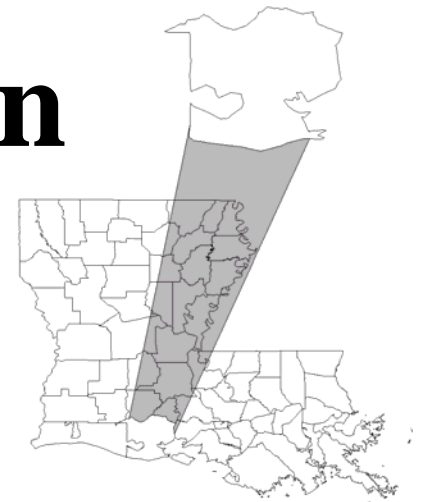


Vermilion



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Product/Service	Employees
Vermilion Parish School Board		1000+
Vermilion Parish Police Jury		500-999
Abbeville General Hospital		250-499
Chevron USA Inc.		250-499
Omega Protein Inc.		250-499
Schlumberger Technology Corporation		100-249
Riviana Foods		100-249
Shaw Bagwell Inc.		100-249
Walmart Stores Inc.		100-249
Pennzoil Petroleum Company		100-249

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Entergy Corporation Economic Development Louisiana 5353 Essen Lane, Ste. 120 Baton Rouge, LA 70809 (800)542-2668 Fax (225) 763-5254	Louisiana Economic Development P.O. Box 94185 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9185 (225)342-5388 Fax (225) 342-5349	Greater Abbeville/Vermilion Chamber of Commerce 1907 Veteran's Memorial Dr. Abbeville, LA 70510 (337) 893-2491
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Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission P.O. Box 1106 Abbeville, LA 70511-1106 (337) 898-4264 or 337-898-6600	Vermilion Parish Police Jury P. O. Box 430 Abbeville, LA 70511-0430 (337) 898-4300
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POPULATION

PARISH

Vermilion Parish

2004 Estimate	54,543
2000 Census	53,807
1990 Census	50,055

AGE

0-17	28.1%
18-24	9.4%
25-44	28.2%
45-64	20.9%
65+	13.5%

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

US Highway 167
LA Highway 13, 14, 35, 82, 89, 91, 92, 343, 339, 333

FREIGHT RAIL

Louisiana and Delta Railroad

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

(Distance in Miles)

Intracoastal Waterway	within parish
Freshwater Bayou Canal	within parish
Vermilion River	within parish
Port of Vermilion (shallow)	within parish
Port of Lake Charles (deep)*	81
(* Foreign Trade Zone)	

AIRPORTS

Lafayette Regional (commercial)	24
Lake Charles Regional (commercial)	79
Abbeville Municipal (comm'l.)	within parish

MOTOR FREIGHT

8 major freight lines
Terminal facilities are not available within parish

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles, from center of parish)

Atlanta, GA	610
Birmingham, AL	486
Chicago, IL	1,002
Cincinnati, OH	952
Dallas, TX	426
Denver, CO	1,292
Houston	226
Kansas City, MO	803
Little Rock, AR	451
Minneapolis, MN	1,237
Nashville, TN	674
New Orleans, LA	159
St. Louis, MO	757

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

PARCEL SERVICE

Services are available within the parish

LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	24,179
Region	259,040
Louisiana	1,960,206

EMPLOYMENT

Parish	22,354
Region	236,969
Louisiana	1,745,538

UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	7.5%
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	\$1,101M	\$1,128M
Per Capita Personal	\$20,345	\$20,786
Median Household (2000):	\$29,500	

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	1.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Mining	8.1%	8.3%	2.2%
Utilities	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%
Construction	6.3%	6.0%	8.2%
Manufacturing	6.4%	7.5%	4.0%
Wholesale Trade	5.1%	4.5%	12.0%
Retail Trade	14.8%	12.9%	4.2%
Trans/Wrhouse	4.3%	3.9%	1.8%
Information	1.7%	1.9%	3.3%

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Fin & Insurance	3.6%	2.8%	1.9%
Real Estate	4.0%	2.9%	0.5%
Prof./Technical	2.2%	3.9%	4.2%
Mng. of co.	0.1%	1.3%	1.2%
Admin & Waste	1.9%	3.6%	5.0%
Education Serv	*	9.3%	9.9%
Healthcare/Soc	12.3%	14.4%	14.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	0.6%	2.0%	2.4%
Accomd/Food	7.2%	7.6%	9.1%
Other Services	3.1%	2.5%	2.7%
Public Admin.	4.5%	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 Community	Lafayette	1,531
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SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

College	Parish
Acadian Campus	Acadia
Gulf Area Campus	Vermilion
Lafayette Campus	Lafayette

Teche Area Campus Iberia

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2003 Enrollment
20 Public Schools	8,912
4 Nonpublic Schools	737
Teacher: student ratio	15:1
ACT Score (2005)	19.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher	65.6%
Bachelor's Degree of Higher	10.7%

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

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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

Abbeville	8%	Delcambre	7.75%
Erath	7.75%	Gueydan	7.75%
Kaplan	8.75%	Maurice	8.25%

SOURCE: VERMILION 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: VERMILION 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
Port of Vermilion Site	Abbeville	100

GOVERNMENT

Parish Policy Jury

Municipalities Mayor/Council or Mayor/Alderman

QUALITY OF LIFE

CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January	58°
July	89°
Annually	67°
Average Annual Rainfall	61 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 Reg. Medical Ctr.*	267
University Medical Center *	166
Abbeville General Hospital	60
Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital	35

(*Located in nearby Ouachita Parish)

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

RECREATION

Biking,	Boating	Camping
Fishing	Golf	Hunting
Swimming	Tennis	

Festivals The Chic a la Pie Mardi Gras, Visual and Performing Arts Festival, Shrimp Festival, Gueydan Duck Festival, Louisiana Cattle Festival, Giant Omelette Festival, Les Lumieres du Village d' Abbeville

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electric- Eentergy, City of Abbeville, Jefferson Davis Electrical Coop., South Louisiana Electric Membership, Town of Gueydan

Natural Gas - Atmos Energy, LA

Water – City of Abbeville, City of Kaplan, Town of Erath, Town of Gueydan, Town of Delcambre, Village of Maurice

Sewerage – City of Abbeville, City of Kaplan, Town of Erath, Town of Gueydan, Town of Delcambre, Village of Maurice

Fiber Optic - No service providers in the parish

