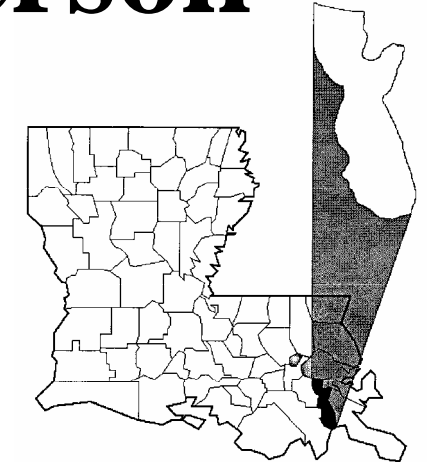


Jefferson



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

| Employer | Product/Service | Employees |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Jefferson Parish School Board | | |
| Jefferson Parish Council | | |
| East Jefferson General Hospital | | |
| Winn Dixie Louisiana Inc. | | |
| Jefferson Par Sheriffs Office | | |
| Steel Sales Division | | |
| Alton Ochsner Foundation Hospital | | |
| WalMart Stores Inc. | | |
| West Jefferson Medical Center | | |
| Worknet 2000 Inc. | | |

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Entergy Louisiana Economic Development 5353 Essen Lane, Ste. 120 Baton Rouge, LA 70809 (800)542-2668 Fax (225)763-5254 www.entergy.com/laed | Louisiana Economic Development P.O. Box 94185 Baton Rouge, LA 70804- (225)342-5388 Fax (225)342-5349 www.state.la.us | JEDCO 3445 N. Causeway Blvd. Suite 300 Metairie, LA 70002 (504)833-1881 Fax (504)833-7676 www.jedco.org |
| | Greater New Orleans Inc. 365 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 527-6900 www.gnoinc.org | |

Revised: 3/06

POPULATION

PARISH

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Jefferson Parish | |
| 2004 Estimate | 457,059 |
| 2000 Census | 455,466 |
| 1990 Census | 448,306 |

AGE

| | |
|-------|-------|
| 0-17 | 25.3% |
| 18-24 | 9.1% |
| 25-44 | 30.2% |
| 45-64 | 23.4% |
| 65+ | 11.9% |

REGION

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| 2004 Estimate | 1,484,878 |
| 2000 Census | 1,482,249 |
| 1990 Census | 1,414,156 |

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, LA TECH, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES

MARKET ACCESS

HIGHWAYS

Interstate 10
U.S. Hwy. 90, 61

FREIGHT RAIL

Union Pacific
Canadian National/Illinois Central
Kansas City Southern
Burlington Northern Santa Fe
Norfolk Southern
New Orleans Public Belt
New Orleans Lower Coast

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

| | (Distance in Miles) |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Gulf Intracoastal Waterway | within parish |
| Port of New Orleans* | 10 |
| Port of South Louisiana* | 42 |

(* Foreign Trade Zone)

AIRPORTS

New Orleans International within parish

MOTOR FREIGHT

23 major freight lines
Terminal facilities are available

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles, from center of parish)

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Atlanta, GA | 518 |
| Birmingham, AL | 344 |
| Chicago, IL | 838 |
| Cincinnati, OH | 811 |
| Dallas, TX | 495 |
| Denver, CO | 1,279 |
| Houston | 300 |
| Kansas City, MO | 810 |
| Little Rock, AR | 527 |
| Memphis, TN | 400 |
| Minneapolis, MN | 1,229 |
| Nashville, TN | 524 |
| New Orleans, LA | 5 |
| St. Louis, MO | 600 |

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

PARCEL SERVICE

Services are available within the parish

LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| Parish | N/A |
| Region | N/A |
| Louisiana | 2,079,388 |

EMPLOYMENT

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| Parish | N/A |
| Region | N/A |
| Louisiana | 1,971,366 |

UNEMPLOYMENT

| | |
|-----------|------|
| Parish | N/A |
| Region | N/A |
| Louisiana | 6.1% |

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, MARCH 2006

WAGES

SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

Category **Median Hourly**

Professional

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Accountant/Auditor | \$21.32 |
| Electrical and Electronic Engineering | \$36.09 |
| Systems Analyst | \$28.70 |
| Computer Programmer | \$24.23 |
| Network Systems Administrator | \$25.94 |

Administrator

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Hotel Desk Clerk | \$7.33 |
| Sales Clerk | \$8.36 |
| Stock Clerk | \$8.46 |

Clerical

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Bookkeeping/ Acct. Clerk | \$12.46 |
| Data Entry Keyer | \$9.94 |
| General Office Clerk | \$8.72 |

Gaming Change Persons & Booth

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Cashiers | \$8.97 |
| Customer Service Representative | \$11.56 |

Unskilled

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Shipping/Receiving Clerk | \$10.69 |
| Laborer/Freight Stock | \$8.20 |
| Packer and Packager | \$7.87 |

Skilled

| | |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Industrial Machinery Mechanic | \$19.64 |
| Metal and Plastic Worker | \$23.85 |
| Structural Metal Fabricator and Fitter | \$13.77 |
| Welder, Cutter, Solderer | \$23.85 |
| Maintenance and Repair Workers | \$13.07 |

Technical

| | |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Sound Engineering Technicians | \$14.43 |
| Camera Operator: TV, Video, Movie | \$12.10 |
| Media and Communication Equipment Worker | \$29.31 |

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers | \$13.23 |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|

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

EMPLOYMENT INCOME

| | 2002 | 2003 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Personal | \$13,863M | \$14,283M |
| Per Capita Personal | \$30,674 | \$31,585 |

Median Household (2000): \$38,435

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 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.5% |
| Mining | 0.9% | 1.3% | 2.2% |
| Utilities | 0.6% | 0.8% | 0.8% |
| Construction | 6.4% | 5.2% | 8.2% |
| Manufacturing | 8.4% | 7.1% | 4.0% |
| Wholesale Trade | 6.0% | 4.2% | 12.0% |
| Retail Trade | 14.5% | 11.7% | 4.2% |

| Division | Parish | Region | Louisiana |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Trans/Wrhouse | 4.2% | 4.8% | 1.8% |
| Information | 1.6% | 1.9% | 3.3% |
| Fin & Insurance | 4.4% | 3.5% | 1.9% |
| Real Estate | 2.3% | 1.9% | 0.5% |
| Prof./Technical | 4.9% | 4.8% | 4.2% |
| Mng. Of co. | 1.2% | 1.4% | 1.2% |
| Admin & Waste | 7.5% | 6.0% | 5.0% |
| Education Serv | 4.9% | 9.8% | 9.9% |
| Healthcare/Soc | 13.3% | 13.6% | 14.3% |
| Arts/Ent/Recr | 2.2% | 2.4% | 2.4% |
| Accomd/Food | 10.4% | 11.6% | 9.1% |
| Other Services | 3.0% | 2.8% | 2.7% |
| Public Admin. | 3.1% | 5.0% | 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 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Univ. of New Orleans | New Orleans | 17,323 |
| Tulane University | New Orleans | 12,294 |
| Loyola University | New Orleans | 5,509 |
| Southern University | New Orleans | 3,386 |
| Xavier University | New Orleans | 3,912 |
| Dillard University | New Orleans | 2,137 |
| Our Lady of Holy Cross | New Orleans | 1,347 |
| Notre Dame Seminary | New Orleans | 173 |
| Southeastern Louisiana | Hammond | 15,915 |
| Louisiana State Univ. | Baton Rouge | 31,582 |

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 2002

BOLDFACE: 2000 ENROLLMENT DATA

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE (within 100 miles)

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
| Delgado College | New Orleans | 16,501 |
| Elaine P. Nunez Comm. | Chalmette | 2,363 |

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

| College | Parish |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Jefferson Campus | Jefferson |
| West Jefferson Campus | Jefferson |
| New Orleans Campus | Orleans |
| Sidney N. Collier Campus | Orleans |

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

| | 2003 Enrollment |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 85 Public Schools | 51,453 |
| 52 Nonpublic | 24,976 |
| Teacher: student ratio | 15:1 |

ACT Score (2005) 18.5

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher 79.3%

Bachelors Degree or Higher 21.5%

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

Parish-wide 8.75%

SOURCE: JEFFERSON 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: JEFFERSON 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

Churchill Technology & Business Park:

New mixed-use park being developed on the West Bank off Lapalco and Nicole Blvds. Build to suit office and warehouse/distribution.

GOVERNMENT

Parish Parish Council

Municipalities Mayor/Council
Mayor/Alderman

QUALITY OF LIFE

CLIMATE

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Average Temperature | |
| January | 60° |
| July | 90° |
| Annually | 69° |
| Average Annual Rainfall | 63 inches |

COST OF LIVING

SOURCE: ACCRA, 2000

MEDICAL SERVICES (within region)

| Medical Facility | No. of Beds |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| East Jefferson General Hospital | 454 |
| Kenner Regional Medical Center | 203 |
| Meadowcrest Hospital | 207 |
| Ochsner Hospital Foundation | 475 |
| River Oaks Hospital | 100 |
| West Jefferson Medical Center | 451 |

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

RECREATION

| | | |
|---------|---------|----------|
| Biking | Boating | Bowling |
| Camping | Fishing | Golf |
| Hunting | Skating | Swimming |
| Tennis | | |

Festivals Camp –N-Jam Bluegrass Festival

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity – Entergy

Natural Gas – Atmos Energy LA

Water – Jefferson Parish

Sewerage – City of Kenner, Town of Gretna, Parish

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