

# St. Mary Parish Economic Development News

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## Welcome To Our First Edition

### *Parish Office of Economic Development to Provide Quarterly Newsletter*

The purpose of the newsletter is to inform and update residents and business about economic development trends, announcements, opportunities, and projects taking place in and around the Parish. 15 Economic indicators are being tracked and several will be selected each month and reported here. These include employment; sales tax collections; permit and drilling activity; rental list requests; requests for incentives; and indicators of wealth.

We will also report on important activities undertaken for successful development. These include the availability of buildings and sites; periodic meetings with local business; and results of attracting new business.

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## Successful Projects for 2012

The Office of Economic Development assisted a number of companies last year that resulted in the following expansions: America's Best Hotel; Oceaneering; Cameron; Gulf Craft; Young Memorial Morgan City Campus; Conrad Industries; and, Gulf South Scaffolding. These and other projects resulted in \$33.5 million in investment and 365 new jobs.

### **Available Buildings and Sites at:**

<http://www.louisianasiteselection.com/bayouregion/Buildings-And-Sites.aspx>

## Parish Economic Development Briefs

During the past quarter, the Parish Office of Economic Development met with 16 companies to discuss expansion plans; provided site information to 10 prospective new companies with an interest in locating to St. Mary; and continued work to obtain State Certified Site status for the Williams Municipal Airport and the Claussen Betty Boudreaux properties.

The number of parish residents employed in December, the most recently available month from LAWorks, stood at 21,658 an increase of 1,125 over one year ago. December's unemployment rate was 6.3%, 1.5 points below one year ago. The State unemployment rate in December was 5.5%; the nation's was 7.6%.

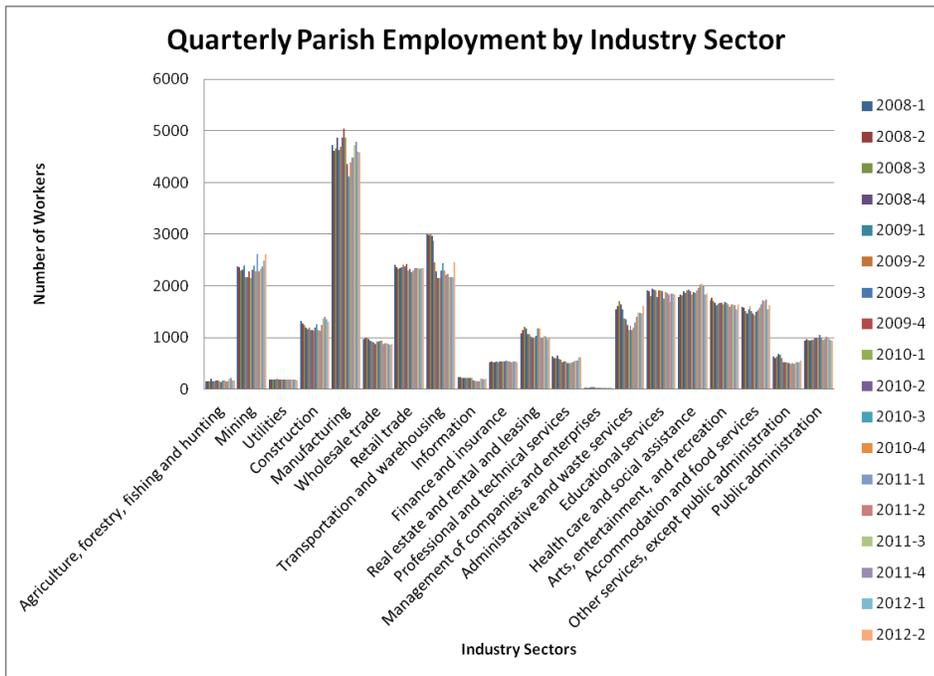
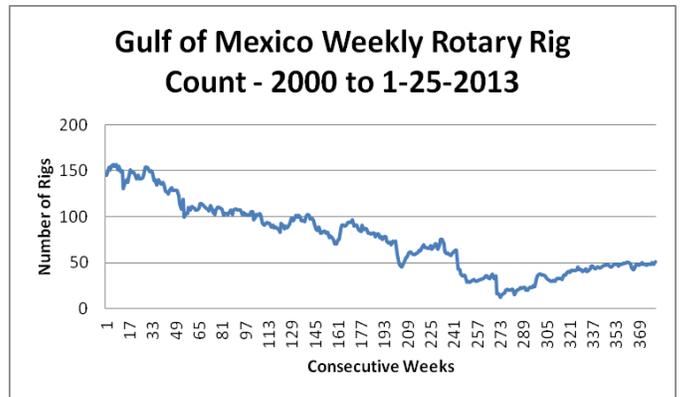
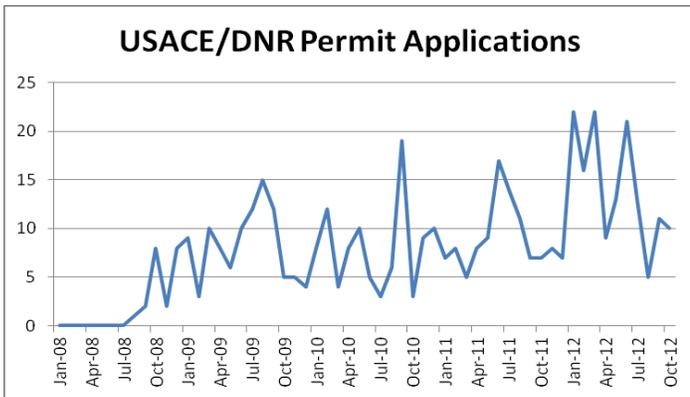
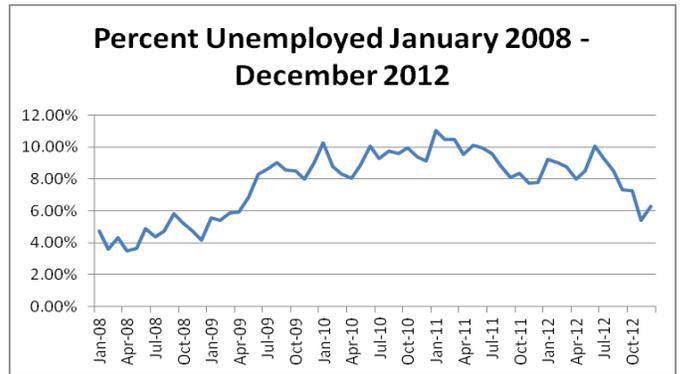
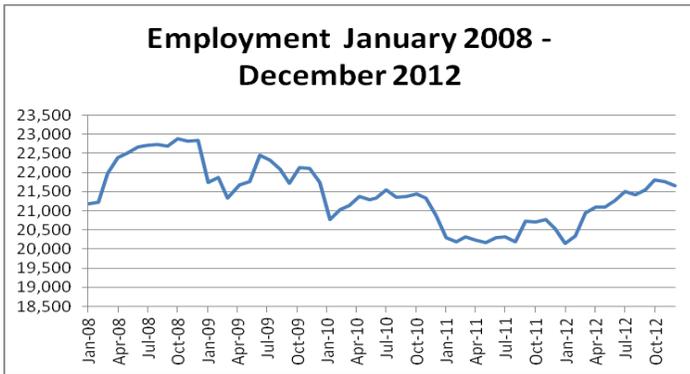
The number of rigs working in the Gulf of Mexico in December was 51, up 6 from one year ago. This year's production of sugar cane statewide is estimated to be 12.8 million tons of sugar cane, up 1.43 million tons from last year.

Parish employment by industry sector in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2012, the most current available data, shows sectors with growth to be mining; manufacturing; transportation and warehousing; administration and waste services; arts, entertainment, and recreation; and, accommodation and food services.

**Gulf Craft  
Launches  
Miss Netty**  
*Earlier this Year,  
She's the World's  
Largest Mono Hull  
Crew/Supply Boat at  
225' x36'*



# St. Mary Parish Economic Facts and Figures



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