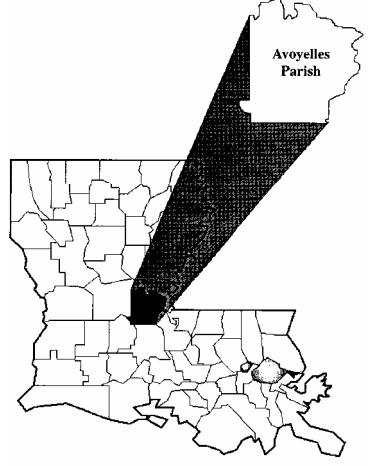
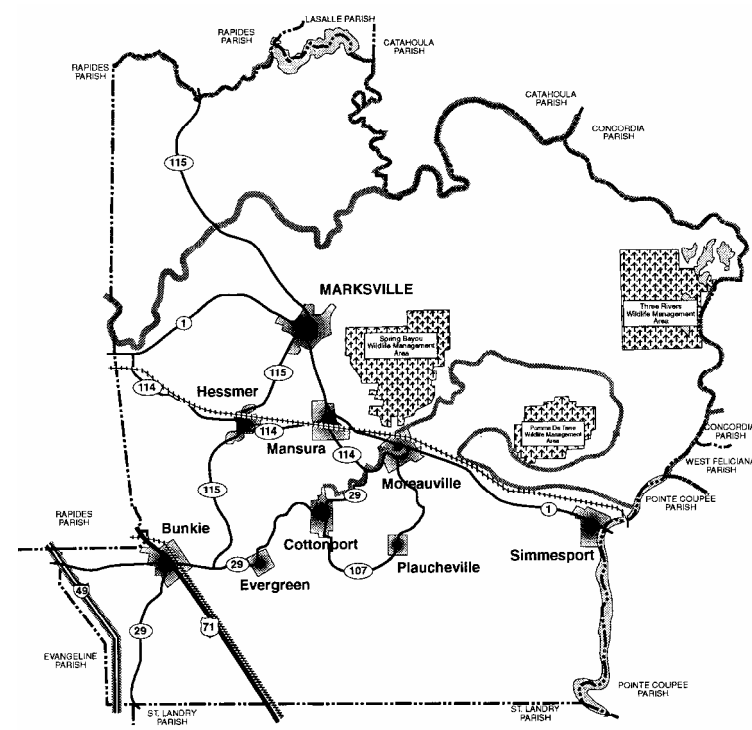


Avoyelles



POPULATION

PARISH	
Avoyelles Parish	
2004 Estimate	42,381
2000 Census	41,481
1990 Census	39,159

AGE	
0-17	27.5%
18-24	8.6%
25-44	28.7%
45-64	23.3%
65+	11.9%

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. Highway 71
 LA Highways 1, 29, 71, 105, 107, 114, 115, 361, 362, 451, 452, 454, 1183, 1188

FREIGHT RAIL
 Atchison, Topeka Sante Fe, Union Pacific
 Kansas City Southern

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS
 (Distance in Miles)
 Pointe Coupee Parish Port (9 ft.) 12
 Port of Greater Baton Rouge (45 ft.)* 40
 (* Foreign Trade Zone)

AIRPORTS
 Alexandria Int'l (commercial) 37
 Baton Rouge Metro (commercial) 40
 Bunkie Municipal (local) within parish
 Marksville Municipal (local) within parish

MOTOR FREIGHT
 5 major freight lines
 Terminal facilities are not available

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES
 (in miles, from center of parish)

Atlanta, GA	585
Birmingham, AL	455
Chicago, IL	800
Cincinnati, OH	770
Dallas, TX	345
Denver, CO	1,120
Houston	275
Kansas City, MO	710
Little Rock, AR	373
Minneapolis, MN	1,100
Nashville, TN	525
New Orleans, LA	175
St. Louis, MO	565

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

PARCEL SERVICE
 Services are available within the parish

LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	
Parish	16,849
Region	129,482
Louisiana	1,960,206

EMPLOYMENT

Parish	15,070
Region	118,469
Louisiana	1,745,538

UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish	10.6%
Region	8.5%
Louisiana	11.0%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OCTOBER 2005

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Product/Service	Employees
Avoyelles Parish School Board		1000+
Paragon Casino Resort		1000+
Avoyelles Parish Sheriff Department		500-999
Avoyelles Correctional Institute		250-499
WalMart Stores Inc.		100-249
Holloway Sportswear Inc.		100-249
Avoyelles Hospital		100-249
Bayou Vista Manor Nursing Home		100-249
Winn Dixie Louisiana Inc.		100-249
Marksville Division		100-249

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Entergy Corporation	Louisiana Economic Development	Economic Development Commission
Economic Development Louisiana	P.O. Box 94185	Kisatchie-Delta Economic Development District Council
5353 Essen Lane, Ste. 120	Baton Rouge, LA 70804-	P.O. Box 12248
Baton Rouge, LA 70809	(225)342-5388	Alexandria, LA 71315-2248
(800)542-2668	Fax (225)342-5349	(318)487-5454

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	\$767M	\$788M
Per Capita Personal	\$18,432	\$18,459
Median Household (2000):	\$23,851	

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	209	1.9%	0.5%
Mining	*	0.6%	2.2%
Utilities	85	0.9%	0.8%
Construction	609	6.9%	8.2%
Manufacturing	393	5.4%	4.0%
Wholesale Trade	135	3.4%	12.0%
Retail Trade	1,451	12.5%	4.2%
Trans/Wrhouse	170	2.4%	1.8%
Information	113	1.5%	3.3%
Fin & Insurance	431	3.0%	1.9%

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Real Estate	91	1.2%	0.5%
Prof./Technical	212	4.2%	4.2%
Mng. Of co.	28	0.7%	1.2%
Admin & Waste	77	4.0%	5.0%
Education Serv	*	11.1%	9.9%
Healthcare/Soc	1,914	20.8%	14.3%
Arts/Ent/Recr	*	2.0%	2.4%
Accomd/Food	534	7.1%	9.1%
Other Services	159	2.1%	2.7%
Public Admin.	1,447	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
Louisiana College	Pineville	1,204
Louisiana State Univ.	Baton Rouge	31,582
Southern University	Baton Rouge	8,957
Northwestern State Univ.	Natchitoches	10,159

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 2002

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE (within 100 miles)

Louisiana State University	Alexandria	2,400
Louisiana State University	Eunice	2,940
Baton Rouge Community College	Baton Rouge	5,761

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

College	Parish
Avoyelles Campus	Avoyelles
Hessmer Extension Campus	Avoyelles
Shelby M. Jackson Campus	Concordia
Rod Brady Campus	LaSalle
Alexandria Campus	Rapides
Charles B. Coreil Campus	Evangeline
T.H. Harris Campus	St. Landry

SOURCE: LA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, 2003

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2003 Enrollment
14 Public Schools	6,585
5 Nonpublic Schools	954
Teacher: student ratio	16:1

ACT Score (2005) 18.8

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher	59.8%
Bachelors's Degree of Higher	8.3%

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

Bunkie	8.5%	Moreauville	8.5%
Cottonport	8%	Plaucheville	8%
Mansura	9%	Simmesport	9%
Marksville	9%	Balance of Parish	9%

SOURCE: AVOYELLES 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: AVOYELLES 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
Avoyelles Parish Ind., Pk.	Marksville	78

GOVERNMENT

Parish Parish President/Police Jury

Municipalities Mayor/Alderman

QUALITY OF LIFE

CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January	57°
July	90°
Annually	67°
Average Annual Rainfall	61.9 inches

COST OF LIVING 97.5

SOURCE: ACCRA, 2000

MEDICAL SERVICES (within region)

Medical Facility	No. of Beds
Avoyelles Hospital	63
Bunkie General Hospital	25
Central Louisiana State Hospital *	196
Rapides Regional Medical Center *	285
CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital *	241
Huey P. Long Medical Center *	153

(*LOCATED IN NEIGHBORING RAPIDES PARISH)

SOURCE: LA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS, 2005

RECREATION

Biking	Boating	Bowling
Camping	Fishing	Golf
Hunting	Skating	Swimming
Tennis		

Festivals Easter Egg Knocking Festival, 4th July Celebration

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity – Entergy, Cajun Electric Power Coop., Central Louisiana Electric Co. Inc., SLEMCO

Natural Gas – Atmos Energy LA

Water – Individual municipalities

Sewerage – Individual municipalities

Fiber Optic - 2 service providers in the parish

