	27.1%	50.8%	-23.9%	-21.4%
% Change vs Pi	ior Year	27.0%	52.7%	-2 6%	28.6%	-12 5%	1.9%	-10 1%	50.0%	105.6%	146 4%	128 3%	60.2%

	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20
New Domestic Filings	254	306	434	651
% Change vs Prior Quarter	-17.3%	20.5%	41.8%	50.0%
% Change vs Prior Year	22.7%	5.5%	42.8%	112.1%

Source: Louisiana Secretary of State's Office (compiled by Southeastern BRC)

Note: Includes only domestic business corporations, limited liability companies,

partnerships, and limited liability partnerships. Does not include foreign entities, non-profit corporations, or low-profit limited liability companies.



Washington Parish

ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES

The number of employed Washington Parish residents in the third quarter of 2020 decreased by 1.6 percent compared to 3Q2019.

The labor force increased by 1.4 percent, resulting in an increase in the unemployment rate from 6.0 percent in 3Q2019 to 8.8 percent in 3Q2020.

Taxable retail sales in Washington Parish averaged \$46.5 million in 3Q2020, up 14.7 percent over 3Q2019.

Building permits for 62 units were issued in 3Q2020, up 100.0 percent from 31 in 3Q2019.

The number of Washington Parish homes sold in 3Q2020 was 14.1 percent lower than in 3Q2019, but the average sales price increased by 22.1 percent, resulting in a year-over-year increase in total residential sales volume of 4.9 percent.

There were 134 new, domestic business filings in Washington Parish in 3Q2020, up 148 percent from 54 in 3Q2019.

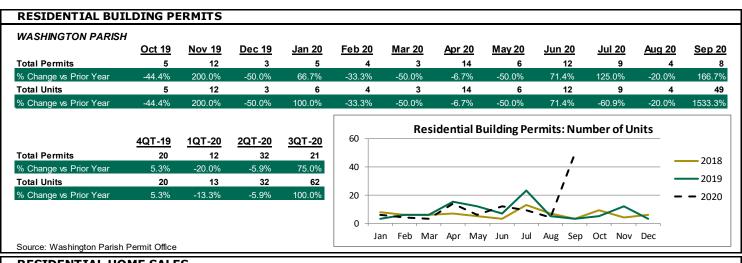
WASHINGTON PARISH												
	Oct 19	<u>Nov 19</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Feb 20</u>	<u>Mar 20</u>	<u> Apr 20</u>	May 20	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>Sep 20</u>
Labor Force	16,760	16,793	16,644	16,749	16,680	17,093	15,007	16,100	16,174	16,299	16,938	16,893
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.2%	-1.4%	-1.6%	-1.3%	-2.2%	0.8%	-10.9%	-4.2%	-3.8%	-1.3%	3.4%	2.2%
Total Employment	15,751	15,811	15,676	15,629	15,841	15,824	13,233	13,975	14,528	14,701	15,545	15,475
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.8%	-2.0%	-2.1%	-1.9%	-1.8%	-2.0%	-17.9%	-12.3%	-7.2%	-4.8%	0.8%	-0.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	5.8%	5.8%	6.7%	5.0%	7.4%	11.8%	13.2%	10.2%	9.8%	8.2%	8.4%
% Change vs Prior Year	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	-0.4%	2.6%	7.5%	8.1%	3.3%	3.3%	2.3%	2.8%
	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20				Total I	Employme	nt		
Labor Force	16,732	16,841	15,760	16,710	17,000							
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.4%	-0.9%	-6.3%	1.4%	16,000							
Total Employment	15,746	15,765	13,912	15,240	15,000 14,000							
% Change vs Prior Year	-2.0%	-1.9%	-12.5%	-1.6%	13,000		\					
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	6.4%	11.7%	8.8%	10,000	Jan Feb	Mar A	pr May J	lun Jul	Aug Sep	Oct No	Dec
% Change vs Prior Year	0.6%	0.9%	6.3%	2.8%				,		•		

WASHINGTON PARISH Oct 19 Nov 19 Dec 19 Jan 20 Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 May 20 Jun 20 Jul 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$48.44 \$40.10 \$48.10 \$33.98 \$35.98 \$48.08 \$43.56 \$46.16 \$51.58 \$43.67 \$43.47 \$52.44 % Change vs Prior Month 13.6% -17.2% 19.9% -29.4% 5.9% 33.6% -9.4% 6.0% 11.7% -15.3% -0.5% 20.6% % Change vs. Prior Year 11.5% -3.5% 4.8% 0.5% -3.4% 7.7% 8.1% 14.5% 6.2% 28.9% 17.4% 23.0% **Estimated Retail Sales**

	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20
Average Monthly Sales (mil.)	\$45.55	\$39.35	\$47.10	\$46.53
% Change vs. Prior Quarter	12.3%	-13.6%	19.7%	-1.2%
% Change vs Prior Year	10.7%	0.0%	11.2%	14.7%

Source: Washington Parish Sheriff's Office - Sales and Use Tax Department.

Washington Parish—continued

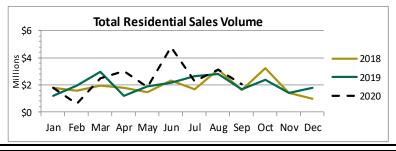


RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES

WASHINGTON PARISH												
	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19	<u>Jan 20</u>	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	<u>Jun 20</u>	<u>Jul 20</u>	Aug 20	Sep 20
Number of Homes Sold	19	8	19	14	7	18	19	15	24	17	22	16
% Change vs Prior Year	-17.4%	-33.3%	137.5%	-6.7%	-56.3%	-25.0%	90.0%	-16.7%	50.0%	-22.7%	-15.4%	0.0%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$2.4	\$1.4	\$1.8	\$1.8	\$0.6	\$2.5	\$3.0	\$1.8	\$4.8	\$2.3	\$3.1	\$2.1
% Change vs Prior Year	-26.6%	2.4%	85.1%	47.7%	-68.5%	-16.4%	148.1%	-2.9%	119.2%	-13.1%	10.9%	23.1%
Average Selling Price	\$124,119	\$179,375	\$93,597	\$126,643	\$87,786	\$138,467	\$158,301	\$121,448	\$198,096	\$133,974	\$141,209	\$129,444
% Change vs Prior Year	-11.2%	53.5%	-22.1%	58.3%	-28.1%	11.5%	30.6%	16.6%	46.1%	12.5%	31.0%	23.1%

	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20					
Number of Homes Sold	46	39	58	55					
% Change vs Prior Year	7.0%	-29.1%	31.8%	-14.1%					
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$5.6	\$4.9	\$9.6	\$7.5					
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.1%	-20.4%	82.3%	4.9%					
Average Selling Price	\$121,122	\$125,126	\$165,237	\$135,550					
% Change vs Prior Year	-6.6%	12.2%	38.3%	22.1%					
Source: Based on information from the Gulf South Real Estate Information Network, Inc.									

for the period 01/2018 to 09/2020.



New Domestic Business Filings

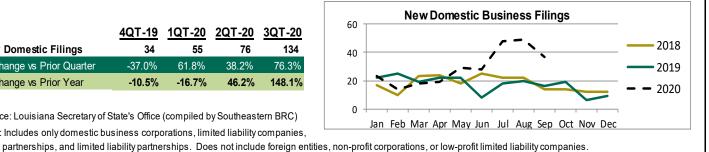
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New Domestic Filings	19	6	9	23	14	18	19	29	28	48	49	37
% Change vs Prior Month	18.8%	-68.4%	50.0%	155.6%	-39.1%	28.6%	5.6%	52.6%	-3.4%	71.4%	2.1%	-24.5%
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	4QT-19	1QT-20	2QT-20	3QT-20
New Domestic Filings	34	55	76	134
% Change vs Prior Quarter	-37.0%	61.8%	38.2%	76.3%
% Change vs Prior Year	-10.5%	-16.7%	46.2%	148.1%

Source: Louisiana Secretary of State's Office (compiled by Southeastern BRC)

Note: Includes only domestic business corporations, limited liability companies,



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Southeastern masters, undergraduate programs in nursing named top in state

Two Southeastern Louisiana University nursing programs have been recognized by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation with the Nightingale Award as the Nursing School of the Year - the master's degree in nursing, which is offered in a consortium with three other state institutions (University of Louisiana-Lafayette, McNeese State University, and Nicholls State University), and the undergraduate program in nursing. The awards recognize the achievements of both nursing program's students and faculty.

This is the third time Southeastern has been recognized with a Nightingale Award for an advanced practice program, with the master's program being recognized as program of the year in 2013 and 2019. In addition, Southeastern's undergraduate nursing program has been recognized with the Nightingale Award three previous times; this time marks the fourth.

The competition is evaluated by a panel of out-of-state judges who review the nominations submitted by nursing programs throughout the state. The Nightingale Awards are the foundation's highest recognition for quality, service, commitment and excellence among Louisiana registered nurses.

Ann Carruth, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, said nursing programs are evaluated for the award by a wide range of criteria, including accreditation status, innovations in education and teaching, nursing examination passage rate, and comments solicited from graduates, faculty and area employers.

Carruth added that being recognized for the BSN and MSN programs is especially significant this year because 2020 is the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife and the 200th year of Florence Nightingale's birthday.

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