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Business and Economic Climate of Monroe, Louisiana and the Surrounding Area: 2007

The Economy and Demography of Northeast Louisiana

Northeast Louisiana is a 12-parish area bordered to the north by Arkansas and to the east by Mississippi. The twelve parishes of Northeast Louisiana, for the purposes of this publication, are Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln*, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll. The Monroe metropolitan statistical area (Ouachita and Union Parishes: MSA rank by population=209/280) is the population and business center for the greater area.

The data contained herein is compiled from many sources and is as current as availability permits.

* The State of Louisiana does not typically include Lincoln Parish in the Northeast Louisiana statistical area.



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Population and Demographic Data

Annual Population and Population Percent Change, 2002-2006

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | % Change 2002- 2006 | % Change 2005- 2006 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Louisiana | 4,475,003 | 4,490,380 | 4,506,685 | 4,523,628 | 4,287,768 | -4.18% | -5.21% |
| Northeast LA | 350,607 | 350,985 | 350,557 | 348,983 | 349,422 | -0.34% | 0.13% |
| Monroe MSA* | 169,883 | 170,595 | 171,089 | 171,138 | 171,987 | 1.24% | 0.50% |
| Monroe City | 52,178 | 52,023 | 52,145 | 51,914 | 53,952 | 3.40% | 3.93% |
| Caldwell Parish | 10,595 | 10,604 | 10,689 | 10,563 | 10,593 | -0.02% | 0.28% |
| East Carroll Parish | 9,097 | 9,010 | 8,870 | 8,756 | 8,651 | -4.90% | -1.20% |
| Franklin Parish | 20,901 | 20,876 | 20,690 | 20,380 | 19,962 | -4.49% | -2.05% |
| Jackson Parish | 15,266 | 15,293 | 15,262 | 15,135 | 15,036 | -1.51% | -0.65% |
| Lincoln Parish | 41,858 | 42,108 | 42,285 | 42,108 | 42,647 | 1.88% | 1.28% |
| Madison Parish | 13,194 | 12,908 | 12,658 | 12,457 | 12,914 | -2.12% | 3.67% |
| Morehouse Parish | 30,514 | 30,592 | 30,383 | 29,989 | 29,715 | -2.62% | -0.91% |
| Ouachita Parish | 147,073 | 147,691 | 148,238 | 148,237 | 149,788 | 1.85% | 1.05% |
| Richland Parish | 20,714 | 20,565 | 20,535 | 20,526 | 20,371 | -1.66% | -0.76% |
| Tensas Parish | 6,419 | 6,274 | 6,157 | 6,125 | 6,018 | -6.25% | -1.75% |
| Union Parish | 22,810 | 22,904 | 22,851 | 22,901 | 22,199 | -2.68% | -3.07% |
| West Carroll Parish | 12,166 | 12,160 | 11,939 | 11,806 | 11,528 | -5.24% | -2.35% |

*Monroe MSA includes Ouachita & Union Parishes.

Population figures are July estimates.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

2005 Population by Age Bracket by Parish

| | age 0-19 | age 20-34 | age 35-49 | age 50-64 | age 65+ | total | Median age* |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| Caldwell | 2,623 | 2,390 | 2,196 | 1,850 | 1,504 | 10,563 | 37.0 |
| East Carroll | 2,758 | 1,996 | 1,676 | 1,259 | 1,067 | 8,756 | 31.1 |
| Franklin | 5,770 | 3,800 | 4,122 | 3,478 | 3,210 | 20,380 | 37.4 |
| Jackson | 3,941 | 2,913 | 3,021 | 2,819 | 2,441 | 15,135 | 39.1 |
| Lincoln | 12,276 | 12,589 | 6,657 | 5,705 | 4,881 | 42,108 | 26.7 |
| Madison | 3,930 | 2,669 | 2,358 | 2,081 | 1,419 | 12,457 | 32.5 |
| Morehouse | 8,474 | 5,790 | 6,101 | 5,167 | 4,457 | 29,989 | 36.9 |
| Ouachita | 44,043 | 32,994 | 29,807 | 23,539 | 17,854 | 148,237 | 33.5 |
| Richland | 5,742 | 4,185 | 4,244 | 3,384 | 2,971 | 20,526 | 36.4 |
| Tensas | 1,678 | 1,199 | 1,217 | 1,171 | 860 | 6,125 | 37.7 |
| Union | 6,067 | 4,454 | 4,652 | 4,203 | 3,525 | 22,901 | 38.2 |
| West Carroll | 3,040 | 2,432 | 2,412 | 2,070 | 1,852 | 11,806 | 38.3 |
| NE Louisiana | 100,342 | 77,411 | 68,463 | 56,726 | 46,041 | 348,983 | 34.2 |
| % of NE | 28.8% | 22.2% | 19.6% | 16.3% | 13.2% | 100.0% | |

*2005 median age for Louisiana=35.4; for United States=36.4

Population and Demographic Data (continued)

Percent of Total Population by Race and Gender, by Parish (2005)

| | Female | Hispanic (not Black) | Black | Black Female |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Caldwell Parish | 49.1% | 1.5% | 17.7% | 8.0% |
| East Carroll Parish | 48.8% | 0.8% | 68.2% | 33.6% |
| Franklin Parish | 52.2% | 0.6% | 31.3% | 16.7% |
| Jackson Parish | 52.1% | 0.8% | 27.1% | 14.9% |
| Lincoln Parish | 51.1% | 1.4% | 39.9% | 21.4% |
| Madison Parish | 50.5% | 1.4% | 61.5% | 31.6% |
| Morehouse Parish | 52.0% | 0.5% | 44.6% | 23.9% |
| Ouachita Parish | 52.4% | 1.2% | 34.8% | 18.8% |
| Richland Parish | 53.0% | 1.1% | 37.5% | 20.2% |
| Tensas Parish | 50.1% | 1.6% | 56.7% | 28.8% |
| Union Parish | 51.0% | 2.6% | 27.0% | 14.2% |
| West Carroll Parish | 49.1% | 1.3% | 18.7% | 8.0% |
| NE Louisiana | 51.0% | 1.2% | 38.7% | 20.0% |

Louisiana experienced considerable shifts in population following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (August-September 2005). The State's official population estimate for 2006 (July) shows a loss in excess of 235,000 people (-5.2%) when measured against the 2005 estimate.

Northeast Louisiana experienced some spotty positive changes in population from intra-state shifts. The regional change arrested the secular declines in population that had been ongoing since 2000. The 12-parish region overall posted a small gain (approximately 0.13%). Positive population changes were pronounced (and only) in those parishes with relatively developed metropolitan areas and, hence, employment opportunities and social services. Ouachita Parish and Lincoln Parish saw the greatest share of the gains. The gains in these two parishes along with growth in Madison Parish were sufficient for the region to overcome the small and cumulative negative changes posted by the other parishes.

Educational Attainment by Parish, as Percent of Population over Age 25 (2000)

| | Less than High School | High School (includes GED) | Some College - no Degree | Associate's Degree | Bachelor's Degree | Graduate or Professional Degree | Population 25+ years (in year 2000) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Caldwell Parish | 34.6 | 38.6 | 16.5 | 1.5 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 6,922 |
| East Carroll Parish | 42.2 | 31.2 | 12.4 | 1.9 | 7.2 | 5.1 | 5,542 |
| Franklin Parish | 38.6 | 36.5 | 13.9 | 1.2 | 6.2 | 3.6 | 13,423 |
| Jackson Parish | 26.4 | 39.7 | 18.5 | 2.5 | 8.1 | 4.8 | 10,062 |
| Lincoln Parish | 19.6 | 24.7 | 20.5 | 3.4 | 16.5 | 15.3 | 22,059 |
| Madison Parish | 36.6 | 33.7 | 16.5 | 2.2 | 7.7 | 3.3 | 7,670 |
| Morehouse Parish | 33.4 | 38.8 | 15.8 | 2.3 | 6.7 | 3 | 19,446 |
| Ouachita Parish in 2000 | 21.4 | 30 | 23.1 | 2.8 | 14.8 | 7.9 | 88,430 |
| Ouachita Parish in 2005* | 19.0 | 31.9 | 21 | 4.3 | 15.4 | 8.4 | 89,785 |
| Richland Parish | 38.1 | 32.1 | 14.8 | 2.1 | 8.8 | 4.1 | 13,060 |
| Tensas Parish | 36.9 | 31.5 | 15.4 | 1.4 | 10.1 | 4.7 | 4,208 |
| Union Parish | 28.3 | 40.1 | 17.6 | 2.2 | 8.1 | 3.7 | 14,819 |
| West Carroll Parish | 40.4 | 34.8 | 13.7 | 1.6 | 6.3 | 3.2 | 7,994 |
| NE Louisiana 2000 | 27.7% | 32.6% | 19.3% | 2.5% | 11.4% | 6.6% | 213,635 |
| Louisiana 2000 | 25.2% | 32.4% | 20.2% | 3.5% | 12.2% | 6.5% | 2,775,468 |
| Louisiana 2005* | 19.5% | 35.0% | 20.3% | 4.6% | 13.4% | 7.1% | 2,791,859 |

Sources: US Census Bureau Profile of Selected Characteristics 2000; * US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2005 (pop.>65,000)

Migration and Natural Increase: 2000 to 2006

| | Total Population Change* | Natural Increase | | | Net Migration | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| | | Total | Births | Deaths | Total Migration | Net International Migration | Net Internal Migration |
| Louisiana | (181,190) | 145,355 | 410,364 | 265,009 | (308,248) | 22,244 | (330,492) |
| Caldwell Parish | 55 | 105 | 859 | 754 | (12) | - | (12) |
| East Carroll Parish | (722) | 329 | 974 | 645 | (1,029) | 9 | (1,038) |
| Franklin Parish | (808) | 236 | 1,943 | 1,707 | (988) | 23 | (1,011) |
| Jackson Parish | (195) | (37) | 1,252 | 1,289 | (107) | - | (107) |
| Lincoln Parish | (652) | 1,248 | 3,409 | 2,161 | (1,775) | 348 | (2,123) |
| Madison Parish | (1,400) | 312 | 1,300 | 988 | (1,694) | 30 | (1,724) |
| Morehouse Parish | (1,260) | 381 | 2,736 | 2,355 | (1,548) | 2 | (1,550) |
| Ouachita Parish | 2,009 | 6,053 | 14,415 | 8,362 | (3,579) | 289 | (3,868) |
| Richland Parish | (427) | 310 | 1,881 | 1,571 | (682) | 12 | (694) |
| Tensas Parish | (480) | 96 | 549 | 453 | (556) | 28 | (584) |
| Union Parish | 161 | 490 | 2,012 | 1,522 | (255) | 104 | (359) |
| West Carroll Parish | (582) | (34) | 897 | 931 | (506) | 4 | (510) |

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau

* Release Date: March 22, 2007

Number of Housing Units by Year, by Parish

| | Housing units 2001 | Housing units 2002 | Housing units 2003 | Housing units 2004 | Housing units 2005 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Caldwell Parish | 5,070 | 5,087 | 5,104 | 5,113 | 5,140 |
| East Carroll Parish | 3,241 | 3,250 | 3,256 | 3,264 | 3,267 |
| Franklin Parish | 8,679 | 8,719 | 8,770 | 8,814 | 8,845 |
| Jackson Parish | 7,403 | 7,440 | 7,470 | 7,503 | 7,522 |
| Lincoln Parish | 17,228 | 17,346 | 17,481 | 17,660 | 18,033 |
| Madison Parish | 5,014 | 5,022 | 5,031 | 5,033 | 5,037 |
| Morehouse Parish | 12,845 | 12,909 | 12,971 | 13,051 | 13,076 |
| Ouachita Parish | 60,633 | 61,076 | 61,492 | 61,958 | 62,317 |
| Richland Parish | 8,399 | 8,439 | 8,476 | 8,536 | 8,604 |
| Tensas Parish | 3,371 | 3,380 | 3,388 | 3,415 | 3,446 |
| Union Parish | 11,001 | 11,077 | 11,210 | 11,337 | 11,597 |
| West Carroll Parish | 5,035 | 5,066 | 5,089 | 5,114 | 5,129 |
| NE Louisiana | 147,919 | 148,811 | 149,738 | 150,798 | 152,013 |

Population and Demographic Data (continued)

| Total Personal Income (thousands of current dollars) | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | % growth 2001-04 | % growth 2004-05 |
| Louisiana | 110,256,197 | 112,743,677 | 115,694,842 | 121,780,899 | 111,167,116 | 10.5% | (8.7%) |
| NE Louisiana | 7,539,519 | 7,677,584 | 7,964,097 | 8,206,299 | 8,507,700 | 8.8% | 3.7% |
| Caldwell | 196,100 | 197,779 | 203,275 | 215,657 | 223,510 | 10.0% | 3.6% |
| East Carroll | 149,654 | 138,915 | 164,267 | 162,310 | 163,955 | 8.5% | 1.0% |
| Franklin | 376,366 | 374,005 | 407,571 | 406,215 | 421,892 | 7.9% | 3.9% |
| Jackson | 354,781 | 361,817 | 365,221 | 370,972 | 386,061 | 4.6% | 4.1% |
| Lincoln | 897,506 | 903,577 | 904,639 | 983,219 | 1,011,047 | 9.6% | 2.8% |
| Madison | 214,733 | 209,795 | 238,043 | 223,691 | 234,742 | 4.2% | 4.9% |
| Morehouse | 587,122 | 583,852 | 635,820 | 630,541 | 650,345 | 7.4% | 3.1% |
| Ouachita | 3,559,813 | 3,710,791 | 3,794,746 | 3,903,988 | 4,047,130 | 9.7% | 3.7% |
| Richland | 390,977 | 380,861 | 406,099 | 423,432 | 439,242 | 8.3% | 3.7% |
| Tensas | 112,102 | 106,251 | 130,828 | 125,993 | 134,495 | 12.4% | 6.7% |
| Union | 482,166 | 495,804 | 491,989 | 546,072 | 561,846 | 13.3% | 2.9% |
| West Carroll | 218,199 | 214,137 | 221,599 | 214,209 | 233,435 | (1.8%) | 9.0% |

Source: Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

| Per Capita Personal Income (current dollars) | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | % growth 2001-04 | % growth 2004-05 |
| Louisiana | 24,702 | 25,219 | 25,819 | 27,088 | 24,664 | 9.7% | (8.9%) |
| NE Louisiana | 21,635 | 22,031 | 22,854 | 23,549 | 24,414 | 8.8% | 3.7% |
| Caldwell | 18,591 | 18,646 | 19,157 | 20,129 | 21,050 | 8.3% | 4.6% |
| East Carroll | 16,244 | 15,307 | 18,307 | 18,363 | 18,661 | 13.0% | 1.6% |
| Franklin | 17,890 | 17,921 | 19,574 | 19,678 | 20,691 | 10.0% | 5.1% |
| Jackson | 23,075 | 23,730 | 23,936 | 24,388 | 25,594 | 5.7% | 4.9% |
| Lincoln | 21,366 | 21,614 | 21,536 | 23,347 | 24,126 | 9.3% | 3.3% |
| Madison | 15,995 | 15,936 | 18,510 | 17,715 | 18,823 | 10.8% | 6.3% |
| Morehouse | 19,149 | 19,165 | 20,843 | 20,812 | 21,737 | 8.7% | 4.4% |
| Ouachita | 24,330 | 25,262 | 25,758 | 26,400 | 27,397 | 8.5% | 3.8% |
| Richland | 18,721 | 18,412 | 19,797 | 20,705 | 21,541 | 10.6% | 4.0% |
| Tensas | 17,284 | 16,584 | 20,926 | 20,497 | 21,987 | 18.6% | 7.3% |
| Union | 21,073 | 21,759 | 21,526 | 23,937 | 24,571 | 13.6% | 2.6% |
| West Carroll | 18,014 | 17,616 | 18,255 | 17,996 | 19,758 | (0.1%) | 9.8% |
| United States | 30,562 | 30,795 | 31,466 | 33,090 | 34,471 | 8.3% | 4.2% |

Source: Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

| | Wage and Salary Disbursements as Percent of Area Personal Income | | | | | Area Per Capita Personal Income as % of U.S. Per Capita Personal Income | |
|---------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 |
| Louisiana | 52.7% | 52.8% | 53.0% | 52.5% | 59.6% | 82.0% | 72.0% |
| NE Louisiana | 46.7% | 47.3% | 45.6% | 45.1% | 45.1% | 71.2% | 70.8% |
| Caldwell | 28.1% | 29.4% | 29.4% | 28.6% | 29.2% | 61.0% | 61.0% |
| East Carroll | 35.4% | 38.4% | 33.3% | 35.2% | 35.3% | 55.0% | 54.0% |
| Franklin | 32.5% | 32.8% | 29.7% | 31.2% | 30.9% | 59.0% | 60.0% |
| Jackson | 31.4% | 31.6% | 32.0% | 30.5% | 30.1% | 74.0% | 74.0% |
| Lincoln | 54.2% | 53.2% | 53.2% | 50.9% | 50.5% | 71.0% | 70.0% |
| Madison | 41.7% | 45.5% | 39.5% | 40.9% | 38.8% | 54.0% | 55.0% |
| Morehouse | 39.3% | 40.4% | 38.6% | 37.3% | 35.7% | 63.0% | 63.0% |
| Ouachita | 56.2% | 56.4% | 54.9% | 54.5% | 54.7% | 80.0% | 79.0% |
| Richland | 34.7% | 35.4% | 34.2% | 34.3% | 34.6% | 63.0% | 62.0% |
| Tensas | 37.7% | 38.7% | 28.6% | 32.7% | 33.0% | 62.0% | 64.0% |
| Union | 26.0% | 27.6% | 27.1% | 25.3% | 25.2% | 72.0% | 71.0% |
| West Carroll | 31.0% | 31.8% | 27.6% | 30.5% | 36.2% | 54.0% | 57.0% |
| United States | 56.7% | 56.1% | 55.8% | 55.4% | 55.4% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Calculated using data available from U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Northeast Louisiana is situated in the Delta region, one of the poorest areas of the United States. The region is largely agricultural. Metropolitan Monroe constitutes the retail and healthcare center of the region. The table at the top of this page shows the proportion of area personal income made up of wage and salary disbursements. The percentages exclude proprietors' income and focus only on that of employers. (Inclusion of proprietors' income raises the above percentages by an average 10%, approximately.)

Note the small percentages in many of the parishes when compared to the Nation. These parishes are largely agricultural with limited employment opportunities and relatively low educational achievement. The more metropolitan areas of Ouachita Parish and the city of Ruston in Lincoln Parish display percentages that emulate the Nation more closely.

As would be expected in a poor area, total personal income is also low. The last two columns of the table illustrate the considerable differences between 2004 and 2005 area income and that of the Nation. Weighted average personal income in Northeast Louisiana in 2005 is approximately 71% of the National average.

Population and Demographic Data (continued)

| 2003-2004 Median Household Income by Parish, NE Louisiana, State, and US | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | 2003: Median Household Income | 2004: Median Household Income | 2003: % of Louisiana Median Income | 2004: % of Louisiana Median Income |
| Caldwell Parish | \$27,868 | \$29,227 | 82.5% | 83.0% |
| East Carroll Parish | \$20,356 | \$20,622 | 60.2% | 58.6% |
| Franklin Parish | \$24,207 | \$25,046 | 71.6% | 71.1% |
| Jackson Parish | \$30,681 | \$31,714 | 90.8% | 90.1% |
| Lincoln Parish | \$28,341 | \$29,007 | 83.9% | 82.4% |
| Madison Parish | \$22,494 | \$22,548 | 66.6% | 64.0% |
| Morehouse Parish | \$26,237 | \$26,354 | 77.6% | 74.8% |
| Ouachita Parish | \$32,752 | \$32,969 | 96.9% | 93.6% |
| Richland Parish | \$24,885 | \$25,648 | 73.6% | 72.8% |
| Tensas Parish | \$21,288 | \$21,040 | 63.0% | 59.7% |
| Union Parish | \$29,648 | \$30,697 | 87.7% | 87.2% |
| West Carroll Parish | \$26,469 | \$26,661 | 78.3% | 75.7% |
| NE LA (w/Lincoln) | \$29,127 | \$29,591 | 86.2% | 84.0% |
| Louisiana | \$33,792 | \$35,216 | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| United States | \$43,318 | \$44,334 | 128.2% | 125.9% |

| 2003-2004 Persons below Poverty by Parish, NE Louisiana, State, and US | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| | 2003: % of population below poverty | 2004: % of population below poverty | 2003: % difference from Louisiana 2003 poverty rate | 2004: % difference from Louisiana 2004 poverty rate |
| Caldwell Parish | 19.0% | 20.6% | -1.3% | 1.4% |
| East Carroll Parish | 33.9% | 36.0% | 13.6% | 16.8% |
| Franklin Parish | 24.2% | 24.8% | 3.9% | 5.6% |
| Jackson Parish | 16.9% | 17.8% | -3.4% | -1.4% |
| Lincoln Parish | 21.1% | 22.6% | 0.8% | 3.4% |
| Madison Parish | 28.5% | 30.6% | 8.2% | 11.4% |
| Morehouse Parish | 23.3% | 25.0% | 3.0% | 5.8% |
| Ouachita Parish | 19.6% | 21.2% | -0.7% | 2.0% |
| Richland Parish | 23.4% | 24.7% | 3.1% | 5.5% |
| Tensas Parish | 28.7% | 31.3% | 8.4% | 12.1% |
| Union Parish | 17.5% | 18.7% | -2.8% | -0.5% |
| West Carroll Parish | 18.9% | 22.7% | -1.4% | 3.5% |
| NE LA (w/Lincoln) | 21.2% | 22.7% | 0.9% | 3.5% |
| Louisiana | 20.3% | 19.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| United States | 12.7% | 12.7% | -7.6% | -6.5% |

Labor Force Statistics

| Labor Force | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| City of Monroe | 22,715 | 23,044 | 22,714 | 22,611 | 22,279 |
| Caldwell | 4,434 | 4,442 | 4,276 | 4,337 | 4,374 |
| E. Carroll | 3,097 | 3,147 | 3,017 | 2,919 | 2,982 |
| Franklin | 7,989 | 8,097 | 7,749 | 7,827 | 7,761 |
| Jackson | 6,570 | 6,586 | 6,419 | 6,435 | 6,437 |
| Lincoln | 18,589 | 18,367 | 18,345 | 18,673 | 18,580 |
| Madison | 5,055 | 5,040 | 4,670 | 4,686 | 4,649 |
| Morehouse | 12,512 | 12,769 | 11,881 | 11,725 | 11,475 |
| Ouachita | 71,659 | 72,477 | 71,621 | 72,685 | 71,950 |
| Richland | 8,439 | 8,813 | 8,452 | 8,576 | 8,560 |
| Tensas | 2,322 | 2,432 | 2,268 | 2,300 | 2,301 |
| Union | 10,484 | 10,655 | 10,394 | 10,491 | 10,394 |
| W. Carroll | 4,795 | 4,790 | 4,555 | 4,725 | 5,202 |
| NE Louisiana | 155,945 | 157,615 | 153,647 | 155,379 | 154,665 |
| Louisiana | 2,010,850 | 2,025,006 | 2,039,182 | 2,077,123 | 1,990,120 |

2002-2004 data revised 2005; 2005-2006 data revised 2006.

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor, www.laworks.net

| Total Employment (Household Survey, including Proprietor Employment) | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| City of Monroe | 21,094 | 21,169 | 21,057 | 21,114 | 21,332 |
| Caldwell | 4,090 | 4,013 | 3,935 | 4,044 | 4,207 |
| E. Carroll | 2,732 | 2,731 | 2,630 | 2,558 | 2,743 |
| Franklin | 7,190 | 7,305 | 7,086 | 7,164 | 7,315 |
| Jackson | 6,167 | 6,033 | 6,018 | 6,080 | 6,191 |
| Lincoln | 17,477 | 17,188 | 17,233 | 17,484 | 17,802 |
| Madison | 4,531 | 4,478 | 4,241 | 4,287 | 4,393 |
| Morehouse | 11,455 | 11,494 | 10,749 | 10,732 | 10,785 |
| Ouachita | 67,969 | 68,210 | 67,850 | 68,569 | 69,276 |
| Richland | 7,765 | 8,054 | 7,799 | 7,962 | 8,161 |
| Tensas | 2,125 | 2,208 | 2,087 | 2,002 | 2,137 |
| Union | 9,841 | 9,881 | 9,763 | 9,889 | 9,991 |
| W. Carroll | 4,274 | 4,154 | 3,999 | 4,245 | 4,898 |
| NE Louisiana | 145,616 | 145,749 | 143,390 | 145,016 | 147,899 |
| Louisiana | 1,892,636 | 1,899,642 | 1,926,594 | 1,938,280 | 1,910,348 |

2002-2004 data revised 2005; 2005-2006 data revised 2006.

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor, www.laworks.net

Labor Force Statistics (continued)

| Unemployment Rate | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| City of Monroe | 7.1% | 8.1% | 7.3% | 6.6% | 4.3% |
| Caldwell | 7.8% | 9.7% | 8.0% | 6.8% | 3.8% |
| E. Carroll | 11.8% | 13.2% | 12.8% | 12.4% | 8.0% |
| Franklin | 10.0% | 9.8% | 8.6% | 8.5% | 5.7% |
| Jackson | 6.1% | 8.4% | 6.2% | 5.5% | 3.8% |
| Lincoln | 6.0% | 6.4% | 6.1% | 6.4% | 4.2% |
| Madison | 10.4% | 11.2% | 9.2% | 8.5% | 5.5% |
| Morehouse | 8.4% | 10.0% | 9.5% | 8.5% | 6.0% |
| Ouachita | 5.1% | 5.9% | 5.3% | 5.7% | 3.7% |
| Richland | 8.0% | 8.6% | 7.7% | 7.2% | 4.7% |
| Tensas | 8.5% | 9.2% | 8.0% | 13.0% | 7.1% |
| Union | 6.1% | 7.3% | 6.1% | 5.7% | 3.9% |
| W. Carroll | 10.9% | 13.3% | 12.2% | 10.2% | 5.8% |
| NE Louisiana | 6.6% | 7.5% | 6.7% | 6.7% | 4.4% |
| Louisiana | 5.9% | 6.2% | 5.5% | 6.7% | 4.0% |

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor, www.laworks.net

2002-2004 data revised 2005; 2005-2006 data revised 2006

| Unemployment | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| City of Monroe | 1,621 | 1,875 | 1,657 | 1,497 | 947 |
| Caldwell | 344 | 429 | 341 | 293 | 167 |
| East Carroll | 365 | 416 | 387 | 361 | 239 |
| Franklin | 799 | 792 | 663 | 663 | 446 |
| Jackson | 403 | 553 | 401 | 355 | 246 |
| Lincoln | 1,112 | 1,179 | 1,112 | 1,189 | 778 |
| Madison | 524 | 562 | 429 | 399 | 256 |
| Morehouse | 1,057 | 1,275 | 1,132 | 993 | 690 |
| Ouachita | 3,690 | 4,267 | 3,771 | 4,116 | 2,674 |
| Richland | 674 | 759 | 653 | 614 | 399 |
| Tensas | 197 | 224 | 181 | 298 | 164 |
| Union | 643 | 774 | 631 | 602 | 403 |
| West Carroll | 521 | 636 | 556 | 480 | 304 |
| NE Louisiana | 10,329 | 11,866 | 10,257 | 10,363 | 6,766 |
| Louisiana | 118,214 | 125,364 | 112,588 | 138,843 | 79,772 |

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor, www.laworks.net

2002-2004 data revised 2005; 2005-2006 data revised 2006

Wage and Salary Employment (Number of Jobs in Parishes and State)

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Louisiana | 2,033,800 | 2,019,981 | 2,025,043 | 2,033,543 | 2,006,271 |
| Caldwell | 2,791 | 2,785 | 2,751 | 2,710 | 2,750 |
| East Carroll | 2,710 | 2,671 | 2,531 | 2,550 | 2,396 |
| Franklin | 6,782 | 6,439 | 6,273 | 6,250 | 6,215 |
| Jackson | 4,239 | 4,230 | 4,242 | 3,995 | 3,866 |
| Lincoln | 20,025 | 19,101 | 19,086 | 19,260 | 19,273 |
| Madison | 4,513 | 4,471 | 4,250 | 4,044 | 4,046 |
| Morehouse | 9,384 | 9,139 | 9,095 | 8,530 | 8,341 |
| Ouachita | 76,922 | 77,522 | 76,531 | 76,225 | 75,490 |
| Richland | 6,684 | 6,372 | 6,398 | 6,380 | 6,436 |
| Tensas | 2,048 | 2,016 | 1,783 | 1,811 | 1,814 |
| Union | 6,304 | 6,706 | 6,513 | 6,405 | 6,291 |
| West Carroll | 3,278 | 3,139 | 2,918 | 2,923 | 3,142 |
| NE Louisiana | 145,680 | 144,591 | 142,371 | 141,083 | 140,060 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, www.bea.gov; 2006 not available at printing.

Wage and Salary Disbursements (thousands of current dollars)

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | % growth 2001-04 | % growth 2004-05 |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Louisiana | 58,061,193 | 59,573,493 | 61,325,403 | 63,875,117 | 66,298,256 | 10.0% | 3.8% |
| NE Louisiana | 3,519,862 | 3,633,044 | 3,628,712 | 3,704,231 | 3,839,323 | 5.2% | 3.6% |
| Caldwell | 55,193 | 58,232 | 59,786 | 61,598 | 65,289 | 11.6% | 6.0% |
| East Carroll | 53,023 | 53,326 | 54,623 | 57,109 | 57,902 | 7.7% | 1.4% |
| Franklin | 122,435 | 122,606 | 121,050 | 126,753 | 130,358 | 3.5% | 2.8% |
| Jackson | 111,369 | 114,183 | 116,876 | 113,163 | 116,388 | 1.6% | 2.8% |
| Lincoln | 486,304 | 480,763 | 481,451 | 500,597 | 510,683 | 2.9% | 2.0% |
| Madison | 89,567 | 95,466 | 93,927 | 91,473 | 91,141 | 2.1% | (0.4%) |
| Morehouse | 230,884 | 235,846 | 245,163 | 234,932 | 232,353 | 1.8% | (1.1%) |
| Ouachita | 2,000,049 | 2,091,535 | 2,085,158 | 2,129,031 | 2,212,354 | 6.4% | 3.9% |
| Richland | 135,737 | 134,944 | 138,880 | 145,182 | 152,104 | 7.0% | 4.8% |
| Tensas | 42,215 | 41,153 | 37,474 | 41,174 | 44,446 | (2.5%) | 7.9% |
| Union | 125,453 | 137,001 | 133,237 | 137,897 | 141,756 | 9.9% | 2.8% |
| West Carroll | 67,633 | 67,989 | 61,087 | 65,322 | 84,549 | (3.4%) | 29.4% |
| United States | | | | | | 9.0% | 5.1% |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. 2006 not available at printing.

Labor Force Statistics (continued)

Labor Market Data by Industry, by Region and Selected Parishes, 2005-2006

| | 2005 | | | | 2006 | | | |
|--|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ |
| Northeast Louisiana (w/ Lincoln Parish) | | | | | | | | |
| All Industries | 9,163 | 128,662 | \$3,581,564,316 | \$535.33 | 9,371 | 129,451 | \$3,779,037,437 | \$561.40 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 330 | 2,786 | \$57,827,698 | \$399.16 | 328 | 2,638 | \$60,537,741 | \$441.36 |
| Mining | 51 | 323 | \$13,399,861 | \$797.80 | 57 | 385 | \$20,296,163 | \$1,015.11 |
| Utilities | 116 | 1,048 | \$43,068,315 | \$790.30 | 114 | 1,045 | \$42,498,498 | \$782.27 |
| Construction | 818 | 6,654 | \$191,756,057 | \$554.20 | 839 | 6,955 | \$220,168,374 | \$608.77 |
| Manufacturing | 293 | 13,811 | \$561,153,841 | \$781.36 | 299 | 13,156 | \$561,961,006 | \$821.45 |
| Wholesale trade | 472 | 4,722 | \$171,135,296 | \$696.96 | 473 | 4,766 | \$192,760,906 | \$777.75 |
| Retail trade | 1,398 | 16,613 | \$318,465,383 | \$368.65 | 1427 | 16,944 | \$340,498,686 | \$386.46 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 386 | 3,327 | \$115,346,660 | \$666.73 | 403 | 3,374 | \$119,076,280 | \$678.80 |
| Information | 153 | 2,315 | \$82,370,376 | \$684.25 | 153 | 2,340 | \$84,431,657 | \$694.03 |
| Finance and insurance | 680 | 5,457 | \$192,420,522 | \$678.10 | 706 | 5,455 | \$199,790,938 | \$704.33 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 407 | 1,698 | \$39,601,030 | \$448.50 | 414 | 1,802 | \$43,361,877 | \$462.82 |
| Professional and technical services | 733 | 3,544 | \$118,484,456 | \$642.93 | 758 | 3,674 | \$137,728,091 | \$720.86 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 35 | 1,866 | \$118,542,080 | \$1,221.68 | 34 | 1,787 | \$118,141,219 | \$1,271.37 |
| Administrative and waste services | 343 | 4,604 | \$103,479,545 | \$432.23 | 358 | 4,983 | \$137,744,570 | \$531.62 |
| Educational services | 73 | 15,291 | \$426,833,740 | \$536.81 | 77 | 15,016 | \$438,283,967 | \$561.30 |
| Health care and social assistance | 1,018 | 23,683 | \$648,517,941 | \$526.60 | 1039 | 23,980 | \$667,363,803 | \$535.20 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 100 | 1,057 | \$14,489,848 | \$263.62 | 106 | 1,123 | \$15,149,935 | \$259.43 |
| Accommodation and food services | 501 | 9,587 | \$95,357,749 | \$191.28 | 517 | 9,743 | \$102,349,328 | \$202.02 |
| Other services, except public administration | 781 | 3,475 | \$69,644,000 | \$385.41 | 788 | 3,530 | \$72,324,661 | \$394.04 |
| Public administration | 418 | 6,705 | \$197,031,130 | \$565.11 | 417 | 6,642 | \$201,270,908 | \$582.79 |

Note: Due to unclassified and non-publishable data, major divisions may be under-reported. Annual values for 2006 compiled from quarterly data.

| | 2005 | | | | 2006 | | | |
|--|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ |
| Ouachita Parish | | | | | | | | |
| All Industries | 4,642 | 70,426 | \$2,098,581,662 | \$573.05 | 4,733 | 71,109 | \$2,211,165,782 | \$597.99 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 22 | 130 | \$3,583,622 | \$530.12 | 23 | 150 | \$4,035,233 | \$518.20 |
| Mining | 23 | 123 | \$4,657,174 | \$728.14 | 25 | 124 | \$5,618,278 | \$869.57 |
| Utilities | 25 | 529 | \$23,947,796 | \$870.58 | 24 | 539 | \$23,464,307 | \$837.17 |
| Construction | 435 | 3,395 | \$101,559,001 | \$575.27 | 445 | 3,857 | \$127,344,449 | \$635.01 |
| Manufacturing | 158 | 7,231 | \$318,428,818 | \$846.86 | 159 | 7,121 | \$329,383,460 | \$889.55 |
| Wholesale trade | 264 | 2,607 | \$98,003,870 | \$722.93 | 260 | 2,683 | \$115,046,287 | \$824.53 |
| Retail trade | 718 | 9,124 | \$191,344,640 | \$403.30 | 739 | 9,273 | \$193,210,920 | \$400.70 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 135 | 1,869 | \$69,059,825 | \$710.58 | 139 | 1,929 | \$69,659,941 | \$694.46 |
| Information | 91 | 1,793 | \$66,218,082 | \$710.22 | 91 | 1,786 | \$68,206,652 | \$734.52 |
| Finance and insurance | 399 | 3,668 | \$132,969,552 | \$697.14 | 407 | 3,598 | \$134,326,170 | \$718.05 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 218 | 1,015 | \$25,537,912 | \$483.86 | 228 | 1,144 | \$29,275,097 | \$492.12 |
| Professional and technical services | 467 | 2,532 | \$86,892,842 | \$659.96 | 473 | 2,538 | \$97,600,432 | \$739.53 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 20 | 1,495 | \$105,568,456 | \$1,357.97 | 19 | 1,409 | \$106,058,426 | \$1,447.80 |
| Administrative and waste services | 209 | 3,209 | \$61,963,924 | \$371.33 | 215 | 3,269 | \$69,080,684 | \$406.45 |
| Educational services | 35 | 6,659 | \$187,106,913 | \$540.35 | 36 | 6,580 | \$195,612,782 | \$571.72 |
| Health care and social assistance | 556 | 12,824 | \$399,171,376 | \$598.59 | 566 | 12,687 | \$400,476,908 | \$607.03 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 45 | 699 | \$9,637,334 | \$265.14 | 49 | 754 | \$10,136,209 | \$258.61 |
| Accommodation and food services | 266 | 5,910 | \$63,367,997 | \$206.20 | 280 | 6,098 | \$68,669,653 | \$216.55 |
| Other services, except public administration | 427 | 2,345 | \$47,238,034 | \$387.39 | 425 | 2,401 | \$49,966,922 | \$400.17 |
| Public administration | 98 | 3,212 | \$110,669,965 | \$662.60 | 97 | 3,099 | \$111,698,952 | \$693.09 |

Labor Force Statistics (continued)

Labor Market Data by Industry, by Region and Selected Parishes, 2005-2006

| Morehouse Parish | 2005 | | | | 2006 | | | |
|--|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ |
| All Industries | 608 | 7,454 | \$210,092,521 | \$542.02 | 618 | 7,275 | \$205,111,894 | \$542.19 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and | 54 | 400 | \$8,697,839 | \$418.17 | 56 | 412 | \$8,805,112 | \$410.74 |
| Mining | 2* | * | * | * | 2 | * | * | * |
| Utilities | 11 | 74 | \$3,247,659 | \$843.99 | 10 | 62 | \$2,682,988 | \$835.56 |
| Construction | 50 | 358 | \$10,283,601 | \$552.41 | 47 | 336 | \$9,960,859 | \$570.53 |
| Manufacturing | 16 | * | * | * | 17 | * | * | * |
| Wholesale trade | 22 | 232 | \$10,079,522 | \$835.50 | 24 | 237 | \$10,706,593 | \$870.60 |
| Retail trade | 99 | 1,086 | \$22,066,178 | \$390.75 | 100 | 1,033 | \$22,693,092 | \$422.67 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 26 | 168 | \$5,707,537 | \$653.34 | 30 | 181 | \$6,277,235 | \$666.02 |
| Information | 9 | 110 | \$3,282,695 | \$573.90 | 8 | 106 | \$2,821,707 | \$513.13 |
| Finance and insurance | 47 | 236 | \$7,644,149 | \$622.89 | 51 | 231 | \$7,943,848 | \$662.04 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 26 | 113 | \$1,700,081 | \$289.33 | 26 | 91 | \$1,572,237 | \$333.17 |
| Professional and technical services | 32 | 104 | \$2,907,539 | \$537.64 | 32 | 104 | \$2,863,091 | \$529.42 |
| Management of companies and | 0 | 0 | \$0 | \$0.00 | 0 | 0 | \$0 | \$0.00 |
| Administrative and waste services | 14 | 68 | \$1,195,846 | \$338.19 | 14 | 62 | \$1,225,532 | \$383.22 |
| Educational services | 4 | * | * | * | 4 | * | * | * |
| Health care and social assistance | 72 | 1,523 | \$34,669,002 | \$437.76 | 76 | 1,589 | \$36,693,490 | \$444.22 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 5 | 43 | \$794,184 | \$355.18 | 5 | 49 | \$796,838 | \$315.95 |
| Accommodation and food services | 32 | 459 | \$4,119,656 | \$172.60 | 30 | 450 | \$4,255,172 | \$181.74 |
| Other services, except public administration | 52 | 201 | \$2,724,106 | \$260.63 | 52 | 215 | \$3,017,086 | \$269.55 |
| Public administration | 34 | 398 | \$10,360,987 | \$500.63 | 34 | 405 | \$10,966,389 | \$521.04 |

* non-published data

| Lincoln Parish | 2005 | | | | 2006 | | | |
|--|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ |
| All Industries | 1,110 | 17,593 | \$480,161,163 | \$524.86 | 1,156 | 18,020 | \$512,733,281 | \$547.20 |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 31 | 285 | \$6,818,590 | \$460.09 | 32 | 368 | \$8,401,085 | \$439.02 |
| Mining | 11 | 115 | \$5,285,861 | \$883.92 | 13 | 160 | \$9,462,788 | \$1,135.58 |
| Utilities | 24 | 131 | \$4,430,244 | \$650.36 | 23 | 124 | \$4,603,621 | \$716.85 |
| Construction | 92 | 1,034 | \$31,148,141 | \$579.31 | 100 | 1,030 | \$35,131,321 | \$656.08 |
| Manufacturing | 36 | 1,608 | \$63,698,069 | \$761.79 | 37 | 1,489 | \$61,666,433 | \$796.30 |
| Wholesale trade | 57 | 820 | \$29,693,819 | \$696.38 | 55 | 855 | \$34,005,953 | \$764.64 |
| Retail trade | 173 | 2,167 | \$41,380,377 | \$367.22 | 177 | 2,251 | \$44,936,332 | \$383.86 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 42 | 298 | \$11,126,872 | \$718.05 | 45 | 292 | \$11,812,055 | \$777.26 |
| Information | 18 | 191 | \$6,592,960 | \$663.81 | 18 | 214 | \$6,405,359 | \$576.96 |
| Finance and insurance | 82 | 599 | \$23,671,941 | \$759.98 | 93 | 688 | \$27,953,169 | \$781.05 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 59 | 271 | \$6,260,741 | \$444.28 | 59 | 263 | \$5,761,130 | \$422.06 |
| Professional and technical services | 85 | 382 | \$12,034,731 | \$605.86 | 92 | 424 | \$15,946,329 | \$723.26 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 7 | 77 | \$6,713,740 | \$1,676.76 | 7 | 70 | \$6,054,198 | \$1,663.24 |
| Administrative and waste services | 55 | 537 | \$11,984,821 | \$429.19 | 53 | 579 | \$13,318,596 | \$442.36 |
| Educational services | 9 | 3,511 | \$110,573,850 | \$605.65 | 12 | 3,535 | \$111,765,084 | \$608.01 |
| Health care and social assistance | 100 | 3,065 | \$73,819,342 | \$463.17 | 105 | 3,200 | \$78,088,221 | \$469.24 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 8 | 72 | \$630,260 | \$168.34 | 9 | 77 | \$732,528 | \$184.14 |
| Accommodation and food services | 79 | 1,653 | \$14,010,847 | \$163.00 | 78 | 1,634 | \$14,792,700 | \$174.10 |
| Other services, except public administration | 93 | 329 | \$6,371,983 | \$372.46 | 97 | 323 | \$6,816,559 | \$405.84 |
| Public administration | 41 | 432 | \$13,658,196 | \$608.00 | 41 | 434 | \$14,859,092 | \$658.79 |

Labor Force Statistics (continued)

Labor Market Data by Selected Parishes, 2005-2006

| Parishes | 2005 | | | | 2006 | | | |
|--------------|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ | Units | Employment | Estimated total wages | Weekly Wage \$ |
| Caldwell | 247 | 2465 | \$58,760,815 | \$458.42 | 252 | 2,506 | \$61,208,328 | \$469.75 |
| East Carroll | 209 | 1994 | \$48,066,045 | \$463.56 | 208 | 2,057 | \$51,821,656 | \$484.42 |
| Franklin | 456 | 5572 | \$114,756,196 | \$396.06 | 469 | 5,411 | \$118,902,377 | \$422.58 |
| Jackson | 310 | 3516 | \$108,227,271 | \$591.95 | 315 | 3,405 | \$108,653,523 | \$613.70 |
| Madison | 293 | 3467 | \$78,773,598 | \$436.94 | 300 | 3,376 | \$79,843,351 | \$454.85 |
| Richland | 511 | 5891 | \$139,312,224 | \$454.78 | 516 | 5,938 | \$147,935,554 | \$479.12 |
| Tensas | 165 | 1471 | \$36,863,715 | \$481.93 | 164 | 1,471 | \$42,107,998 | \$550.68 |
| Union | 394 | 5771 | \$131,302,427 | \$437.54 | 411 | 5,575 | \$135,677,413 | \$467.99 |
| West Carroll | 220 | 3041 | \$76,666,679 | \$484.83 | 229 | 3,309 | \$103,876,280 | \$603.69 |

Source: www.laworks.net, Louisiana Employment and Wages Annual Report, 2005, and quarterly data for 2006.

Average Annual Wages per Job (2001-05 current dollars)

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2001-04 | 2004-05 |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | | % growth | % growth |
| Louisiana | 28,548 | 29,492 | 30,284 | 31,411 | 33,046 | 10.0% | 5.2% |
| NE Louisiana | 24,172 | 24,927 | 25,497 | 25,544 | 25,951 | 5.7% | 1.6% |
| Caldwell | 19,775 | 20,909 | 21,732 | 22,730 | 23,741 | 14.9% | 4.4% |
| East Carroll | 19,566 | 19,965 | 21,582 | 22,396 | 24,166 | 14.5% | 7.9% |
| Franklin | 18,053 | 19,041 | 19,297 | 20,280 | 20,975 | 12.3% | 3.4% |
| Jackson | 26,272 | 26,994 | 27,552 | 28,326 | 30,106 | 7.8% | 6.3% |
| Lincoln | 24,285 | 25,170 | 25,225 | 25,992 | 26,437 | 7.0% | 1.7% |
| Madison | 19,846 | 21,352 | 22,100 | 22,619 | 22,526 | 14.0% | -0.4% |
| Morehouse | 24,604 | 25,807 | 29,956 | 27,542 | 27,857 | 11.9% | 1.1% |
| Ouachita | 26,001 | 26,980 | 27,246 | 27,931 | 29,307 | 7.4% | 4.9% |
| Richland | 20,308 | 21,178 | 21,707 | 22,756 | 23,633 | 12.1% | 3.9% |
| Tensas | 20,613 | 20,413 | 21,017 | 22,736 | 24,502 | 10.3% | 7.8% |
| Union | 19,901 | 20,430 | 20,457 | 21,530 | 22,533 | 8.2% | 4.7% |
| West Carroll | 20,632 | 21,659 | 20,935 | 22,348 | 26,909 | 8.3% | 20.4% |
| United States | 35,582 | 36,150 | 37,169 | 38,792 | 40,146 | 9.0% | 3.5% |

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

These 11 companies employ more than 10% of the wage and salary workers in NE LA. One conspicuous absence in this year's edition is Guide Corporation, which closed its headlight manufacturing plant in Monroe in early 2007. The closure resulted in the loss of 800 manufacturing jobs in the region.

Commercial/industrial utility prices in Louisiana have retreated somewhat from last year's highs that generally exceeded National rates. The reductions are especially noticeable for non-wintertime natural gas.

Strong gains in building permits portend strong employment in construction for 2007-2008.

Major Area (private/non-retail) Businesses

| Company | Product/Service | Employees |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Chase Manhattan Mortgage/J.P. Morgan Chase | Mortgage/Financial Services Center | 1,800 |
| St. Francis Medical Center | Medical Services | 1,600 |
| Graphics Packaging | Pulp & paper processing | 1,500 |
| CenturyTel | Telecommunications Services | 1,470 |
| Glenwood Regional Medical Center | Medical Services | 950 |
| International Paper (Morehouse Parish) | Paper Manufacturing | 600 |
| Entergy | Electrical Utility | 470 |
| Bancroft Bag | Bags, Paper Containers | 450 |
| Tyco | Plastics | 420 |
| ANGUS Chemical Company | Specialty Chemicals | 150 |
| Pilgrim's Pride (Union Parish) | Chicken Processing | 1,900 |

Commercial/Industrial Utility Rates for Louisiana and the United States, Feb. 2006-Feb. 2007

| | Feb-06 | Mar-06 | Apr-06 | May-06 | Jun-06 | Jul-06 | Aug-06 | Sep-06 | Oct-06 | Nov-06 | Dec-06 | Jan-07 | Feb-07 |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Electricity cents/kwh: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Commercial | 9.04 | 8.97 | 9.08 | 9.15 | 9.74 | 9.86 | 9.96 | 9.78 | 9.4 | 9.11 | 8.97 | 9.11 | 9.28 |
| Louisiana Commercial | 9.84 | 8.88 | 8.69 | 8.31 | 8.80 | 8.76 | 8.86 | 9.24 | 9.75 | 8.77 | 8.46 | 9.00 | 9.36 |
| U.S. Industrial | 5.87 | 5.82 | 5.85 | 5.91 | 6.35 | 6.5 | 6.56 | 6.27 | 6.12 | 5.97 | 5.96 | 6.12 | 6.2 |
| Louisiana Industrial | 7.99 | 7.22 | 6.50 | 6.36 | 6.49 | 6.74 | 6.74 | 7.03 | 7.56 | 6.65 | 5.94 | 6.58 | 6.99 |
| Natural Gas \$/mcf: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Commercial | \$13.00 | \$12.01 | \$11.53 | \$11.54 | \$11.03 | \$10.91 | \$11.18 | \$11.15 | \$10.13 | \$11.05 | \$11.57 | \$11.12 | \$11.23 |
| Louisiana Commercial | \$12.04 | \$12.25 | \$11.36 | \$11.79 | n/a | \$10.69 | \$10.35 | \$9.32 | \$9.96 | \$11.96 | \$12.73 | \$11.87 | \$11.95 |
| U.S. Industrial | \$9.29 | \$8.23 | \$7.95 | \$7.65 | \$6.92 | \$6.79 | \$7.38 | \$7.23 | \$5.62 | \$7.79 | \$8.26 | \$7.36 | \$8.27 |
| Louisiana Industrial | \$8.83 | \$7.37 | \$7.45 | \$7.26 | \$7.07 | \$7.14 | \$7.82 | \$7.19 | \$5.23 | \$7.53 | \$7.57 | \$6.56 | \$7.93 |

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Agency

Business Climate Data (continued)

| Construction Permits for Monroe MSA by Parish: 2005-2006 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number of Projects | | Dwelling Units | | Square Feet (000's) | | Value (millions \$) | | |
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | %Change |
| Total Non-Residential | 28 | 32 | n/a | n/a | 412 | 279 | \$44.8 | \$37.9 | 18.2% |
| Ouachita | 25 | 30 | n/a | n/a | 301 | 276 | \$37.0 | \$37.4 | -1.1% |
| Union | 3 | 2 | n/a | n/a | 112 | 4 | \$7.8 | \$0.5 | * |
| Total Residential | 761 | 541 | 763 | 546 | 1,603 | 1,142 | \$122.7 | \$83.8 | 46.4% |
| Ouachita | 514 | 397 | 516 | 402 | 1,082 | 838 | \$89.9 | \$65.5 | 37.3% |
| Union | 247 | 144 | 247 | 144 | 522 | 304 | \$32.7 | \$18.3 | 78.7% |
| Total Non-Building | 26 | 23 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$85.1 | \$85.0 | 0.1% |
| Ouachita | 18 | 19 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$26.2 | \$82.2 | -68.1% |
| Union | 8 | 4 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$58.9 | \$2.8 | * |
| Total all projects | 815 | 596 | 763 | 546 | 1,603 | 1,142 | \$252.6 | \$206.7 | 22.2% |

In the % Change Column, increases of 100% or more are indicated by *.

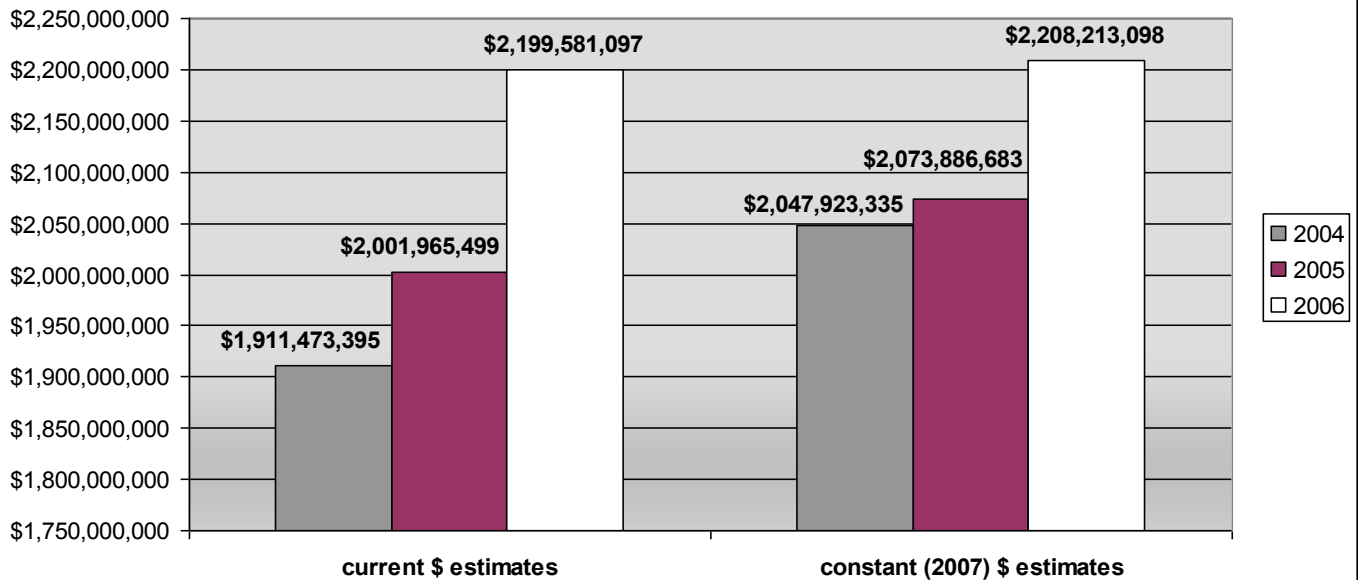
Source: Dodge MarkeTrack (McGraw Hill Construction Research and Analysis)

| Hotel Motel Occupancy Rates 2005-06 | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------|--------------|--|-------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| | % Occupancy | | | | Average Room Rate | | | # of rooms |
| | 2005 | 2006 | % change | | 2005 | 2006 | % change | |
| Monroe MSA | 70.9% | 68.8% | -3.0% | | \$60.64 | \$62.13 | 2.5% | 2,073 |
| *Louisiana North Area | 69.4% | 66.3% | -4.5% | | \$58.93 | \$60.15 | 2.1% | 7,858 |
| State of Louisiana | 70.2% | 67.3% | -4.1% | | \$86.72 | \$88.94 | 2.6% | 72,253 |

*LA North Area excludes Monroe and Shreveport MSAs.

Source: LA Office of Tourism.

Estimated Non-Auto Retail Sales for Ouachita Parish



Estimated Inflation-Adjusted (2007) per Capita Non-Automotive Retail Sales*

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | % chg 05-06 |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Ouachita Parish | \$13,815 | \$13,990 | \$14,742 | 5.4% |
| Lincoln Parish | \$20,243 | \$22,639 | \$24,867 | 9.8% |
| United States | n/a | \$8,516 | n/a | n/a |

*Estimates of Parish retail sales are calculated from local sales tax collections.

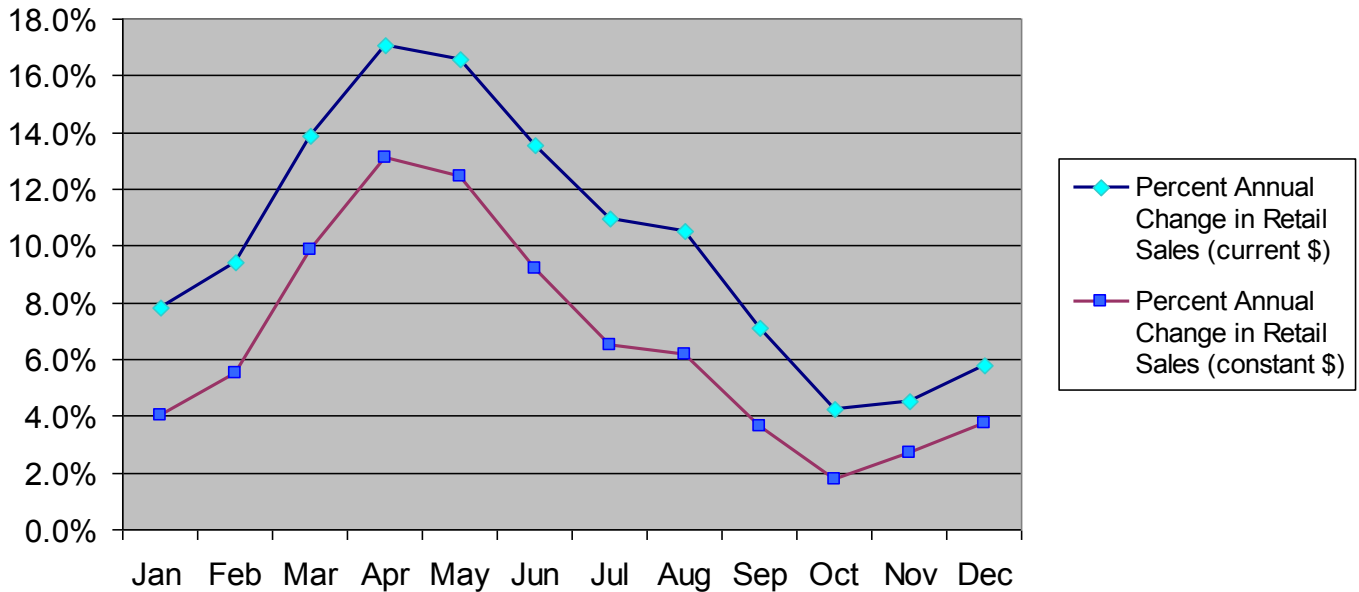
Ouachita Parish is the retail center for the Northeast Louisiana region. Estimated retail sales in the Parish (and, by extension, in Northeast Louisiana) increased dramatically in 2006. The growth paralleled that of the State in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Strong increases in non-automotive retail sales likely resulted from hurricane-related insurance settlement dollars, federal assistance dollars, and income from relocated population that flowed into the Monroe MSA from elsewhere in the State. The increases are considerable even after inflation adjustments. Current dollar estimates for 2006 are nearly 9.9% ahead of 2005. Constant dollar estimates are up nearly 6.5%. (Although not illustrated in this document, non-automotive retail sales in Lincoln Parish are also well ahead of 2005: 18.8% increase in current dollar sales, 15.0% increase in constant dollars.) Retail sales in Ouachita Parish are estimated from monthly sales tax revenues.

The post-hurricane retail gains are undiminished in the first quarter of 2007 (see adjacent page line chart, 2007 not shown). The chart on the adjacent page illustrates the same month year-over-year percentage changes in retail sales for the years 2005 to 2006. (Three-month averages are employed to smooth out some volatility in the data.) While the year-over-year same-month percentage changes have declined, the changes for all months are still positive for both current-dollar and constant-dollar (inflation-adjusted) estimates, suggesting that retailing is still a growth industry in the Parish.

The magnitude of retail sales for Ouachita Parish is illustrated especially by the relative per-capita figures. Non-automotive (constant \$) per-capita retail sales in Ouachita Parish in 2005 are \$13,990 versus \$8,516 in the U.S.

Business Climate Data (continued)

Year over Year (3-Month Running Average) Percentage Change in Estimated* Non-Automotive Retail Sales: 2005 to 2006



* Retail sales are estimated from local sales tax revenue.

Total New Car, Van, and Light Truck Registrations * (includes fleet)

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | change 04-06 |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|
| NE LA | 14,925 | 15,154 | 15,163 | 238 |
| Ouachita | 6,527 | 6,862 | 6,725 | 198 |
| Lincoln | 1,913 | 1,926 | 1,978 | 65 |
| Morehouse | 1,185 | 1,012 | 1,036 | -149 |
| Union | 1,033 | 1,057 | 978 | -55 |
| Louisiana | 240,203 | 260,050 | 294,253 | 54,050 |

Estimated Constant \$ Value of New Vehicle Registrations * : Ouachita Only

| | | Annual % Change |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| Estimated Constant \$ Auto Sales: 2004 | \$249,853,005 | |
| Estimated Constant \$ Auto Sales: 2005 | \$251,614,036 | 0.70% |
| Estimated Constant \$ Auto Sales: 2006 | \$238,254,422 | -5.30% |

* New Car/truck registrations obtained from Cross-Sell Reports: Statewide Dealer Summaries.

| | Sales Tax% | Property Tax Millage range* (\$ amount/\$1000) |
|--|-------------|--|
| Louisiana Portion (statewide): 4.00 | | |
| Local Sales Tax Rates: | | |
| Caldwell Parish | 5.00 | 112.41-123.29 |
| East Carroll Parish | | 103.96-120.99 |
| Lake Providence | 7.00 | |
| Balance of Parish | 5.00 | |
| Franklin Parish | | 73.65-87.07 |
| Gilbert, Wisner, Winnsboro | 5.00 | |
| Balance of Parish | 4.00 | |
| Jackson Parish | 5.00 | 101.86-111.61 |
| Lincoln Parish | | 74.0-155.70 |
| Ruston | 4.50 | |
| Grambling | 4.75 | |
| Dubach | 3.75 | |
| Choudrant | 4.00 | |
| Balance of Parish | 2.75 | |
| Madison Parish | | 103.95-137.69 |
| Tallulah, Richmond | 5.50 | |
| Delta | 4.50 | |
| Balance of Parish | 3.50 | |
| Morehouse Parish | | 71.35-100.91 |
| Bastrop Including District 1 | 6.00 | |
| Bastrop Excluding District 1 | 5.50 | |
| Mer Rouge, Bonita, Collinston | 5.00 | |
| Rural | 3.00 | |
| Ouachita Parish | | 79.11-136.38 |
| Monroe | 5.99 | |
| Richwood, Sterlington, W. Monroe | 5.50 | |
| East Ouachita | 4.60 | |
| West Ouachita | 5.60 | |
| Richland Parish | | 78.07-118.15 |
| Delhi, Rayville | 5.50 | |
| Mangham | 5.00 | |
| Balance of Parish | 4.00 | |
| Tensas Parish | | 93.30-118.20 |
| Newellton, Waterproof | 6.00 | |
| St. Joseph | 6.25 | |
| Balance of Parish | 5.25 | |
| Union | | 56.32-66.32 |
| Bernice | 6.00 | |
| Farmerville | 5.50 | |
| Marion, Junction City | 5.00 | |
| Balance of Parish | 4.00 | |
| West Carroll | | 65.25 - 83.85 |
| Oak Grove | 6.00 | |
| Balance of Parish | 5.00 | |

Source for Sales Tax Rates: www.laota.com

Millage rates vary between and within Parishes. Some Parishes have numerous rates that are voting-ward specific. The rates given in the adjacent listing are the range of millage rates within each Parish and can be used to estimate the (range of) expected property tax liability.

Millage rates shown were obtained via telephone interviews with Parish Assessors' offices.

To find rates for specific Parish wards, please contact the author, Robert Eisenstadt, at eisenstadt@ulm.edu.

To calculate the taxes on your primary home, you must take the assessed value, which is a percentage of "fair market value," and multiply it by the appropriate tax or millage rate to arrive at the amount due.

If, as an example, you had \$1000 of taxable assessed value and the tax rate was 120 mills, you would pay \$1000 X .120 = \$120 in taxes.

If your home was valued at \$100,000, and you were eligible and had signed for homestead exemption, you would calculate your taxes as follows:

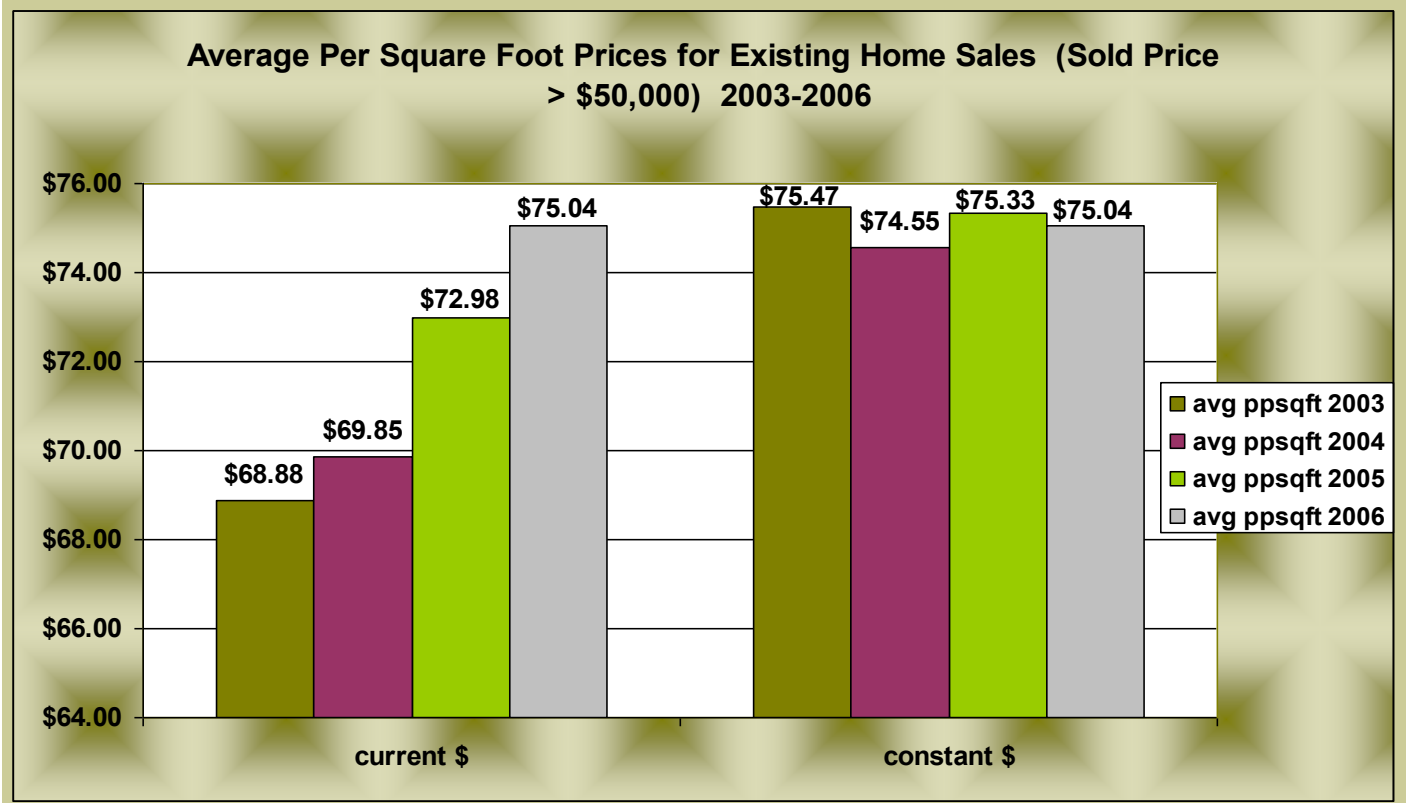
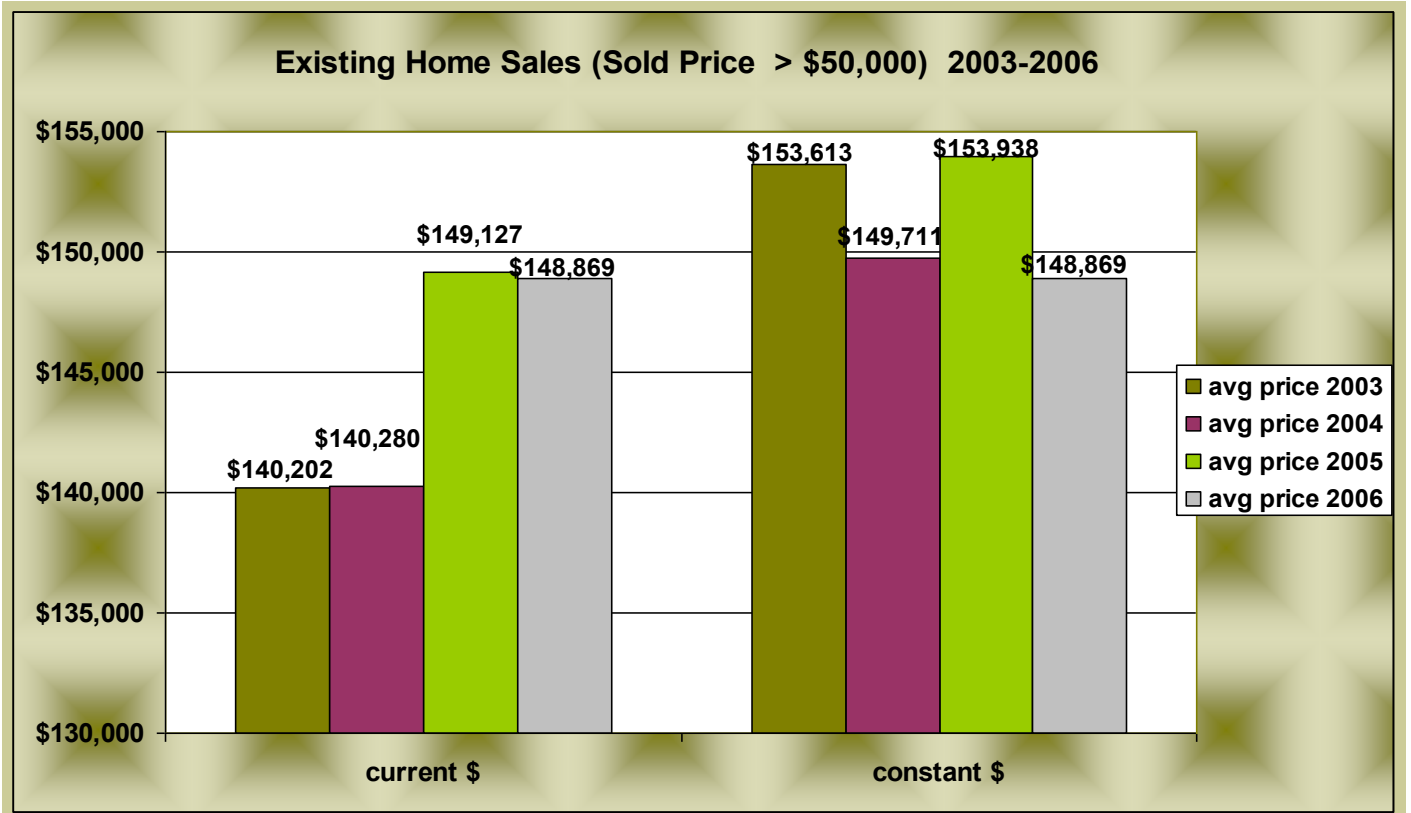
$$\begin{array}{r}
 \$100,000 \text{ (Fair Market Value)} \\
 \times 10\% \text{ (Level of Assessment)} \\
 \hline
 \$10,000 \text{ (Assessed Value)} \\
 -\$7,500 \text{ (Maximum Homestead Exemption)} \\
 \hline
 \$2,500 \text{ (Taxable Value)} \\
 \times 0.120 \text{ (Tax Rate)} \\
 \hline
 \$300 \text{ (Total Parish Taxes Due)}
 \end{array}$$

Note: Homestead exemption does not apply to millages assessed specifically for Monroe City.

To calculate the taxes on your business: Property taxes (millage rates) are levied on 15% of the assessed value of the business. For example, if the millage rate is 120 you would pay \$120 per \$1000 increment of 15% of the market value. An example is provided below for a representative business valued at \$100,000 and a millage rate of 120.

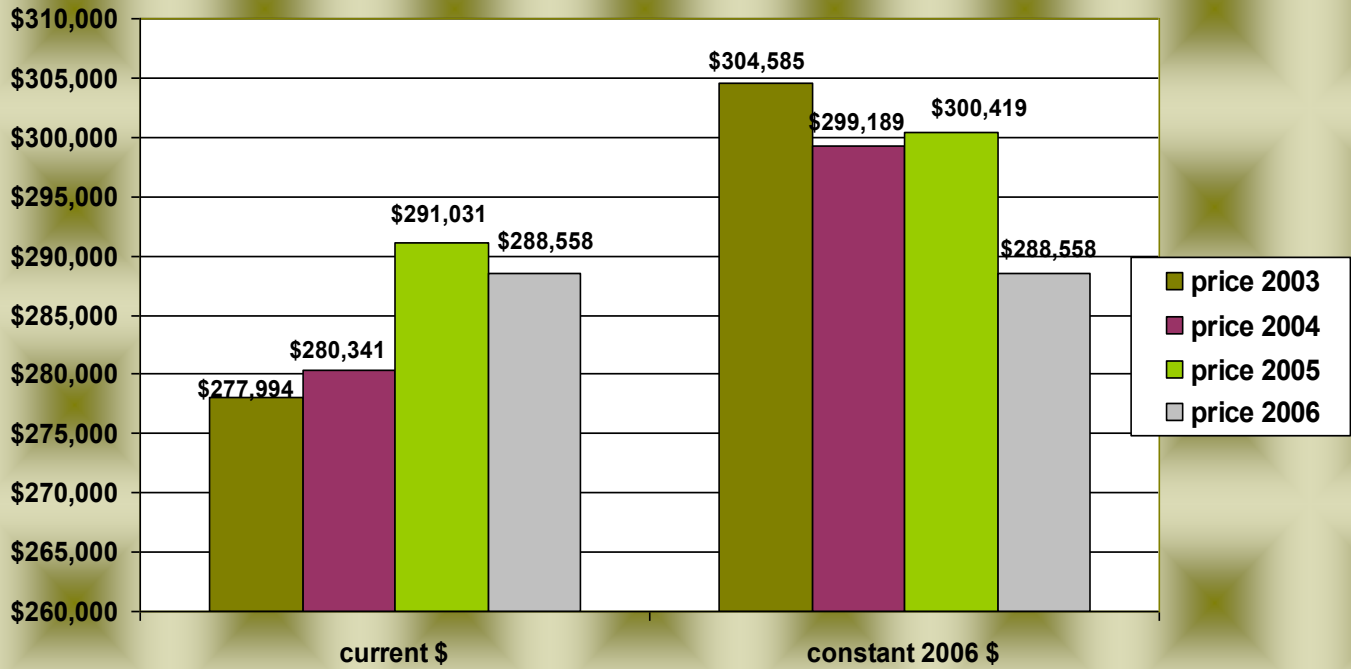
$$\begin{array}{r}
 \$100,000 \text{ (Fair Market Value)} \\
 \times 15\% \text{ (Level of Assessment)} \\
 \hline
 \$15,000 \text{ (Assessed Value)} \\
 \times 0.120 \text{ (Tax Rate)} \\
 \hline
 \$1,800 \text{ (Taxes Due)}
 \end{array}$$

Quality of Life

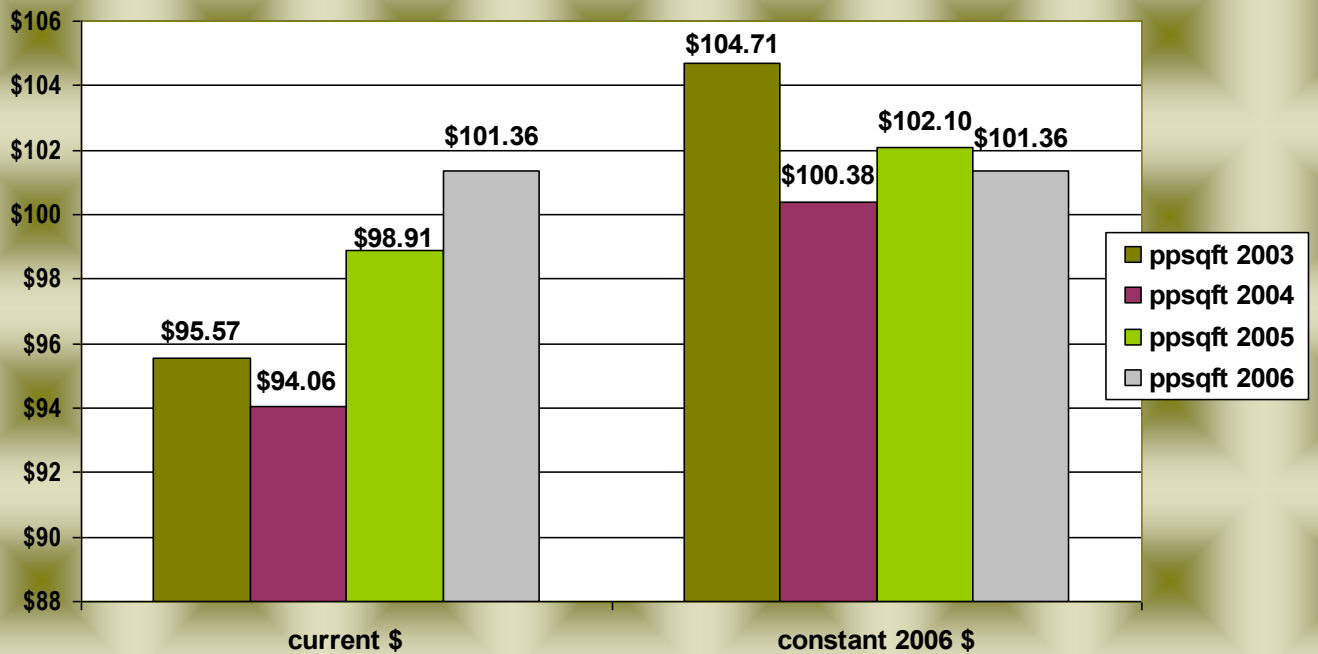


Source: Northeast Louisiana Board of Realtors Multi-Listing Service Data, Ouachita and Contiguous Parishes

Existing Home Sales (Sold Price >\$200,000) 2003-2006

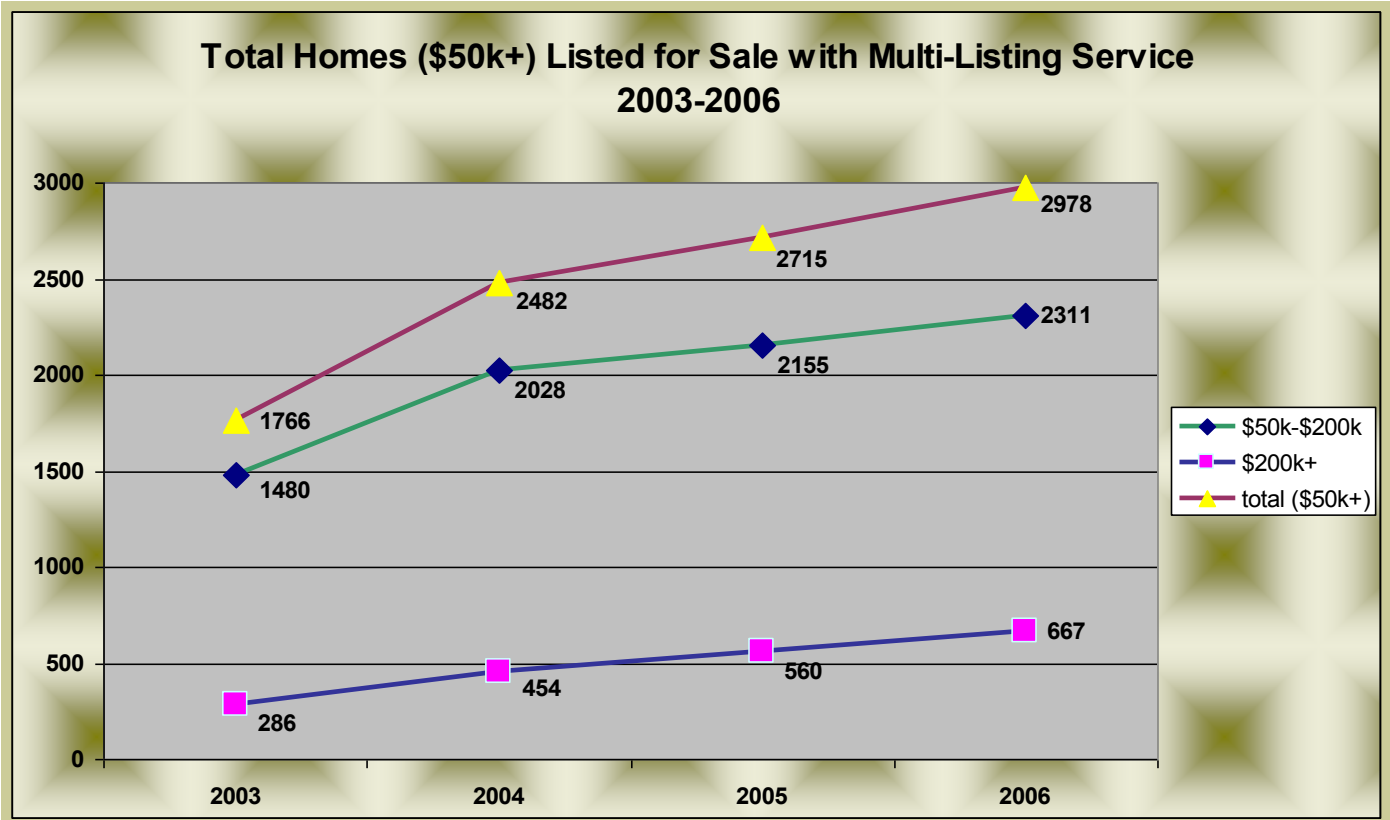


Average per Square Foot Prices for Existing Home Sales (Sold Price > \$200,000) 2003-2006



Source: Northeast Louisiana Board of Realtors Multi-Listing Service Data, Ouachita and Contiguous Parishes

Quality of Life (continued)



Source: Northeast Louisiana Board of Realtors

| Residential Utility Rates for Louisiana and the United States: March 2006- February 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Electricity Rates | Mar-06 | Apr-06 | May-06 | Jun-06 | Jul-06 | Aug-06 | Sep-06 | Oct-06 | Nov-06 | Dec-06 | Jan-07 | Feb-07 |
| United States residential average cents/kwh | 9.84 | 10.31 | 10.60 | 10.85 | 10.97 | 10.94 | 10.94 | 10.55 | 10.22 | 9.81 | 10.05 | 9.88 |
| Louisiana residential average cents/kwh | 8.58 | 8.66 | 8.72 | 9.25 | 9.19 | 9.31 | 9.85 | 10.12 | 8.78 | 8.28 | 8.93 | 9.11 |
| Natural Gas Prices | Mar-06 | Apr-06 | May-06 | Jun-06 | Jul-06 | Aug-06 | Sep-06 | Oct-06 | Nov-06 | Dec-06 | Jan-07 | Feb-07 |
| United States residential average price/mcf | \$13.20 | \$13.30 | \$14.39 | \$15.03 | \$15.67 | \$16.11 | \$15.63 | \$12.71 | \$12.49 | \$12.53 | \$12.08 | \$12.13 |
| Louisiana residential average price/mcf | \$13.98 | \$14.66 | \$16.87 | n/a | n/a | \$17.51 | \$16.83 | \$14.22 | \$13.41 | \$13.05 | \$11.89 | \$12.87 |

source: U.S. Energy Information Agency, www.eia.doe.gov.

School Performance Scores* and Performance Labels by School District: 2005-06

| Rank in State (out of 60 School Districts) | School District | 2005-2006 (District) Performance Scores (DPS) | DPS Label | Student Enrollment in District |
|---|---------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 20 | Caldwell Parish | 86.9 | Two Stars | 1,856 |
| 43 | City of Monroe | 75.2 | One Star | 9,211 |
| 56 | East Carroll Parish | 64.1 | One Star | 1,549 |
| 54 | Franklin Parish | 66.8 | One Star | 3,451 |
| 21 | Jackson Parish | 85.6 | Two Stars | 2,201 |
| 19 | Lincoln Parish | 88.5 | Two Stars | 5,989 |
| 58 | Madison Parish | 56.0 | Unacceptable | 2,290 |
| 39 | Morehouse Parish | 79.5 | One Star | 5,056 |
| 3 | Ouachita Parish | 101.0 | Three Stars | 18,646 |
| 44 | Richland Parish | 75.0 | One Star | 3,436 |
| 51 | Tensas Parish | 69.7 | One Star | 872 |
| 48 | Union Parish | 71.2 | One Star | 3,158 |
| 10 | West Carroll Parish | 97.0 | Two Stars | 2,302 |
| | State of Louisiana | 85.3 | Two Stars | 653,786 |

Performance Scores* for Free/Reduced Lunch-Eligible Students, Teacher Certification Label by District

| Rank in State (out of 60 School Districts) | School District | Free/Reduced Lunch (Group) Performance Scores (GPS) | Percent Free/Reduced Lunch Students | Teacher Certification Label |
|---|---------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 15 | Caldwell Parish | 80.4 | 66.6 | Adequate |
| 32 | City of Monroe | 74.5 | 78.9 | Adequate |
| 54 | East Carroll Parish | 63.0 | 93.4 | Unacceptable |
| 56 | Franklin Parish | 59.9 | 80.1 | Unacceptable |
| 27 | Jackson Parish | 75.6 | 55.9 | Exceptional |
| 22 | Lincoln Parish | 78.5 | 59.5 | Exceptional |
| 58 | Madison Parish | 56.9 | 83.8 | Unacceptable |
| 29 | Morehouse Parish | 75.1 | 75.6 | Adequate |
| 9 | Ouachita Parish | 86.8 | 47.4 | Marginal |
| 47 | Richland Parish | 68.9 | 74.4 | Marginal |
| 45 | Tensas Parish | 69.3 | 86.4 | Unacceptable |
| 52 | Union Parish | 65.0 | 68.6 | Marginal |
| 3 | West Carroll Parish | 91.6 | 73.5 | Adequate |
| | State of Louisiana | 75.4 | 61.2 | Marginal |

| | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|
| *District and Group Performance Score (DPS, GPS) Labels and Ranges | 140.0 or more | Five Stars |
| | 120.0 - 139.9 | Four Stars |
| | 100.0 - 119.9 | Three Stars |
| | 80.0 - 99.9 | Two Stars |
| | 60.0 - 79.9 | One Star |
| | Below 60.0 | (Academically) Unacceptable |

Source: Louisiana Department of Education

Quality of Life (continued)

Arts, Entertainment, Museums, and Points of Interest

| Attraction | Address | Phone | Type |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Arts, Theatres, Convention Centers | | | |
| Monroe Civic Center Theater | 401 Lea Joiner Expwy, Monroe | 318-329-2338 | Impresario's Choice, theater, concerts, sporting events |
| Monroe Symphony Orchestra | P.O Box 4353, Monroe | 318-435-0029 | Classical music, pops concerts |
| Princess Theatre | 714 Prairie St., Winnsboro | 318-435-6299 | Performing arts |
| Rose Theatre | 102 E. Jefferson Ave., Bastrop | 318-283-0120 | Performing arts |
| ThreatreWorks.ULM | 700 University Ave, Monroe | 318-342-1382 | Performing arts |
| Twin City Ballet Company | 2905 DeSoto St, Monroe | 318-388-3011 | Performing arts, dance |
| ULM Concert Series | 701 University Ave, Monroe | 318-342-3811 | Call for information |
| Strauss Theatre/Youngstage | 1300 Lamy Lane, Monroe | 318-323-6681 | Performing arts |
| West Monroe Convention Center | 901 Ridge Ave., W. Monroe | 318-396-5000 | Meeting facilities, concerts |
| Northeast LA Arts Council | 2305 N 7th St., W. Monroe | 318-396-9520 | Umbrella for more than 50 arts groups in 11 parishes |
| Golf Courses | | | |
| Calvert Crossing Golf Club | 515 Hodge Watson Rd, W Monroe | 318-397-0064 | |
| Chennault Golf Course | Millhaven Road, Monroe | 318-329-2454 | 18 holes; driving range |
| Frenchman's Bend | 1484 Frenchman's Bend Rd, Monroe | 318-387-2363 | 18 holes; driving range |
| Municipal/Forsythe Golf Course | 2500 Sycamore, Monroe | 318-329-2457 | 9 holes; practice green - chipping area |
| Trenton St Golf Course & Driving Range | 2411 Trenton St, W Monroe | 318-361-9345 | 9 holes; lighted driving range |
| Museums | | | |
| African American Museum | 503 Plum St, Monroe | 318-323-1167 | Local history/culture |
| Aviation Historical Museum of Louisiana | 701 Kansas Ln, Monroe | 318-361-9020 | History displays: Delta Airlines, Selman Filed, General Chennault, Flying Tigers, and war memorabilia |
| Biedenharn Museum & Gardens | 2006 Riverside Dr, Monroe | 318-387-5281 | Bible history & gardens |
| Masur Museum | 1400 S Grand St, Monroe | 318-329-2237 | Fine art |

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Northeast Louisiana Children's Museum | 323 Walnut St, Monroe | 318-361-9611 | "Hands-on" education center |
| Ouachita Valley Heritage Museum | 309 McClendon Ave, W Monroe | 318-322-5720 | |
| Shepis Museum | 107 Main St, Columbia | 318-649-9931 | Culture/heritage of Caldwell Parish |
| ULM Natural History Museum | ULM main campus | 318-342-1868 | Natural history -- fossils and artifacts |
| Strauss Senior Center | 2407 Ferrand St., Monroe | 318-387-0535 | Services, events, activities for senior citizens |
| National Wildlife Refuges | Local Office, Farmerville | 318-726-4222 | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge | Richland Place Rd., Monroe | 318-387-1114 | 1800-acre cypress lake, hiking, canoeing, arboretum, herpetology exhibit, observation pier/deck/blinds, hunting, fishing, boat launch |
| D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge | 10 miles north of W. Monroe | 318-726-4222 | Hunting, fishing, boat launch, trails |
| Handy Brake National Wildlife Refuge | Cooper Lake Rd, Bastrop | 318-726-4400 | Wildlife Observation/photography from Observation Platform |
| Tensas National Wildlife Refuge | 2312 Quebec Rd, Tallulah | 318-574-2664 | Visitor's center, boardwalk |
| Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge | 11372 Hwy 143, Farmerville | 318-726-4222 | Hunting, fishing, hiking |
| State and Local Parks | | | |
| Chemin a Haut State Park | 14656 State Park Rd, Bastrop | 318-283-0812 | Camping, cabins, hiking |
| Cheniere Lake Park | 104 Cheniere Lake Rd, W Monroe | 318-325-8327 | Picnic areas, boat launches, fishing |
| Claire Chennault Park | 8475 Millhaven Rd, Monroe | 318-329-3267 | Golf, tennis, frisbee golf, picnic areas, softball field |
| Forsythe Park | 2300 Sycamore St, Monroe | 318-329-4100 | Picnic area, 9-hole golf course, tennis and volleyball courts, softball and soccer fields, children's park and public boat launch |
| Kiroli Park | 820 Kiroli Rd, W Monroe | 318-396-4016 | Playgrounds, trails, fishing, gardens, picnic areas |
| Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo | 1405 Bernstein Park Dr, Monroe | 318-329-2400 | 500 animal species, 700 plants |
| Poverty Point State Park | 6859 Hwy 577, Pioneer | 318-926-5492 | Historic, 5000-year-old Indian mounds/archaeological site |

Quality of Life (continued)

| General and Specialty Hospitals and Facilities -- Ouachita, Lincoln, Morehouse Parishes | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--|
| Facility | Address | Phone Number | # of beds | |
| Brentwood Hospital | 1900 Lamy Ln, Monroe | 318-325-0897 | 130 | |
| Cornerstone Hospital of West Monroe | 6198 Cypress St, W Monroe | 318-397-6360 | 40 | |
| Glenwood Behavioral Health Unit | 6200 Cypress St, W. Monroe | 318-329-4525 | n/a | |
| Glenwood Regional Medical Center | 503 McMillan Rd, W Monroe | 318-329-4200 | 240 | |
| Green Clinic (and Surgical Hospital) | 1200 S. Farmerville St, Ruston | 318-255-3690 | 10 | |
| LSU Health Sciences Center | 4864 Jackson St, Monroe | 318-330-7000 | 247 | |
| LA Center for the Blind | 101 S. Trenton St, Ruston | 318-251-2891 | n/a | |
| Monroe MRI Center | 501 Catalpa St, Monroe | 318-327-4433 | n/a | |
| Monroe Rehab Hospital | 4320 S Grand St, Monroe | 318-322-5775 | 20 | |
| Monroe Surgical Hospital | 2408 Broadmoor Blvd, Monroe | 318-410-0002 | 10 | |
| Morehouse General Hospital | 323 West Walnut, Bastrop | 318-283-3600 | 60 | |
| Northern LA Medical Center | 401 E. Vaughn Ave, Ruston | 318-254-2100 | 159 | |
| Saint Francis North Monroe Medical Center | 3421 Medical Park Dr, Monroe | 318-388-1946 | 225 | |
| Ouachita Surgical Hospital | 1275 Glenwood Dr, W Monroe | 318-322-1339 | 10 | |
| Premier Rehabilitation | 4310 S Grand St, Monroe | 318-812-1000 | 20 | |
| P&S Surgical Hospital | 312 Grammont St, Ste 101, Monroe | 318--388-4040 | 10 | |
| St Francis Medical Center | 309 Jackson St, Monroe | 318-327-4000 | 237 | |
| St Francis Specialty Hospital | 309 Jackson St, Monroe | 318-327-4600 | 50 | |
| St Patrick's Psychiatric Hospital | 309 Jackson St, Monroe | 318-327-4686 | 28 | |
| West Monroe Urgent Care | 1416 Natchitoches St, Monroe | 318-998-4878 | NA | |

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