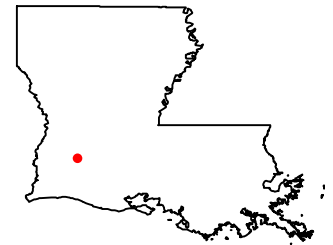


LAKE CHARLES



POPULATION

Lake Charles 2004 Estimate	74,337
Calcasieu Parish	
2004 Estimate – LA Tech	185,845
2000 Census	183,577
Region	
2004 Estimate	285,368
2000 Census	283,429
1990 Census	259,425

LABOR MARKET

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	87,992
Region	131,998
Louisiana	1,960,206

EMPLOYMENT

Parish	73,494
Region	112,007
Louisiana	1,745,538

UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	16.5%
Region	15.1%
Louisiana	11.0%

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OCTOBER 2005

INCOME

Calcasieu Parish Total

Personal Income (Thousands of dollars)

2002	\$4,722M	2003	\$4,861M
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Calcasieu Parish Per Capita

Personal Income

2002	\$25,766	2003	\$26,389
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Median Household (2000): \$35,372 (Parish)

SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,

BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

No. of Employees

PPG Industries

LOCATION

Calcasieu Parish in Southwest Louisiana

Distance to Major Cities (in miles)

Atlanta, GA	659	Kansas City,	778
Birmingham	537	Little Rock,	514
Chicago, IL	1,053	Minneapolis,	1,378
		MN	
Cincinnati,	1,003	Nashville, TN	725
Dallas, TX	379	New Orleans	218
Denver, CO	1,266	St. Louis, MO	808
Houston	140		

SOURCE: MAP QUEST (WWW.MAPQUEST.COM)

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

I-10,210; US Hwy. 90, 171; LA Hwy. 2,12,14,27

Airports (Distance in miles)

Lake Charles Regional (commercial)

Chennault Industrial Airpark

Ports (Distance in miles)

Calcasieu River (shallow)

Port of Lake Charles (40 ft.)*

West Calcasieu Port (9 ft.)

Gulf Intracoastal Canal

(*Foreign Trade Zone)

Freight Rail

Union Pacific; Kansas City Southern

MAJOR EMPLOYERS (con't)

L'Auberge du Lac

Isle of Capri

Christus St. Patrick's Hospital

L A K E C H A R L E S

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION

Calcasieu Parish		Region
Agriculture	0.3%	0.6%
Mining	1.2%	1.3%
Utilities	0.7%	0.8%
Construction	11.0%	9.7%
Manufacturing	10.6%	9.8%
Wholesale Trade	3.1%	3.0%
Retail Trade	12.5%	12.5%
Trans/Warehouse	4.0%	4.0%
Information	1.6%	1.4%
Fin & Insurance	2.3%	2.7%
Real Estate	4.3%	3.6%
Prof/Tech Serv	0.9%	0.9%
Mng. of co.	3.1%	3.1%
Admin & Waste	8.1%	9.1%
Education Serv	13.7%	13.5%
Healthcare/Soc	3.8%	5.5%
Arts/Ent/Recr	10.3%	9.4%
Accomd/Food	2.3%	2.3%
Other Services	4.8%	5.3%
Public Admin.	4.3%	3.6%

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 1ST QUARTER 2005

TAXES (2005)

State	4.0%	Parish	2.25%
City	2.25%	Total	8.5%

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & TAXATION

Property Tax

Parish Assessment/\$100
Avg. City Assessment/\$100

GOVERNMENT

Mayor/Council

CONTACTS

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WAGES

SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

Accountant/Auditor	\$19.86
Industrial Engineer	\$40.93
Systems Analyst	\$27.11
Sales Clerk	\$9.10
Stock Clerk	\$7.95
Data Entry Keyer	\$9.41
Bookkeeping/Acct.	\$12.00
Gaming Cage Worker	\$8.77
Customer Service Rep	\$9.61
Shipping/Receiving	\$10.29
Machiner Tool	\$13.41
Chem Equip Operator	\$23.49
Machinery	\$12.25
Medical Lab	\$22.60
Health Technician	\$11.02
Aircraft Mechanic Tech	\$21.07

SOURCE: LA DEPT. OF LABOR, 2004

EDUCATION (2004)

Primary & Secondary Enrollment

	Public	Nonpublic
Lake Charles Parish	32,149	3,232

Technical Colleges

6 within parish and surrounding parishes

Colleges and Universities

4 within the parish and surrounding region

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity ¹: Entergy; Beaugard Electric Coop.

Natural Gas ¹: Atmos Energy

Water ²: City

Sewerage ²: City

Fire Protection Rating ²: Class

(¹ Parish Info., ² City Info.)

Telecommunications: 5 companies provide service

MEDICAL SERVICES

	Beds
Christus St. Patrick's Hosp. of Lake	392
Lake Charles Memorial Hospital	429
West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital	120
W.O. Moss Regional Medical Center	94

SOURCE: LA DEPT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS
2005