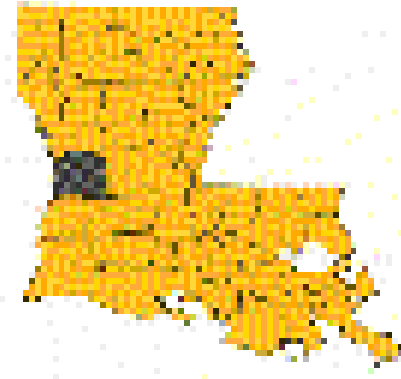


## POPULATION

	2000	1990	1980
<b>Parish<sup>1</sup></b>	<u>52,531</u>	<u>61,961</u>	<u>53,475</u>
Percent nonwhite	<u>26%</u>	<u>21%</u>	<u>23%</u>
Anacoco	<u>866</u>	<u>823</u>	<u>820</u>
Hornbeck	<u>435</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>470</u>
Leesville	<u>6,753</u>	<u>7,638</u>	<u>9,054</u>
New Llano	<u>2,415</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>2,213</u>
Rosepine	<u>209</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>199</u>
Simpson	<u>583</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>534</u>
2000 parish area population	<u>299,833</u>		

NOTE: Parish area includes all contiguous parishes.



## TRANSPORTATION

### Estimated distance to:

Atlanta, GA	<u>632</u> miles
Dallas, TX	<u>298</u> miles
Houston, TX	<u>194</u> miles
New Orleans, LA	<u>234</u> miles

NOTE: Distance computed between major cities and parish seat.

### Highways serving parish:

U.S. 171 Interstate 49 (50 miles east)  
 State 8, 10, 28, 111, 117, 121, 467, 468, 1211, 1212, 1213

### Railroads:

Kansas City Southern

### Bus Service:

Municipal None  
 Intercity Greyhound

### Parcel Service:

United Parcel Service Federal Express

### Motor freight carriers:

Name	Terminal Facilities <sup>2</sup>
<u>AAA Cooper</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>ABF Freight System, Inc.</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Merchants Fast Motor Lines</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>SAIA Motor Freight Line</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Texas-LA Cartage</u>	<u>No</u>

### Air Service:

Nearest commercial airport  
Alexandria International Airport  
 Distance 65 miles  
 Runway length 7,000 feet and 9,350 feet  
 Airlines Continental Express  
Northwest Airlink Atlantic Southeast  
 Daily flights 39  
 Other Airports  
Leesville: Runway length 3,800 feet

### Waterways:

Navigable waterways Port of Alexandria - 50 miles  
 Nearest deepwater port facilities  
Port of Lake Charles - 67 miles  
 Channel depth 40 feet

<sup>1/2</sup>See Remarks on back page.



## LABOR FORCE

Estimated Labor force, 2000 16,970  
Unemployment Rate, 2000 5.7%  
Manufacturing employment, 2000 827  
Wage and labor survey available Yes  
Average weekly wage, 2000 \$ 445.85  
Average weekly manufacturing wage, 2000 \$ 476.64

## EDUCATION

Parish Schools:	Number of Schools	Teachers 2000	Enrollment 2000
Elementary (K-8)	<u>9</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>5,304</u>
Secondary	<u>10</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>4,486</u>

Technical Colleges (Post-secondary)	Enrollment 2000
La. Technical College - Leesville Campus	<u>406</u>

Area Colleges:	Enrollment 2000
Northwestern State University, Fort Polk	<u>1,200</u>
Northwestern State University, Natchitoches - 50 miles	<u>9,292</u>
La. State University, Alexandria - 60 miles	<u>2,384</u>
La. College, Pineville - 70 miles	<u>1,125</u>

Public Libraries: 3 (110,490 volumes)

## CLIMATE

Temperature: January norm 47°  
July norm 82°  
Total normal annual rainfall 55 inches  
Prevailing Winds Southwesterly  
Average elevation 330 feet  
(above mean sea level)

## Vernon

Parish

## TAXES

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

### Property Tax Average, 2000 (Millage Rates):

117.67 mills\*  
\*Does not take into effect city taxes or water districts.

### Other Taxes, 2000:

City: Leesville	Retail Sales <u>1%</u>
Parish:	Retail Sales <u>4.5%</u>
State:	Retail Sales <u>4%</u>
	Gasoline <u>20 ¢ / gal</u>

## CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES

Protestant 112 Catholic 1 Jewish 0

## HEALTH CARE

Hospitals <u>1</u>	Beds <u>70</u>
Doctors <u>27</u>	Dentists <u>10</u>

## HOTELS, MOTELS

Hotels, Motels 5 Total Rooms 368

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Number of Employees	Union
Coca-Cola Bottling, Co.	Soft Drink Bottler	33	No
W. D. Chips, LLC.	Pine and hardwood chips, hardwood ties, pallet lumber and hardwood lumber	25	No
Leesville Lumber	Softwood Lumber	85	No
Harralson Tie and Lumber	Sawing and planing mill	23	No
Angelle Concrete	Ready-mix concrete	12	No
West Louisiana Ice Service	Cubed ice	29	No

## OTHER MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Number of Employees	Union
Fort Polk & Joint Readiness Training Center	Military Base	5,398	N/A

## AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

Name	ACREAGE	
	Total	Available
Leesville Industrial Park	100	100
Leesville Northside Industrial Park	20	15

## REMARKS

1. Parish population includes Fort Polk Military installation. Population decline reflects recent downsizing of installation.
2. All motor freight carriers listed serve Vernon Parish from Alexandria, (65 miles east) a major break-bulk terminal.

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