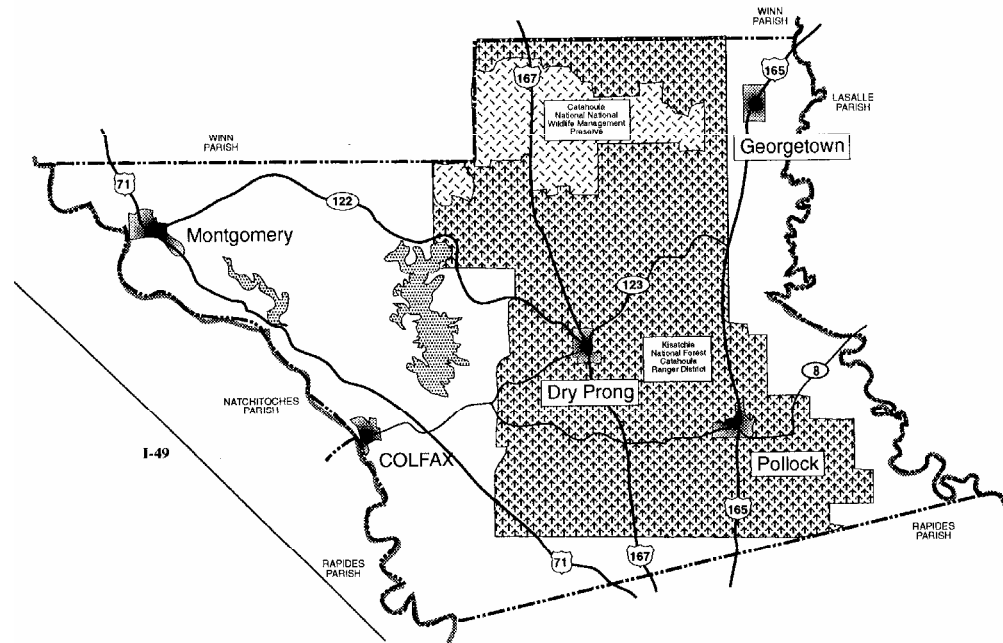
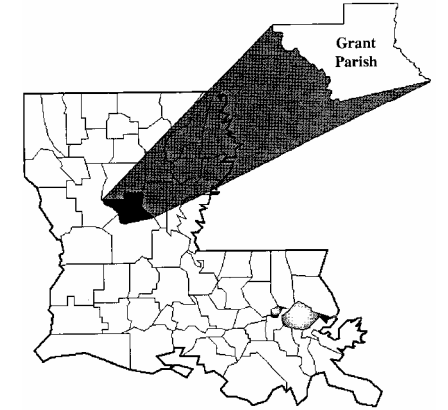


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GRANT PARISH

MAJOR

Employer	Product/Service	Employees
Grant Parish School Board		500-999
Hunt Forest Products Inc.		250-499
Ditto Apparel of CA Inc.		100-249
Grant Manor Nursing Home		100-249
Grant Parish Police Jury		50-99
Marler Ford Inc.		50-99
Grant Parish Sheriffs Dept.		50-99
North Central Inc.		50-99
Trans & Develop/Operations Dep.		50-99
Woods Haven Senior Citi Hme In		50-99

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Entergy Corporation Economic Development Louisiana 5353 Essen Lane, Ste. 120 Baton Rouge, LA 70809 (800) 542-2668 Fax (225) 763-5254	Louisiana Economic Development P.O. Box 94185 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9185 (225) 342-5388 Fax (225) 342-5349	Grant Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 208 Bentley, LA 71407 (318) 627-3737 Fax (318) 627-3019
Mayor's Office Town of Colfax 1208 Main St. Colfax, LA 71417 (318) 627-3711	Mayor's Office Town of Dry Prong 607 Elm Dry Prong, LA 71423 (318) 899-5341	Economic Development Commission Kisatchie-Delta Economic District Council P.O. Box 12248 Alexandria, LA 71315-2248 (318) 487-5454

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POPULATION

PARISH

Grant Parish	
2004 Estimate	18,615
2000 Census	18,698
1990 Census	17,526

AGE

0-17	28.3%
18-24	7.9%
25-44	28.1%
45-64	23%
65+	12.7%

REGION

2004 Estimate	301,399
2000 Census	301,390
1990 Census	312,026
SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, LA TECH, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES	

MARKET ACCESS

HIGHWAYS

Interstate 49
U.S. Highways 71, 165, 167
LA Highways 8, 122, 123, 158, 471

FREIGHT RAIL

Kansas City Southern
Union Pacific

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

	(Distance in Miles)
Port of Lake Charles (deep)*	125
Regional Port of Alexandria (shallow)	28
(* Foreign Trade Zone)	

AIRPORTS

Esler Regional (commercial)	28
Pollock Municipal (local)	within parish

MOTOR FREIGHT

5 major freight lines
Terminal facilities are not available

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles, from center of parish)	
Atlanta, GA	600
Birmingham, AL	400
Chicago, IL	785
Cincinnati, OH	760
Dallas, TX	236
Denver, CO	966
Houston	285
Kansas City, MO	511
Little Rock, AR	333
Minneapolis, MN	1,000
Nashville, TN	482
New Orleans, LA	175
St. Louis, MO	510

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

PARCEL SERVICE

Services are available within the parish

LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	8,115
Region	129,482
Louisiana	1,960,206

EMPLOYMENT

Parish	7,577
Region	118,469
Louisiana	1,745,538

UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	6.6%
Region	8.5%
Louisiana	11.0%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OCTOBER 2005

WAGES

SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

Category	Median Hourly
<u>Professional</u>	
Accountant/ Auditor	\$18.90
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	\$21.96
Systems Analyst	\$26.26
Computer Programmer	\$18.97
Network Systems Administrator	\$20.23
Administrator	
<u>Retail</u>	
Hotel Desk Clerk	\$6.90
Sales Clerk	\$8.55
Stock Clerk	\$8.39
<u>Clerical</u>	
Bookkeeping/ Acct. Clerk	\$11.81
Data Entry Keyer	\$9.65
General Office Clerk	\$7.93
Customer Service Representative	\$10.05
<u>Unskilled</u>	
Shipping/ Receiving Clerk	\$12.61
Laborer/ Freight Stock	\$7.50
Packer and Packager	\$9.26
<u>Skilled</u>	
Industrial Machinery Mechanic	\$16.86
Packaging and Filling Machine Operator	\$8.70
Equipment Operator	\$16.86
Structural Metal Fabricator and Fitter	\$14.21
Welder, Cutter, Solderer	\$11.40
Power Plant Operators	\$19.89
<u>Technical</u>	
Medical Lab Technician	\$13.06
Medical Assistants	\$8.72
Telecommunications Repairer	\$11.14

SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, METROPOLITAN OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE ESTIMATES, 2005

EMPLOYMENT INCOME

	2002	2003
Total Personal	\$373M	\$381M
Per Capita Personal	\$19,881	\$20,175

Median Household (2000): \$29,622

SOURCE: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR

INDUSTRY DIVISIONS (1st Qtr. 2005)

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Agriculture	3.8%	1.9%	0.5%
Mining	*	0.6%	2.2%
Utilities	1.9%	0.9%	0.8%
Construction	10.8%	6.9%	8.2%
Manufacturing	10.9%	5.4%	4.0%
Wholesale Trade	*	3.4%	12.0%
Retail Trade	4.3%	12.5%	4.2%
Trans/Warehouse	1.8%	2.4%	1.8%
Information	1.5%	1.5%	3.3%

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Fin & Insurance	1.9%	3.0%	1.9%
Real Estate	0.1%	1.2%	0.5%
Prof./Technical	0.8%	4.2%	4.2%
Mng. Of co.	0.0%	0.7%	1.2%
Admin & Waste	1.3%	4.0%	5.0%
Education Serv	*	11.1%	9.9%
Healthcare/Soc	7.1%	20.8%	14.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	0.0%	2.0%	2.4%
Accomd/Food	*	7.1%	9.1%
Other Services	1.2%	2.1%	2.7%
Public Admin.	21.3%	8.2%	5.5%

SOURCE: LA DEPT. OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT & TOTAL WAGES PAID BY EMPLOYERS SUBJECT TO THE LA SEC. LAW

EDUCATION

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (within 100 miles)

College/University	Location	Enrollment
Grambling State Univ.	Grambling	4,464
Louisiana Tech Univ.	Ruston	11,257
Louisiana College	Pineville	1,204
Northwestern Univ.	Natchitoches	10,159
University of Louisiana	Monroe	8,162

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 2002

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE (within 100 miles)

Louisiana State University	Alexandria	2,400
Louisiana State University	Eunice	2,940

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

College	Parish
Alexandria Campus	Rapides
Huey P. Long Campus	Winn
Natchitoches Campus	Natchitoches
Rod Brady Campus	LaSalle Parish

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2003 Enrollment
9 Public Schools	3,621
Teacher: student ratio	15:1
ACT Score (2005)	19.2

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher	73.1%
Bachelor's Degree of Higher	9.8%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. CENSUS, DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE, 2000

RESEARCH BASE

Baton Rouge LA Business & Tech. Center, LA Partnership for Tech. & Innovation, LA Tech. Park Pennington Biomedical Research Center
Lafayette Manufacturing Partnership of Louisiana

INCENTIVES

Quality Jobs Program – annual refundable credit up to 6% of payroll for a period of up to 10 years.

Industrial Property Tax Exemption – exempts new manufacturers & expansions from state, parish and local property taxes for up to 10 years.

Enterprise Zone - tax credits & rebates for hiring within a designated zone.

Inventory Tax Credit – 100% income tax credit on inventory taxes paid.

Incumbent Worker Training – \$50 million fund providing customized training to upgrade the skills of an employers existing workforce.

Research & Development Tax Credit Program - income/franchise tax credits up to 8% of R & D expenditures.

TAXES

SALES TAX

Colfax	10%	Pollock	9%
Georgetown	9%	Villa of Creola	10%
Montgomery	9%		

SOURCE: GRANT PARISH SALES TAX OFFICE (ONLINE)

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

One of the lowest in the nation. There are no local occupation or local income taxes in Louisiana.

PARISH MILLAGE (2005)

Municipalities

Total Parish-wide

SOURCE: GRANT PARISH ASSESSOR'S OFFICE (ONLINE)

PROPERTY TAXES/ASSESSMENT RATIO

Only local and parish governments levy property taxes in Louisiana. There is no state tax.

Assessors are required by law to assess on improvements of industrial property at 15% of fair market value. (Land at 10%)

Private residences are assessed at 10% of fair market value. There is no property tax on the first \$75,000.

SITES

Name **Location** **Acres**

For more information on buildings & sites visit our web site at insite.entergy.com

GOVERNMENT

Parish Parish President/Police Jury

Municipalities Mayor/Alderman

QUALITY OF LIFE

CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January	58°
July	93°
Annually	67°
Average Annual Rainfall	57 inches

COST OF LIVING 97.5

SOURCE: ACCRA, 2000

MEDICAL SERVICES (within region)

Medical Facility **No. of Beds**

Central Louisiana State Hospital	196
Rapides Regional Medical Center	285
Huey P. Long Medical Center	153

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

RECREATION

Boating Camping Fishing
 Hunting Swimming Tennis

Festivals Louisiana Pecan Festival

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity – Entergy, Central Louisiana Electric Co.

Natural Gas – Atmos Energy LA

Water – Town of Colfax, Town of Montgomery, Village of Dry Prong, Town of Pollock, Village of Georgetown

Sewerage – Town of Colfax, Town of Montgomery, Village of Dry Prong, Town of Pollock, Village of Georgetown

Fiber Optic - No service providers in the parish

