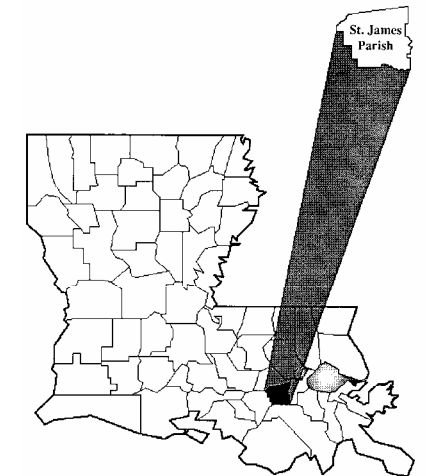
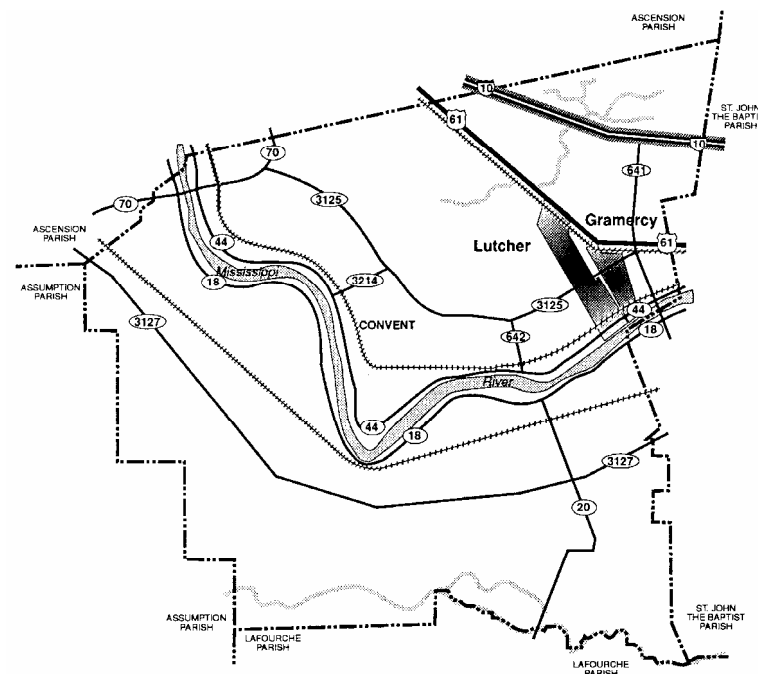


# St. James



## POPULATION

### PARISH

#### St. James Parish

2004 Estimate	20,795
2000 Census	21,195
1990 Census	20,879

### AGE

0-17	29.5%
18-24	9.8%
25-44	28.1%
45-64	21.4%
65+	11.1%

### REGION

2004 Estimate	1,484,878
2000 Census	1,482,225
1990 Census	1,414,164

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

## MARKET ACCESS

### HIGHWAYS

Interstate 10  
U.S. Highway 61  
LA Highway 18, 44, 70, 3125, 3127

### FREIGHT RAIL

Kansas City Southern  
Canadian National/Illinois Central  
Union Pacific

### NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

	(Distance in Miles)
Port of South Louisiana (45 ft.)*	54
Port of New Orleans (45 ft.)*	52

(\* Foreign Trade Zone)

### AIRPORTS

New Orleans International	52
St. John Airport (local)	12
LA Regional Airport (local)	18

### MOTOR FREIGHT

Terminal facilities are not available within the parish

## DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles, from center of parish)

Atlanta, GA	540
Birmingham, AL	400
Chicago, IL	910
Cincinnati, OH	790
Dallas, TX	470
Denver, CO	1,250
Houston	300
Kansas City, MO	820
Little Rock, AR	539
Minneapolis, MN	1,320
Nashville, TN	520
New Orleans, LA	52
St. Louis, MO	680

SOURCE: [WWW.MAPQUEST.COM](http://WWW.MAPQUEST.COM)

### PARCEL SERVICE

Services are available within the parish

## LABOR FORCE

### CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	8,945
Louisiana	2,079,388

### EMPLOYMENT

Parish	8,253
Louisiana	1,971,366

### UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	7.7%
Louisiana	6.1%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, MARCH 2006

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Product/Service	Employees
St. James Parish School Board		
IMC-Agrico Mp. Inc.		
Kaiser Aluminum-Chemical Corporation		
Equilon Pipeline Company LLC		
St. James Parish Council		
Colonial Sugars		
Occidental Chemical Corporation		
Winn Dixie Louisiana Inc.		
Zen-Noh Grain Elevator		
Chevron USA Inc.		

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Entergy Louisiana Economic Development 5353 Essen Lane, Ste. 120 Baton Rouge, LA 70809 (800)542-2668 Fax (225)763-5254 <a href="http://www.entergy.com/laed">www.entergy.com/laed</a>	Louisiana Economic Development P.O. Box 94185 Baton Rouge, LA 70804- (225)342-5388 Fax (225)342-5349 <a href="http://www.state.la.us">www.state.la.us</a>	St. James Parish Economic Development Department P.O. Box 106 Convent, LA 70723-0106 (225)562-2418 (225)562-2417 Fax <a href="http://www.stjamesla.com">www.stjamesla.com</a>
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# 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	\$440M	\$455M
Per Capita Personal	\$20,680	\$21,487
Median Household (2000):	\$35,277	

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

## AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR

### INDUSTRY DIVISIONS (1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2005)

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Agriculture	2.3%	0.1%	0.5%
Mining	*	1.3%	2.2%
Utilities	*	0.8%	0.8%
Construction	3.4%	5.2%	8.2%
Manufacturing	38.1%	7.1%	4.0%
Wholesale Trade	0.9%	4.2%	12.0%
Retail Trade	8.9%	11.7%	4.2%

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Trans/Wrhouse	5.3%	4.8%	1.8%
Information	0.3%	1.9%	3.3%
Fin & Insurance	2.0%	3.5%	1.9%
Real Estate	2.0%	1.9%	0.5%
Prof./Technical	1.0%	4.8%	4.2%
Mng. Of co.	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%
Admin & Waste	4.0%	6.0%	5.0%
Education Serv	*	9.8%	9.9%
Healthcare/Soc	7.6%	13.6%	14.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	1.9%	2.4%	2.4%
Accomd/Food	3.8%	11.6%	9.1%
Other Services	0.7%	2.8%	2.7%
Public Admin.	6.1%	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	16,000
Tulane University	New Orleans	12,294
Loyola University	New Orleans	5,509
Southern University	New Orleans	9,488
Xavier University	New Orleans	3,912
Dillard University	New Orleans	2,137
Our Lady of Holy Cross	New Orleans	1,347
Nicholls State University	Thibodaux	7,367
Southeast Louisiana	Hammond	15,199
Louisiana State Univ.	Baton Rouge	30,977
Southern University	Baton Rouge	9,488

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 2002

## TWO-YEAR COLLEGE (within 100 miles)

Delgado College	New Orleans	3,404
River Parishes Comm.	Sorrento	350

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

## TECHNICAL COLLEGES

College	Parish
<u>Ascension Campus</u>	Ascension
River Parishes Campus	St. John the Baptist
Lafourche Campus	Lafourche

## PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2003 Enrollment
12 Public Schools	4,062
1 Nonpublic	439
Teacher: student ratio	14:1

ACT Score (2005) 18.4

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher	73.9%
Bachelor's Degree of Higher	10.1%

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 9%

SOURCE: ST. JAMES 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: ST. JAMES 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
Wilton Property	Convent	2,970
Minnie Alice & St. Louis	St. James	1,219
Peabody/St. Rose-Colomb	Union	926

# GOVERNMENT

**Parish** Home Rule Charter/Parish Council  
**Municipalities** Parish Council or Mayor Alderman

## CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January	60°
July	91°
Annually	68°
Average Annual Rainfall	62 inches

**COST OF LIVING** 97.5

SOURCE: ACCRA, 2000

## MEDICAL SERVICES (within region)

Medical Facility	No. of Beds
St. James Parish Hospital	25
River Parishes Hospital	106
Ascension Hospital	54

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

## RECREATION

Biking	Boating	Bowling
Camping	Fishing	Golf
Hunting	Skating	Swimming
Tennis		

# UTILITIES & SERVICES

**Electricity** – Entergy

**Natural Gas** – Atmos Energy LA, St. James Parish Utilities, United Gas Pipeline

**Water** – Public system, or individual wells

**Sewerage** – Public sewer, septic tank or approved septic systems

**Fiber Optic** -

