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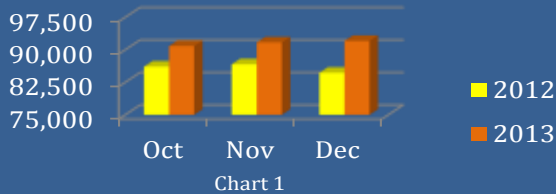
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Employment and Unemployment in Calcasieu Parish – 4th Qtr 2013

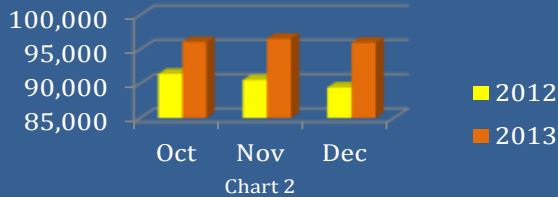
Employment and Unemployment – Same Month Comparison, 2013 and 2012

Employment Level



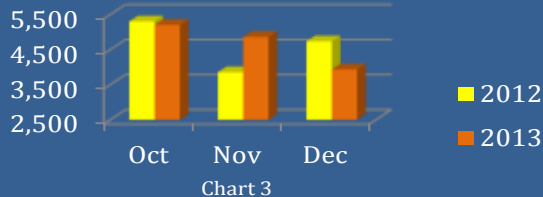
The employment level for Calcasieu Parish was higher for each individual month of the 4th Quarter of 2013 than during the same months of 2012 – see chart 1. The most drastic increase was seen in the month of December. The Labor Force in Calcasieu Parish was higher for every month in the 4th Quarter of 2013 compared to the same months of 2012 – see chart 2. For the Labor Force, the largest increase from the previous year was seen in the month of December.

Labor Force



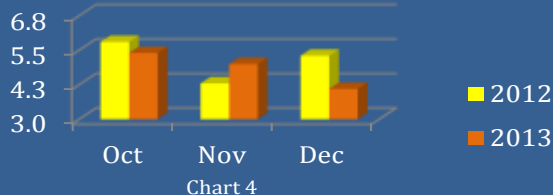
The unemployment level for Calcasieu Parish saw a drastic increase from 2012 to 2013 for the month of November – see chart 3. The unemployment rate saw its largest shift compared to the previous year in the month of December, with a substantial decrease. The cumulative increase for the unemployment level was partially leveled out by the large decrease experienced in the month of December. As for the unemployment rate, the overall negative change was a result of the drastic decrease for the month of December.

Unemployment Level



Calcasieu Parish saw a cumulative increase in three areas reported for the 4th Quarter when comparing 2012 to 2013 – see table 1. The most significant increase was seen in the employment level of 6.65% while the least significant increase was seen in the unemployment level with 0.71%. Only the unemployment rate saw a cumulative decrease for the 4th Quarter of -5.84%.

Unemployment Rate



Cumulative Calcasieu Parish - 4 th Qtr 2013 compared to 4 th Qtr 2012	% Change
Employment Level	6.65%
Labor Force	6.35%
Unemployment Level	0.71%
Unemployment Rate	-5.84%

Table 1

Sources: <http://www.economagic.com/em-cgi/data.exe/blsla/laucn220190000000003>; <http://www.economagic.com/em-cgi/data.exe/blsla/laucn220190000000004>; <http://www.economagic.com/em-cgi/data.exe/blsla/laucn220190000000005>; <http://www.economagic.com/em-cgi/data.exe/blsla/laucn220190000000006>