



St. Landry



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Product/Service	Employees
St. Landry Parish School Board		1000+
Opelousas General Hospital Authority		500-999
WalMart Stores Inc.		250-499
Martco Partnership		250-499
PHC - Doctors Hospital Inc.		250-499
Valero Refining Company- Louisiana I		250-499
Winn Dixie Louisiana Inc.		250-499
City of Opelousas		250-499
Senior Village Nursing Home		50-99
Acadian Homecare Inc.		50-99

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

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POPULATION

PARISH

St. Landry Parish

2004 Estimate	89,686
2000 Census	87,700
1990 Census	80,312

AGE

0-17	29.5%
18-24	9.2%
25-44	26.5%
45-64	21.4%
65+	13.4%

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 49
US Highway 71, 167, & 190
LA Highway 10, 29, 31, 35, 93, 103, 105, 107, & 360

FREIGHT RAIL

Union Pacific

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

	(Distance in Miles)
Greater Krotz Springs Port	within parish
Channel depth - 12 ft.	
Port of Greater Baton Rouge*	80
Channel depth - 45 ft.	
(*Foreign Trade Zone)	

AIRPORTS

Lafayette Regional (commercial)	25
Runway Length - 7,651 ft.	
St. Landry Parish (local)	within parish
Runway Length - 5,999 ft.	
Eunice Airport (local)	within parish
Runway Length - 5,001 ft.	

MOTOR FREIGHT

Terminal facilities are not available within the parish

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles, from center of parish)

Atlanta, GA	592
Birmingham, AL	485
Chicago, IL	1,002
Cincinnati, OH	952
Dallas, TX	378
Denver, CO	1,244
Houston	231
Kansas City, MO	756
Little Rock, AR	377
Minneapolis, MN	1,207
Nashville, TN	673
New Orleans, LA	144
St. Louis, MO	756

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

PARCEL SERVICE

Services are available within the parish

LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	36,552
Region	259,040
Louisiana	1,960,206

EMPLOYMENT

Parish	32,678
Region	236,969
Louisiana	1,745,538

UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	10.6%
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
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	\$1,705M	\$1,738M
Per Capita Personal	\$19,287	\$19,517
Median Household (2000):	\$22,855	

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	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%
Mining	2.4%	8.3%	2.2%
Utilities	0.9%	0.6%	0.8%
Construction	6.7%	6.0%	8.2%
Manufacturing	7.8%	7.5%	4.0%
Wholesale Trade	3.4%	4.5%	12.0%
Retail Trade	15.1%	12.9%	4.2%
Trans/Wrhouse	7.6%	3.9%	1.8%
Information	0.7%	1.9%	3.3%

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Fin & Insurance	3.5%	2.8%	1.9%
Real Estate	0.8%	2.9%	0.5%
Prof./Technical	2.5%	3.9%	4.2%
Mng. of co.	0.2%	1.3%	1.2%
Admin & Waste	2.7%	3.6%	5.0%
Education Serv	*	9.3%	9.9%
Healthcare/Soc	17.7%	14.4%	14.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	3.1%	2.0%	2.4%
Accomd/Food	5.8%	7.6%	9.1%
Other Services	2.1%	2.5%	2.7%
Public Admin.	4.9%	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	Lafayette	1,531
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SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

College	Parish
Acadian Campus	Acadia
Charles B. Coreil Campus	Evangeline
Evangeline Campus	St. Martin
Lafayette Campus	Lafayette
T.H Harris Campus	St. Landry

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2003 Enrollment
38 Public Schools	15,231
7 Nonpublic Schools	2,758
Teacher: student ratio	14:1

ACT Score (2005) 19.1

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher	62.0%
Bachelor's Degree of Higher	10.7%

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

Arnaudville	9.55%	Melville	9.75%
Cankton	8.55%	Opelousas	9.75%
Eunice	9.75%	Port Barre	9.75%
Grand	8.55%	Sunset	8.55%
Krotz	8.55%	Washington	8.25%

SOURCE: ST. LANDRY 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. LANDRY 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 inside.entergy.com

GOVERNMENT

Parish Police Jury

Municipalities Mayor/Council

Mayor/Alderman

QUALITY OF LIFE

CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January	58°
July	90°
Annually	67°
Average Annual Rainfall	58 inches

COST OF LIVING 97.5

SOURCE: ACCRA, 2000

MEDICAL SERVICES (within region)

Medical Facility No. of Beds

Opelousas General Hospital	188
Doctor's Hospital of Opelousas	171
Eunice Regional Medical Center	72
Lafayette General Medical Center	296
Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center	267
Southwest Medical Center	166

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

RECREATION

Biking,	Boating	Camping
Fishing	Golf	Hunting
Swimming	Skating	Tennis

Festivals Family Mardi Gras, Festival de Courtableau, World Championship Crawfish Etoufee Cook-Off, Heritage Festival, Zydeco Festival, LA Folk Festival, Yambilee, Cracklin' Festival

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electric- Entergy, Central LA Electric Co., Cajun Electric Power Coop., Inc., Southwest Louisiana Electric

Natural Gas -Atmos Energy, LA, Evangeline Gas Co., ENTEX

Water – Individual municipalities

Sewerage – Individual municipalities

Fiber Optic - 4 service providers in the parish

