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## **NATIONAL**

## **U.S. Economy**

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U. S. real gross domestic product grew at a 3.2 percent annual rate during the third quarter of 2017, the second consecutive quarter with growth above 3.0 percent. Year-over-year, 3Q2017 real GDP was 2.3 percent higher than in the third quarter of 2016.

Total civilian employment for the third quarter of 2017 rose 1.4 percent compared to the third quarter of 2016 while the labor force grew by 0.7 percent. This led to a decline in the unemployment rate from 4.9 percent in 3Q2016 to 4.3 percent in 3Q2017.

A survey of professional forecasters released in November 2017 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia projects the U.S. economy to grow 2.2, 2.5, 2.1, and 1.0 percent in 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, respectively.

A panel of 52 professional forecasters surveyed by the National Association for Business Economics in December 2017 expects real GDP to increase 2.2 and 2.5 percent in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

#### **EMPLOYMENT** (Seasonally Adjusted) **UNITED STATES (Numbers in Thousands)** Oct 16 Nov 16 Dec 16 Jan 17 Feb 17 Mar 17 Apr 17 May 17 **Jun 17** Aug 17 Sep 17 Labor Force 159.643 159,456 159,640 159,716 160,056 160,201 160,213 159,784 160,145 160,494 160,571 161,146 % Change vs Prior Year 1.1% 0.7% 0.8% 0.8% 0.8% **Total Employment** 151,902 152,048 152,111 152,081 152,528 153,000 153,156 152,923 153,168 153,513 154,345 1.4% 1.4% 1.4% 1.6% % Change vs Prior Year 1.8% 1.8% 1.0% 1.0% 1.1% 1.2% 1.3% 1.2% 145,325 145,541 146,406 146,692 Total Nonfarm Emp. 145,006 145,170 145,773 145,823 145,997 146,182 146,574 146,659 % Change vs Prior Year 1.7% 1.6% 1.6% 1.6% 1.6% 1.5% 1.5% 1.6% 1.6% 1.5% 1.4% 1.2% **Unemployment Rate** 4.8% 4.6% 4.7% 4.8% 4.7% 4.5% 4.4% 4.3% 4.4% 4.3% 4.2% -0.4% -0.3% -0.2% -0.2% -0.5% -0.6% -0.4% % Change vs Prior Year -0.2% -0.6% -0.5% -0.5% -0.7% Total Employment (000s) 4QT-16 1QT-17 2QT-17 3QT-17 160,000 **Labor Force** 159,580 159,991 160,047 160,737 % Change vs Prior Year 0.7% 155,000 **Total Employment** 152,020 152,536 153,082 153,766 1.6% % Change vs Prior Year 1.0% 1.3% 1.4% 150,000 Total Nonfarm Emp. 145,167 145,712 146,195 146,642 1.4% % Change vs Prior Year 1.6% 1.6% 1.6% 145.000 4.7% 4.4% **Unemployment Rate** 4.7% 4.3% Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec -0.3% -0.6% % Change vs Prior Year -0.3% -0.3% **—— 2015 —— 2016 — — 2017** Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## STATE

## **Louisiana Economy**

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Total state employment for the third quarter of 2017 fell 0.9 percent from the previous quarter and was down 0.2 percent compared to 3Q2016.

The statewide labor force for 3Q2017 fell 1.4 percent from the previous quarter and was 1.3 percent lower than in 3Q2016.

The unemployment rate declined from 6.1 percent in 3Q2016 to 5.2 percent in 3Q2017.

Louisiana's gross domestic product grew at an annualized rate of 1.1 percent in 3Q2017, substantially below the 3.2 percent national rate.

General state sales tax collections in 3Q2017 rose 7.5 percent compared to 3Q2016.

Seasonally-adjusted state personal income increased 0.5 percent from the second quarter and 2.5 percent compared to 3Q2016. Year-over-year, net earnings rose 0.8 percent, dividends,

interest, and rent increased 2.6 percent, and personal transfer receipts rose by 7.2 percent.

Industries contributing the most year-over-year growth in earnings from 3Q2016 to 3Q2017 were Construction (+\$1.2 billion), Health care and social assistance (+\$776 million), and Retail Trade (+\$217 million).

Industries with the largest year-over-year declines in earnings were *Mining* (-\$515 million), *State and local government* (-\$389 million), and *Farm earnings* (-\$149 million).

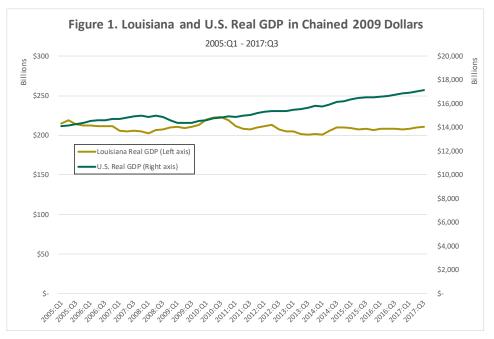
On a percentage basis the largest gainers were Construction (+9.3 percent), Federal civilian government (+6.0 percent), and Educational services (+5.0 percent) while the largest declines were in Farm earnings (-35.2 percent), Arts, entertainment, and recreation (-8.3 percent), and Mining (-7.8 percent).

LOUISIANA (Numb	ers in Th	ousands	s)									
•	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	<u>Jan 17</u>	Feb 17	<u>Mar 17</u>	Apr 17	May 17	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	Aug 17	Sep 1
Labor Force	2,105	2,103	2,100	2,100	2,107	2,114	2,121	2,119	2,108	2,092	2,082	2,08
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.8%	-1.8%	-1.9%	-1.9%	-1.5%	-1.1%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.7%	-1.2%	-1.4%	-1.2%
Total Employment	1,978	1,976	1,974	1,977	1,985	1,994	1,998	1,998	1,993	1,982	1,975	1,97
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.8%	-1.8%	-1.8%	-1.6%	-1.1%	-0.5%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%	-0.19
Total Nonfarm Emp.	1,969	1,966	1,969	1,976	1,984	1,974	1,973	1,984	1,988	1,982	1,983	1,98
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.2%	-1.2%	-0.8%	-0.3%	0.2%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.5%	1.0%	0.6%	1.1%	0.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.0%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	5.7%	5.8%	5.7%	5.4%	5.3%	5.2%	5.1%
% Change vs Prior Year	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-1.0%	-1.09
	4QT-16	1QT-17	2QT-17	3QT-17			To	otal Emplo	oyment (0	00s)		
Labor Force	2,103	2,107	2,116	2,086	2,100 —							
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.8%	-1.5%	-0.5%	-1.3%	Ţ							
Total Employment	1,976	1,985	1,996	1,978	‡							_
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.8%	-1.0%	0.1%	-0.2%	2,000							
Total Nonfarm Emp.	1,968	1,978	1,982	1,982	‡							
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.1%	-0.1%	0.5%	0.8%	1,900							
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	5.8%	5.7%	5.2%	•	an Feb	Mar Apr	May Jun	Jul Au	g Sep (	Oct Nov	Dec
	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.6%	-1.0%			•	•				

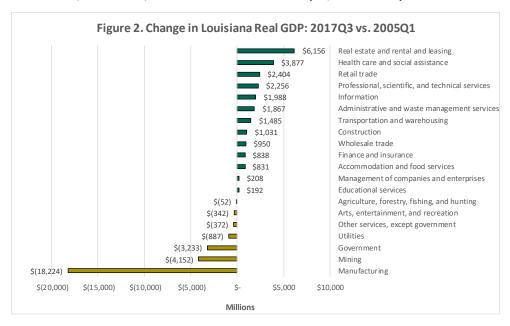
## **Louisiana GDP Growth**

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Louisiana's gross domestic product (GDP), the market value of goods and services produced by the labor and property located in the state, has been essentially flat in the time period shown in Figure 1 below -2005:Q1 through 2017:Q3. While U.S. real GDP has increased by 21.7 percent over this time period, Louisiana's real GDP has declined by 2.3 percent.



As illustrated in Figure 2, seven of the 20 industry classifications declined in real value of production from 2005:Q1 to 2017:Q3, with *Manufacturing* down the most at \$18.2 billion, followed by *Mining* (oil and gas) and *Government*, down \$4.2 and \$3.2 billion, respectively. *Real estate and rental and leasing* increased the largest amount (+\$6.2 billion), followed by *Health care and social assistance* (+\$3.9 billion), *Retail trade* (+\$2.4 billion), and *Professional, scientific, and technical services* (+\$2.3 billion).

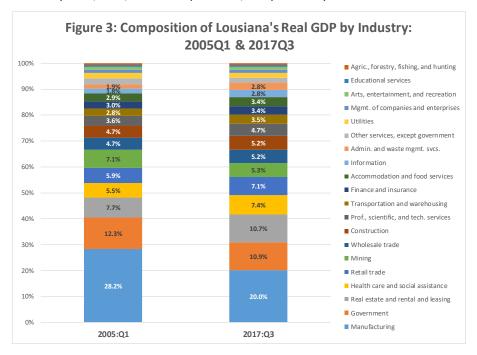


## Louisiana GDP Growth (continued)

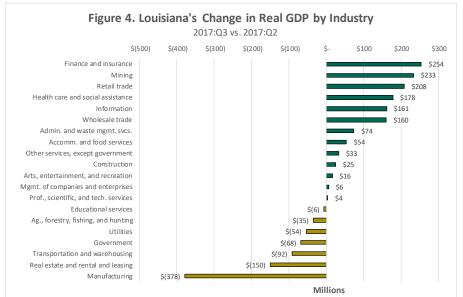
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Manufacturing remains the largest single industry in Louisiana, contributing 20.0 percent of GDP, but that is down from 28.2 percent in 2005:Q1 (see Figure 3). Government declined from 12.3 to 10.9 percent and Mining from 7.1 to 5.3 percent.

Real estate and rental and leasing showed the largest growth in share of GDP (7.7 to 10.7 percent), followed by *Health care and social assistance*, *Retail trade*, and *Professional*, *scientific and technical services* which increased their shares of GDP by 1.9, 1.2, and 1.1 percent, respectively.



Louisiana's real GDP grew 1.1 percent in the third quarter of 2017, ranking 49th in the nation, and substantially below the 3.2 percent growth of national GDP. As shown in Figure 4, 13 sectors showed growth while seven contracted.



## **REGIONAL**

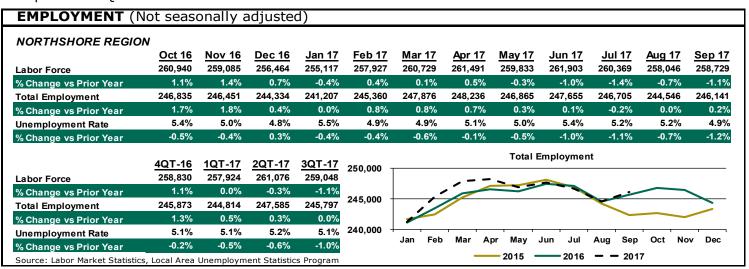
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## **Northshore Employment**

Total employment among Northshore residents in 3Q2017 was down 0.7 percent from the prior quarter and unchanged from 3Q2016. The total civilian work force in 3Q2017 was down 0.8 percent from the previous quarter and 1.1 percent compared to 3Q2016.

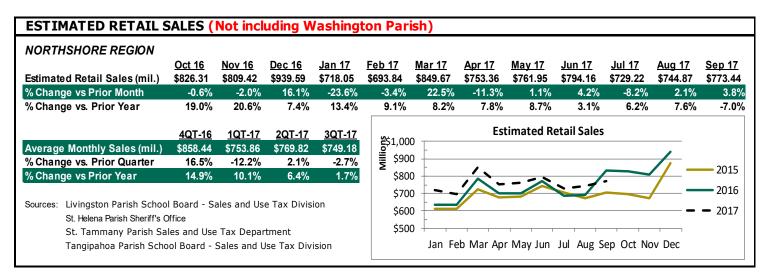
The Northshore unemployment rate for 3Q2017 was 5.1 percent, down 1.0 percent from 6.1 percent in 3Q2016.



## **Northshore Estimated Retail Sales**

Taxable retail sales for Washington Parish were not available for 3Q2017. Retail sales for the other four parishes averaged \$749 million per month, an increase of 1.7 percent compared to

3Q2016. Sales were up in St. Tammany and Tangipahoa parishes and down in Livingston and St. Helena (due to 3Q2016 sales being inflated by the August 2016 flood).

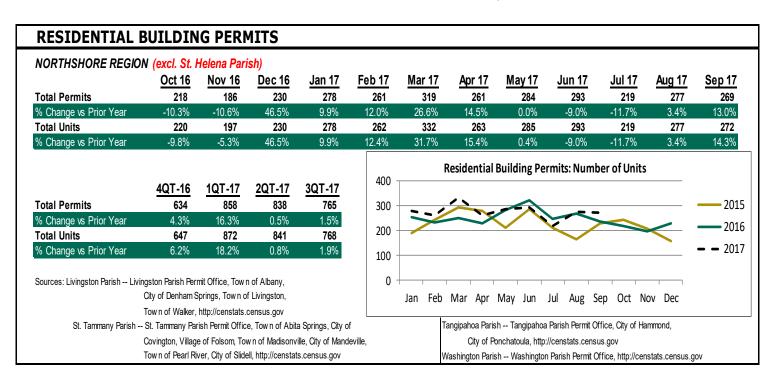


## **Northshore Residential Building Permits**

The number of building permits for residential units in the Northshore region issued during 3Q2017 (excluding St. Helena Parish—for which data were not available) was down 8.7 percent from the prior quarter but increased 1.9 percent compared to the third quarter of 2016.

Year-over-year changes ranged from a decline of 25.0 percent in Washington Parish to an increase of 52.1 percent in Tangipahoa Parish.

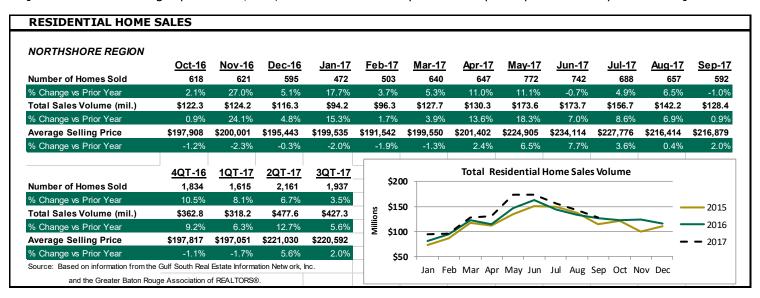
Note that permit counts for some parishes and municipalities are based on data reported to or estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau.



## **Northshore Residential Home Sales**

There were 1,937 Northshore homes sold during 3Q2017 at an average price of \$220,592. The

number sold was up 3.5 percent and the average price was up 2.0 percent compared to 3Q2016.



## **LOCAL**

## **Livingston Parish**

The number of employed Livingston Parish residents in 3Q2017 was unchanged from 3Q2016.

The labor force declined by 1.2 percent, leading to a decrease in the unemployment rate from 5.7 percent in 3Q2016 to 4.5 percent in 3Q2017.

The value of taxable retail sales in 3Q2017 averaged \$157.8 million per month, down 5.3 percent from the flood-influenced sales of 3Q2016.

The number of residential building permits issued in 3Q2017 was down 10.0 percent from the previ-

ous quarter and 4.5 percent compared to the third quarter of 2016.

The number of homes sold in 3Q2017 was up 20.7 percent compared to 3Q2016, while the average price declined 0.7 percent to \$184,518, resulting in total volume increasing by 19.9 percent.

Livingston Parish residents purchased 1,402 new cars and light trucks in 3Q2017, down 52.9 percent from the third quarter of 2016, which saw artificially inflated sales (2,974) due to the August 2016 flood.

#### **EMPLOYMENT** LIVINGSTON PARISH Oct 16 **Nov 16 Dec 16** Jan 17 Feb 17 <u>Mar</u> 17 **May 17** Jun 17 **Jul 17** Aug 17 **Sep 17** Apr 17 **Labor Force** 68,722 67,937 66,850 66,900 67,903 68,426 68,620 67,923 68,240 68,043 67,479 68,116 % Change vs Prior Year 1.3% -0.5% -0.9% 0.0% -0.4% -1.1% -2.4% 0.2% -1.0% 0.5% -0.7% -2.7% 65,142 63,798 **Total Employment** 64,716 63,531 64,890 65,419 65,514 64,895 64,926 64,376 65,203 64,892 -1.8% % Change vs Prior Year 1.2% 0.3% -1.1% -0.9% 0.2% -0.2% -0.4% -0.8% -1.6% 0.9% 1.0% **Unemployment Rate** 5.2% 4.7% 4.6% 5.0% 4.4% 4.4% 4.5% 4.5% 4.9% 4.6% 4.6% 4.3% % Change vs Prior Year 0.1% 0.1% 0.6% -0.1% -0.1% -0.4% 0.0% -0.4% -0.8% -0.9% -0.6% -1.9% **Total Employment** 4QT-16 1QT-17 2QT-17 3QT-17 68,000 67,836 67,879 **Labor Force** 67,743 68,261 66,000 % Change vs Prior Year 0.4% -1.3% -1.2% -0.5% **Total Employment** 64,552 64,613 65,112 64,824 64,000 % Change vs Prior Year 0.1% -0.3% -0.9% 0.0% 62,000 4.8% 4.6% 4.6% 4.5% **Unemployment Rate** Oct Nov Dec Feb Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep -0.2% -0.4% % Change vs Prior Year 2015 2016 **-** 2017 Source: Labor Market Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program

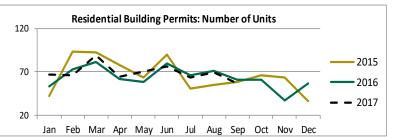
#### **ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES** LIVINGSTON PARISH Oct 16 Nov 16 **Dec 16** Jan 17 Feb 17 Mar 17 Apr 17 May 17 **Jun 17** Jul 17 Aug 17 Sep 17 \$155.24 \$245.45 \$217.79 \$169.00 \$166.48 \$154.59 \$163.66 Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$211.74 \$161.27 \$193.57 \$164.58 \$172.02 % Change vs Prior Month 7.3% -13.7% 2.9% -22.4% -4.6% 20.0% -15.0% 1.2% 3.3% -9.8% -0.4% 5.9% 26.2% 27.2% 20.2% 12.4% 12.9% % Change vs. Prior Year 75.9% 59.3% 25.7% 15.0% 9.8% 15.6% -28.5% **Estimated Retail Sales** 4QT-16 1QT-17 2QT-17 3QT-17 \$300 Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$224.99 \$174.62 \$167.69 \$157.83 % Change vs. Prior Quarter 35.0% -22.4% -4.0% -5.9% 2015 % Change vs Prior Year 51.4% 24.2% 12.3% -5.3% \$200 2016 2017 \$100 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Source: Livingston Parish School Board - Sales and Use Tax Division

## Livingston Parish—continued

LIVINGSTON PARISH												
	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	<u>Jan 17</u>	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	Aug 17	Sep 17
Total Permits	61	37	57	67	66	89	64	70	76	63	69	57
% Change vs Prior Year	-7.6%	-41.3%	58.3%	26.4%	-9.6%	9.9%	3.2%	20.7%	-5.0%	-4.5%	-2.8%	-6.6%
Total Units	61	37	57	67	66	89	64	70	76	63	69	57
% Change vs Prior Year	-7.6%	-41.3%	58.3%	26.4%	-9.6%	9.9%	3.2%	20.7%	-5.0%	-4.5%	-2.8%	-6.6%

	4QT-16	1QT-17	2QT-17	3QT-17
Total Permits	155	222	210	189
% Change vs Prior Year	-6.1%	7.2%	5.0%	-4.5%
Total Units	155	222	210	189
% Change vs Prior Year	-6.1%	7.2%	5.0%	-4.5%

Sources: Town of Albany, City of Denham Springs, Town of Livingston, Livingston Parish Permit Office, http://censtats.census.gov

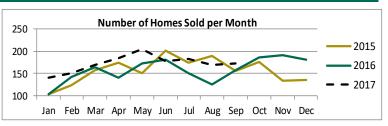


### **RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES**

### LIVINGSTON PARISH

	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	<u>Jan-17</u>	Feb-17	<u>Mar-17</u>	<u> Apr-17</u>	May-17	<u>Jun-17</u>	<u>Jul-17</u>	<u> Aug-17</u>	Sep-17
Number of Homes Sold	186	192	181	141	151	170	185	204	177	182	170	172
% Change vs Prior Year	5.7%	43.3%	34.1%	36.9%	5.6%	3.7%	32.1%	18.6%	-2.2%	20.5%	34.9%	9.6%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$30.7	\$30.3	\$27.2	\$22.1	\$25.2	\$27.2	\$31.3	\$37.3	\$33.7	\$33.0	\$30.8	\$32.9
% Change vs Prior Year	0.6%	35.6%	21.6%	23.6%	0.3%	-7.5%	29.4%	22.5%	-2.2%	19.3%	33.3%	10.2%
Median Selling Price	\$166,250	\$159,900	\$155,000	\$159,900	\$164,500	\$162,250	\$164,000	\$167,000	\$175,155	\$174,450	\$178,200	\$174,750
% Change vs Prior Year	3.3%	-1.3%	-5.5%	-3.0%	-0.3%	-3.1%	-2.2%	1.0%	2.5%	2.0%	2.7%	-3.9%

	4QT-16	1QT-17	2QT-17	3QT-17	250 —	Number of Homes Sold per Month	
Number of Homes Sold	559	462	566	524			2015
% Change vs Prior Year	25.6%	12.7%	14.8%	20.7%	200 +		
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$88.1	\$74.4	\$102.4	\$96.7	150		2016
% Change vs Prior Year	17.3%	2.9%	14.8%	19.9%	130		<b></b> 2017
Average Selling Price	\$157,656	\$161,068	\$180,880	\$184,518	100 +		
% Change vs Prior Year	-6.7%	-8.7%	0.0%	-0.7%		Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Source: Based on information	from the Grea	iter Baton R	ouge Associa	ation of REALT	ORS® (7/2	2014 forward) and Gulf South Real Estate Information Network, Inc. (1/	2015 forward)



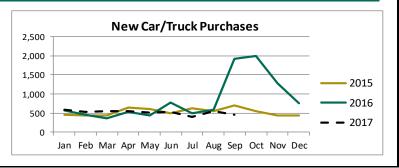
### **New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales**

### LIVINGSTON PARISH

	Oct 16	Nov 16	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Feb 17</u>	<u>Mar 17</u>	<u> Apr 17</u>	May 17	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>
New Car/Truck Purchases	2,000	1,274	746	588	535	544	554	512	522	393	556	453
% Change vs Prior Year	259.7%	195.6%	19.9%	4.6%	17.8%	49.0%	4.7%	16.9%	-31.9%	-18.5%	-4.8%	-76.3%
Purchases within Parish	197	143	87	47	77	45	52	76	66	46	77	58
New Car/Truck Sales*	235	185	125	84	108	84	81	117	113	94	134	89
% Change vs Prior Year	102.6%	180.3%	4.2%	-7.7%	36.7%	27.3%	1.3%	46.3%	-41.5%	14.6%	14.5%	-73.0%

	4QT-16	1QT-17	2QT-17	3QT-17
New Car/Truck Purchases	4,020	1,667	1,588	1,402
% Change vs Prior Year	149.8%	20.7%	-8.4%	-52.9%
Purchases within Parish	427	169	194	181
New Car/Truck Sales*	545	276	311	317
% Change vs Prior Year	80.5%	16.9%	-11.9%	-40.1%

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



<sup>\* =</sup> Includes only new vehicle sales within Louisiana

## St. Helena Parish

Employment among St. Helena Parish residents in the third quarter of 2017 fell by 0.7 percent compared to 3Q2016. The labor force declined by 2.1 percent, leading to a 1.4 percent drop in the unemployment rate (from 8.6 percent in 3Q2016 to 7.2 percent in 3Q2017.

The value of taxable retail sales within St. Helena Parish in the third quarter fell 2.8 percent compared to the flood recovery increased sales of 3Q2016.

Building permit data were not available for St. Helena Parish for 3Q2017.

There were five homes sold in St. Helena Parish in 3Q2017 at an average price of \$104,200.

Residents of St. Helena Parish purchased 49 new cars and light trucks in the third quarter of 2017, down 12.5 percent from 56 purchased in 3Q2016.

EMPLOYMENT														
ST. HELENA PARISH														
	Oct 16	Nov 16	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	Feb 17	<u>Mar 17</u>	<u> Apr 17</u>	May 17	<u>Jun</u>	17	Jul '	<u>17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	Sep 17
Labor Force	4,464	4,400	4,348	4,360	4,405	4,450	4,460	4,433	4,	493	4,4	72	4,426	4,432
% Change vs Prior Year	-4.7%	-5.9%	-3.1%	-3.3%	-2.5%	-2.8%	-2.4%	-3.5%	-4	.2%	-5.1	۱%	-0.2%	-0.7%
Total Employment	4,124	4,104	4,045	4,038	4,121	4,157	4,164	4,136	4,	147	4,1	37	4,093	4,135
% Change vs Prior Year	-4.5%	-5.2%	-3.3%	-2.8%	-1.9%	-2.2%	-2.3%	-2.6%	-3	.3%	-3.5	5%	0.8%	0.9%
Unemployment Rate	7.6%	6.7%	7.0%	7.4%	6.4%	6.6%	6.6%	6.7%	7	.7%	7.5	5%	7.5%	6.7%
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.2%	-0.7%	0.3%	-0.5%	-0.6%	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.8%	-0	.9%	-1.5	5%	-1.0%	-1.5%
	4QT-16	1QT-17	2QT-17	3QT-17	4,500			Total	Emplo	oyme	nt			
Labor Force	4,404	4,405	4,462	4,443	4,250									
% Change vs Prior Year	-4.6%	-2.9%	-3.4%	-2.1%	4,230						_ =	_		
Total Employment	4,091	4,105	4,149	4,122	4,000									
% Change vs Prior Year	-4.4%	-2.3%	-2.8%	-0.7%	3.750	<u> </u>								
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	6.8%	7.0%	7.2%	3,700	Jan Fe	b Mar	Apr May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov Dec
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-1.3%			_	2015		- 2010	<u> </u>	_ 20	)17	
Source: Labor Market Statistics	s, Local Area	a Unemploy	ment Statis	tics Prograi	m			2013		2010	<b>.</b>	20	, , ,	

#### **ESTIMATED RETAIL SALES** ST. HELENA PARISH Nov 16 Dec 16 Jan 17 Feb 17 <u>Mar 17</u> Apr 17 <u>Jun 17</u> Jul 17 Aug 17 Sep 17 Oct 16 <u>May 17</u> Estimated Retail Sales (mil.) \$8.20 \$6.84 \$6.60 \$9.84 \$6.24 \$5.25 \$8.40 \$6.47 \$6.58 \$5.36 \$6.78 \$6.79 % Change vs Prior Month 1.2% -16.5% -3.6% 49.1% -36.5% -15.9% 59.8% -22.9% 1.7% -18.6% 26.6% 0.1% 8.2% % Change vs. Prior Year 45.7% 6.2% -18.3% 63.1% 5.6% -25.1% 34.4% 0.1% -1.0% 13.8% -16.3% **Estimated Retail Sales** 4QT-16 1QT-17 2QT-17 3QT-17 \$12 Average Monthly Sales (mil.) \$7.21 \$7.11 \$7.15 \$6.31 \$10 % Change vs. Prior Quarter -1.4% 0.5% 11.1% -11.7% 2015 % Change vs Prior Year 12.5% 7.4% 14.0% -2.8% 2016 \$6 2017 \$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 Dec-16 Feb-17 Mar-17 <u>Apr-</u>17 Jun-17 Oct-16 Nov-16 Jan-17 Jul-17 May-17 Aug-17 Sep-17 **Number of Homes Sold** % Change vs Prior Year 100.0% #DIV/0! -100.0% 200.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 200.0% #DIV/0! 0.0% 0.0% #DIV/0! Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$0.1 \$0.0 \$0.0 \$0.4 \$0.2 \$0.2 \$0.1 \$0.6 \$0.0 \$0.1 \$0.3 \$0.1 % Change vs Prior Year \$137,267 \$106,750 \$100,500 \$64,000 \$131,500 Average Selling Price \$68,500 \$118,000 \$196,967 #DIV/0! \$0 \$0 \$130,000 % Change vs Prior Year -21.3% #DIV/0! -100.0% -29.6% -22.1% 1131.0% #DIV/0! #DIV/0! **Number of Homes Sold** 4QT-<u>16</u> 1QT-17 2QT-17 3QT-17 **Number of Homes Sold** 2 7 2015 % Change vs Prior Year -33.3% 40.0% 100.0% 25.0% 2016 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$0.1 \$0.9 \$0.7 \$0.5 % Change vs Prior Year -53.2% -6.5% 376.8% 18.4% 2017 O **Average Selling Price** \$68,500 \$123,043 \$172,850 \$104,200 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec % Change vs Prior Year -33.2% -29.7% n/a n/a Source: Based on information from the Greater Baton Rouge Association of REALTORS® and Gulf South Real Estate Information Network, Inc. (1/2015 and forward)

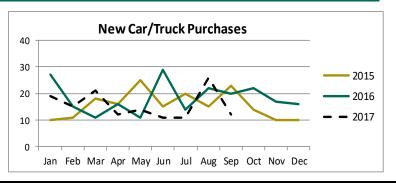
### **New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales**

### ST. HELENA PARISH

	Oct 16	Nov 16	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Feb 17</u>	<u>Mar 17</u>	Apr 17	May 17	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>
New Car/Truck Purchases	22	17	16	19	15	21	12	14	11	11	26	12
% Change vs Prior Year	57.1%	70.0%	14.3%	-29.6%	0.0%	90.9%	-25.0%	27.3%	-62.1%	-21.4%	18.2%	-40.0%
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-16	1QT-17	2QT-17	3QT-17
New Car/Truck Purchases	55	55	37	49
% Change vs Prior Year	44.7%	3.8%	-33.9%	-12.5%
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)



<sup>\* =</sup> Includes only new vehicle sales within Louisiana

## St. Tammany Parish

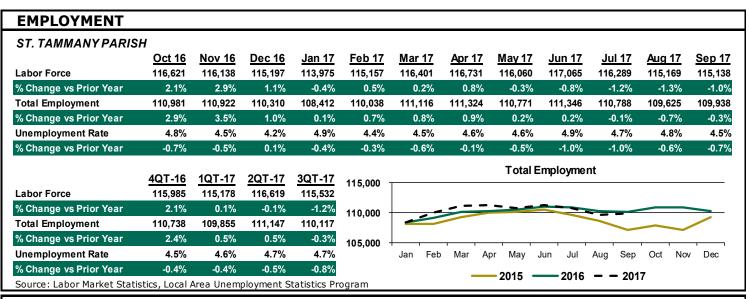
The number of employed St. Tammany Parish residents in 3Q2017 declined by 0.3 percent compared to 3Q2016, while the labor force declined by 1.2 percent, leading to a 0.8 percent drop in the unemployment rate to 4.7 percent.

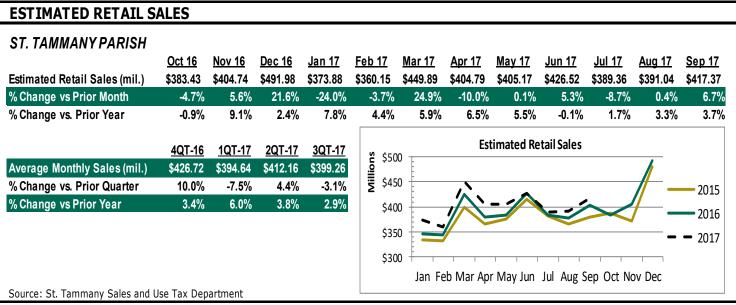
The value of taxable retail sales in 3Q2017 increased 2.9 percent compared to the third quarter of 2016.

Building permits for residential units in 3Q2017 decreased by 1.1 percent from the previous quarter and 9.4 percent compared to the third quarter of 2016.

The number of homes sold in St. Tammany Parish was down 3.1 percent compared to 3Q2016, while the average price increased by 4.7 percent, leading to a 1.5 percent increase in total residential sales volume.

St. Tammany Parish residents purchased 3,392 cars and light trucks in 3Q2017, up 6.6 percent over purchases in 3Q2016. Parish dealers sold 3,217 new light vehicles throughout Louisiana, up 8.2 percent over sales in 3Q2016.





## St. Tammany Parish—continued

#### **RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS** ST. TAMMANY PARISH Dec 16 Jan 17 Oct 16 Nov 16 Feb 17 Mar 17 Apr 17 May 17 **Jun 17 Jul 17** Aug 17 **Sep 17 Total Permits** 73 106 145 110 120 124 105 141 132 132 % Change vs Prior Yea 3.8% Total Units 99 73 106 145 111 120 124 105 141 99 132 135 12.4% 24.7% 23 2% 39.5% 36.8% -18 0% 16.4% **Residential Building Permits: Number of Units** 200 4QT-16 1QT-17 2QT-17 3QT-17 **Total Permits** 278 375 370 363 2015 150 % Change vs P 1.8% 10.1% 2016 100 **Total Units** 278 376 370 366 % Change vs 9.4% 2017 50 Sources: St. Tammany Parish Permit Office, Town of Abita Springs, City of Covington. 0 Village of Folsom, Town of Madisonville, City of Mandeville, Town of Pearl River, Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec City of Slidell, http://censtats.census.gov (some data estimated)

#### **RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES** ST. TAMMANY PARISH Oct-16 Nov-16 Dec-16 Jan-17 Feb-17 Mar-17 Apr-17 May-17 Jun-17 Jul-17 Aug-17 Sep-17 306 342 346 447 314 319 239 257 431 400 365 314 **Number of Homes Sold** 10.5% % Change vs Prior Year -2.8% 22.7% 8.6% 4 5% 5.9% 4.8% 4 2% 2.6% -7 1% \$55.5 \$80.6 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$72.0 \$75.6 \$71.8 \$58.7 \$79.0 \$112.9 \$120.6 \$105.7 \$91.6 \$77.7 12.8% % Change vs Prior Year Average Selling Price \$229,144 \$236,898 \$234,559 \$245,458 \$216,123 \$231,078 \$232,873 \$261,938 \$269,736 \$264,136 \$250,873 \$247,603 % Change vs Prior Year 0.0% -2.0% 5.2% 3.8% -5.1% -0.2% 6.9% 9.0% 5.4% 3.5% **Total Residential Home Sales Volume** <u>2QT-</u>17 3QT-17 1QT-17 4QT-16 \$150 **Number of Homes Sold** 939 838 1,224 1,079 % Change vs Prior Year 3.6% 6.2% 6.5% -3.1% 2015 \$100 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$219.3 \$193.2 \$314.0 \$275.0 2016 % Change vs Prior Year 5.0% 14.0% 1.5% 5.7% \$50 **-** 2017 Average Selling Price \$233,543 \$230.593 \$256,570 \$254.838 \$0 1.3% -0.5% 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 01/2015 to 09/2017

#### **New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales** ST. TAMMANY PARISH Oct 16 Nov 16 Dec 16 Jan 17 Feb 17 Mar 17 Apr 17 May 17 Jun 17 Jul 17 Aug 17 **Sep 17** New Car/Truck Purchases 1,143 1,156 1,153 1,140 987 1,244 1,032 1,037 1,080 960 1,309 1,123 -36.4% % Change vs Prior Year 0.2% 24.8% -2.8% -4.8% 19.9% 49.9% -19.5% 25.5% -15.0% 12.6% 26.0% **Purchases within Parish** 690 701 662 656 555 705 614 610 646 568 792 670 New Car/Truck Sales\* 1,331 1,185 1,082 997 913 1,051 1,006 970 1,011 871 1,265 1,081 % Change vs Prior Year 29.2% 49.4% -3.8% -5.8% 20.1% 41.3% -11.2% 41.8% -35.9% -14.4% 24.8% 15.0% **New Car/Truck Purchases** 2,000 4QT-16 1QT-17 2QT-17 3QT-17 New Car/Truck Purchases 3,149 3,452 3,371 3,392 1,500 2015 % Change vs Prior Year 6.1% 18.3% -17.3% 6.6% 1,000 **Purchases within Parish** 2,053 1,916 1,870 2,030 2016 New Car/Truck Sales\* 3.598 2.961 2,987 3,217 500 2017 % Change vs Prior Year 22.0% 15.6% -12.0% 8.2% O Source: Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety (compiled by Dominion Cross-Sell)

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

\* = Includes only new vehicle sales within Louisiana

## **Tangipahoa Parish**

The number of employed Tangipahoa Parish residents in 3Q2017 rose 0.3 percent compared to the third quarter of 2016. The labor force declined by 0.8 percent, causing the unemployment rate to decrease to 6.2 percent from 7.3 percent in 3Q2016.

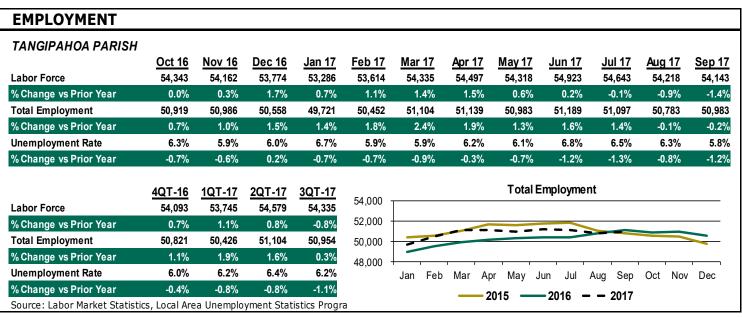
The value of taxable retail sales in 3Q2017 averaged \$185.8 million per month, an increase of 5.7 percent compared to 3Q2016.

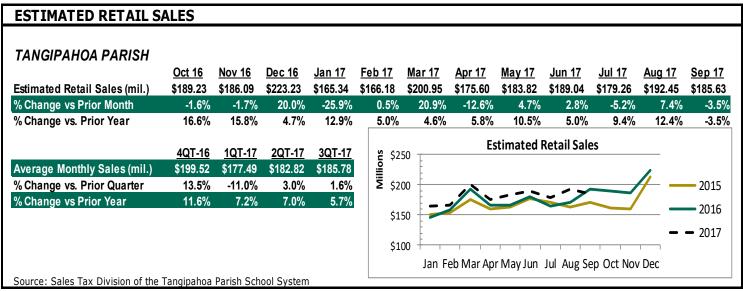
The number of residential construction units permitted in 3Q2017 was 52.1 percent higher than in 3Q2016, continuing very strong growth.

The number of homes sold in Tangipahoa Parish in 3Q2017 declined by 0.7 percent compared to 3Q2016, while the average selling price was unchanged at \$173,510, causing the total residential sales volume to also decline by 0.7 percent.

Tangipahoa Parish residents purchased 1,330 new cars and light trucks in 3Q2017, a decrease of 10.0 percent from 1,477 in 3Q2016.

Parish dealers sold 1,359 new vehicles in Louisiana in 3Q2017, down 22.3 percent from 1,750 in the third quarter of 2016.



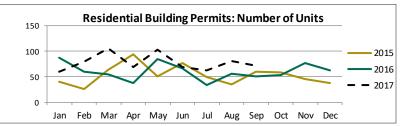


## Tangipahoa Parish—continued

#### RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS TANGIPAHOA PARISH Mar 17 <u>Apr 17</u> May 17 <u>Jul 17</u> Oct 16 Nov 16 <u>Dec 16</u> <u>Jan 17</u> Feb 17 <u>Jun 17</u> <u>Aug 17</u> Sep 17 **Total Permits** 92 Total Units 53 77 59 79 69 69 80 62 105 103 62 71

	4QT-16	1QT-17	2QT-17	3QT-17
Total Permits	179	230	238	211
% Change vs Prior Year	27.0%	13.9%	25.9%	50.7%
Total Units	192	243	241	213
% Change vs Prior Year	36.2%	20.3%	27.5%	52.1%

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-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	<u>Jan-17</u>	Feb-17	<u>Mar-17</u>	<u> Apr-17</u>	May-17	<u>Jun-17</u>	<u>Jul-17</u>	<u>Aug-17</u>	Sep-17
Number of Homes Sold	103	95	89	78	86	105	100	112	100	89	101	91
% Change vs Prior Year	14.4%	8.0%	-8.2%	11.4%	7.5%	1.9%	3.1%	-5.9%	-16.0%	-11.9%	11.0%	0.0%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$18.3	\$17.0	\$15.3	\$12.1	\$14.6	\$18.4	\$16.6	\$20.7	\$17.4	\$16.0	\$17.0	\$15.7
% Change vs Prior Year	27.0%	17.9%	-2.4%	11.1%	20.7%	10.0%	7.1%	5.9%	-11.5%	-7.1%	3.2%	2.4%
Average Selling Price	\$177,713	\$179,135	\$171,969	\$155,177	\$170,024	\$175,255	\$166,269	\$184,809	\$173,798	\$179,911	\$168,346	\$172,981
% Change vs Prior Year	11.0%	9.2%	6.4%	-0.3%	12.2%	7.9%	3.9%	12.5%	5.3%	5.4%	-7.0%	2.4%

	4QT-16	1QT-17	2QT-17	3QT-17
Number of Homes Sold	287	269	312	281
% Change vs Prior Year	4.4%	6.3%	-6.9%	-0.7%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$50.6	\$45.1	\$54.7	\$48.8
% Change vs Prior Year	13.7%	13.6%	0.0%	-0.7%
Average Selling Price	\$176,403	\$167,761	\$175,338	\$173,510
% Change vs Prior Year	8.9%	6.8%	7.4%	0.0%
Source: Based on information from	the Gulf South	Real Estate In	formation Netv	v ork, Inc.
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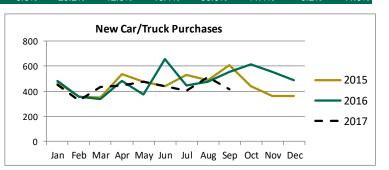
### **New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales**

#### TANGIPAHOA PARISH

	Oct 16	Nov 16	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Jan 17</u>	Feb 17	<u>Mar 17</u>	Apr 17	May 17	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>
New Car/Truck Purchases	615	555	486	452	327	435	444	478	438	403	512	415
% Change vs Prior Year	39.8%	54.2%	10.7%	-6.4%	-8.4%	29.1%	-7.3%	28.2%	-33.0%	-10.0%	7.1%	-24.7%
Purchases within Parish	316	274	238	232	165	240	233	253	207	207	258	210
New Car/Truck Sales*	740	529	493	460	374	506	477	477	447	402	515	442
% Change vs Prior Year	77.9%	39.9%	12.8%	-11.4%	0.8%	20.2%	-12.3%	16.1%	-30.6%	-11.1%	-6.2%	-41.0%

New Car/Truck Purchases	4QT-16 1,656	1QT-17 1,214	2QT-17 1,360	3QT-17 1,330
% Change vs Prior Year	33.7%	3.1%	-9.7%	-10.0%
Purchases within Parish	828	637	693	675
New Car/Truck Sales*	1,762	1,340	1,401	1,359
% Change vs Prior Year	43.1%	2.2%	-12.4%	-22.3%

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



<sup>\* =</sup> Includes only new vehicle sales within Louisiana

## **Washington Parish**

The number of employed Washington Parish residents in the third quarter of 2017 increased 1.4 percent compared to the third quarter of 2016. The labor force declined by 0.2 percent, resulting in a reduction in the unemployment rate from 7.8 percent in 3Q2016 to 6.4 percent in 3Q2017.

Sales tax collection data were not available for Washington Parish for 3Q2017.

Building permits for 18 homes were issued in 3Q2017, down 25.0 percent from 24 in 3Q2016.

The number and average selling price of Washing-

ton Parish homes sold in 3Q2017 were up 29.7 and 39.6 percent, respectively, over 3Q2016, resulting in a year-over-year increase in total home sales volume of 81.0 percent.

Washington Parish residents purchased 327 new cars and light trucks in 3Q2017, a decrease of 1.5 percent from 332 in 3Q2016.

<b>WASHINGTON PARISH</b>												
	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	<u>Jan 17</u>	Feb 17	<u>Mar 17</u>	Apr 17	May 17	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	Sep 17
Labor Force	16,790	16,744	16,598	16,596	16,848	17,117	17,183	17,099	17,182	16,922	16,754	16,900
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.8%	-0.3%	0.0%	-1.0%	-0.6%	-0.3%	0.1%	0.7%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.2%
Total Employment	15,669	15,723	15,623	15,505	15,859	16,080	16,095	16,080	16,047	15,791	15,669	15,882
% Change vs Prior Year	0.4%	0.8%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	1.0%	0.7%	2.1%	2.3%	2.1%	0.9%	1.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.1%	5.9%	6.6%	5.9%	6.1%	6.3%	6.0%	6.6%	6.7%	6.5%	6.0%
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.2%	-1.0%	-0.1%	-1.1%	-1.0%	-1.2%	-0.5%	-1.3%	-2.0%	-2.0%	-1.1%	-1.2%
	4QT-16	1QT-17	2QT-17	3QT-17	47.000			Total	Employme	nt		
Labor Force	16,711	16,854	17,155	16,859	17,000							
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.4%	-0.6%	0.3%	-0.2%	16,000							
Total Employment	15,672	15,815	16,074	15,781	10,000	-						
% Change vs Prior Year	0.4%	0.6%	1.7%	1.4%	15,000							
Inampleument Bate	6.2%	6.2%	6.3%	6.4%	10,000	Jan Feb	Mar A	pr May 、	Jun Jul .	Aug Sep	Oct No	Dec
Unemployment Rate												

Sales tax data not available.

## Washington Parish—continued

WASHINGTON PARISH												
	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	<u>Jan 17</u>	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	Aug 17	Sep 1
Total Permits	7	10	5	7	6	18	6	7	7	6	3	۶
% Change vs Prior Year	0.0%	100.0%	-28.6%	0.0%	-45.5%	500.0%	-33.3%	-22.2%	75.0%	-33.3%	-40.0%	-10.0%
Total Units	7	10	5	7	6	18	6	7	7	6	3	۶
% Change vs Prior Year	0.0%	100.0%	-28.6%	0.0%	-45.5%	500.0%	-33.3%	-22.2%	75.0%	-33.3%	-40.0%	-10.0%
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% Change vs Prior Year	22	31	20	18				unung re				2016
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#### **RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES** WASHINGTON PARISH Feb-17 Jun-17 Oct-16 Nov-16 Mar-17 Jul-17 Dec-16 Jan-17 Apr-17 May-17 Aug-17 Sep-17 **Number of Homes Sold** 15 11 7 21 15 22 18 15 13 19 14 0.0% % Change vs Prior Year -13.3% 114.3% 111.1% 57.1% -50.0% 31.3% 0.0% 69.2% 25.0% 46.2% 16.7% Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$1.3 \$2.0 \$0.9 \$2.9 \$1.7 \$2.1 \$2.0 \$1.9 \$2.5 \$1.9 179.7% % Change vs Prior Year 41.5% 185.1% 30.4% 42.1% 78.4% 34.1% 62.8% **Average Selling Price** \$89,150 \$84,591 \$113,368 \$136,883 \$95,083 \$113,296 \$128,364 \$97,231 \$105,435 \$113,273 \$132,552 \$136,214 % Change vs Prior Year -32.5% 33.1% 45.4% -17.0% 15.4% 51.2% 42.1% 5.4% -4.2% 91.4% 39.5% 4<u>QT-16</u> Total Residential Home Sales Volume 1QT-17 2QT-17 3QT-17 \$4.0 Number of Homes Sold 51.6% 5.4% 19.6% % Change vs Prior Year 29.7% \$3.0 2015 Total Sales Volume (mil.) \$4.6 \$4.6 \$5.8 \$6.4 \$2.0 % Change vs Prior Year 40.3% 30.0% 29.7% 81.0% \$1.0 Average Selling Price \$97,968 \$117.913 \$106.005 \$132.311 39.6% % Change vs Prior Year -7.5% 23.3% 8.4% \$0.0 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 01/2015 to 09/2017

#### New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales WASHINGTON PARISH Jan 17 Jun 17 Jul 17 Oct 16 Nov 16 **Dec 16** Feb 17 Mar 17 Apr 17 May 17 Aug 17 **Sep 17** New Car/Truck Purchases 127 122 105 96 88 107 104 108 106 80 140 107 5.9% 2.9% % Change vs Prior Year 1.6% -6.3% -26.7% 17.3% 8.1% 16.8% Purchases within Parish New Car/Truck Sales\* 13 16 13 10 13 -37.5% 62.5% % Change vs Prior Year **New Car/Truck Purchases** 200 4QT-16 1QT-17 2QT-17 3QT-17 New Car/Truck Purchases 318 354 327 150 % Change vs Prior Year 4.6% 1.5% 9.3% 2015 **Purchases within Parish** 31 100 2016 New Car/Truck Sales\* 41 % Change vs Prior Year -37.5% 50 2017 Source: Louisiana Dept. of Public Safety (compiled by Dominion Cross-Sell) Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec \* = Includes only new vehicle sales within Louisiana

## SOUTHEASTERN

## Southeastern nursing program receives new simulation laboratory gift

Southeastern Louisiana University's nursing program is home to a new simulation pediatric laboratory, made possible through funds donated by Southeastern alumnus John Manzella.

Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Ann Carruth said in today's medical environment quality of care is paramount, and Southeastern's nursing program ensures its graduates are ready to serve patients from day one with a rigorous process of learning and preparation. Simulation laboratories have become very important in this process.

"Students need to have a realistic bio-feedback environment where they can practice before they move on to real patients," she said. "Southeastern has one simulation lab and, thanks to the kindness of John Manzella, will establish a second one to focus on pediatric experiences."

"The simulation lab helped me understand patient responses and needs. It correlated so well with lectures, as it put situations into perspective," said Southeastern nursing graduate Ashlen Brown. "We were able to physically handle situations and carry out the nursing process. This pediatric lab will be a great boost to the Southeastern program."

"I hope that this simulation lab will make a difference in the lives of these nursing students," Manzella said. "If it helps them to prepare and learn to be the strong medical caregivers they need to be, our wish has come to fruition."

"The new pediatric simulation lab for which Mr. Manzella has provided will be an incredible next step for our students. This will give students real-life experiences much like they will have in clinical training," Carruth added. "It will also give students access to scenarios that are deemed 'low-volume, high-risk,' providing invaluable practice to manage urgent health issues that rarely occur yet have a serious risk level."

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