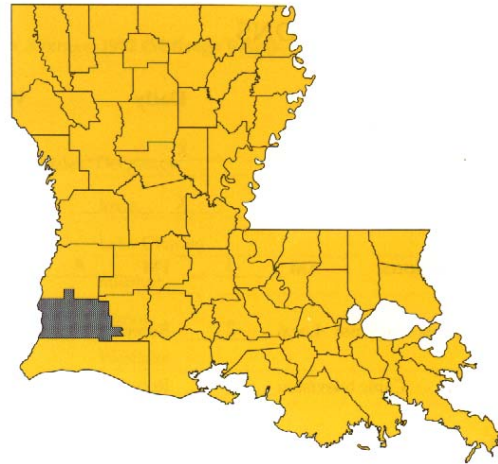


POPULATION

	2000	1990	1980
Parish	<u>183,577</u>	<u>168,134</u>	<u>167,223</u>
Percent nonwhite	<u>26.3 %</u>	<u>23%</u>	<u>22%</u>
Lake Charles (Parish Seat)	<u>71,757</u>	<u>70,580</u>	<u>75,226</u>
Sulphur	<u>20,512</u>	<u>20,125</u>	<u>19,709</u>
Westlake	<u>4,668</u>	<u>5,007</u>	<u>5,246</u>
DeQuincy	<u>3,398</u>	<u>3,474</u>	<u>3,966</u>
Vinton	<u>3,338</u>	<u>3,154</u>	<u>3,631</u>
Iowa	<u>2,663</u>	<u>2,708</u>	<u>2,437</u>

2000 parish area population _____ 283,429
 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 major cities and parish seat.

Highways serving parish:

U.S. 90 & 171 Interstate 10, 210
 State 12, 14, 27, 101, 108, 109, 378,
379, 384, 385, 397, 3059, 3063, 3092

Railroads:

Kansas City Southern Amtrak Union Pacific

Bus Service:

Municipal Lake Charles Transit System
 Intercity Greyhound, Trailways

Parcel Service:

United Parcel Service, Federal Express, Airborne Express,
Purolator, Emory Roadway Package Systems

Motor freight carriers:

Name	Terminal Facilities
<u>ABF Corporation</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Dupre Transport Inc</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Yellow Freight Systems</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Central Freight Lines</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Southeastern Freight Lines</u>	<u>Yes</u>

Air Service:

Nearest commercial airport Lake Charles Regional
 Distance 2 miles Runway length 6,500 feet
 Airlines Continental Express (Jet Service),
 Daily flights 8
 Local Airports Chennault Airport (Runway 11,000
feet), West Calcasieu Airport (Runway 5,000 feet),
DeQuincy Industrial Airpark (Runway 5,000 feet)

Waterways:

Navigable waterways Calcasieu Ship Channel
Intracoastal Waterway
 Nearest deepwater port facilities Port of Lake Charles
 Channel depth 40 feet

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks:	Number	Assets (000)
Local	<u>11</u>	<u>292,487,969</u>

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers:	Daily	Weekly
American Press	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Southwest Daily News	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Moss Bluff News	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Westlake News	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
DeQuincy News	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Iowa News	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Vinton News	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>

Telephone service: Bell South, Cameron Telephone Co.,
Evangeline Telephone Co., Century Telephone,
Contel, US Unwired

GOVERNMENT

Parish Government:

Type Police Jury

Zoning Regulations adopted Yes

Planning Commission Yes

Municipal Government:

Type Mayor/Council

Zoning Regulations adopted Yes

Planning Commission Yes

Police Department:

	Parish (Sheriff's)	Lake Charles	Sulphur
Full-time	717	190	58
Part-time	52	0	0
Patrol Cars	120	165	28

Fire Departments:

	Personnel Volunteer/Paid	Insurance Rating
DeQuincy	18/0	5
Houston River	20/0	7
Lake Charles	0/126	2
Moss Bluff	25/6	5
Westlake	30/7	3
Vinton	25/0	4

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UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity: Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BECi);
Jefferson Davis Electric Cooperative.; CLECO; Entergy

Water:

Utility	Lake Charles	Sulphur	Westlake
Source (s) _____	wells	wells	wells
System capacity (mgd) _____	<u>22.0</u>	<u>10.3</u>	<u>2.0</u>
Avg consumption (mgd) _____	<u>11.5</u>	<u>3.8</u>	<u>1.1</u>
Peak consumption (mgd) _____	<u>22.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>1.8</u>
Storage capacity (mgd) _____	<u>3.5</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>1.2</u>

Natural Gas:

Supplier (s) Reliant City of Westlake
City of DeQuincy

Distributor (s) Reliant

Fuel Oils: Available from Local

LP Gas: Available from Local

Sanitary Sewer:

Utility:	Lake Charles	Sulphur	Westlake
Treatment plant type _____	Activated sludge	Activated sludge	Activated sludge
Capacity (mgd) _____	<u>15.2</u>	<u>10.0</u>	<u>-</u>
Present load (mgd) _____	<u>15.2</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>-</u>
Method of garbage disposal _____	<u>Landfill</u>		

RECREATION (Includes public and private facilities)

Country Clubs Civic Center Casinos Theatre

Golf Courses (5) Symphony Coliseum Museums

Other Contraband Days, Sam Houston Jones State Park
Creole Nature Trail, Mardi Gras Festival, Southwest La.
Fair & Trade Exposition, La. State High School Rodeo,
Delta Downs Racetrack, Parks (State and local) Recreation
centers, Ball fields, boating, fishing, hunting, camping,
beaches

LABOR FORCE

Estimated Labor force, 2006 89,121
 Unemployment Rate, 2006 3.2%
 Manufacturing employment, 2006 8,205
 Wage and labor survey available Yes
 Average weekly manufacturing wage, 2006 \$1353.00
 Average weekly wage, 2006 \$654.00

EDUCATION

	Number of Schools	Teachers 2005	Enrollment 2005
Elementary (K-8)	<u>45</u>	<u>1,811</u>	<u>22,739</u>
Secondary	<u>14</u>	<u>771</u>	<u>9,026</u>
Private/parochial schools	<u>11</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>3,087</u>

Vo-tech centers (Post-secondary) **Enrollment 2006**
 Sowela Regional Technical School 1,500

Colleges: **Enrollment 2006**
 McNeese State University 8,343

Public Libraries: 14 (379,359 volumes)

CLIMATE

Temperature: January norm 50°
 July norm 82°
 Total normal rainfall 55 inches
 Prevailing Winds Southerly
 Average elevation 20 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, 2006 (Millage Rates):
127.64 mills

Other Taxes, 2005:

City: Retail Sales	
DeQuincy	<u>2.5%</u>
Iowa	<u>2.5%</u>
Lake Charles	<u>2.25%</u>
Sulphur	<u>2.5%</u>
Vinton	<u>2.5%</u>
Westlake	<u>2.5%</u>
Parish: Retail Sales	<u>5.25%</u>
State: Retail Sales	<u>4%</u>
Gasoline	<u>20 ¢ / gal</u>

See www.rev.state.la.us for more information.

CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES

Protestant 209 Catholic 19 Jewish 1

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals 6 Beds 1,200
 Doctors 300 Dentists 84

HOTELS, MOTELS

Hotels, Motels 46 Total Rooms 3,693
 Bed and Breakfast 8 Total Rooms 24

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Number of Employees	Union
Turner Industries Ltd.	Industrial Maintenance	1,700	Yes
Isle of Capri Casino	Gaming facility	1,800	No
L'Auberge Du Lac	Gaming facility	2,300	No
PPG Industries	Petrochemical	1,375	Yes
Northrop Grumman Corporation	Aircraft Modification	300	No
Citgo Petroleum Corporation	Refinery	1,650	Yes
ConocoPhillips	Refinery	700	Yes
Westlake Group	Petrochemical	450	No

AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

Name	ACREAGE	
	Total	Available
Chennault International Airport	960	100
Port of Lake Charles at Chennault International Airport	400	400
DeQuincy Industrial Park	300	80
Krause and Managan	460	420

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