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4th Quarter 2025 Issue

The government shutdown delayed a great deal of economic data from release. In fact, some measures such as the unemployment rate measures have no October values so the quarterly averages are for November and December only. This 4th Quarter 2025 issue points out the economic variables show differing outcomes. The good news is that the MSA seems to be exhibiting a slight upward trend in total nonfarm employment. However, we must be cautious in interpreting these figures as a benchmark revision is coming in the next few months. Tax revenues in Calcasiey have been strong, while those in other parishes have shown drops or not much change. SNAP benefits have decreased somewhat dramatically in parishes.

The final piece shows analyzes the latest gross domestic product (GDP) measures by parish that were released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Due to budget cutbacks, these figures are no longer released at the MSA level, but we can look at each parish in the Southwest Louisiana region. Every parish in our area has had an increase in total output in 2024. The sources of this growth range from mining, construction, manufacturing, or agriculture, depending on which parish you are looking at. These GDP statistics point out the diversity of our region as the strengths (and weaknesses) vary across differing industries.

As always, thank you for reading.

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Selected Employment Indicators – Lake Charles MSA

(measures in thousands of workers)	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Total Nonfarm	104.9	104.0	105.2	104.3	105.7
Year-Over-Year Change	1.6	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.8
Year-Over-Year % Change	1.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.8
Mining and Logging	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Year-Over-Year Change	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	10.8	10.4	10.5	10.0	10.0
Year-Over-Year Change	0.3	-0.5	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
Year-Over-Year % Change	3.2	-4.6	-7.3	-7.7	-7.4
Manufacturing	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.3
Year-Over-Year Change	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
Year-Over-Year % Change	1.4	0.0	0.8	1.9	0.5
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	18.8	18.5	18.4	18.4	18.8
Year-Over-Year Change	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.0	-0.2
Information	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Year-Over-Year Change	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Year-Over-Year % Change	-14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Year-Over-Year Change	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Year-Over-Year % Change	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	-1.8	0.0
Professional and Business Services	10.3	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2
Year-Over-Year Change	0.5	0.4	0.0	-0.4	0.0
Year-Over-Year % Change	5.5	4.2	0.0	-3.8	-0.3
Education and Health Services	14.7	14.8	14.9	15.0	15.1
Year-Over-Year Change	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4
Year-Over-Year % Change	3.3	2.5	3.5	3.9	2.7
Leisure and Hospitality	14.2	14.2	14.7	14.7	14.8
Year-Over-Year Change	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.6
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.9	2.6	5.5	3.0	4.0
Other Services	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
Year-Over-Year Change	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Year-Over-Year % Change	3.6	3.6	4.7	7.1	3.4
Government	16.3	16.3	16.6	16.1	16.8
Year-Over-Year Change	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.0	0.8	1.4	2.8	3.3
Average Weekly Wages (All Employees)	1,175.45	1,167.33	1,137.17	1,189.5	1,178.0
Year-Over-Year Change	205.9	173.7	70.3	100.6	2.5
Year-Over-Year % Change	21.2	17.5	6.6	9.2	0.2
Average Hourly Wage (All Employees)	32.71	32.98	31.62	32.4	32.1
Year-Over-Year Change	4.5	4.0	1.5	1.4	-0.6
Year-Over-Year % Change	15.8	13.9	4.8	4.6	-1.8
Average Weekly Hours (All Employees)	35.9	35.4	36.0	36.7	36.7
Year-Over-Year Change	1.6	1.1	0.6	1.6	0.7
Year-Over-Year % Change	4.7	3.1	1.7	4.5	2.0

In the 4th quarter of 2025, the Lake Charles MSA (consisting of Calcasieu and Cameron parishes) experienced an increase in outcome compared to the same quarter the previous year. After benchmark revisions, there have been drops almost every quarter, but the jobs have been continuing to tick upwards.

Total nonfarm employment (presented in thousands of jobs in the table) saw 0.8% growth over the year. Looking at the industries, most had increases or no change while Construction had the largest decline of 800 jobs (-7.4%). Leisure and Hospitality saw an increase of 600 jobs (+4.0%). Education and Health Services saw an increase of 400 jobs (+2.7%). Manufacturing experienced a slight industry gain of 100 workers (+0.5%). Government also increased 500 jobs (+3.3%). Mining and Logging, Information, and Financial Activities all saw no real change in workers. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-0.2%) and Professional and Business Services (-0.3%) saw a small decrease in workers. Manufacturing and Other Services both saw a slight increase of 100 workers.

While there was a gain in employment, there were also increases in average weekly wages measured. While average hourly wage decreased. The average

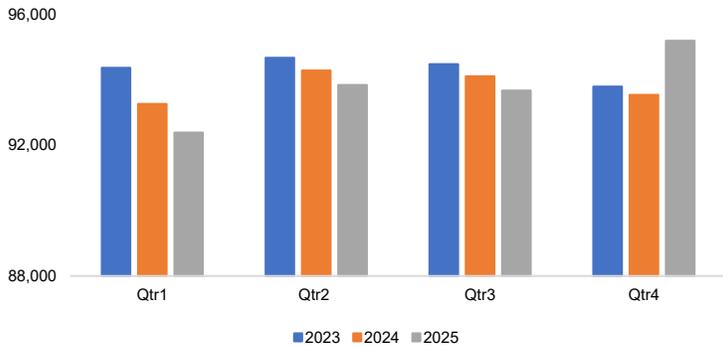
weekly earnings of all employees rose 0.2% and average hourly earnings fell 1.8%. The average weekly hours of all employees in the 4th quarter rose 2.0% over the year.

Selected Employment Indicators – Lake Charles MSA

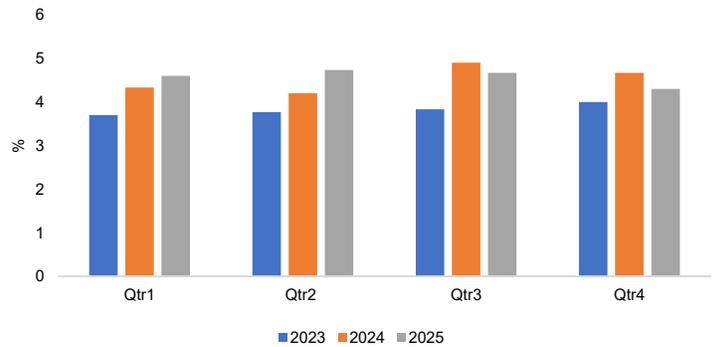
	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Household Employment	93,540	92,389	93,843	93,674	95,193
Year-Over-Year Change	-255	-876	-441	-437	1,653
Year-Over-Year % Change	-0.3	-0.9	-0.5	-0.5	1.8
Household Unemployment	4,593	4,457	4,667	4,559	4,265
Year-Over-Year Change	697	224	532	-300	-328
Year-Over-Year % Change	17.9	5.3	12.9	-6.2	-7.1
Labor Force	98,133	96,846	98,510	98,233	99,458
Year-Over-Year Change	442	-652	5,978	-737	1,325
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.5	-0.7	6.5	-0.7	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.3
Year-Over-Year Change	0.7	0.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.4

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Total Job Openings	3,869	3,723	4,027	4,156	3,829
Year-Over-Year Change	-1,070	-1,098	-645	24	-39
Year-Over-Year % Change	-21.7	-22.8	-13.8	0.6	-1.0

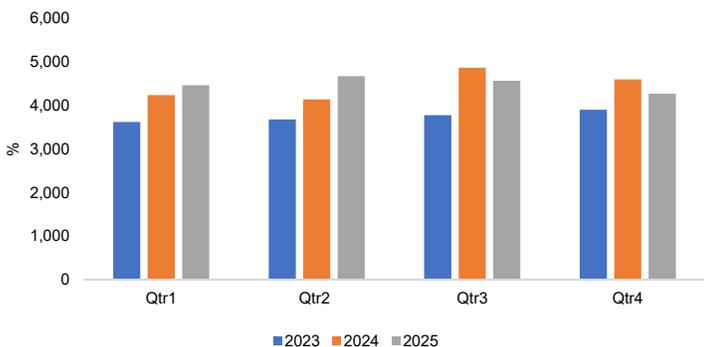
Lake Charles MSA Employment



Lake Charles MSA Unemployment Rate



Lake Charles MSA Unemployment Rate



The quarterly average unemployment rate in the MSA currently sits at 4.3%, which represents a 0.4 percentage point decrease from a year ago. The household employment measure increased by 1,653 over the year for a 1.8% increase. The number of unemployed decreased by 328. This represented a 7.1% decrease. As the labor force is the total of unemployed and employed, the total change in the labor force was an increase of 1,325 (+1.3%). More labor will be needed for long-term growth so future developments in this measure should be watched closely.

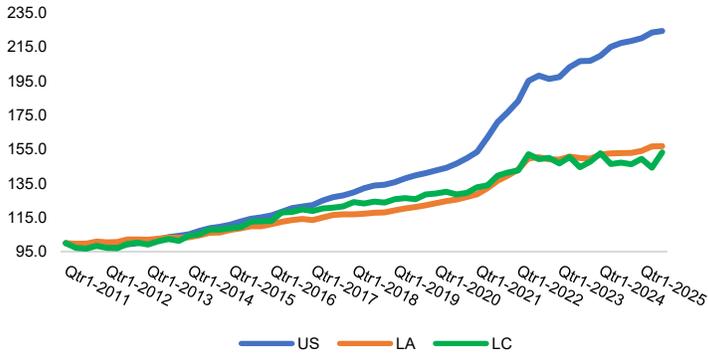
Job openings in the 4th quarter of 2025 averaged 3,829.

Openings decreased by 39 (-1.0%) over the year.

Jobs have been increasing but are still below pre-pandemic levels. Fortunately, the area is above pre-Laura levels.

Housing Statistics

FHFA Quarterly Housing Price Indexes
(Qtr1-2011 = 100)

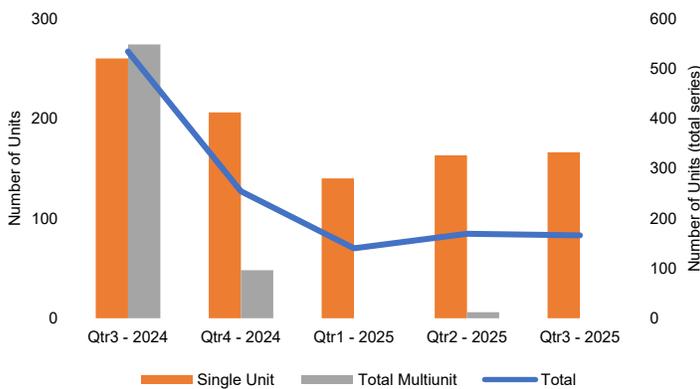


Home Price Index Comparisons	Qtr3- 2024	Qtr3 - 2025	Year-over-Year % Change
Lake Charles HPI	147.2	153.2	4.1
Louisiana HPI	152.8	156.8	2.6
US HPI	217.3	224.4	3.2

As housing prices have been rising dramatically in recent years, they have flattened and the prices in the area were falling while there were slower increases in the state and the nation. Looking at price changes over-the-year, from the third quarter of 2025 to the same quarter in 2024, housing prices has risen 4.1% in the Lake Charles MSA compared to increases of 2.6% in LA and 3.2% in the US.

Housing Permits – Lake Charles MSA

Lake Charles MSA Building Permits



In the 3rd quarter of 2025, single unit permits fell by 94 over-the-year while multi-unit permits had a decrease of 274, therefore the total decrease was 368. This represented a 68.9% decrease. The YTD figures show similar results with a decrease in single units of 662 and multi-unit permits decreasing by 180 for a total decrease of 482 over the year in the third quarter. The total percentage decrease in YTD was 58.2%. In terms of valuation, single unit permits fell by \$3.8 million while multi-unit permit valuations fell by \$61.6 million for a total decrease of \$65.4 million. This represented a 63.4% decrease year-over-year in the 3rd quarter of 2025 for the valuation of all permits. In terms of YTD numbers, single unit valuations decreased

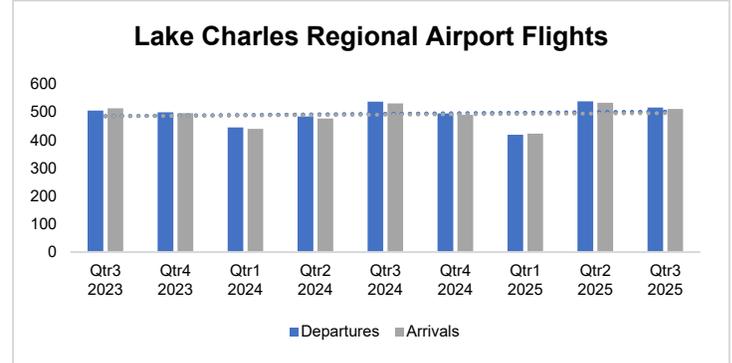
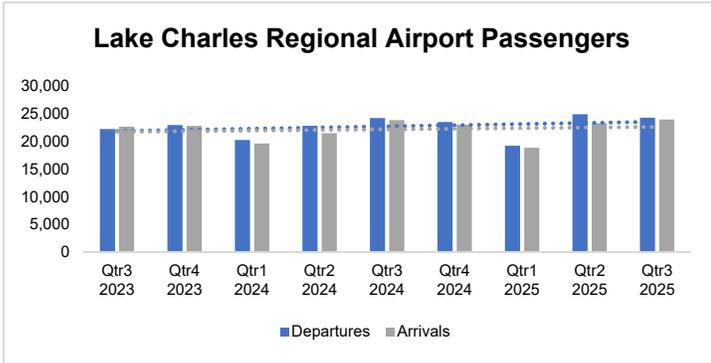
\$19.3 million and multi-unit valuations decreased \$105.6 million for a total percentage change of -54.5%.

The graph of building permits shows that single-unit permits have been decreasing since the 3rd quarter of 2024 after spiking. Multi-unit permits were 0 in the 1st quarter of 2025 and again in the third quarter. The blue line shows the total permits, and it has displayed a downward flat trend since 3rd quarter of 2024.

	Qtr-3 2024	Qtr-3 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change	Qtr-3 2024 YTD	Qtr-3 2025 YTD	YTD Change	YTD % Change
Number								
Total	534	166	-368	-68.9	1,137	475	-662	-58.2
Single	260	166	-94	-36.2	649	469	-180	-27.7
Multi-unit	274	0	-274	-100.0	488	6	-482	-98.8
Valuation (thousands \$)								
Total	103,160	37,786	-65,374	-63.4	229,446	104,473	-124,973	-54.5
Single	41,550	37,786	-3,764	-9.1	123,496	104,148	-19,348	-15.7
Multi-unit	61,610	0	-61,610	-100.0	105,950	325	-105,625	-99.7

Transportation Statistics

Lake Charles Regional Airport



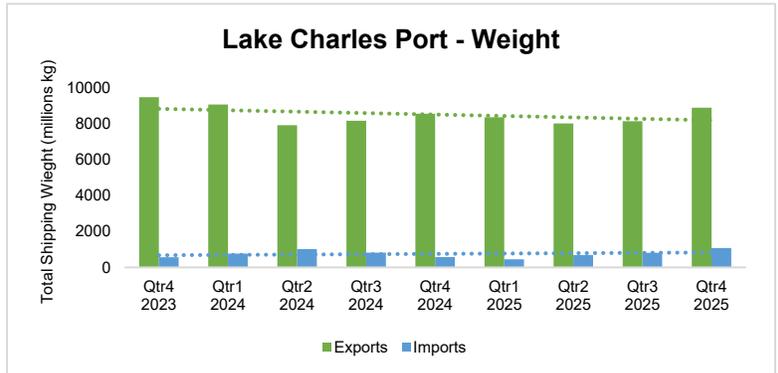
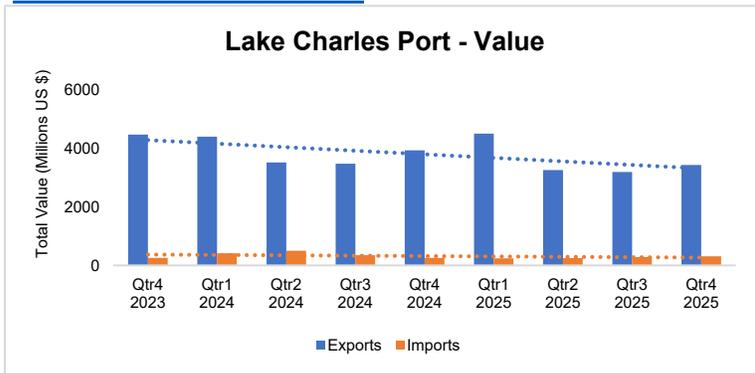
The Lake Charles regional airport experienced an upwntick in activity during the 3rd quarter of 2025 compared to the same quarter of the previous year in terms of passengers. However, there was a slight downturn in the number of flights. The graphs above illustrate a slight upward trend in passengers over the past two years while flights has remained someone flat.

	Qtr-3 2024	Qtr-3 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Passengers				
Departures	24,213	24,279	66	0.3
Arrivals	23,836	23,951	115	0.5
Flights				
Departures	537	516	-21	-3.9
Arrivals	531	511	-20	-3.8

Passengers departing in the 3rd quarter of 2025 rose 66 (0.3%) since the 3rd quarter of 2024 and those arriving have increased 115 (0.5%). In terms of flights, there has been a decrease of 21 flights (-3.9%) departing from Lake Charles over that same period while the number of

flights arriving has fallen by 20 (-3.8%) as well. The number of passengers has been steadily increasing since 2020.

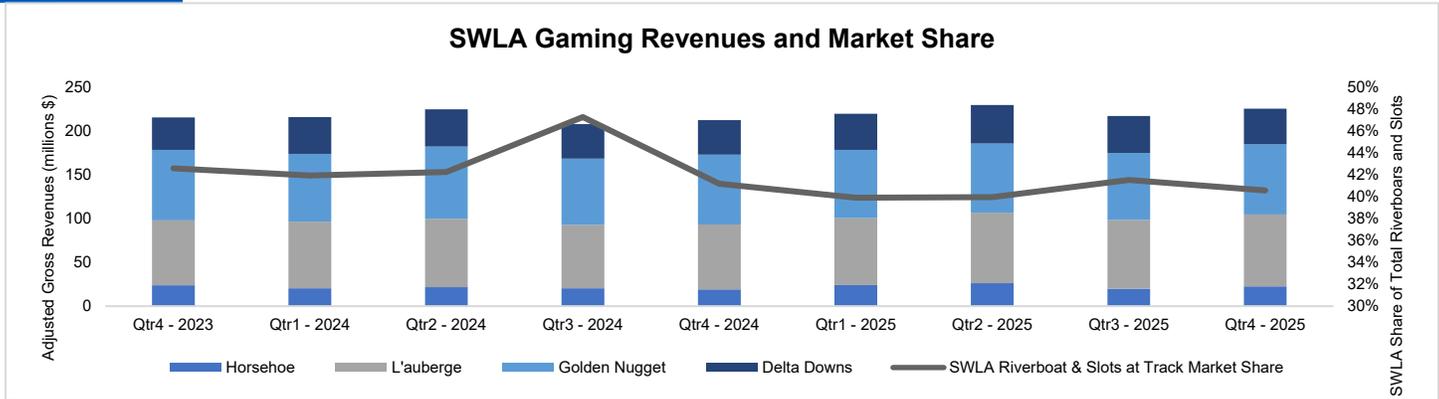
Lake Charles Port Statistics



The Lake Charles port has seen decreases in export values and an increase in import values in the 4th quarter of 2025. The figures in the table below show the value of exports fell \$499 million (-12.7%) over the year while the total value of imports rose by \$54 million (+21.1%) The total weight of all exports rose 330 million kg (+3.9%) while the total weight of all imports rose 499 million kg (+86.5%). Export values have recently been falling, but total weights have been rising slightly the past three quarters.

	Qtr-4 2024	Qtr-4 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Value (millions \$)				
Exports	3,922	3,423	-499	-12.7
Imports	258	313	54	21.1
Shipping Weight (millions kg)				
Exports	8,538	8,868	330	3.9
Imports	577	1,076	499	86.5

Gaming Statistics



	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Total State AGR (millions)	514.8	549.3	573.7	521.6	554.6
Year-Over-Year Change (millions)	9.8	35.6	42.8	82.5	39.9
Year-Over-Year % Change	1.9	6.9	8.1	18.8	7.7
Total SWLA AGR (millions)	211.9	219.1	229.1	216.5	224.9
Year-Over-Year Change (millions)	-3.1	3.8	4.9	9.1	13.0
Year-Over-Year % Change	-1.4	1.8	2.2	4.4	6.1
Total AGR (millions)					
Horseshoe	19.2	24.0	26.2	19.8	22.5
Year-Over-Year Change (millions)	-4.7	3.6	4.5	-0.6	3.3
Year-Over-Year % Change	-19.7	17.6	20.7	-3.0	17.1
L'Auberge	73.9	76.3	80.3	78.6	81.9
Year-Over-Year Change (millions)	0.0	0.4	2.5	6.4	8.1
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.0	0.5	3.2	8.9	10.9
Golden Nugget	79.6	77.7	78.7	76.1	80.0
Year-Over-Year Change (millions)	-0.6	0.5	-3.7	0.6	0.4
Year-Over-Year % Change	-0.7	0.7	-4.5	0.8	0.6
Delta Downs	39.2	41.0	44.0	42.1	40.5
Year-Over-Year Change (millions)	2.3	-0.7	1.6	2.7	1.2
Year-Over-Year % Change	6.1	-1.7	3.9	6.9	3.1
Share of Total SWLA AGR					
Isle of Capri	9.1%	11.0%	11.5%	9.1%	10.0%
L'Auberge	34.9%	34.8%	35.0%	36.3%	36.4%
Golden Nugget	37.6%	35.5%	34.3%	35.1%	35.6%
Delta Downs	18.5%	18.7%	19.2%	19.4%	18.0%
Share of Total State AGR					
Isle of Capri	3.7%	4.4%	4.6%	3.8%	4.1%
L'Auberge	14.3%	13.9%	14.0%	15.1%	14.8%
Golden Nugget	15.5%	14.2%	13.7%	14.6%	14.4%
Delta Downs	7.6%	7.5%	7.7%	8.1%	7.3%
SWLA Total AGR	41.2%	39.9%	39.9%	41.5%	40.5%

In terms of revenues, gaming establishments have rebounded from the pandemic and hurricanes, and the Horseshoe has now been open for year-over-year comparisons. Revenues in SWLA were about 6.1% higher than the 4th quarter of 2024 and statewide AGR in Q4 2025 was 7.7% higher than Q4 2024. Total revenues in SWLA for the 4th quarter of 2025 were \$224.9 million, or a 6.1% percent increase from the previous year.

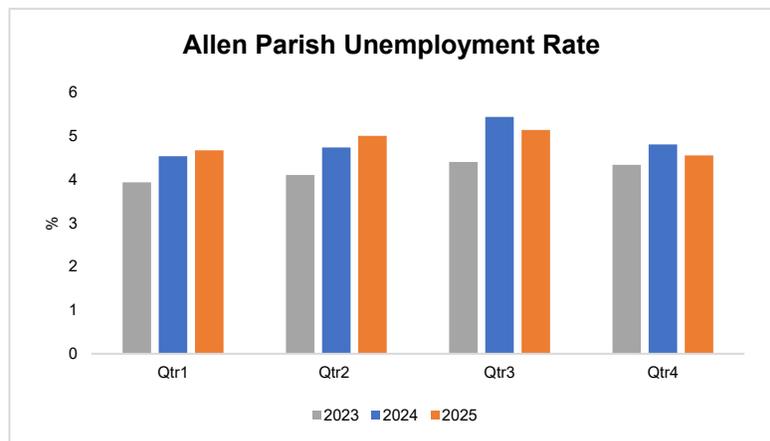
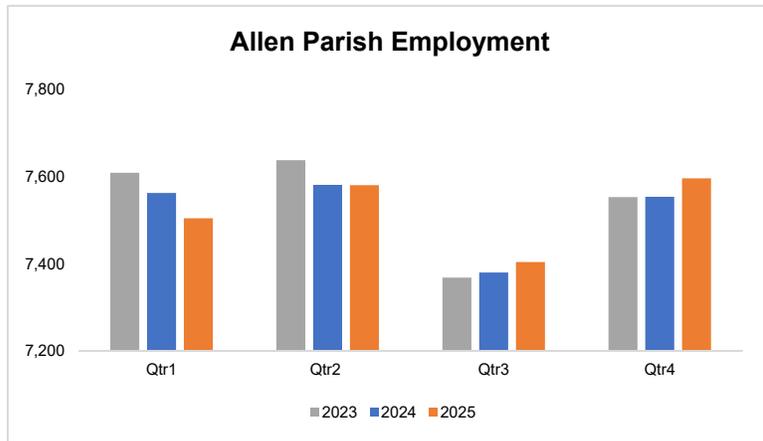
Horseshoe collected \$22.5 million in revenue in the 4th quarter of 2025 (+17.1%). L'Auberge saw a \$8.1 million increase (+10.9%). The Golden Nugget had an annual percentage increase in AGR of 0.6% with an absolute increase of \$400 thousand. Delta Downs experienced a \$1.2 million increase in AGR over the year for a 3.1% increase. These figures still indicate a solid recovery in the gaming market from 2020;

however, things had been slowing in terms year-over-year changes until this recent quarter. The four SWLA establishments made up 40.5% of the total AGR from riverboats and slots and tracks in the state, which is a 0.7 percentage point decrease from the 4th quarter of 2024.

Selected Employment Indicators – Allen Parish

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Household Employment	7,553	7,504	7,580	7,404	7,596
Year-Over-Year Change	1	-58	-1	24	43
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.3	0.6
Household Unemployment	379	366	402	400	364
Year-Over-Year Change	39	8	26	-22	-16
Year-Over-Year % Change	11.4	2.1	6.8	-5.1	-4.1
Labor Force	7,932	7,870	7,982	7,804	7,960
Year-Over-Year Change	39	-50	25	3	27
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.5	-0.6	0.3	0.0	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.1	4.6
Year-Over-Year Change	0.5	0.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.3

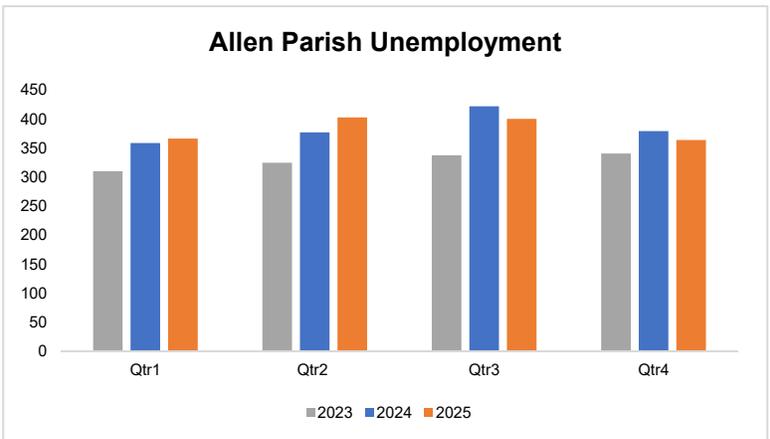
	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Total Job Openings	221	200	158	144	125
Year-Over-Year Change	-6	-61	-63	-73	-96
Year-Over-Year % Change	-2.8	-23.4	-28.4	-33.6	-43.4



In the 4th quarter of 2025, Allen parish saw a rise in the labor force of 27 (+0.3%). This was broken down by an decrease in household unemployment of 16 over the year (-4.1%) while the number of employed people rose by 43 (0.6%) over the year. The unemployment rate fell over the year by 0.3 percentage points to 4.6%.

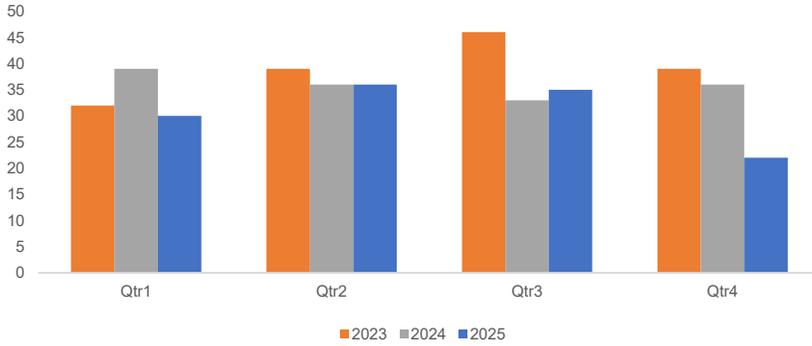
Job openings in the 4th quarter of 2025 averaged 125. Openings fell by 96 (-43.4%) over the year.

The graphs show the levels of household employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate for each quarter compared to the same quarter the previous two years. In the 4th quarter of 2025, Allen has had slightly higher employment compared to previous year's levels and average unemployment levels compared to previous years.



New Business Filings

Allen Parish New Domestic Business Filings



The graph to the left shows the number of new business filings each quarter compared to the same quarter in the previous two years.

The number of new business filings in Allen parish was 22 in the 4th quarter of 2025 which was 14 less as the fourth quarter in 2024 and 17 less than the same quarter 2 years ago. The YTD total for the 4th quarter of 2025 was 123. This was 21 businesses less than the 4th quarter of 2024 YTD and 33 businesses fewer than the 4th quarter of 2023 YTD.

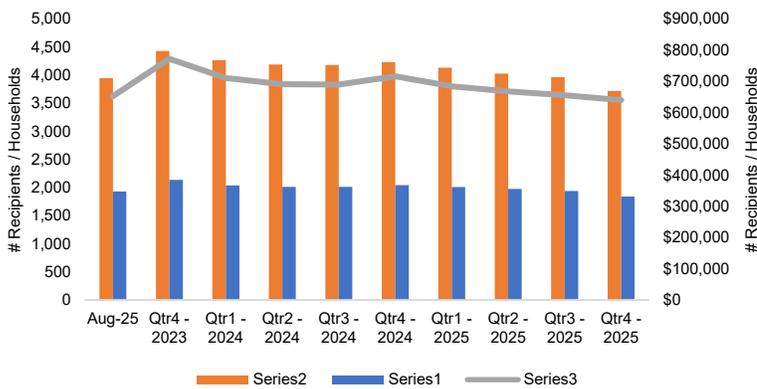
Qtrly New Business Filings	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	32	39	46	39
2024	39	36	33	36
2025	30	36	35	22

Qtrly New Business Filings YTD	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	32	71	117	156
2024	39	75	108	144
2025	30	66	101	123

SNAP Benefits

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Recipients	4,226	4,128	4,024	3,961	3,716	-511	-12.1
Households	2,043	2,008	1,973	1,936	1,838	-205	-10.0
Benefits	715,544	683,462	667,183	655,051	639,100	-76,445	-10.7

Allen Parish SNAP Data



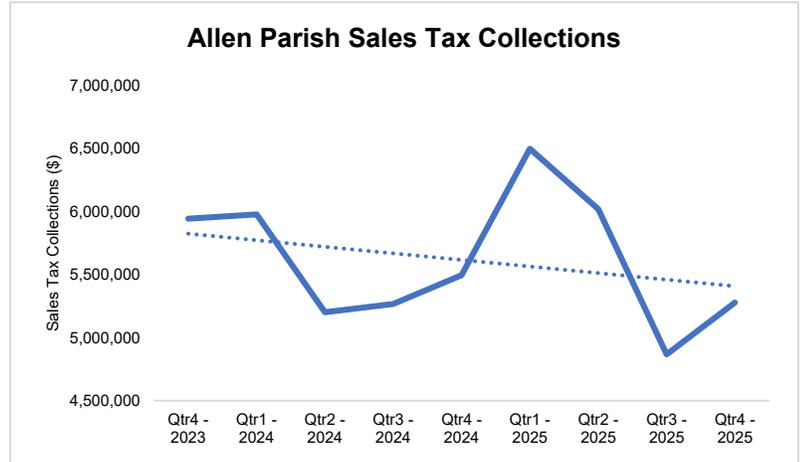
Allen parish had a decrease in SNAP recipients and in households, along with a decrease in benefits over the year. The parish had an average of 3,716 recipients of SNAP benefits in the 4th quarter of 2025. 511 fewer people received benefits compared to the 4th quarter of 2024 for a 12.1% decrease over this time. The total number of fourth quarter households receiving SNAP was 1,838, which was 205 less than the same quarter in the previous year. This represented a 10.0% decrease. In terms of benefits, the parish received \$639,100 in total during the 4th quarter of 2025, which was a \$76,445 decrease over-the-year. This was a 10.7% decrease in benefits in the parish. March 2023 marked a large

drop in total benefits to bring down the whole of quarter 1 due to emergency benefits expiring and that showed up markedly in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. This lower level should be persistent in future quarters, as has begun to show in the graph.

Tax Collections

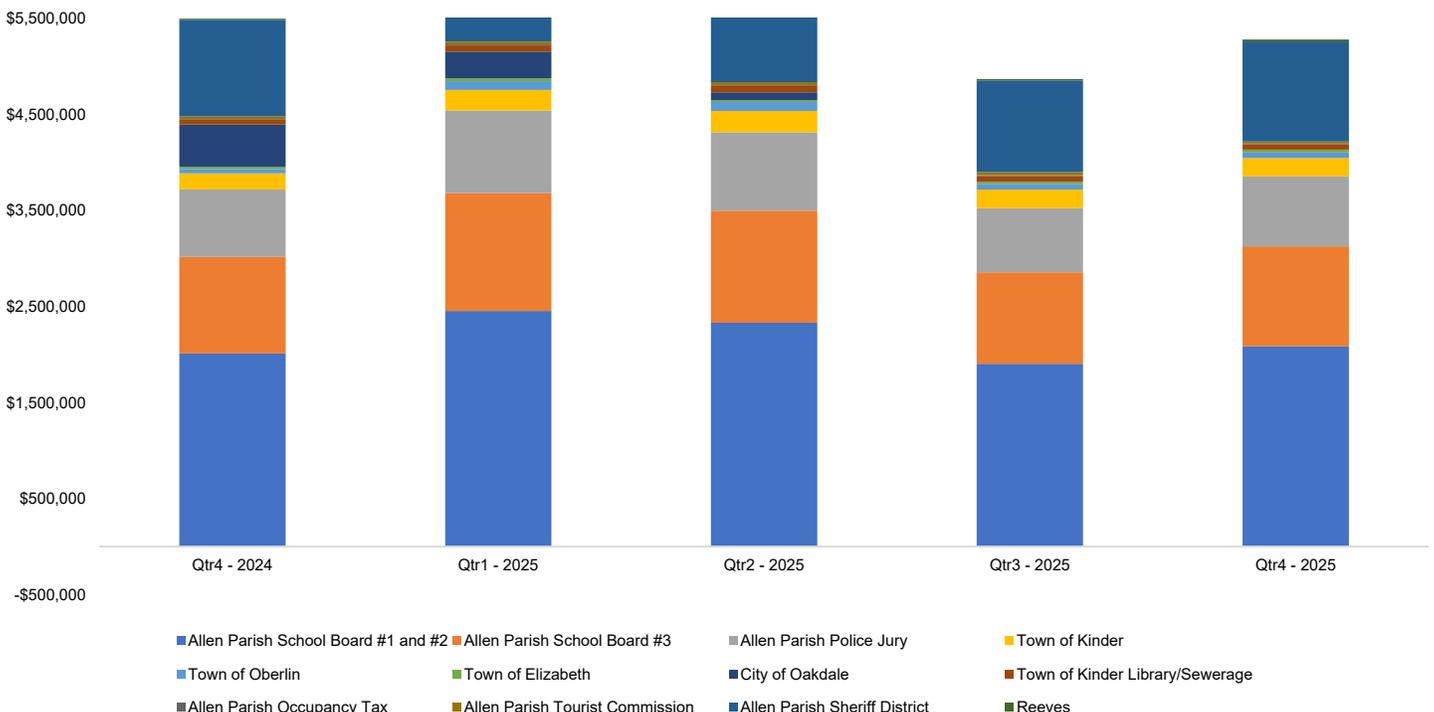
The Drew CBEA has built a history of Allen Parish sales tax collections with the help of the Allen Parish School Board. The numbers show an upward trend throughout the 4th quarter of 2025.

Compared to the 4th quarter of 2024, Allen Parish has seen an overall decrease in tax collections. Total tax collections decreased \$217.5 thousand for a 4.0% decrease.



Allen Parish Sales Tax Collections by Entity	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Allen Parish School Board #1 and #2	2,010,780	2,454,296	2,331,274	1,904,185	2,083,922	73,142	3.6
Allen Parish School Board #3	1,005,183	1,227,005	1,165,609	952,058	1,041,694	36,510	3.6
Allen Parish Police Jury	703,630	858,905	815,928	666,442	729,187	25,557	3.6
Town of Kinder	166,104	214,651	222,917	194,411	190,639	24,535	14.8
Town of Oberlin	45,021	90,907	92,053	60,061	56,969	11,947	26.5
Town of Elizabeth	20,899	30,045	18,095	17,880	27,714	6,816	32.6
City of Oakdale	441,031	277,199	83,139	2,236	2,108	-438,923	-99.5
Town of Kinder Library/Sewerage	49,831	64,396	66,876	58,323	57,192	7,361	14.8
Allen Parish Occupancy Tax	9,028	10,151	9,948	11,047	7,149	-1,879	-20.8
Allen Parish Tourist Commission	27,084	30,452	29,843	33,141	21,448	-5,636	-20.8
Allen Parish Sheriff District	1,005,183	1,227,005	1,165,609	952,058	1,041,694	36,510	3.6
Reeves	12,644	14,734	18,354	15,379	19,080	6,436	50.9
Total	5,496,419	6,499,747	6,019,644	4,867,221	5,278,886	-217,532	-4.0

Allen Parish Tax Collections by Entity



Selected Employment Indicators – Beauregard Parish

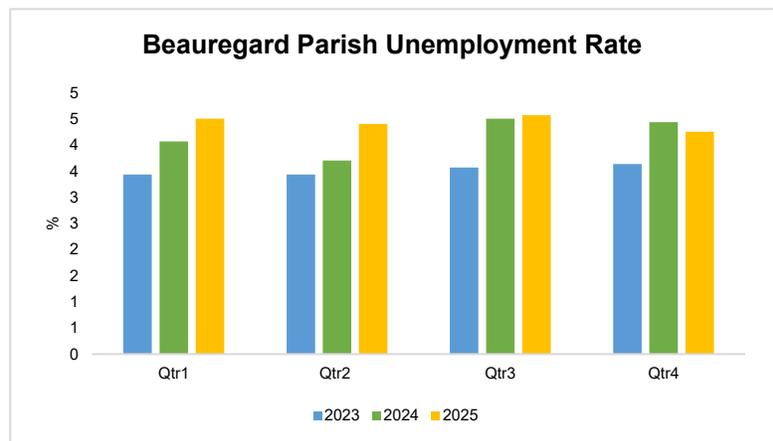
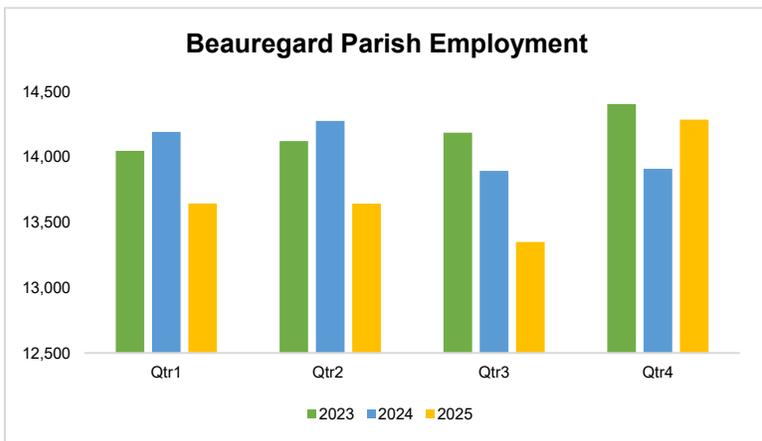
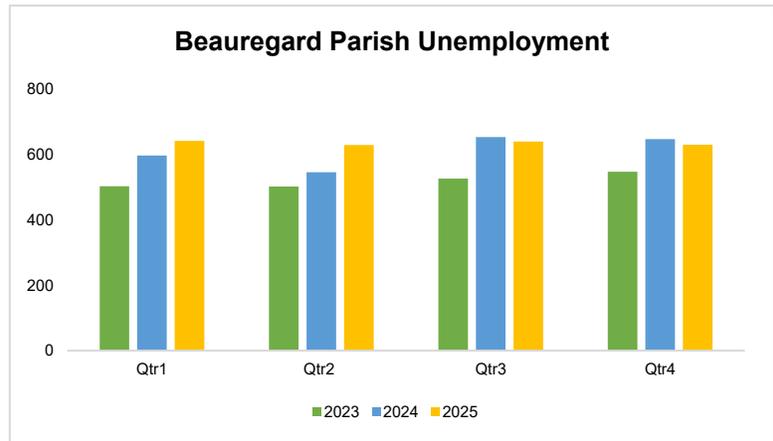
	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Household Employment	13,909	13,644	13,642	13,350	14,284
Year-Over-Year Change	-495	-547	-634	-543	375
Year-Over-Year % Change	-3.4	-3.9	-4.4	-3.9	2.7
Household Unemployment	647	642	629	640	630
Year-Over-Year Change	100	45	83	-13	-17
Year-Over-Year % Change	18.2	7.5	15.3	-2.0	-2.6
Labor Force	14,555	14,285	14,271	13,989	14,914
Year-Over-Year Change	-395	-502	-550	-556	359
Year-Over-Year % Change	-2.6	-3.4	-3.7	-3.8	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.3
Year-Over-Year Change	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.1	-0.2

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Total Job Openings	300	204	260	320	296
Year-Over-Year Change	-74	-191	-89	39	-4
Year-Over-Year % Change	-19.8	-48.4	-25.4	13.9	-1.2

In the 4th quarter of 2025, Beauregard parish saw a rise in household employment of 375 over the year (+2.7%) while the number of unemployed people fell by 17 (-2.6%) over the year. This led to an increase of 359 (+2.5%) in the total labor force. The unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points over the year to 4.3%.

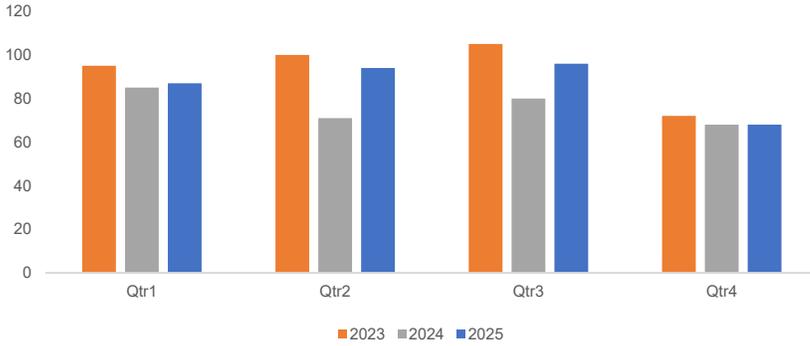
Job openings in the 4th quarter averaged 296. Openings fell by 4 (-1.2%) over the year.

The graphs show the levels of household employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate for each quarter compared to the same quarter the previous two years. In the 4th quarter of 2025, Beauregard has average unemployment and employment figures compared to the previous two years.



New Business Filings

Beauregard Parish New Domestic Business Filings



The graph shows the number of new business filings each quarter compared to the same quarter in the previous two years.

The number of new business filings in Beauregard parish was 68 in the 4th quarter of 2025, which was the same number as in the 4th quarter in 2024 and 4 less compared to the same quarter 2 years ago. The YTD total for the 4th quarter of 2025 was 345. There were 41 more businesses in the 4th quarter of 2025 than in 2024 YTD and 27 businesses less than the 4th quarter of 2023 YTD.

Qtrly New Business Filings	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	95	100	105	72
2024	85	71	80	68
2025	87	94	96	68

Qtrly New Business Filings YTD	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	95	195	300	372
2024	85	156	236	304
2025	87	181	277	345

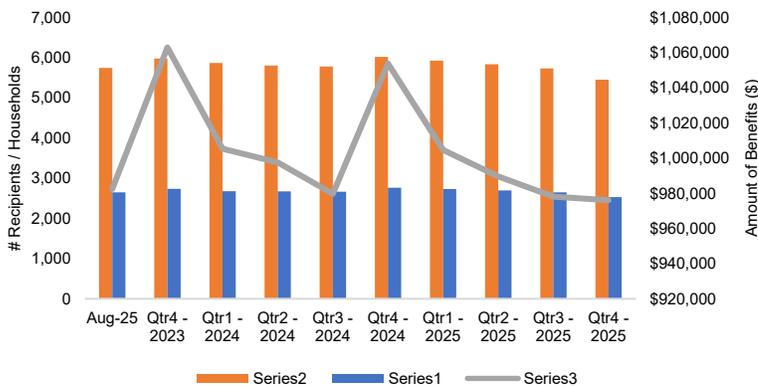
SNAP Benefits

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Recipients	6,015	5,924	5,833	5,729	5,448	-567	-9.4
Households	2,763	2,733	2,697	2,648	2,528	-235	-8.5
Benefits	1,053,771	1,004,539	989,566	978,041	976,048	-77,724	-7.4

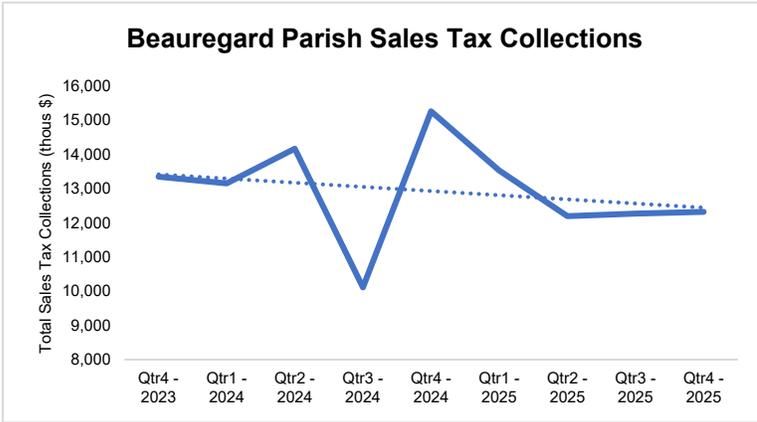
Beauregard parish has experienced decreases in SNAP recipients and households and drops in benefits over the year. The parish had an average of 5,448 recipients of SNAP benefits in the 4th quarter of 2025. 567 less people received benefits compared to the 4th quarter of 2024 for a 9.4% decrease over this time. The total number of households receiving SNAP averaged 2,528, which was 235 less than the same quarter in the previous year. This represented an 8.5% decrease. In terms of benefits, the parish received an average of \$976 thousand in total during the 4th quarter of 2025, which was a \$77,724 decrease over-the-year. This was a 7.4% decrease in benefits in the parish.

Looking at the graph illustrates relative flat trends in benefits, households, and recipients, over the past two years. Benefit amounts have been up and down, but the trend remains flat.

Beauregard Parish SNAP Data



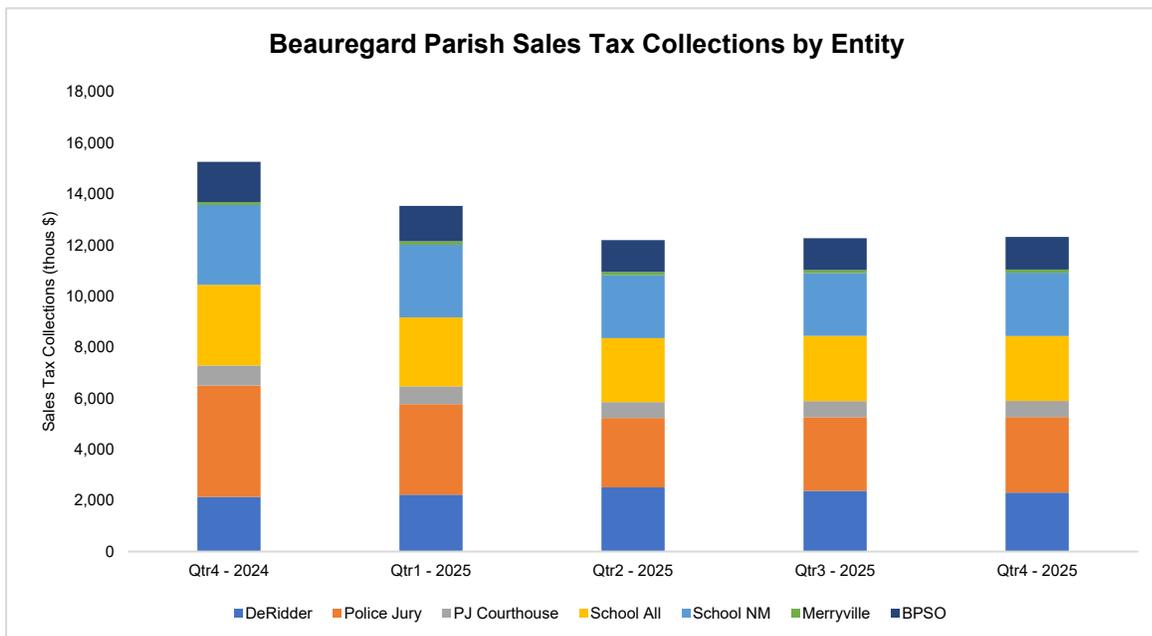
Tax Collections



Beauregard parish has seen an overall decrease in its sales tax collections in the 4th quarter of 2025, compared to the same quarter the previous year. Sales tax collections fell by \$2.9 million over the year for a 19.3% decrease. Looking at the entities that receive sales tax distributions shows that Police Jury collects the most revenue, but other areas are close. The Police Jury category saw a \$1.4 million decrease (-32.0%). DeRidder saw a notable year-over-year increase of \$165.7 thousand (+7.7%) over the year. Another increase came from Merryville, which increased \$13.8 thousand, or a 12.2% increase. All School board

revenues fell by roughly \$619.6 thousand (-19.6%). BPSO collections fell by \$301.3 thousand (-19.1%) and PJ Courthouse fell \$157.9 thousand (-20.0%). School NM tax collections saw a decrease in sales taxes of \$643 thousand, marking a 20.6% decrease.

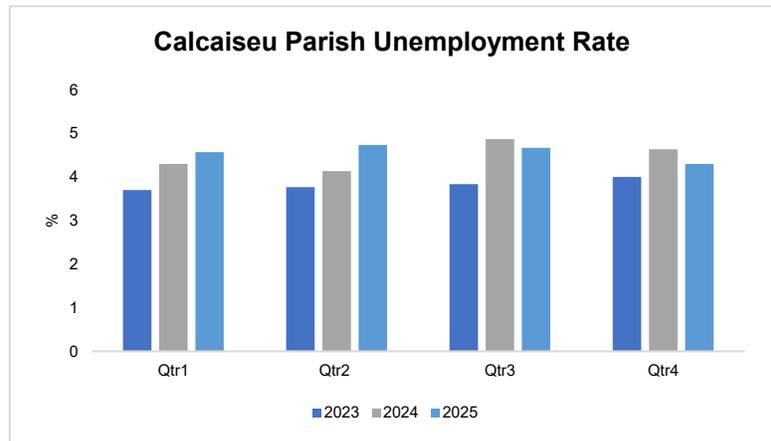
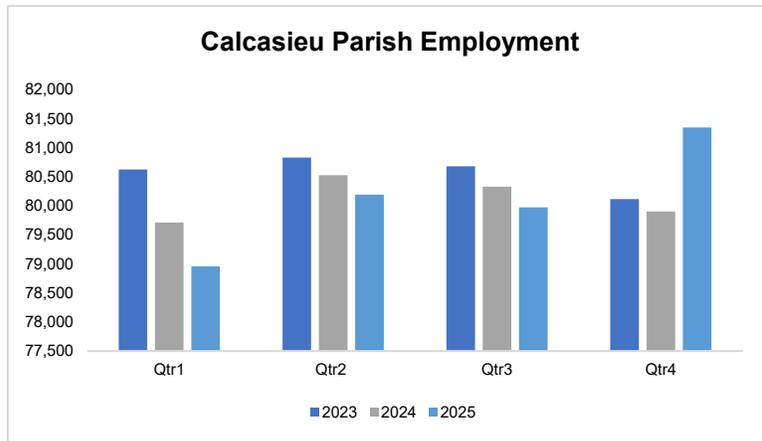
Sales Tax Collections (thous \$)	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
DeRidder	2,141.9	2,231.7	2,517.6	2,376.4	2,307.6	165.7	7.7
Police Jury	4,358.6	3,543.1	2,715.0	2,886.9	2,961.9	-1,396.8	-32.0
PJ Courthouse	787.8	696.0	623.5	628.5	629.8	-157.9	-20.0
School All	3,156.5	2,696.8	2,501.1	2,555.4	2,537.0	-619.6	-19.6
School NM	3,124.4	2,847.9	2,462.5	2,449.5	2,481.4	-643.0	-20.6
Merryville	112.8	133.8	128.4	127.2	126.6	13.8	12.2
BPSO	1,578.6	1,382.6	1,246.0	1,245.0	1,277.3	-301.3	-19.1
Total	15,260.6	13,531.8	12,194.2	12,269.0	12,321.5	-2,939.1	-19.3



Selected Employment Indicators – Calcasieu Parish

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Household Employment	79,900	78,957	80,190	79,971	81,345
Year-Over-Year Change	-213	-755	-333	-356	1,445
Year-Over-Year % Change	-0.3	-0.9	-0.4	-0.4	1.8
Household Unemployment	3,881	3,776	3,976	3,895	3,645
Year-Over-Year Change	551	187	477	-216	-236
Year-Over-Year % Change	16.5	5.2	13.6	-5.3	-6.1
Labor Force	83,781	82,733	84,167	83,867	84,990
Year-Over-Year Change	338	-568	143	-572	1,209
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.4	-0.7	0.2	-0.7	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.3
Year-Over-Year Change	0.6	0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.3

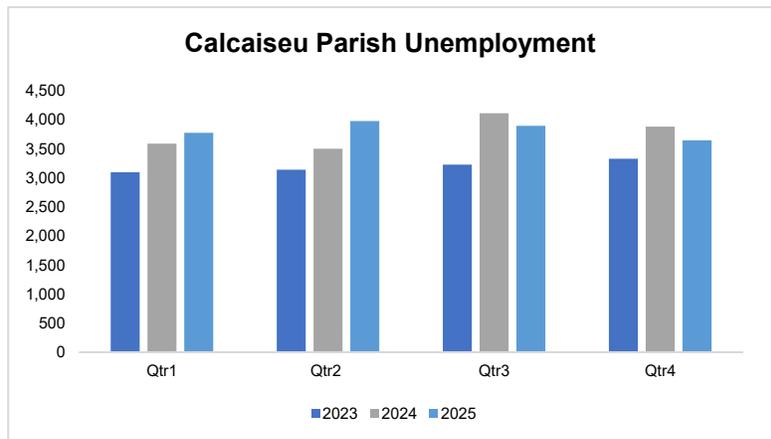
	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Total Job Openings	3,747	3,647	3,893	3,862	3,463
Year-Over-Year Change	-1,001	-938	-693	-184	-284
Year-Over-Year % Change	-21.1	-20.5	-15.1	-4.5	-7.6



In the 4th quarter of 2025, Calcasieu Parish saw an increase in the labor force of 1,209 (+1.4%). This was due to an increase in household employment of 1,445 over the year (+1.8%) while the number of unemployed people fell by 236 (-6.1%). The unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage points over the year to 4.3%.

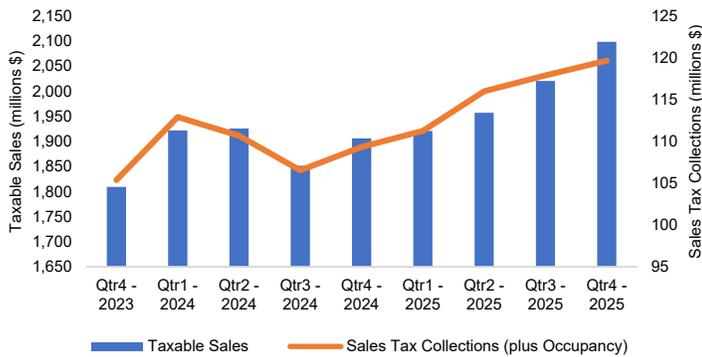
Job openings in the 4th quarter of 2025 averaged 3,463. Openings fell by 284 (-7.6%) over the year.

The graphs show the levels of household employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate for each quarter compared to the same quarter the previous two years. Calcasieu had a higher employment level in the 4th quarter of 2025 compared to 2024. The unemployment level is slightly lower than in the 4th quarter of 2024.

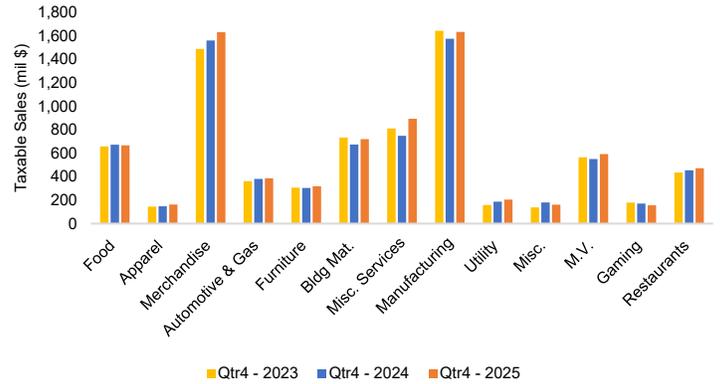


Tax Collections

Calcasieu Parish Taxable Sales and Sales Tax Collections



Calcasieu Parish Taxable Sales - Qtr 4 YTD



Collections (mil \$)	Qtr4- 2024	Qtr1- 2025	Qtr2- 2025	Qtr3- 2025	Qtr4- 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Food	163.8	172.5	167.9	162.8	163.8	0.0	0.0
Apparel	36.9	40.6	39.1	37.0	46.3	9.4	25.5
Merchandise	389.6	408.3	401.9	403.0	417.3	27.7	7.1
Automotive & Gas	100.2	85.3	98.6	104.2	98.5	-1.6	-1.6
Furniture	72.7	81.7	74.3	75.4	87.1	14.4	19.9
Bldg Mat.	191.7	157.1	185.2	177.9	199.8	8.1	4.2
Misc. Services	189.8	221.7	209.8	219.6	242.0	52.2	27.5
Manufacturing	402.1	399.9	374.7	443.8	415.0	12.9	3.2
Utility	37.8	39.8	38.8	40.5	84.9	47.1	124.4
Misc.	38.3	31.8	41.8	42.3	44.9	6.6	17.4
M.V.	133.8	134.8	153.2	150.7	153.0	19.1	14.3
Gaming	38.0	38.1	44.2	42.8	31.3	-6.8	-17.8
Restaurants	111.2	109.1	127.3	120.5	114.5	3.3	3.0
Total	1,905.9	1,920.8	1,956.9	2020.4	2098.3	192.5	10.1

Taxable sales in Calcasieu parish have seemed to be more volatile over the past two years with more spikes and drops when looking at the data on a quarterly basis.

Collections experienced an increase in the 4th

quarter of 2025. Looking at the 4th quarter, compared to the same quarter the previous year, sales tax collections, plus occupancy, have risen by \$10.3 million over the year for a 9.4% increase. General sales taxes rose by \$10.0 million (+9.3%) over the year. Occupancy taxes rose by \$0.3 million (+17.6%). This occurred as total taxable sales in the parish rose \$192.5 million (+10.1%) over the year. Misc. Services rose the largest in absolute terms (+\$52.2 million, +27.5%). While Utility rose the largest in percentage points (+\$47.1 million, +124.4%). Gaming fell the largest in absolute terms and percentage points (-\$6.8 million, -17.8%). Automotive & Gas was the only other that fell in percentage terms (-1.6%). Apparel (+25.5%), Merchandise (+7.1%), Furniture (+19.9%), Building Mat. (+4.2%), Manufacturing (+3.2%), Misc. (+17.4%), M.V. (+14.3%), and Restaurants (+3.0%) all experienced increases in collections. While Food collections stayed the same.

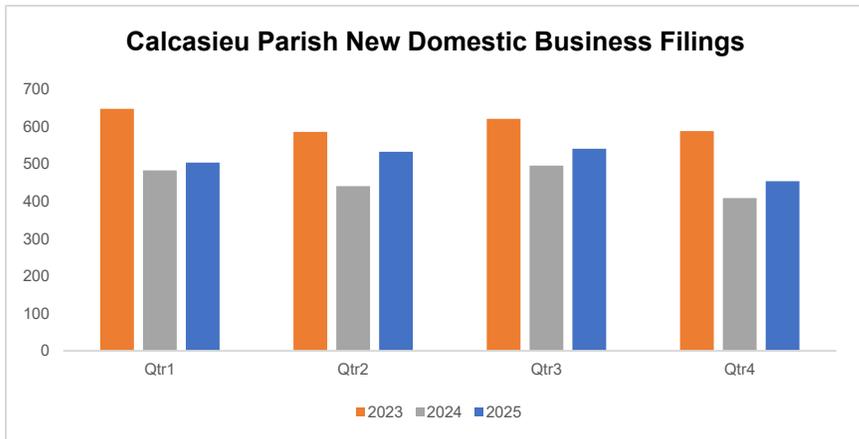
Collections (mil \$)	Qtr4- 2024	Qtr1- 2025	Qtr2- 2025	Qtr3- 2025	Qtr4- 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
General Sales Tax Collections	107.5	109.5	113.8	115.6	117.4	10.0	9.3
Occupancy Taxes	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.3	17.6
Sales Tax Collections	109.3	111.3	116.0	117.9	119.6	10.3	9.4

YTD figures show that total taxable sales have risen in the parish by \$391.8 million compared to the 4th quarter of 2024 YTD figure for a 5.2% increase. There was a \$25.3 million increase in sales tax collections (+5.8%) YTD.

Taxable Sales YTD (mil \$)	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
2023	1,877.1	3,940.3	5,813.0	7,622.4
2024	1,921.8	3,847.4	5,698.8	7,604.6
2025	1,920.8	3,877.7	5,898.1	7,996.4

Sales Tax YTD (mil \$)	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
2022	107.6	226.3	330.3	435.7
2024	112.9	223.6	330.1	439.5
2025	111.3	227.3	345.1	464.8

New Business Filings



The graph shows the number of new business filings each quarter compared to the same quarter in the previous two years.

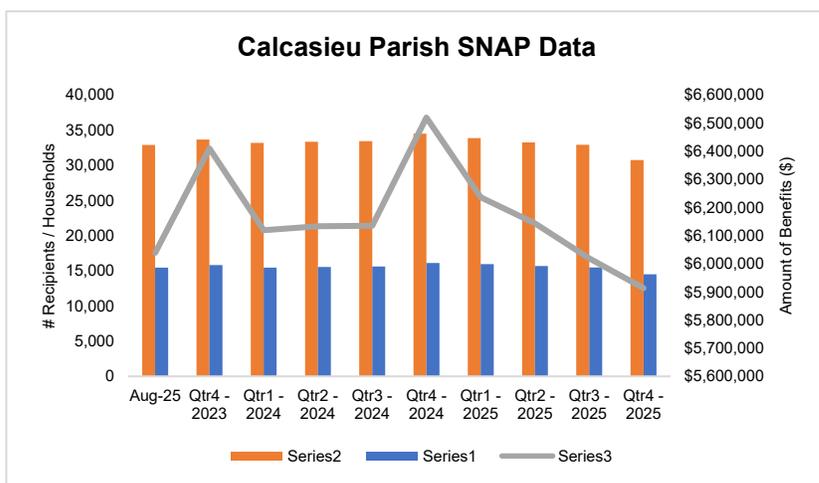
The number of new business filings in Calcasieu parish was 454 in the 4th quarter of 2025, which was 45 more than the same quarter in 2024 and 134 less than the same quarter 2 years ago. The YTD total for the 4th quarter of 2025 was 2,032. This was 203 businesses more than the 4th quarter of 2024 YTD and 411 businesses less than the 4th quarter of 2023 YTD.

Qtrly New Business Filings	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	648	586	621	588
2024	483	441	496	409
2025	504	533	541	454

Qtrly New Business Filings YTD	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	648	1,234	1,855	2,443
2024	483	924	1,420	1,829
2025	504	1,037	1,578	2,032

SNAP Benefits

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Recipients	34,497	33,862	33,250	32,897	30,735	-3,763	-10.9
Households	16,105	15,943	15,669	15,468	14,506	-1,599	-9.9
Benefits	6,519,436	6,236,055	6,143,421	6,019,076	5,913,253	-606,183	-9.3



Calcasieu parish has had decreases in SNAP recipients and in households, along with a decrease in benefits over the year. The parish had an average of 30,735 recipients of SNAP benefits in the 4th quarter of 2025. This was 3,763 less people receiving benefits compared to the 4th quarter of 2024 for a 10.9% decrease over this time. The total number of households receiving SNAP averaged 14,506, which was 1,599 less than in the same quarter in the previous year. This represented a 9.9% decrease. In terms of benefits, the parish received an average of \$5.9 million in total during the 4th quarter of 2025, which was a \$606 thousand decrease over-the-year. This was a 9.3% decrease

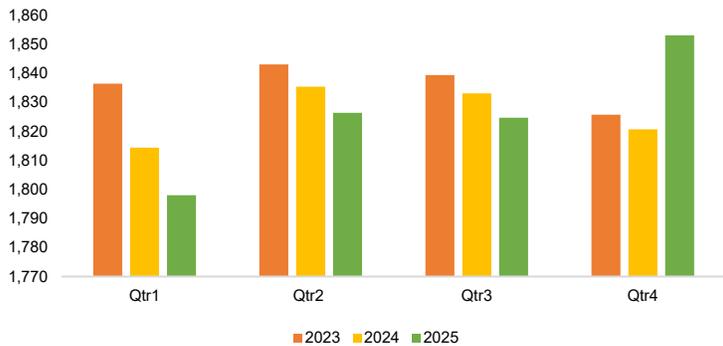
in benefits in the parish. Looking at the graph illustrates a rising trend in benefits from the time period where variables peaked in the 4th quarter of 2022. March 2023 marked a large drop in total benefits to bring down the whole of quarter 1 due to emergency benefits expiring, and that is showing in future quarters. Throughout 2025, the amount of benefits has come down after peaking at the end of 2024.

Selected Employment Indicators – Cameron Parish

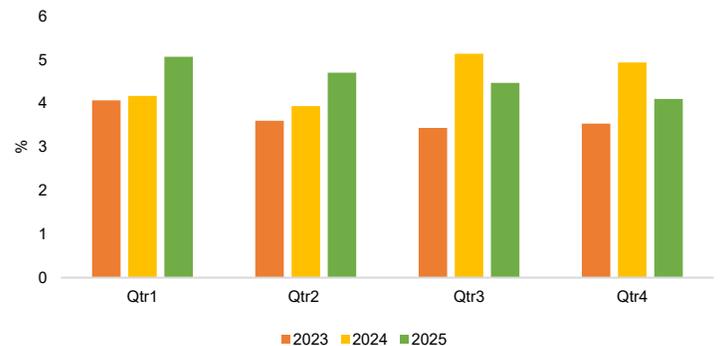
	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Household Employment	1,821	1,798	1,826	1,825	1,853
Year-Over-Year Change	-5	-16	-9	-8	32
Year-Over-Year % Change	-0.3	-0.9	-0.5	-0.5	1.8
Household Unemployment	95	96	90	85	80
Year-Over-Year Change	28	17	15	-14	-15
Year-Over-Year % Change	41.3	22.0	19.9	-14.4	-15.5
Labor Force	1,915	1,894	1,917	1,910	1,933
Year-Over-Year Change	23	1	6	-23	18
Year-Over-Year % Change	1.2	0.1	0.3	-1.2	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.1
Year-Over-Year Change	1.4	0.9	0.8	-0.7	-0.8

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Total Job Openings	122	75	134	294	367
Year-Over-Year Change	-69	-160	49	208	245
Year-Over-Year % Change	-36.1	-68.0	57.3	241.5	200.5

Cameron Parish Employment



Cameron Parish Unemployment Rate

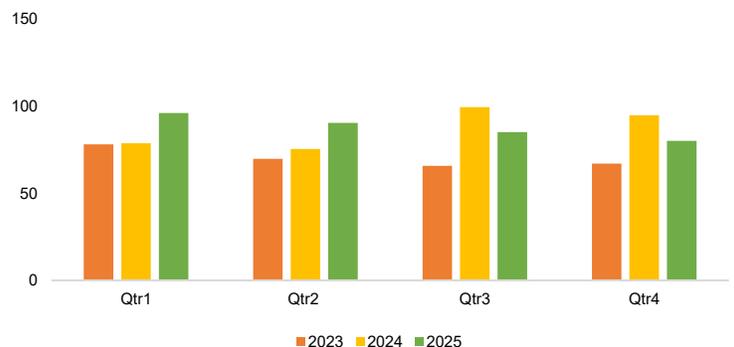


In the 4th quarter of 2025, Cameron parish had an increase in household employment of 32 over the year (+1.8%) while the number of unemployed people fell by 15 (-15.5%). This meant an increase of 18 (+0.9%) in the total labor force. The unemployment rate fell 0.8 percentage points over the year to 4.1%.

Job openings in the 4th quarter of 2025 averaged 367. Openings rose by 245 (+200.5%) over the year.

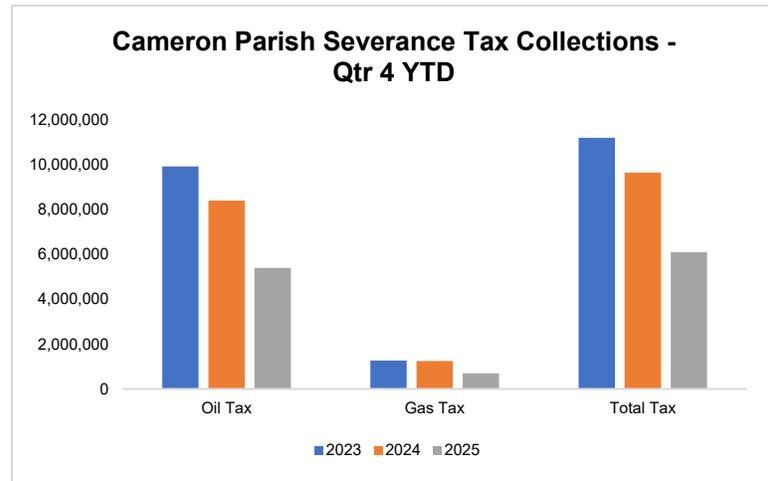
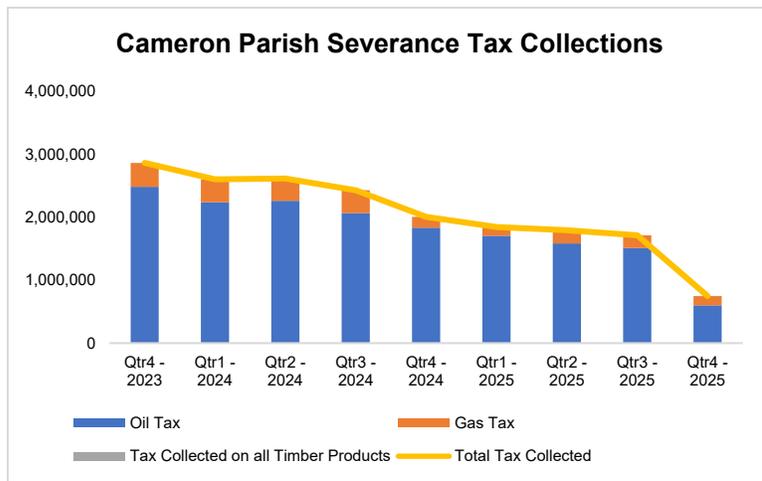
Cameron Parish had a higher employment level in the 4th quarter of 2025 compared to the same quarter the previous year and the unemployment measures were lower. These results led to a slight rise in the labor force in Cameron Parish.

Cameron Parish Unemployment



Tax Collections

Cameron parish collects no local sales tax, so it is not possible to show the monthly or quarterly trends in those tax collections in the parish. However, Cameron is the parish in SWLA that is generally responsible for the highest amount of state severance tax collections. To give some view into the severance tax collections in the parish, below are figures and data relating to the recent severance tax collections by category for Cameron.



The graph on the above left shows the total severance tax collections from each source with the line representing total collections. The graph on the upper right shows the latest 4th quarter YTD figures for each severance tax type (as well as total) over the past three years. Total severance tax collections have been slowly falling since the end of 2022.

Severance Tax Collections	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2024	Qtr2 - 2024	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Oil Tax	1,833,727	1,704,321	1,581,963	1,508,376	600,126	-1,233,602	-67.3
Gas Tax	170,086	137,579	210,896	204,284	146,825	-23,261	-13.7
Tax Collected on all Timber Products	11	23	11	0	9	-2	-18.2
Total Tax Collected	2,003,824	1,841,922	1,792,869	1,712,660	746,959	-1,256,865	-62.7

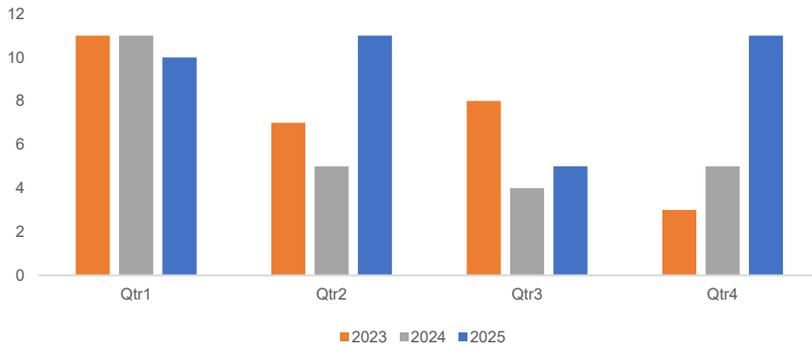
Total Severance Tax Collections (YTD)	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	3,090,819	6,030,682	8,328,309	11,189,877
2024	2,601,045	5,213,425	7,639,232	9,643,056
2025	1,841,922	3,634,791	5,347,451	6,094,411

The largest amount of severance tax collections from Cameron are taxes on oil. Oil tax collections in the 4th quarter of 2025 fell by \$1.2 million compared to the same quarter the previous year. This represented a 67.3% decrease. In terms of gas collections, those fell \$23 thousand over that period for a 13.7% decrease. Timber product collections were \$9 thousand in the 4th quarter, an 18.2% decrease. The 4th quarter of 2025 saw some decreases in gas severance taxes collected while the biggest component continued its decline.

The YTD figures show that in 2025 there was a decline in 4th quarter total severance taxes collected compared to the same quarter in the previous year. In the 4th quarter of 2025 YTD, severance taxes fell \$3.55 million for a decrease of 36.8%.

New Business Filings

Cameron Parish New Domestic Business Filings



The graph shows the number of new business filings each quarter compared to the same quarter in the previous two years.

The number of new business filings in Cameron parish was 11 in the 4th quarter of 2025, which was 6 more than the same quarter in 2024 and 8 more compared to the same quarter 2 years ago. The YTD total for the 4th quarter of 2025 was 37. This was 12 business more than the 4th quarter of 2024 YTD and 8 more than of the 4th quarter of 2023 YTD.

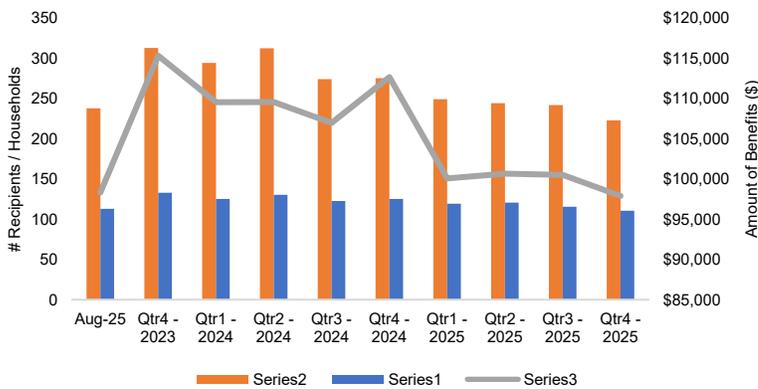
Qtrly New Business Filings	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	11	7	8	3
2024	11	5	4	5
2025	10	11	5	11

Qtrly New Business Filings YTD	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	11	18	26	29
2024	11	16	20	25
2025	10	21	26	37

SNAP Benefits

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Recipients	275	249	244	242	223	-52	-19.0
Households	125	119	121	116	111	-15	-11.7
Benefits	112,681	100,072	100,682	100,524	97,902	-14,779	-13.1

Cameron Parish SNAP Data



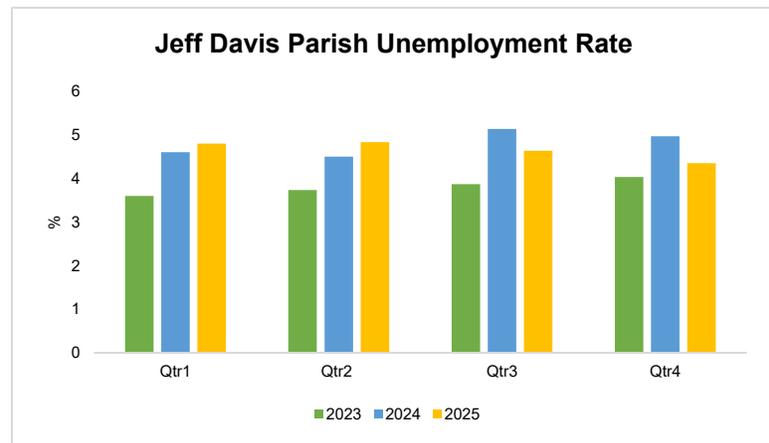
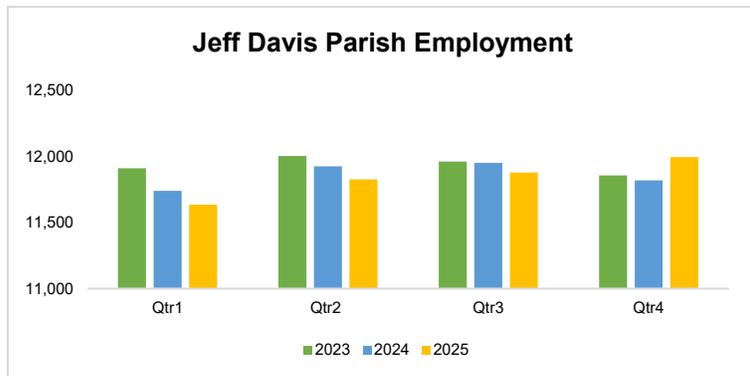
Cameron parish has had drops in SNAP recipients and households, and benefits over the year. The parish had an average of 223 recipients of SNAP benefits in the 4th quarter of 2025. This was 52 less than the amount of people receiving benefits in the 4th quarter of 2024 for a 19.0% decrease over this time. The total number of households receiving SNAP averaged 111, which was 15 fewer than in the 4th quarter of 2024. This represented an 11.7% decrease. The parish received an average of \$97.9 thousand in total during the 4th quarter of 2025, which was a \$14,779 decrease over-the-year. This was an 13.1% decrease in benefits in the parish.

Looking at the graph illustrates recipients, households, and benefits falling since the end of 2022. March 2023 marked a large drop in total benefits to bring down the whole of quarter 1 due to emergency benefits expiring, and that has been showing in future quarters. The amount of benefits, number recipients and households, has fallen to a much lower level for 2025.

Selected Employment Indicators – Jefferson Davis Parish

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Household Employment	11,819	11,634	11,826	11,878	11,995
Year-Over-Year Change	-37	-105	-99	-73	176
Year-Over-Year % Change	-0.3	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6	1.5
Household Unemployment	618	585	600	578	540
Year-Over-Year Change	118	20	41	-69	-78
Year-Over-Year % Change	23.7	3.5	7.3	-10.7	-12.6
Labor Force	12,437	12,219	12,426	12,456	12,535
Year-Over-Year Change	81	-85	-58	-143	98
Year-Over-Year % Change	0.7	-0.7	-0.5	-1.1	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.4
Year-Over-Year Change	0.9	0.2	0.3	-0.5	-0.6

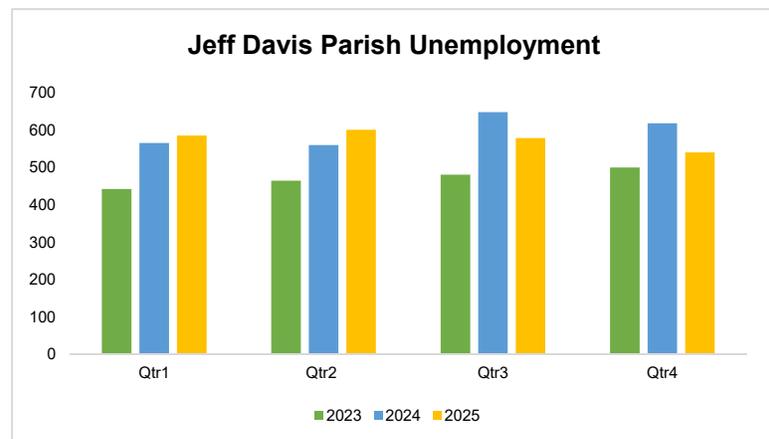
	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025
Total Job Openings	336	326	306	284	308
Year-Over-Year Change	-125	-127	-55	18	-28
Year-Over-Year % Change	-27.2	-28.0	-15.3	6.9	-8.2



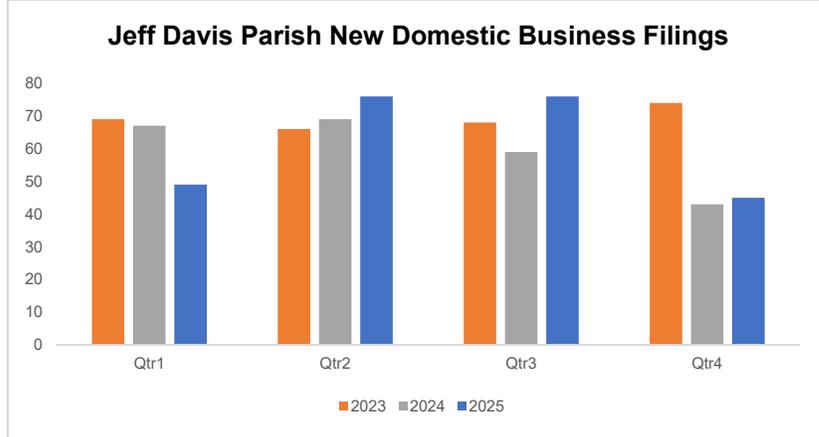
In the 4th quarter of 2025, Jefferson Davis Parish saw an increase of 98 (+0.8%) in the total labor force. This was broken down by an increase in household employment of 176 over the year (+1.5%) while the number of unemployed people fell by 78 (-12.6%). The unemployment rate fell 0.6 percentage points over the year to 4.4%.

Job openings in the 4th quarter of 2025 averaged 308. Openings fell by 28 (-8.2%) over the year.

The graphs show the levels of household employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate for each quarter compared to the same quarter the previous two years. Jeff Davis parish had slightly higher figures for employment in the 4th quarter of 2025 compared to 2024, with slightly lower unemployment figures and rate.



New Business Filings



The graph shows the number of new business filings each quarter compared to the same quarter in the previous two years.

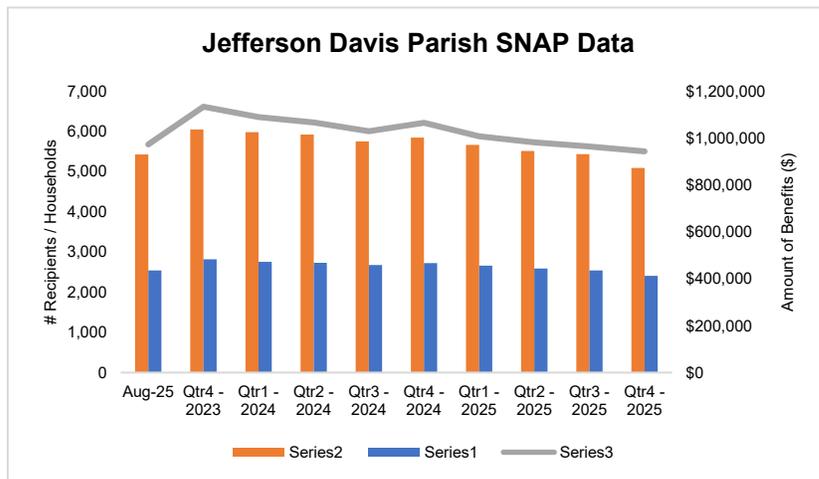
The number of new business filings in Jefferson Davis parish was 45 in the 4th quarter of 2025 which was 2 more than the same quarter in 2024 and 29 less compared to the same quarter 2 years ago. The YTD total for the 4th quarter of 2025 was 246. This was 8 businesses more than the 4th quarter of 2024 YTD and 31 businesses less than the 4th quarter of 2023 YTD.

Qtrly New Business Filings	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	69	66	68	74
2024	67	69	59	43
2025	49	76	76	45

Qtrly New Business Filings YTD	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
2023	69	135	203	277
2024	67	136	195	238
2025	49	125	201	246

SNAP Benefits

	Qtr4 - 2024	Qtr1 - 2025	Qtr2 - 2025	Qtr3 - 2025	Qtr4 - 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Recipients	5,845	5,662	5,512	5,433	5,088	-757	-13.0
Households	2,723	2,661	2,589	2,541	2,407	-315	-11.6
Benefits	1,064,640	1,007,004	981,278	963,989	943,076	-121,565	-11.4

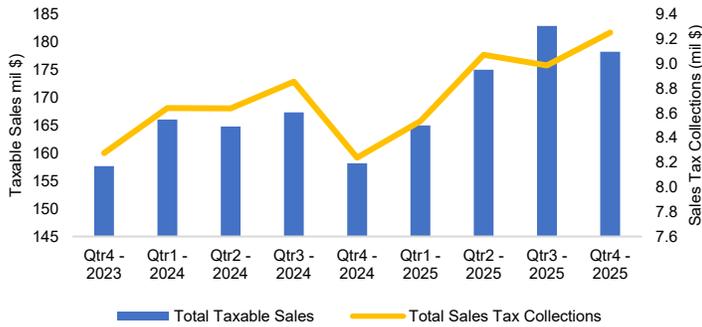


Jefferson Davis parish has had decreases in SNAP recipients, households, and drops in benefits over the year. The parish had an average of 5,088 recipients of SNAP benefits in the 4th quarter of 2025. This was 757 less people receiving benefits compared to the 4th quarter of 2024 for a 13.0% decrease over this time. The total number of households receiving SNAP averaged 2,407, which was 315 less than the same quarter in the previous year. This represented an 11.6% decrease. In terms of benefits, the parish received \$943.1 thousand in total during the 4th quarter of 2025, which was a \$121.6 thousand decrease over-the-year. This was an 11.4% decrease in benefits in the parish.

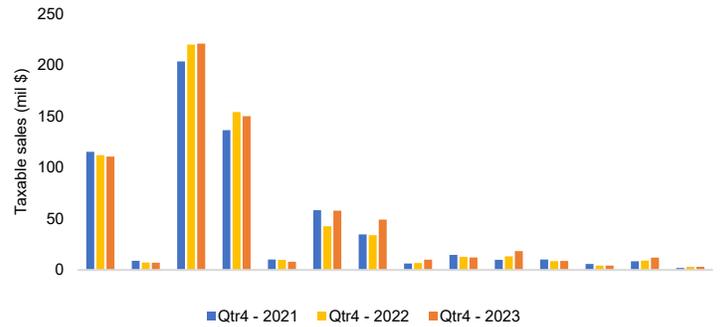
Looking at the graph illustrates an overall flat trend in benefits since the fourth quarter of 2022. The number of households and recipients receiving benefits has been flat since falling in early 2023. March 2023 marked a large drop in total benefits to bring down the whole of quarter 1 due to emergency benefits expiring, and that will show in future quarters. The variables have been slightly falling since 2023 and benefits have fallen quite a bit through 2025.

Tax Collections

Jefferson Davis Parish Taxable Sales and Sales Tax Collections



Jeff Davis Parish Taxable Sales - 4th Quarter YTD



Taxable Sales (mil \$)	Qtr4- 2024	Qtr1- 2025	Qtr2- 2025	Qtr3- 2025	Qtr4- 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Food	29.3	27.6	27.2	27.3	30.4	28.5	28.1
Apparel	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.3	2.1
Gen'l Merch	56.0	53.4	54.9	58.3	58.7	57.0	58.0
Auto	39.7	44.5	34.2	33.5	44.3	53.0	44.4
Furniture	1.9	1.8	1.6	2.0	1.6	2.6	2.5
Lumber, Bldg, Contractors	10.3	11.0	10.2	10.2	9.7	9.6	13.6
Misc. Serv.	11.3	10.5	11.5	12.6	12.2	14.2	12.3
Manufacturing	1.6	5.4	3.2	3.6	3.2	4.2	4.1
Utilities	3.0	3.3	3.0	4.2	3.4	3.3	3.4
Oil & Gas	3.5	2.3	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.9
Lease/Rental	2.4	2.0	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.1
Occupancy	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1
Transportation	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.5
Entertainment	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0
Total	164.8	167.4	158.2	165.0	175.0	182.9	178.3

Tax Collections (mil \$)	Qtr4- 2024	Qtr1- 2025	Qtr2- 2025	Qtr3- 2025	Qtr4- 2025	YoY Change	YoY % Change
Total Sales Tax Collections	8.2	8.5	9.1	9.0	9.3	1.0	12.3

Taxable Sales YTD (mil \$)	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
2023	164.8	341.7	515.5	673.1
2024	166.1	330.8	498.2	656.4
2025	165.0	340.0	522.9	701.1

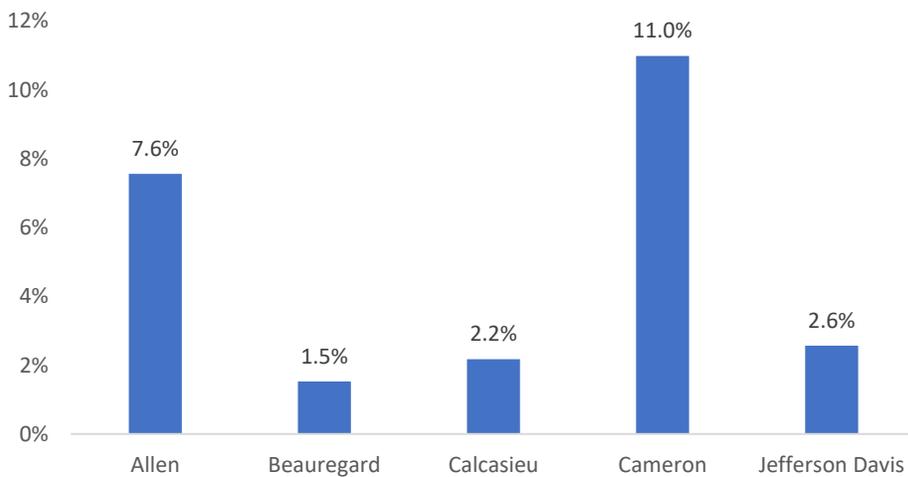
Sales Tax YTD (mil \$)	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
2023	8.4	17.8	26.8	35.1
2024	8.6	17.3	26.1	34.4
2025	8.5	17.6	26.6	35.8

Jefferson Davis Parish saw a 12.3% increase in its sales tax collections in the 4th quarter of 2025, compared to the same quarter the previous year. Sales tax collections have risen by approximately \$1.0 million over the year. This occurred as taxable sales in the parish rose by \$10.2 million (+6.2%) over the year. The largest percentage increase occurred in Manufacturing (+\$1.5 million, +91.9%), followed by Apparel (+\$0.3 million, +21.5%). Food experienced an increase in taxable sales (+\$1.1 million, +3.9%) as did General Merch (+\$2.6 million, +4.7%), Auto (+\$4.6 million, 11.6%), Misc. Serv. (+\$0.9 million, +8.2%), Utilities (+\$0.4 million, +13.5%), Lease/Rental (+\$0.2 million, +6.3%), Transportation (+\$0.2 million, +9.1%), and Entertainment (+\$0.1 million, +15.9%). Oil & Gas had the largest decrease in absolute terms and percentage (-\$0.9 million, -25.8%). While additional drops occurred in Furniture (-\$0.2 million, -13.5%), Lumber, Building, Contractors (-\$0.6 million, -5.4%), and Occupancy (-\$0.1 million, -6.3%).

The 4th quarter of 2025 YTD figures show that total taxable sales have increased in the parish by \$44.7 million compared to the same quarter in 2024 for a 6.8% increase. There was a \$1.4 million increase in 2025 YTD sales tax collections (+4.1%).

The most comprehensive measure of economic activity in terms of output / production in an economy is gross domestic product (GDP). Specifically, real GDP (RGDP) measures changes in total production while controlling for inflation. Recently the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released county level GDP statistics for all counties in the nation. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) measures are no longer available. One can sum the measures of nominal GDP (GDP in current dollars, not adjusted for inflation) to get MSA measures, but this is not the case for real measures which have been deflated. Since economists are most often interested in real measures when looking at production (some economists have actually called for “nominal GDP targeting” in terms of monetary policy but this is looking at total production), this piece will look at the real GDP measures released for the five parishes in Southwest Louisiana (SWLA).

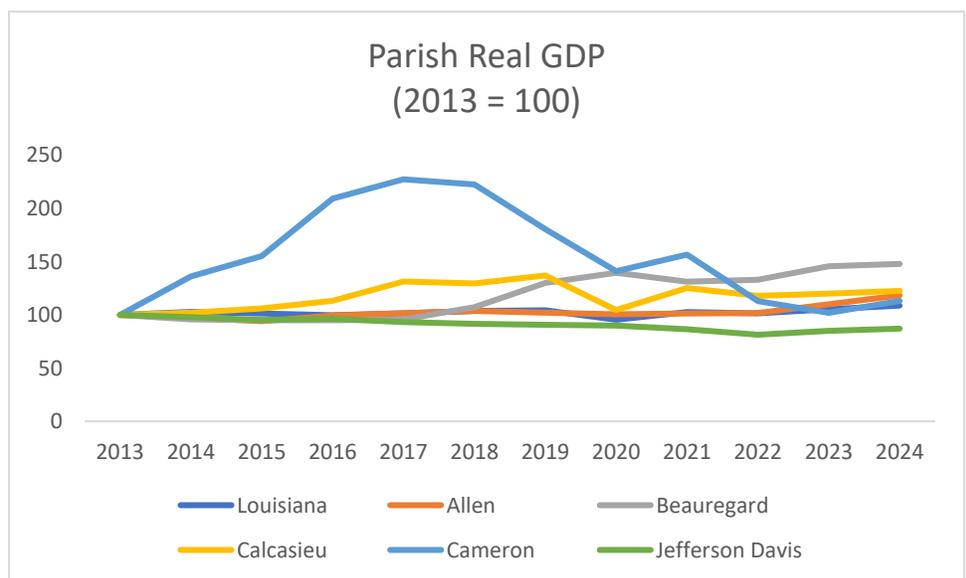
% Change in RGDP (2023 - 2024)



GDP data is released with quite a lag. It takes quite a bit of time to collect data on all wages, production, etc., from all different areas of the nation. The most recent data that was released on February 5, 2026, shows estimates for GDP going up to 2024. The great news for SWLA is that every parish experienced an increase in total real production. As shown in the graph, Cameron Parish had the largest increase of 11% followed by Allen Parish at 7.6%. Jefferson Davis had an increase of 2.6% while Calcasieu increased at a rate of 2.2%. Finally, Beauregard Parish had a slight increase at 1.5%. This 11% jump in Cameron was ranked 7th highest of all 64 parishes in Louisiana.

The following graph shows indexed RGDP measures for each parish. The indexes transform RGDP since 2013 into a measure where all begin at the same level in that year. The subsequent figures show the percentage growth relative to 2013. What’s apparent is that Cameron had significant output growth until it began to fall in 2018 with the completed construction of many economic development projects. Calcasieu parish also had very large increases. Jefferson Davis Parish is below 2013 levels still. While Beauregard Parish had a very slight increase in 2024, the path shows that it has been on a steady upward trend and has the highest level of RDGP relative to 2013. While booms in construction and manufacturing activity can be great for economic growth, Beauregard’s path shows one of solid, steady, and persistent growth.

Parish Real GDP
(2013 = 100)

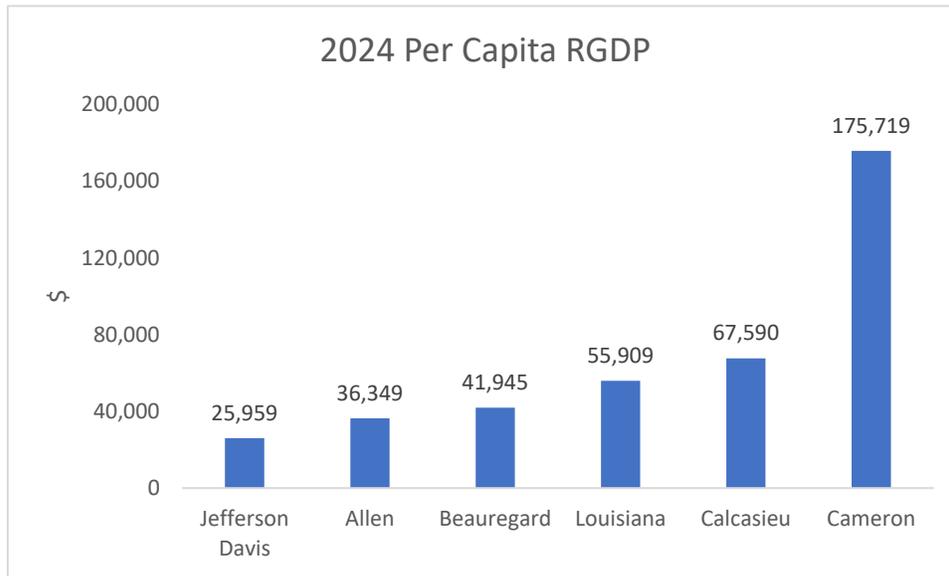


One of the most useful aspects of the RGDP statistics released by the BEA is the contribution to percentage change figures that are shown for each are. This allows for detailed inspection of which industries really accounted for the changes in RGDP. For example, supposed RGDP increased 10%. If the contribution of an industry was at 8 percentage points, this would mean that 2% of that total growth was attributable to other industries. Some may be negative while others positive, but the net effect of all contributions would equal the percentage change. The table below shows the contribution to the 2023 – 2024 percentage change for each parish.

Contributions to % Change in RGDP (2023 – 2024)					
	Allen	Beauregard	Calcasieu	Cameron	Jefferson Davis
All industry total (percent change)	7.6	1.5	2.2	11	2.6
Agriculture	0.9	0.39	0.05	0.62	2.48
Mining	3.76	0.11	0	2.12	0.44
Utilities	0.59	(D)	-0.25	0.04	0.15
Construction	2.43	0.85	-2.39	-2.66	-1.21
Manufacturing	-0.6	0.43	4.43	10.41	0.39
Wholesale Trade	-0.01	0.01	-0.05	0.01	0.23
Retail Trade	0.59	0.43	0.59	(D)	1
Transportation and warehousing	0.01	-0.01	0.03	0.11	-0.07
Information	-0.06	-0.01	-0.03	0	0.04
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental, and leasing	-1	-0.71	-0.22	0.12	-0.4
Professional and business services	0.24	0.45	0.02	-0.08	0.17
Educational services, health care, and social assistance	0.48	-0.05	0.11	-0.07	-0.23
Recreation, accommodation, and food services	-0.08	(D)	-0.18	(D)	0.08
Other services	-0.03	-0.11	-0.02	-0.02	-0.05
Government	0.33	-0.17	0.07	0.27	-0.45

Allen's dramatic increase was driven by mining and construction. Over 80% of it's percentage growth can be attributed to these two industries. The largest driver of growth in Beauregard was construction but this was much more spread out across industries. Calcasieu saw a large contribution from manufacturing in the area while construction continued to drag down economic activity in the parish (this is seen in jobs numbers as well). Much of Cameron's previous growth illustrated in the indexed graph from 2013 on came from construction. As construction has reached completion on many plants, its contribution to parish GDP has turned negative. However, since those plants are now in operation, the actual manufacturing output contributed 10.41 percentage points to the parish's output growth. Agriculture still reigns king in Jefferson Davis Parish as it contributed 2.48 percentage points to the parish RGDP growth. Construction (as in other parishes) was the most significant drag in growth.

Another measure that is eye opening for our regional economy are the measures of per capita RGDP. This is a basic measure that divides the RGDP of an area by its population. This shows how much is produced per person. Calcasieu and Cameron normally have large numbers for this, and this year is no exception. While the state per capita measure is \$55,909, Calcasieu and Cameron have figures of \$67,590 and \$175,719, respectively. This reflects the large amounts of capital-intensive manufacturing in the areas. Cameron, for example, has a very low population, but the LNG plants produce a great deal of output (and some workers from Texas are not residents of Cameron).



Overall, the latest parish-level GDP data reveal an economic landscape defined by meaningful progress across Southwest Louisiana. While each parish's growth story is shaped by its unique industrial base, whether agriculture-driven gains in Jefferson Davis, construction linked expansions in Allen, manufacturing strength in Calcasieu, or the outsized, capital-intensive projects influencing Cameron, the region as a whole continues to show resilience amid shifting sectoral dynamics. The persistence of negative contributions from construction in several parishes highlights ongoing structural challenges, yet broad-based improvements in sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, mining, and retail demonstrate that the foundations for longer-term growth remain firmly in place. Importantly, the return of positive real GDP growth in all five parishes underscores a recovery that, while modest in some areas and robust in others, signals continued economic stabilization and a stronger platform for future development in the post-pandemic, post-hurricane era.

The following sources were utilized for each of the graphs and tables shown in the report. Data transformations are described in the footnotes, and it should be noted some of the totals in the report may be off due to rounding. The monthly data used for the report, and more not shown, is available at our website, mcneesedrewecon.org/.

1. Lake Charles MSA Employment Indicators – BLS CES/SAE and LAUS^a

Total nonfarm employment, average weekly hours, and average weekly earnings statistics for the area come from the BLS State and Metro Area Employment, Hours, & Earnings (SAE) measures which are derived from the Current Employment Statistics (CES). The household employment measures for the MSA (and parishes) come from the BLS Local Area Employment Statistics (LAUS). The CES/SAE measures are derived from a survey of businesses while LAUS figures come from a survey of households that become part of a BLS formula/model to derive the household employment statistics. For more information, please contact the Drew CBEA.

2. Quarterly Housing Price Indexes - Federal Housing Finance Agency (rebased to have the first quarter of 2011 equal 100)
3. Lake Charles MSA Building Permits – Census Building Permits Survey (BPS)^b

Note: While the building permit YTD figures in this report are calculated by summing up the monthly values, they may not match the YTD values given from pulling data directly from the Census BPS. The YTD monthly values at the BPS are changed due to late and missed filings. However, the monthly values of permits and valuations, which this report uses, are not changed at the Census BPS. These differences appear to be fairly minor, however. For more information, please contact the Drew CBEA.

4. Lake Charles Regional Airport Statistics – Bureau of Transportation Statistics, TranStats^b
5. Lake Charles Port Statistics – Census USA Trade Online^b
6. Lake Charles Gaming Statistics – Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Louisiana Gaming Control Board^b
7. Parish Employment Indicators – BLS LAUS^a
The labor force is the sum of household employment and household unemployment.
8. Parish Job Openings – Louisiana Workforce Commission^a
9. New Business Filings – Louisiana Secretary of State^b
10. Parish SNAP Benefits – Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services^a
11. Allen Parish Tax Collections – Allen Parish School Board^b
12. Beauregard Parish Tax Collections – Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office^b
13. Calcasieu Parish Tax Collections – Calcasieu Parish School Board^b
14. Cameron Parish Severance Tax Collections – Louisiana Department of Revenue^b
15. Jefferson Davis Parish Tax Collections – Jefferson Davis Parish School Board^b
16. Unemployment Insurance Claims – Louisiana Workforce Commission

- a. Quarterly values are obtained from averaging the monthly values
- b. Quarterly values are obtained from summing the monthly values