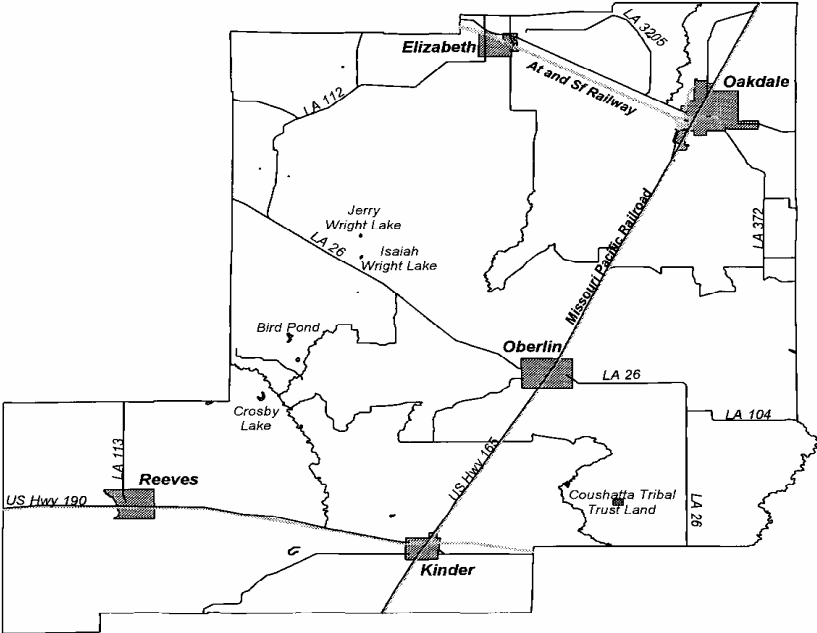


Allen



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Product/Service	Employees
Grand Casino Coushatta		1000+
Allen Parish School Board		500-999
NFC U.S. Dept. of Justice		500-999
Wackenhut Corrections Corporation		500-999
Boise Cascade Corporation		500-999
Oakdale Community Hospital		100-249
Allen Parish Sheriff Dept.		100-499
Kinder Nursing Home Inc.		100-499
St. Frances Nursing & Rehabilitation		100-499
The Coushatta Alliance Inc.		100-499

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Entergy Corporation	Louisiana Economic Development	Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development Louisiana	P.O. Box 94185	P.O. Box 1138
5353 Essen Lane, Ste. 120	Baton Rouge, LA 70804-	Oakdale, LA 71463
Baton Rouge, LA 70809	(225)342-5388	(337)335-1729
(800)542-2668	Fax (225)342-5349	
Fax (225)763-5254		
www.entergy.com/laed		

The Chamber/Southwest Louisiana

Revised: 3/06

POPULATION

PARISH	
Allen Parish	
2004 Estimate	25,440
2000 Census	25,440
1990 Census	21,226

AGE	
0-17	24.6%
18-24	9.3%
25-44	33.4%
45-64	20.8%
65+	11.8%

REGION	
2004 Estimate	285,368
2000 Census	283,429
1990 Census	259,425

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

MARKET ACCESS

HIGHWAYS
 US Highways 165, 190
 LA Highways 10, 26, 104, 112, 113

FREIGHT RAIL
 Union Pacific

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS
 (Distance in Miles)
 Mermentau River Harbor (barge depth) 50
 Port of Lake Charles* (Depth 40 ft.) 44
 (Width 400 ft.)
 (* Foreign Trade Zone)

AIRPORTS
 Allen Parish Airport (local) within parish
 Lake Charles Regional (commercial) 44

MOTOR FREIGHT
 2 major freight lines
 Terminal facilities are not available

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles, from center of parish)

Atlanta, GA	629
Birmingham, AL	528
Chicago, IL	1,045
Cincinnati, OH	995
Dallas, TX	360
Denver, CO	1,245
Houston	189
Kansas City, MO	757
Little Rock, AR	379
Minneapolis, MN	1,190
Nashville, TN	716
New Orleans, LA	205
St. Louis, MO	779

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

PARCEL SERVICE
 Services are available within the parish

LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	
Parish	9,573
Region	131,998
Louisiana	1,960,206

EMPLOYMENT	
Parish	8,072
Region	112,007
Louisiana	1,745,538

UNEMPLOYMENT	
Parish	15.7%
Region	15.1%
Louisiana	11.0%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OCTOBER 2005

WAGES

SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

Category Median Hourly

Professional

Accountant/ Auditor	\$19.86
Industrial Engineer	\$40.93
Chemical Engineer	\$40.10
Systems Analyst	\$27.11
Computer Programmer	\$23.76

Retail

Hotel Desk Clerk	\$8.26
Sales Clerk	\$9.10
Stock Clerk	\$7.95

Clerical

Bookkeeping/ Acct. Clerk	\$12.00
Data Entry Keyer	\$9.41
Record/Information Clerk	\$13.83
Gaming Cage Worker	\$8.77
Customer Service Rep	\$9.61

Unskilled

Freight Stock Laborer	\$8.44
Packer & Packager	\$6.30
Machiner Tool Operator	\$13.41
Shipping/Receiving Clerk	\$10.29

Skilled

Industrial Machinery Mechanic	\$16.19
Machinery Maintenance	\$12.25
Chemical Equipment Operator	\$23.49
Welder, Cutter & Solderer	\$18.81
Aircraft Mechanic & Service Technician	\$21.07
Medical Lab Technician	\$22.60
Health Technician	\$11.02

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

EMPLOYMENT INCOME

	2002	2003
Total Personal	\$439M	\$454M
Per Capita Personal	\$17,458	\$17,932
Median Household (2000):	\$27,777	

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	0.3%	0.6%	0.5%
Mining	0.0%	1.3%	2.2%
Utilities	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%
Construction	1.9%	9.7%	8.2%
Manufacturing	*	9.8%	4.0%
Wholesale Trade	1.3%	3.0%	12.0%
Retail Trade	7.2%	12.5%	4.2%
Trans/Wrhouse	1.4%	4.0%	1.8%
Information	0.6%	1.4%	3.3%
Fin & Insurance	2.0%	2.7%	1.9%
Real Estate	0.9%	1.5%	0.5%

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Prof./Technical	0.4%	1.4%	4.2%
Mng. Of co.	0.8%	3.6%	1.2%
Admin & Waste	*	0.9%	5.0%
Education Serv	*	3.1%	9.9%
Healthcare/Soc	*	9.1%	14.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	10.1%	13.5%	2.4%
Accomd/Food	*	5.5%	9.1%
Other Services	5.2%	9.4%	2.7%
Public Admin.	1.1%	2.3%	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
McNeese State Univ.	Lake Charles	8,029
University of Louisiana	Lafayette	16,006

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 2002

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE (within 100 miles)

SOWELA Community	Lake Charles	1,675
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SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

College	Parish
Oakdale Campus	Allen
Charles B. Coreil Campus	Evangeline
Alexandria Campus	Rapides
Lamar Salter Campus	Vernon
Morgan Smith Campus	Jefferson Davis

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2003 Enrollment
12 Public Schools	4,281
Teacher: student ratio	13:1

ACT Score (2005) 19.0

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher	63.2%
Bachelors's Degree of Higher	9.3%

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

Kinder	9%
Oberlin	9%
Elizabeth	9%
Oakdale	9%
Balance of Parish	7.7%

SOURCE: ALLEN 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: ALLEN 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

For more information on buildings and sites visit our web site at insite.entergy.com

GOVERNMENT

Parish	Police Jury
Municipalities	Oakdale, Elizabeth & Reserve-Mayor/Alderman Kinder & Oberlin – Mayor/Council

QUALITY OF LIFE

CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January	58°
July	92°
Annually	67°
Average Annual Rainfall	62 inches

COST OF LIVING 97.5

SOURCE: ACCRA, 2000

MEDICAL SERVICES (within region)

Medical Facility	No. of Beds
Allen Parish Hospital	49
Christu St. Patrick's Hospital of Lake Charles	392
Lake Charles Memorial Hospital*	429
Oakdale Community Hospital	60
W.O. Moss Regional Medical Center*	94

(* LOCATED IN NEIGHBORING CALCASIEU PARISH)

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

RECREATION

Boating	Bowling	Fishing
Golf	Hunting	Swimming
Tennis		

Festivals Great Gumbo Cook-off, Allen Parish Fair, Christmas on Main Street, Christmas Concert Under the Stars, Kinder Fest

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity – Entergy, Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Central LA Electric Co., Jefferson Davis Electric

Natural Gas – Atmos Energy LA

Water – City of Oakdale, Town of Kinder, Town of Oberlin, Town of Elizabeth, West Allen Parish Water District

Sewerage – City of Oakdale, Town of Kinder, Town of Oberlin, Town of Elizabeth, septic tank

Fiber Optic - 3 service providers in the parish

