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U. S. real gross domestic product grew at a 2.1 percent annual rate during the third quarter of 2019. Year-over-year, 3Q2019 real GDP was also 2.1 percent higher than in the third quarter of 2018.

Total civilian employment for the third quarter of 2019 rose 1.2 percent compared to the third quarter of 2018, while the labor force grew by 1.1 percent. This led to a decline in the unemployment rate from 3.8 percent in 3Q2018 to 3.6 percent in 3Q2019.

A survey of professional forecasters released in November 2019 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia projects U.S. Real GDP to grow by 2.3, 1.8, 2.0, and 2.0 percent in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, respectively.

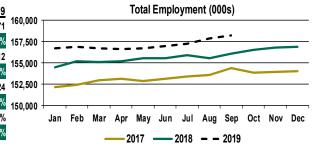
A September survey of economists by the National Association for Business Economics (NABE) forecasts 2.3 percent growth in 2019 and 1.8 percent in 2020, a significant slowing from the 2.9 percent of 2018.

EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted)

UNITED STATES (Numbers in Thousands)

| | Oct 18 | Nov 18 | <u>Dec 18</u> | <u>Jan 19</u> | Feb 19 | Mar 19 | Apr 19 | May 19 | <u>Jun 19</u> | <u>Jul 19</u> | <u>Aug 19</u> | <u>Sep 19</u> |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Labor Force | 162,694 | 162,821 | 163,240 | 163,229 | 163,184 | 162,960 | 162,470 | 162,646 | 162,981 | 163,351 | 163,922 | 164,039 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 1.4% | 1.4% | 1.6% | 1.3% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 0.6% | 0.6% | 0.5% | 0.7% | 1.3% | 1.2% |
| Total Employment | 156,582 | 156,803 | 156,945 | 156,694 | 156,949 | 156,748 | 156,645 | 156,758 | 157,005 | 157,288 | 157,878 | 158,269 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 1.8% | 1.9% | 1.9% | 1.4% | 1.1% | 1.0% | 0.9% | 0.8% | 0.9% | 0.8% | 1.5% | 1.4% |
| Total Nonfarm Emp. | 149,852 | 150,048 | 150,275 | 150,587 | 150,643 | 150,796 | 151,012 | 151,074 | 151,252 | 151,418 | 151,637 | 151,817 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 1.8% | 1.8% | 1.8% | 1.9% | 1.7% | 1.7% | 1.7% | 1.6% | 1.5% | 1.5% | 1.5% | 1.5% |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8% | 3.7% | 3.9% | 4.0% | 3.8% | 3.8% | 3.6% | 3.6% | 3.7% | 3.7% | 3.7% | 3.5% |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -0.3% | -0.5% | -0.2% | -0.1% | -0.3% | -0.2% | -0.3% | -0.2% | -0.4% | -0.1% | -0.1% | -0.2% |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | 4QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Labor Force | 162,918 | 163,124 | 162,699 | 163,77 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 1.5% | 1.0% | 0.6% | 1.1% |
| Total Employment | 156,777 | 156,797 | 156,803 | 157,812 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 1.8% | 1.2% | 0.9% | 1.2% |
| Total Nonfarm Emp. | 150,058 | 150,675 | 151,113 | 151,62 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 1.8% | 1.8% | 1.6% | 1.5% |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.8% | 3.9% | 3.6% | 3.6% |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -0.3% | -0.2% | -0.3% | -0.2% |
| Source: U.S. Bureau of La | bor Statistic | CS . | | |



STATE

Louisiana Economy

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Total state employment for the third quarter of 2019 decreased 0.1 percent from the previous quarter but increased 0.4 percent compared to 3Q2018.

The statewide labor force for 3Q2019 decreased by 0.2 percent from the previous quarter and 0.3 percent compared to 3Q2018.

The unemployment rate decreased from 4.9 percent in 3Q2018 to 4.3 percent in 3Q2019.

Initial unemployment insurance claims in 3Q2019 were down 6.9 percent compared to 3Q2018, and continuing claims were down 8.1 percent.

Estimated statewide taxable retail sales (not including motor vehicles) in 3Q2019 increased by 2.3 percent compared to 3Q2018.

Seasonally-adjusted state personal income in 2Q0219 increased 1.2 percent from the previous quarter and 4.4 percent compared to 2Q2018.

Year-over-year, net earnings rose 4.0 percent, dividends, interest, and rent increased 3.1 percent, and personal transfer receipts rose by 6.4 percent.

Industries with the most growth in earnings from 2Q2018 to 2Q2019 were *Health care and social assistance* (+\$1.5 billion), *Manufacturing* (+853 million), and *Mining* (+\$760 million).

The only industries with year-over-year declines in earnings were *Construction* (-\$235 million), *Farm earnings* (-\$155 million), and *Arts, entertainment, and recreation* (-\$112 million).

On a percentage basis the largest gainers were Mining (+11.4 percent), Health care & social assistance (+8.4 percent), and Manufacturing (+6.2 percent). The declines were in Farm earnings (-24.5 percent), Arts, entertainment, & recreation (-7.3 percent), and Construction (-1.7 percent).

2017 -

-2018 **- -** 2019

EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adjusted) LOUISIANA (Numbers in Thousands) Oct 18 Nov 18 <u>Dec 18</u> Feb 19 Mar 19 **Jul 19** <u>Jan 19</u> Apr 19 May 19 <u>Jun 19</u> **Aug 19** Sep 19 2,099 2,099 2,100 2,101 2,103 2,102 2,100 2,098 2,097 2,096 2,094 2,094 **Labor Force** % Change vs Prior Year -0.4% -0.4% -0.4% -0.3% -0.2% -0.3% -0.4% -0.4% -0.3% -0.3% -0.3% -0.2% 1,997 **Total Employment** 1,997 1,997 1,999 2.000 2,003 2,005 2,006 2,007 2,006 2,004 2,003 -0.6% 0.3% % Change vs Prior Year -0.5% -0.6% -0.5% -0.4% -0.2% 0.0% 0.2% 0.4% 0.4% 0.4% 1,982 Total Nonfarm Emp. 1,987 1,984 1,982 1,984 1,981 1,985 1,983 1,982 1,981 1,987 1,992 % Change vs Prior Year 0.7% 0.5% 0.5% 0.4% 0.0% 0.1% 0.0% 0.0% 0.1% 0.3% 0.8% 0.0% **Unemployment Rate** 4.9% 4.9% 4.9% 4.9% 4.9% 4.7% 4.5% 4.4% 4.3% 4.3% 4.3% 4.3% -0.4% -0.6% -0.6% % Change vs Prior Year 0.2% 0.2% 0.3% 0.2% 0.1% -0.1% -0.7% -0.7% -0.6% **Total Employment (000s)** 4QT-18 3QT-19 1QT-19 2QT-19 2.099 2.102 2.098 2.095 2,050 Labor Force % Change vs Prior Year -0.4% -0.3% -0.4% -0.3% 2,025 **Total Employment** 1,997 2,001 2,006 2,004 2,000 % Change vs Prior Year -0.4% 0.2% 0.4% -0.6% Total Nonfarm Emp. 1,985 1,983 1,982 1,987 1,975 % Change vs Prior Year 0.7% 0.3% 0.0% 0.1% 1.950 4.8% 4.3% **Unemployment Rate** 4.9% 4.4% Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

0.2%

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor, Labor Market Statistics

0.1%

-0.6%

-0.6%

% Change vs Prior Year

Louisiana Job Flows by State: 2017 Source: Job-to-Job Flows Explorer, j2jexplorer.ces.census.gov

| Origin/Destination State | <u>Inflow</u> | <u>Outflow</u> | <u>Net</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Iowa | 648 | 360 | 288 |
| Mississippi | 6,988 | 6,796 | 192 |
| South Carolina | 916 | 756 | 160 |
| Kansas | 368 | 348 | 20 |
| North Dakota | 412 | 392 | 20 |
| New Hampshire | 80 | 64 | 16 |
| Montana | 176 | 168 | 8 |
| Nebraska | 360 | 356 | 4 |
| Vermont | 52 | 68 | -16 |
| Delaware | 72 | 92 | -20 |
| Hawaii | 92 | 112 | -20 |
| Maine | 76 | 100 | -24 |
| Connecticut | 168 | 196 | -28 |
| Rhode Island | 36 | 68 | -32 |
| Wyoming | 160 | 192 | -32 |
| District of Columbia | 120 | 160 | -40 |
| Idaho | 76 | 124 | -48 |
| Minnesota | 324 | 392 | -68 |
| New Jersey | 348 | 416 | -68 |
| Maryland | 576 | 648 | -72 |
| Utah | 268 | 344 | -76 |
| Wisconsin | 280 | 360 | -80 |
| Illinois | 900 | 1,008 | -108 |
| Michigan | 476 | 584 | -108 |
| West Virginia | 164 | 272 | -108 |
| Massachusetts | 312 | 424 | -112 |
| Oregon | 232 | 344 | -112 |
| Indiana | 540 | 660 | -120 |
| Oklahoma | 1,328 | 1,468 | -140 |
| Nevada | 288 | 440 | -152 |
| Missouri | 680 | 840 | -160 |
| Virginia | 864 | 1,028 | -164 |
| New Mexico | 288 | 488 | -200 |
| Arizona | 476 | 684 | -208 |
| Kentucky | 688 | 900 | -212 |
| New York | 912 | 1,132 | -220 |
| North Carolina | 888 | 1,116 | -228 |
| Alabama | 2,388 | 2,632 | -244 |
| Arkansas | 2,156 | 2,408 | -252 |
| Washington | 568 | 836 | -268 |
| Pennsylvania | 700 | 1,068 | -368 |
| Ohio | 812 | 1,328 | -516 |
| Tennessee | 1,500 | 2,028 | -528 |
| Colorado | 764 | 1,368 | -604 |
| California | 1,924 | 2,540 | -616 |
| Georgia | 2,052 | 2,980 | -928 |
| Florida | 3,308 | 4,436 | -1,128 |
| Texas | <u>27,636</u> | <u>30,944</u> 76,469 | <u>-3,308</u> |
| <u>Totals</u> Alaska | 65,440 | 76,468 | -11,028 |
| South Dakota | na na | na na | na na |
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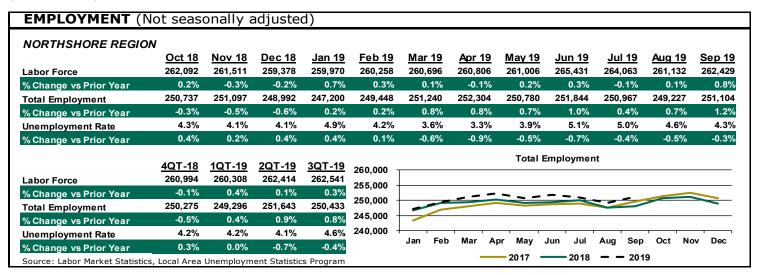
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Northshore Employment

Total employment among Northshore residents in 3Q2019 was down 0.5 percent from the prior quarter but up 0.8 percent compared to 3Q2018.

The total Northshore civilian work force in 3Q2019 was unchanged from the prior quarter and up 0.3 percent compared to 3Q2018.

With employment up by a larger percentage year-over-year than the labor force, the Northshore unemployment rate dropped from 5.1 percent in 3Q2018 to 4.6 percent in 3Q2019.



Northshore Estimated Retail Sales

Northshore retail sales for 3Q2019 averaged \$842 million per month, an increase of 5.7 percent compared to 3Q2018.

Sales were up year-over-year in all five parishes - ranging from 1.2 percent in Washington Parish to 10.6 percent in Livingston.

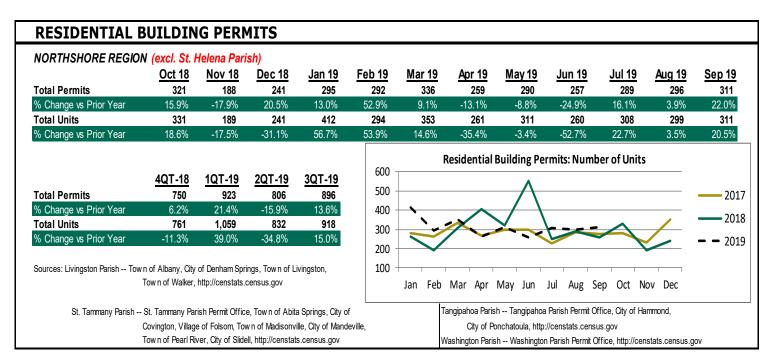
ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES NORTHSHORE REGION Oct 18 Nov 18 Dec 18 Jan 19 Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 19 May 19 Jun 19 Jul 19 Aug 19 Sep 19 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$798.38 \$783.05 \$959.02 \$742.45 \$714.02 \$894.53 \$799.38 \$830.23 \$839.37 \$827.79 \$847.64 \$851.07 % Change vs Prior Month 22.5% -22.6% -3.8% 25.3% -10.6% -1.9% % Change vs. Prior Year 5.5% 0.9% 3.9% -1.5% 8.7% 3.9% 5.4% **Estimated Retail Sales** 4QT-18 1QT-19 2QT-19 3QT-19 **§**1,000 \$842.16 Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$846.82 \$783.67 \$822.99 ₩\$900 % Change vs. Prior Quarter 6.2% -7.5% 5.0% 2.3% 2017 1.1% % Change vs Prior Year 5.5% 3.7% \$800 Sources: Livingston Parish School Board - Sales and Use Tax Division \$700 2019 St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office \$600 St. Tammany Parish Sales and Use Tax Department Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Tangipahoa Parish School Board - Sales and Use Tax Division Washington Parish Sheriff's Office - Sales and Use Tax Department

Northshore Residential Building Permits

The number of residential building permits issued in the Northshore region during 3Q2019 (excluding St. Helena Parish—for which data were not available) was up 13.6 percent compared to the third quarter of 2018, and the number of permitted units was up 15.0 percent.

Year-over-year permitted unit counts were up 51.4 and 34.8 percent in St. Tammany and Washington parishes, respectively, but down 10.7 percent in Livingston and 15.8 percent in Tangipahoa.

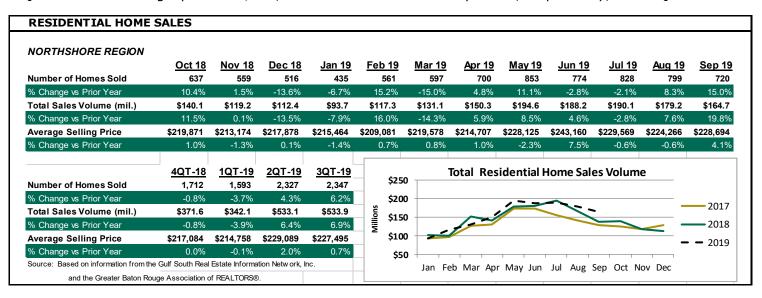
Permit counts for some parishes and municipalities are based on data reported to or estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau.



Northshore Residential Home Sales

There were 2,347 Northshore homes sold during 3Q2019 at an average price of \$227,495. The

number sold and the average price were up 6.2 and 0.7 percent, respectively, over 3Q2018.



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Livingston Parish

The number of employed Livingston Parish residents in 3Q2019 was unchanged from 3Q2018, while the civilian labor force fell by 0.3 percent.

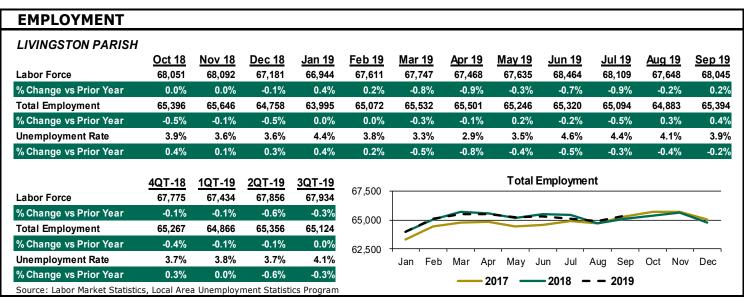
This resulted in a decline in the unemployment rate from 4.5 percent in 3Q2018 to 4.1 percent in 3Q2019.

The value of taxable retail sales in 3Q2019 averaged \$171.7 million per month, up 10.6 percent from 3Q2018.

The number of permitted residential building units issued in 3Q2019 was down 10.7 percent compared to the third quarter of 2018.

The number of homes sold in 3Q2019 was up 18.9 percent compared to 3Q2018, and the average price increased 7.3 percent to \$204,859, resulting in total residential sales volume increasing by 27.6 percent.

Livingston Parish residents purchased 1,717 new cars and light trucks in 3Q2019, up 16.2 percent from 1,477 in 3Q2018.



ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES LIVINGSTON PARISH Oct 18 Nov 18 Dec 18 Jan 19 Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 19 May 19 Jun 19 Jul 19 Aug 19 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$151.32 \$151.37 \$180.29 \$144.47 \$135.67 \$177.65 \$152.18 \$162.30 \$159.41 \$174.64 \$162.30 \$178.08 % Change vs Prior Month -19.9% -6.1% 30.9% -14.3% -1.8% 9.7% -0.7% 0.0% 19.1% 6.7% 9.5% -7.1% % Change vs. Prior Year -0.9% 1.2% 3.0% 7.9% -0.1% -5.5% -1.0% 1.5% -5.5% 8.0% 7.3% 16.8% **Estimated Retail Sales 8** \$200 4QT-18 1QT-19 2QT-19 3QT-19 Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$160.99 \$152.60 \$157.96 \$171.67 % Change vs. Prior Quarter 3.8% -5.2% 3.5% 8.7% 2017 % Change vs Prior Year 1.2% 0.0% -1.7% 10.6% \$150 2018 2019 \$100 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Source: Livingston Parish School Board - Sales and Use Tax Division

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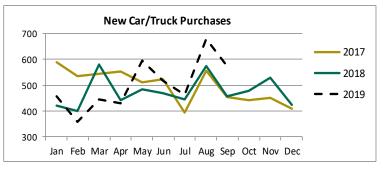
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS LIVINGSTON PARISH Oct 18 **Nov 18 Dec 18** <u>Jan 19</u> Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 19 May 19 <u>Jun 19</u> Jul 19 **Total Permits** 73 63 78 73 62 61 71 76 67 % Change vs Prior Year 4.3% 3.3% 32.2% 0.0% 0.0% 4% 9.5% 0.7% 3 9% 6.4% **Total Units** 63 71 76 76 51 .4% -6.4% -8.4% % Change vs Prior Year 0.0% 0.0% -9.0% -19.0% **Residential Building Permits: Number of Units** 4QT-18 1QT-19 2QT-19 3QT-19 120 214 194 **Total Permits** 214 200 % Change vs Prior Y 0.5% 9.7% -8.3% **Total Units** 214 194 214 200 70 % Change vs Prior Y 2018 **-** 2019 Sources: Town of Livingston, City of Walker, http://censtats.census.gov. 20 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES LIVINGSTON PARISH Oct 18 **Nov 18 Dec 18** Jan 19 Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 19 May 19 Jun 19 **Jul 19 Aug 19** Sep 19 **Number of Homes Sold** 181 140 133 105 145 169 178 215 198 228 197 198 -10.1% 11.1% -19.4% -9.5% 2.8% 22.4% 33.8% % Change vs Prior Year 22.3% 5.3% 23.6% 6.5% 6.0% \$44.0 \$47.0 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$33.2 \$25.9 \$24.8 \$20.4 \$28.5 \$31.9 \$33.3 \$42.5 \$40.4 \$40.2 % Change vs Prior Year 20.4% 14.9% -18 4% -3 3% 17.6% -7.5% 13 1% 36.6% 22.0% 14 0% 32 4% 42 1% **Median Selling Price** \$186,000 \$177,500 \$199,958 \$188,000 \$190,000 \$170,000 \$179,700 \$179,200 \$178,000 \$183,250 \$189,000 \$187,305 % Change vs Prior Year -3.1% 5 7% 6.9% 2.4% 4.5% 1 7% 7 8% 11.2% 14 3% 5.0% 5 6% 4.1% Number of Homes Sold per Month 4QT-18 1QT-19 2QT-19 3QT-19 250 419 **Number of Homes Sold** 454 591 623 2017 200 3.4% -5.8% 11.7% 18.9% % Change vs Prior Year 2018 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$83.8 \$80.8 \$127.6 \$119.8 150 % Change vs Prior Year 4.2% 1.2% 24.2% 27.6% 2019 100 **Average Selling Price** \$184,632 \$192,791 \$202,683 \$204,859 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec % Change vs Prior Year 0.8% 7.5% 11 1% 7.3%

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 Jul 19 Oct 18 Nov 18 Dec 18 Jan 19 Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 19 May 19 **Jun 19** <u>Aug 19</u> Sep 19 478 423 457 357 446 430 594 462 680 New Car/Truck Purchases 528 516 575 % Change vs Prior Year 7.9% 17.3% 3.2% 8.3% -10.5% -23.2% -2.9% 22.5% 10.0% 3.6% 18.3% 26.1% 103 **Purchases within Parish** 109 100 84 77 92 99 95 116 81 112 82 New Car/Truck Sales* 228 266 166 213 171 184 211 234 253 194 248 220 65.2% 79.7% 32.3% 33.6% -31.1% 11.6% 6.3% % Change vs Prior Year 57.1% **New Car/Truck Purchases** 700 2017

| | 4QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| New Car/Truck Purchases | 1,429 | 1,260 | 1,540 | 1,717 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 9.7% | -10.1% | 10.2% | 16.2% |
| Purchases within Parish | 293 | 272 | 310 | 275 |
| New Car/Truck Sales* | 660 | 568 | 698 | 662 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 62.2% | 2.2% | 20.1% | -1.6% |

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



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

St. Helena Parish

Employment among St. Helena Parish residents in the third quarter of 2019 was up 0.2 percent from 3Q2018. The labor force contracted by 1.1 percent, leading to a decrease in the unemployment rate from 7.3 percent in 3Q2018 to 6.1 percent in 3Q2019.

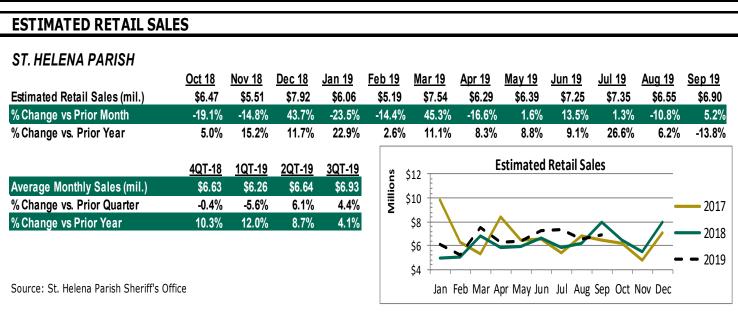
Sales tax collections within St. Helena Parish in the third quarter of 2019 increased by 4.1 percent compared to 3Q2018.

Building permit data were not available for St. Helena Parish for 3Q2019.

There were six homes sold in St. Helena Parish in 3Q2019 at an average price of \$103,617. The number sold was up 100 percent from three in 3Q2018, while the average price was down 57.1 percent.

St. Helena Parish residents purchased 63 new cars and light trucks in 3Q2019, up 5.0 percent from 60 in 3Q2018.

| Labor Force | Oct 18 4,325 | <u>Nov 18</u> | Dec 18 | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|----------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Labor Force % Change vs Prior Year | | <u>Nov 18</u> | Dec 18 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4.325 | | 500 10 | <u>Jan 19</u> | Feb 19 | Mar 19 | <u> Apr 19</u> | <u>May 19</u> | <u>Jun 19</u> | <u>Jul 19</u> | <u>Aug 19</u> | Sep 19 |
| % Change ve Brier Vear | ,, | 4,314 | 4,269 | 4,264 | 4,283 | 4,271 | 4,246 | 4,267 | 4,356 | 4,344 | 4,294 | 4,297 |
| /6 Change vs Filor real | 0.1% | 0.0% | -0.1% | 0.3% | -0.5% | -1.4% | -1.6% | -1.2% | -1.9% | -1.5% | -1.2% | -0.5% |
| Total Employment | 4,058 | 4,069 | 4,013 | 3,969 | 4,041 | 4,068 | 4,060 | 4,053 | 4,053 | 4,038 | 4,036 | 4,068 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -0.3% | 0.0% | -0.5% | 0.0% | 0.2% | -0.3% | -0.2% | 0.1% | -0.4% | -0.7% | 0.5% | 0.7% |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.2% | 5.7% | 6.0% | 6.9% | 5.7% | 4.8% | 4.4% | 5.0% | 7.0% | 7.0% | 6.0% | 5.3% |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 0.3% | -0.6% | -1.0% | -1.3% | -1.2% | -1.3% | -0.8% | -1.6% | -1.1% |
| 4 | QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 | 4,200 | | | Total | Employme | ent | | |
| Labor Force | 4,303 | 4,273 | 4,290 | 4,312 | | | | | | _ | | |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 0.0% | -0.5% | -1.6% | -1.1% | 4,000 | | | | | | | |
| Total Employment | 4,047 | 4,026 | 4,055 | 4,047 | | | | | | | | |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -0.3% | -0.1% | -0.2% | 0.2% | 3.800 | <u> </u> | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.9% | 5.8% | 5.5% | 6.1% | 2,000 | Jan Feb | Mar A | pr May | Jun Jul | Aug Se | p Oct N | lov Dec |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 0.2% | -0.4% | -1.3% | -1.2% | | | _ | — 2017 | 20^ | 18 | 2019 | |



St. Helena Parish—continued

Building permit data not available.

| ST HELENA PARISH | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|---------------|------------|------------|---|---------------|----------|---------------|
| | Oct 18 | Nov 18 | Dec 18 | <u>Jan 19</u> | Feb 19 | <u>Mar 19</u> | Apr 19 | May 19 | <u>Jun 19</u> | <u>Jul 19</u> | Aug 19 | Sep 19 |
| Number of Homes Sold | 3 | - | 2 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 200.0% | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | -100.0% | #DIV/0! | 0.0% | -66.7% | #DIV/0! | 0.0% | 100.0% | 200.0% | 0.0% |
| Total Sales Volume (mil.) | \$0.5 | \$0.0 | \$0.4 | \$0.0 | \$0.1 | \$0.4 | \$0.4 | \$0.7 | \$0.1 | \$0.2 | \$0.3 | \$0.1 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 1463.4% | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | -100.0% | #DIV/0! | 11.3% | 170.6% | #DIV/0! | -26.3% | -53.8% | 15.0% | 420.0% |
| Average Selling Price | \$151,133 | #DIV/0! | \$202,500 | #DIV/0! | \$75,000 | \$221,000 | \$437,000 | \$242,667 | \$70,000 | \$105,000 | \$93,900 | \$130,000 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 421.1% | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | 11.3% | 711.8% | #DIV/0! | -26.3% | -76.9% | -61.7% | 420.0% |
| | 4QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 | 4 - | | Number o | of Homes | Sold per | Month | | |
| Number of Homes Sold | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 | | | | _ | | | | 2017 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 400.0% | 0.0% | 25.0% | 100.0% | | | | \ | , / | \wedge | | |
| Total Sales Volume (mil.) | \$0.9 | \$0.5 | \$1.2 | \$0.6 | 2 ± | .1 | | _/ | | | <u> </u> | |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 2860.0% | -10.4% | 381.5% | -14.2% | | \/ | ~ \ | X | | | _ | - 2019 |
| Average Selling Price | \$171,680 | \$172,333 | \$247,000 | \$103,617 | 0 + | | | 1 | 1 1 | | | |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 492.0% | -10.4% | 285.2% | -57.1% | | Jan Feb N | ∕lar Apr M | lay Jun Ju | l Aug Se | p Oct Nov | Dec | |

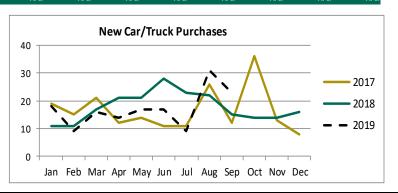
New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales

ST. HELENA PARISH

| | Oct 18 | Nov 18 | Dec 18 | <u>Jan 19</u> | Feb 19 | Mar 19 | Apr 19 | May 19 | <u>Jun 19</u> | <u>Jul 19</u> | Aug 19 | Sep 19 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| New Car/Truck Purchases | 14 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 9 | 16 | 14 | 17 | 17 | 9 | 31 | 23 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -61.1% | 7.7% | 100.0% | 63.6% | -18.2% | -5.9% | -33.3% | -19.0% | -39.3% | -60.9% | 40.9% | 53.3% |
| 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 |

| | 4QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| New Car/Truck Purchases | 44 | 43 | 48 | 63 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -22.8% | 10.3% | -31.4% | 5.0% |
| 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

The number of employed St. Tammany Parish residents increased by 1.5 percent from 3Q2018 to 3Q2019, while the civilian labor force increased by a smaller 1.0 percent. This led to a decline in the unemployment rate from 4.7 percent in 3Q2018 to 4.2 percent in 3Q2019.

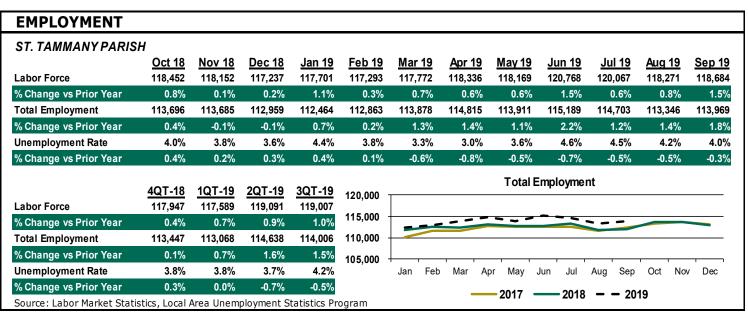
The value of taxable retail sales in St. Tammany Parish averaged \$431.2 million per month in 3Q2019, an increase of 4.4 percent over the third quarter of 2018.

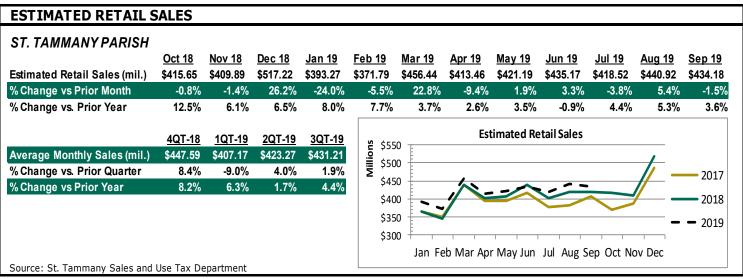
The number of building permits issued for residential units in 3Q2019 increased by 51.4 per-

cent compared to the third quarter of 2018.

The number of homes sold in St. Tammany Parish in 3Q2019 was up 0.2 percent compared to 3Q2018, while the average selling price was unchanged, resulting in a 0.2 percent increase in total residential sales volume.

St. Tammany Parish residents purchased 3,615 new cars and light trucks in 3Q2019, up 8.4 percent from 3,336 in 3Q2018. Approximately 54 percent of purchases in 3Q2019 were from dealers within St. Tammany Parish.





St. Tammany Parish—continued

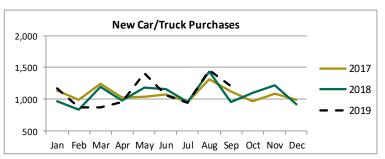
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS ST. TAMMANY PARISH Oct 18 **Dec 18** <u>Jan 19</u> **Feb 19** Mar 19 <u>Apr 19</u> May 19 Jul 19 **Nov 18** <u>Jun 19</u> Aug 19 Sep 19 **Total Permits** 144 76 107 149 153 155 110 116 128 160 146 188 % Change vs Prior Yea 21.6% 79.0% **Total Units** 144 77 107 150 154 155 111 117 128 160 147 188 -20.6% 69.2% -17.4% % Change vs Prior Ye 0.0% 19.3% 79.0% 0.7% Residential Building Permits: Number of Units 200 1QT-19 2QT-19 3QT-19 4QT-18 **Total Permits** 327 457 354 494 2017 150 51.1% 2018 Total Units 328 356 % Change vs 100 2019 Sources: City of Covington, Village of Folsom, Town of Madisonville, 50 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 18 Jan 19 Jun 19 **Nov 18 Dec 18** Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 19 May 19 **Jul 19** Aug 19 Sep 19 440 434 **Number of Homes Sold** 324 309 264 243 268 290 360 458 402 381 % Change vs Prior Year 2 2% 1 3% -12 9% 3.8% 13 1% -21.8% -1 1% 4 6% -4 6% -3 3% -2 9% 8 5% Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$84.0 \$74.8 \$66.7 \$59.7 \$64.1 \$75.3 \$88.5 \$120.4 \$122.6 \$114.7 \$104.0 \$99.6 % Change vs Prior Year 7.8% -1.8% -14.9% -3.0% -18.5% -0.5% 1.4% 2.4% -3.9% 15.7% \$239,361 Average Selling Price \$259,210 \$241,926 \$252,682 \$245,691 \$259,681 \$245,856 \$262,912 \$278,532 \$264,376 \$258,725 \$261,498 % Change vs Prior Year 5.5% -3 1% -2.3% -6.6% -1.7% 4 2% 0.6% -3.0% -3 7% -1.0% 6.6% 7.2% **Total Residential Home Sales Volume** 2QT-19 3QT-19 4QT-18 1QT-19 \$150 **Number of Homes Sold** 897 1,258 1,217 % Change vs Prior Year -3 0% -0.4% 0.2% \$125 2017 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$225.4 \$199.2 \$331.5 \$318.4 \$100 2018 % Change vs Prior Year -3.0% -5.9% 1.2% 0.2% \$75 **-** 2019 Average Selling Price \$251,335 \$248,638 \$263,494 \$261,608 % Change vs Prior Year 0.0% -1.1% 1.7% Source: Based on information from the Gulf South Real Estate Information Network, Inc. Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec for the period 01/2017 to 09/2019.

New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales ST. TAMMANY PARISH <u>De</u>c 18 Jan 19 Aug 19 Oct 18 Nov 18 Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 19 May 19 Jun 19 **Jul 19** Sep 19 New Car/Truck Purchases 1,103 1,223 1,176 870 871 954 1,406 1,063 946 1,462 1,207 924 % Change vs Prior Year 14.5% 11.9% -7.1% 21.2% 4.4% -26.7% 2.9% 19.1% -8.5% -0.6% 2.2% 26.7% Purchases within Parish 689 756 556 710 525 458 521 804 556 486 802 667 1,066 New Car/Truck Sales* 1,222 874 859 746 761 1,238 903 1,056 791 1,298 1,059 % Change vs Prior Year 16.4% -30.1% -21.1% 21.9% 22.6% 21.7% -2.2% 22.8% -16.6% 11.6% -11.0% **New Car/Truck Purchases**

| 4QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 3,250 | 2,917 | 3,423 | 3,615 |
| 6.5% | -2.5% | 2.9% | 8.4% |
| 2,001 | 1,693 | 1,881 | 1,955 |
| 3,152 | 2,671 | 2,902 | 3,148 |
| 14.2% | -0.1% | -8.3% | -0.1% |
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Tangipahoa Parish

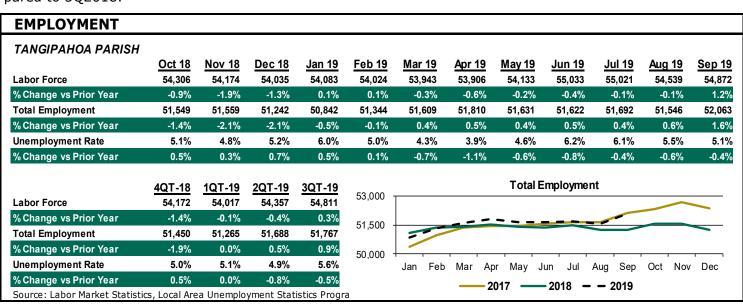
The number of employed Tangipahoa Parish residents rose by 0.9 percent from 3Q2018 to 3Q2019, while the civilian labor force increased by a smaller 0.3 percent, causing the unemployment rate to fall from 6.1 percent in 3Q2018 to 5.6 percent in 3Q2019.

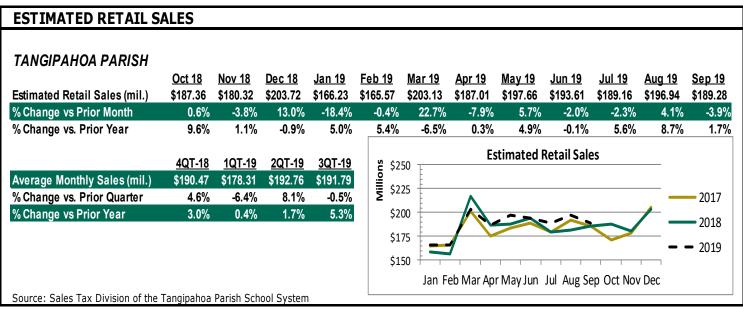
The value of taxable retail sales in 3Q2019 averaged \$191.8 million per month, an increase of 5.3 percent compared to 3Q2018.

The number of residential construction units permitted in 3Q2019 was down 15.8 percent compared to 3Q2018.

The number of homes sold in Tangipahoa Parish in 3Q2019 increased by 6.1 percent compared to 3Q2018, while the average selling price increased by 1.3 percent, leading to an increase in total residential sales volume of 7.5 percent.

Tangipahoa Parish residents purchased 1,381 new cars and light trucks in 3Q2019, up 0.3 percent from 1,377 in 3Q2018. Approximately 52 percent of purchases in 3Q2019 were from dealers within Tangipahoa Parish.



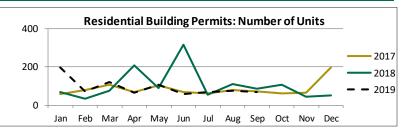


Tangipahoa Parish—continued

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS TANGIPAHOA PARISH Dec 18 Apr 19 Oct 18 Nov 18 <u>Jan 19</u> Feb 19 <u>Mar 19</u> May 19 <u>Jun 19</u> <u>Jul 19</u> <u>Aug 19</u> <u>Sep 19</u> **Total Permits** 81 19.8% 50 197 73 76 **Total Units** 105 121 64 106 58 68 69

| | 4QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Permits | 190 | 257 | 204 | 210 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 11.8% | 44.4% | -31.3% | -16.0% |
| Total Units | 200 | 391 | 228 | 213 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -37.9% | 119.7% | -62.8% | -15.8% |

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 18 | Nov 18 | Dec 18 | <u>Jan 19</u> | Feb 19 | <u>Mar 19</u> | Apr 19 | May 19 | <u>Jun 19</u> | <u>Jul 19</u> | <u>Aug 19</u> | <u>Sep 19</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Number of Homes Sold | 106 | 98 | 109 | 72 | 131 | 112 | 151 | 159 | 119 | 142 | 171 | 124 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 11.6% | -6.7% | -4.4% | -28.0% | 42.4% | -11.1% | 25.8% | 12.0% | -7.8% | -12.3% | 23.0% | 11.7% |
| Total Sales Volume (mil.) | \$19.2 | \$17.1 | \$19.6 | \$12.4 | \$22.6 | \$20.5 | \$26.8 | \$27.6 | \$20.9 | \$25.6 | \$31.7 | \$23.0 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 6.1% | -8.6% | -0.6% | -27.8% | 28.6% | -13.4% | 24.2% | 2.5% | -9.0% | -11.5% | 30.0% | 7.6% |
| Average Selling Price | \$181,563 | \$174,592 | \$179,686 | \$172,400 | \$172,794 | \$182,786 | \$177,508 | \$173,559 | \$175,948 | \$180,028 | \$185,117 | \$185,331 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -4.9% | -2.1% | 3.9% | 0.3% | -9.7% | -2.6% | -1.3% | -8.4% | -1.3% | 0.9% | 5.7% | -3.7% |

| | 4QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Number of Homes Sold | 313 | 315 | 429 | 437 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -0.3% | -0.9% | 9.7% | 6.1% |
| Total Sales Volume (mil.) | \$55.9 | \$55.5 | \$75.3 | \$80.2 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -1.1% | -5.0% | 5.4% | 7.5% |
| Average Selling Price | \$178,727 | \$176,256 | \$175,612 | \$183,524 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -0.8% | -4.1% | -4.0% | 1.3% |
| Source: Based on information from | the Gulf South | Real Estate In | formation Netv | v ork, Inc. |

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Total Residential Home Sales Volume \$35 \$30 2017 **£** \$25 2018 \$20 \$15 2019 \$10 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

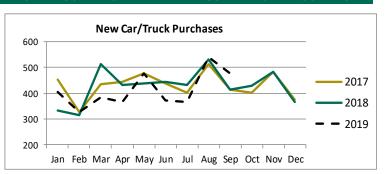
New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

| | Oct 18 | <u>Nov 18</u> | <u>Dec 18</u> | <u>Jan 19</u> | <u>Feb 19</u> | <u>Mar 19</u> | <u> Apr 19</u> | May 19 | <u>Jun 19</u> | <u>Jul 19</u> | <u>Aug 19</u> | <u>Sep 19</u> |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| New Car/Truck Purchases | 430 | 483 | 366 | 404 | 327 | 383 | 367 | 478 | 371 | 365 | 539 | 477 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 7.2% | 0.2% | -2.7% | 21.3% | 3.8% | -25.3% | -15.2% | 9.4% | -16.4% | -15.3% | 1.5% | 14.9% |
| Purchases within Parish | 213 | 241 | 201 | 199 | 157 | 210 | 204 | 247 | 161 | 196 | 263 | 254 |
| New Car/Truck Sales* | 420 | 453 | 404 | 402 | 299 | 428 | 395 | 482 | 344 | 389 | 523 | 550 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 2.4% | 6.8% | 9.5% | 12.3% | -2.9% | -3.6% | -3.4% | 7.1% | -18.9% | -11.6% | 0.6% | 34.1% |

| | 4QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| New Car/Truck Purchases | 1,279 | 1,114 | 1,216 | 1,381 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 1.6% | -4.0% | -7.5% | 0.3% |
| Purchases within Parish | 655 | 566 | 612 | 713 |
| New Car/Truck Sales* | 1,277 | 1,129 | 1,221 | 1,462 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 6.2% | 1.7% | -4.8% | 6.7% |
| | | | | |

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 third quarter of 2019 decreased by 1.6 percent compared to 3Q2018.

The labor force decreased by 2.0 percent, resulting in a decrease in the unemployment rate from 6.4 percent in 3Q2018 to 6.0 percent in 3Q2019.

Taxed retail sales in Washington Parish averaged \$40.6 million in 3Q2019, an increase of 1.2 percent over 3Q2018.

Building permits for 31 units were issued in 3Q2019, up 34.8 percent from 23 in 2Q2018.

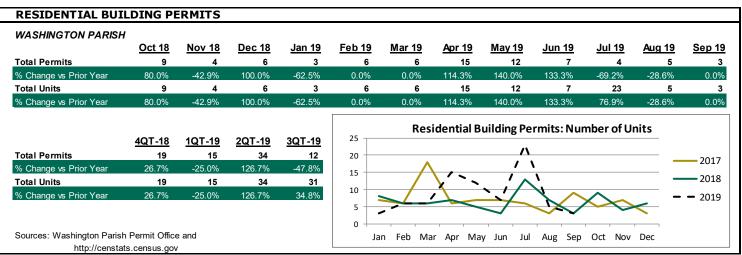
The number of Washington Parish homes sold in 3Q2019 was 12.3 percent higher than in 3Q2018, while the average sales price declined by 1.3 percent, resulting in a year-over-year increase in total residential sales volume of 10.8 percent.

Washington Parish residents purchased 388 new cars and light trucks in 3Q2019, up 22.4 percent from 317 in 3Q2018.

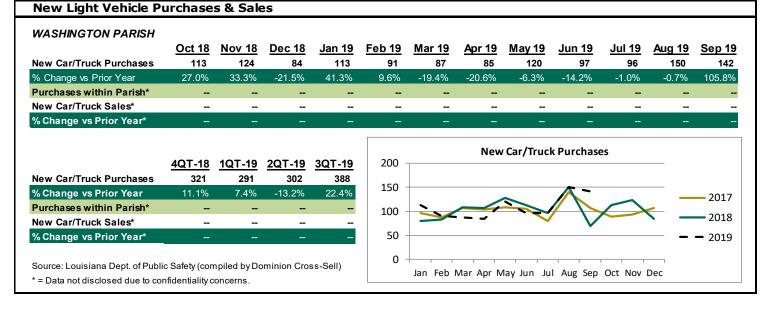
| WASHINGTON PARISH | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Oct 18 | Nov 18 | Dec 18 | <u>Jan 19</u> | Feb 19 | Mar 19 | Apr 19 | May 19 | <u>Jun 19</u> | <u>Jul 19</u> | <u>Aug 19</u> | <u>Sep 19</u> |
| Labor Force | 16,958 | 17,024 | 16,912 | 16,978 | 17,047 | 16,963 | 16,850 | 16,802 | 16,810 | 16,522 | 16,380 | 16,531 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 0.5% | -0.1% | 0.4% | 1.2% | 1.2% | 1.6% | 0.9% | 0.7% | -0.9% | -1.7% | -2.8% | -1.5% |
| Total Employment | 16,038 | 16,138 | 16,020 | 15,930 | 16,128 | 16,153 | 16,118 | 15,939 | 15,660 | 15,440 | 15,416 | 15,610 |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -0.1% | -0.6% | -0.5% | 0.4% | 0.7% | 2.2% | 1.8% | 1.1% | -0.2% | -1.3% | -2.3% | -1.2% |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.4% | 5.2% | 5.3% | 6.2% | 5.4% | 4.8% | 4.3% | 5.1% | 6.8% | 6.5% | 5.9% | 5.6% |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.8% | 0.8% | 0.5% | -0.6% | -0.9% | -0.4% | -0.7% | -0.4% | -0.5% | -0.3% |
| | 4QT-18 | 1QT-19 | 2QT-19 | 3QT-19 | | | | Total | Employme | nt | | |
| Labor Force | 16,965 | 16,996 | 16,821 | 16,478 | 16,500 | | _ | | | | | |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 0.3% | 1.3% | 0.2% | -2.0% | 16,000 | | | | | | | |
| Total Employment | 16,065 | 16,070 | 15,906 | 15,489 | 15,500 | | | | | | | |
| % Change vs Prior Year | -0.4% | 1.1% | 0.9% | -1.6% | 15.000 | | | | | | | |
| Unemployment Rate | 5.3% | 5.4% | 5.4% | 6.0% | 10,000 | Jan Feb | Mar A | pr May | Jun Jul | Aug Sep | Oct No | v Dec |
| % Change vs Prior Year | 0.6% | 0.2% | -0.6% | -0.4% | | | | 2017 — | | – 2019 | | |
| Source: Labor Market Statistics, | Local Area | Unamplaya | aant Ctatisti | cc Droaram | | | | 2017 | - 2010 - | 2019 | | |

ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES WASHINGTON PARISH Oct 18 Jul 19 Nov 18 **Dec 18** <u>Jan 19</u> Feb 19 <u>Mar 19</u> Apr 19 May 19 <u>Jun 19</u> **Aug 19** Sep 19 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$37.58 \$35.95 \$49.87 \$32.42 \$35.80 \$49.78 \$40.44 \$42.69 \$43.92 \$38.13 \$40.92 \$42.64 % Change vs Prior Month -13.2% -13.5% -4.3% 38.7% -35.0% 10.4% 39.1% -18.8% 5.6% 2.9% 7.3% 4.2% 10.9% 6.3% 14.5% -6.6% 12.8% 1.2% % Change vs. Prior Year 6.7% 1.0% -1.8% 1.1% 4.5% -1.9% **Estimated Retail Sales** 4QT-18 1QT-19 2QT-19 3QT-19 Millions \$60 Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$41.13 \$39.33 \$42.35 \$40.56 \$50 2017 % Change vs. Prior Quarter 2.6% -4.4% 7.7% -4.2% \$40 % Change vs Prior Year 5.4% 7.1% 2.0% 1.2% 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



RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES WASHINGTON PARISH Oct 18 **Nov 18 Dec 18** Jan 19 Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 19 **May 19** Jun 19 Jul 19 Aug 19 **Number of Homes Sold** 23 12 8 15 16 24 10 18 16 22 26 16 % Change vs Prior Year 43.8% -20.0% -46.7% 0.0% -5.9% 60.0% 28.6% -15.8% 15.8% 13.0% 6.7% -16.7% Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$3.2 \$1.4 \$1.0 \$1.2 \$2.0 \$3.0 \$1.2 \$1.9 \$2.2 \$2.6 \$2.8 \$1.7 % Change vs Prior Year 62.1% 12.8% 33.8% 32.8% 25.9% 51.9% 32.6% 10.3% 3.0% **Average Selling Price** \$139,717 \$116,836 \$120,125 \$80,024 \$122,050 \$124,163 \$121,230 \$104,179 \$135,563 \$119,082 \$107,760 \$105,178 % Change vs Prior Year 12.7% 8.9% 24.1% -32.8% 33.7% -5.1% -19.1% -1.3% 10.2% 36.7% -20.6% 1QT-19 2QT-19 3QT-19 4QT-18 Number of Homes Sold per Month 30 **Number of Homes Sold** 55 43 44 64 % Change vs Prior Year -6.5% 17.0% -2.2% 12.3% 20 2017 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$7.1 \$5.6 \$6.1 \$5.3 2018 % Change vs Prior Year 10 6% 15 7% -6.3% 10 Average Selling Price \$129.687 \$111,510 \$119,467 \$111.006 **-** 2019 % Change vs Prior Year 18.3% -4.2% Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec for the period 01/2017 to 09/2019.



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Southeastern Professional Sales Team wins at ICSC

Southeastern Louisiana University's Professional Sales Team won the Rookie Award at the 2019 International Collegiate Sales Competition. Hosted each year in Orlando, Fla., by Florida State University, the ICSC is the largest and most prestigious university sales competition in the world.

Southeastern's Professional Sales program has been named one of the top sales programs in the country for the past two years by the Sales Education Foundation. The winning team was comprised of Southeastern students India Williams of Baton Rouge, Karlie McDonald of Tickfaw, and Paxton Page of Prairieville.

"We are extremely proud of the sales team's performance at the International Collegiate Sales Competition," said Tara' Lopez, associate professor of marketing and one of the sales coaches. "Having success in these competitions helps bring recognition to what we are doing at Southeastern to prepare students for successful and fulfilling careers in sales. They also provide a great opportunity for our students to network with their peers and interact with employers from around the country at career fairs."

In addition to the Top Rookie Team Award, Williams placed in the top 20, and McDonald placed in the top 40 out of 160 student competitors from other top U.S. schools. Sales competitions such as this one, said Lopez, allow students to test their selling skills against their peers through role-playing scenarios, cold calling, case competitions, and speed selling.

The competition also offered a career fair attended by over 40 national companies who were there to hire these outstanding students.

For more information about the professional sales program, visit southeastern.edu/sales.

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