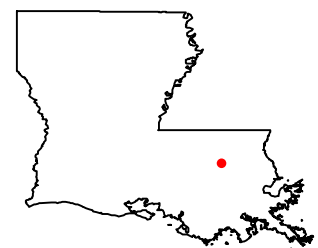


INDEPENDENCE



POPULATION

Independence 2004 Estimate	1,774
Tangipahoa Parish	
2004 Estimate – LA Tech	102,358
2000 Census	100,588
Region	
2004 Estimate	1,484,878
2000 Census	1,482,249
1990 Census	1,414,156

LABOR MARKET

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	52,399
Louisiana	1,960,206

EMPLOYMENT

Parish	42,998
Louisiana	1,745,538

UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	17.9%
Louisiana	11.0%

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OCTOBER 2005

INCOME

Tangipahoa Parish Total

Personal Income (Thousands of dollars)			
2002	\$2,181M	2003	\$2,258M

Tangipahoa Parish Per Capita

Personal Income			
2002	\$21,292	2003	\$21,789

Median Household (2000): \$29,412 (Parish)

SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

MAJOR EMPLOYERS No. of Employees

Tangipahoa Parish School Board
North Oaks Medical Center
Southeastern Louisiana University
Sanderson Farms
Lallie Kemp Hospital

LOCATION

Tangipahoa Parish in Southeast Louisiana

Distance to Major Cities (in miles)

Atlanta	500	Birmingham	391
Chicago	840	Cincinnati	690
Dallas	479	Denver	1,150
Houston	333	Kansas City	740
Memphis	335	Minneapolis	1,180
Nashville	550	New Orleans	57
St. Louis	625		

SOURCE: MAP QUEST (WWW.MAPQUEST.COM)

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Interstate 10, 12, 55 and 59
US Hwy. 190 and 51
Zachary Taylor Parkway

Airports (Distance in miles)

Baton Rouge Metropolitan (commercial)	5
New Orleans International (commercial)	85
Hammond Airport (parish)	

Navigable Waterways/Ports

Port Manchac (9 ft.)	0
Port of New Orleans (45 ft.)*	57
Greater Baton Rouge Port (45 ft.)*	50

(*Foreign Trade Zone)

Freight Rail

Canadian National/Illinois Central

MAJOR EMPLOYERS (con't)

Wal-Mart Distribution Center
Tangipahoa Parish Government
Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office
Winn-Dixie Distribution Center
Neill Corporation

INDEPENDENCE

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION

Tangipahoa Parish

Agriculture	0.5%
Mining	0.3%
Utilities	0.6%
Construction	4.2%
Manufacturing	8.5%
Wholesale Trade	4.6%
Retail Trade	15.5%
Trans/Warehouse	4.6%
Information	1.7%
Fin & Insurance	2.2%
Real Estate	1.0%
Prof/Tech Serv	2.0%
Mng. of co.	0.5%
Admin & Waste	3.0%
Education Serv	13.3%
Healthcare/Soc	20.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	0.6%
Accomd/Food	9.3%
Other Services	3.4%
Public Admin.	3.9%

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 1ST QUARTER 2005

TAXES (2005)

State	4.0%	Parish	3.0%
City	2.5%	Total	9.5%

SOURCE: PARISH SALES TAX ADMINISTRATION

Property

Parish Assessment/\$100	47.23 – 110.23
Avg. City Assessment/\$100	

GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

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WAGES

SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

Accountant/Auditor	\$21.32
Electrical Engineer	\$36.09
Systems Analyst	\$28.70
Sales Clerk	\$8.36
Stock Clerk	\$8.46
Data Entry Keyer	\$9.94
General Office Clerk	\$8.72
Bookkeeping/Acct.	\$12.46
Customer Service	\$11.56
Shipping/Receiving	\$10.69
Laborer/Freight Stock	\$8.20
Sound Engineering	\$14.43
Industrial Machinery	\$19.64
Maintenance and	\$13.07
Media Equip. Worker	\$29.31
Telecommunications	\$13.23

SOURCE: LA DEPT. OF LABOR, 2004

EDUCATION (2003)

Primary & Secondary Enrollment

	Public	Nonpublic
Independence Parish	18,465	2,279

Technical Colleges

10 within parish and surrounding parishes

Colleges and Universities

11 within the parish and surrounding region

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity ¹: Entergy

Natural Gas ¹: Atmos Energy

Water ²: City

Sewerage ²: City

Fire Protection Rating ²: Class

(¹ Parish Info., ² City Info.)

Telecommunications: 3 service providers in the parish

MEDICAL SERVICES

	Beds
North Oaks Medical Center	355
Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center	90
North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital	27
Hood Memorial Hospital	25

SOURCE: LA DEPT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS 2005