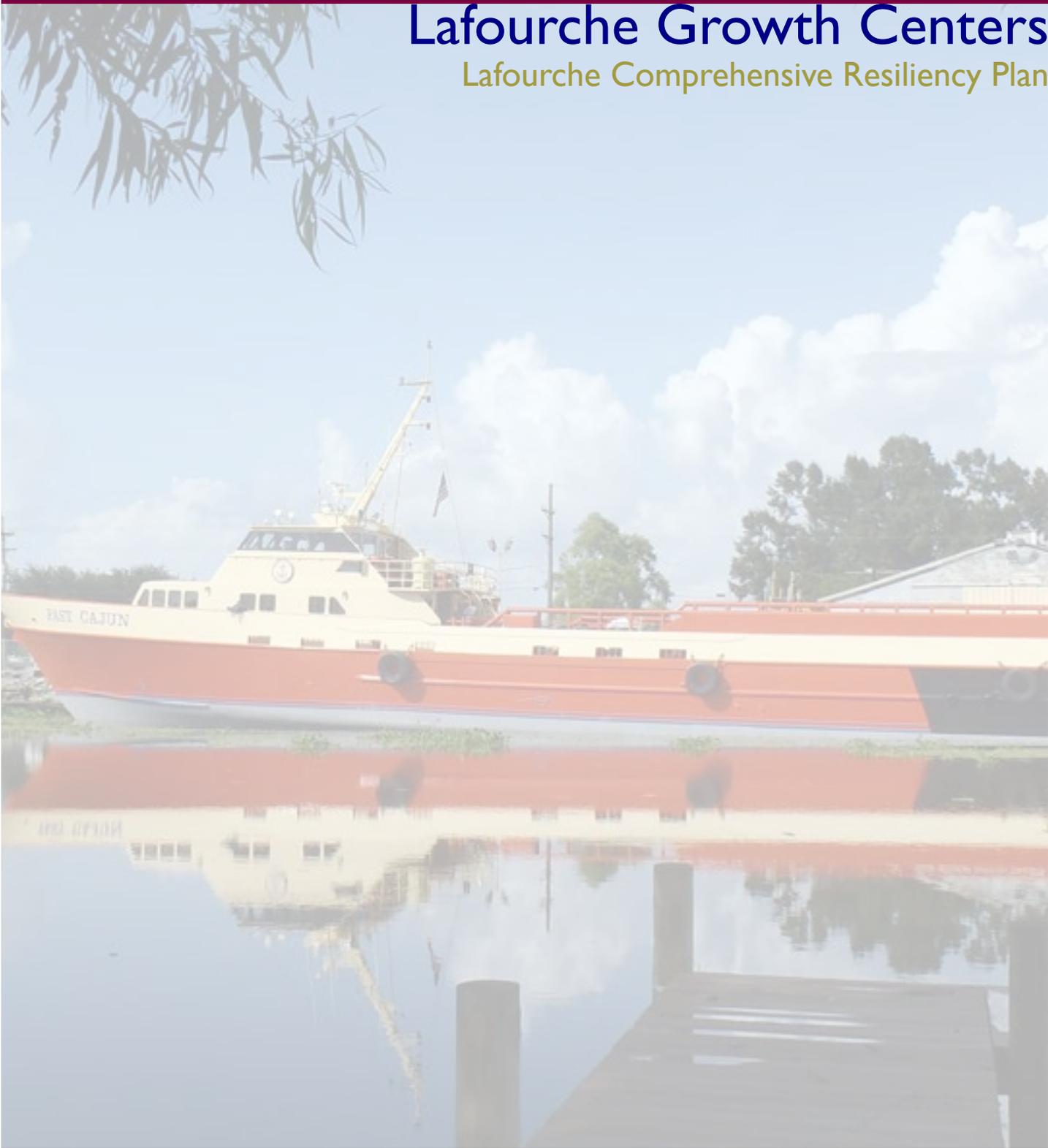


Lafourche Growth Centers

Lafourche Comprehensive Resiliency Plan



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Feeding and Fueling America



Lafourche Parish residents treasure the Parish's beautiful natural scenery, its fishing, recreation, historic towns, Cajun culture, quality of life, and hospitable neighbors. These characteristics keep people coming to Lafourche Parish to live and work. Parish residents know that Lafourche offers tremendous natural assets and a welcoming place to call home. Wherever you live in Lafourche Parish, you are connected to the water - be it up the bayou in Thibodaux, down the bayou in Galliano, or next door to the Gulf of Mexico in Port Fourchon the water provides the economic sustenance and cultural heritage that defines living in Lafourche Parish.

Enhance Safety and Increase Resiliency

We know the impacts of land loss and the need for coastal restoration. The Parish's homes and businesses are vulnerable to storms, flooding and storm surges, land loss and saltwater intrusion. We hold high in addressing these concerns to make the Parish safe and resilient.

Creating a livable community

Quality of life is crucial and we are creating a community in which their children and their children's children want to continue to live.

Making our economy stronger

Protecting and enhancing our existing industries while at the same time diversifying the Parish's economy by exploring new ways to build on the natural and cultural assets that are the foundation of the current economy.



Lafourche Parish is...

...a safe and resilient community that celebrates its cultural heritage.

The coastal protection networks that include expanded and new levees, restored wetlands, and effective coastal barrier islands help make Lafourche residents feel secure. The community values the many cultures and traditions that give Lafourche its character, from the Cajun heritage and the Native American roots to the new residents.

...a community with a strong, diverse economy and a trained employee base.

Lafourche has a diversified economy that is based on the historic trends of fishing, oil and gas, sugar cane, and ship building.

...a community with diverse resilient housing choices and amenities.

Housing is built with resiliency in mind. Houses and neighborhood service areas are raised so that they are more protected from storm surges and flooding. Residential infill housing is designed so that it does not impact adjacent homes, and new subdivisions provide adequate utilities, connections and water management.

...a community with increased access to jobs and bayous.

A safe and efficient roadway network along the bayou so people traveling through the parish, or transporting goods down the bayou have clear access without having to mix with local residential traffic.

...community and region that works together for the health and safety of coastal Louisiana.

Regional coalitions continue to work to protect coastal areas and provide a safe environment for coastal residents. Lafourche Parish works with adjacent parishes to ensure that protection and restoration measures are in place to the benefit of all coastal parishes.



Lafourche Parish Development

In 2014, the Lafourche Parish Council, Planning Commission, and Administration approved the Lafourche Parish Comprehensive Resiliency Master Plan. Not only does this plan address the regional coastal concerns, it takes those issues and aligns them with the Parish's transportation, infrastructure, housing, culture, and recreation. Since the Parish doesn't have zoning it gives lots of discretion to the property owner. However, the Parish needs to know where growth will occur so public facilities (roads, water, drainage, and emergency personal) can be prepared to handle growth. Thus the Land Use Concept map was derived from the Comprehensive Planning process, reflecting current growth patterns.

This document will further identify aspects to these areas, and prescribe goals. However, it will reach beyond infrastructure and begin talking about Quality of Life issues. As more and more families and businesses make Lafourche Parish their home, the quality of our residents lives become more crucial. By identifying these qualities and laying out a plan, businesses and residents can develop with the understanding of what their future community will be, along with ensuring the sustainability of property values over time.

Designated Special Development Areas

Economic Centers

- Port Fourchon and Airport
- Bayou Lafourche
- Agriculture

City Regions

- Thibodaux Area
- Lockport Area

Town Centers

- Chackbay
- Raceland
- Mathews
- Gheens
- Larose
- Cutoff
- Galliano

City Centers

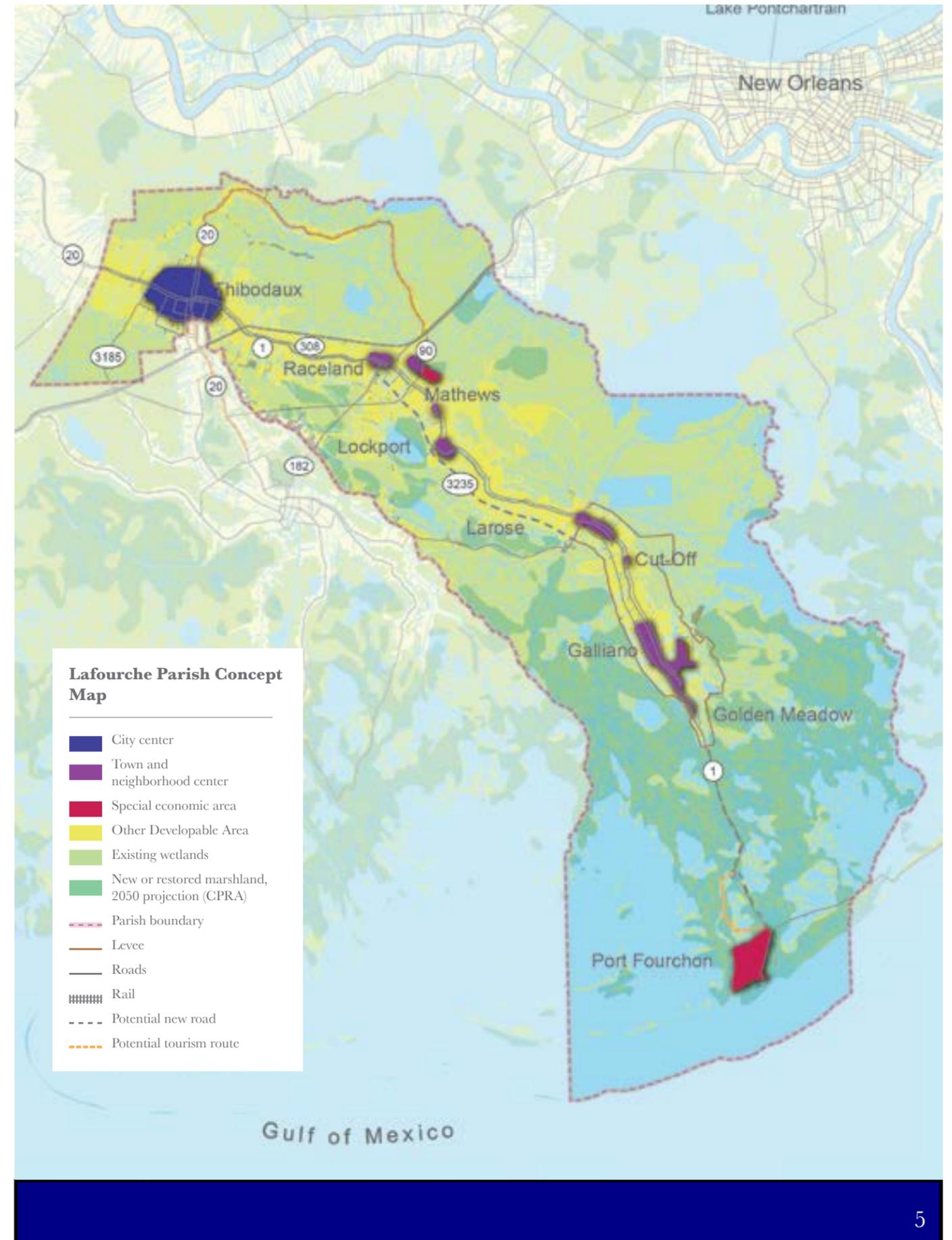
- City of Thibodaux
- City of Lockport
- City of Golden Meadow

Recreation Areas

- Bayou Lafourche
- Fourchon Beach
- Leeville
- Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Residential Areas

- Existing Residential
- New Subdivisons



Employment Centers

Across the Parish are various areas that can be identified for future employment centers. Development in these centers can be encouraged by directing infrastructure investment to these potential growth areas, thereby providing needed services and access to potential commercial and residential uses.

Port Fourchon

Port Fourchon is the Parish's biggest generator of economic activity. The sea port primarily services domestic deep-water oil and gas exploration, drilling and production in the Gulf of Mexico. The port currently services more than 90% of the Gulf of Mexico's deep-water oil production and the area provides 16-18% of the US oil supply.

Workers from throughout the region and the nation travel to Port Fourchon to work. Employees stay on land anywhere from a few days to a few weeks or months before leaving for off-shore assignments. Ever increasing needs for short-term housing is being pursued, in addition to ensuring this housing meet the workers' quality of life needs. A good portion of these employees use alternative modes of transportation, and the Parish is pursuing innovative ideas to get works to and from jobs.

Bayou Lafourche

The Bayou itself is an employment center, but the uses vary from north to south. In the north, the bayou is used almost purely for recreational purposes, with an emphasis on the Jean Lafitte National Park. Recreational boating is an important part of the culture of Lafourche. Access should be preserved and could be expanded to promote additional activities on the Bayou.

In the central and southern parts of the Bayou, boat building and fishing activities surpass other recreational uses. Dredging in these areas is a priority to ensure passage for industry vessels. Bayou-side preservation is also being maintained for water quality and retaining and attracting boaters who are drawn to the Bayou by the natural landscape and wildlife.

Agricultural - SUGAR CANE

Sugar cane fields are a tremendous economic and cultural asset to the Parish. Few places in the world have the climate to produce sugar cane, and the Parish strives to preserve this asset. In addition, the Parish is pursuing additional industry that is related to the sugar cane industry to further diversify our Parish.



Recreational and Natural Areas

Bayou Lafourche provides a range of recreational opportunities, including fishing, bird watching, canoeing and pirogue activities. The Bayou provides an ideal location for rowing events, both competition and individual recreational uses.

Areas outside the levees are continually being restored to ecological health by enhancing their potential for contributing to their storm buffering capacity, conservation or restoration of wild-life habitat, agricultural or seafood production, and the emergent local ecotourism economy. Heavy, non-recreational, development is discouraged outside the levees through the floodplain management review and permitting process.

Bayou Lafourche

Development along Bayou Lafourche should correspond with both private and public use of the Bayou. As sites along the Bayou are identified for public access, these sites will correspond with commercial and residential activity. This includes adjacent development and links to development nearby. In addition, developers and residents are clearly advised where state servitudes lie, as to not hinder the flow of Bayou Lafourche.

Fourchon Beach

Lafourche Parish's coastal area has potential for a public beach, currently referred to as Fourchon Beach. This will provide access to public beach-front access and recreation. The South Lafourche Beachfront Development District recently adopted the South Lafourche Beachfront Strategic Plan Document, which identified goals for enhancing the beach. These goals of that plan laying out plans for public access to the beach and other amenities, such as parking, restrooms, changing areas, and showers.

Leeville

Leeville is Lafourche Parish's first cultural district and is the gateway to the Gulf of Mexico. Located outside the levee, the incorporation of resilient building techniques should be used to address both flooding and wind impacts. Leeville is an ideal location for camps, vacation rentals, and quality extended-stay housing. This type of market will ensure the continuation of needed commercial services in the area, while catering to the fishermen who frequent the area.



Lafourche Parish Today

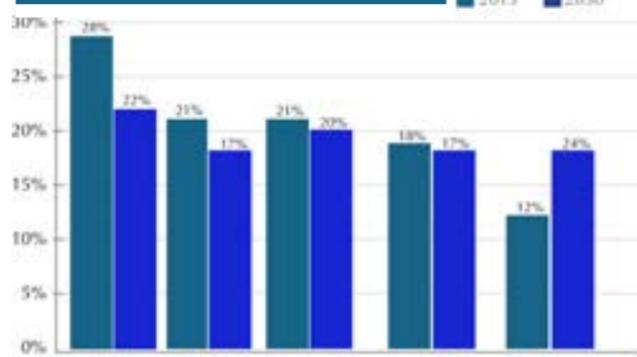
Lafourche Parish is located in southeast Louisiana approximately 90 minutes south of Baton Rouge and one hour west of New Orleans. Known for as the longest main street in the world (Bayou Lafourche), the Parish's culture has been influenced by its Cajun, French and Spanish heritages. Native tribes originally inhabited the area currently known as Lafourche Parish as early as 1686. The Lafourche Parish landscape features marshes, sandy ridges, bodies of water, and natural levees. Louisiana is known as the "Sportsman's Paradise," Lafourche Parish boasts a natural habitat for a wide range of wildlife such as deer, nutria, alligators, fish, and shellfish.

Recent Employment Trends

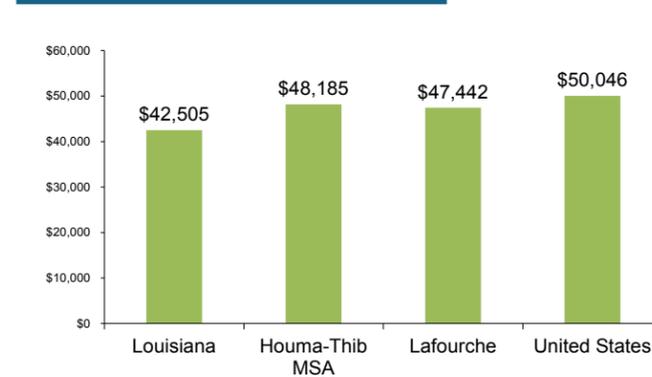
- Most industries had net job growth between 2005-2010
- Top five job growth industries added 4,510 jobs
- Most of these new jobs (2,681) were in Transportation and Warehousing

Area	Total Population 2000	Total Population 2010	Total Change	% Change 2000-2010	Average Annual % Change
United States	281,421,906	308,745,538	27,323,632	9.71%	0.97%
Louisiana	4,468,976	4,533,372	64,396	1.44%	0.14%
Lafourche Parish, LA	89,974	96,318	6,344	7.05%	0.71%

Median Household Income



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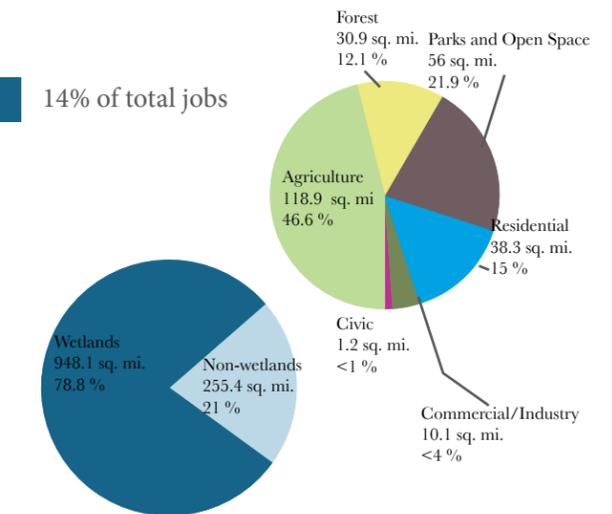
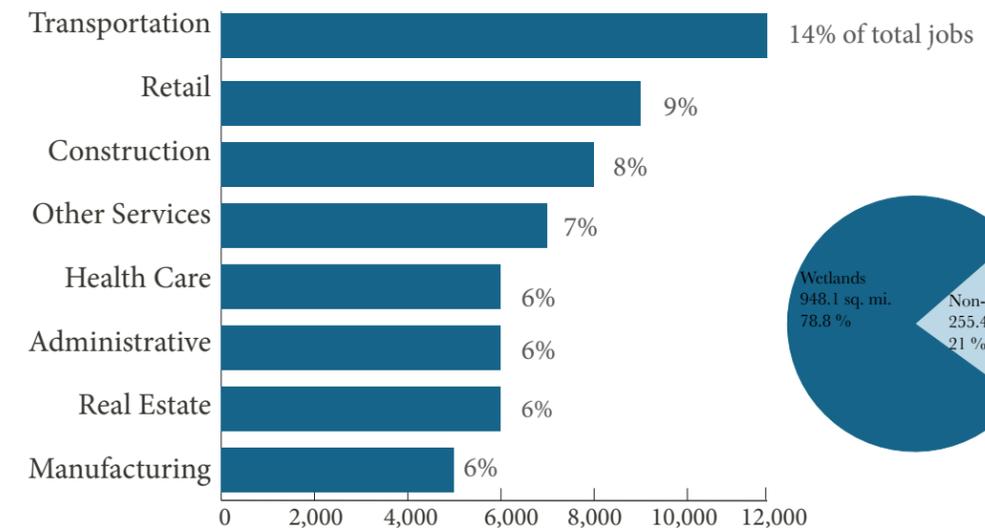
Unemployment

	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	March 2012
Lafourche	3.6%	5.2%	6.0%	4.9%	6.3%	4.2%	5.3%	5.9%
HTMPO Average	5.92%	7.70%	9%	8.02%	9.78%	7%	8.27%	7.72%
United States	8.5%	9.7%	10.6%	9.1%	9.5%	8.3%	8.8%	8.4%

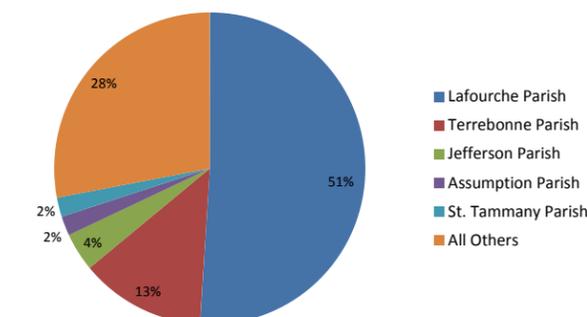
Population Categories

Population	Parish	U.S. Average	Description
Mainstream Families	31%	12%	Middle and working class families with children living at home, modestly priced homes (including mobile homes), living outside of urban areas, high car ownership, age 25-54.
Striving Singles	17%	11%	Young, lower income (less than \$30K), often service jobs or part time work, living in towns and satellite cities, apartments, enjoy outdoor sports, entertainment.
Cautious Couples	11%	10%	Over 55, mix of singles, couples and widows; working class roots, high home ownership rate, sedate lifestyle.
Mid-life Success	11%	13%	Childless singles and couples in 30s and 40s, college educated, professional and middle class, suburban and living outside of urban areas, consume latest technology, travel.
Other	30%	54%	Population that does not fall under one of the categories above.

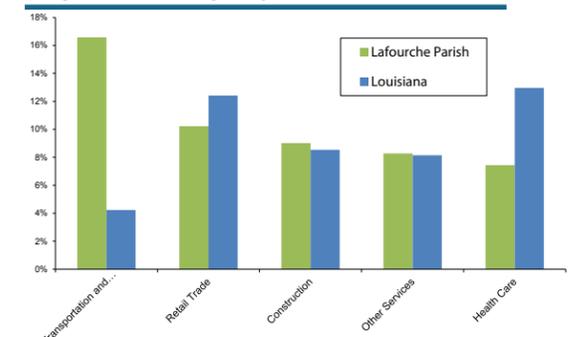
Largest Employment Sectors



Workforce Residents



Top Five Employment Sectors





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