

# St. Charles Parish

located in the River Parishes Region, Louisiana  
on the Mississippi River  
between New Orleans and Baton Rouge

## POPULATION

2002 - 2008 Growth.....	7.2%
2008 Census Estimate.....	51,547
2000 Census.....	48,072
1990 Census.....	42,437

### Age (2006 - 2008)

Under 5.....	6.7%	45 - 54.....	16.9%
5 - 9.....	7.0%	55 - 59.....	5.7%
10 - 14.....	7.6%	60 - 64.....	4.9%
15 - 19.....	8.1%	65 - 74.....	5.5%
20 - 24.....	7.4%	75 - 84.....	2.9%
25 - 34.....	10.3%	85+.....	1.6%
35 - 44.....	15.5%		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program &  
2006 - 2008 American Community Survey

## MARKET ACCESS

### HIGHWAYS

Interstates.....	10, 12, 55, 310
U.S. Highways.....	61, 90
Louisiana Highways....	18, 48, 50, 52, 626, 3060, 3127, 3141

### RAILWAYS

Kansas City Southern, Canadian National,  
Union Pacific, Burlington Northern Santa Fe

### NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

DISTANCE IN MILES

Port of South Louisiana (region).....	0
45 ft. draft on the Mississippi River*	
Port of New Orleans.....	20
45 ft. draft on the Mississippi River*	

\* Foreign Trade Zone

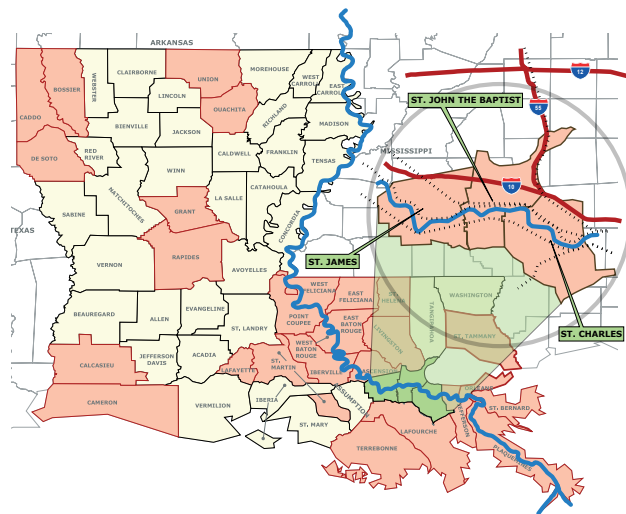
### AIRPORTS

DISTANCE IN MILES

St. Charles Parish Airport (general)	
Louis Armstrong New Orleans International (commercial).....	2
10,080' & 7,000' runways	
312,000 sq.ft. warehouse/cargo	
St. John Parish Airport (general; cargo).....	20
4,000 & 1,219 sq.ft. runways	
Baton Rouge Metro Airport (commercial).....	60
7,000' runway	

### MOTOR FREIGHT

25 freight carriers in the region. Terminal facilities are available in the parish.



### DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles from center of region)

New Orleans, Louisiana.....	30
Houston, Texas.....	320
Birmingham, Alabama.....	385
Dallas, Texas.....	490
Nashville, Tennessee.....	500
Little Rock, Arkansas.....	510
Atlanta, Georgia.....	520
St. Louis, Missouri.....	670
Kansas City, Missouri.....	820
Chicago, Illinois.....	890

Source: [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

### PARCEL SERVICE

Federal Express, DHL, United Parcel Service, United States Postal Service

## LABOR FORCE

### CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

2008 ANNUAL

Parish.....	27,219
Region.....	59,556
Louisiana.....	2,078,935

### EMPLOYMENT

Parish.....	26,107
Region.....	56,549
Louisiana.....	1,983,220

### UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish.....	4.1%
Region.....	5.6%
Louisiana.....	4.6%

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission Labor Market Information 2009 Annual

# WAGES

## SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

CATEGORY	MEDIAN HOURLY (2008)
<b>Professional</b>	
Electrical Engineering.....	\$47.27
Civil Engineering.....	\$39.49
Computer Programmer.....	\$27.00
Computer Support Specialist.....	\$19.05
<b>Retail</b>	
Sales Clerk.....	\$11.53
Teller.....	\$10.71
<b>Clerical</b>	
Customer Service Representative.....	\$13.84
Office & Administrative Support.....	\$14.10
Insurance Claims Clerk.....	\$13.01
Secretaries (except legal & medical).....	\$13.17
Receptionist/Information Clerk.....	\$10.54
<b>Skilled</b>	
Electricians.....	\$21.71
Industrial Machinery Mechanic.....	\$21.02
Machinists.....	\$20.73
<b>Unskilled</b>	
Truck Drivers.....	\$17.37
Packer/Packager.....	\$15.03
Laborer/Freight Stock.....	\$10.79

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Metropolitan Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates 2008

## EMPLOYMENT INCOME

	2007	2006
Total Personal.....	\$1,803M	\$1,674M
Per Capita Personal.....	\$34,704	\$32,275
Median Household (2007).....	\$56,886	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis

## AVG EMPLOYMENT by MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION

	PARISH	REGION	STATE
Agriculture.....	*	0.5%	0.5%
Mining.....	0.3%	1.08%	2.7%
Utilities.....	3.1%	2.0%	0.7%
Construction.....	15.3%	11.4%	7.6%
Manufacturing.....	19.5%	21.1%	8.0%
Wholesale Trade .....	7.4%	5.8%	4.0%
Retail Trade.....	6.9%	8.6%	11.9%
Transportation/Warehouse...	7.9%	7.8%	4.2%
Information.....	0.5%	0.6%	1.6%
Finance/Insurance.....	1.0%	1.5%	3.0%

	PARISH	REGION	STATE
Real Estate.....	1.0%	1.2%	1.7%
Prof/Tech Services.....	2.9%	2.3%	4.5%
Mng of Co.....	0.4%	0.5%	1.2%
Admin & Waste.....	9.1%	7.3%	5.2%
Education Services.....	*	-	8.9%
Healthcare/Soc.....	5.9%	7.2%	14.5%
Arts/Entertainment/Rec.....	0.8%	1.1%	2.2%
Accommodation/Food.....	4.1%	5.2%	8.6%
Other Services.....	1.1%	1.1%	2.6%
Public Administration.....	3.1%	3.1%	5.3%

Source: LA. Department of Labor, 2008 Annual Average Employment & Total Wages

# EDUCATION

## FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

	LOCATION	ENROLLMENT
Louisiana State University.....	Baton Rouge <a href="http://www.lsu.edu">www.lsu.edu</a>	28,194
U. of Louisiana Lafayette.....	Lafayette <a href="http://www.louisiana.edu">www.louisiana.edu</a>	16,320
Southeastern Louisiana U.....	Hammond <a href="http://www.selu.edu">www.selu.edu</a>	15,224
Tulane University.....	New Orleans <a href="http://www.tulane.edu">www.tulane.edu</a>	11,157
Southern University.....	Baton Rouge <a href="http://web.subr.edu">web.subr.edu</a>	9,000

## TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Delgado Community College...	New Orleans	16,715
Baton Rouge Community.....	Baton Rouge	8,104
College		

Source: Louisiana Community & Technical College System

## TECHNICAL COLLEGES

CAMPUS	PROGRAMS W/HIGHEST ENROLLMENT
River Region Campus.....	Petro-Tech; Accounting; IT; Design; Automotive Tech

Source: Louisiana Community & Technical College System, 2007

## PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

CATEGORY	2008 ENROLLMENT
17 Public Schools.....	9,602
Non-Public Schools.....	0
Teacher/Student Ratio.....	20:1
ACT Score, 2008.....	20.6

Source: [www.stcharles.k12.la.us](http://www.stcharles.k12.la.us)

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher.....	80%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher.....	17.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000

## RESEARCH BASE

- Pennington Biomedical Research Center
- Louisiana Partnership for Technology & Innovation
- LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory)
- Center for Advanced Microstructures & Devices
- Manufacturing Partnership of Louisiana

## INCENTIVES

- **QUALITY JOBS PROGRAMS:** Annual refundable credit up to 6% of payroll for a period of up to 10 years
- **INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION:** Exempts new manufacturers and expansions from state, parish, and local property taxes for up to 10 years
- **ENTERPRISE ZONE:** Tax credits and rebates for hiring within a designated zone
- **INVENTORY TAX CREDIT:** 100% income tax credit on inventory taxes paid
- **RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM:** Income/franchise tax credits up to 40% of R&D expenditures
- **FILM & PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT:** Tax credits for filming and production of commercials, film, TV, etc. for up to 30%

## TAXES

### BUSINESS SALES TAX

Parish.....	5.0%
State.....	4.0%

Source: St. Charles Parish Sales & Use Tax Office

### INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

One of the lowest in the nation. There are no local occupation or local income taxes in the state of Louisiana.

### PARISH MILLAGE

West Bank.....	\$113.92
East Bank.....	\$113.51

### PROPERTY TAXES/ASSESSMENT RATIO

Only local and parish governments levy property taxes in Louisiana. There is no sales 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.

## GOVERNMENT

### PARISH

Parish (County) President and Council

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### CLIMATE AVERAGES

January Temperature.....	60°
July Temperature.....	90°
Annual Temperature.....	68°
Annual Rainfall.....	60"

### MEDICAL SERVICES

MEDICAL FACILITY	# OF BEDS
St. Charles Parish Hospital (parish).....	56
River Parishes Hospital (river region).....	106
LaPlace Rehabilitation Hospital (river region).....	22
Ochsner/Kenner Regional Hospital.....	170
East Jefferson General Hospital.....	450
St. James Parish Hospital (river region).....	20
Ochsner Foundation Hospital.....	473
Children's Hospital.....	235

### RECREATION

Fishing, Boating, Camping, Biking, Hunting, Golf, Tennis, Swimming

### FESTIVALS/EVENTS

United Way 5K Bridge Run/Walk & Festival ; Louisiana Catfish Festival; Alligator Festival; Destrehan Plantation Fall Festival

### RIVER PARISHES TOURISM COMMISSION

[www.neworleansplantationcountry.com](http://www.neworleansplantationcountry.com)

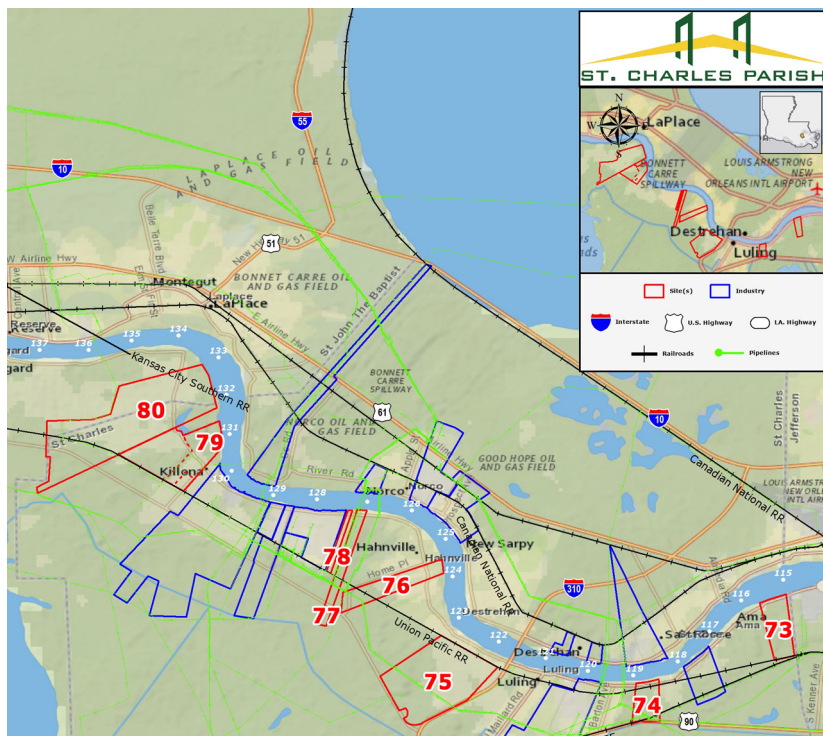
## UTILITIES/SERVICES

Electricity.....	Entergy
Natural Gas.....	Atmos Energy, LA.
Water.....	St. Charles Parish Dept. of Public Works
Sewage.....	St. Charles Parish Dept. of Public Works
Telephone.....	Cox Communications; AT&T
Fiber Optic.....	Cox Communications

# SITES

NAME	ACREAGE
Bunge (#73).....	410
Davis Levert (#74).....	200
Esperanza Business Park (#75).....	680
Home Place (#76).....	375
Pelican Occidental (#77).....	489
SoLaPort (#78).....	44
St. Charles Riverpark (#79).....	80
Glendale Hymelia (# 80).....	2,500

NOTE: Site Profiles for each of the 30 available sites in the River Region, totaling almost 20,000 acres are available on the Port of South Louisiana website [www.portsl.com/gis/stcharlesparish.htm](http://www.portsl.com/gis/stcharlesparish.htm)



## TOP EMPLOYERS IN THE PARISH

COMPANY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	LOCATION	# OF EMPLOYEES
St. Charles Parish Schools.....	Education	Luling	1,759
Dow St. Charles.....	Chemicals & Plastics	Taft	1,057
Motiva.....	Oil Refinery	Norco	734
Monsanto.....	Chemical Manufacturer	Luling	697
Valero Energy Corporation.....	Oil Refinery	New Sarpy	587
Entergy - Waterford 3.....	Electricity Provider	Killona	530
Shell Chemical.....	Petrochemical Manufacturer	Norco	504
Wal-Mart.....	Retail Sales	Boutte	380
Galzer's Distribution.....	Liquor Distribution	St. Rose	325
Randa Corporation.....	Manufacturer/Distributor Men's Accessories	St. Rose	278
Occidental Chemical Corporation.....	Chemical Manufacturer	Taft	226
Winn-Dixie.....	Retail	Destrehan	130
		Luling	100
ADM Growmark.....	Grain Export	Destrehan/Ama	174
International Matex Tank Terminals.....	Bulk Liquid Handling Services	St. Rose	165
Bunge North America.....	Grain Export & Soybean Processing	Destrehan	143

## RIVER REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (RREDI)

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