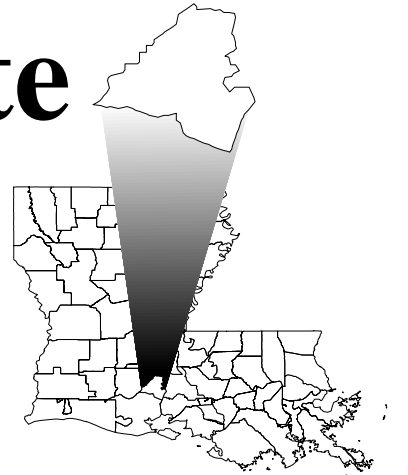




Lafayette



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Product/Service	Employees
Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Ctr.		1000+
Falcon Drillings Company, Inc.		1000+
Louisiana Health System Corp.		1000+
Stuller Settings Inc.		1000+
Petroleum Helicopters Inc.		500-999
Baker Sand Control		500-999
Hes-Sperry Sun Drilling Service		500-999
Walmart Stores Inc.		500-999
Acadian Ambulances Services Inc.		500-999
Sydran Food Services II, L.P.		500-999

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Organization	Contact Information	Website
Entergy Louisiana Economic Development	Louisiana Economic Development 5353 Essen Lane, Ste. 120 Baton Rouge, LA 70809 (800) 542-2668 Fax (225) 763-5254	www.entropy.com/laed
Louisiana Economic Development	Louisiana Economic Development P.O. Box 94185 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9185 (225) 342-5388 Fax (225) 342-5349	www.state.la.us
Lafayette Economic Development	Lafayette Economic Development 211 East Devalcourt St. Lafayette, LA 70506 (337) 593-1400 Fax (337) 234-3009 www.lafayette.org	

Acadian Regional
LED Representative
Phillip Lank
206 Parkview Drive
Lafayette, LA 70503
(337) 232-6239
Fax (337) 266-9542

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POPULATION

PARISH

Lafayette Parish

2004 Estimate	195,800
2000 Census	190,503
1990 Census	164,762

AGE

0-17	27.4%
18-24	11.7%
25-44	31.2%
45-64	20.2%
65+	9.5%

REGION

2004 Estimate	558,250
2000 Census	548,154
1990 Census	496,679

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

MARKET ACCESS

HIGHWAYS

Interstate 10, I-49
US Highway 90, 167
LA Highway 89, 93, 98, 182, 339, 343, 723, 724

FREIGHT RAIL

Union Pacific
Burlington Northern Santa Fe
Acadiana Railway, Louisiana and Delta

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

	(Distance in Miles)
Intracoastal Waterway	20
Port of Iberia (shallow)	16
Port of West St. Mary (shallow)	64
Port of Vermilion (shallow)	21
Twin Parish Port (shallow)	15
Port of Greater Baton Rouge (deep)*	50
Port of Lake Charles (deep)*	

AIRPORTS

Lafayette Regional (commercial)	within parish
Acadiana Regional Airport	within parish

MOTOR FREIGHT

7 major freight lines
Terminal facilities are available within parish

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles, from center of parish)

Atlanta, GA	587
Birmingham, AL	465
Chicago, IL	981
Cincinnati, OH	931
Dallas, TX	385
Denver, CO	1,269
Houston	261
Kansas City, MO	800
Little Rock, AR	430
Minneapolis, MN	1,381
Nashville, TN	653
New Orleans, LA	146
St. Louis, MO	735

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

PARCEL SERVICE

Services are available within the parish

LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	104,485
Region	259,040
Louisiana	1,960,206

EMPLOYMENT

Parish	96,293
Region	236,969
Louisiana	1,745,538

UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	7.8%
Region	8.5%
Louisiana	11.0%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OCTOBER 2005

WAGES

SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

Category Median Hourly

Professional

Accountant/ Auditor	\$20.15
Industrial Engineer	\$27.51
Systems Analyst	\$27.43
Computer Programmer	\$21.92
Network Systems Administrator	\$23.76

Administrator

Hotel Desk Clerk	\$7.81
Sales Clerk	\$8.01
Stock Clerk	\$8.15

Clerical

Bookkeeping/ Acct. Clerk	\$11.21
Data Entry Keyer	\$8.82
General Office Clerk	\$7.79
Customer Service Representative	\$10.15

Unskilled

Freight Stock Laborers	\$8.19
Material Handler	\$9.16
Packaging Machine Operator	\$8.63
Shipping/Receiving Clerk	\$10.84

Skilled

Computer Controlled Machine Operator	\$13.41
Machinery Maintenance	\$10.63
Structural Metal Fabricator	\$14.65
Industrial Machinery Mechanic	\$16.19
Sheet Metal Worker	\$17.85

Technical

Medical Lab Technician	\$19.39
Medical Assistants	\$12.08
Telecommunications Repairer	\$19.69

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

EMPLOYMENT INCOME

	2002	2003
Total Personal	\$5,669M	\$5,799M
Per Capita Personal	\$29,395	\$29,879
Median Household (2000):	\$36,518	

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	0.1%	0.5%	0.5%
Mining	10.6%	8.3%	2.2%
Utilities	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%
Construction	4.8%	6.0%	8.2%
Manufacturing	6.1%	7.5%	4.0%
Wholesale Trade	5.0%	4.5%	12.0%
Retail Trade	12.3%	12.9%	4.2%
Trans/Wrhouse	3.3%	3.9%	1.8%
Information	2.7%	1.9%	3.3%

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Fin & Insurance	2.7%	2.8%	1.9%
Real Estate	3.3%	2.9%	0.5%
Prof./Technical	5.5%	3.9%	4.2%
Mng. of co.	2.0%	1.3%	1.2%
Admin & Waste	4.3%	3.6%	5.0%
Education Serv	6.2%	9.3%	9.9%
Healthcare/Soc	14.6%	14.4%	14.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	1.6%	2.0%	2.4%
Accomd/Food	9.1%	7.6%	9.1%
Other Services	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Public Admin.	2.7%	3.3%	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
University of Louisiana	Lafayette	16,006
Louisiana State Univ.	Baton Rouge	31,582
McNeese State Univ.	Lake Charles	8,029
Southern University	Baton Rouge	8,957

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 2002

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE (within 100 miles)

South Louisiana Tech College	Lafayette	1,531
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SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

College	Parish
Lafayette Campus	Lafayette
Evangeline Campus	St. Martin
Gulf Area Campus	Vermilion
Acadian Campus	Acadia
T. H. Harris Campus	St. Landry
Teche Area Campus	Iberia

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2003 Enrollment
45 Public Schools	29,813
16 Nonpublic Schools	6,845
Teacher: student ratio	14:1
ACT Score (2005)	20.6

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher	79.8%
Bachelor's Degree of Higher	25.0%

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

RESEARCH BASE

Lafayette Acadiana Research Lab, Center For Advanced Computer Studies, Center For Louisiana Inland Water Studies, Corrosion Research Center, National Wetlands Research Center, and 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

Broussard	8.5%	Scott	8.5%
Carencro	8.5%	Youngsville	8.5%
Duson	8.5%		
Lafayette	8.5%		

SOURCE: LAFAYETTE 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: LAFAYETTE 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 and sites visit our web site at insite.entergy.com

GOVERNMENT

Parish President
(Consolidated Government)

QUALITY OF LIFE

CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January	60°
July	90°
Annually	68°
Average Annual Rainfall	58.6 inches

COST OF LIVING 97.5

SOURCE: ACCRA, 2000

MEDICAL SERVICES (within region)

Medical Facility	No. of Beds
Lafayette General Medical Center	296
Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center	267
Southwest Medical Center	166
Woman's and Children's	109

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

RECREATION

Biking,	Boating	Camping
Fishing	Golf	Hunting
Swimming	Skating	Tennis

Festivals

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electric- Entergy, Central LA Electric Co., Lafayette Utility System, South LA Electric Membership

Natural Gas -Atmos Energy, LA

Water – Individual municipalities

Sewerage – Individual municipalities

Fiber Optic - 3 service providers in the parish

