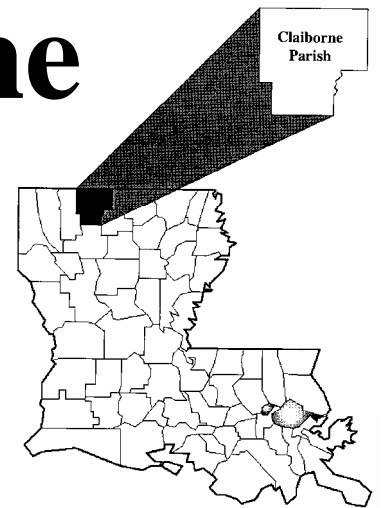


# Claiborne



## POPULATION

### PARISH

#### Claiborne Parish

2004 Estimate	16,208
2000 Census	16,851
1990 Census	17,405

### AGE

0-17	25.6%
18-24	8.0%
25-44	26.9%
45-64	22.3%
65+	17.3%

### REGION

2004 Estimate	574,404
2000 Census	565,069
1990 Census	546,753

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

## MARKET ACCESS

### HIGHWAYS

U.S. Highways 79  
LA Highways 2, 9, 146, 161, 520, 534

### FREIGHT RAIL

Louisiana North & West  
Mid-South

### NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

(Distance in Miles)

Caddo/Bossier Port (shallow)	51
Caldwell Parish Port (shallow)	99
Port of Lake Charles (deep)	220

(\* Foreign Trade Zone)

### AIRPORTS

Shreveport Regional (commercial)	50
Haynesville Airport	within parish
Homer Municipal (local)	within parish

### MOTOR FREIGHT

17 major freight lines  
Terminal facilities are not available

## DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles, from center of parish)

Atlanta, GA	570
Birmingham, AL	440
Chicago, IL	835
Cincinnati, OH	845
Dallas, TX	240
Houston	295
Kansas City, MO	570
Memphis, TN	285
Nashville, TN	475
New Orleans, LA	373
St. Louis, MO	545

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

## PARCEL SERVICE

Services are available within the parish

## LABOR FORCE

### CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	7,288
Region	262,249
Louisiana	1,960,206

### EMPLOYMENT

Parish	6,835
Region	244,777
Louisiana	1,745,538

### UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	6.2%
Region	6.7%
Louisiana	11.0%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OCTOBER 2005

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Product/Service	Employees
Claiborne Parish School Board		
Wade Correctional Center		
Ludlow Corp.		
Homer Memorial Hospital		
UTI Inc.		
Presbyterian Village-Homer Inc.		
Superior Foods Inc.		
LA Wood Moulding Co. Inc.		
Claiborne Manor Nursing Home Inc.		
WalMart Stores Inc.		

## 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	Division of Economic Development, The Coordinating & Development Corporation P.O. Box 37005 Shreveport, LA 71103-7005 (318)226-7557
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Town of Homer Mayor's Office 400 E. Main Street Homer, LA 71040 (318) 927-3555 or 927-1312 Fax (318) 927-3399	Homer Chamber of Commerce 519 South Main Street Homer, LA 71040 (318)927-3271	Haynesville Chamber of Commerce 131 East Main Street Haynesville, LA 71038 (318)624-0963
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# WAGES

## SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

**Category Median Hourly**

### Professional

Accountant/ Auditor	\$21.09
Mechanical Engineer	\$27.77
Systems Analyst	\$30.23
Computer Programmer	\$21.03
Network Systems Administrator	\$23.19

### Administrator

Hotel Desk Clerk	\$7.87
Sales Clerk	\$8.48
Stock Clerk	\$8.72

### Clerical

Bookkeeping/ Acct. Clerk	\$12.00
Data Entry Keyer	\$9.56
Gaming Cage Worder	\$9.75
General Office Clerk	\$7.95
Customer Service Representative	\$10.37

### Unskilled

Freight Stock Laborers	\$8.11
Packer and Packager	\$6.83
Shipping/Receiving Clerk	\$10.29

### Skilled

Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operator	\$15.55
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanic	\$17.08
Industrial Machinery Mechanic	\$18.31
Automotive Service & Repair Tech.	\$11.90
Structural Metal Fabricator and Fitter	\$13.19
Assemblers and Fabricators	\$13.73

### Technical

Medical Lab Technician	\$12.84
Medical Assistants	\$10.41
Telecommunications Repairer	\$14.58

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

## EMPLOYMENT INCOME

	2002	2003
Total Personal	\$346M	\$351M
Per Capita Personal	\$20,793	\$21,157
Median Household (2000):	\$25,344	

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	1.7%	0.8%	0.5%
Mining	6.2%	1.9%	2.2%
Utilities	1.8%	0.9%	0.8%
Construction	6.2%	5.3%	8.2%
Manufacturing	8.6%	10.5%	4.0%
Wholesale Trade	2.7%	4.2%	12.0%
Retail Trade	9.5%	11.9%	4.2%
Trans/Wrhouse	7.3%	3.1%	1.8%
Information	0.4%	1.7%	3.3%

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Fin & Insurance	2.0%	2.8%	1.9%
Real Estate	0.7%	1.5%	0.5%
Prof./Technical	0.7%	3.3%	4.2%
Mng. Of co.	*	0.6%	1.2%
Admin & Waste	0.6%	4.3%	5.0%
Education Serv	*	10.5%	9.9%
Healthcare/Soc	15.6%	17.5%	14.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	*	4.6%	2.4%
Accomd/Food	2.8%	7.9%	9.1%
Other Services	1.2%	2.5%	2.7%
Public Admin.	17.3%	4.2%	5.5%

SOURCE: LA DEPT. OF LABOR, EMPLOYMENT & TOTAL WAGES PAID BY EMPLOYERS SUBJECT TO THE LA SEC. LAW

## EDUCATION

### FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITIES

(within 100 miles)

Grambling State Univ.	Grambling	4,464
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	11,257
Louisiana State University	Shreveport	4,230
Northwestern State Univ.	Natchitoches	10,159
Northeast Louisiana Univ.	Monroe	9,864

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

Southern University	Shreveport	1,695
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SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

## TECHNICAL COLLEGES

College	Parish
Homer Campus	Claiborne
Northwest Louisiana Campus	Webster
Springhill Campus	Webster
Ruston Campus	Lincoln

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

## PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2003 Enrollment
9 Public Schools	2,833
2 Nonpublic Schools	301
Teacher: student ratio	12:1
<b>ACT Score (2005)</b>	17.3

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher	65.7%
Bachelor's Degree of Higher	12.4%

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

Haynesville	8%	Junction City	8%
Homer	8%	Balance of Parish	7%

SOURCE: CLAIBORNE 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: CLAIBORNE 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
Haynesville Ind'1 Pk.	Haynesville	55

## GOVERNMENT

<b>Parish</b>	Police Jury
<b>Municipalities</b>	Mayor/Council or Mayor/Alderman

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January	53°
July	92°
Annually	64°
Average Annual Rainfall	52 inches

**COST OF LIVING** 97.5

SOURCE: ACCRA, 2000

### MEDICAL SERVICES (within region)

Medical Facility	No. of Beds
Homer Memorial Hospital	60
Lincoln General Hospital	159
Minden Medical Center	159

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

### RECREATION

Biking	Boating	Bowling
Camping	Fishing	Golf
Hunting	Skating	Swimming
Tennis		

## UTILITIES & SERVICES

**Electricity** – Entergy, Cajun Electric Power Coop., Inc., Claiborne Electric Coop., Inc.

**Natural Gas** – ATMOS Energy LA

**Water** – Town of Homer, Village of Haynesville, Village of Athens, Village of Lisbon, Village of Junction City

**Sewerage** – Town of Homer, Village of Haynesville, Village of Athens, Village of Lisbon, Village of Junction City

**Fiber Optic** - 4 service providers in the parish

