

St. John Parish

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

POPULATION

2002 - 2007 Growth.....	18.8%
2007 Claritas Estimate.....	51,138
2000 Census.....	43,044
1990 Census.....	39,996

Age (2007)

0 - 17.....	31.25%
18 - 34.....	23.2%
35 - 54.....	30.1%
55 - 64.....	7.7%
65+.....	7.8%

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.....	30
45 ft. draft on the Mississippi River*	

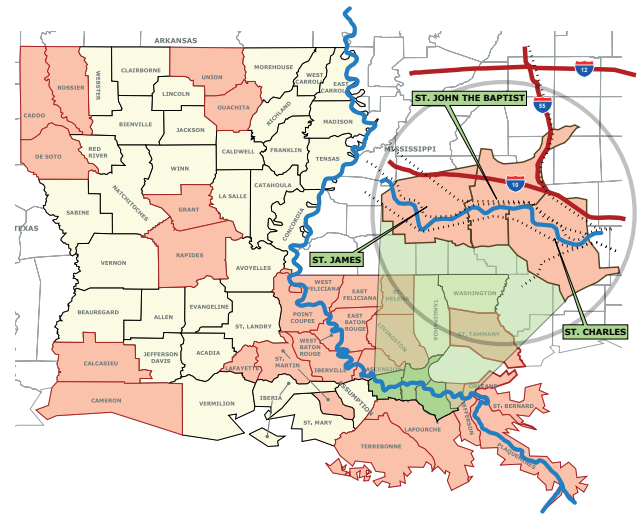
* Foreign Trade Zone

AIRPORTS

	DISTANCE IN MILES
St. John Parish Airport (general; cargo).....	2
4,000 & 1,219 sq.ft. runways	
New Orleans International (commercial).....	20
10,080' & 7,000' runways	
312,000 sq.ft. warehouse/cargo	
Baton Rouge Metro Airport (commercial).....	50
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: mapquest.com

PARCEL SERVICE

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

LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

2007 ANNUAL

Parish.....	22,705
Region.....	57,578
Louisiana.....	1,997,873

EMPLOYMENT

Parish.....	21,700
Region.....	55,152
Louisiana.....	1,921,343

UNEMPLOYMENT

Parish.....	4.4%
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).....	\$1,152M	\$1,080M
Per Capita Personal.....	\$24,964	\$23,796
Median Household (2007).....	\$46,892	

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
20 Public Schools.....	6,585
Non-Public Schools	
Teacher/Student Ratio.....	
ACT Score, 2007.....	17.5

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

High School Graduate or Higher.....	77.3%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher.....	13.2%

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.....	4.75%
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.....	\$123.99
East Bank.....	\$123.66

Source: St. John 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
River Parishes Hospital (river region).....	106
LaPlace Rehabilitation Hospital (river region).....	22
St. Charles Parish Hospital (parish).....	56
St. James Parish Hospital (river region).....	25
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

Andouille Festival

RIVER PARISHES TOURISM COMMISSION

www.takemetotheriver.com/rpt/

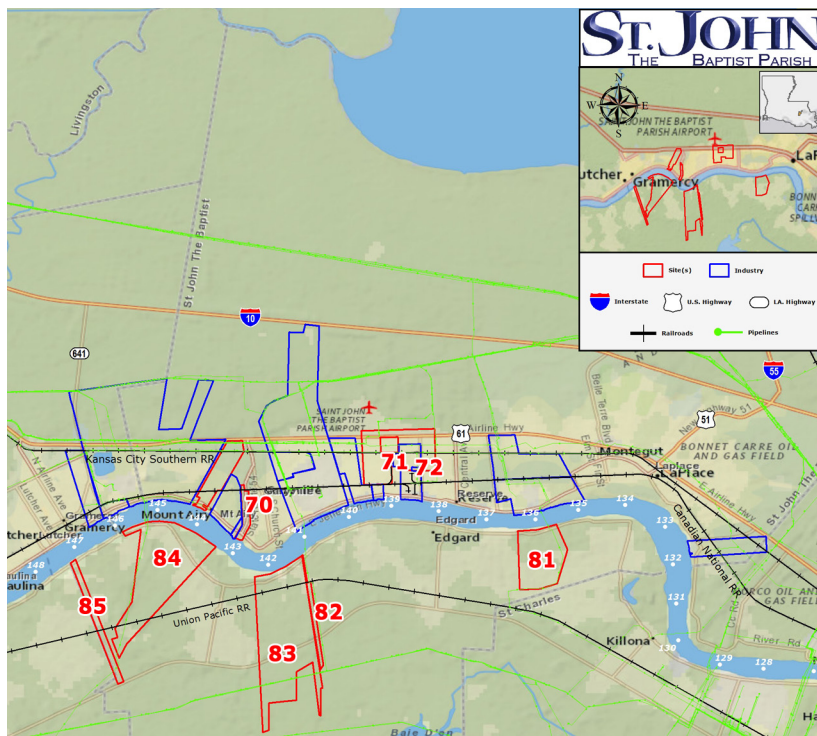
UTILITIES/SERVICES

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
Hope (#70).....	283
Guidry Property (#71).....	84
Airline Industrial Park (#72).....	1,100
Goldmine (#81).....	915
Whiterose (#82).....	300
Willow Bend (#83).....	2,200
Robert Brothers Farm (#84).....	1,749
Goodwill Plantation (#85).....	250

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/st-johnparish.htm



TOP EMPLOYERS IN THE PARISH

COMPANY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	LOCATION	# OF EMPLOYEES
DuPont Performance Elastomers.....	Rubber Synthetics	LaPlace	575
Marathon Petroleum.....	Gas Petroleum	Garyville	554
Nalco Chemical.....	Chemical Preparations	Garyville	554
ArcelorMittal.....	Recycled Structural Steel	LaPlace	400
Cargill.....	Grain Mill Products	Reserve	111
Louisiana Machinery.....	Equipment Supplier	Reserve	120
Pinnacle Polymers.....	Plastic Pellets	Reserve	108
Degussa.....	Super-Absorbent Polymer	Garyville	69
ADM Grain.....	Grain Mill Products	Reserve	50
Tomah Products.....	Chemical Manufacturing	Reserve	50
NATCO.....	High-End Meat Supplier	Reserve	48
Mausser Corporation.....	Plastic Barrels	Reserve	45

RIVER REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (RREDI)

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