

### POPULATION

	2000	1990	1980
Parish	<u>25,440</u>	<u>21,226</u>	<u>21,408</u>
Percent nonwhite	<u>28 %</u>	<u>21%</u>	<u>21%</u>
Kinder	<u>2,148</u>	<u>2,246</u>	<u>2,603</u>
Oakdale	<u>8,137</u>	<u>6,837</u>	<u>7,155</u>
Oberlin	<u>1,853</u>	<u>1,808</u>	<u>1,764</u>
Elizabeth	<u>574</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>454</u>
Reeves	<u>209</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>199</u>

2000 parish area population 363,024

NOTE: Parish area includes all contiguous parishes.



### TRANSPORTATION

#### Estimated distance to:

Atlanta, GA	<u>614 miles</u>
Dallas, TX	<u>363 miles</u>
Houston, TX	<u>204 miles</u>
New Orleans, LA	<u>193 miles</u>

NOTE: Distance computed between major cities and parish seat.

#### Highways serving parish:

U.S. 165, 190 Interstate 10 & 49 (30 miles)  
 State 10, 26, 104, 110, 111, 112, 133, 377, 383, 394, 1147

#### Railroads:

Union Pacific

#### Bus Service:

Municipal None

Intercity None

#### Parcel Service:

United Parcel Service Federal Express  
Airborne Express

<sup>1</sup>See Remarks Section.

#### Motor freight carriers:

Name	Terminal Facilities <sup>2</sup>
<u>AAA Cooper</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>SAIA</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Yellow Freight Systems</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Central Freight Lines</u>	<u>No</u>

#### Air Service:

Nearest commercial airports:

Lake Charles Regional Distance 50 miles

Runway length 6,500 feet

Airlines Continental Express Daily flights 8

Alexandria International Distance 50 miles

Runway length 9,350 feet

Airlines ASA, Northwest Airlin and

Continental Express Daily flights 30

Local Airports Allen Parish

Runway length 5,000 feet

#### Waterways:

Navigable waterways Calcasieu Ship Channel

(Lake Charles - 45 miles)

Nearest deepwater port facilities Port of

Lake Charles - 45 miles

Channel depth 40 feet

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**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

<b>Banks:</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Assets (000)</b>
Local	<u>6</u>	<u>25,084,153</u>

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Newspapers:** 2; Weekly

Kinder Courier-News      Oakdale Journal

**Telephone service:** Bell South, Elizabeth Telephone Co.,

Louisiana Western Telephone Co., Inc.,

Evangeline Telephone

**GOVERNMENT**

**Parish Government:**

Type Police Jury

Zoning Regulations adopted No

Planning Commission No

<b>Police Department:</b>	<b><u>Personnel</u></b>	<b><u>Patrol Cars</u></b>
Parish (Sheriff's Department)	48	20
Kinder	10	9
Oakdale	23	10
Oberlin	6	5

<b>Fire Departments/District:</b>	<b><u>Personnel</u></b>	<b><u>Insurance</u></b>
	<b><u>Volunteer/Paid</u></b>	<b><u>Rating</u></b>
Kinder	37/0	5
Oberlin	20/1	6
Oakdale	30/4	4
Elizabeth	18/0	6
Reeves	26/0	6

<sup>2</sup>See Remarks on back page

**UTILITIES AND SERVICES**

**Electricity:** Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BECI);

CLECO

**Water:<sup>2</sup>**

Utility	<u>Kinder</u>	<u>Oakdale</u>	<u>Oberlin</u>
Source (s)	<u>purchased</u>	<u>deep wells</u>	<u>deep wells</u>
System Capacity (mgd)	<u>.40</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>
Avg. daily consumption (mgd)	<u>.35</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>.36</u>
Peak consumption (mgd)	<u>.375</u>	<u>.75</u>	<u>.4</u>
Storage capacity (mgd)	<u>.667</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>.2</u>

**Natural Gas:**

Supplier (s) Tennessee Gas    United Gas    Gulf South

Distributor (s) Town of Kinder, Town of Oberlin,

Entex, Elizabeth Natural Gas Co., Inc.

**Fuel Oils:** Available from Local

**LP Gas:** Available from Local

**Sanitary Sewer:**

Community:	<u>Kinder</u>	<u>Oakdale</u>	<u>Oberlin</u>
Percent of community covered	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>
Treatment plant type	<u>oxidation pond</u>	<u>activated sludge</u>	<u>oxidation pond</u>
Capacity (mgd)	<u>.5</u>	<u>1.46</u>	<u>.5</u>
Present load (mgd)	<u>.5</u>	<u>1.4</u>	<u>.5</u>
Method of garbage disposal	<u>private contract</u>		

## LABOR FORCE

Estimated Labor force, 2003 9,650  
Unemployment Rate, 2003 8.2%  
Wage and labor survey available yes

## EDUCATION

Parish Schools:	Number of Schools	Teachers 2004	Enrollment 2004
Elementary (K-8)	<u>5</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>3,238</u>
Secondary	<u>6</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>1,079</u>

Technical Colleges (Post-secondary)	Enrollment 2004
La. Technical College - Oakdale Campus	<u>350</u>

Area Colleges	Enrollment 2004
McNeese State University Lake Charles - 50 miles	<u>8,784</u>

La. State University, Alexandria - 45 miles 3,001

La. State University, Eunice - 30 miles 3,071

La. College, Pineville - 55 miles 1,085

Public Libraries: 1 (82,405 volumes)  
2 branches

## CLIMATE

Temperature: January norm 49°  
July norm 82°

Total normal annual rainfall 64.24 inches

Estimated average annual snowfall 0 inches

Prevailing Winds Southerly

Average elevation 69 feet  
(above mean sea level)

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## TAXES

Property Taxes:	Assessment Ratio
Residential	<u>10%</u>
Commercial	<u>15%</u>
Industrial	<u>15%</u>

Property Tax Average, 2004 (Millage Rates):  
169.25 mills

### Other Taxes, 2004:

City: Retail Sales	
Kinder	<u>1.3%</u>
Oakdale	<u>1.3%</u>
Oberlin	<u>1.3%</u>
Elizabeth	<u>1.3%</u>
Parish: Retail Sales	<u>3.7%</u>
State: Retail Sales	<u>4%</u>
Gasoline	<u>20 ¢ / gal</u>

## CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES

Protestant 69 Catholic 3 Jewish 0

## HEALTH CARE

Hospitals 2 Beds 109

Doctors 26 Dentists 6

## HOTELS, MOTELS

Hotels, Motels 16 Total Rooms 1,260

Bed and Breakfast 2 RV Parks 3

## RECREATION

 (Includes public and private facilities)

Ball Fields Swimming Pools Golf Courses  
Tennis Courts Country Clubs Parks Canoeing

Other Grand Casino Coshatta, Trottingbred racetrack,

Dry Creek Ranch, Acadian Trail, Leatherwood House Mu-  
seum, Hog Dog Trials, West Bay Wildlife Management

Area, Coshatta Indian Reservation, fairs and festivals

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Number of Employees	Union
Boise Cascade	Logging, plywood, softwood lumber	325	Yes
Grand Casino Coshatta	Gaming Casino	2,850	No
Allen Correctional Center	State Correctional facility	346	No
Federal Correctional Complex	Federal Prison	541	No

## AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

Name	ACREAGE	
	Total	Available
Allen Parish Airport	300	150

## REMARKS

1. Additional motor freight carriers are available to serve Allen Parish from Lake Charles (50 miles south) a major break-bulk terminal.
2. The parish is also served by nine rural water systems.

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