

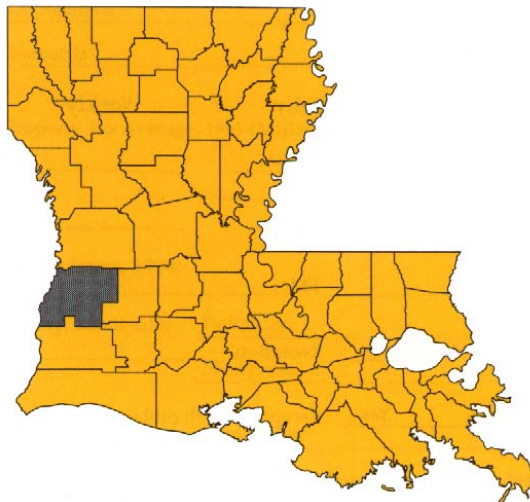
# BEAUREGARD PARISH PROFILE

*Louisiana*

## POPULATION

	2000	1990	1980
<b>Parish</b>	<u>32,986</u>	<u>30,083</u>	<u>26,692</u>
Percent nonwhite	<u>15.8 %</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>16.6%</u>
DeRidder (Parish Seat)	<u>9,808</u>	<u>9,865</u>	<u>10,337</u>
Merryville	<u>1,126</u>	<u>1,235</u>	<u>1,286</u>
2000 parish area population			<u>325,969</u>

NOTE: Parish area includes all contiguous parishes.



## TRANSPORTATION

### Estimated distance to:

Atlanta, GA	<u>704</u> miles
Dallas, TX	<u>321</u> miles
Houston, TX	<u>172</u> miles
New Orleans, LA	<u>252</u> miles

NOTE: Distance computed between parish seat and central business districts.

### Highways serving parish:

U.S. 190 & 171 Interstate 10 (45 miles south)  
 State 12, 26, 27, 109, 110, 111, 112, 389, 394, 1147

### Railroads:

Kansas City Southern Timber Rock Railroad  
Union Pacific

### Bus Service:

Municipal None  
 Intercity Greyhound

### Parcel Service:

United Parcel Service, Federal Express, Airborne Express

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

### Motor freight carriers:

Name	Terminal <sup>1</sup> Facilities
<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>
<u>Consolidated Freight</u>	<u>No</u>

### Air Service:

Nearest commercial airport Lake Charles Regional  
 Distance 55 miles Runway length 6,500 feet  
 Airlines Continental Express  
 Daily flights 8  
 Local Airports Beauregard Parish Airport  
 Runway length 5,500 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

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**Banks:**                      **Number**                      **Assets (000)**  
 Local                      6                      271,143,642

**Savings and loan associations:**

Local                      1                      47,155

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Newspapers:**                      2                      **Daily**  
Beauregard Daily News                      American Press

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

## GOVERNMENT

**Parish Government:**

Type Police Jury

**Municipal Government:**

Type Mayor/Council

Zoning Regulations adopted Yes

Planning Commission Yes

<b>Police Department:</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Patrol Cars</b>
Parish (Sheriff's Department)	106	38
DeRidder	27	16
Merryville	5	2

<b>Fire Departments:</b>	<b>Personnel Volunteer/Paid</b>	<b>Insurance Rating</b>
Longville	12/0	6
DeRidder	15/15	4
Merryville	22/0	4
Singer	12/0	5
Dry Creek	10/0	10

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## UTILITIES AND SERVICES

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

**Water:**

Utility DeRidder                      Merryville  
 Source (s) 4 wells                      2 wells  
 System capacity (mgd) 1.6                      N A  
 Average daily consumption (mgd) 1.4                      .075  
 Peak consumption (mgd) 2.5                      .1  
 Storage capacity (mgd) 2.35                      .05

**Natural Gas:**

Supplier (s) Entex  
 Distributor (s) Entex

**Fuel Oils:** Available from Local

**LP Gas:** Available from Local

**Sanitary Sewer:**

Community:                      DeRidder                      Merryville  
 Percent of community covered 100%                      95%  
 Treatment plant type activated sludge  
 Capacity (mgd) 3.03                      0.25  
 Present load (mgd) 1.5                      0.3  
 Method of garbage disposal private contract

## RECREATION (Includes public and private facilities)

Ball Fields                      Swimming Pools  
 Golf Courses                      Tennis Courts  
 Other Country Club, Little Theater, Skating Rink,  
Batting Cages, Bowling Alley, 4 City Parks, Bundicks  
Lake, Toledo Bend Reservoir, Museums

## LABOR FORCE

Estimated Labor force, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ 12,080  
Unemployment Rate, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ 8.8%  
Manufacturing employment, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ 1,077  
Wage and labor survey available \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Average weekly manufacturing wage, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,227.55

## EDUCATION

Parish Schools:	Number of Schools	Teachers 2003	Enrollment 2003
Elementary (K-8)	6	225	3,172
Secondary	7	245	2,992

Vo-tech centers (Post-secondary)	Enrollment 2004
Sowela Regional Technical School (located in Lake Charles - 45 miles)	1,490
Louisiana Technical School (located in Leesville-20 miles)	343

Colleges and Research Centers:	Enrollment 2004
McNeese State University, Lake Charles - 45 miles	8,784
Upper Iowa University, Fort Polk - 20 miles	180
Central Michigan University, Fort Polk - 20 miles	50
Central Texas College, Fort Polk - 20 miles	600
Northwestern State University, Fort Polk - 20 miles	1,200

**Public Libraries:** \_\_\_\_\_ 1 (97,269 volumes)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (6 branches)

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## TAXES

Property Taxes:	Assessment Ratio
Residential	10%
Commercial	15%
Industrial	15%

### Property Tax Average, 2004 (Millage Rates):

124.6 mills

### Other Taxes, 2004:

City:	Retail Sales	
	DeRidder	2.25%
	Merryville	3%
Parish:	Retail Sales	4.5%
State:	Retail Sales	4%
	Gasoline	20 ¢ / gal

See [www.rev.state.la.us/taxforms](http://www.rev.state.la.us/taxforms) for more information.

## CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES

Protestant \_\_\_\_\_ 94 \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

## HEALTH CARE

Hospitals	1	Beds	102
Doctors	29	Dentists	11

## HOTELS, MOTELS

Hotels, Motels \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Total Rooms \_\_\_\_\_ 215 \_\_\_\_\_

## CLIMATE

Temperature: January norm \_\_\_\_\_ 43° \_\_\_\_\_  
July norm \_\_\_\_\_ 82° \_\_\_\_\_

Total normal rainfall \_\_\_\_\_ 57 \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Estimated average annual snowfall \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Prevailing Winds \_\_\_\_\_ Southerly \_\_\_\_\_

Average elevation \_\_\_\_\_ 203 \_\_\_\_\_ feet  
(above mean sea level)

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**MAJOR EMPLOYERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Product or Service</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Union</b>
<u>Boise</u>	<u>Paper, newsprint, linerboard</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>United Paperworkers</u>
<u>MeadWestvaco Corporation</u>	<u>Tall oil fatty acids and specialty products; tall oil resin</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Temple-Inland</u>	<u>Saw mill: softwood lumber</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Ampacet Corporation</u>	<u>Pigment; color and additive concentrates for polyslefis; plastic compounding</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Amerisafe</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Phelps Correctional Center</u>	<u>Correctional facility</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc.</u>	<u>Electricity distributor</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>No</u>

**AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>ACREAGE</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Available</b>
<u>Beauregard Parish Airport and Industrial Park</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,800</u>

**REMARKS**

1. Additional motor freight carriers are available to serve Beauregard Parish from Lake Charles (45 miles south) a major break-bulk terminal.

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