

CENLA ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

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KEY FINDINGS

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COVID-19

Every parish in Louisiana is at a low level of risk for Covid as of May 22, other than Orleans which is rated at a medium risk level. Cases of Covid in Orleans have begun a new uptrend with the latest variant of the Omicron. Cases in Regions 6 and 7 remain relatively flat for now. Comparison charts between Regions 6 and 7 and Region 1, New Orleans, are included in this month's *Dashboard*. For the period from May 5 – 11, New Orleans had a positivity rate of 7.4% compared to 1.7% in Region 6 and 3.0% in Region 7.

Region 6 has 44.6% of the population vaccinated as of mid-May, up from 44.3% in April, while Region 7 has a 44.7% of the population vaccinated as of mid-May, up from 44.5% in March. Rapides and Avoyelles have the highest percentage of completed vaccinations in mid-May in Region 6 at 49.7% and 47.5%, respectively, while Caddo and Bossier have the highest percentage of completed vaccinations in mid-April in Region 7 at 46.5%% and 45.1%, respectively. Natchitoches is ranked third in Region 7 at 44.2%.

EMPLOYMENT

The Alexandria metro area and Natchitoches Parish both set new post-pandemic employment highs. In March 2022, 63,292 were employed in the Alexandria metro area, an increase of 294 from February. Alexandria's employment level reached a new post-pandemic high for the fifth time since March 2020. The unemployment rate for the Alexandria metro remained unchanged at 2.8% in March. Likewise, employment in Natchitoches hit a 13 year high at 16,257, a level not seen since July 2009.

Central Louisiana's unemployment rate in March was unchanged from February at 3.5%, compared to 3.8% statewide. The Alexandria labor market grew even tighter in March, with an unemployed-to-job-opening ratio dropping to 0.26, meaning there are nearly four jobs for each unemployed.

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CONSUMER SPENDING

Sales tax data are used to measure changes in consumer spending. Sales taxes collected in April reflect sales activity in March. Consumer spending in March was up in all twelve reporting Cenla jurisdictions, with increases ranging from 18% to 74% over February. Year-to-date all but one jurisdiction shows an increase in spending. March vehicle sales compared favorably to February as measured by sales tax revenue. However, sales in March were less favorable compared to a year ago when the third round of stimulus spurred auto sales. Online shopping in central Louisiana in March jumped 26% from February. So far in 2022, online sales tax totaled \$6.2 million compared to \$5.5 for the same period in 2021, a 12% increase.

TRAVEL

All four parishes reporting hotel occupancy tax, Avoyelles, Natchitoches, Rapides, and Vernon, saw month-over-month (M/M) increases in March with Natchitoches and Rapides posting gains of 36% and 32%, respectively. YTD Natchitoches has seen a 35% increase and Rapides a 19% increase.

Nationally, air passenger traffic in April 2022 increased 3% from March and is up 47% from a year ago. Gasoline sales in Louisiana are up 8% YTD in February and 15% over a year ago. With gasoline sales data availability delayed two months, the impact of higher gas price on sales should be reflected in the June *Economic Dashboard*.

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PERMITS

Because of the volatility of monthly data, year-to-date permit (YTD) valuations present a clearer picture of local construction. Commercial permits year-to-date in 2022 in Alexandria are unchanged from a year ago, while the value of residential permits year-to-date are down -35%. Residential permits in Alexandria YTD totaled \$6.7M, down from \$10.3M in 2021. YTD permit valuations in Natchitoches are up 49% and City of Natchitoches valuations are up 146%. YTD valuations in Pineville and Avoyelles are up 148% and 132%, respectively.

HOUSING

In April 2022, the US Lumber Price Index fell -13% from March. This was the first decline after six consecutive monthly increases. Currently, the index stands at the same level as a year ago. Housing data for Alexandria, Natchitoches, and Ft. Polk/Leesville is now included in the *Dashboard*.

The median listing price of homes jumped in all three cities with Natchitoches seeing a 24% rise in one month compared to 10% in Alexandria. Average listing price increases were muted by comparison. The active listing count was up in all three cities indicating more availability and days on the market increased in two cities.

NEW BUSINESSES

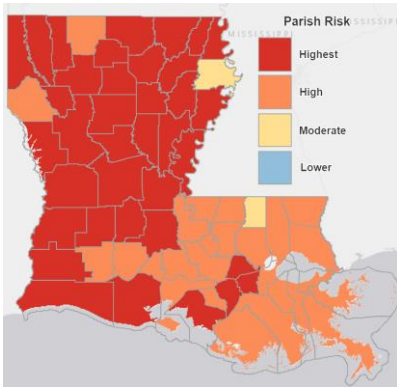
The number of new businesses established in Rapides in April 2022 decreased -9% from March and is down -3% YTD. Statewide, new business applications in April 2022 decreased -11% from March and are down -24% from the same period a year ago.

COVID-19

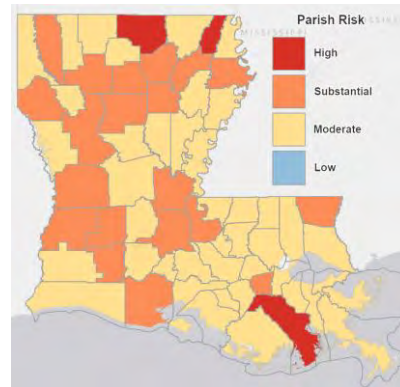
COVID-19 STATEWIDE RISK

COVID-19 statewide risk by parish over time.

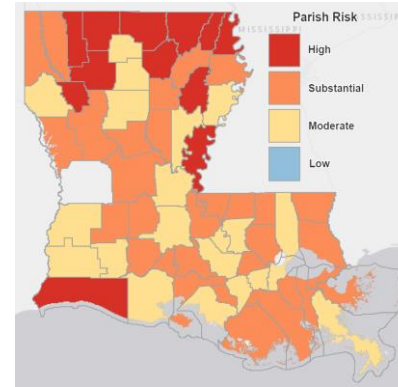
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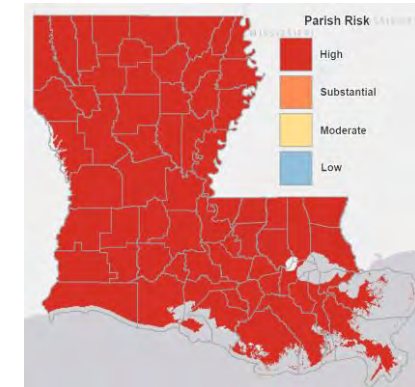
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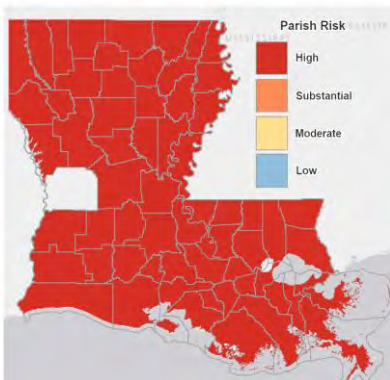
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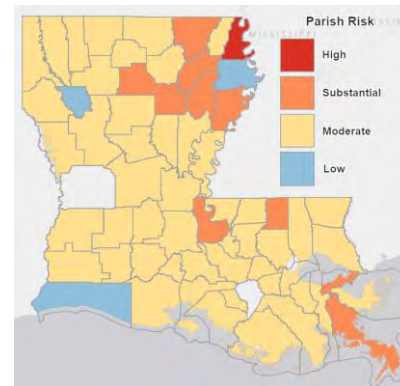
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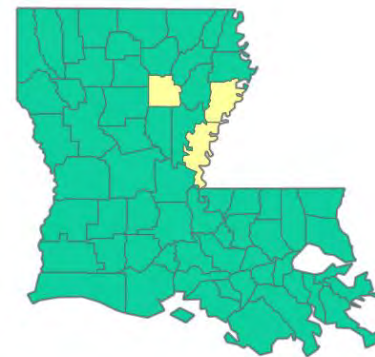
February 16, 2022



March 18, 2022



April 16, 2022



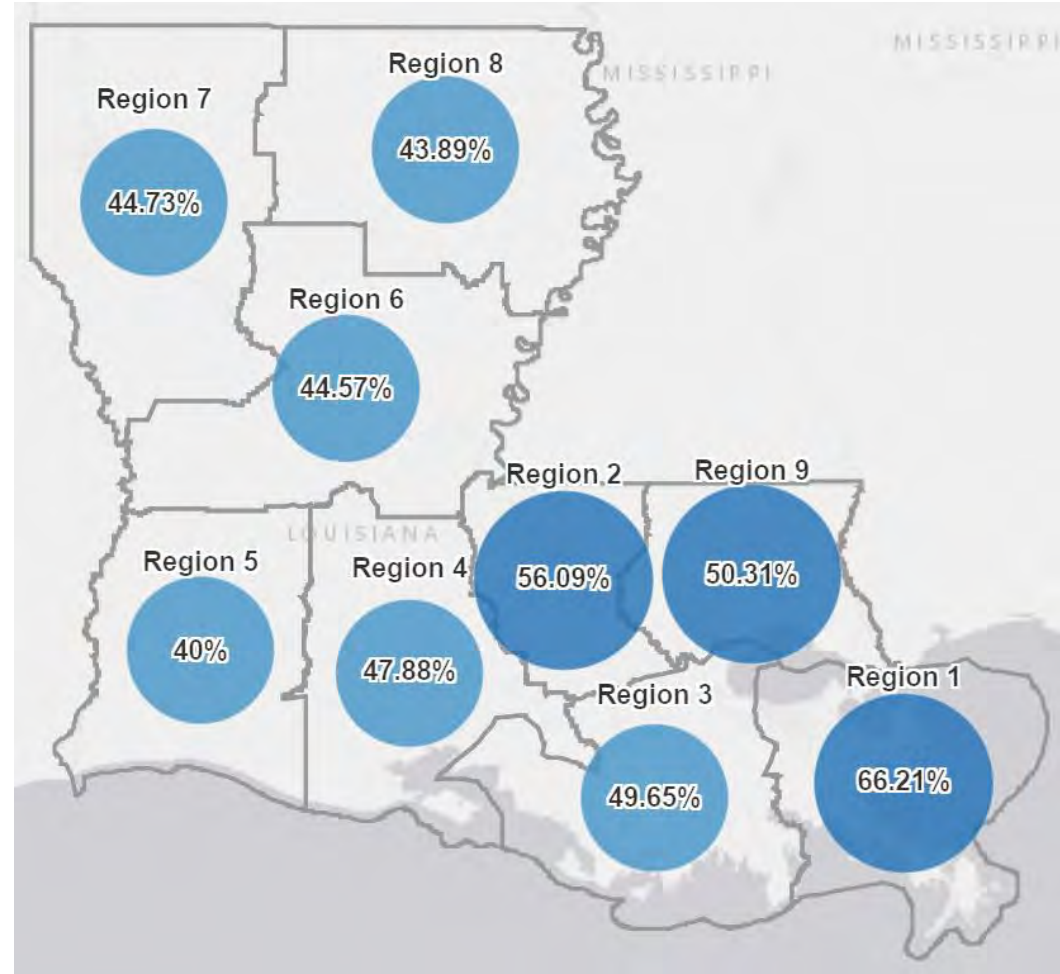
May 19, 2022



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

COVID-19 vaccinations as a percent of region population as of May 20, 2022.

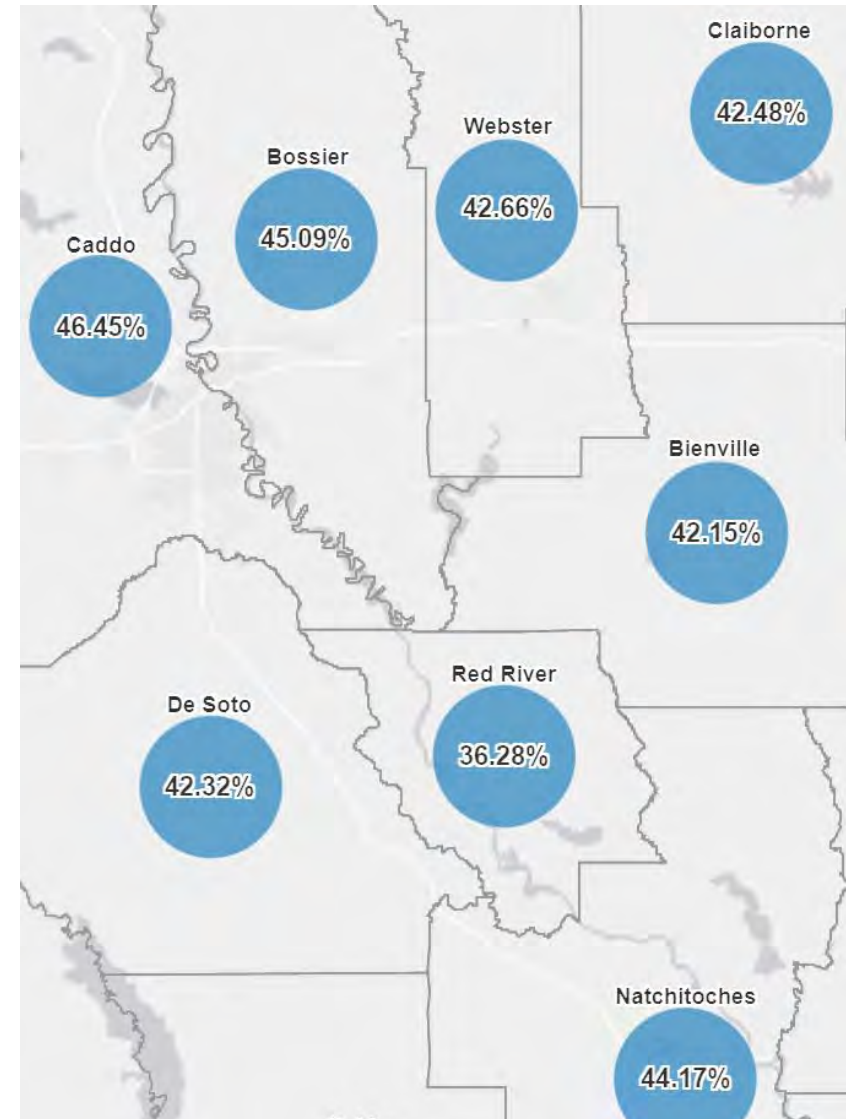
- ✓ Region 6 has 44.6% of the population vaccinated as of May 20, up from 44.3% on April 19.
- ✓ Region 7 has a 44.7% of the population vaccinated as of May 20, up from 44.5% on April 16.



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS BY PARISH IN REGION 7

COVID-19 vaccinations as a percent of parish population as of May 20, 2022.

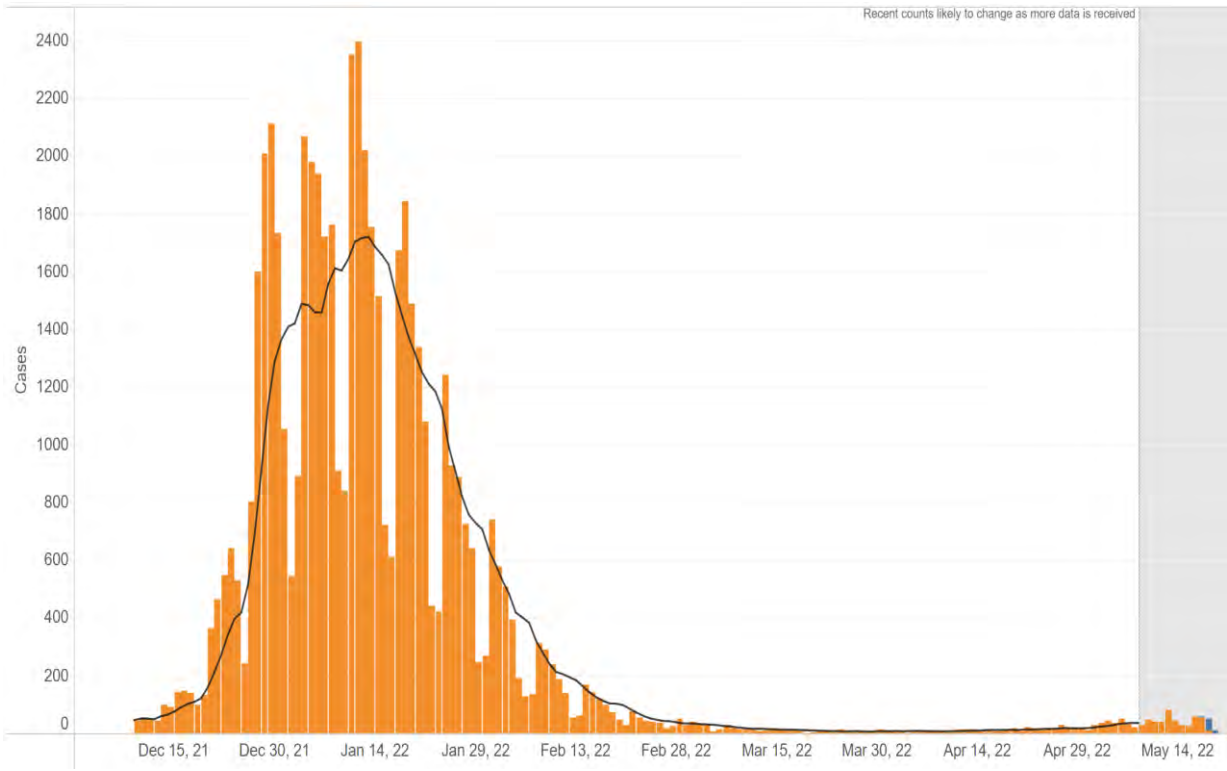
- ✓ Caddo and Bossier have the highest percentage of completed vaccinations in mid-May in Region 7 at 46.5% and 45.1%, respectively.
- ✓ Natchitoches is ranked third at 44.2%.



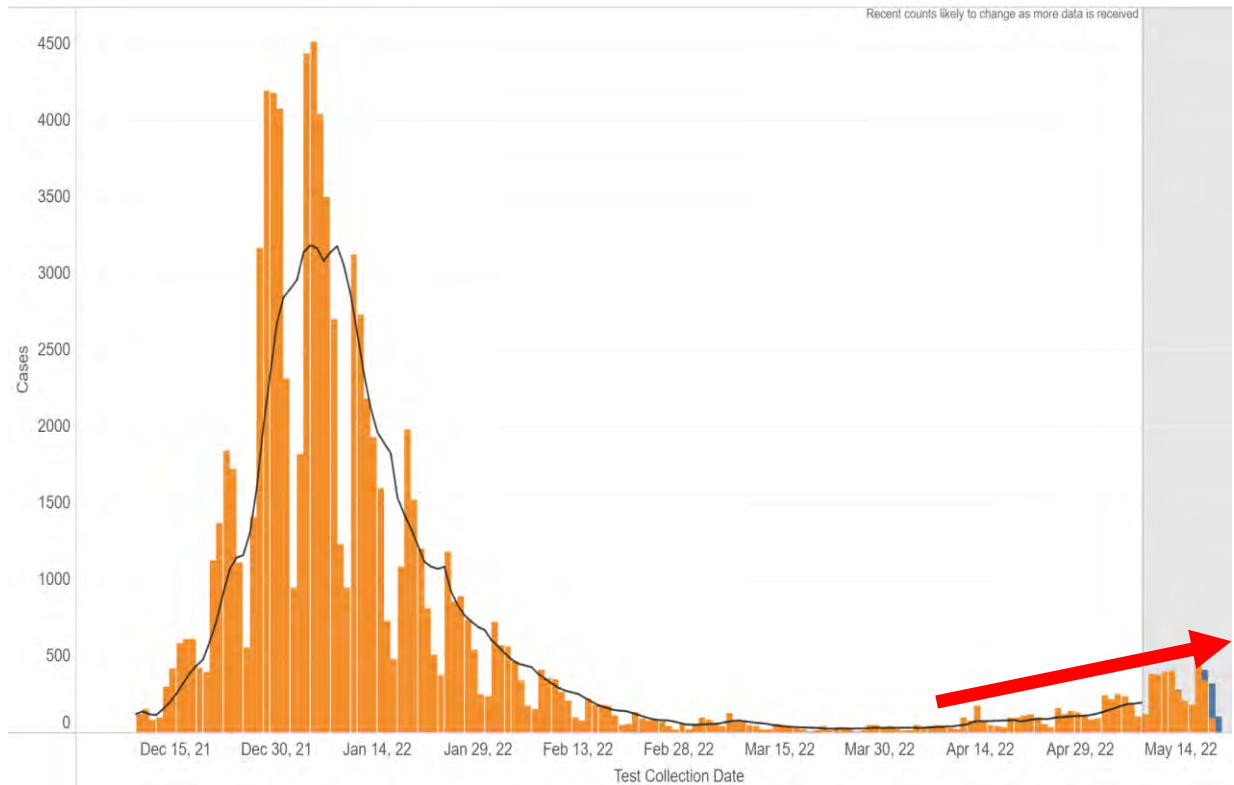
COVID-19 CASES IN REGION 7

COVID-19 cases by collection date as of May 20, 2022 in Region 7 (Natchitoches) compared to Region 1 (New Orleans) with a 7-day moving average.

Natchitoches



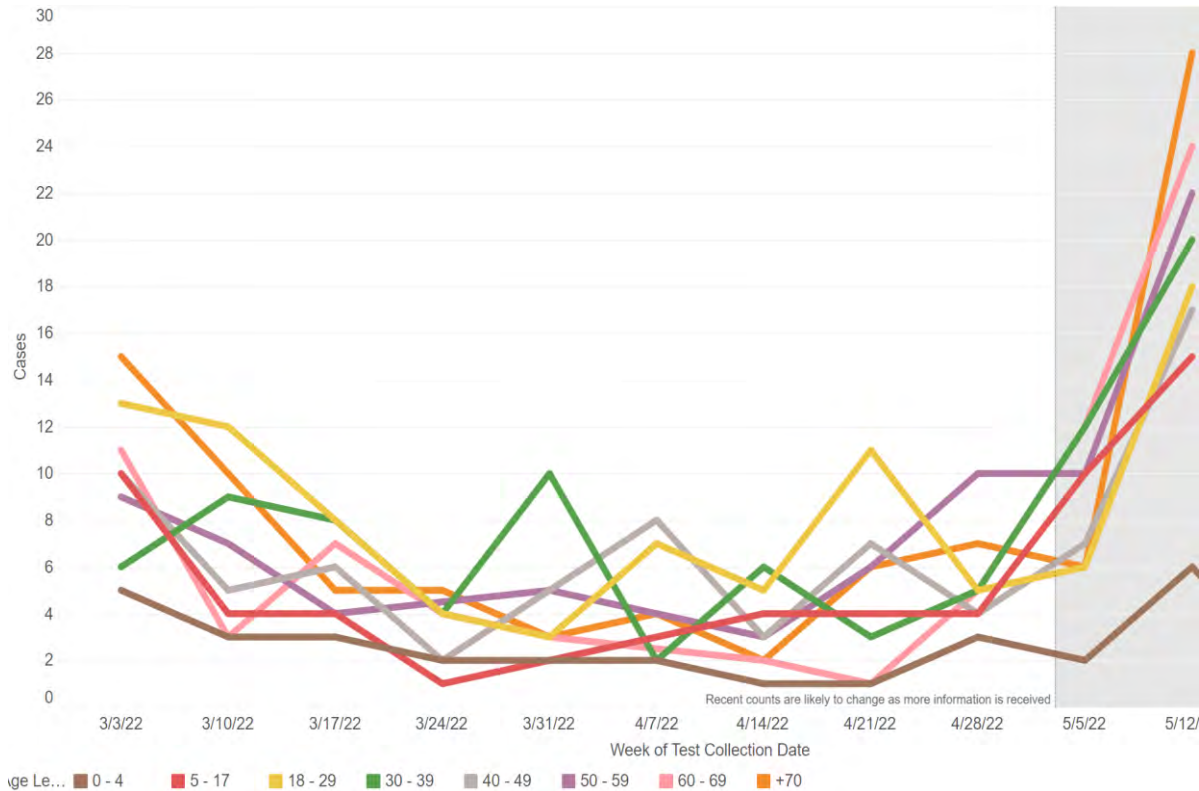
New Orleans



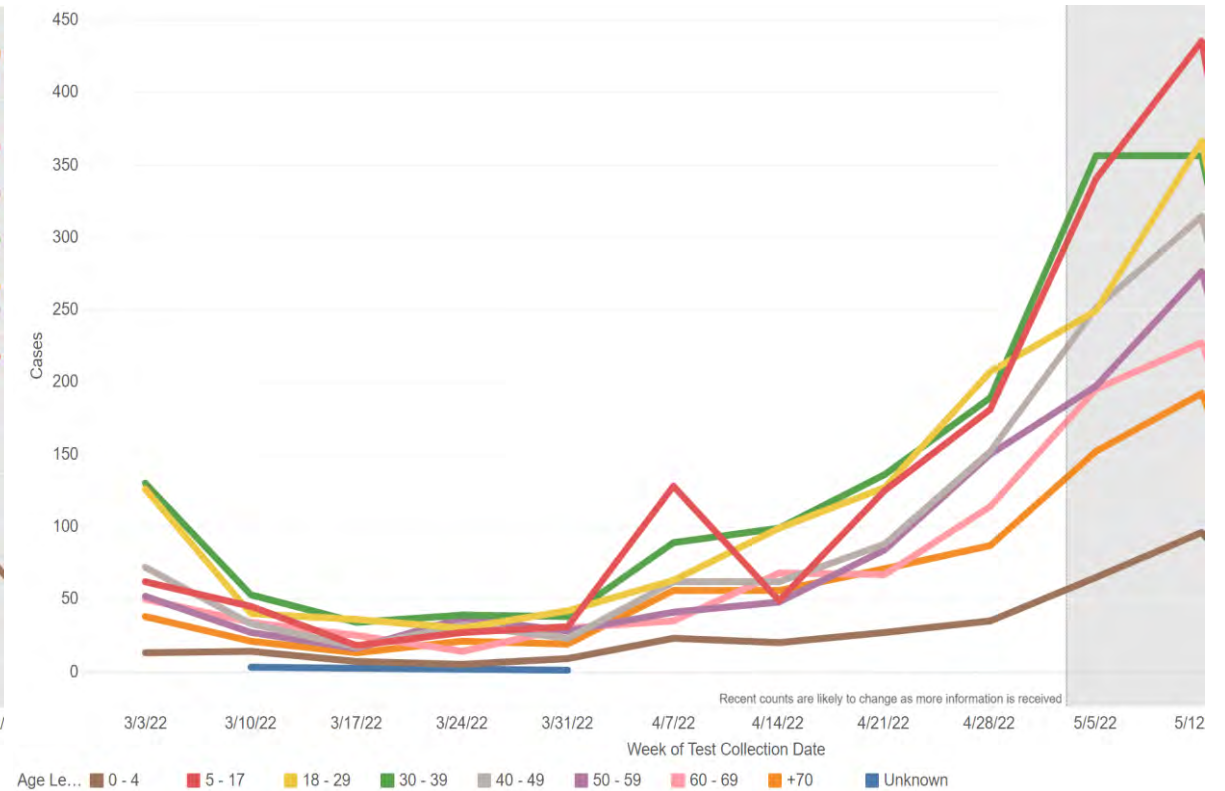
COVID-19 CASES BY AGE GROUP REGION 7

Cases over time by age group in Region 7 (Natchitoches) and Region 1 (New Orleans) from March 1 to May 19, 2022.

Natchitoches



New Orleans

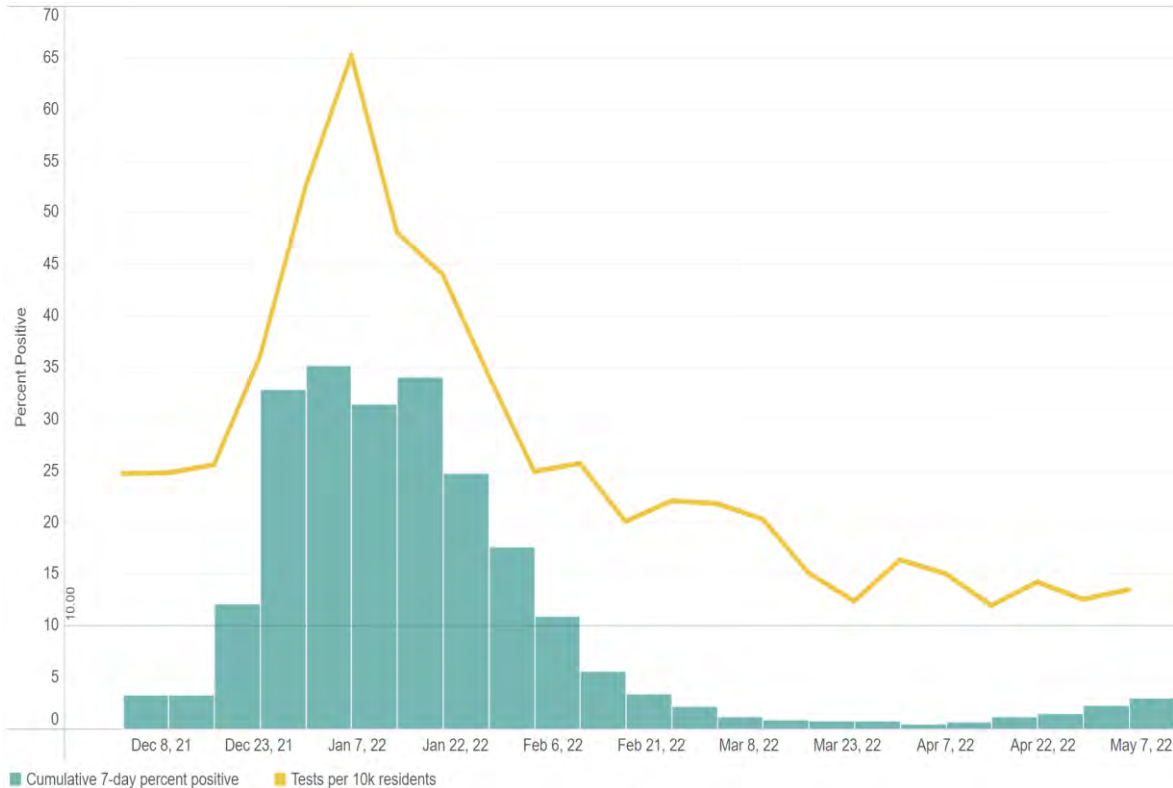


Source: Louisiana Department of Health, COVID-19 Dashboard, <https://ldh.la.gov/>, May 20, 2022.

COVID-19 % POSITIVITY IN REGION 7

COVID-19 percent positive and test volume in Region 6 (Cenla) and Region 1 (New Orleans) from December 1, 2021 – May 5, 2022.

Natchitoches



New Orleans

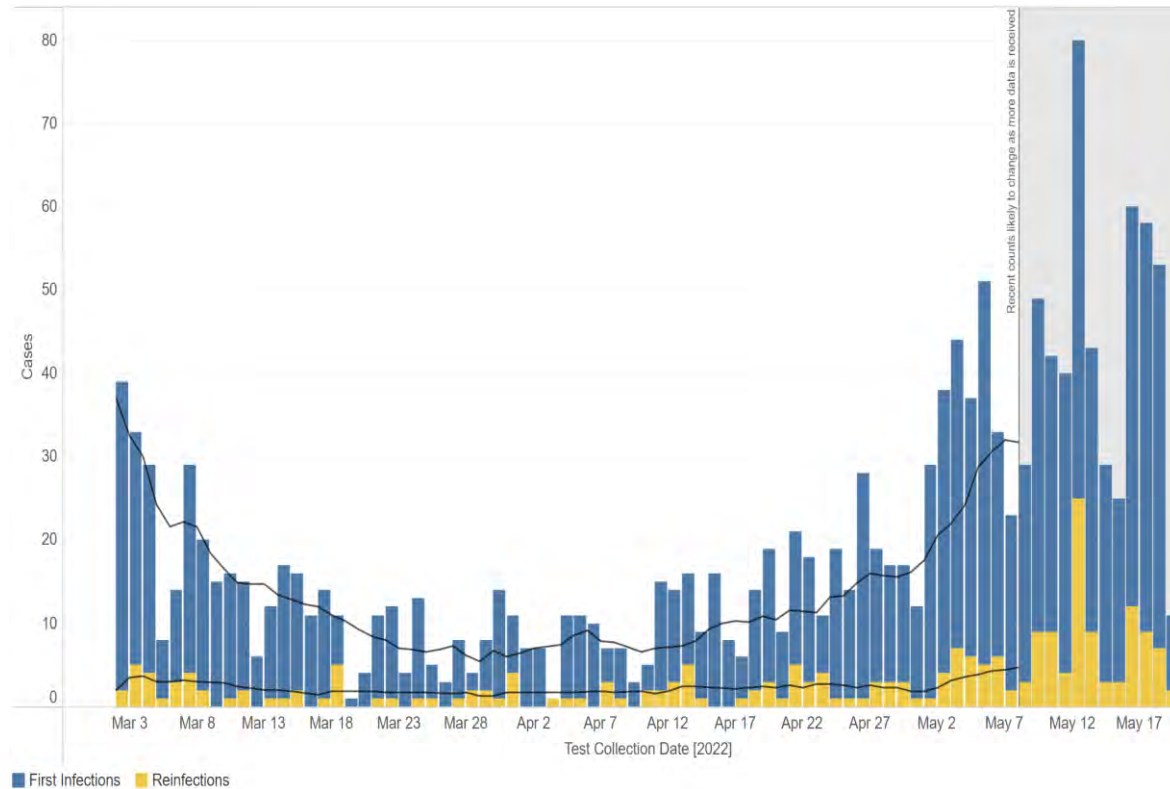


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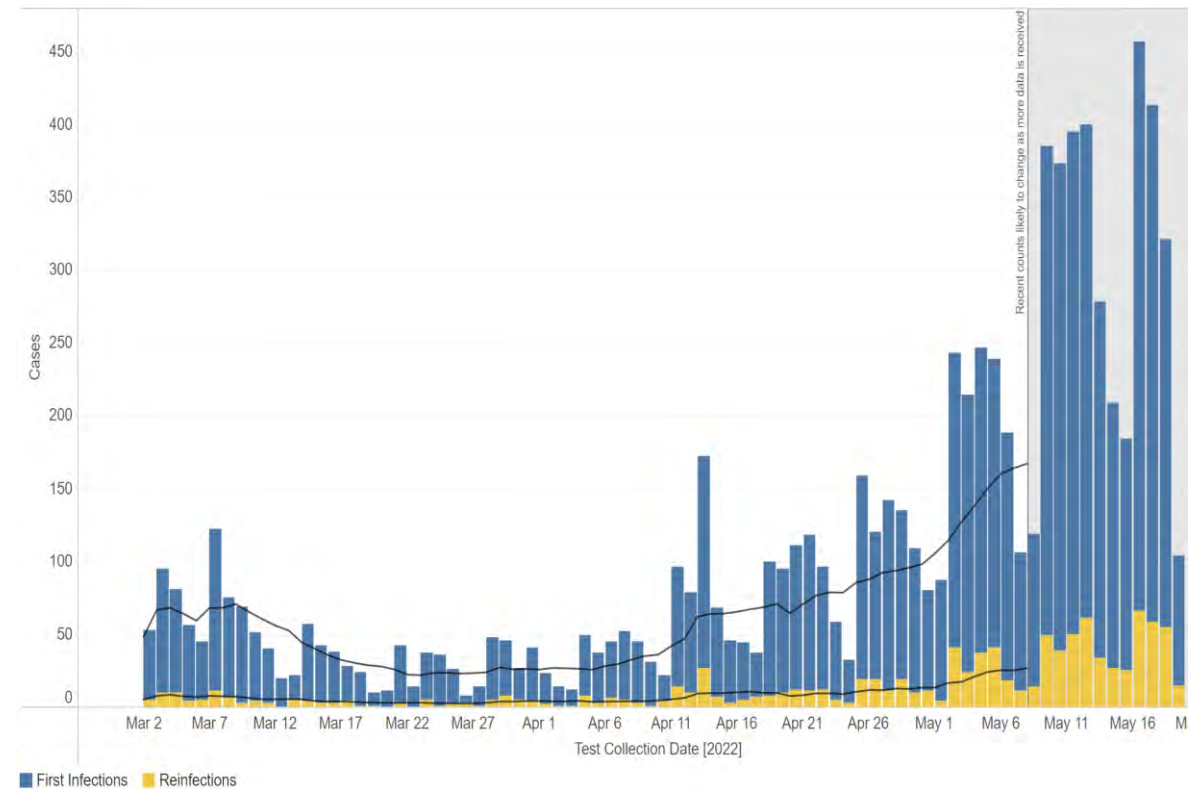
COVID-19 INITIAL INFECTIONS AND REINFECTIONS

COVID-19 initial infections (blue) and reinfections (yellow) from March 2 – May 19, 2022.

Natchitoches



New Orleans

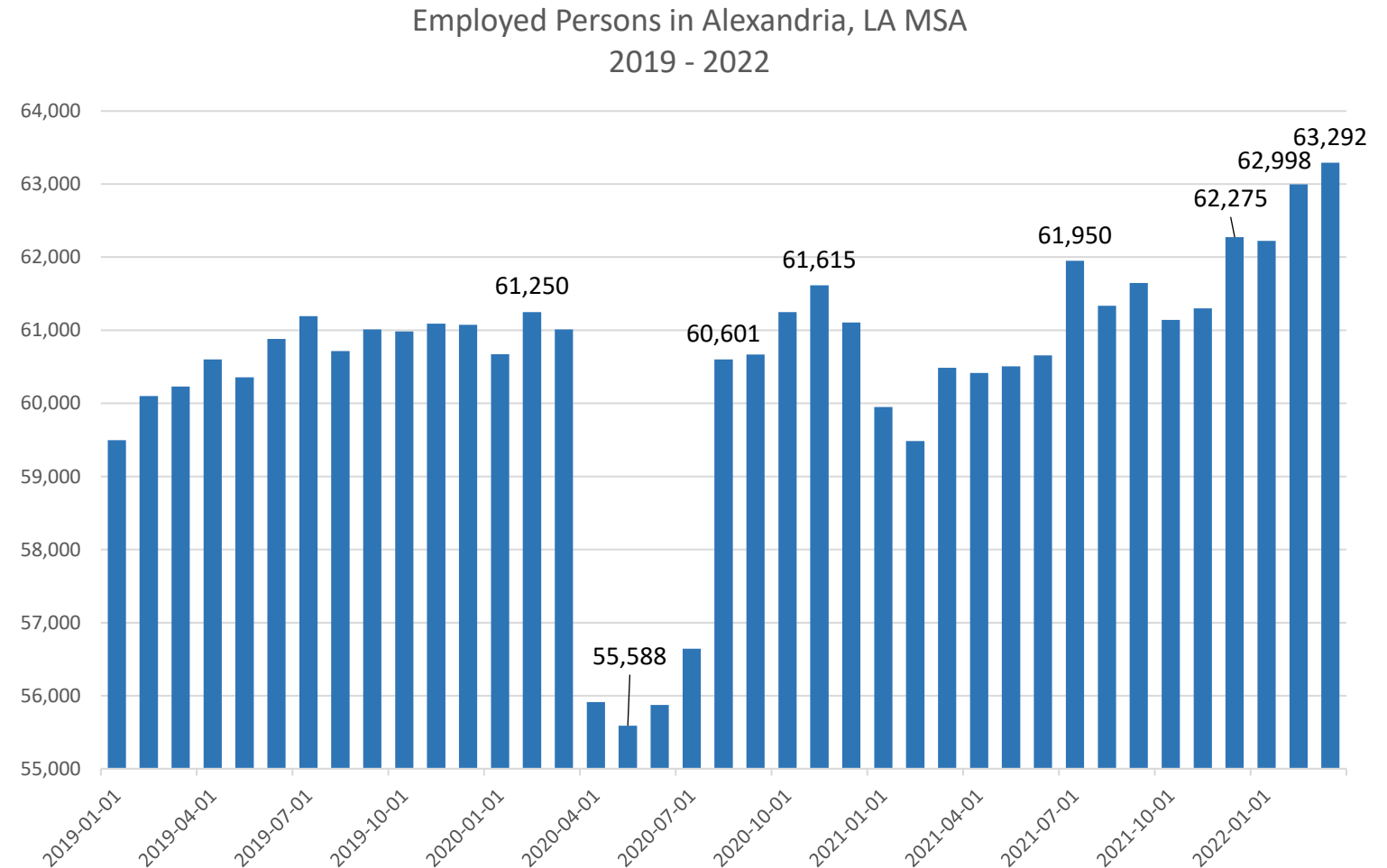


EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT IN ALEXANDRIA MSA

Employed persons in the Alexandria MSA from 2019 – 2022.

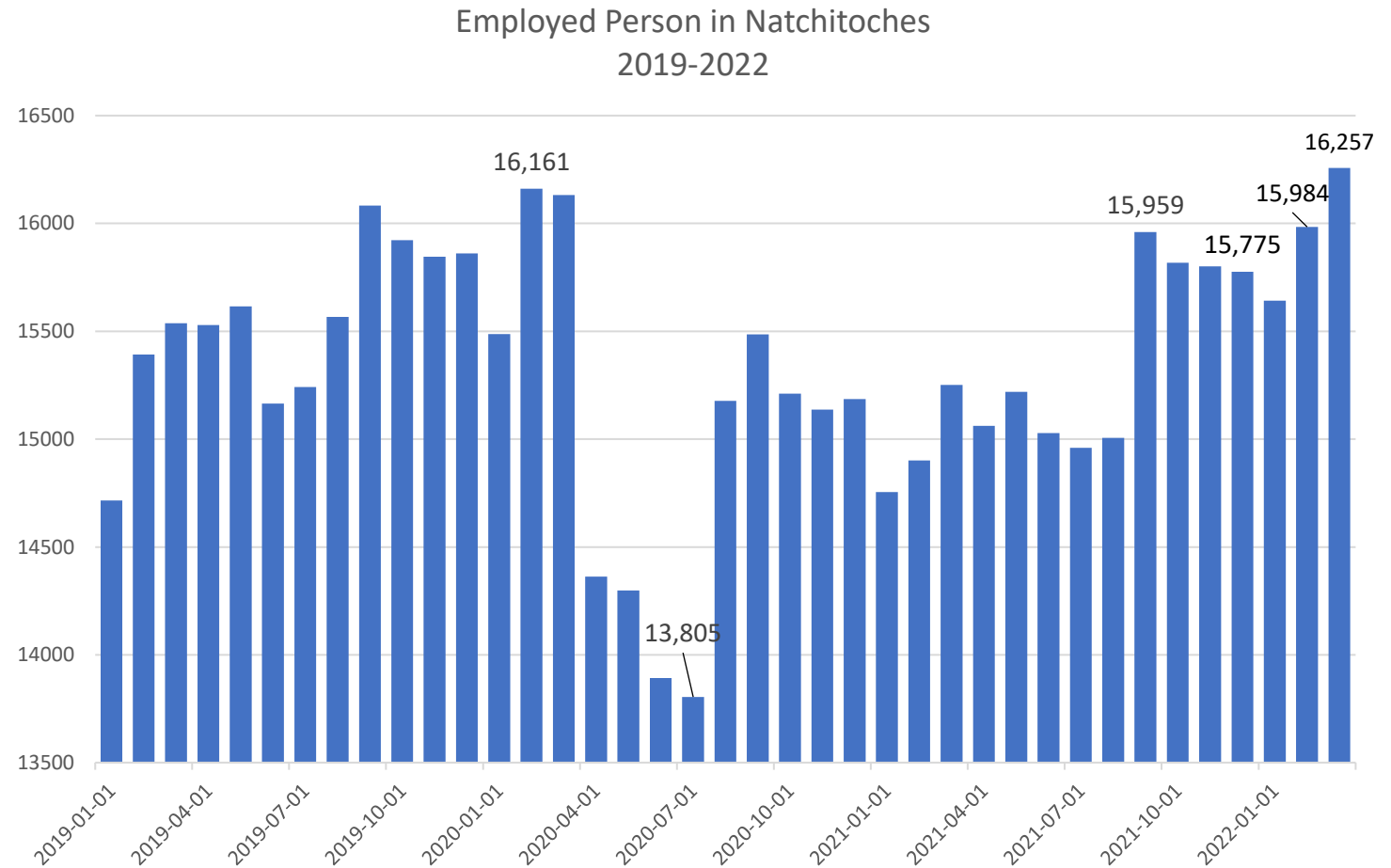
- ✓ In March 2022, 63,292 were employed in the Alexandria metro area, an increase of 294 from February.
- ✓ Unemployment in Alexandria MSA was unchanged from February at 2.8%.



EMPLOYMENT IN NATCHITOCHESES

Employed persons in Natchitoches parish from 2019 – 2022.

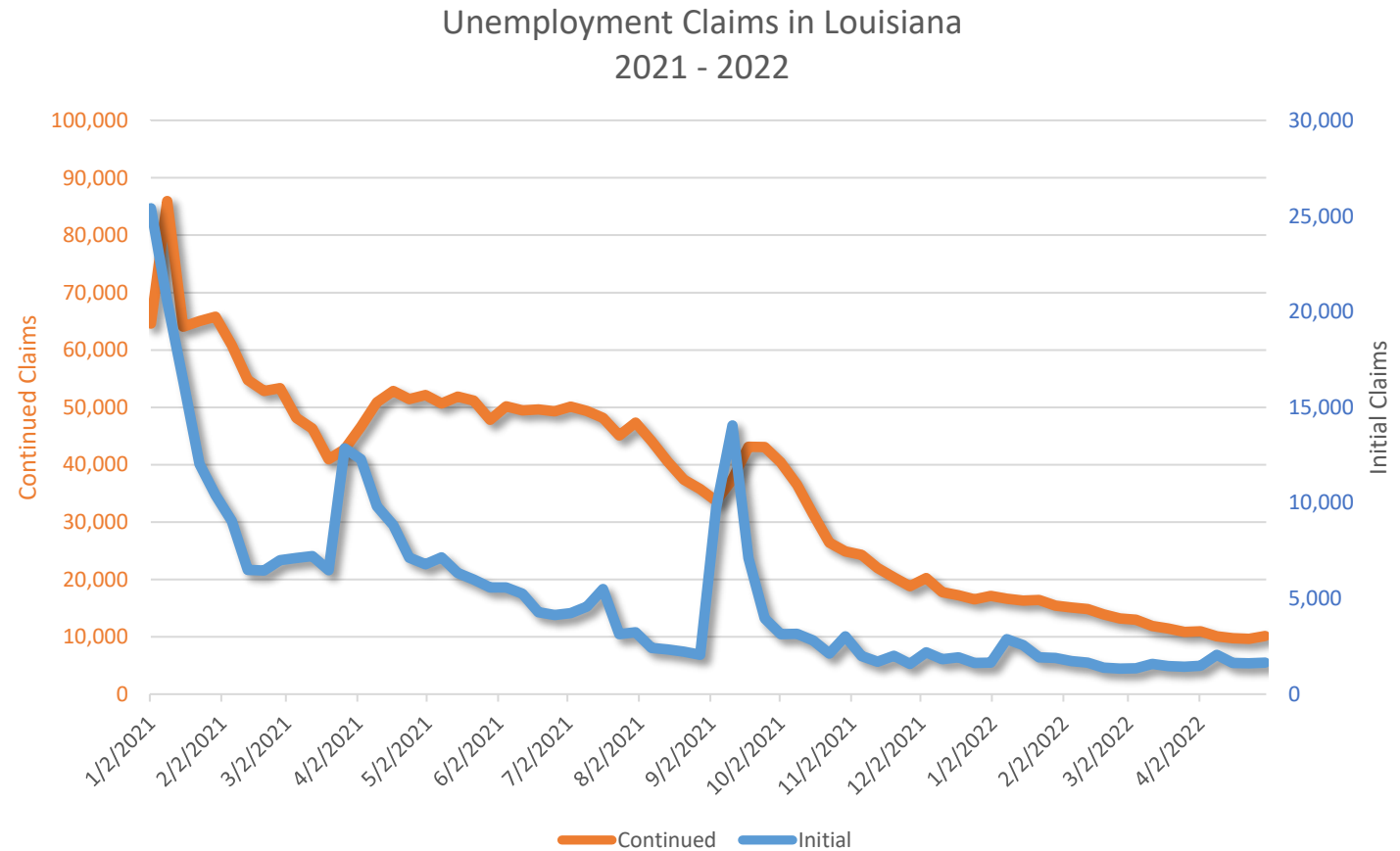
- ✓ In March 2022, 16,257 were employed in Natchitoches parish, an increase of 273 from February.
- ✓ The number of employed in Natchitoches hit another post-pandemic high, recording the highest level since July 2009 when employment was 16,295.
- ✓ Unemployment in Natchitoches parish remained at 3.3% from February.



UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS IN LOUISIANA

Initial and continued unemployment claims in Louisiana from January 2021 to April 2022.

- ✓ Statewide average weekly initial unemployment claims filed in April increased 15.8% to 1,686 from 1,456 in March.
- ✓ Statewide average weekly continued unemployment claims filed in April fell -14.2% to 10,105 from 11,773 a month earlier.



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY CENLA PARISH

The table below shows March 2022 preliminary unemployment rate, labor force, and employment data for central Louisiana parishes.

- ✓ In March, parishes in central Louisiana had an unemployment rate of 3.5%, unchanged from February.
- ✓ March's 3.5% unemployment rate for Cenla compared favorably to the state's 3.8% rate.
- ✓ LaSalle had the lowest unemployment rate in the state in March, with Rapides ranked at 10th and Grant ranked 12th.

March 2022

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate Mar 2022	Unemployment Rate Feb 2022
Allen	8,276	7,947	329	4.0%	3.9%
Avoyelles	14,826	14,288	538	3.6%	3.6%
Catahoula	3,486	3,357	129	3.7%	3.8%
Concordia	6,847	6,535	312	4.6%	4.5%
Evangeline	12,084	11,606	478	4.0%	4.0%
Grant	8,403	8,163	240	2.9%	2.8%
La Salle	6,653	6,499	154	2.3%	2.3%
Natchitoches	16,806	16,257	549	3.3%	3.3%
Rapides	56,722	55,129	1,593	2.8%	2.8%
St. Landry	32,223	30,721	1,502	4.7%	4.7%
Vernon	16,197	15,667	530	3.3%	3.4%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AMONG LA METROS

The table below shows March 2022 preliminary unemployment rate, labor force, and employment data for Metropolitan Statistical Areas in the state.

March 2022

✓ At 2.8%, the Alexandria MSA unemployment rate in March was the lowest among the state's major metro areas.

✓ Louisiana's unemployment rate fell 0.1% in March to 3.8%. The preliminary rate for April 2022 is 3.5%.

Area	Unemployment Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed
Alexandria	2.8%	65,125	63,292	1,833
Baton Rouge	3.4%	424,062	409,754	14,308
Lafayette	3.4%	215,304	207,887	7,417
Monroe	3.6%	78,686	75,887	2,799
Houma-Thibodaux	3.7%	85,508	82,343	3,165
Lake Charles	3.7%	103,214	99,423	3,791
Shreveport-Bossier City	3.8%	187,083	179,990	7,093
New Orleans-Metairie	4.4%	594,780	568,375	26,405
Hammond	4.7%	56,465	53,836	2,629

UNEMPLOYED PER JOB OPENING

The table below shows the number of unemployed, number of advertised jobs online, and the ratio of unemployed to advertised job openings online for Metropolitan Statistical Areas in Louisiana in March 2022.

- ✓ In March 2022, the Alexandria MSA tight labor market worsened from 0.29 unemployed persons per job opening to 0.26, meaning there were nearly four job openings for every unemployed.
- ✓ Every metro area in the state had more job openings than unemployed.
- ✓ The state ratio fell to 0.53 in April from 0.56 in March.

March 2022

Rank	Metro Area	Unemployed	Job Openings	Unemployed per Job Opening
1	Alexandria	1,833	6,917	0.26
2	Lafayette	4,378	11,293	0.39
3	New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner	25,914	53,082	0.49
4	Shreveport-Bossier City	6,557	12,836	0.51
5	Baton Rouge	14,308	26,747	0.53
6	Lake Charles	3,791	7,184	0.53
7	Monroe	2,799	4,476	0.63
8	Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux	3,165	4,272	0.74

TOP EMPLOYERS

The tables below shows employers with the highest number of job openings advertised online on May 22, 2022.

Alexandria MSA

Employer	Job Openings
CHRISTUS Health	647
HCA Healthcare, Inc.	279
Rapides Parish School District	141
Rapides Regional Medical Center	104
LHC Group Inc	57
LA Dept of State Civil Service	36
City of Alexandria, LA	30
Strategic Resources, Inc.	29

Natchitoches

Employer Name	Job Openings
Natchitoches Reg. Medical Center	41
LA Dept of State Civil Service	23
LHC Group Inc	19
Pilgrim's	16
Natchitoches Parish	15
Northwestern State University	14
Stine Home + Yard	12
Chateau Saint Denis Hotel	8

TAX REVENUE

TAX REVENUE OVERVIEW

An overview of sales, vehicle sales, and hotel occupancy taxes collected in the April 2022 reflecting sales activity in March 2022, unless otherwise noted.

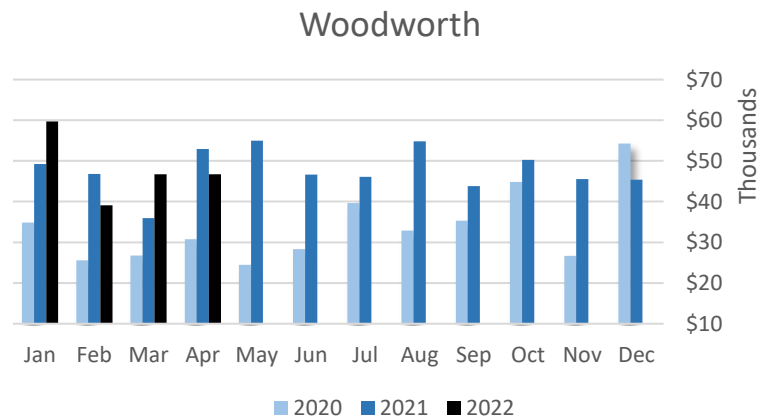
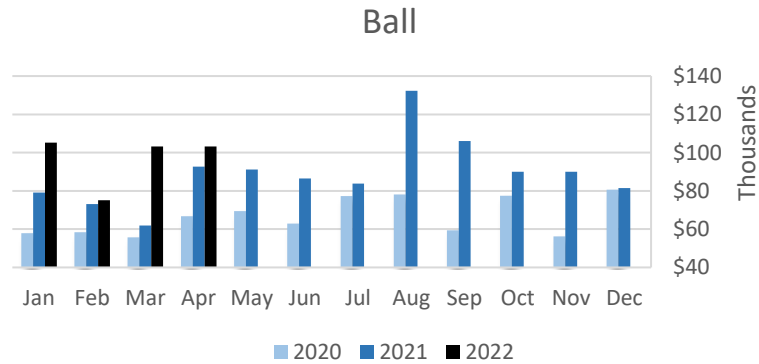
April 2022

Sales Tax	M/M	Y/Y	YTD		Vehicle Sales Tax	M/M	Y/Y	YTD
Alexandria	30%	-5%	1%		Avoyelles	31%	111%	23%
Avoyelles	74%	7%	8%		Evangeline	16%	-1%	9%
Catahoula	32%	-62%	-27%		Natchitoches*	0%	28%	26%
Concordia	28%	2%	9%		Rapides	25%	-27%	-17%
Evangeline	66%	20%	27%		St. Landry	32%	-12%	-2%
Grant	40%	1%	7%		Vernon*	26%	-17%	-6%
La Salle	29%	9%	14%					
Natchitoches	18%	10%	21%		Hotel Occupancy Tax			
Pineville	27%	-6%	0.4%		Avoyelles	43%	-1%	-3%
Rapides	30%	-7%	0.2%		Natchitoches	36%	22%	35%
St. Landry	31%	3%	7%		Rapides	32%	21%	19%
Vernon*	39%	6%	6%		Vernon	5%	-19%	-18%

Notes: April tax revenue reflects sales activity in March. * Current month data are not available. N/a = Not available
Data Source noted in detailed reports.

RAPIDES PARISH TOWNS & CITIES

An overview of sales tax revenue collected in other Rapides Parish towns and cities in April 2022 (excluding Alexandria and Pineville).



April

	Apr-21	Mar-22	Apr-22	% M/M	% Y/Y	%YTD
Ball	\$92,616	\$74,304	\$103,211	38.9%	11.4%	16.7%
Boyce	\$104,264	\$36,052	\$57,621	59.8%	-44.7%	-31.1%
Cheneyville	\$3,394	\$2,748	\$5,034	83.2%	48.3%	12.0%
Glenmora	\$22,138	\$15,458	\$20,772	34.4%	-6.2%	-10.9%
Lecompte	\$28,591	\$21,882	\$29,461	34.6%	3.0%	3.1%
Woodworth	\$52,922	\$37,840	\$46,712	23.4%	-11.7%	-0.8%

Note: Current tax revenue reflects sales activity in prior month.

Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, May 2022.

ALEXANDRIA SALES TAX

(TR) Alexandria total sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

(BR) Alexandria total monthly sales tax revenue from 2020 to present.

April

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 3,652,420	\$ 3,071,113	\$ 4,579,128	\$ 4,359,255
March	\$ 2,924,815	\$ 2,856,685	\$ 3,037,395	\$ 3,357,567
% Chg over Prev Month	24.9%	7.5%	50.8%	29.8%
% Chg over Prev Year		-15.9%	49.1%	-4.8%
YTD	\$ 13,586,853	\$ 13,140,523	\$ 15,472,335	\$ 15,677,457
% Chg over Prev YTD		-3.3%	17.7%	1.3%

April



30%

Apr YoY



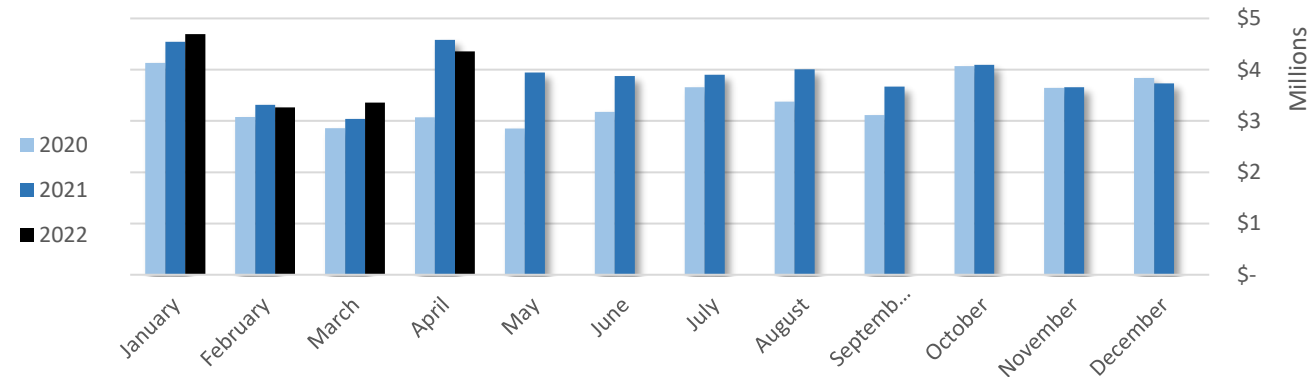
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Apr YTD



1%

Alexandria Sales Tax Revenue
2020-2022






Note: Current month sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in previous month.

Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, May 2022.

AVOYELLES SALES TAX

Avoyelles Parish total sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons. Vehicle and hotel tax revenues are excluded.




		<i>April</i>				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	 74%	\$ 1,610,221	\$ 1,695,869	\$ 1,580,351	\$ 2,619,955	\$ 2,809,680
Apr YoY	 7%	\$ 1,202,024	\$ 1,293,507	\$ 1,117,939	\$ 1,419,160	\$ 1,616,438
		% Chg over Prev Month	34.0%	31.1%	41.4%	84.6%
		% Chg over Prev Year		5.3%	-6.8%	65.8%
Apr YTD	 8%	\$ 5,687,402	\$ 6,063,306	\$ 5,758,383	\$ 7,671,586	\$ 8,317,792
		% Chg over Prev YTD		6.6%	-5.0%	33.2%
						8.4%

Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the previous month.

Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. May 2022.

AVOYELLES VEHICLE SALES TAX

Avoyelles Parish vehicle sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

		<i>April</i>					
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
April	 31%	\$ 320,682	\$ 308,022	\$ 296,018	\$ 194,612	\$ 409,937	
Apr YoY	 111%	\$ 224,927	\$ 236,649	\$ 243,753	\$ 259,727	\$ 312,487	
		% Chg over Prev Month	42.6%	30.2%	21.4%	-25.1%	31.2%
		% Chg over Prev Year		-3.9%	-3.9%	-34.3%	110.6%
Apr YTD	 23%						
		YTD	\$ 1,012,368	\$ 1,024,453	\$ 1,082,973	\$ 1,132,938	\$ 1,391,504
		% Chg over Prev YTD		1.2%	5.7%	4.6%	22.8%

Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the previous month.

Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. April 2022

CATAHOULA SALES TAX

Catahoula Parish total sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April 
32%

Apr YoY 
-62%

Apr YTD 
-27%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 573,185	\$ 537,328	\$ 1,777,183	\$ 677,357
March	\$ 418,599	\$ 384,586	\$ 464,418	\$ 513,165
% Chg over Prev Month	36.9%	39.7%	282.7%	32.0%
% Chg over Prev Year		-6.3%	230.7%	-61.9%
YTD	\$ 1,931,612	\$ 1,893,483	\$ 3,366,603	\$ 2,472,470
% Chg over Prev YTD		-2.0%	77.8%	-26.6%


Note: Current month sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the previous month.


Data Source: Catahoula Parish Tax Administrator, May 2022


CONCORDIA SALES TAX

Concordia Parish total sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April 
28%

Apr YoY 
2%

Apr YTD 
9%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 1,268,973	\$ 1,133,026	\$ 1,457,521	\$ 1,490,005
March	\$ 976,350	\$ 849,605	\$ 921,494	\$ 1,160,011
% Chg over Prev Month	30.0%	33.4%	58.2%	28.4%
% Chg over Prev Year		-10.7%	28.6%	2.2%
YTD	\$ 4,445,486	\$ 4,044,789	\$ 4,901,836	\$ 5,317,312
% Chg over Prev YTD		-9.0%	21.2%	8.5%


Note: Current month sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the previous month.


Data Source: Concordia Parish Tax Administrator. May 2022


EVANGELINE SALES TAX

Evangeline Parish total sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year and YTD comparisons.

April

April 
66%

Apr YoY 
20%

Apr YTD 
27%




	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 1,724,796	\$ 1,790,920	\$ 1,760,760	\$ 2,940,437	\$ 3,530,399
March	\$ 1,295,041	\$ 1,371,683	\$ 1,323,124	\$ 1,562,969	\$ 2,119,514
% Chg over Prev Month	33.2%	30.6%	33.1%	88.1%	66.6%
% Chg over Prev Year		3.8%	-1.7%	67.0%	20.1%
YTD	\$ 4,317,238	\$ 4,584,316	\$ 4,541,575	\$ 6,111,638	\$ 7,735,305
% Chg over Prev YTD		6.2%	-0.9%	34.6%	26.6%

Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in previous month. Evangeline implemented a 1% sales tax increase July 1, 2021.

Data Source: Evangeline Parish Sales Tax Commissioner. May 2022

EVANGELINE VEHICLE SALES TAX

Evangeline Parish vehicle sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year and YTD comparisons.

		<i>April</i>					
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
April	 16%	\$ 303,078	\$ 310,254	\$ 303,815	\$ 424,161	\$ 418,281	
Apr YoY	 -1%	\$ 255,084	\$ 259,766	\$ 261,498	\$ 274,428	\$ 359,572	
		% Chg over Prev Month	18.8%	19.4%	16.2%	54.6%	16.3%
		% Chg over Prev Year		2.4%	-2.1%	39.6%	-1.4%
Apr YTD	 9%						
		YTD	\$ 830,238	\$ 917,695	\$ 886,190	\$ 1,057,116	\$ 1,152,498
		% Chg over Prev YTD		10.5%	-3.4%	19.3%	9.0%

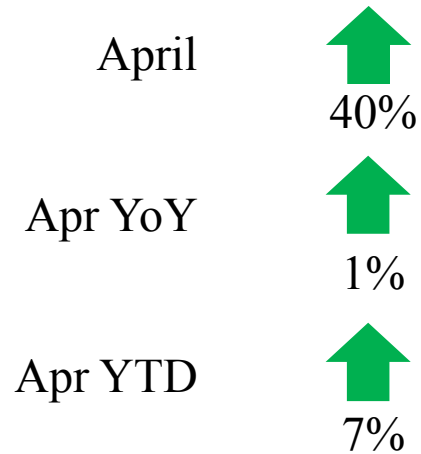
Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in previous month. Evangeline implemented a 1% sales tax increase July 1, 2021.

Data Source: Evangeline Parish Sales Tax Commissioner. May 2022

GRANT SALES TAX

(TR) Grant sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

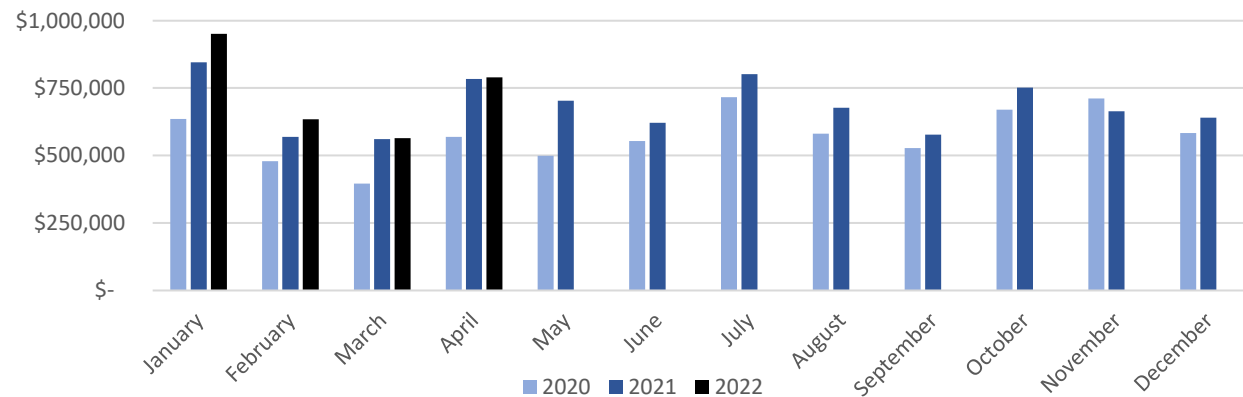
(BR) Grant monthly sales tax revenue from 2020 to present.



April

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 552,538	\$ 569,362	\$ 783,423	\$ 790,204
March	\$ 388,850	\$ 395,597	\$ 560,157	\$ 564,651
% Chg over Prev Month	42.1%	43.9%	39.9%	39.9%
% Chg over Prev Year		3.0%	37.6%	0.9%
YTD	\$ 1,834,565	\$ 2,078,520	\$ 2,758,413	\$ 2,940,992
% Chg over Prev YTD		13.3%	32.7%	6.6%

Grant Parish Sales Tax Revenue
2020-2022





Note: March sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in February.
Data Source: Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, May 2022.


LA SALLE SALES TAX

La Salle Parish total sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April 
29%

Apr YoY 
9%

Apr YTD 
14%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 1,096,557	\$ 1,192,251	\$ 1,111,808	\$ 1,215,855
March	\$ 743,823	\$ 721,926	\$ 834,953	\$ 942,586
% Chg over Prev Month	47.4%	65.1%	33.2%	29.0%
% Chg over Prev Year		8.7%	-6.7%	9.4%
YTD	\$ 3,863,560	\$ 3,665,148	\$ 3,964,025	\$ 4,509,460
% Chg over Prev YTD		-5.1%	8.2%	13.8%

Note: Current month sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the previous month.

Data Source: La Salle Parish Tax Administrator, May 2022

NATCHITOCHESES SALES TAX

(TR) Natchitoches sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

(BR) Natchitoches monthly sales tax revenue from 2020 to present.

April

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 2,939,767	\$ 2,914,039	\$ 3,718,739	\$ 4,090,820
March	\$ 2,362,933	\$ 2,353,228	\$ 2,457,642	\$ 3,463,007
% Chg over Prev Month	24.4%	23.8%	51.3%	18.1%
% Chg over Prev Year		-0.9%	27.6%	10.0%
YTD (Jan - Apr)	\$ 10,722,196	\$ 11,288,108	\$ 12,595,008	\$15,267,351
% Chg over Prev YTD		5.3%	11.6%	21.2%

April



18%

Apr YoY



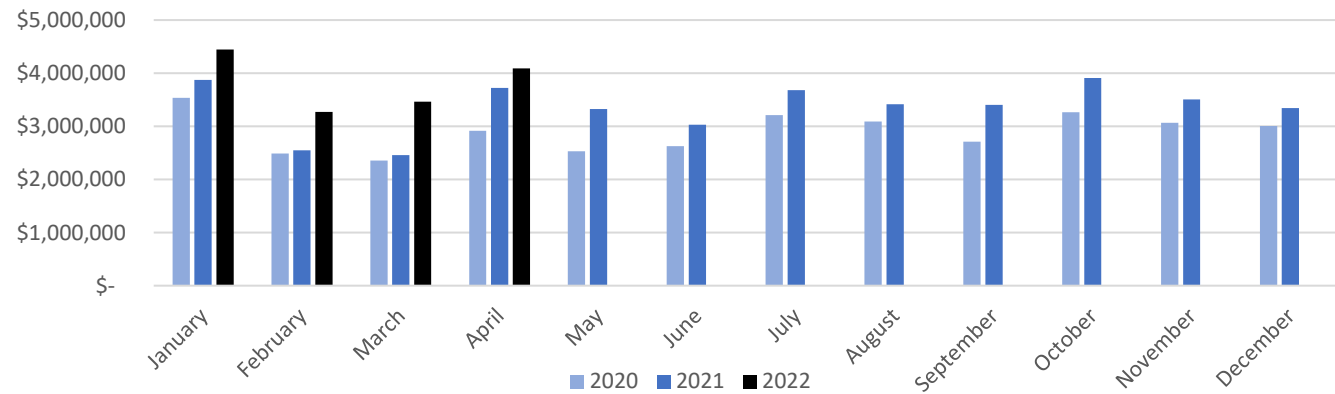
10%

Apr YTD



21%

Natchitoches Parish Sales Tax Revenue
2020-2022



Note: April sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in March.
Data Source: Natchitoches Parish Tax Commission, May 2022.

NATCHITOCHESES VEHICLE SALES TAX


(TR) Natchitoches vehicle sales tax revenue collected in March with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.


(BR) Natchitoches monthly vehicle sales tax revenue from 2020 to present.

*March**

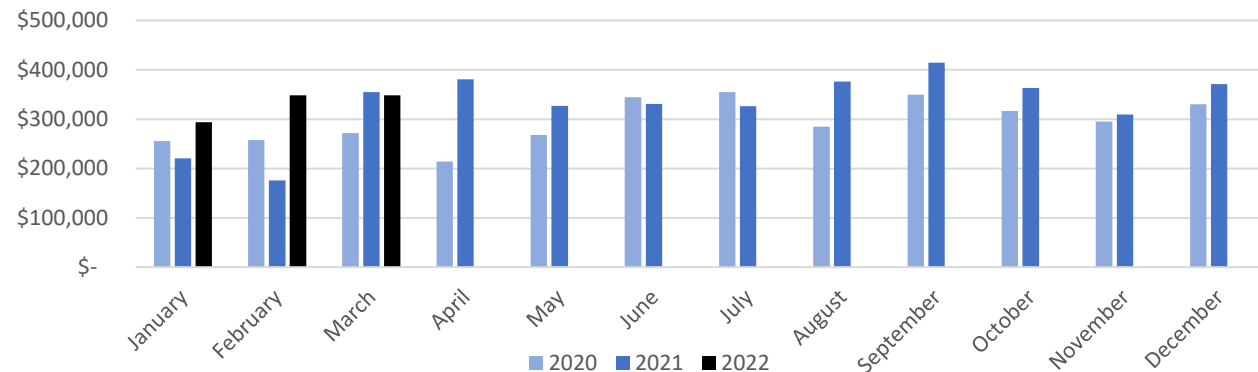
	2019	2020	2021	2022
March	\$ 298,379	\$ 271,863	\$ 354,670	\$ 348,287
February	\$ 248,539	\$ 257,229	\$ 175,916	\$ 348,306
% Chg over Prev Month		5.7%	101.6%	0.0%
% Chg over Prev Year		-8.9%	18.9%	28.1%
YTD (Jan - Mar)	\$ 812,301	\$ 784,566	\$ 751,230	\$ 990,310
% Chg over Prev YTD		-3.4%	-7.5%	26.2%

March 0%

Mar YoY  28%

Mar YTD  26%

Natchitoches Vehicle Sales Tax Revenue
2020-2022



Note: March sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in February. *April 2022 vehicle sales tax revenue was not available at time of publication.

Data Source: Natchitoches Parish Tax Commission, May 2022.

PINEVILLE SALES TAX

(TR) Pineville sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

(BR) Pineville monthly sales tax revenue from 2020 to present.

April

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 994,888	\$ 1,022,196	\$ 1,341,110	\$ 1,255,368
March	\$ 788,435	\$ 827,923	\$ 923,448	\$ 990,528
% Chg over Prev Month	26.2%	23.5%	45.2%	26.7%
% Chg over Prev Year		2.7%	31.2%	-6.4%
YTD	\$ 3,605,910	\$ 3,952,811	\$ 4,604,295	\$ 4,621,780
% Chg over Prev YTD		9.6%	16.5%	0.4%

April

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27%

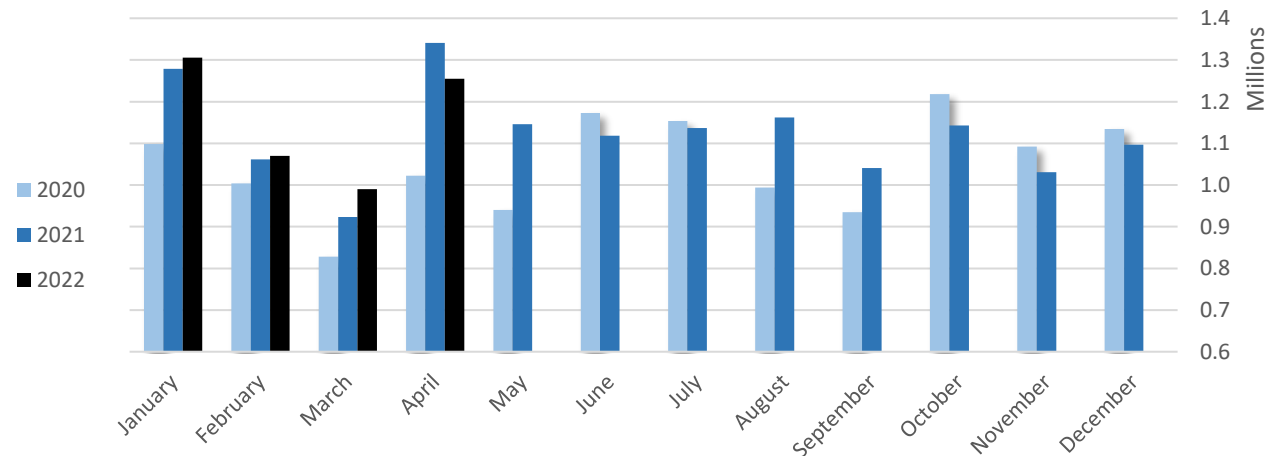
Apr YoY

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-6%

Apr YTD

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0.4%

Pineville Sales Tax Revenue
2020-2022



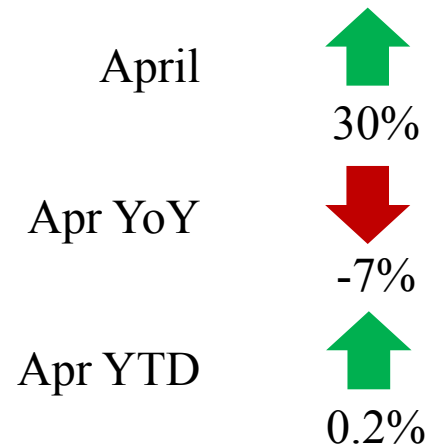
Note: Current month sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the prior month.

Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, May 2022.

RAPIDES SALES TAX

(TR) Rapides Parish sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

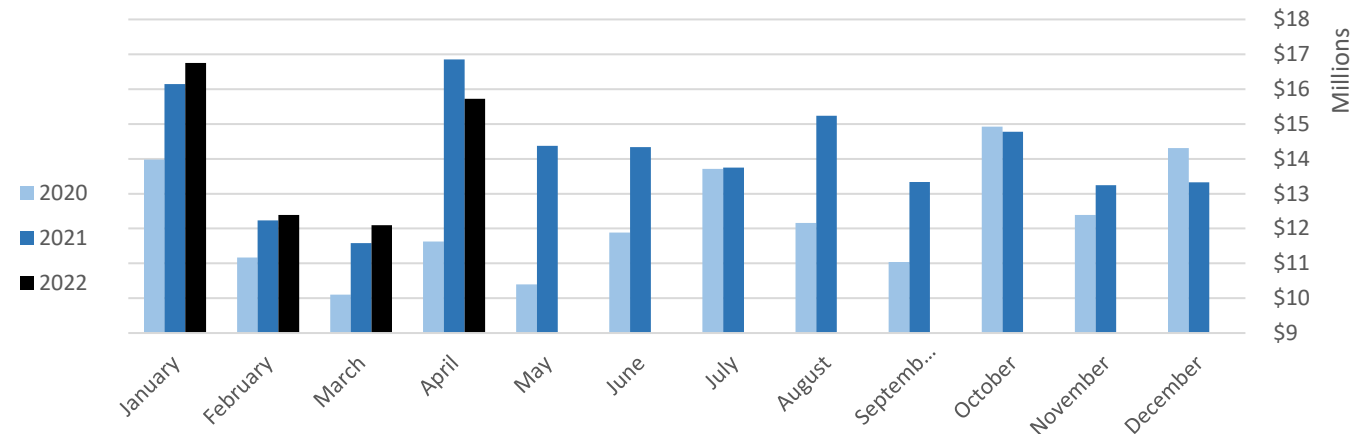
(BR) Rapides monthly sales tax revenue from 2020 to present.



April

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 12,371,569	\$ 11,623,165	\$ 16,857,286	\$ 15,727,641
March	\$ 10,050,047	\$ 10,102,203	\$ 11,580,922	\$ 12,092,263
% Chg over Prev Month	23.1%	15.1%	45.6%	30.1%
% Chg over Prev Year		-6.0%	45.0%	-6.7%
YTD	\$ 46,158,982	\$ 46,870,722	\$ 56,821,287	\$ 56,958,244
% Chg over Prev YTD		1.5%	21.2%	0.2%

Rapides Parish Total Sales Tax Revenue
2020-2022





Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in the prior month.
Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, May 2022.


RAPIDES VEHICLE SALES TAX

Rapides Parish vehicle sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

April

April  25%




Apr YoY  -27%

Apr YTD  -17%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 1,102,631	\$ 1,516,979	\$ 2,084,760	\$ 1,527,439
March	\$ 874,535	\$ 1,044,076	\$ 1,602,681	\$ 1,225,393
% Chg over Prev Month	26.1%	45.3%	30.1%	24.6%
% Chg over Prev Year		37.6%	37.4%	-26.7%
YTD	\$ 3,993,946	\$ 4,772,678	\$ 6,338,862	\$ 5,236,639
% Chg over Prev YTD		19.5%	32.8%	-17.4%

ST. LANDRY SALES TAX

St. Landry Parish sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

		<i>April</i>				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	
April	 31%	\$ 6,311,664	\$ 6,520,588	\$ 8,410,439	\$ 8,638,042	
Apr YoY	 3%	\$ 5,088,409	\$ 5,181,543	\$ 5,712,925	\$ 6,591,040	
		% Chg over Prev Month	24.0%	25.8%	47.2%	31.1%
		% Chg over Prev Year		3.3%	29.0%	2.7%
Apr YTD	 7%					
		YTD	\$23,610,202	\$25,073,983	\$28,126,314	\$30,105,756
		% Chg over Prev YTD		6.2%	12.2%	7.0%


Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in prior month.


Data Source: Tax revenue data from St. Landry Parish School Board. May 2022


ST. LANDRY VEHICLE SALES TAX

St. Landry Parish vehicle sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

April

April 
32%

Apr YoY 
-12%

Apr YTD 
-2%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 757,073	\$ 840,492	\$ 1,139,936	\$ 1,007,685
March	\$ 728,865	\$ 706,995	\$ 705,239	\$ 761,641
% Chg over Prev Month	3.9%	18.9%	61.6%	32.3%
% Chg over Prev Year		11.0%	35.6%	-11.6%
YTD	\$ 2,977,611	\$ 3,344,298	\$ 3,642,667	\$ 3,574,659
% Chg over Prev YTD		12.3%	8.9%	-1.9%


Note: Current sales tax revenue reflects sales activity in prior month.


Data Source: Tax revenue data from St. Landry Parish School Board. April 2022


VERNON SALES TAX

Vernon Parish sales tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April 
39%

Apr YoY 
6%


Apr YTD 
6%


	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 2,364,881	\$ 2,391,293	\$ 3,296,983	\$ 3,486,113
March	\$ 1,727,614	\$ 1,957,891	\$ 2,353,361	\$ 2,505,338
% Chg over Prev Month	36.9%	22.1%	40.1%	39.1%
% Chg over Prev Year		1.1%	37.9%	5.7%
YTD	\$ 8,042,236	\$ 8,968,271	\$11,132,514	\$11,786,048
% Chg over Prev YTD			24.1%	5.9%


VERNON VEHICLE SALES TAX

Vernon Parish vehicle tax revenue collected in April with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April 
26%

Apr YoY 
-17%

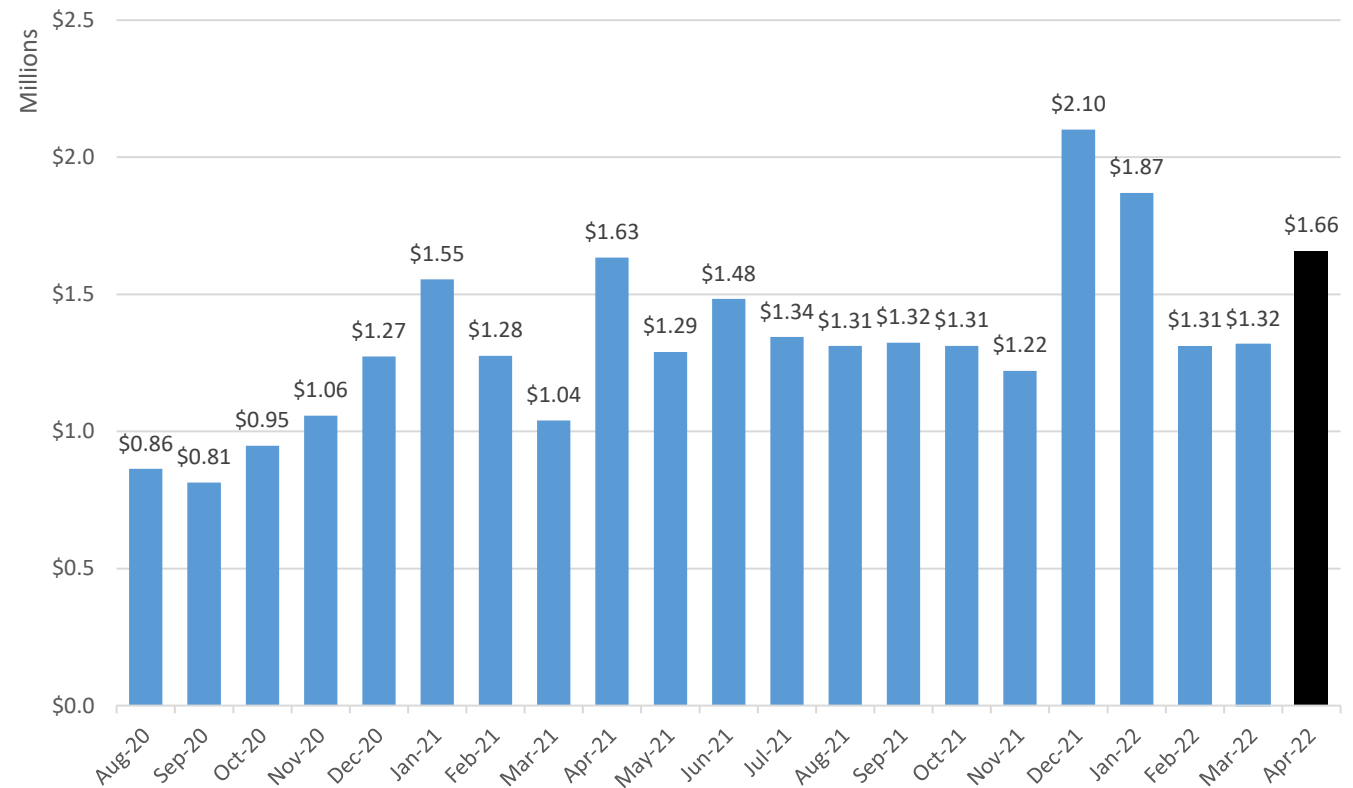
Apr YTD 
-6%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 437,632	\$ 450,049	\$ 663,831	\$ 551,386
March	\$ 413,503	\$ 505,433	\$ 505,911	\$ 438,287
% Chg over Prev Month	5.8%	-11.0%	31.2%	25.8%
% Chg over Prev Year		2.8%	47.5%	-16.9%
YTD	\$ 1,568,105	\$ 1,718,307	\$ 2,133,546	\$ 2,014,342
% Chg over Prev YTD		9.6%	24.2%	-5.6%

REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN CENLA

Remote seller tax revenue is tax revenue from online sales by location of the seller at the time of purchase.

Remote Sellers Sales Tax Collection in Cenla
August 2020 - April 2022



- ✓ Since August 2020 when remote sellers tax revenue collection started, \$28.0 million in sales tax revenue have been collected from online sales in central Louisiana.
- ✓ In the first four months of 2022, \$6.2 million in online sales taxes have been collected in Cenla compared to \$5.5 million in 2021, a 12% increase.

Note: Sales tax revenue collected in April reflects sales activity in March.

Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – April 2022

REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE BY PARISH

Remote seller tax revenue by parish with month-over-month and year-over-year comparisons.

	Apr-22	Mar-22	Apr-21	M/M	Y/Y	YTD
Allen	\$ 72,103	\$ 59,405	\$ 80,382	21%	-10%	0.3%
Avoyelles	\$ 113,278	\$ 86,594	\$ 113,087	31%	0%	11.7%
Catahoula	\$ 39,228	\$ 32,606	\$ 54,922	20%	-29%	1.7%
Concordia	\$ 52,492	\$ 42,602	\$ 53,129	23%	-1%	13.6%
Evangeline	\$ 142,153	\$ 97,046	\$ 111,694	46%	27%	32.7%
Grant	\$ 56,774	\$ 47,231	\$ 62,247	20%	-9%	4.2%
LaSalle	\$ 44,057	\$ 37,409	\$ 44,400	18%	-1%	16.6%
Natchitoches	\$ 131,813	\$ 108,897	\$ 115,864	21%	14%	24.4%
Rapides	\$ 507,674	\$ 399,507	\$ 465,589	27%	9%	12.3%
St Landry	\$ 311,254	\$ 251,931	\$ 325,525	24%	-4%	9.9%
Vernon	\$ 187,846	\$ 153,140	\$ 206,507	23%	-9%	3.5%
Total (Cenla)	\$ 1,658,672	\$ 1,316,368	\$ 1,633,346	26%	2%	11.9%

✓ Total online sales tax revenue in Cenla in April 2022 grew 26% from a month earlier, but is up only 2% from April 2021.


✓ YTD online sales are up 12% in Central Louisiana.

Note: Sales tax revenue collected in April reflects sales activity in March.


Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – April 2022

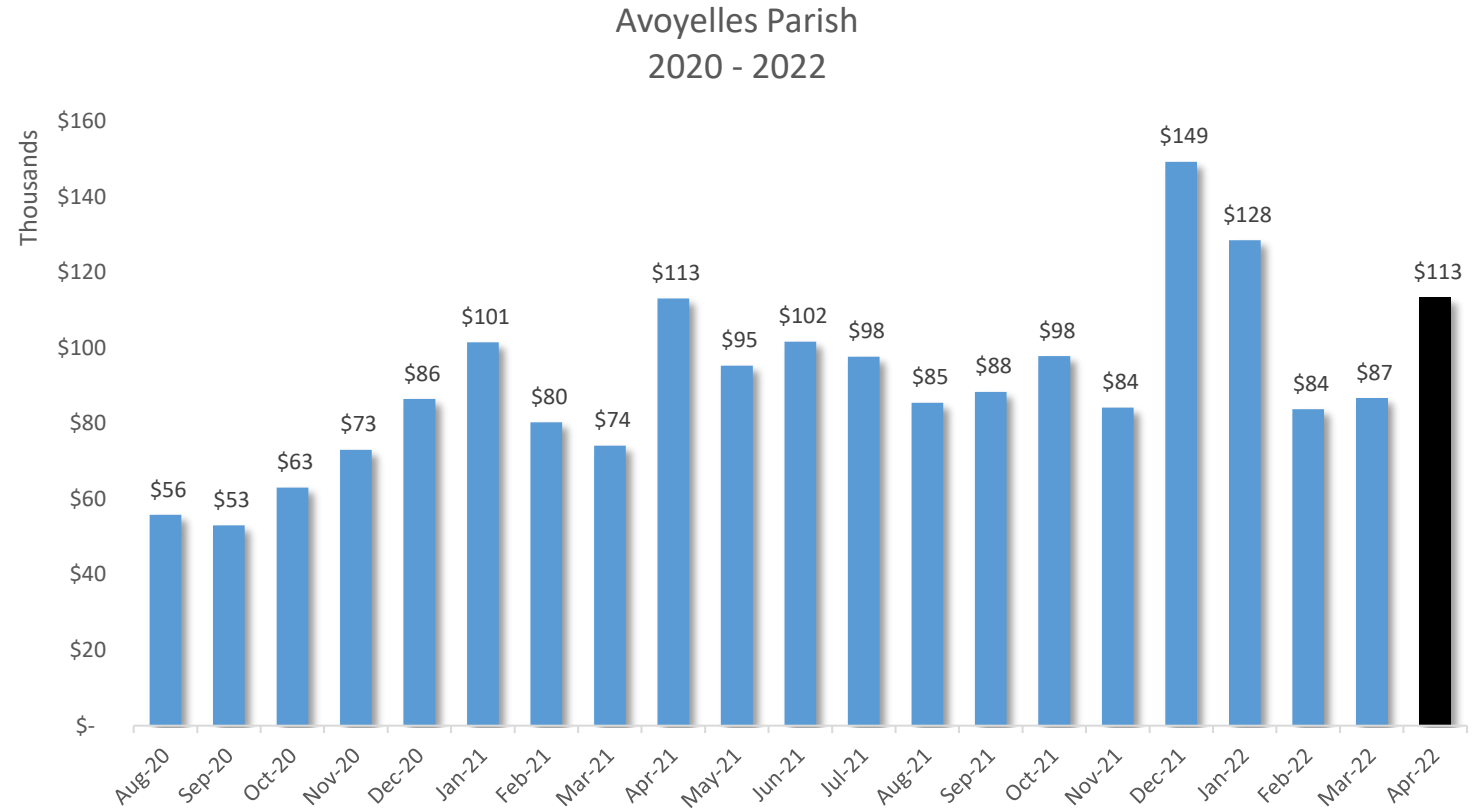
REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN AVOYELLES

Remote sellers tax revenue from online sales in Avoyelles Parish from July 2020 – April 2022.

April 
31%

Apr YoY 0%

Apr YTD 
12%

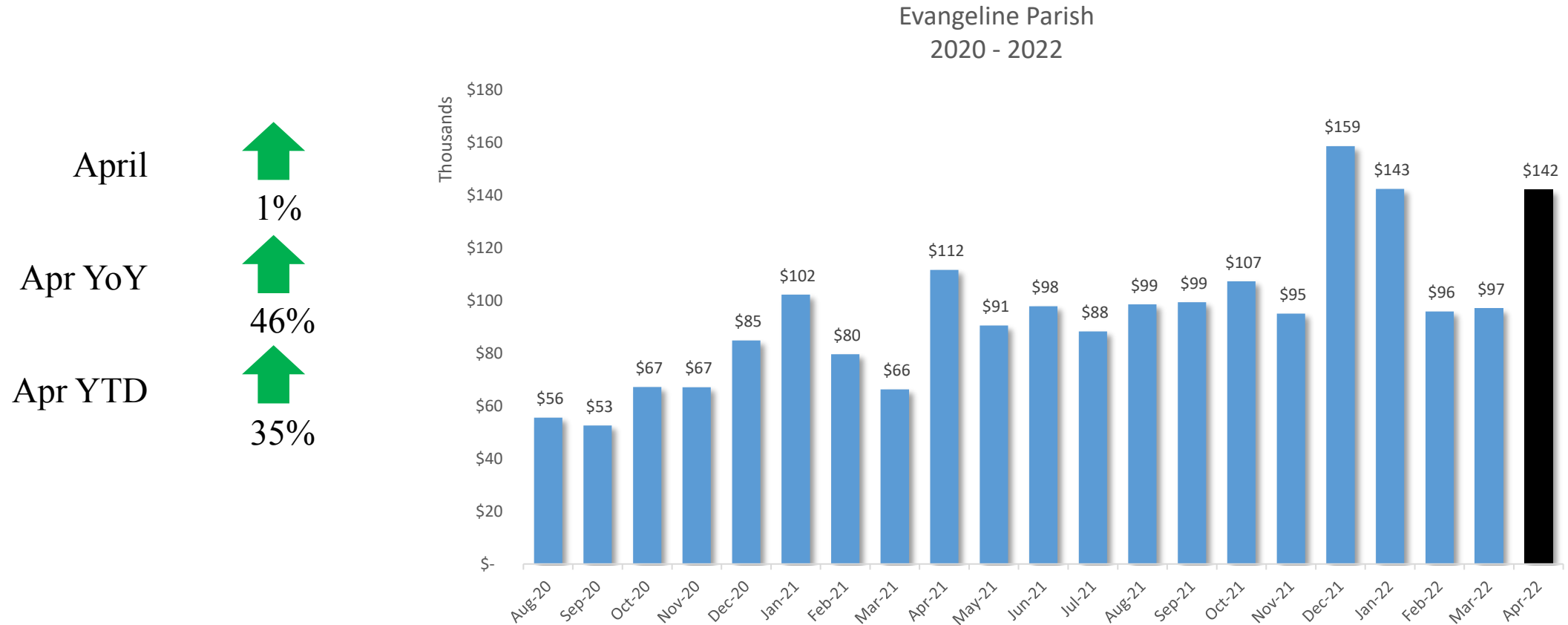


Note: Sales tax revenue collected in one month reflects sales activity in the prior month.

Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – April 2022

REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN EVANGELINE

Remote sellers tax revenue from online sales in Evangeline Parish from July 2020 – April 2022.





Note: Sales tax revenue collected in one month reflects sales activity in the prior month.


Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – April 2022

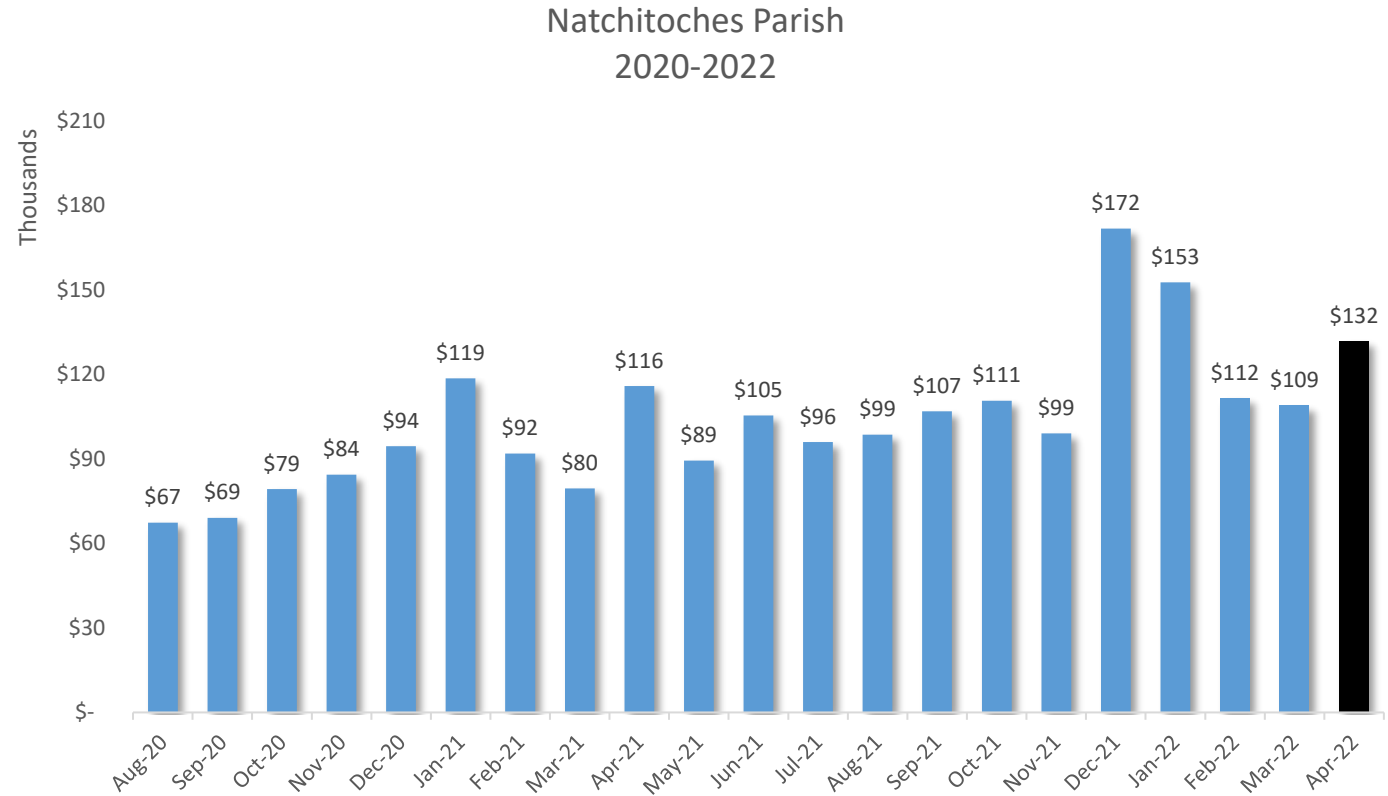
REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN NATCHITOCHES

Remote sellers tax revenue from online sales in Natchitoches Parish from July 2020 – April 2022.

April 
46%

Apr YoY 
27%

Apr YTD 
33%





Note: Sales tax revenue collected in one month reflects sales activity in the prior month.


Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – April 2022

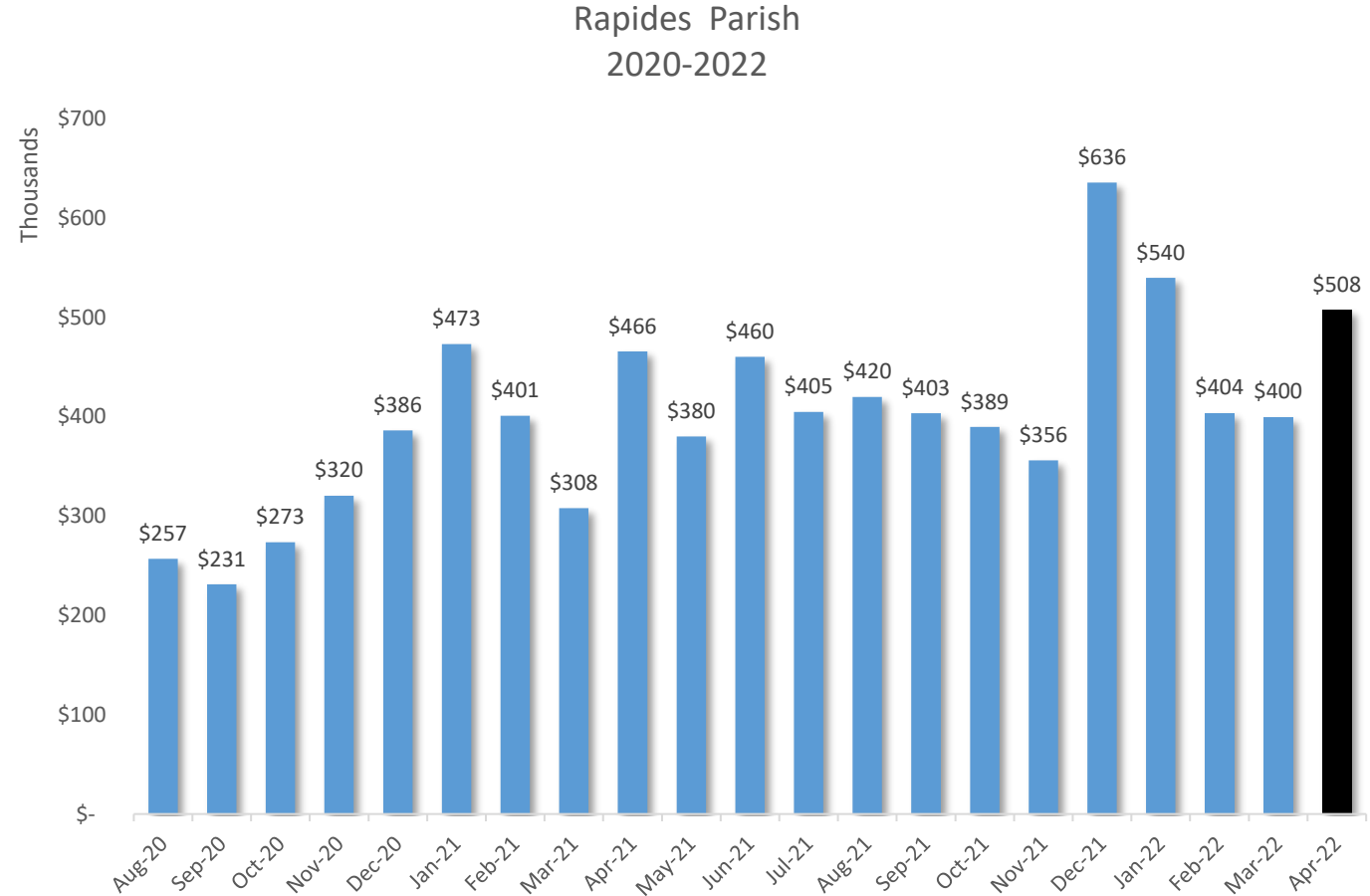
REMOTE SELLERS TAX REVENUE IN RAPIDES

Remote sellers tax revenue from online sales in Rapides Parish from July 2020 – April 2022.

April 
27%

Apr YoY 
9%

Apr YTD 
12%



Note: Sales tax revenue collected in one month reflects sales activity in the prior month.

Data Source: Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers. August 2020 – April 2022

LOUISIANA TAX REVENUES

(TR) Louisiana tax revenue from all sources for April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

(BR) Louisiana monthly tax revenue from 2020 to present.

April

	2020	2021	2022
April	677,648,487	902,191,247	1,448,233,588
March	626,252,857	624,935,156	702,939,578
% Chg over Prev Month	8.2%	44.4%	106.0%
% Chg over Prev Year		33.1%	60.5%
YTD	\$ 2,735,526,158	\$ 3,112,637,507	\$ 4,062,290,357
% Chg over Prev YTD		13.8%	30.5%

April

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106%

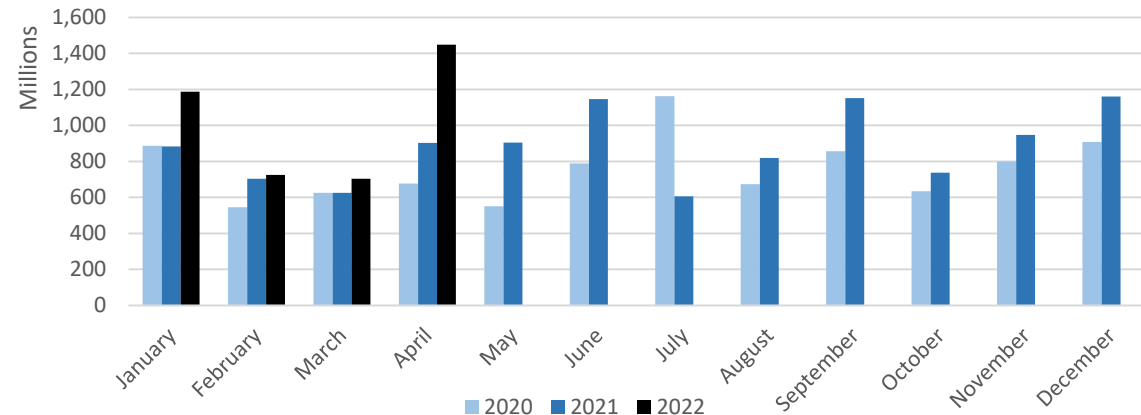
Apr YoY

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61%

Apr YTD

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31%


Louisiana Tax Revenue
2020-2022




BUILDING PERMITS

ALEXANDRIA COMMERCIAL PERMITS

The valuation (estimated development cost) of new commercial construction permits issued by the City of Alexandria in April 2022 with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

April  -19%

Apr YoY  -72%

Apr YTD 0%


April


	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 1,681,906	\$ 9,295,999	\$ 2,528,039	\$ 707,365
March	\$ 1,176,454	\$ 1,014,850	\$ 459,222	\$ 872,500
% Chg over Prev Month	43%	816%	451%	-19%
% Chg over Prev Year		453%	-73%	-72%
YTD	\$ 8,955,645	\$ 12,814,876	\$ 13,559,645	\$ 13,549,217
% Chg over Prev YTD		43%	6%	0%


ALEXANDRIA RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

The valuation (estimated development cost) of new residential construction permits issued by the City of Alexandria in April 2022 with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

April

April  -78%

Apr YoY  -78%


Apr YTD  -35%


	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 1,853,152	\$ 1,995,043	\$ 3,567,719	\$ 781,597
March	\$ 1,215,591	\$ 1,631,365	\$ 3,414,459	\$ 3,559,227
% Chg over Prev Month	52.4%	22.3%	4.5%	-78.0%
% Chg over Prev Year		7.7%	78.8%	-78.1%
YTD	\$ 6,329,457	\$ 5,803,179	\$ 10,289,325	\$ 6,696,962
% Chg over Prev YTD		-8.3%	77.3%	-34.9%


AVOYELLES PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

This chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission in Avoyelles Parish in April between 2019-2022 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April  -36%

Apr YoY  82%

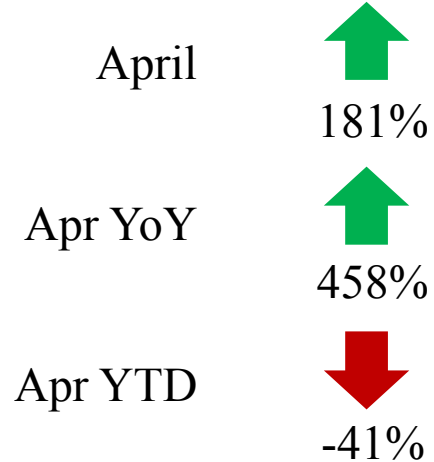
Apr YTD  132%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 6,535,582	\$ 3,659,856	\$ 3,130,530	\$ 5,697,920
March	\$ 5,433,925	\$ 4,499,044	\$ 7,991,410	\$ 8,970,371
% Chg Prev Month	20%	-19%	-61%	-36%
% Chg from Prev Year		-44%	-14%	82%
YTD	\$ 17,606,158	\$ 11,170,937	\$ 24,266,574	\$ 56,202,750
% Chg over Prev YTD		-37%	117%	132%

EVANGELINE PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

This chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission in Evangeline Parish in April between 2019-2022 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April





	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 1,809,496	\$ 2,293,911	\$ 600,000	\$ 3,345,938
March	\$ 1,035,000	\$ 1,221,490	\$ 17,376,352	\$ 1,189,867
% Chg Prev Month	75%	88%	-97%	181%
% Chg from Prev Year		27%	-74%	458%
YTD	\$ 3,842,666	\$ 4,172,074	\$ 19,605,467	\$ 11,508,539
% Chg over Prev YTD		9%	370%	-41%


CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES PERMIT VALUATIONS

This table below shows the valuation of permits issued by the City of Natchitoches Planning and Zoning Office between 2019 – 2022 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April 
381%

Apr YoY 
520%

Apr YTD 
146%


	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 3,449,821	\$ 493,403	\$ 1,503,622	\$ 9,310,381
March	\$ 1,632,112	\$ 662,476	\$ 2,464,049	\$ 1,936,696
% Chg over Prev Month	111.4%	-25.5%	-39.0%	380.7%
% Chg over Prev Year		-85.7%	204.7%	519.2%
YTD	\$ 6,999,379	\$ 5,813,148	\$ 5,598,705	\$ 13,783,985
% Chg over Prev YTD		-16.9%	-3.7%	146.2%


NATCHITOCHEES PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS


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This table and chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Natchitoches Parish Permit Office between 2021 – 2022 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

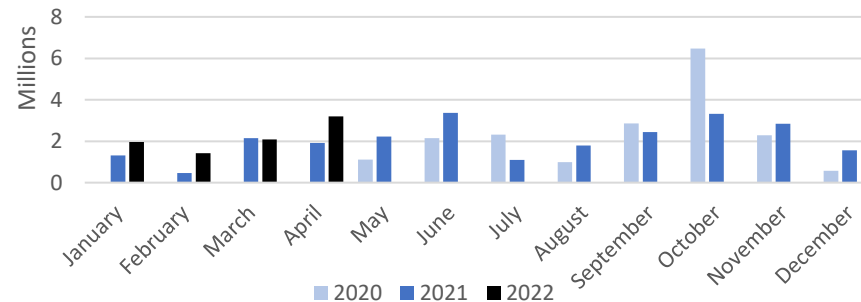
April 
53%

Apr YoY 
67%

Apr YTD 
49%

	2021	2022
April	\$ 1,912,340	\$ 3,198,336
March	\$ 2,144,181	\$ 2,088,393
% Chg Prev Month	-11%	53%
% Chg from Prev Year		67%
YTD	\$ 5,847,021	\$ 8,684,479
% Chg over Prev YTD		49%

Natchitoches Parish Permit Valuations Issued
May 2020 - March 2022





Data Source: Natchitoches Parish Permit Office, May 2022.


PINEVILLE PERMIT VALUATIONS

This chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission in the City of Pineville in April between 2019-2022 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April 
142%




Apr YoY 
92%

Apr YTD 
148%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 75,000	\$ 1,128,650	\$ 851,484	\$ 1,676,047
March	\$ 1,252,940	\$ 760,000	\$ 1,190,000	\$ 693,642
% Chg Prev Month	-94%	49%	-28%	142%
% Chg from Prev Year		1405%	-25%	97%
YTD	\$ 3,773,574	\$ 4,410,905	\$ 2,763,919	\$ 6,853,806
% Chg over Prev YTD		17%	-37%	148%

RAPIDES PARISH PERMIT VALUATIONS

This chart shows the valuation of permits issued by Rapides Area Planning Commission in Rapides Parish (excluding Alexandria) in April between 2019-2022 with month-to-month, year-to-year, and year-to-date comparisons.

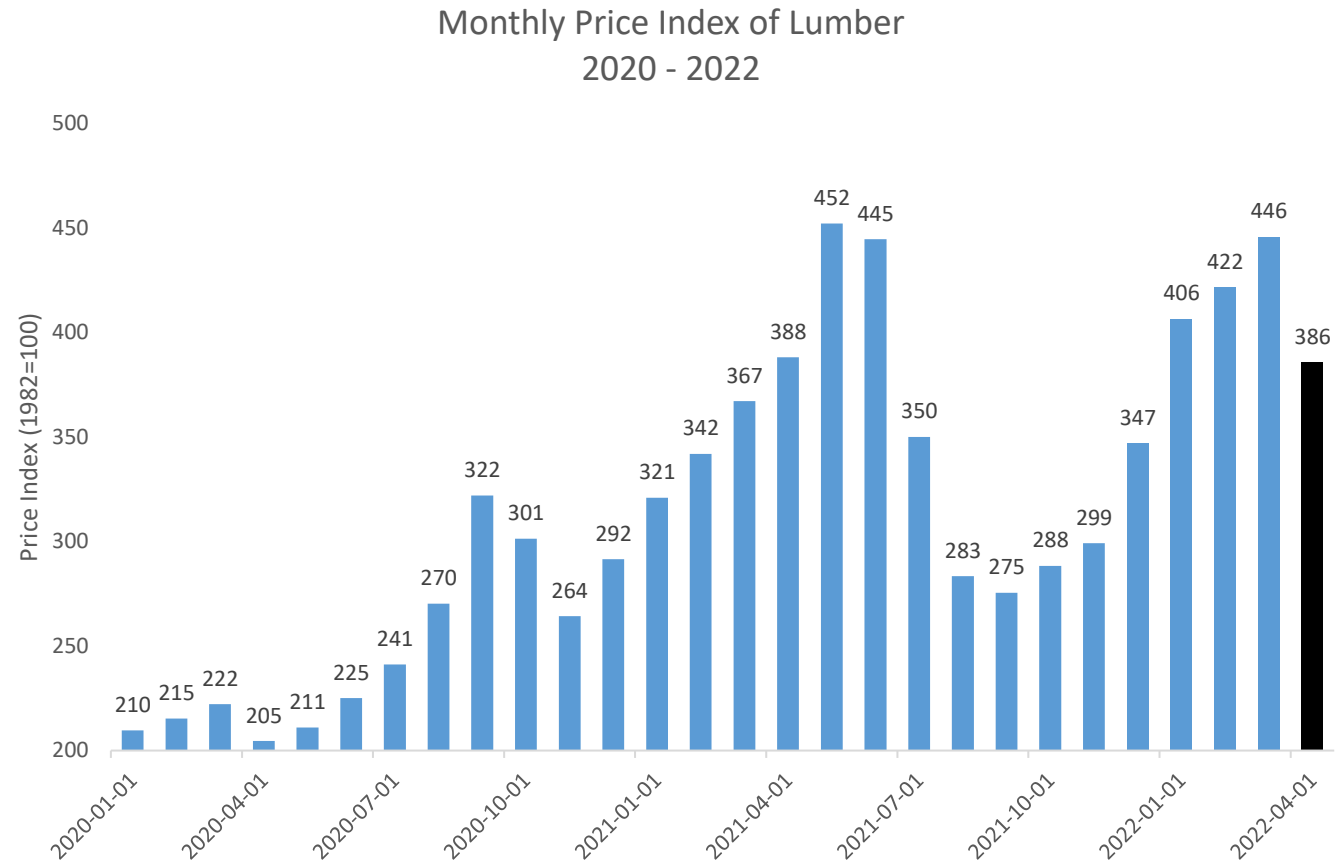
		<i>April</i>				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	
April	 8%	\$ 2,069,867	\$ 2,535,385	\$ 4,162,792	\$ 5,753,000	
Apr YoY	 38%	\$ 3,525,216	\$ 6,814,350	\$ 5,926,135	\$ 5,313,549	
Apr YTD	 -97%					
		% Chg Prev Month	-41%	-63%	-30%	8%
		% Chg from Prev Year		22%	64%	38%
		YTD	\$41,770,905	\$15,878,601	\$210,207,108	\$ 6,853,806
		% Chg over Prev YTD		-62%	1224%	-97%

HOUSING

LUMBER PRICES

The chart represents the Lumber Price Index in the U.S. from January 2020 – April 2022.

- In April 2022, the US Lumber Price Index decreased -13.4% from March.
- April 2022 marked the first decline in the US Lumber Price Index since September 2021 after six consecutive monthly increases. Currently, it stands -0.6% below a year ago.



ALEXANDRIA MSA HOUSING DATA

The count of active listings, median days on the market, average listing price, and median listing price for the Alexandria MSA for April 2019-2022 with month-to-month and year-over-year comparisons.

Average Listing Price

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 234,910	\$ 229,653	\$ 238,409	\$ 238,749
March	\$ 228,554	\$ 226,064	\$ 242,672	\$ 232,960
% Chg Prev Month	2.8%	1.6%	-1.8%	2.5%
% Chg from Prev Year		-2.2%	3.8%	0.1%

Active Listing Count

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	463	371	150	167
March	464	405	157	155
% Chg Prev Month	-0.2%	-8.4%	-4.5%	7.7%
% Chg from Prev Year		-19.9%	-59.6%	11.3%

Median Listing Price

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 197,875	\$ 189,900	\$ 172,450	\$ 212,500
March	\$ 191,736	\$ 189,400	\$ 182,700	\$ 194,000
% Chg Prev Month	3.2%	0.3%	-5.6%	9.5%
% Chg from Prev Year		-4.0%	-9.2%	23.2%

Median Days on Market

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	79	88	69	52
March	100	81	73	60
% Chg Prev Month	-21.0%	8.6%	-5.5%	-13.3%
% Chg from Prev Year		11.4%	-22.2%	-24.1%

FT. POLK / LEESVILLE HOUSING DATA

The count of active listings, median days on the market, average listing price, and median listing price for the Ft. Polk / Leesville market for April 2019-2022 with month-to-month and year-over-year comparisons.

Average Listing Price

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 192,271	\$ 190,738	\$ 187,033	\$ 208,678
March	\$ 195,619	\$ 187,033	\$ 203,412	\$ 208,678
% Chg Prev Month	-1.7%	2.0%	-8.1%	0.0%
% Chg from Prev Year		-0.8%	-1.9%	11.6%

Active Listing Count

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	152	104	45	60
March	159	114	57	58
% Chg Prev Month	-4.4%	-8.8%	-21.1%	3.4%
% Chg from Prev Year		-31.6%	-56.7%	33.3%

Median Listing Price

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 190,738	\$ 187,033	\$ 203,412	\$ 151,900
March	\$ 195,619	\$ 191,089	\$ 204,518	\$ 129,900
% Chg Prev Month	-2.5%	-2.1%	-0.5%	16.9%
% Chg from Prev Year		-1.9%	8.8%	-25.3%

Median Days on Market

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	78	93	84	50
March	108	80	84	43
% Chg Prev Month	-28.2%	16.4%	0.0%	16.3%
% Chg from Prev Year		19.4%	-9.7%	-40.1%

NATCHITOCHESES HOUSING DATA

The count of active listings, median days on the market, average listing price, and median listing price for the Natchitoches market for April 2019-2022 with month-to-month and year-over-year comparisons.

Average Listing Price

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$288,689	\$257,504	\$303,933	\$301,632
March	\$278,005	\$261,580	\$304,894	\$265,917
% Chg Prev Month	3.8%	-1.6%	-0.3%	13.4%
% Chg from Prev Year		-10.8%	18.0%	-0.8%

Active Listing Count

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	151	105	58	42
March	148	110	83	38
% Chg Prev Month	2.0%	-4.5%	-30.1%	10.5%
% Chg from Prev Year		-30.5%	-44.8%	-27.6%

Median Listing Price

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$223,500	\$225,000	\$249,750	\$260,000
March	\$214,071	\$220,500	\$269,000	\$209,000
% Chg Prev Month	4.4%	2.0%	-7.2%	24.4%
% Chg from Prev Year		0.7%	11.0%	4.1%

Median Days on Market

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	101	128	69	58
March	106	125	44	50
% Chg Prev Month	-4.7%	2.4%	55.7%	16.0%
% Chg from Prev Year		26.2%	-46.3%	-15.3%

ACTIVE LISTINGS BY MSA

The count of active single-family and condo/townhome listings from 2019-2022 for Alexandria, Fort Polk (Leesville), Natchitoches, and Opelousas.

Change from Year Ago

Alexandria



11%

Leesville



33%

Natchitoches



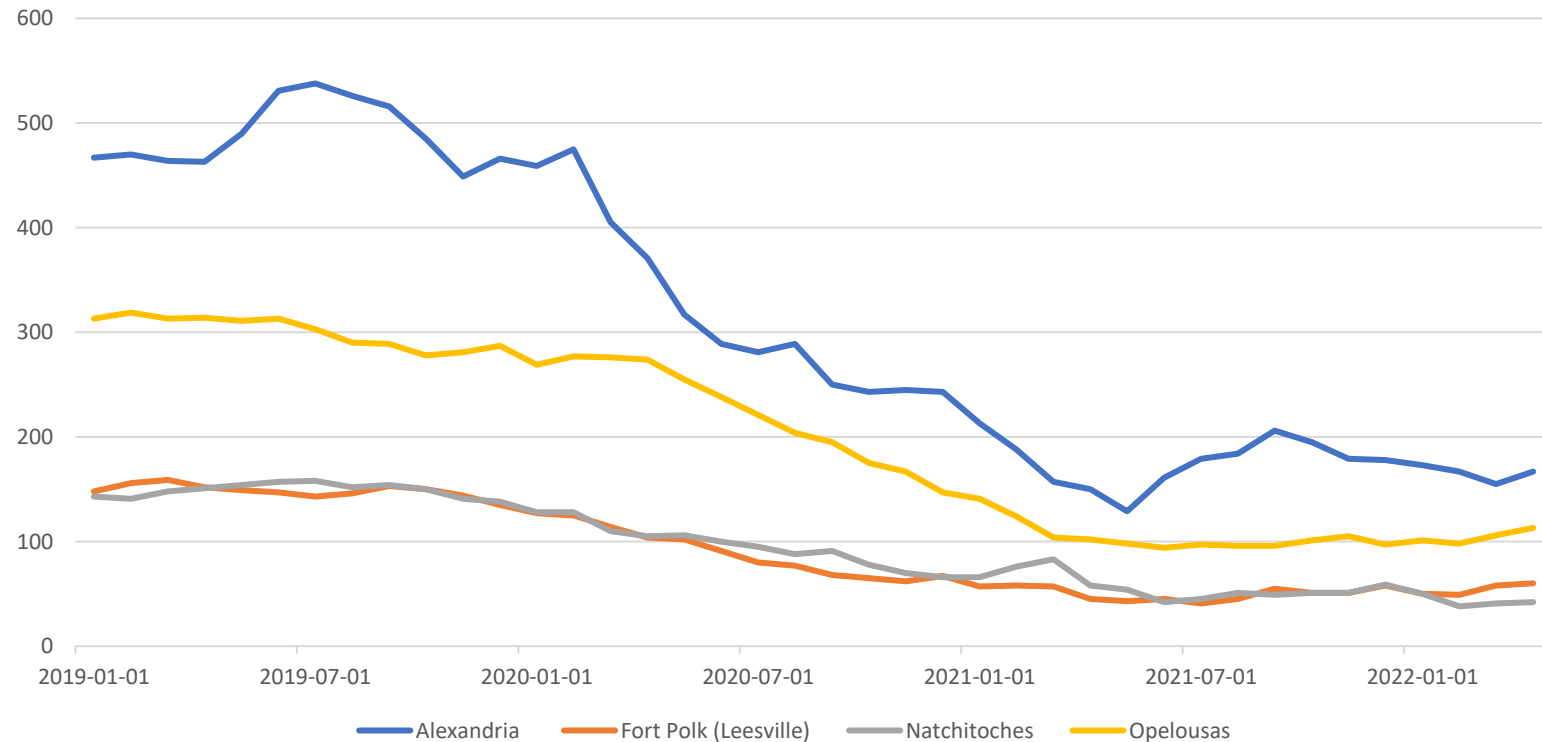
-28%

Opelousas



11%

Active Listing Count
2019-2022



MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET BY MSA

The median number of days property listings spend on the market from 2019-2022 for Alexandria, Fort Polk (Leesville), Natchitoches, and Opelousas.

Change from Year Ago

Alexandria



-24%

Leesville



-40%

Natchitoches



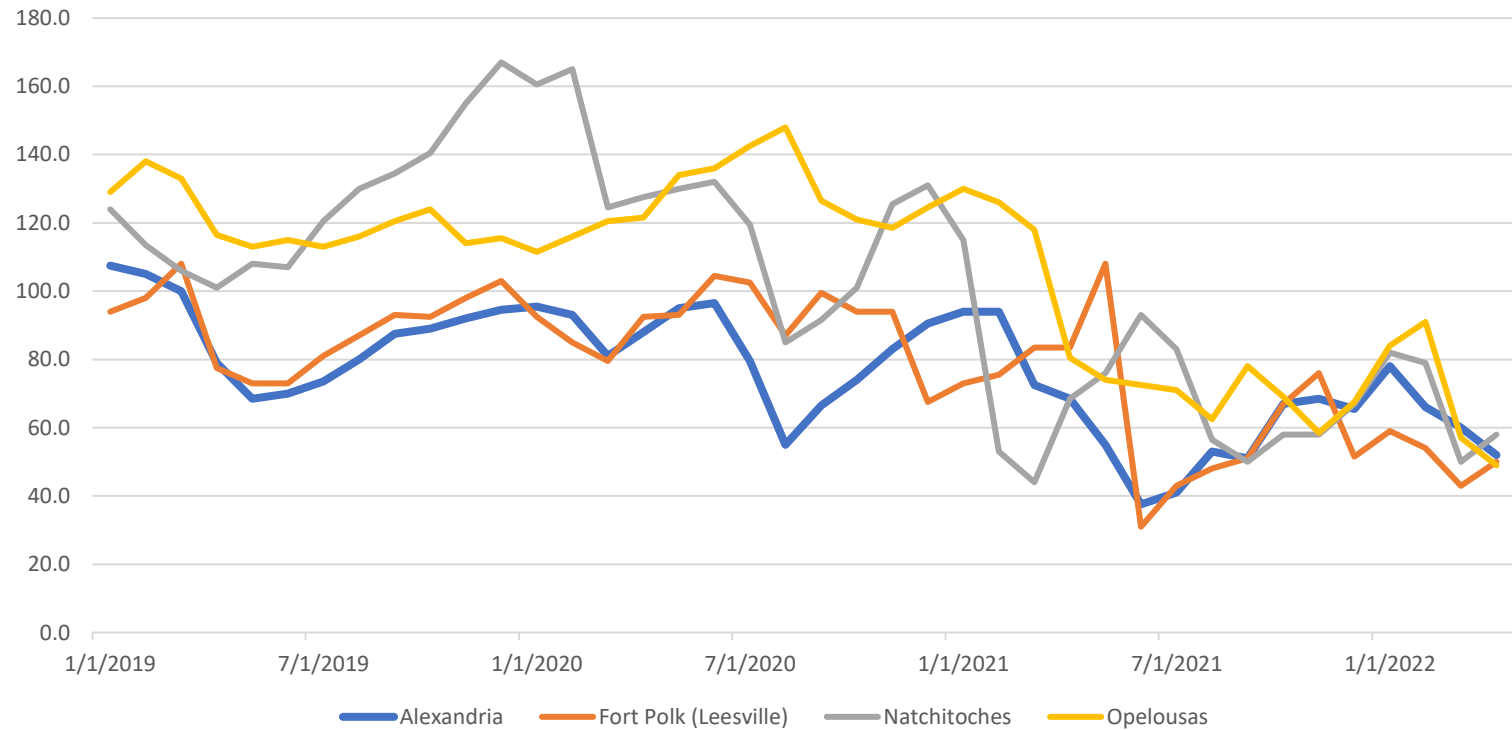
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Opelousas



-39%

Median Days on Market
2019-2022



MEDIAN LISTING PRICE BY MSA

The median listing price of houses from 2019-2022 for Alexandria, Fort Polk (Leesville), Natchitoches, and Opelousas.

Change from Year Ago

Alexandria



23%

Leesville



-25%

Natchitoches



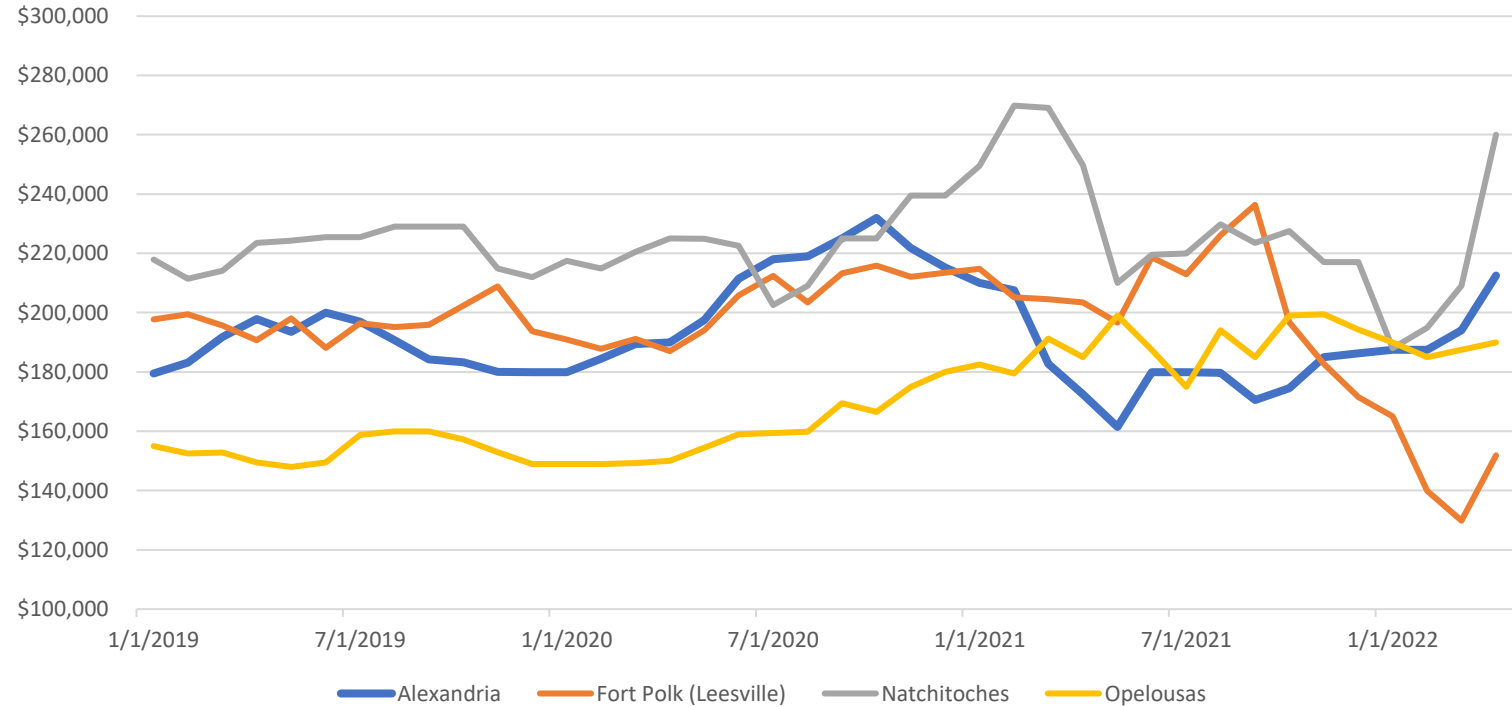
4%

Opelousas



3%

Median Listing Price
2019-2022



AVERAGE LISTING PRICE BY MSA

The average listing price of houses from 2019-2022 for Alexandria, Fort Polk (Leesville), Natchitoches, and Opelousas.

Change from Year Ago

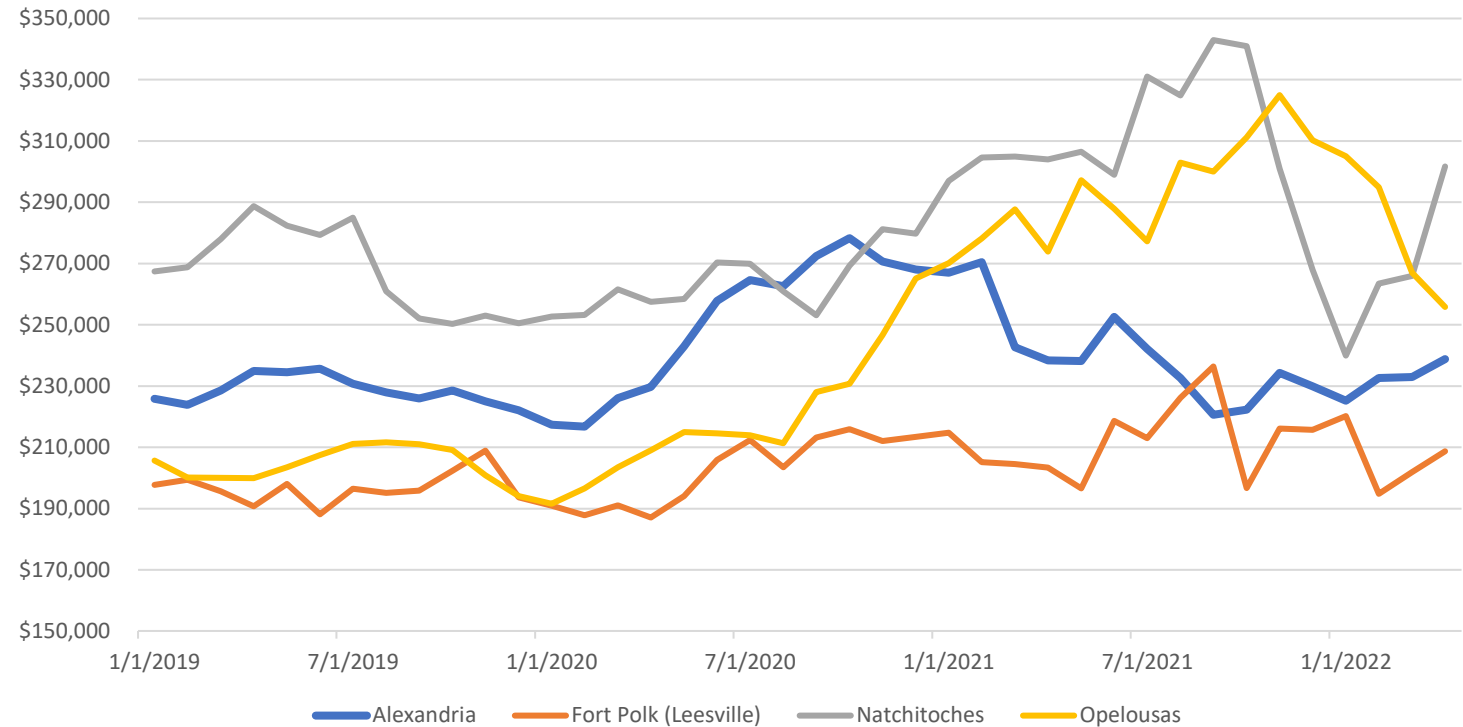
Alexandria 0%

Leesville  3%

Natchitoches  -1%

Opelousas  -7%

Average Listing Price
2019-2022





TRAVEL


AVOYELLES HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Avoyelles Parish hotel occupancy tax revenue for April with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April 
43%

Apr YoY 
-1%

Apr YTD 
-3%


	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 11,448	\$ 12,256	\$ 12,880	\$ 12,672	\$ 12,584
March	\$ 9,566	\$ 8,137	\$ 3,369	\$ 12,468	\$ 8,829
% Chg over Prev Month	19.7%	50.6%	282.2%	1.6%	42.5%
% Chg over Prev Year		7.1%	5.1%	-1.6%	-0.7%
YTD	\$ 35,592	\$ 35,371	\$ 33,142	\$ 35,170	\$ 34,049
% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.6%	-6.3%	6.1%	-3.2%


Note: Current tax revenue reflects hotel occupancy activity in the previous month. Hotel occupancy tax revenue is used as a proxy for hotel occupancy rate.
Data Source: Avoyelles Parish School Board. May 2022.


NATCHITOCHESES HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Natchitoches Parish hotel occupancy tax revenue for April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

April

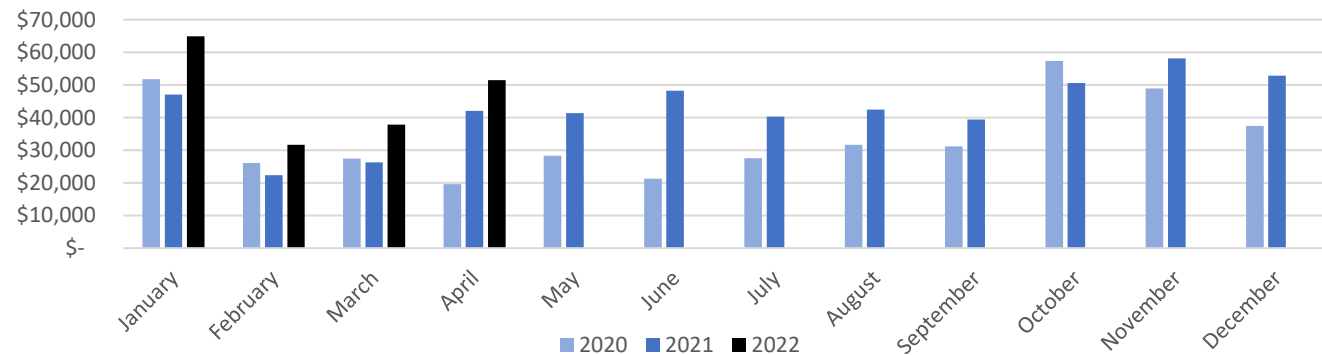
April 
36%

Apr YoY 
22%

Apr YTD 
35%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 40,168	\$ 19,577	\$ 42,089	\$ 51,511
March	\$ 27,242	\$ 27,438	\$ 26,266	\$ 37,849
% Chg over Prev Month	47.4%	-28.7%	60.2%	36.1%
% Chg over Prev Year		-51.3%	115.0%	22.4%
YTD (Jan - Apr)	\$ 135,616	\$ 124,857	\$ 137,723	\$ 185,953
% Chg over Prev YTD		-7.9%	10.3%	35.0%

Natchitoches Hotel Sales Tax Revenue
2020-2022




Note: March tax revenue reflects hotel occupancy activity in February. Hotel occupancy tax revenue is used as a proxy for hotel occupancy rate.


Data Source: Natchitoches Parish Tax Administrator, May 2022.


RAPIDES HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Rapides Parish hotel occupancy tax revenue for April with previous month, year, and YTD comparisons.

April

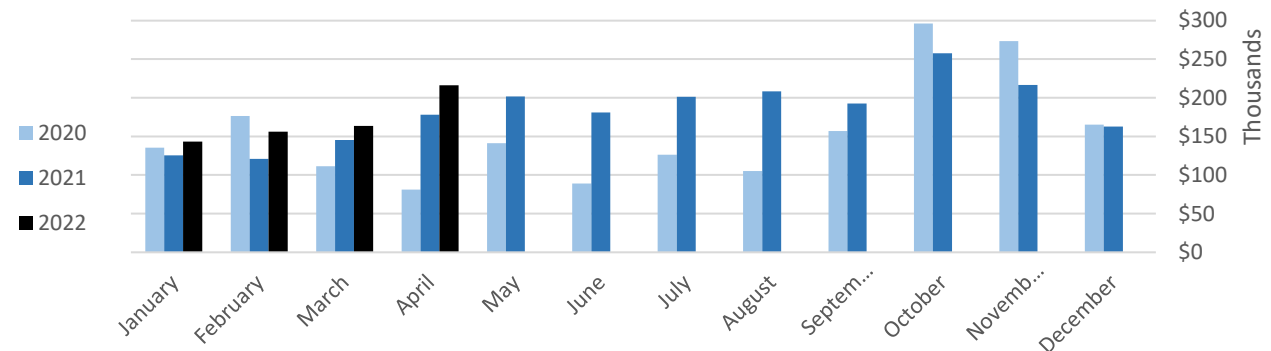
April 
32%

Apr YoY 
21%

Apr YTD 
19%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 207,573	\$ 81,343	\$ 178,228	\$ 216,216
March	\$ 146,322	\$ 111,228	\$ 145,466	\$ 163,396
% Chg over Prev Month	41.9%	-26.9%	22.5%	32.3%
% Chg over Prev Year		-60.8%	119.1%	21.3%
YTD (Jan - Apr)	\$ 638,972	\$ 504,101	\$ 570,026	\$ 679,244
% Chg over Prev YTD		-21.1%	13.1%	19.2%

Rapides Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue
2020-2022




Note: March tax revenue reflects hotel occupancy activity in February. Hotel occupancy tax revenue is used as a proxy for hotel occupancy rate.


Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, May 2022.


VERNON HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

Vernon Parish hotel, motel, and RV occupancy tax revenue for April with previous month, year, and year-to-date comparisons.

April

April 
5%

Apr YoY 
-19%

Ap YTD 
-18%

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	\$ 22,675	\$ 12,195	\$ 31,404	\$ 25,594
March	\$ 22,347	\$ 22,343	\$ 26,878	\$ 24,482
% Chg over Prev Month	1.5%	-45.4%	16.8%	4.5%
% Chg over Prev Year		-46.2%	157.5%	-18.5%
YTD	\$ 77,990	\$ 73,405	\$ 107,307	\$ 88,276
% Chg over Prev YTD		-5.9%	46.2%	-17.7%

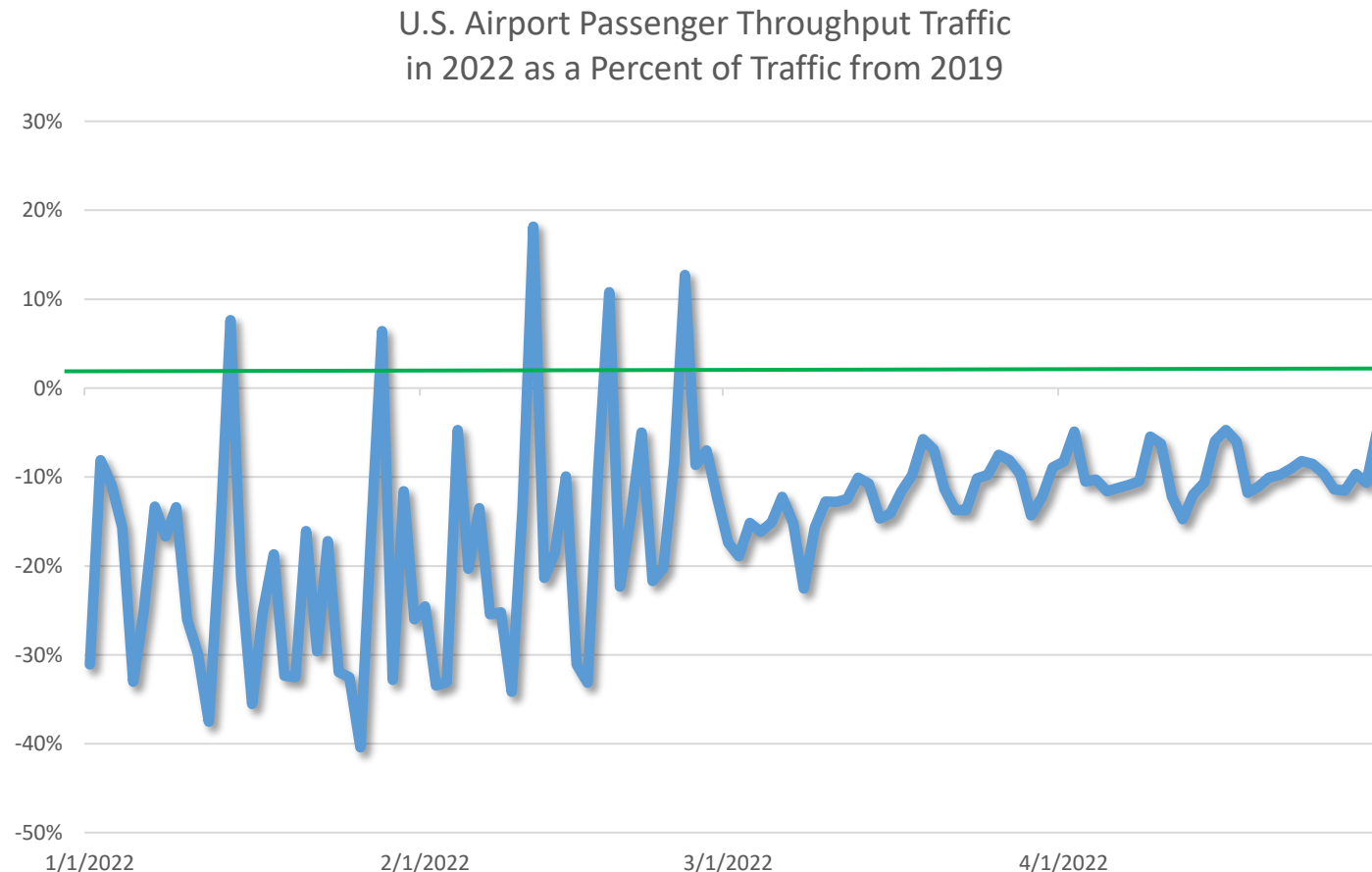
Note:

Data Source: Vernon Parish Sales Tax Department. May 2022.

AIR TRAVELER STATS

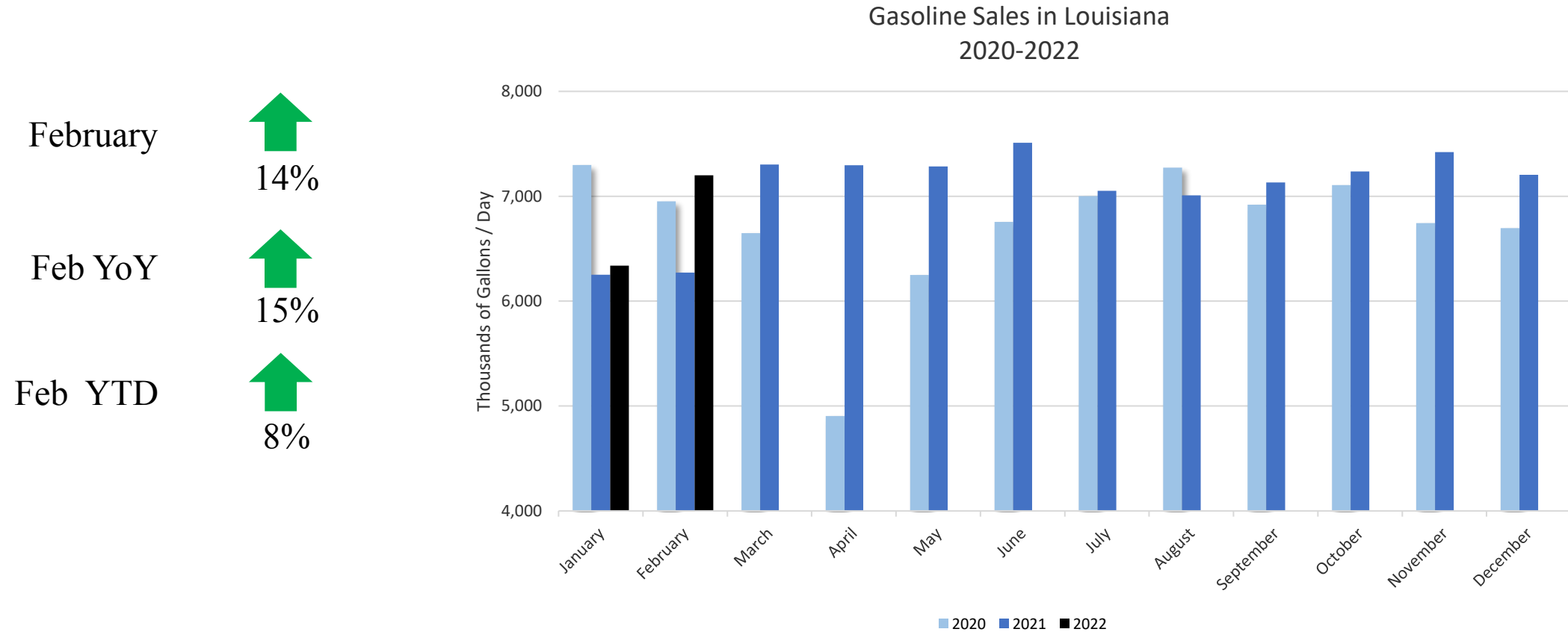
Nationwide daily percentage of passengers passing through current TSA checkpoints in 2022 expressed as a percentage of traffic in 2019.

- ✓ Nationally, air passenger traffic in April 2022 increased 3% from March 2022.
- ✓ U.S. air passenger traffic in April 2022 was up 47% from a year ago.



LOUISIANA GASOLINE SALES

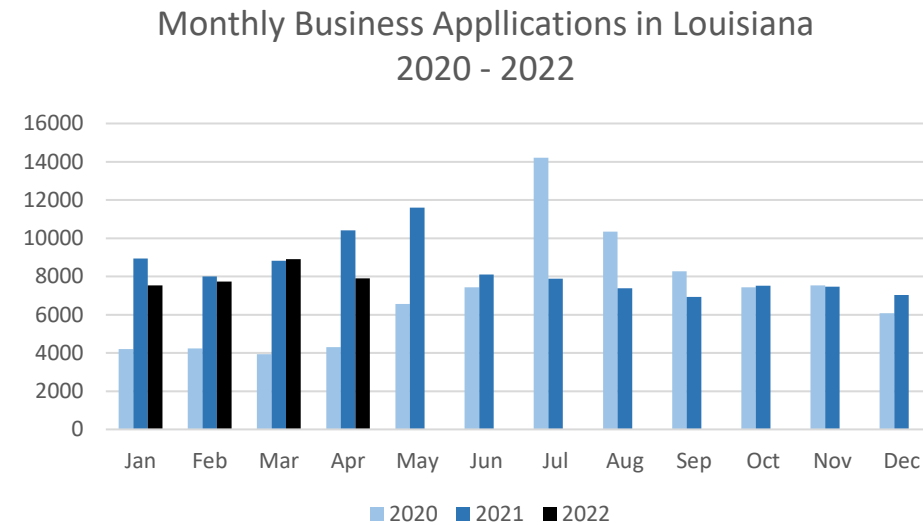
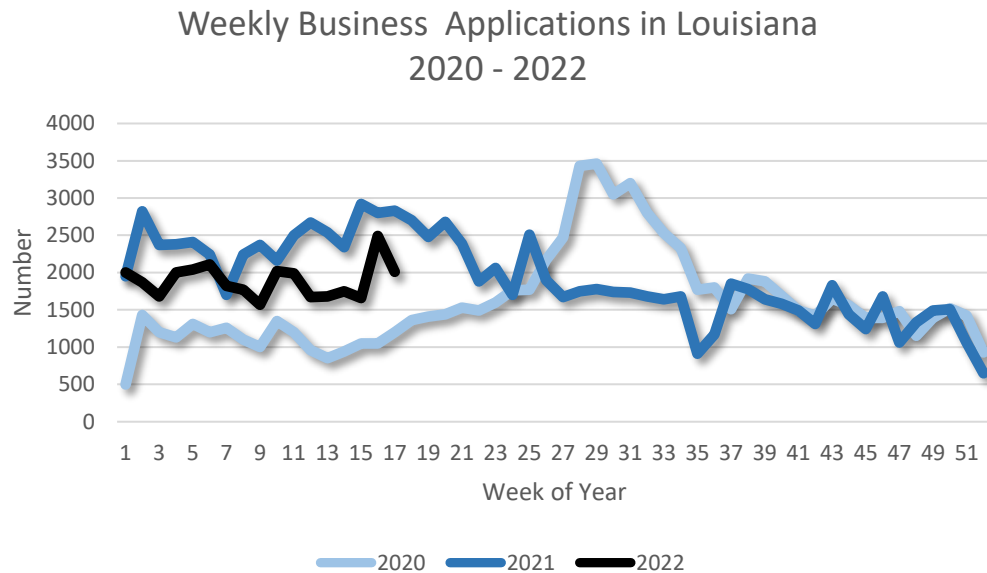
Total gasoline sales in gallons in Louisiana in 2020 - 2022.



LOCAL & LOUISIANA

NEW BUSINESS APPS IN LOUISIANA

The chart below represents the weekly number of new businesses applications in Louisiana from 2020-2022



- New business applications in April 2022 decreased -11% from March 2022 and are down -24% from April 2021.

Note: Data reflects businesses applications, not necessarily business formations.

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Business Formation Statistics, Retrieved May 9, 2022.

NEW BUSINESSES IN RAPIDES

The chart below represents the number of new businesses established each month in Rapides from January 2019 through April 2022.

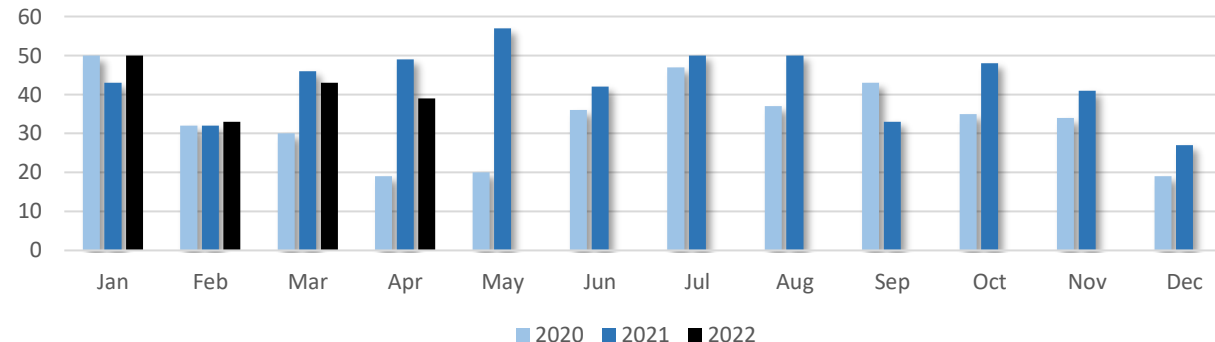
✓ The number of new businesses established in Rapides in April 2022 fell -9% from March.

✓ Year-to-date, 165 new businesses have been created in Rapides in 2022, compared to 170 in 2021 and 131 in 2020.

April

	2019	2020	2021	2022
April	30	19	49	39
March	45	30	46	43
% Chg Prev Month	-33.3%	-36.7%	6.5%	-9.3%
% Chg from Prev Year		-36.7%	157.9%	-20.4%
YTD	149	131	170	165
% Chg over Prev YTD		-12.1%	29.8%	-2.9%

New Businesses in Rapides
2020-2022





Note: Data reflects businesses established in the current month.


Data Source: Rapides Parish Sales and Use Tax Department, May 2022.


RAPIDES OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES


Rapides Parish occupational license revenue YTD with previous YTD comparisons.

Rapides Parish (rural)  5%

Alexandria  7%

Pineville  8%

Other  23%

Total  7%

April Year-to-Date

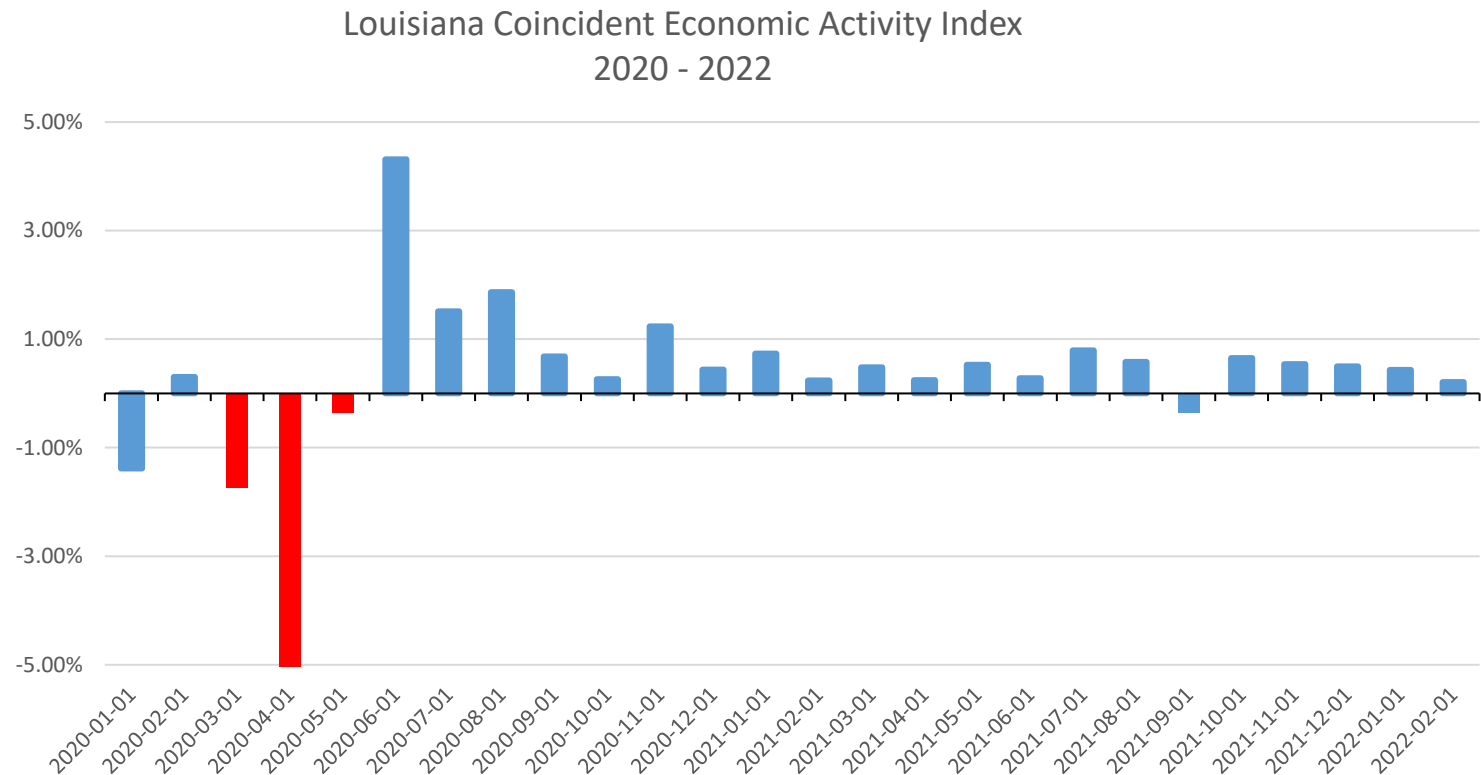
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Parish	\$ 548,308	\$ 517,223	\$ 573,566	\$ 601,682
% Chg over Prev YTD		-5.7%	10.9%	4.9%
Alexandria	\$ 1,688,426	\$ 1,689,483	\$ 1,757,165	\$ 1,870,649
% Chg over Prev YTD		0.1%	4.0%	6.5%
Pineville	\$ 367,002	\$ 394,057	\$ 402,563	\$ 433,021
% Chg over Prev YTD		7.4%	2.2%	7.6%
Other	\$ 116,721	\$ 118,007	\$ 129,046	\$ 158,069
% Chg over Prev YTD		1.1%	9.4%	22.5%
Total	\$ 2,720,457	\$ 2,718,770	\$ 2,862,340	\$ 3,063,421
% Chg over Prev YTD		-0.1%	5.3%	7.0%

Note: Rapides Parish reflects unincorporated areas. Data reflects licenses paid year-to-date.
Data Source: Rapides Parish Police Jury Treasurer's Reports, May 2022.

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY INDEX

The Coincident Economic Activity Index for Louisiana is set to match the trend in the gross state product and includes four indicators: nonfarm payroll employment, the unemployment rate, average hours worked in manufacturing and wages and salaries. The column graph below represents the percentage change in the index. A positive percentage represents an expanding statewide economy.

- ✓ *In March 2022, the Index was 107.72 compared to 107.48 in February 2022.*
- ✓ *The Index is 0.6% below the January 2020 level.*



Note: In March 2022, the Index was adjusted downward for the past two years.

Data Source: FRED Economic Data, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, May 10, 2022. <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/LAPHCI>

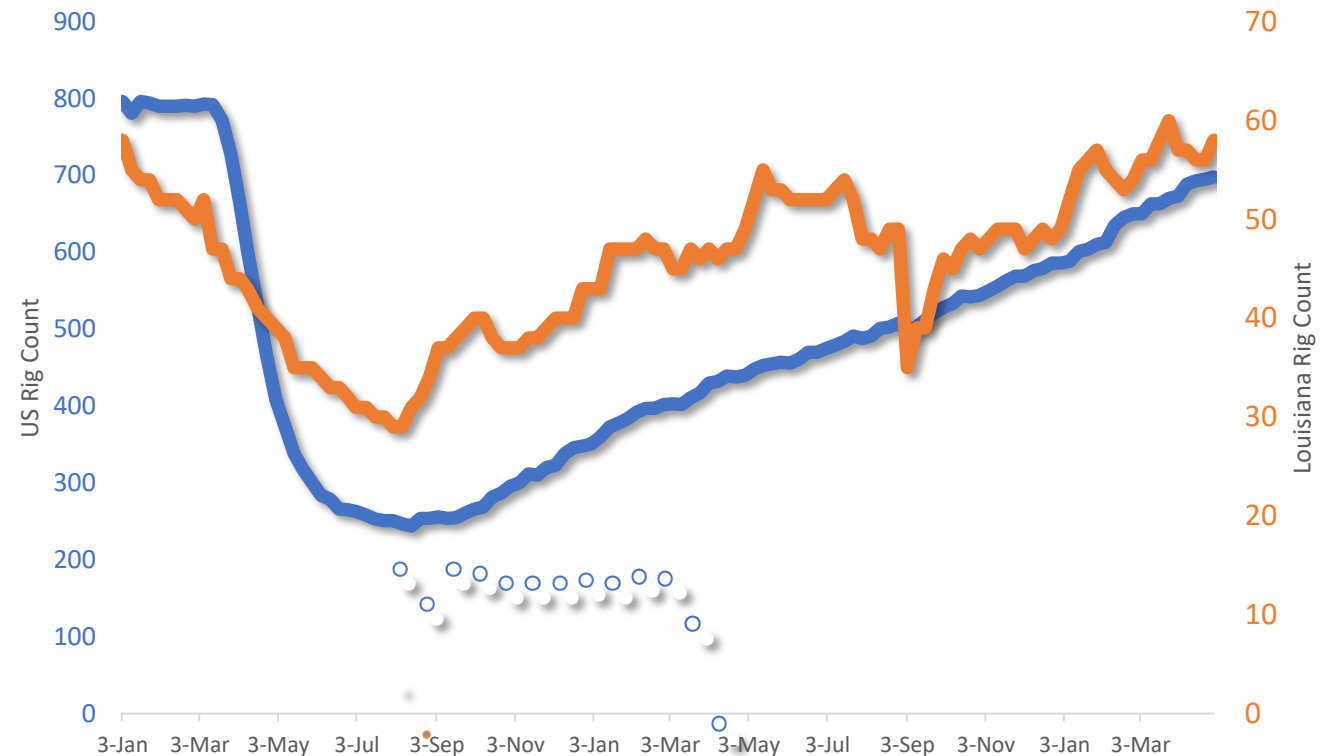
BAKER HUGHES RIG COUNT

Represents the number of drilling rigs actively exploring for or developing oil or natural gas in Louisiana and the U.S. in 2020-2022.

	Ap 22	Mar 22	Mar 21
Louisiana	57	58	47
US	690	662	436

- Average rig count in LA fell by one rig in April from March.
- ✓ Nationwide, the rig count is up 58% from a year ago.


Rig Count in Louisiana & US
2020-2022





LOUISIANA GAMING REVENUE

Gaming revenue in Louisiana for March 2022 with previous month and year comparisons.

March 2022

March 
13%

Mar YoY 
-3%

Mar YTD 
10%

	Mar-22	Feb-22	Mar-21	M/M	Y/Y	YTD
Video Poker	\$80,977,800	\$71,070,639	\$84,675,557	13.9%	-4.4%	9.0%
Riverboat	\$167,428,364	\$151,654,881	\$168,218,035	10.4%	-0.5%	12.5%
Landbased	\$22,829,269	\$20,186,087	\$25,080,878	13.1%	-9.0%	9.1%
Slots	\$31,199,662	\$25,205,882	\$34,406,444	23.8%	-9.3%	-4.1%
Total	\$302,435,095	\$268,117,489	\$312,380,914	12.8%	-3.2%	9.5%

* Note: Year-to-Date percentage reflects calendar year.

Data Source: Louisiana Gaming Control Board, May 7, 2022. http://lgcb.dps.louisiana.gov/revenue_reports.html

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