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## U. S. real gross domestic product grew at a 2.3 percent annual rate during the fourth quarter of 2017. Year-over-year, 4Q2017 real GDP was 2.5 percent higher than in the fourth quarter of 2016. On an annual basis, GDP in 2017 grew 2.2 percent over 2016.

Total civilian employment for the fourth quarter of 2017 rose 1.2 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2016, while the labor force grew by 0.5 percent. This led to a decline in the unemployment rate from 4.7 percent in 4Q2016 to 4.1 percent in 4Q2017.

A survey of professional forecasters released in February 2018 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia projects the U.S. economy to grow 2.8, 2.5, 2.0, and 1.7 percent in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, respectively.

A panel of 51 professional forecasters surveyed by the National Association for Business Economics in March 2018 expects real GDP to increase 2.9 and 2.7 percent in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

### **EMPLOYMENT** (Seasonally Adjusted)

	<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>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	Nov 17	Dec 17
Labor Force	159,718	159,997	160,235	160,181	159,729	160,214	160,467	160,598	161,082	160,371	160,533	160,597
% Change vs Prior Year	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%
Total Employment	152,076	152,511	153,064	153,161	152,892	153,250	153,511	153,471	154,324	153,846	153,917	154,021
% Change vs Prior Year	1.0%	1.0%	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%	1.2%	1.7%	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%
Total Nonfarm Emp.	145,696	145,896	145,969	146,144	146,299	146,538	146,728	146,949	146,963	147,234	147,450	147,625
% Change vs Prior Year	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.7%	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
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% Change vs Prior Year	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.4%	-0.6%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.8%	-0.8%	-0.5%	-0.6%
% Change vs Prior Year Labor Force	-0.1% <u>1QT-17</u> 159,983	-0.2% 2QT-17 160,041	-0.6% <u>3QT-17</u> 160,716	-0.6% 4QT-17 160,500	-0.4% 160,000	-0.6%	-0.5%		-0.8%		-0.5%	-0.6%
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## STATE

## Louisiana Economy

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Total state employment for the fourth quarter of 2017 rose 0.4 percent from the previous quarter and was up 1.5 percent over 4Q2016.

The statewide labor force for 4Q2017 increased 0.2 percent compared to both the previous quarter and 4Q2016.

The unemployment rate declined from 5.9 percent in 4Q2016 to 4.7 percent in 4Q2017.

Louisiana's gross domestic product grew at an annualized rate of 2.2 percent in 4Q2017, very close to the 2.3 percent national rate.

General state sales tax collections in 4Q2017 rose 3.0 percent compared to 4Q2016.

Seasonally-adjusted state personal income increased 0.3 percent from the third quarter and 2.0 percent compared to 4Q2016. Year-over-year, net earnings rose 1.3 percent, dividends,

interest, and rent increased 4.1 percent, and personal transfer receipts rose by 2.3 percent.

Industries contributing the most year-over-year growth in earnings from 4Q2016 to 4Q2017 were *State and local government* (+\$561 million), *Professional, scientific, and technical services* (+\$400 million), and *Manufacturing* (+\$350 million).

Industries with the largest year-over-year declines in earnings were *Mining* (-\$839 million), *Retail trade* (-\$175 million), and *Educational services* (-\$55 million).

On a percentage basis the largest gainers were *Farm earnings* (+17.2 percent), *Management of companies and enterprises* (+11.2 percent), and *Finance and insurance* (+5.6 percent), while the largest declines were in *Mining* (-15.7 percent) and *Educational services* (-2.6 percent).

EMPLOYMENT (S	Seasona	ally Adju	usted)									
LOUISIANA (Numb	ers in Th	ousand	5)									
	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>
Labor Force	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,109	2,109	2,109	2,111	2,114	2,115	2,116	2,116
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.5%	-1.4%	-1.4%	-1.2%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.4%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Total Employment	1,989	1,991	1,993	1,995	1,997	2,000	2,004	2,008	2,013	2,016	2,016	2,016
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.2%	-1.0%	-0.8%	-0.5%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.8%	1.2%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Total Nonfarm Emp.	1,970	1,975	1,973	1,973	1,973	1,972	1,968	1,970	1,968	1,970	1,968	1,970
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.7%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.3%	0.4%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.7%	5.6%	5.4%	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-0.7%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-1.1%	-1.2%	-1.3%	-1.3%	-1.3%	-1.2%
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Total Employment	1,991	1,997	2,008	2,016	2,025 ‡							-
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.0%	-0.2%	0.8%	1.5%	2,000 ‡							
Total Nonfarm Emp.	1,973	1,973	1,968	1,970	1,975 ∔							
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.4%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.1%	1,950 ‡							
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.3%	4.9%	4.7%		an Feb	Mar Apr	May Jur	'Jul Au	uq Sep (	Oct Nov	Dec
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.4%	-0.8%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-					5		
Source: Louisiana Departm	nent of Labo	r, Labor Ma	irket Statist	ics				-2015 -	2016	201	1	

# REGIONAL

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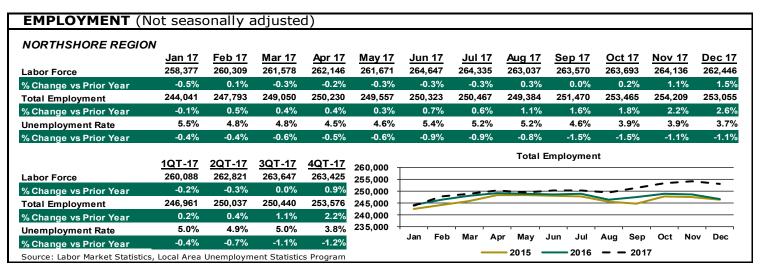
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# Northshore Employment

Total employment among Northshore residents in 4Q2017 was up 1.3 percent from the prior quarter and 2.2 percent from 4Q2016. The total civilian work force in 4Q2017 was down 0.1 percent from

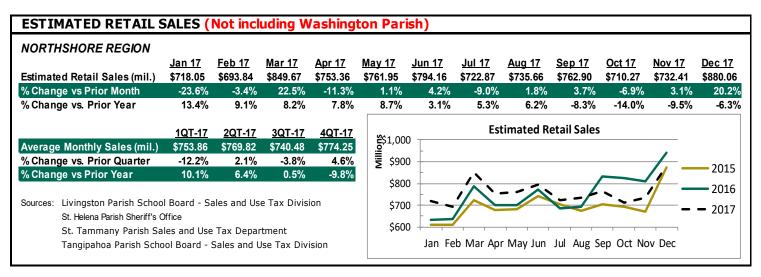
the previous quarter but up 0.9 percent compared to 4Q2016.

The Northshore unemployment rate for 4Q2017 was 3.8 percent, down 1.2 percent from 5.0 percent in 4Q2016.



# **Northshore Estimated Retail Sales**

Taxable retail sales for Washington Parish were not available for 4Q2017. Retail sales for the other four parishes averaged \$774 million per month, a decrease of 9.8 percent compared to 4Q2016. Sales were down in all four parishes, ranging from -0.7 percent in St. Tammany to -29.3 percent in Livingston (4Q2016 sales were inflated by the August 2016 flood recovery).

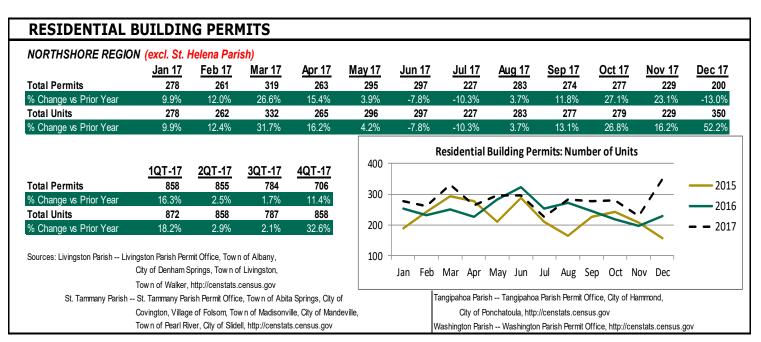


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## **Northshore Residential Building Permits**

The number of building permits for residential units in the Northshore region issued during 4Q2017 (excluding St. Helena Parish—for which data were not available) was up 9.0 percent from the prior quarter and increased 32.6 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2016, buoyed by substantial multi-unit permits in Tangipahoa Parish. Year-over-year changes ranged from a decline of 31.8 percent in Washington Parish to an increase of 67.7 percent in Tangipahoa Parish.

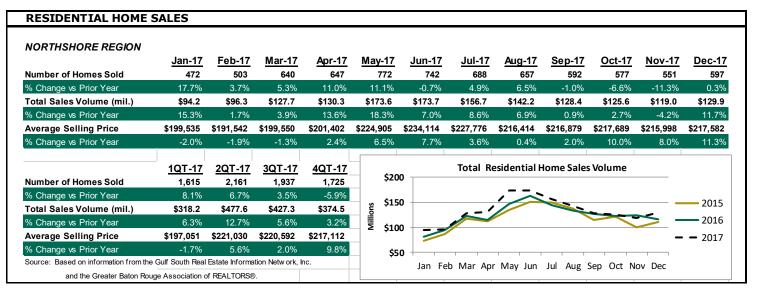
Note that permit counts for some parishes and municipalities are based on data reported to or estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau.



## Northshore Residential Home Sales

There were 1,725 homes sold during 4Q2017 at an average price of \$217,112. The number sold

was down 5.9 percent and the average price was up 9.8 percent compared to 4Q2016.



# LOCAL

## **Livingston Parish**

The number of employed Livingston Parish residents in 4Q2017 was up 2.0 percent from 4Q2016.

The labor force increased by a smaller 0.6 percent, leading to a decrease in the unemployment rate from 4.8 percent in 4Q2016 to 3.4 percent in 4Q2017.

The value of taxable retail sales in 4Q2017 averaged \$159.1 million per month, down 29.3 percent from the flood-influenced sales of 4Q2016. The number of residential building permits issued in 4Q2017 was down 7.8 percent from the previous quarter, but up 22.6 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2016.

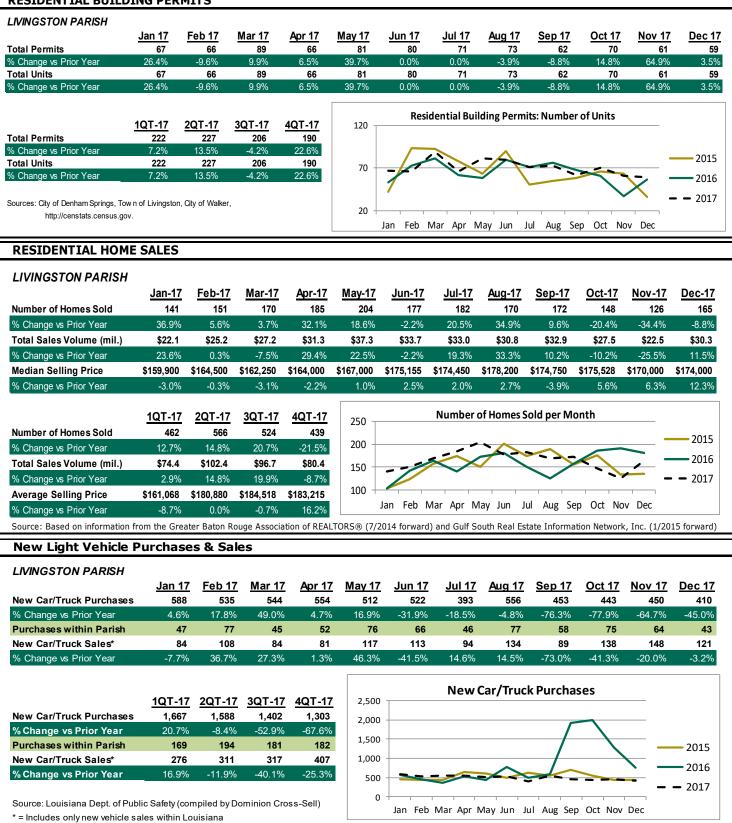
The number of homes sold in 4Q2017 was down 21.5 percent compared to 4Q2016, while the average price increased 16.2 percent to \$183,215.

Livingston Parish residents purchased 1,303 new cars and light trucks in 4Q2017, down 67.6 percent from the 4,020 purchased in 4Q2016 as residents replaced flood-damaged vehicles.

EMPLOYMENT												
LIVINGSTON PARISH												
	<u>Jan 17</u>	<u>Feb 17</u>	<u>Mar 17</u>	Apr 17	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>	<u>Aug 17</u>	<u>Sep 17</u>	Oct 17	<u>Nov 17</u>	<u>Dec 17</u>
Labor Force	67,709	68,419	68,734	68,679	68,361	69,050	69,273	69,044	69,279	69,034	69,374	68,697
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.2%	0.1%	-0.6%	-0.5%	-0.6%	-0.7%	-0.5%	1.2%	-0.4%	-0.6%	0.9%	1.5%
Total Employment	64,217	65,408	65,784	65,871	65,518	65,698	66,056	65,888	66,463	66,651	66,984	66,435
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.1%	0.3%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.3%	1.9%	2.0%	1.2%	2.2%	2.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	4.2%	4.9%	4.6%	4.6%	4.1%	3.5%	3.4%	3.3%
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-2.2%	-1.7%	-1.2%	-1.2%
	<u>1QT-17</u>	<u>2QT-17</u>	<u> 3QT-17</u>	<u>4QT-17</u>	~~~~			Total E	mploymer	nt		
Labor Force	68,287	68,697	69,199	69,035	68,000						~	•
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.2%	-0.6%	0.1%	0.6%	66,000 +							
Total Employment	65,136	65,696	66,136	66,690	64,000 +	-						
% Change vs Prior Year	0.0%	-0.1%	1.4%	2.0%	62.000						· · · ·	
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.4%	4.4%	3.4%	- ,	Jan Feb	Mar Api	· May Ju	un Jul /	Aug Sep	Oct Nov	Dec
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.3%	-0.5%	-1.2%	-1.4%			20	)15 —	-2016 -	<del>-</del> 2017		
Source: Labor Market Statistic	s, Local Area	Unemploym	ent Statistic	s Program								
ESTIMATED RETAIL	SALES											
LIVINGSTON PARISH												
	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17
Estimated Retail Sales (mil.)	\$169.0	0 \$161.2	7 \$193.57	7 \$164.58	\$166.48	\$172.02	\$155.24	\$154.59	\$163.66	\$152.73	\$149.52	\$174.99
% Change vs Prior Month	-22.4	4% -4.6	% 20.0	% -15.0%	1.2%	3.3%	-9.8%	-0.4%	5.9%	-6.7%	-2.1%	17.0%
% Change vs. Prior Year	26.2	2% 27.2	% 20.2	% 12.4%	15.0%	9.8%	15.6%	12.9%	-28.5%	-37.8%	-29.4%	-19.7%
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# Livingston Parish—continued

#### **RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS**



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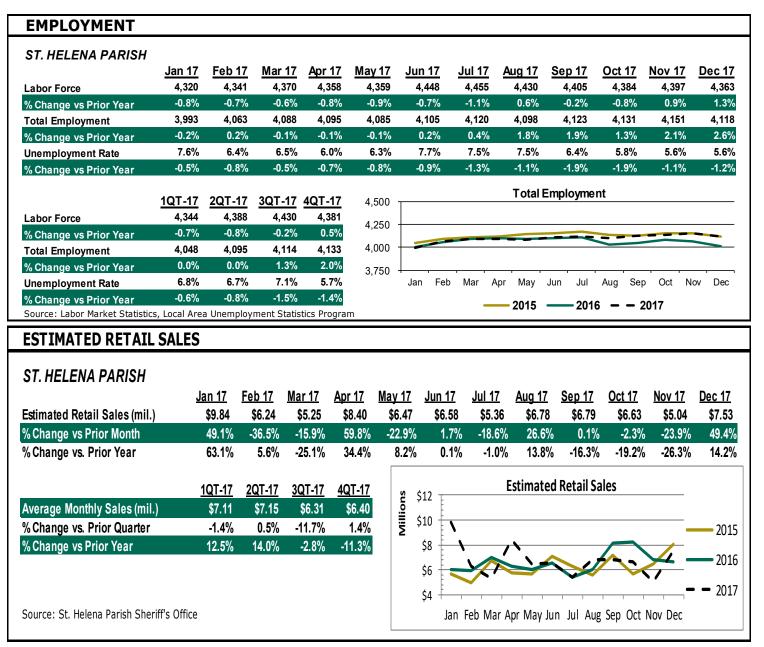
# St. Helena Parish

Employment among St. Helena Parish residents in the fourth quarter of 2017 rose 2.0 percent compared to 4Q2016. The labor force increased by a smaller 0.5 percent, leading to a 1.4 percent drop in the unemployment rate (from 7.1 percent in 4Q2016 to 5.7 percent in 4Q2017).

The value of taxable retail sales within St. Helena Parish in the fourth quarter fell 11.3 percent compared to sales in 4Q2016 (which may have been increased by flood-recovery purchases). Building permit data were not available for St. Helena Parish for 4Q2017.

There was one home sold in St. Helena Parish in 4Q2017 for a price of \$29,000.

Residents of St. Helena Parish purchased 57 new cars and light trucks in the fourth quarter of 2017, up 3.6 percent from 55 purchased in 4Q2016.



## St. Helena Parish-continued

## Building permit data not available.

#### **RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES**

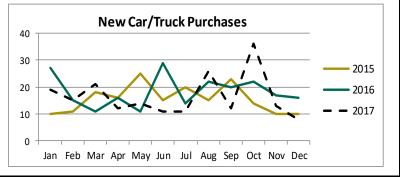
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Number of Homes Sold	3	2	2	1	3	-	2	2	1	1	-	-
% Change vs Prior Year	200.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	200.0%	#DIV/0!	0.0%	0.0%	#DIV/0!	-50.0%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/(
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$0.4	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.1	\$0.6	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.3	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
% Change 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/
Average Selling Price	\$137,267	\$118,000	\$106,750	\$100,500	\$196,967	#DIV/0!	\$64,000	\$131,500	\$130,000	\$29,000	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0
% Change vs Prior Year	-29.6%	70.5%	-63.7%	-22.1%	1131.0%	#DIV/0!	-32.6%	5.2%	#DIV/0!	-57.7%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/(
Number of Homes Sold	<u>1QT-17</u> 7	<u>2QT-17</u> 4	<u>3QT-17</u> 5	<u>4QT-17</u> 1	6		N	umber of	Homes S	old		- 2015
% Change vs Prior Year	40.0%	100.0%	25.0%	-50.0%	4 +	_		. ^				2013
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$0.9	\$0.7	\$0.5	\$0.0	2	<u>`&gt;</u>	<u> </u>	$\sim$	<u> </u>	_		- 2016
% Change vs Prior Year	-6.5%	376.8%	18.4%	-78.8%			$\checkmark$	$\checkmark X$	/ 🍾			- 2017
Average Selling Price	\$123,043	\$172,850	\$104,200	\$29,000	0 +				· · · · · ·			
% Change vs Prior Year	-33.2%	n/a	n/a	-57.7%	J	lan Feb N	1ar Apr M	lay Jun Ju	l Aug Sep	Oct Nov	Dec	
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#### ST. HELENA PARISH

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New Car/Truck Purchases	19	15	21	12	14	11	11	26	12	36	13	8
% Change vs Prior Year	-29.6%	0.0%	90.9%	-25.0%	27.3%	-62.1%	-21.4%	18.2%	-40.0%	63.6%	-23.5%	-50.0%
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											

	<u>1QT-17</u>	<u> 2QT-17</u>	<u> 3QT-17</u>	<u>4QT-17</u>
New Car/Truck Purchases	55	37	49	57
% Change vs Prior Year	3.8%	-33.9%	-12.5%	3.6%
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

**EMPLOYMENT** 

The number of employed St. Tammany Parish residents in 4Q2017 increased by 1.4 percent compared to 4Q2016, while the labor force increased by a smaller 0.4 percent, leading to a 0.9 percent drop in the unemployment rate to 3.5 percent.

The value of taxable retail sales in 4Q2017 declined 0.7 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2016.

Building permits for residential units in 4Q2017 declined by 10.1 percent from the previous quarter, but rose 19.1 percent compared to the

fourth quarter of 2016.

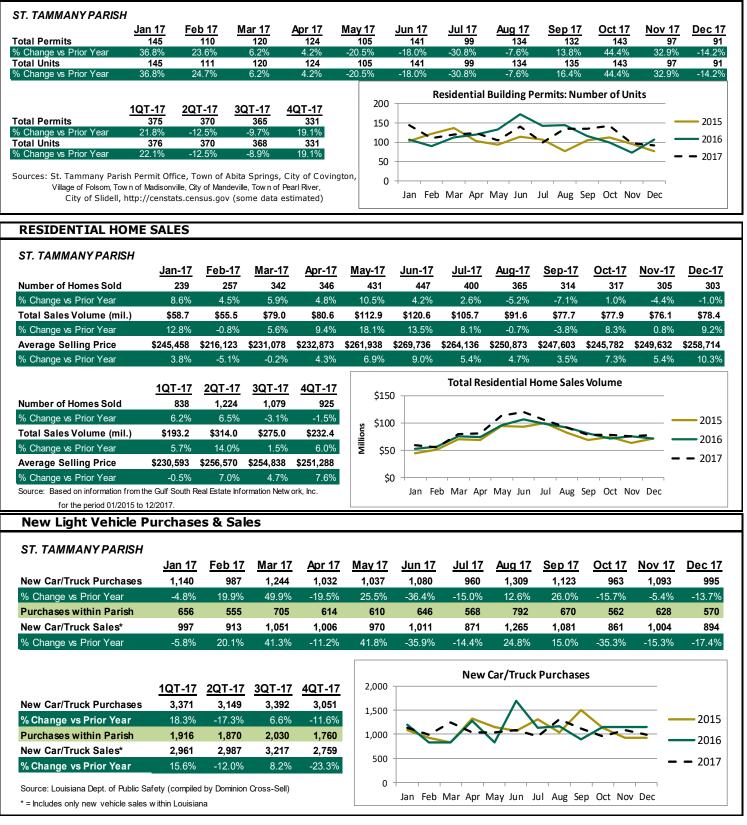
The number of homes sold in St. Tammany Parish in 4Q2017 was down 1.5 percent compared to 4Q2016, while the average price increased by 7.6 percent, leading to a 6.0 percent increase in total residential sales volume.

St. Tammany Parish residents purchased 3,051 new cars and light trucks in 4Q2017, down 11.6 percent compared to purchases in 4Q2016. Parish dealers sold 2,759 new light vehicles throughout Louisiana, down 23.3 percent from sales in 4Q2016.

EMPLOYMENT												
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Labor Force	115,424	116,416	116,570	117,369	117,296	118,191	118,100	117,287	117,474	117,718	117,918	117,273
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.2%	-0.2%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-0.8%	-0.8%	-0.6%	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.3%	1.0%
Total Employment	109,695	111,320	111,421	112,513	112,359	112,447	112,520	111,677	112,476	113,458	113,693	113,352
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.8%	0.1%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	1.1%	1.2%	1.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	4.4%	4.4%	4.1%	4.2%	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%	4.3%	3.6%	3.6%	3.3%
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.8%	-0.8%	-0.6%	-1.0%	-1.2%	-0.8%	-0.8%
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#### **RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS**



# Tangipahoa Parish

The number of employed Tangipahoa Parish residents in 4Q2017 rose 3.6 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. The labor force increased by a smaller 2.0 percent, causing the unemployment rate to decrease to 4.5 percent from 6.0 percent in 4Q2016.

The value of taxable retail sales in 4Q2017 averaged \$184.9 million per month, a decrease of 7.3 percent from the flood-influenced sales of 4Q2016.

The number of residential construction units permitted in 4Q2017 was 67.7 percent higher than in 4Q2016, fueled by a spike in multi-family permits in December 2017.

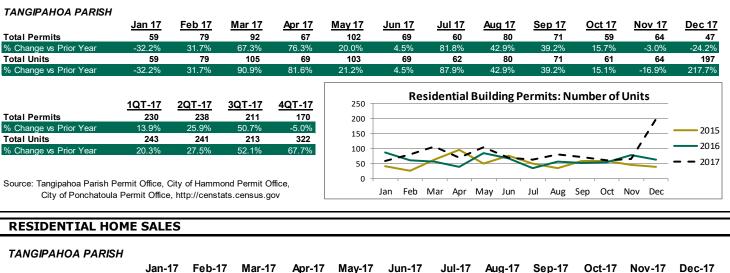
The number of homes sold in Tangipahoa Parish in 4Q2017 rose by 9.4 percent compared to 4Q2016, while the average selling price increased by 2.1 percent, causing the total residential sales volume to increase by 11.7 percent.

Tangipahoa Parish residents purchased 1,259 new cars and light trucks in 4Q2017, a decrease of 24.0 percent from the 1,656 in 4Q2016 when many residents were replacing flood-damaged vehicles.

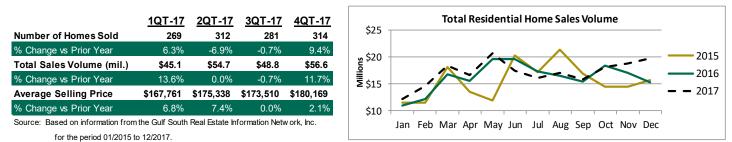
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Labor Force	54,088	54,189	54,619	54,665	54,826	55,706	55,598	55,545	55,663	55,550	55,601	55,36
% Change vs Prior Year	1.0%	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%	1.4%	1.6%	2.1%	2.2%
Total Employment	50,416	51,037	51,475	51,647	51,712	51,956	52,002	52,079	52,631	53,043	53,096	52,91
% Change vs Prior Year	1.6%	2.1%	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%	2.8%	2.6%	2.7%	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%	3.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.5%	5.7%	6.7%	6.5%	6.2%	5.4%	4.5%	4.5%	4.4%
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.5%	-0.6%	-0.8%	-0.8%	-0.7%	-1.1%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.7%	-1.7%	-1.3%	-1.4%
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Labor Force	54,299	55,066	55,602	55,505	54,000							
% Change vs Prior Year	1.2%	1.4%	1.5%	2.0%	52,000 -						-	
Total Employment	50,976	51,772	52,237	53,018	50,000 -							
% Change vs Prior Year	2.0%	2.4%	2.8%	3.6%	48.000 -							
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.0%	6.1%	4.5%	40,000	Jan Feb	Mar A	pr May ,	Jun Jul	Aug Sep	Oct No	v Dec
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stimated Retail Sales (mil.)	\$165.34		\$200.95	\$175.60	\$183.82	\$189.04	\$179.26	\$192.45	\$185.63	\$170.88	\$178.44	\$205.49
Change vs Prior Month	-25.9%					2.8%	-5.2%		-3.5%	-7.9%	4.4%	15.2%
Change vs. Prior Year	12.9%	5.0%	4.6%	5.8%	10.5%	5.0%	9.4%	12.4%	-3.5%	-9.7%	-4.1%	-7.9%
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#### **RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS**



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Number of Homes Sold	78	86	105	100	112	100	89	101	91	95	105	114
% Change vs Prior Year	11.4%	7.5%	1.9%	3.1%	-5.9%	-16.0%	-11.9%	11.0%	0.0%	-7.8%	10.5%	28.1%
Total Sales Volume (mil.)	\$12.1	\$14.6	\$18.4	\$16.6	\$20.7	\$17.4	\$16.0	\$17.0	\$15.7	\$18.1	\$18.7	\$19.7
% Change vs Prior Year	11.1%	20.7%	10.0%	7.1%	5.9%	-11.5%	-7.1%	3.2%	2.4%	-0.9%	10.0%	28.8%
Average Selling Price	\$155,177	\$170,024	\$175,255	\$166,269	\$184,809	\$173,798	\$179,911	\$168,346	\$172,981	\$190,981	\$178,297	\$172,884
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.3%	12.2%	7.9%	3.9%	12.5%	5.3%	5.4%	-7.0%	2.4%	7.5%	-0.5%	0.5%



#### New Light Vehicle Purchases & Sales

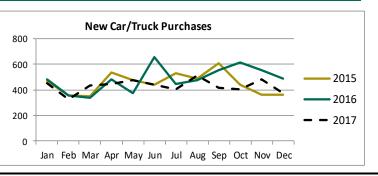
#### TANGIPAHOA PARISH

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New Car/Truck Purchases	452	327	435	444	478	438	403	512	415	401	482	376
% Change vs Prior Year	-6.4%	-8.4%	29.1%	-7.3%	28.2%	-33.0%	-10.0%	7.1%	-24.7%	-34.8%	-13.2%	-22.6%
Purchases within Parish	232	165	240	233	253	207	207	258	210	218	230	170
New Car/Truck Sales*	460	374	506	477	477	447	402	515	442	410	424	369
% Change vs Prior Year	-11.4%	0.8%	20.2%	-12.3%	16.1%	-30.6%	-11.1%	-6.2%	-41.0%	-44.6%	-19.8%	-25.2%

	<u>1QT-17</u>	<u> 2QT-17</u>	<u> 3QT-17</u>	<u>4QT-17</u>
New Car/Truck Purchases	1,214	1,360	1,330	1,259
% Change vs Prior Year	3.1%	-9.7%	-10.0%	-24.0%
Purchases within Parish	637	693	675	618
New Car/Truck Sales*	1,340	1,401	1,359	1,203
% Change vs Prior Year	2.2%	-12.4%	-22.3%	-31.7%

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 fourth quarter of 2017 increased 4.5 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. The labor force grew by a smaller 2.9 percent, resulting in a reduction in the unemployment rate from 6.2 percent in 4Q2016 to 4.7 percent in 4Q2017.

Sales tax collection data were not available for Washington Parish for 4Q2017.

Building permits for 15 homes were issued in 4Q2017, down 31.8 percent from 22 in 4Q2016.

The number of Washington Parish homes sold in 4Q2017 was down 2.1 percent from 4Q2016, but the average selling price rose 11.9 percent, leading to a 9.5 percent increase in total residential sales volume.

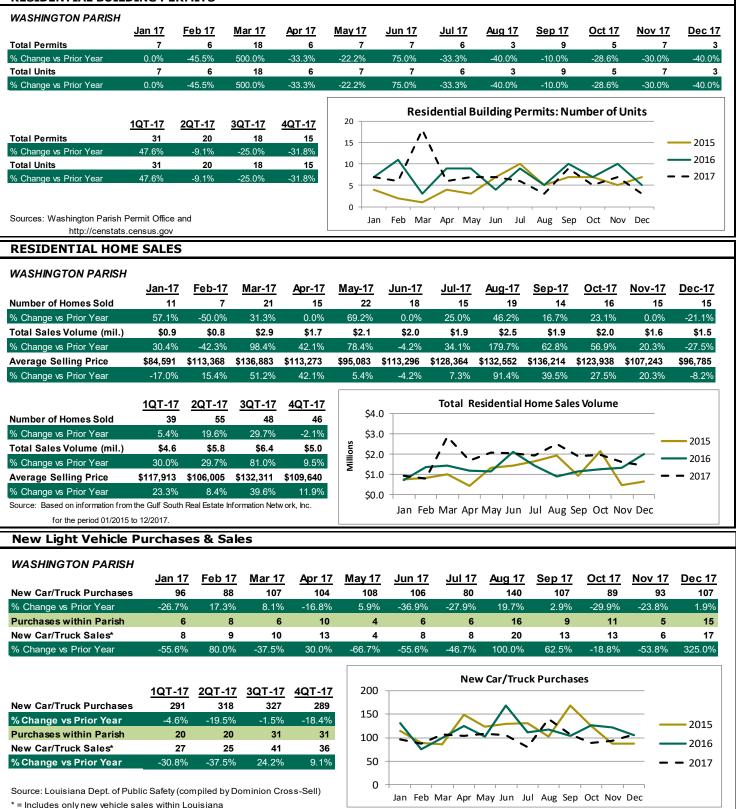
Washington Parish residents purchased 289 new cars and light trucks in 4Q2017, a decrease of 18.4 percent from 354 in 4Q2016.

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Labor Force	16,836	16,944	17,285	17,075	16,829	17,252	16,909	16,731	16,749	17,007	17,092	16,993
% Change vs Prior Year	-1.2%	-1.1%	-0.4%	-0.8%	-1.7%	-0.5%	-1.2%	-0.7%	-1.3%	2.6%	3.6%	2.4%
Total Employment	15,720	15,965	16,282	16,104	15,883	16,117	15,769	15,642	15,777	16,182	16,285	16,234
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.7%	0.2%	-0.5%	1.2%	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	4.6%	5.2%	3.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	5.8%	5.8%	5.7%	5.6%	6.6%	6.7%	6.5%	5.8%	4.9%	4.7%	4.5%
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.9%	-0.7%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-1.1%	-1.5%	-1.3%	-1.1%	-1.5%	-1.8%	-1.4%	-1.3%
	1QT-17	<u>2QT-17</u>	<u>3QT-17</u>	4QT-17				Total	Employme	ent		
Labor Force	17,022	17,052	16,796	17,031	17,000 ·							
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.9%	-1.0%	-1.1%	2.9%	16,000 ·				~			-
Total Employment	15,989	16,035	15,729	16,234	10,000							>
% Change vs Prior Year	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	4.5%	15,000							
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.0%	6.4%	4.7%	10,000	Jan Feb	Mar A	pr May 、	Jun Jul	Aug Sep	Oct Nov	v Dec
% Change vs Prior Year	-0.9%	-1.2%	-1.3%	-1.5%						<b>U</b>		

## Sales tax data not available.

# Washington Parish—continued

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## Southeastern Marketing Breakfast to feature Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of WWII Museum

Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at the National WWII Museum Jonah Langenbeck will serve as the guest speaker at Southeastern Louisiana University's annual Marketing Breakfast on Tuesday, Oct. 9, on the third floor ballroom of the Student Union. Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m. and the speaker will begin at 8 a.m.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Southeastern Marketing Association, the marketing faculty, and G. Dean Brunson, CPA, of Richmond, Va.

The program is open to students and the general public. Registration is available online at <u>southeasternmarketing.simpletix.com</u>. Tickets are \$12 online, \$10 in the Marketing office in Garrett Hall, room 74, or \$15 at the door.

"Jonah Langenbeck is a marketer living in New Orleans. Over the last 20 years, he has helped organizations big and small grow revenue, fulfill missions, and cultivate engaged, passionate communities through branded visual communications," said Professor of Marketing Mike Budden. "His daily work practice is rooted in the metafield of marketing and communications, incorporating elements of strategic management, marketing strategy, creative communications, project management, data and analytics."

In his current position at the WWII Museum, Langenbeck has helped drive transformative growth through effective paid, owned and earned media strategies, Budden added.

For more information, contact the Department of Marketing and Supply Chain Management at 985-549-2277.

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