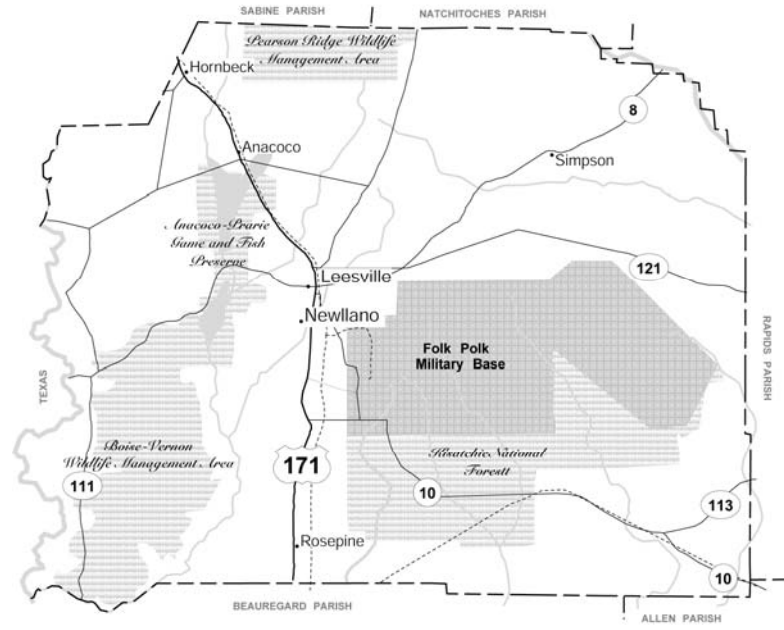
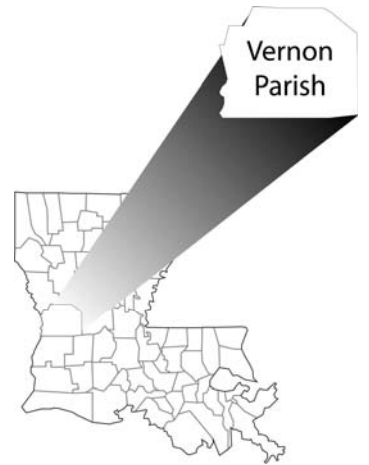


# VERNON PARISH



# Vernon



## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Product/Service	Employees
WalMart Stores Inc.		
TRW Inc.		
Centro Management Inc.		
Byrd Regional Hospital		
Pioneer Housing Systems Inc.		
Lockheed Martin Logistics Management		
West LA Ice Serv/Vernon Moving & ST		
Easy Mone of LA		
Kurthwood Manor Nursing Home		
Merchants & Farmers Bank & Trust LE		

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Entergy Corporation	Louisiana Economic
Economic Development	Development
Louisiana	P.O. Box 94185
5353 Essen Lane, Ste. 120	Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9185
Baton Rouge, LA 70809	(225)342-5388
(800)542-2668	Fax (225)342-5349
Fax (225)763-5254	

## POPULATION

### PARISH

#### Vernon Parish

2004 Estimate	52,267
2000 Census	52,531
1990 Census	61,961

### AGE

0-17	29.1%
18-24	14.7%
25-44	31.4%
45-64	16.8%
65+	7.9%

### REGION

2004 Estimate	301,399
2000 Census	301,390
1990 Census	312,026

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

## MARKET ACCESS

### HIGHWAYS

Interstate 49  
U.S. Highways 71, 84  
LA Highways 1, 6, 9, 117, 118, 119, 120, 153, 156, 479, 480, 487

### FREIGHT RAIL

Kansas City Southern  
Union Pacific

### NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

	(Distance in Miles)
Port of Lake Charles (deep)*	130
Port of Alexandria (shallow)	55

(\* Foreign Trade Zone)

### AIRPORTS

Alexandria Esler Regional (commercial)	48
David G. Joyce Airport (local)	within parish
Leesville	within parish

### MOTOR FREIGHT

7 major freight lines  
Terminal facilities are available

## DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles, from center of parish)

Atlanta, GA	600
Birmingham, AL	480
Chicago, IL	890
Cincinnati, OH	810
Dallas, TX	260
Denver, CO	1,040
Houston	245
Kansas City, MO	650
Little Rock, AR	
Minneapolis, MN	1,200
Nashville, TN	550
New Orleans, LA	255
St. Louis, MO	585

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

## PARCEL SERVICE

Services are available within the parish

## LABOR FORCE

### CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	21,632
Region	129,482
Louisiana	1,960,206

### EMPLOYMENT

Parish	19,776
Region	118,469
Louisiana	1,745,538

### UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	8.6%
Region	8.5%
Louisiana	11.0%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OCTOBER 2005

## WAGES

### SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

**Category** **Median Hourly**

#### Professional

Accountant/Auditor	\$18.90
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	\$21.96
Systems Analyst	\$26.26
Computer Programmer	\$18.97
Network Systems Administrator	\$20.23

#### Administrator

Hotel Desk Clerk	\$6.90
Sales Clerk	\$8.55
Stock Clerk	\$8.39

#### Clerical

Bookkeeping/Acct. Clerk	\$11.81
Data Entry Keyer	\$9.65
General Office Clerk	\$7.93
Customer Service Representative	\$10.05

#### Unskilled

Shipping/Receiving Clerk	\$12.61
Laborer/Freight Stock	\$7.50
Packer and Packager	\$9.26

#### Skilled

Industrial Machinery Mechanic	\$16.86
Packaging and Filling Machine Operator	\$8.70
Equipment Operator	\$16.86
Structural Metal Fabricator and Fitter	\$14.21
Welder, Cutter, Solderer	\$11.40
Power Plant Operators	\$19.89

#### Technical

Medical Lab Technician	\$13.06
Medical Assistants	\$8.72
Telecommunications Repairer	\$11.14

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

### EMPLOYMENT INCOME

	2002	2003
Total Personal	\$1,187M	\$1,257M
Per Capita Personal	\$21,857	\$23,180

Median Household (2000): \$31,216

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	1.3%	1.9%	0.5%
Mining	0.3%	0.6%	2.2%
Utilities	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%
Construction	5.4%	6.9%	8.2%
Manufacturing	2.2%	5.4%	4.0%
Wholesale Trade	0.9%	3.4%	12.0%
Retail Trade	12.3%	12.5%	4.2%
Trans/Warehouse	2.0%	2.4%	1.8%
Information	1.1%	1.5%	3.3%
Fin & Insurance	2.1%	3.0%	1.9%

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Real Estate	1.0%	1.2%	0.5%
Prof./Technical	13.3%	4.2%	4.2%
Mng. Of co.	*	0.7%	1.2%
Admin & Waste	5.1%	4.0%	5.0%
Education Serv	17.7%	11.1%	9.9%
Healthcare/Soc	12.0%	20.8%	14.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	*	2.0%	2.4%
Accomd/Food	8.5%	7.1%	9.1%
Other Services	1.9%	2.1%	2.7%
Public Admin.	10.7%	8.2%	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
Grambling State Univ.	Grambling	4,464
Northwestern State	Natchitoches	10,159
Louisiana State Univ.	Shreveport	4,230
Louisiana Tech Univ.	Ruston	11,257
University of Louisiana	Monroe	8,162

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 2002

### TWO-YEAR COLLEGE (within 100 miles)

Southern University	Shreveport	1,695
Louisiana State University	Alexandria	2,400

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

### TECHNICAL COLLEGES

College	Parish
Natchitoches Campus	Natchitoches
Louisiana Tech Resource Ctr.	Natchitoches
Huey P. Long Campus	Winn
Alexandria Campus	Rapides
Lamar Salter Campus	Vernon
Sabine Valley Campus	Sabine

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

### PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2003 Enrollment
20 Public Schools	9,874
Teacher: student ratio	15:1
ACT Score (2005)	19.4

### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher	80.1%
Bachelor's Degree of Higher	13.5%

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

Hornbeck	8.5%	Rosepine	8.5%
Leesville	8.5%	Balance of Parish	7.5%
New Llano	8.5%		

SOURCE: VERNON 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: VERNON 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 & sites visit our web site at [insite.entergy.com](http://insite.entergy.com)

## GOVERNMENT

**Parish** Parish President/Police Jury  
**Municipalities**

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January	57°
July	92°
Annually	65°
Average Annual Rainfall	55 inches

**COST OF LIVING** 97.5

SOURCE: ACCRA, 2000

### MEDICAL SERVICES (within region)

**Medical Facility** **No. of Beds**  
 Byrd Regional Hospital 60

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

### RECREATION

Biking	Boating	Bowling
Camping	Fishing	Golf
Hunting	Skating	Swimming
Tennis		

**Festivals-** West LA Folk Arts and Crafts Festival  
 Annual Benefit Poker Run

West Louisiana Forestry Festival

**Electric-**CLECO, Beauregard Electric Coop.,  
 Valley Electric Membership Coop., LA  
 Power & Light

**Natural Gas-**Entex

**Water-** City of Leesville, Town of Llano, Rosepine,  
 Fort Polk

**Sewerage** – City of Leesville, Town of Llano,  
 Rosepine Fort Polk, septic tanks

**Fiber Optic** - 1 service provider in the parish

