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A Good Year for the Top 50

The year in rear view was better than expected for most company execs.

In 2010, 38 companies' revenues were up, 10 were down and two were flat. The Top 50 companies confirm just how energy-dependent the local economy remains, as roughly 40 percent of the businesses on the list derive all or a portion of their revenues from the oil and gas industry.

One such company was Fire & Safety Specialists, a safety products and services company founded in 2002 and headquartered in Maurice. It's important to keep in mind that a revenue decline doesn't necessarily translate into softer earnings. Again FSS is a prime example. Last year presented new competitive challenges for the company, says founder Chad Meaux, but with the closing of the books came a sigh of relief. "It's the first year in our history that we did not have a good percentage of revenue increase, and we probably worked harder than ever," Meaux says. "We did not drop much, but we did not gain revenue. We were very fortunate that our profits were where they were; in fact they even increased a little."

Faced with uncertainty due to the offshore drilling moratorium, local companies more than held their own. Here's how the top 25 on the 2010 list fared:



WHO WAS UP:

- Schumacher Group, 13 percent
- Stuller Inc., 8 percent
- Louisiana Wholesale Drug, 8 percent
- Acadian Companies, 23 percent
- Sunland Construction & Affiliates, 3 percent
- Doerle Food Service, 15 percent
- Frank's Casing Crew & Rental Tools, 6 percent
- Bruce Foods Corp.,* 9 percent
- Courtesy Automotive Group, 45 percent
- Louisiana Rice Mill, 19 percent
- The Lemoine Company, 18 percent
- The McIlhenny Co.*, 7 percent
- Dupre Logistics, 14 percent
- C&C Technologies Inc., 3 percent
- Louisiana Crane Co., 39 percent
- Moss Motors, 19 percent
- Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital, 6 percent
- Hub City Ford, 25 percent
- Synergy Outdoors, 41 percent
- St. Martin Oil and Gas, 18 percent
- Kergan Brothers/Sonics, 12 percent
- Doug Ashy Building Materials, 1 percent

*Denotes estimated revenues

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Acadiana's Top 50 privately held companies

Ranking (Last year's ranking)	Business Name	Business Type	Top Executive(s)	Parish	Total Employees	Year Founded	2009 Revenues (Millions)	2010 Revenues (Millions)
1	Moreno Group LLC	Offshore fabrication, commissioning and maintenance	Mike Moreno	Lafayette	2,445	1998	616	616
2	Schumacher Group	Emergency and hospital medicine staffing and management services	Dr. William C. "Kip" Schumacher	Lafayette	1,207	1994	389	439
3	Stuller Inc.	Jewelry manufacturer/distributor	Matthew Stuller	Lafayette	1,520	1970	358	387
4	Louisiana Wholesale Drug Co. Inc.	Drug wholesale	Gayle R. White	St. Landry	62	1979	345	373
5	Acadian Cos.	Medical transportation	Richard E. Zuschlag	Lafayette	3,220	1971	291	358
6	Sunland Construction and Affiliates	Oil and gas pipeline construction/electrical and instrumentation	Eddie Soileau, Mark O'Roke, Craig Meier and Sean Renfro	Acadia	1,400	1974	*300	*310
7	Doerle Food Services LLC	Food service distributor	Carolyn Doerle	Lafayette	411	1950	255	292
8	Frank's Casing Crew & Rental Tools Inc.	Energy service company	Donald Mosing	Lafayette	1,183	1938	227	240
9	Bruce Foods Inc.	Food manufacturing	J.S. "Si" Brown	Iberia	1,400	1928	*205	*223
10	Courtesy Automotive Group	Automotive dealership	Don Hargroder	Lafayette	284	1987	154	223
11	Louisiana Rice Mill LLC	Food manufacturing	Bobby Hanks	Crowley	150	1999	165	196
12	McIlhenny Co.	Food manufacturing/Tabasco	Paul McIlhenny	Iberia	200	1868	*160	*171
13	The Lemoine Co.	General contractor	Leonard K. Lemoine	Lafayette	258	1975	145	171
14	Giles Automotive Inc.	Automotive dealership	Robert Giles	Lafayette	252	1982	136	133
15	Dupré Logistics LLC	Logistics	Reggie Dupré	Lafayette	1,000	1980	109	124
16	C&C Technologies	Surveying and mapping	Thomas Chance	Lafayette	600	1992	119	122
17	Louisiana Crane Co. LLC	Crane operator and pipeline construction	Logan C. Fournerat	Acadia	800	2001	79	110
18	Moss Motors Inc.	Automotive dealership	Sharon K. Moss	Lafayette	140	1979	91	108
19	Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital*	Surgical specialty hospital	Buffy Domingue	Lafayette	182	2004	99	105
20	Hub City Ford Inc.	Automotive dealership	David E. Citron III	Lafayette	149	1943	83	104
21	Synergy Outdoors LLC	Outdoor industry feeds manufacturer (electronics and crossbows)	Ryan Busbice	Lafayette	324	2002	68	96
22	St. Martin Oil & Gas Inc.	Fuels and lubricants bulk petroleum wholesaler	Margaret L. Poirier	St. Martin	29	1925	74	87
23	Kergan Brothers/Sonic Drive-Ins	Quick-service fast food/construction and real estate	Ted Kergan	Lafayette	2,060	1979	73	82
24	Doug Ashy Building Materials	Building materials	Doug Ashy Jr. and Steven Ashy	Lafayette	300	1960	76	77
25	Musson-Patout Automotive Group Inc.	Automotive dealership	Diane K. Musson	Iberia	97	1935	71	70
26	Schilling Distributing Co. Inc.	Wholesale beverage distributor	Herbert E. Schilling II	Lafayette	183	1950	63	64
27	JP Oil Holdings LLC	Oil and gas production/real estate	Chris Van Way	Lafayette	100	1986	41	59
28	Home Furniture Co. Inc.	Retail furniture and bedding	George E. Fleming	Lafayette	300	1972	62	56
29	Taylor's International Services Inc.	Remote and offshore catering	G.T. "Butch" Darce, Jon Murphy and Jamie Tarpley	Lafayette	600	1996	45	55
30	Hit-n-Run Food Stores	Retail/convenience stores	P. Brent Mouton	Lafayette	90	2000	45	51
31	Quality Cos. LLC	Oilfield services	Troy Collins and Nathan Granger	Lafayette	800	2001	55	51
32	Butcher Air Conditioning Co.	Sales and service air conditioning	Bobby Butcher, John Butcher and Mark Haydel	Lafayette	115	1949	45	50
33	McDonald's of Acadiana	Quick-service restaurants	Ed, E.J. and Chris Krampe	Lafayette	1,050	1972	46	49
34	Quality Equipment Co. Inc.	John Deere sales and service/farm and lawn equipment retail and repair	Raymond Hensgens, Joseph Darby and David Savoie	Acadia	95	1989	30	42
35	Analytic Stress	Stress relieving (heat treating metal)	Patrick Gauthier	Lafayette	35	1979	40	39
36	Hampton Toyota	Automotive dealership	Mark A. Hampton	Lafayette	79	2001	41	39
37	JohnPac Inc.	Manufacturer and distributor of industrial packaging	Peter M. John, David M. John and Mary Ellen Henry	Acadia	120	1953	36	39
38	Global Data Systems Inc.	Telecommunications and IT services	Chuck Vincent	Lafayette	100	1989	32	37
39	AGI Industries Inc.	Industrial pump distribution	David B. George	Lafayette	95	1986	40	36
40	CLM Equipment Co. Inc.	Construction and demolition equipment distributor	Floyd Degueyter	Lafayette	70	1966	32	36
41	Fenstermaker	Engineering, surveying and mapping/environmental, advanced technologies	William H. Fenstermaker	Lafayette	276	1950	36	33
42	Tony Chachere's Creole Foods	Food manufacturing	Donald A. Chachere Jr.	St. Landry	78	1972	30	32
43	Louisiana Valve Source Inc.	Valve remanufacturing, sales and service	Jory Bernard	Lafayette	160	1994	20	29
44	Offshore Cleaning Systems LLC	Oilfield environmental tank and vessel cleaning service	Kenny DesOrmeaux	Vermilion	175	1999	20	25
45	The Broussard Group	Transportation	Sammy Broussard Jr.	Iberia	170	1952	18	25
46	Maritime International	Engineering and manufacturing	David LeBlanc, John Deats and Donald Nassar	Lafayette	102	1996	29	24
47	Cajun Chef Products Inc.	Food processing	Jimmie Bulliard	St. Martin	120	1960	22	23
48	Fire & Safety Specialists Inc.	Fire protection/provider of safety products and services	Chad G. Meaux	Lafayette	135	2002	20	20
49	Savoie's Sausage & Food Products Inc.	Cajun food manufacturer	Freddie Lafleur	St. Landry	115	1955	15	16
50	Streva Distributing Co.	Wholesale beer and soft drink distributor	Jerry Streva and Carl Streva	Iberia	35	1933	15	14

(n/l) not listed

Companies ranked by annual revenues. Companies with slightly higher revenues before figures were rounded appear first; those with equal revenues are listed alphabetically. ABIZ assumes information provided by companies is accurate. In several instances, revenues for auto dealers include more than one dealership. *Approximate revenues and employment for companies that decline to release sales figures and other information are based on a variety of sources, including Dun & Bradstreet and industry trends and estimates for their type of business. Lafayette Surgical Hospital is making its last appearance on the list, as 58 percent of the hospital was purchased earlier this year by a Chicago-based group.