

# St. James Parish

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

## POPULATION

2002-2007 Growth.....	5.6%
2007 Claritas Estimate.....	22,405
2000 Census.....	21,216
1990 Census.....	20,879

### AGE (2007)

0 - 17.....	29.5%
18 - 34.....	22.0%
35 - 54.....	28.8%
55 - 64.....	8.6%
65+.....	11.1%

Source: 2007 Claritas; 2000 and 1990 U.S. Census Bureau

## MARKET ACCESS

### HIGHWAYS

Interstates.....	10, 12, 55, 310
U.S. Highways.....	61, 90
Louisiana Highways.....	18, 44

### RAILWAYS

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

### NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

Port of South Louisiana (region).....	0
45 ft. draft on the Mississippi River*	
Port of New Orleans.....	55
45 ft. draft on the Mississippi River*	

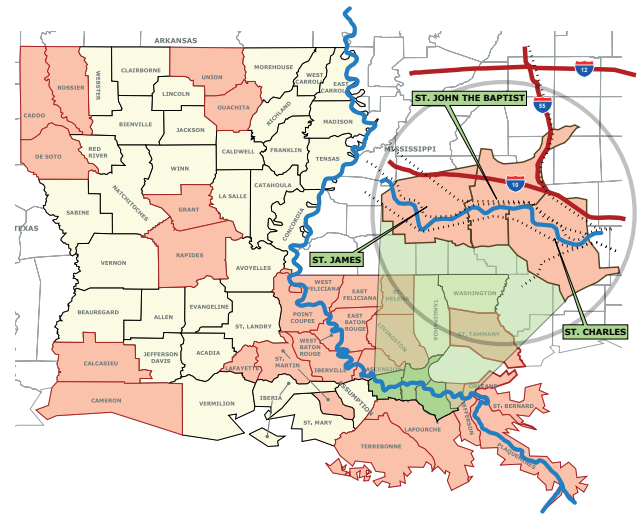
\* Foreign Trade Zone

### AIRPORTS

	DISTANCE IN MILES
St. John Parish Airport (general; cargo).....	15
4,000 & 1,219 sq.ft. runways	
Baton Rouge Metro Airport (commercial).....	30
7,000' runway	
New Orleans International (commercial).....	40
10,080' & 7,000' runways	
312,000 sq.ft. warehouse/cargo	

### 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: mapquest.com

### PARCEL SERVICE

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

## LABOR FORCE

### CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

2007 ANNUAL

Parish.....	8,430
Region.....	57,578
Louisiana.....	1,997,873

### EMPLOYMENT

Parish.....	7,902
Region.....	55,152
Louisiana.....	1,921,343

### UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish.....	6.3%
Region.....	3.8%
Louisiana.....	4.2%

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor, Labor Market  
Information, 2007 Annual

# WAGES

## SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

CATEGORY	MEDIAN HOURLY (2006)
Professional	
Electrical Engineering.....	\$39.16
Civil Engineering.....	\$34.56
Computer Programmer.....	\$28.21
Computer Support Specialist.....	\$18.94
Retail	
Sales Clerk.....	\$11.06
Teller.....	\$9.92
Clerical	
Customer Service Representative.....	\$13.15
Office & Administrative Support.....	\$13.02
Insurance Claims Clerk.....	\$12.81
Secretaries (except legal & medical).....	\$12.12
Receptionist/Information Clerk.....	\$9.84
Skilled	
Electricians.....	\$20.73
Industrial Machinery Mechanic.....	\$19.89
Machinists.....	\$17.67
Unskilled	
Truck Drivers.....	\$15.66
Packer/Packager.....	\$10.43
Laborer/Freight Stock.....	\$10.37

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Metropolitan Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates 2006

## EMPLOYMENT INCOME

	2005	2004
Total Personal (\$000).....	\$481M	\$458M
Per Capita Personal.....	\$22,870	\$21,803
Median Household (2007).....	\$43,833	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis; Claritas 2007

## AVG EMPLOYMENT by MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION

	PARISH	REGION	STATE
Agriculture.....	*	0.6%	0.6%
Mining.....	*	1.0%	2.5%
Utilities.....	3.8%	2.4%	0.8%
Construction.....	14.7%	10.8%	7.7%
Manufacturing.....	21.2%	23.3%	8.4%
Wholesale.....	9.1%	6.4%	
Trade.....			4.0%
Retail Trade.....	7.4%	10.0%	12.2%
Transportation/Warehouse...	7.9%	7.7%	4.3%
Information.....	0.7%	0.9%	1.7%

	PARISH	REGION	STATE
Finance/Insurance.....	1.4%	1.7%	3.3%
Real Estate.....	1.3%	1.5%	1.9%
Prof/Tech Services.....	3.6%	2.8%	4.4%
Mng of Co.....	0.4%	1.7%	1.2%
Admin & Waste.....	11.1%	9.3%	5.4%
Education Services.....	*	-	8.8%
Healthcare/Soc.....	6.8%	7.9%	14.0%
Arts/Entertainment/Rec.....	1.0%	1.2%	2.2%
Accommodation/Food.....	4.6%	6.0%	8.5%
Other Services.....	1.3%	1.5%	2.6%
Public Administration.....	3.4%	4.2%	5.4%

Source: LA. Department of Labor, Employment & Total Wages Paid by Employers Subject to the LA Employment Security Law, 2006

# EDUCATION

## FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

	LOCATION	ENROLLMENT
Louisiana State University.....	Baton Rouge	32,875
U. of Louisiana Lafayette.....	Lafayette	16,302
Southeastern Louisiana U.....	Hammond	15,118
Tulane University.....	New Orleans	10,606
Southern University.....	Baton Rouge	9,103

## TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Delgado Community College...	New Orleans	11,916
Baton Rouge Community.....	Baton Rouge	6,525
College		

Source: University of Louisiana System, Fall 2006

## 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	2007 ENROLLMENT
11 Public Schools.....	4,181
Non-Public Schools	
Teacher/Student Ratio.....	
ACT Score, 2007.....	19.3

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher.....	78.0%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher.....	14.6%

Source: Claritas, 2007

## 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.....	4.0%
State.....	4.0%

Source: Parish Sales 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.....	\$104.04
East Bank.....	\$105.57

Source: \$/ \$100 of assessed value; St. James Parish Assessor's Office

### 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

MUNICIPALITY

Parish President and Council.....Mayor

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### CLIMATE AVERAGES

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

### MEDICAL SERVICES

MEDICAL FACILITY	# OF BEDS
St. James Parish Hospital (river region).....	25
River Parishes Hospital (river region).....	106
LaPlace Rehabilitation Hospital (river region).....	22
St. Charles Parish Hospital (parish).....	56
Ochsner/Kenner Regional Hospital.....	203
East Jefferson General Hospital.....	455
Ochsner Foundation Hospital.....	483
Children's Hospital.....	201

### RECREATION

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

### FESTIVALS/EVENTS

Oak Alley Plantation Annual Spring Crafts Festival; Festival of the Bonfires

### RIVER PARISHES TOURISM COMMISSION

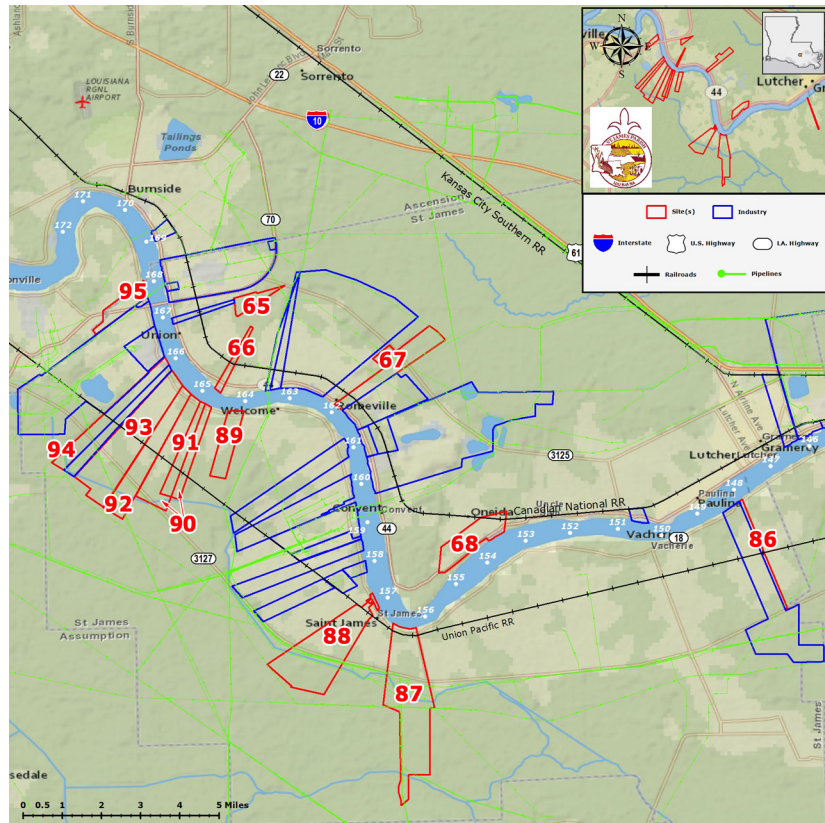
[www.takemetotheriver.com/rpt/](http://www.takemetotheriver.com/rpt/)

## UTILITIES/SERVICES

Electricity.....	Entergy
Natural Gas.....	Atmos Energy, LA; Parish
Water.....	Parish
Sewage.....	Parish
Telephone.....	AT&T
Fiber Optic.....	Network along I-10 from New Orleans to Lake Charles into Texas

# SITES

NAME	ACREAGE
Ancient Domain (#65).....	225
Balot & Whitehall (#66).....	240
Shady Grove (#67).....	231
Welham (#68).....	611
Succeed Property (#86).....	100
Rich Bend Plantation (#87).....	1,750
Zeringue/St. Emma (#88).....	1,464
Savanah (#89).....	381
Minnie & St. Louis (#90).....	900
St. Alice (#91).....	321
Winchester/Whitney (#92).....	785
Winchester/Acadia (#93).....	1,490
Elina (#94).....	400
Dunhill (#95).....	66



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/stjamesparish.htm](http://www.portsl.com/gis/stjamesparish.htm)

## TOP EMPLOYERS IN THE PARISH

COMPANY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	LOCATION	# OF EMPLOYEES
Motiva Enterprises.....	Oil Refinery	Gramercy	550
Noranda Aluminum.....	Steel Manufacturing	Gramercy	497
Louisiana Sugar Refinery.....	Sugar Refinery	Gramercy	365
Mosaic, Faustina & Uncle Sam.....	Ammonia	Gramercy	245
Occidental Chemical.....	Chemicals	Gramercy	134
Zen-Noh Grain.....	Grain Products	Convent	120
Rain CII.....	Chemicals	Gramercy	20

## RIVER REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (RREDI)

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