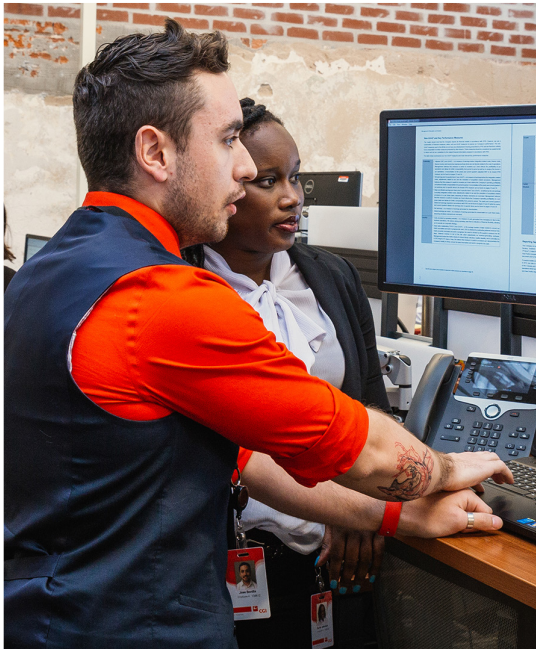




Lafayette, LA Economic Profile

2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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With an estimated population of more than 255,000, the centrally-located parish (county) of **Lafayette** serves as an economic center of south Louisiana. The region's legendary joie de vivre and Cajun and Creole cultures are known around the globe, creating a unique environment for work and play. Lafayette is home to a world-class workforce, an integrated transportation network, a diversified business base, preeminent high-tech infrastructure, and a metropolitan appeal. With this foundation, Lafayette Parish is able to foster an economy that supports a growing population and diverse industry sectors.

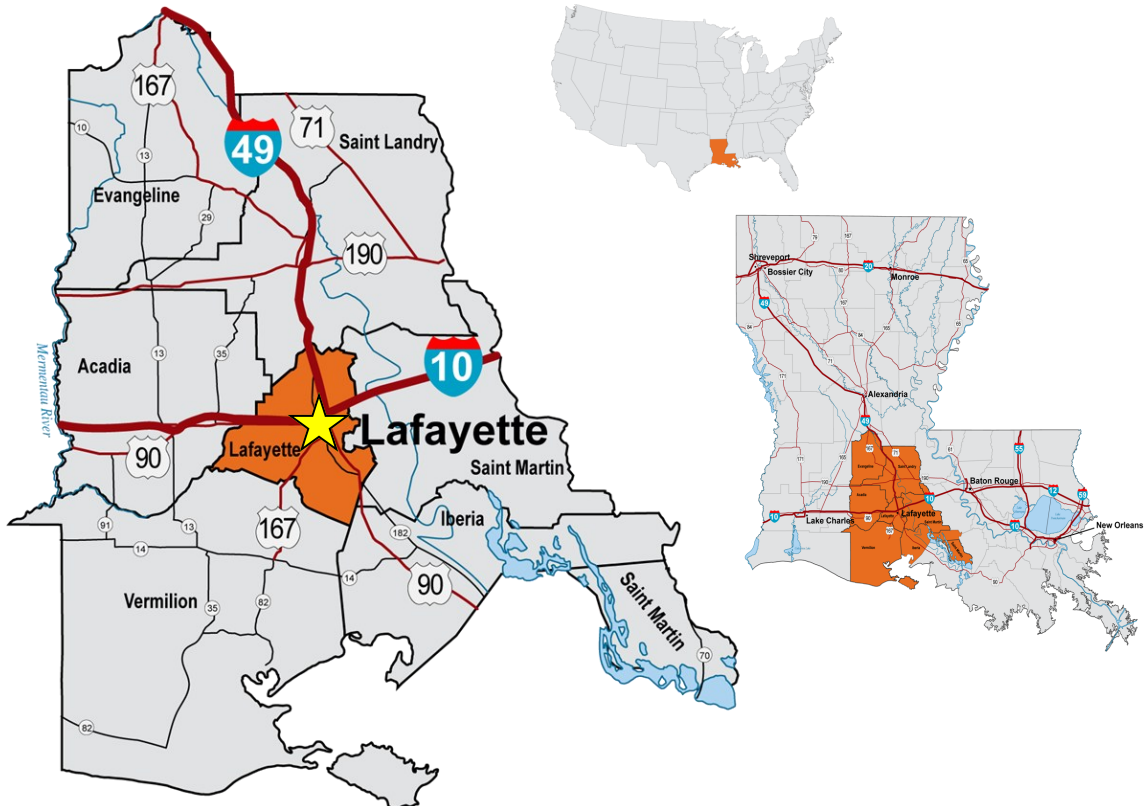
Market Access	The intersection of Interstates 10 and 49 is a strategic advantage in transportation and accessibility into and out of the parish. Additionally, Lafayette can be easily reached by the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railways, the Lafayette Regional Airport, and the Intercoastal Waterway. The ports of West St. Mary, Vermilion, Iberia, Greater Baton Rouge and the Twin Parish Port are also within 50 miles of Lafayette.
Incentives	Federal, State and local governments provide an assortment of business incentives that are available to incoming companies and to those existing within Lafayette Parish. Financing assistance, tax abatements and training programs are a few examples of the benefits available.
Workforce	The Lafayette MSA has a civilian labor force of more than 209,000 individuals. A highly educated workforce is emerging as more students are enrolling and graduating from the university and community college. Local businesses are also taking advantage of development and training programs to educate and enhance the skills of their new and existing employees.
Business Base	Lafayette has diversified by positioning itself as a medical, transportation, finance, technology, entertainment, education and retail hub. The business base of the parish includes energy services, manufacturing, health care, transportation and distribution, education, technology, finance, tourism, and other service-related industries.
Infrastructure	Publicly owned and operated, Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) provides the City of Lafayette with electric, water, and wastewater services that are among the lowest priced in the state. LFT Fiber provides some of the fastest internet in the world to customers in the City of Lafayette and some surrounding areas— with speeds up to 25 Gbps.
Quality of Life	The region's legendary joie de vivre and Cajun and Creole culture are known around the globe, creating a unique environment for work and play. Local museums, community events, and festivals provide modern-day arts and culture with a southern flair. The subtropical climate of the "Sportsman's Paradise" is enjoyable in dozens of parks and recreational facilities around Lafayette Parish. Lafayette serves as a hospitable, safe and family-friendly center for retail, education, recreation, and health care. #



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Miles to:

Atlanta, GA	592
Baton Rouge, LA	52
Biloxi, MS	199
Birmingham, AL	423
Dallas, TX	402
Houston, TX	222
Jackson, MS	236
Jacksonville, FL	662
Memphis, TN	449
Mobile, AL	252
New Orleans, LA	129
Oklahoma City, OK	621
San Antonio, TX	396
Tulsa, OK	648

MARKET ACCESS



Railways

- Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co.
- Union Pacific Railroad Co.
- Louisiana & Delta Railroad, Inc. (L & D)

Motor Freight

- Lafayette is located at the intersection of I-10 and I-49
- Central location for major distribution centers
- Abundant supply of carriers including FedEx, UPS, SAIA Motor Freight, Roadway and others

Air Service

Lafayette Regional Airport (www.lftairport.com)

- Three runways—the longest is 8,001 feet
- Total 2025 Enplanements and Deplanements were 591,040
- Serviced by: American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and United Airlines
- Signature Flight: full service Fixed Base Operator (www.signatureflight.com/locations/lft)

Acadiana Regional Airport

- Located 13 miles southeast of Lafayette in New Iberia, LA
- Two runways—the longest is 8,002 feet

Waterways

Port of Greater Baton Rouge

- Located 50 miles east of Lafayette, at the convergence of the Mississippi River and the Gulf Intra-coastal Waterway
- Channel depth of 45 ft.
- 3,000 sq. ft. of continuous wharf
- Foreign trade zone
- Unlimited turning basin at cargo docks
- Industrial land available
- 17 miles of rail located within the complex
- On site storage available

Port of Lake Charles

- Located 70 miles west of Lafayette
- Channel depths of 40 ft., Bottom width of 400 ft.
- More than 9,000 linear ft. of harbor front
- Foreign trade zone
- 2 industrial parks
- 20 miles of railway track within the complex
- On site storage available

Port of Iberia

- 20 miles south of Lafayette
- Channel depth is 13 ft., Bottom width is 125 ft., Surface width is 200ft.
- More than 5,000 employees working at the port
- More than 2,000 acres of land under development

Other Area Ports

- Port of West St. Mary: shallow draft port 40 miles south in Franklin, LA
- Port of Vermilion: shallow draft port 15 miles west in Abbeville, LA
- Twin Parish Port: shallow draft port 40 miles southwest in Delcambre, LA

INCENTIVES FINANCING TAXES



Incentives

Lafayette, LA is a business-friendly environment, where leaders work together to ensure the success and prosperity of our community and our business base. There are several resources available in Louisiana that can give businesses that operate here an advantage. Below is a partial list of business incentives that are available. For more information, visit www.opportunitylouisiana.gov/incentives.

- Angel Investor Tax Credit
- Digital Interactive Media and Software Program
- Entertainment Job Creation Program
- Federal Opportunity Zones
- Film Tax Credit
- Industrial Tax Exemption
- High Impact Jobs Program
- LED FastStart
- Research and Development Tax Credit
- Restoration Tax Abatement

Small Business Programs

- Bonding Assistance Program
- CEO Roundtables
- Hudson Initiative
- Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute
- Louisiana Veterans First Business Initiative
- Small and Emerging Business Development Program
- Small Business Loan and Guaranty Program
- STEP grant
- Veteran Initiative

Taxes

Corporate Franchise Tax

- The Louisiana corporate franchise tax has been repealed effective January 1, 2026.

Corporate Income Tax

- Louisiana now offers a single-rate income tax structure, reducing administrative and compliance costs and encouraging expansion and investment.
- Flat corporate income tax rate of 5.5%, with a standard deduction of \$20,000.
- Federal income taxes are deductible in computing net taxable income.

Property Tax

- No state property tax in Louisiana.
- 2026 Lafayette City and Parish property tax millage is 104.025 mills.
- For property outside of the city limits of Lafayette, the total millage is 87.11.
- Several types of exemptions are available in Lafayette Parish. If you own property that you reside in, you may apply for homestead exemption which reduces the taxable value of your home by \$75,000, resulting in substantial savings on your property taxes.

INCENTIVES FINANCING TAXES



Sales Tax

- Sales tax is levied on the retail sale of personal property, goods used or stored for use in Louisiana and on leases and rentals of tangible personal property and certain services.
- Louisiana state sales tax is 5.0%.
- Lafayette Parish sales tax is 2.0%
- Municipal sales tax:
 - City of Lafayette and areas outside all city limits: 2.0%
 - City of Broussard: 2.5%
 - City of Scott: 3.0%
 - City of Carencro and Town of Duson: 3.0%
 - City of Youngsville : 3.5%
- There are special taxing districts and economic development districts in the parish that levy additional taxes for infrastructure improvements. A list of those can be found at www.lataonline.org.

WORKFORCE & LABOR



Availability & Cost of Labor

- The Lafayette Metropolitan Statistical Area (Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin and Vermilion Parishes) offers a large, skilled workforce.
- See the Economic Indicators section for statistics on the Civilian Labor Force, Unemployment Rate and Employment by Industry.

Cost of Labor- Annual Median Wage					
Occupation	Lafayette	Houston	Atlanta	Jackson	San Antonio
Accountant	\$67,630	\$85,090	\$85,820	\$70,720	\$78,650
Architect/Engineer	\$76,540	\$101,430	\$95,770	\$81,860	\$86,800
Education/Library	\$51,360	\$63,150	\$62,210	\$50,240	\$61,380
Registered Nurse	\$81,960	\$99,830	\$100,490	\$82,630	\$94,370
Sales Representative	\$58,240	\$63,090	78,950	\$46,470	\$50,610
Software Developer	\$109,010	\$129,440	\$132,960	\$96,990	\$128,430
Office Manager	\$51,630	\$65,990	\$69,990	\$60,100	\$63,850
Carpenter	\$47,440	\$49,670	\$50,680	\$49,330	\$48,900
Construction Labor	\$38,620	\$41,350	\$42,010	\$37,850	\$39,390
Welder	\$57,750	\$57,940	\$49,630	\$52,220	\$48,220

Source: BLS Occupational Employment Statistics (Updated May 2025)

Education & Training Programs

LED FastStart Program

- A single-source workforce solution that works with businesses to anticipate and address a company's workforce needs early in the startup or expansion process.
- Eligibility: manufacturing, corporate headquarters, warehouse and distribution, research and development or other strategic facility that commits to creating at least 15 new jobs or a service-related operation that commits to creating at least 50 new jobs.

On-The-Job Training Program

- Provides reimbursement to employers of up to 50% of employee wages for up to 12 months for employer-based training for new hires.
- Offers payment assistance to employers with job openings.

Incumbent Worker Training Program

- Assists in the skill development of existing employees by providing funding for customized workforce training.
- Funded by Unemployment Tax contributions.
- Eligibility: a business must have operated in Louisiana and contributed to the State's Unemployment Insurance System for a minimum of three years.
- An employer or a consortium of employers with similar needs must have at least 15 employees to be trained.

Small Business Employee Training Program (SBET)

- Assists in the skill development of existing employees by providing funding for standardized training.
- Funded by Unemployment Tax contributions.
- Eligibility: limited to businesses with 50 or fewer employees. A business must have operated in Louisiana and contribute to the state's Unemployment Insurance System for a minimum of three years.
- Provides \$3,000 per employee, per fiscal year for standardized workforce training.

WORKFORCE & LABOR



Acadiana Workforce Solutions

- American Job Centers maintained by the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the region's workforce development board is federally-funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- Houses the largest state database of qualified job seekers; Job listings and a variety of integrated business workforce services are provided by a local business service team.
- Employers' job listings are listed on Louisiana Workforce Commission website, www.laworks.net.

South Louisiana Community College: Lafayette Campus (www.solacc.edu)

- Offers more than 50 programs, leading to associate degrees, technical diplomas, and certificates to approximately 12,000 students annually.
- Licensed by the Board of Regents of the State of Louisiana and is recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Provides a wide range of workforce training programs to rapidly increase skills of workers that align with industry needs.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette (www.louisiana.edu)

- Second largest university in Louisiana with an enrollment of more than 16,000 students.
- Offers 106 undergraduate degree programs, 40 master's degree programs, one post master's certificate program, and 10 doctorate degrees programs.
- University Research Park is home to CGI, NOAA, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and more.
- Research Centers and Institutes: Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning, Ecology Center, Energy Institute, Informatics Research Institute, Center for Business and Information Technologies, National Incident Management Systems and Advanced Technologies Institute, Institute for Coastal and Water Research, Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise, Marine Survival Training Center, New Iberia Research Center, and more.
- The Continuing Education department provides customized and standardized workforce training for business and industry. An approved provider of IWTP-funded training in the region.
- The University of Louisiana at Lafayette has earned the prestigious Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education's R1 designation, signifying very high research activity. This places the university among the top tier of research universities in the US.

BUSINESS BASE



Major Industries in Lafayette Parish

Lafayette Parish serves as a diverse business base for prominent leaders in many industries.

Construction: New concepts in residential development, combined with improvements made by local government, the University, and private business has propelled the construction industry forward in commercial activity. In 2025, construction activity reached more than \$421 million.

Retail Trade/Leisure & Hospitality/Entertainment: More than 20% of retail spending in Lafayette Parish is made by shoppers who live outside of the Parish's borders. People from across the Acadiana region travel here for shopping, entertainment, recreation, dining, professional services and business. The population in Lafayette's trade market is more than 600,000 people; and more than one million tourists visit this area every year.

Finance: The financial industry within the Lafayette market is comprised of 43 locally-owned and nationally-operated banking institutions, with an estimated \$15.2 billion in deposits as of July 2026. They provide services ranging from simple savings and checking accounts to complex commercial investments. There are eleven active credit unions within the Parish, with estimated total assets more than \$534 million in July 2026.

Manufacturing: The innovation of local manufacturers has resulted in the transformation of traditionally low-technology industries into modern high-tech environments through state-of-the-art computers, intelligent manufacturing systems, robotics, and automation. Thriving manufacturing businesses in Lafayette can be found across sectors including jewelry, oil and gas, marine, food production, and specialty metals.

Medical/Healthcare: At the heart of Lafayette's medical industry, is cutting edge communication and data transfer thanks to the area's high speed fiber optic network. Lafayette MSA's evolving medical workforce of more than 33,000 employees continues to expand with growing facilities. As the "Hub City" of the region, Lafayette is further cementing its role as a regional health center—attracting specialized treatment centers, and along with them preeminent physicians, researchers and scientists.

Energy: With hundreds oil-and-gas-related businesses in Lafayette, the region is the hub for energy production and services in the southeastern U.S. and the Gulf of Mexico. Our community provides an industry-savvy environment and a workforce that is highly skilled, making Lafayette very attractive—not only to energy companies, but to companies across industries. Local businesses are positioning themselves at the forefront of the energy transition and the next wave of energy innovation.

Technology: Lafayette has worked hard to create a business climate attractive to technology-intensive industries with technology infrastructure, skilled workers, research institutions, and economic development incentives. Within two years, four companies announced the creation of more than 1,100 technology jobs in Lafayette, cementing the region's reputation as a technology hub in the South.

Transportation/Distribution: Located at the crossroads of Interstates 10 and 49, Lafayette's strategic location has contributed to the viability of the transportation/distribution industry. Cargo can be delivered via the Intracoastal Waterway; and the proximity of Lafayette to the Gulf of Mexico makes deliveries and exports by sea feasible.

Aviation: Propelled by offshore transportation companies since the 1970s, Lafayette has emerged as a thriving hub for value-add for the aviation and aerospace industries through a cluster of MROs, manufacturers and pilot training.

BUSINESS BASE



Top Employers in Lafayette Parish

Lafayette Parish is the economic center of the nine-parish area known as Acadiana. Lafayette businesses are able to take advantage of a larger market of consumers as well as the number of qualified workers available for employment. Listed below are some of the top employing companies within Lafayette Parish as reported by management or personnel directors within each organization.

Questions about having a business added to this list should be directed to LEDA's Business Intelligence Department at (337) 593-1400.

RANK	COMPANY NAME	INDUSTRY	2025 EMPLOYMENT
1	OCHSNER LAFAYETTE GENERAL	Healthcare	4894
2	UNIVERSITY-LA LAFAYETTE	Education	4506
3	LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM	Education	4198
4	DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE	Religious Organization	3600
5	OUR LADY OF LOURDES REGL MED	Healthcare	2945
6	LAFAYETTE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	Public Administration	2201
7	STULLER INC	Manufacturing	1531
8	AMAZON	Transportation	1300
9	WALMART COMPANIES	Retail Trade	1155
10	BILFINGER	Energy	1200
11	ACADIAN COMPANIES	Healthcare/Transportation	1150
12	LHC GROUP	Healthcare	878
13	ISLAND OPERATING CO OF TEXAS	Energy	800
14	SAFESOURCE DIRECT	Manufacturing	775
15	CGI	Information Technology	725
16	LAFAYETTE PARISH GOV	Public Administration	701
17	MCDONALDS	Retail Trade	650
18	SOUTH LA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Education	578
19	UNITED VISION LOGISTICS	Transportation	522
20	SCHLUMBERGER	Energy	500
21	LUS	Utility Provider	491
22	ROUSES	Grocery Store	434
23	TARGET	Retail Trade	427
24	VIEMED	Healthcare	422
25	EXPRO AMERICA'S	Energy	412

BUSINESS BASE



RANK	COMPANY NAME	INDUSTRY	2025 EMPLOYMENT
26	SONIC	Retail Trade	400
27	PHI GROUP INC	Transportation	373
28	FEEZOS	Retail Trade	370
29	C S USA-ACADIANA RENAISSANCE	Education	355
30	LOWE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT	Retail Trade	355
31	MISTRAS GROUP	Engineering Services	347
32	AT&T CALL CENTER	Telecommunications	300
33	OMNI ENVIRONMENTAL	Energy	280
34	OFFSHORE ENERGY INC	Energy	275
35	AMG SPECIALTY HOSPITAL	Healthcare	274
36	SCP HEALTH	Healthcare	273
37	SLEMCO	Utility Provider	268
38	WALGREENS	Retail Trade	248
39	BORDEN DAIRY CO OF LOUISIANA	Retail Trade	235
40	LAFAYETTE SURGICAL SPEC HOSP	Healthcare	232
41	HALLIBURTON	Energy	230
42	HOME BANK	Finance	222
43	OCEANEERING	Engineering Services	216
44	WHC ENERGY SVC	Energy	213
45	COSTCO WHOLESALE	Retail Trade	210
46	COCA-COLA BOTTLING CO UNITED	Retail Trade	209
47	VERMILLION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	Healthcare	208
48	GOLFBALLS.COM	Retail Trade	200
49	FUGRO	Engineering Services	184
50	COMPLETE HOME HEALTH	Healthcare	180

LEDA works with businesses that run the gamut from single-employee startup to headquarter operations with hundreds of employees. We recognize that each of our clients, no matter how big or small, has contributed to Lafayette's economic success. In Lafayette Parish, 97% of businesses have fewer than 50 employees. These businesses make a strong economic impact as they offer numerous employment opportunities and drive growth in personal income, consumer expenditure, and overall development in the region.

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INFRASTRUCTURE



Utilities

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Municipality	Phone	Web Address
Lafayette Utilities System (LUS)	(337) 291-8280	www.lus.org
City of Broussard	(337) 837-6681	www.broussardla.com
City of Carencro	(337) 896-8481	www.carencro.org
Town of Duson	(337) 873-6754	www.townofduson.com
City of Scott	(337) 233-1130	www.cityofscott.org
City of Youngsville	(337) 856-4181	www.youngsville.us

In addition to those provided by local municipalities, services are also available from the following suppliers:

Utility	Provider	Web Address
Electricity	LUS	www.lus.org
	Entergy	www.energy-louisiana.com
	SLEMCO	www.slemco.com
Natural Gas	Delta Utilities	www.deltautilities.com
	Atmos Energy Louisiana	www.atmosenergy.com
Solid Waste Disposal	Republic Services	www.republicservices.com
	Waste Management	www.wm.com
Water and Wastewater	LUS	www.lus.org
Fiber Optics/Internet	LFT Fiber	www.lftfiber.com
	AT&T	www.att.com
	Cox Communications	www.cox.com
	Conterra Networks	www.conterra.com
Cable TV	LFT Fiber	www.lftfiber.com
	Cox Communications	www.cox.com

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QUALITY OF LIFE



The National Bureau of Economic Research named Lafayette, LA the happiest city in the U.S.— and that’s no surprise! Lafayette is a city well-acquainted with happiness as we celebrate with a *joie de vie* in both work and play. From Festival International de Louisiane (the largest free, outdoor Francophone event in the U.S.) to Bach Lunch, Downtown Alive!, ArtWalk and Rhythms on the River, free community events are offered year-round to satisfy culture lovers. *Rand McNally* and *USA Today* named Lafayette the Best City for Food in the U.S. and *Southern Living* crowned Lafayette the Tastiest City in the South. With all the food, music, entertainment and art you can imagine, you’ll quickly find yourself immersed in Cajun and Creole culture. You’ll be ready to *laissez les bons temps rouler* in no time! Visit www.lafayettetravel.com to find other opportunities to explore what makes Lafayette’s quality of life so rich and unique.

Acadiana Culture

The unique cultural experience found in Lafayette and the surrounding area of Acadiana is unmatched by any other community. Our long-standing commitment to our rich heritage has created many bonds to the past that can be enjoyed by visitors and residents alike.

- **Acadian Village:** Museum of authentic Acadian homes. (www.acadianvillage.org)
- **Jean Lafitte National Park Acadian Cultural Center:** Offers exhibits on topics such as the 1755 expulsion of the Acadians from Nova Scotia. (www.nps.gov/jela)
- **St. John Cathedral, Museum, Oak & Cemetery:** Built in 1918, the cathedral is of Dutch Romanesque architecture. The nearby oak tree is said to be 500 years old! (www.saintjohncathedral.org)
- **University of Louisiana at Lafayette:** The University has been a major part of Lafayette’s culture for more than 100 years. Visit the campus and take a walk around Cypress Lake. (www.louisiana.edu)
- **Vermilionville:** A living history museum including authentic buildings, demonstrations, music and more. (www.vermilionville.org)
- **Council for Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL):** This organization is dedicated to preserving the Acadiana language and culture. (www.codofil.org)

Art in Acadiana

- **Acadiana Center for the Arts:** AcA serves the region in all aspects of cultural work through community development and grant making, arts education, outreach and residencies, public art corridors, annual visual arts exhibits, monthly ArtWalk, and 150+ annual events at AcA featuring every genre of the performing arts. (www.acadianacenterforthearts.org)
- **Cité Des Arts:** Multi-use cultural arts facility, including a 100-seat theatre, several gallery spaces and an arts café. (www.citedesarts.org)
- **Heymann Performing Arts Center:** Entertainment facility that hosts touring Broadway musicals, national ballet performances, Acadiana’s own symphony orchestra, and other locally produced shows. (www.heymanncenter.com)
- **Lafayette Art Association:** The Lafayette Art Association & Gallery is a non-profit organization dedicated to visual arts education. The association provides a place for artists to gather, learn and grow. (www.lafayetteart.org)
- **The Hilliard Art Museum:** Serves the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and enriches the lives of Louisiana residents by fostering an understanding and appreciation of the visual arts. (www.hilliardmuseum.org)
- Small art galleries are located throughout the downtown district, the Oil Center, and across the city.

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Museums and Libraries

- **Lafayette Science Museum:** More than 10,000 sq. ft. of exhibitions, a state-of-the-art planetarium and a discovery room. Activities include hands-on science, workshops, films, shows and other programs for children, families and adults. (www.lafayettesciencemuseum.org)
- **Children's Museum of Acadiana:** This museum for children ages 2-12 is dedicated to demystifying everyday life, cultures, and human differences through hands-on exhibits including a mini grocery store and a television station and provides programs to promote health awareness and recycling. (www.childrensmuseumofacadiana.com)
- **Alexandre Mouton House/Lafayette Museum:** Repository of Lafayette's history and culture. Once home to Vermilionville's founder Jean Mouton and Louisiana Governor Alexandre Mouton. (www.lafayettmuseum.com)
- **Lafayette Public Library System:** Nine locations and a bookmobile provide books, movies, programs, computers and makerspace technologies for all ages throughout the city and parish. (www.lafayettepubiclibrary.org)

Recreation

- If you are the outdoors type, this area is truly a Sportsman's Paradise. You will find easy access to golfing, fishing, hunting, water-skiing, boating, off-road motorcycling, and camping throughout the parish and beyond.
- The Lafayette Parish Parks and Recreation Department operates parks and recreation centers which offer tennis courts, soccer fields, disk golf, hiking & biking trails, swimming pools, and active sports leagues for all ages. (www.lafayettela.gov/parksandrecreation)
- Lafayette has three private, one semi-private and three public golf courses.
- Moncus Park at the Horse Farm is a 100-acre park located in central Lafayette. Construction on the park began in 2018; and the park opened to the public in January 2022. The master plan includes an amphitheatre, a kayaking lake, a treehouse, a dog park and more. The park is home to a weekly farmers and artisans market and other community events. (www.moncuspark.org)

Leisure

- There are two bowling alleys, a roller-skating facility, an indoor ice-skating facility, indoor rock climbing, two indoor trampoline facilities, several health clubs, and two first-run movie theaters.
- **Ragin' Cajun Athletics:** UL Lafayette sports consist of baseball, men's and women's basketball, cross country, football, golf, women's soccer, softball, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and a series of intramural and club sports that supply entertainment throughout the entire year. (www.ragincajuns.com)
- **Shopping:** Lafayette serves as a safe and convenient market for shopping and retail activities. With the intimacy of a small town and the sophistication of a big city, retailers— both national and local— have invested in this community offering a variety of products and services to area residents.
- **Cajundome:** This 13,000-seat arena is home to the UL Lafayette Ragin' Cajun Basketball team and it hosts 140 events and 8-10 large concerts each year. (www.cajundome.com)
- **Convention Center:** 100,000 square feet of exhibition space, meeting and banquet facilities suitable for concerts, RV, boat, and sports shows, craft fairs, conventions, and trade shows. (www.cajundome.com)
- **Zoosiana:** 45 acres of jungle brush housing more than 1,000 animals. (www.zoosiana.org)

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Festivals and Music

- **Louisiana Crossroads:** An intimate concert series hosted by AcA. (www.acadianacenterforthearts.org)
- **Downtown Alive!:** Held each month during the spring and fall seasons at Parc Sans Souci, these free Friday night concerts are a lively gathering full of music and dancing. (www.lafayettedowntown.org)
- **Bach Lunch:** A lunchtime concert series in downtown Lafayette featuring different musicians weekly in the spring and fall. Area restaurants provide box lunches for purchase while you enjoy the music selections. (www.lafayettedowntown.org)
- **Mecredi Show:** A free outdoor concert series presented by the City of Carencro during the fall and spring. (www.pelicanpark.net/mercredi-show)
- **Scott Boudin Festival:** Boudin is deeply ingrained in Cajun culture and you can find all kinds of mouth-watering boudin at this festival filled with food, arts and crafts and music. (www.scottboudinfestival.com)
- **Acadiana Symphony:** One of the fastest growing and most successful regional orchestras in the nation. (www.acadianasympphony.org)
- **Festival International de Louisiane:** A premiere international music and arts festival known for bringing a variety of unique and emerging performers to Louisiana. (www.festivalinternational.com)
- **Festivals Acadiens et Créoles:** A weekend bash in October that features some of the finest Cajun, Creole and Zydeco musicians. (www.festivalsacadiens.com)
- **Mardi Gras:** A family oriented festival, filled with parades, music, games, carnival rides and food that occurs each Spring. (www.mardigraslafayette.net)
- **Beausoleil Festival:** Presented by the Broussard Chamber of Commerce, this festival features delicious food, family-friendly activities, and a free community concert. (www.broussardchamber.net)
- **Other regional festivals:** Crawfish, Frog, Zydeco, Pepper, Sugar Cane, Latin Music, and more!

Government and Services

- Lafayette City/Parish is governed by an elected Mayor-President, a five-person City Council, and a five-person Parish Council.
- Area municipalities are governed by an elected Mayor and Council.

Location	FT Police Officers	Reserve Officers	FT Firemen	Volunteer Firemen	Fire Insur. Rating
Lafayette	275	—	288	—	2
Broussard	41	2	1	23	2
Carencro	32	3	9	13	3
Duson	8	—	—	3	3
Scott	32	3	3	14	3
Youngsville	31	11	18	—	3
Sheriff	544	29	—	—	—

Source: Lafayette, Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Scott, and Youngsville Police & Fire Departments

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Health Care

Lafayette is the medical hub for area parishes and home to the following hospitals

Facility	Beds	Facility	Beds
AMG Specialty Hospital—Lafayette	18	Lafayette Extended Care Hospital	66
Our Lady of Lourdes Heart Hospital	32	Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center	396
Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center	516	Park Place Surgical Hospital	10
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*source: American Hospital Directory

- Twenty-eight nursing homes are located in Lafayette with more than 3,000 beds
- There are more than 500 physicians in Lafayette and more than 800 in Acadiana (a nine parish area) covering more than 33 specialties.
- There are over 160 dentists in Lafayette and Acadiana including general dentistry, Endodontists, Orthodontists, Oral Surgeons, Pediatric Dentists and Periodontists.

Climate

- Subtropical climate with an average rainfall of 60 inches and 214 days of sunshine per year.
- Temperatures range from a low of 43 degrees in January to 92 degrees in July.
- Snowfall is rare with 1-2 inches every few years.

Hotels, Motels, Bed & Breakfasts

- With a variety of accommodations, Lafayette is a great place for visiting families and friends as well as tourists from around the globe.
- 87 hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts with more than 6,300 rooms in Lafayette MSA.
- The Lafayette Convention and Visitor Commission can provide a full list of hotel properties. (www.lafayettetravel.com)

Residential Living

- Whether you enjoy fast-paced urban living or a quieter country setting, Lafayette is a great place to live.
- There are approximately 161 apartment complexes in Lafayette Parish made up of studio, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units in all price ranges.
- Traditional planned neighborhood developments like *River Ranch*, *Sugarmill Pond*, and *Couret Farms* are examples of communities with built-in amenities to serve residents.
- Developments can be found along the Vermilion River, near the university, and all parish municipalities providing a suitable location for any size or type of family. (www.lafayetterealtor.com)

QUALITY OF LIFE



Education

Elementary and Secondary

	Elementary	Middle School	High School
Number of Schools	25	11	7
Enrollment	14,402	4988	9096
Student/ Teacher Ratio	17.2	17.7	20.8
Charter Schools (total)	3		

Source: LPSS and Louisiana Department of Education

- Lafayette Parish School System (www.lpssonline.com) offers Magnet Academies at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Some programs of study include business and finance, hospitality and tourism, information technology, engineering, design, world languages, arts, STEM, environmental science, and health care. (www.lafayettechoice.com)
- The district is also home to Montessori preschools and elementary schools and immersion programs where core subjects are taught in French, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese.
- There are also 19 private and parochial schools in Lafayette Parish to complement the public system including a single-gender option for both boys and girls.

Post Secondary

- **University of Louisiana at Lafayette** (www.louisiana.edu), the second-largest university in the state, boasts more than 16,000 students, 10 colleges and schools, and world-recognized areas of excellence including Louisiana and Deep South Studies, Computing and Telecommunications, Cultural and Eco-Tourism, Environmental Sciences and Biodiversity, Health Informatics, and Cognitive Science.
 - Other unique features of UL Lafayette include a 600-acre renewable resources laboratory, a 48-acre primate research center, and the University Research Park housing a NASA Regional Application Center, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Wetlands Research Center, the Lafayette Economic Development Authority and the Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise (LITE), among others.
- **South Louisiana Community College** (www.solacc.edu) is one of the fastest growing colleges in Louisiana serving approximately 12,000 students on nine campuses in Acadiana. Academic offerings include technical diplomas, workforce training, high school dual enrollment and two-year degree programs that transfer to four-year universities.

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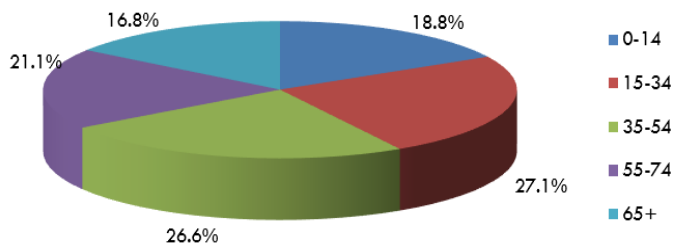


Demographics

Lafayette Parish Population

Town/Municipality	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2026	2031
Lafayette City	81,961	94,421	110,257	121,945	121,496	125,237	129,341
Broussard	3,712	5,518	6,120	8,463	13,430	14,432	14,992
Carencro	2,923	3,213	5,874	7,604	9,272	9,899	10,301
Duson	1,253	1,465	1,672	1,715	1,337	1,451	1,491
Scott	2,239	4,912	7,870	8,427	8,119	8,950	9,346
Youngsville	1,053	1,195	2,617	8,442	16,000	18,406	19,351
Unincorporated	56,876	54,038	56,093	62,845	72,184	76,686	79,856
Parish Total	150,017	164,762	190,503	219,441	241,838	255,061	264,678

Source: 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020 Bureau of the Census; 2026 & 2031 Projections, ESRI



Age Distribution

Population Age Distribution

The age distribution chart provides insight into the percentages of the population represented by defined age groups. The pie chart to the side represents Lafayette Parish in 2026.

Lafayette Market Area Projected Population Growth

There are nine parishes that comprise the Lafayette Market area. Each parish and its population projections are listed below.

Parish	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2026	2031
Acadia	56,427	55,882	58,861	61,773	57,576	56,123	55,151
Evangeline	33,343	33,274	35,434	33,384	32,350	31,467	30,886
Iberia	63,752	68,297	73,266	73,240	69,929	67,027	65,297
Jefferson Davis	32,168	30,722	31,435	31,594	32,250	32,363	32,285
Lafayette	150,017	164,762	190,503	221,578	241,753	255,070	264,758
St. Landry	84,128	80,312	87,700	83,384	82,540	81,174	80,245
St. Martin	40,214	44,097	48,583	52,160	51,767	50,958	50,518
St. Mary	64,253	58,086	53,500	54,650	49,406	47,184	45,680
Vermilion	48,458	50,055	53,807	57,999	57,359	57,713	57,899
Total	572,760	585,487	633,089	669,762	674,930	679,079	682,719

Source: 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020 Bureau of the Census; 2026 & 2031 Projections, ESRI

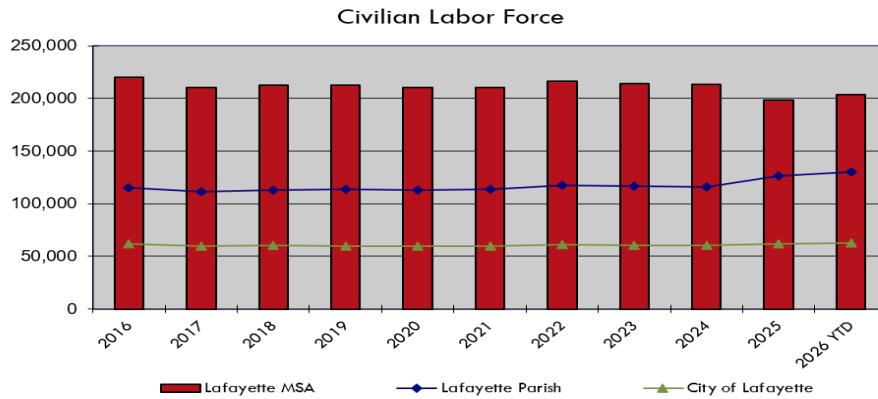


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Employment

Civilian Labor Force

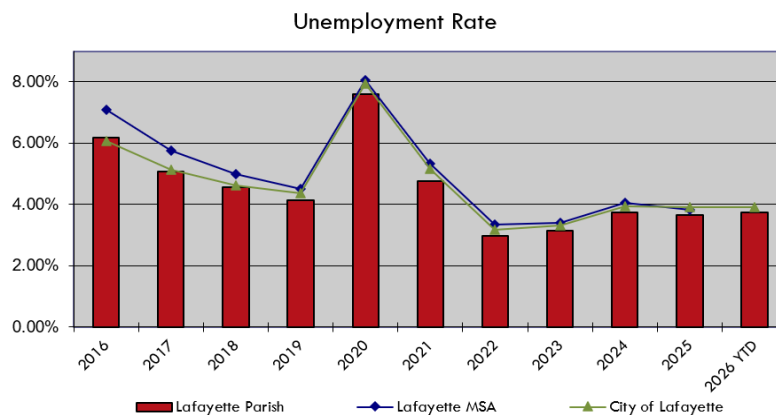
Civilian Labor Force represents all residents that are of legal age and are capable of working, whether employed or unemployed. The statistics in the graph are annual averages. The information covers both the Lafayette MSA and Lafayette Parish (County).



Civilian Labor Force	Lafayette MSA	Lafayette Parish	City of Lafayette
May-25	198,713	126,581	61,829
May-26	204,031	130,682	63,127

Unemployment Rate

The Unemployment Rate indicates the percentage of the Civilian Labor Force that is unemployed.



Unemployment Rate	Lafayette MSA	Lafayette Parish	City of Lafayette
May-25	4.0%	3.9%	4.1%
May-26	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Statistics



Economic Indicators

Employment Distribution

Employment Distribution represents all members of the Civilian Labor Force that work in nonagricultural/nonfarm positions. In the Lafayette MSA (Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin and Vermilion Parishes), the industries with the most employment are healthcare, other services, re-

Industry	Lafayette Workers	% Laf.	Louisiana Workers	% LA
Mining	7,300	3.8%	28,100	1.4%
Construction	12,200	6.4%	149,300	7.4%
Manufacturing	14,700	7.7%	145,200	7.2%
Transportation	6,800	3.6%	93,500	4.7%
Wholesale	8,200	4.3%	68,700	3.4%
Retail	22,500	11.8%	211,300	10.5%
Information	1,400	0.7%	16,300	0.8%
F/I/RE*	8,700	4.6%	92,200	4.6%
Health Care	33,100	17.4%	303,100	15.1%
Leisure/Hosp.	21,200	11.2%	227,200	11.3%
Other Services	31,300	16.5%	351,800	17.5%
Government	22,500	11.8%	319,300	15.9%
Total	189,900	100.0%	2,006,000	100.0%

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission, Data representative of June 2026.

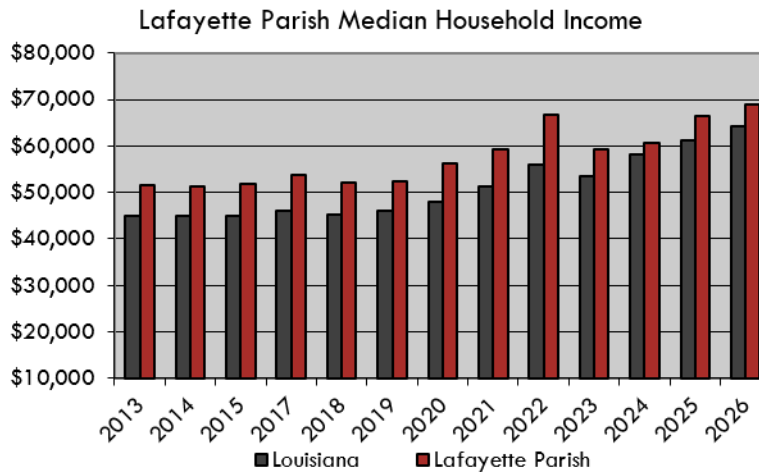
Note: Lafayette data covers the Lafayette MSA. Parish data is not available.

*F/I/RE—abbreviation for finance, insurance and real estate



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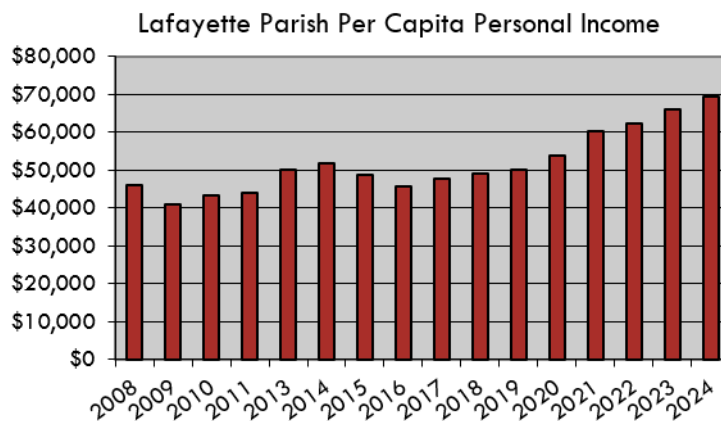
Income



Source: US Census Bureau American Community Survey

Per Capita Personal Income

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Per Capita Income is the mean income computed for every man, woman and child in a particular group. The statistic is computed annually by dividing the total income of a particular group by the total population of that group.



Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

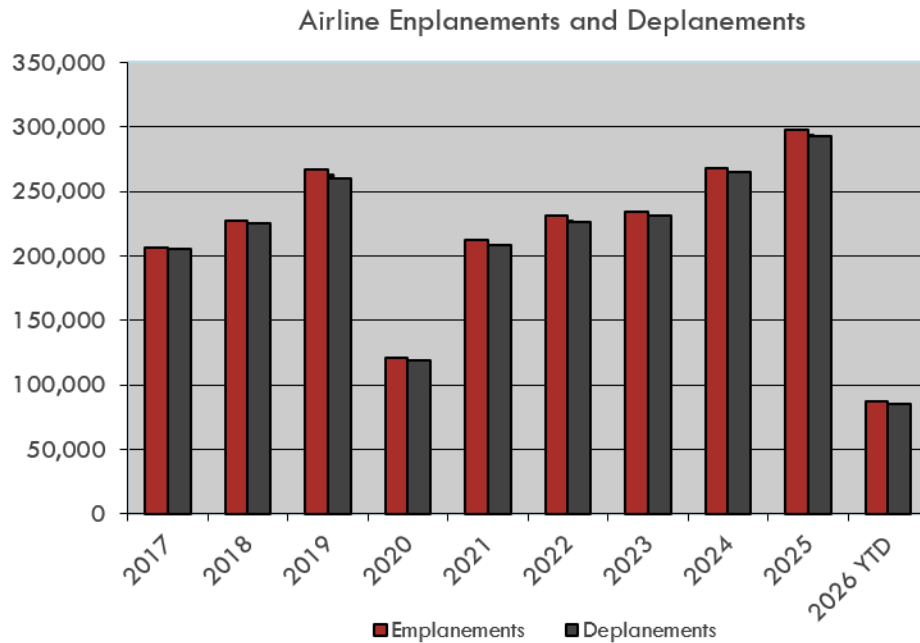


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Lafayette Regional Airport

Enplanements and Deplanements

The number of Enplanements represents the number of passengers that boarded an airplane at the Lafayette Regional Airport. The number of passengers that arrived at the Lafayette Regional Airport each month is Deplanements.



Date	Enplanements	Deplanements
Apr-25	24,625	24,600
May-25	27,024	25,450
Jun-25	26,571	25,980
Jul-25	27,948	27,608
Aug-25	25,187	25,716
Sep-25	25,786	25,007
Oct-25	27,191	27,240
Nov-25	23,419	23,479
Dec-25	23,869	23,515
Jan-26	20,654	19,721
Feb-26	20,796	21,093
Mar-26	21,232	20,622
Apr-26	24,648	24,153

Source: Lafayette Regional Airport

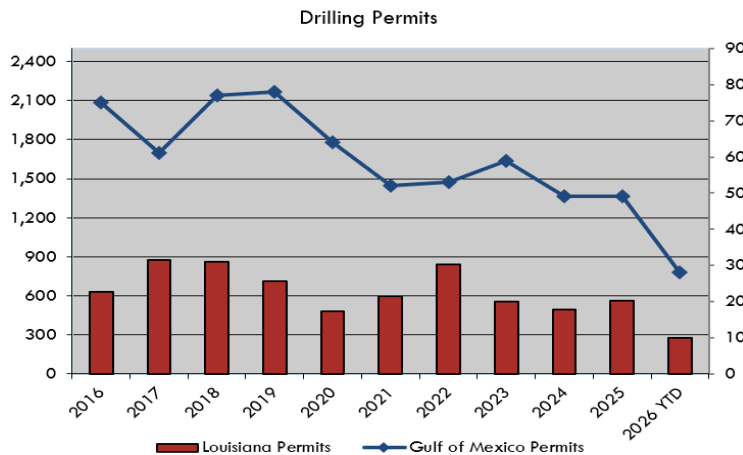


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Oil & Gas Industry

Drilling Permits

Drilling Permits represent the number of drilling permits issued to drilling companies in Louisiana onshore and offshore along with permits in Federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico. Louisiana drilling permits includes permits issued for all oil and gas wells, "Wildcats" (exploratory wells) and state offshore wells. Gulf of Mexico drilling permits represent only new wells.

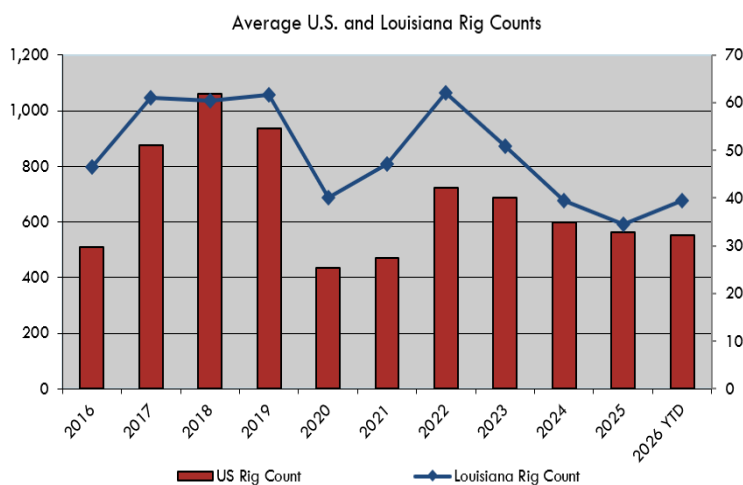


Date	LA Drilling Permits	GOM Drilling Permits
Jun-25	57	11
Jul-25	49	1
Aug-25	43	2
Sep-25	56	7
Oct-25	36	3
Nov-25	48	3
Dec-25	56	4
Jan-26	52	8
Feb-26	29	4
Mar-26	44	5
Apr-26	44	4
May-26	44	2
Jun-26	64	5

Source: Louisiana Department of Natural Resources & Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

Rig Counts

Rig Counts represent the number of rigs that are operating in Louisiana and the United States. The graph shows the annual averages for the past 10 years.



Date	US Rig Count	LA Rig Count
Jun-25	554	33
Jul-25	541	33
Aug-25	538	36
Sep-25	542	37
Oct-25	548	38
Nov-25	549	43
Dec-25	546	45
Jan-26	545	39
Feb-26	551	39
Mar-26	550	39
Apr-26	545	42
May-26	553	40
Jun-26	565	38

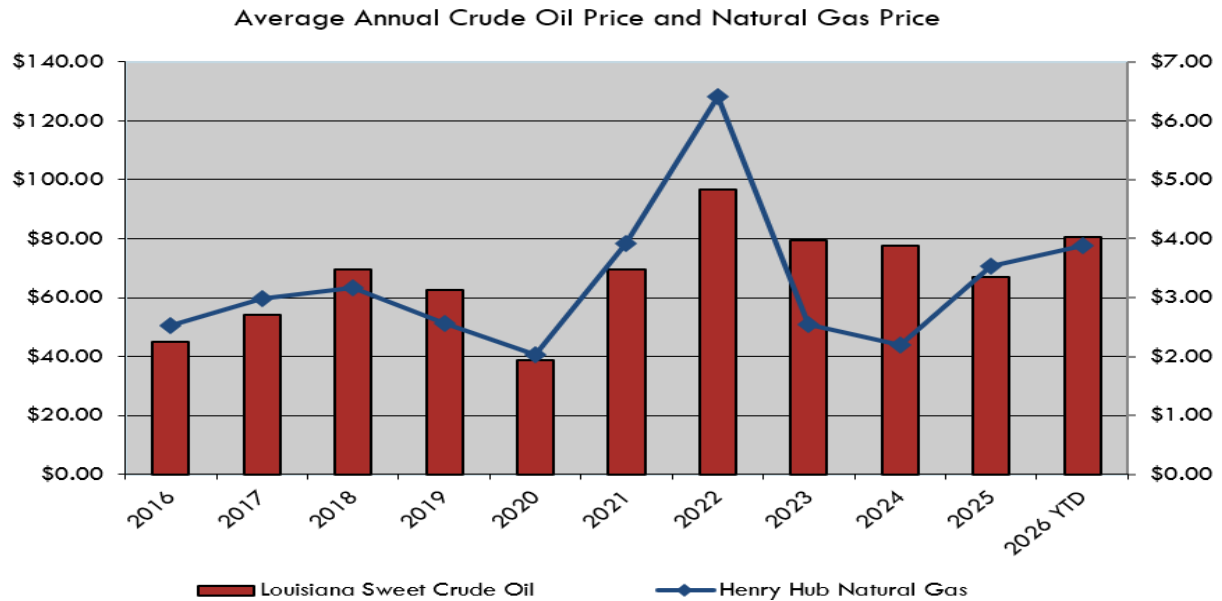
Source: Baker Hughes



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Louisiana Sweet Crude

The Louisiana Sweet Crude Price is a price per barrel based on the Average Spot Market Price at the St. James terminal on the Mississippi River.



Date	LA Sweet Crude (\$/Barrel)	Henry Hub Natural Gas (\$/MMBtu)
Jun-25	\$69.26	\$3.02
Jul-25	\$70.05	\$3.20
Aug-25	\$67.21	\$2.91
Sep-25	\$65.97	\$2.97
Oct-25	\$62.01	\$3.19
Nov-25	\$61.46	\$3.79
Dec-25	\$58.75	\$4.26
Jan-26	\$61.65	\$7.72
Feb-26	\$65.54	\$3.62
Mar-26	\$91.36	\$3.04
Apr-26	\$102.95	\$2.77
May-26	----	\$2.94
Jun-26	----	\$3.14

Source: Louisiana Department of Natural Resources & Energy Information Administration

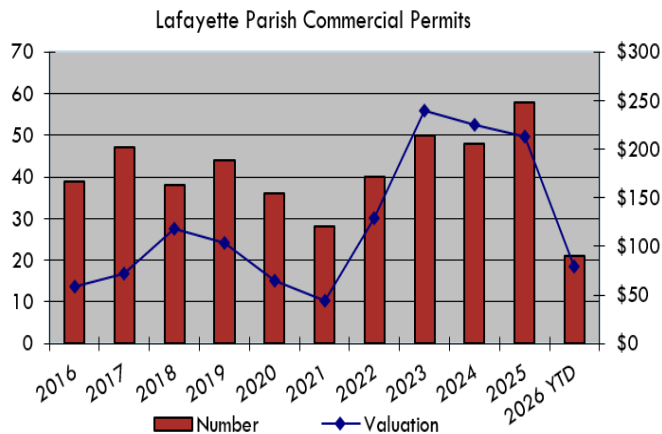


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Real Estate

New Commercial Building Permits

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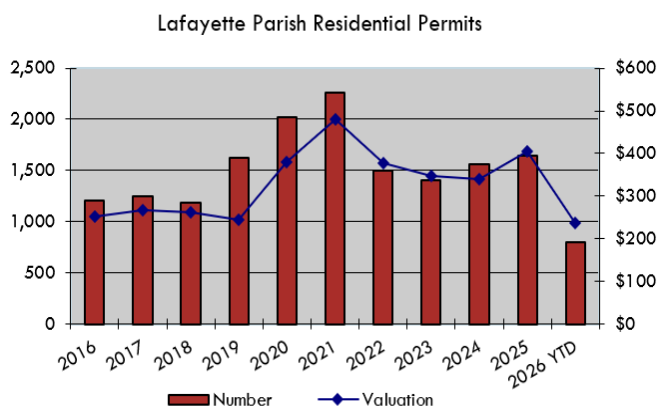
Source: Lafayette Consolidated Gov't, Codes Division

Date	Number of New Commercial Building Permits	Value of New Commercial Building Per-
Jun-25	8	\$32,319,724
Jul-25	2	\$3,300,000
Aug-25	5	\$5,556,000
Sep-25	3	\$4,042,034
Oct-25	8	\$28,864,402
Nov-25	4	\$42,101,000
Dec-25	9	\$24,579,977
Jan-26	4	\$4,850,000
Feb-26	4	\$4,100,000
Mar-26	3	\$1,267,200
Apr-26	1	\$3,100,000
May-26	6	\$59,806,071
Jun-26	3	\$6,474,079

Source: Lafayette Consolidated Government,

New Residential Building Permits

New Residential Building Permits and Value of the Permits are for the city of Lafayette and the unincorporated areas of the Parish.



Source: Lafayette Consolidated Gov't, Codes Division; US Census

Date	Number of New Residential Building Permits	Value of New Residential Building Permits
Jun-25	140	\$35,061,240
Jul-25	149	\$33,993,377
Aug-25	87	\$25,149,019
Sep-25	161	\$43,719,121
Oct-25	162	\$44,860,644
Nov-25	156	\$38,526,485
Dec-25	81	\$20,098,266
Jan-26	185	\$47,091,424
Feb-26	104	\$32,788,167
Mar-26	144	\$42,992,453
Apr-26	141	\$42,767,239
May-26	101	\$30,422,488
Jun-26	127	\$40,778,482

Source: Lafayette Consolidated Government;
US Census

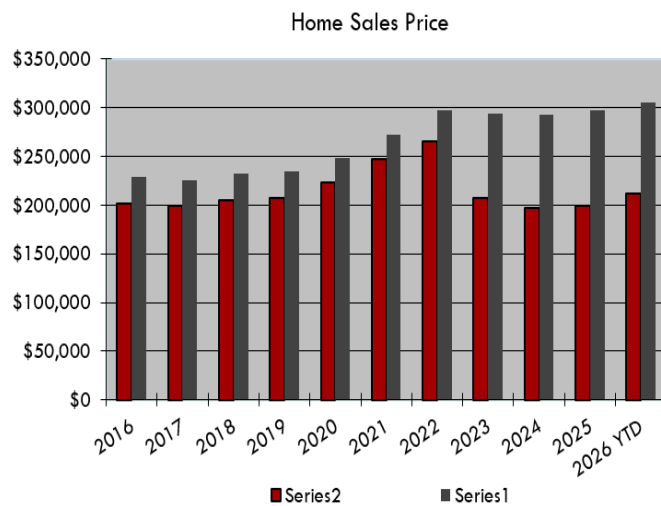


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Average Sales Price for a Single Family Residential Home

The data below is not comprehensive; however, it represents the majority of the homes sold in Lafayette Parish and it is reflective of current price trends.

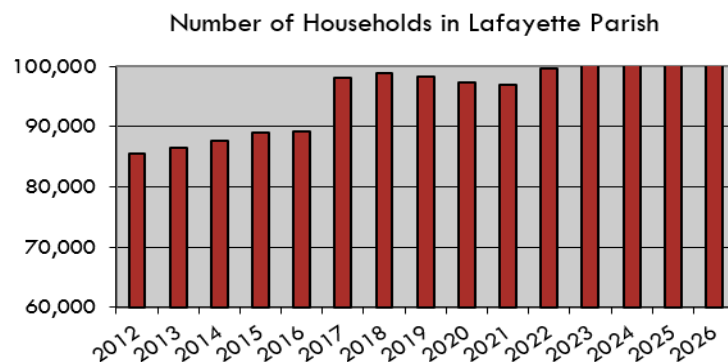


Source: Realtor Association of Acadiana, MLS

Date	Laf Parish Average Price
Jun-25	\$291,647
Jul-25	\$316,602
Aug-25	\$331,143
Sep-25	\$289,499
Oct-25	\$305,848
Nov-25	\$291,353
Dec-25	\$295,422
Jan-26	\$295,266
Feb-26	\$316,654
Mar-26	\$295,700
Apr-26	\$299,427
May-26	\$305,141
Jun-26	\$317,391

Source: Realtor Association of Acadiana, MLS

Number of Households in Lafayette Parish



Source: US Census Bureau Decennial Census and American Community Survey



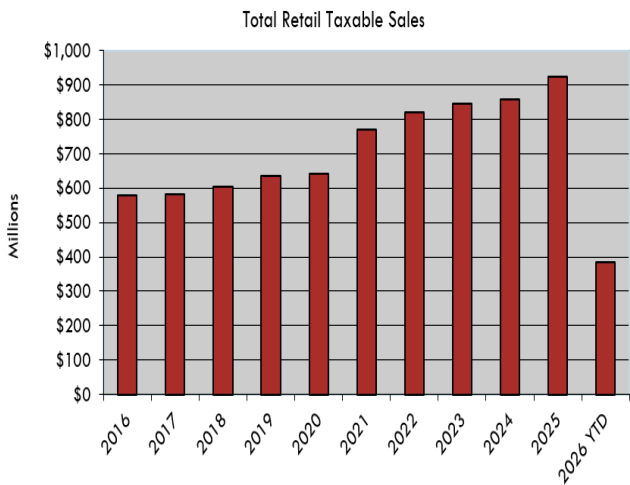
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Retail Taxable Sales

Total Retail Taxable Sales

Taxable Sales indicates the estimated dollar amount spent by consumers on retail goods and services in Lafayette Parish.

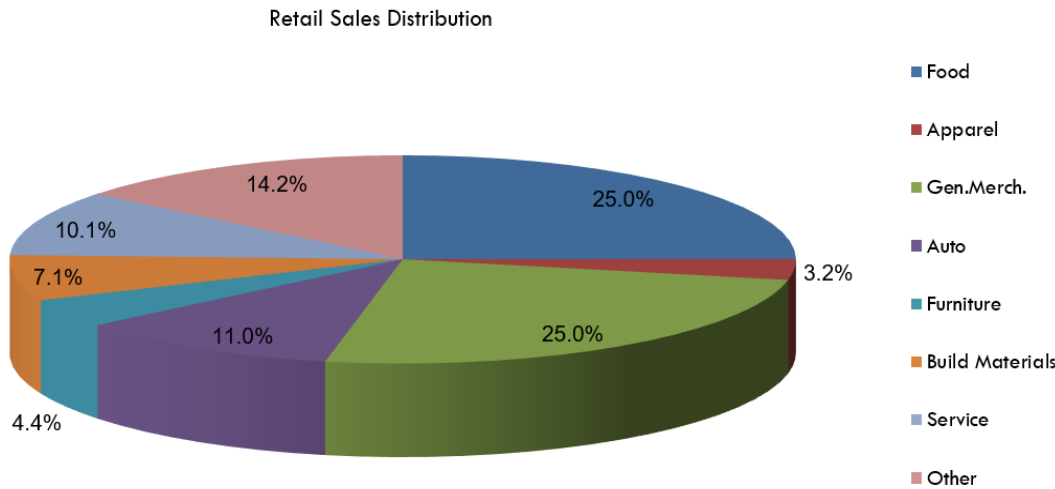


Source: LPSS Sales Tax Division

Date	Total Retail Taxable Sales
May-25	\$765,879,560
Jun-25	\$778,486,180
Jul-25	\$768,280,543
Aug-25	\$743,129,412
Sep-25	\$776,571,695
Oct-25	\$778,422,924
Nov-25	\$753,027,008
Dec-25	\$875,656,620
Jan-26	\$724,497,930
Feb-26	\$724,689,752
Mar-26	\$810,319,792
Apr-26	\$801,164,062
May-26	\$781,898,276

Retail Sales Distribution

Retail Sales are categorized by major industry (food, apparel, auto, etc.) and the percentage of the total retail sales is reported. For instance, food sales represents 25.0% of the retail market in Lafayette.



Source: Lafayette Parish School System

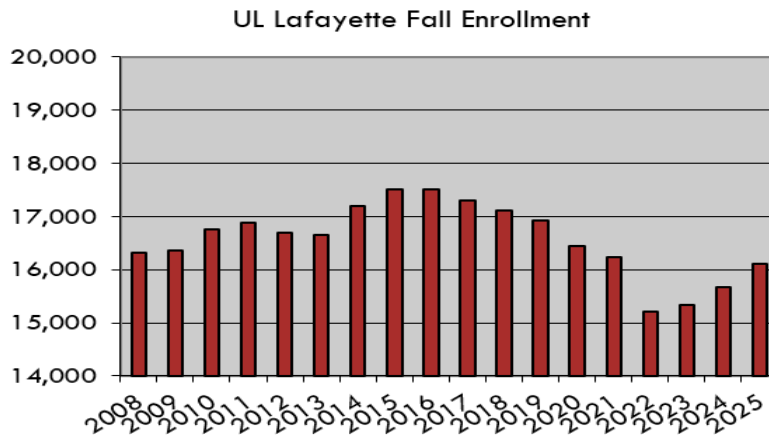


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University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Fall Enrollment

The University tracks the number of students based on fall enrollment figures.



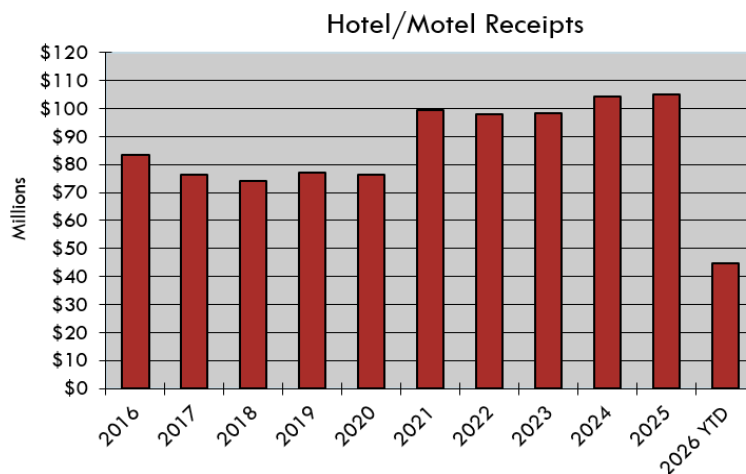
Date	UL Fall Enrollment
2015	17,508
2016	17,519
2017	17,297
2018	17,123
2019	16,933
2020	16,450
2021	16,225
2022	15,219
2023	15,345
2024	15,665
2025	16,100

Source: University of Louisiana at Lafayette Institutional Research

Tourism Statistics

Hotel/Motel Receipts

These statistics represent the amount of taxes received by the Parish for hotel and motel occupancy. Every time an individual pays for a room, a parish tax is assessed to that individual.



Source: Lafayette Parish School Board, Sales Tax Division

Date	Hotel and Motel
May-25	\$9,890,644
Jun-25	\$9,881,665
Jul-25	\$10,269,714
Aug-25	\$8,278,590
Sep-25	\$8,119,621
Oct-25	\$8,794,252
Nov-25	\$7,374,825
Dec-25	\$6,807,057
Jan-26	\$6,821,523
Feb-26	\$7,961,525
Mar-26	\$10,837,371
Apr-26	\$9,783,907
May-26	\$9,159,583



Economic Indicators

Cost of Living

Introduction

The Council for Community and Economic Research, a non-profit organization promoting excellence in research for community and economic development, developed the *Cost of Living Index* to provide a useful and reasonably accurate measure of living cost differences among urban areas. The Index measures differences in the cost of consumer goods and services for professional and managerial households in the top income quintile.

The Index average is equal to 100 and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average. For example: Lafayette's composite index is 87.5— 12.5% below the national average. These percentages are based on the cost of 50+ items.

How would the *Cost of Living Index* be useful to you?

Suppose you live in Houston, TX, which has a composite index of 94.2 and you are thinking about accepting a new job in Lafayette, LA, which has a composite index of 87.5. How much of an increase or decrease in your after-taxes income will you need to maintain your present lifestyle?

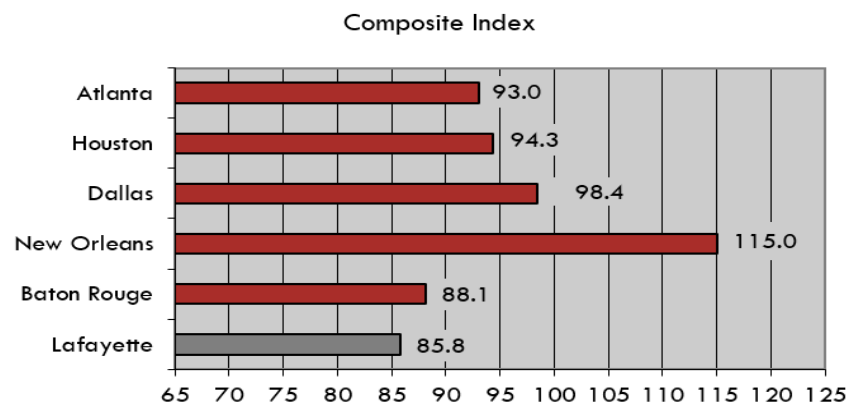
$$100 * [(87.5 - 94.2) / 94.2] = -7.11\%$$

Your after-taxes income could decrease by 7.11% and still maintain your present lifestyle. Keep in mind, this index does not take taxes into account.

The following graphs will show how Lafayette's cost of living compares to other cities in the South.

Composite Index

The composite index indicates the average cost of living for each urban area. It is based on the following six components—Grocery Items, Housing, Utilities, Transportation, Health Care and Miscellaneous Goods & Services.



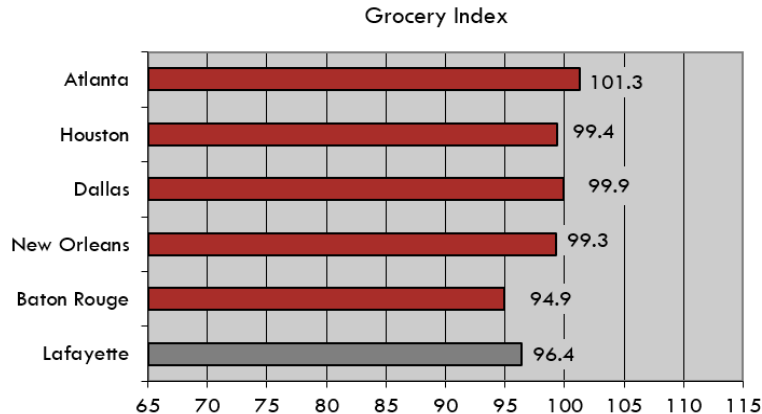
Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index (1st Qtr 2026)



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Grocery Items

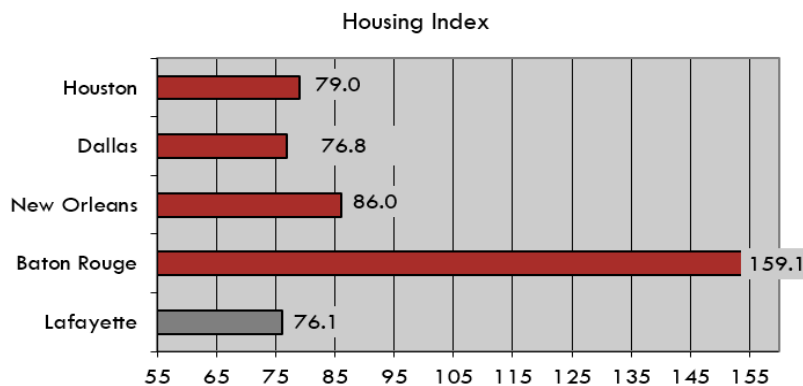
Each quarter, prices for meats, dairy products, produce, bakery items, and miscellaneous grocery products such as sugar, coffee and soft drinks are gathered by the local communities within the same three days. Local, regional and national grocery stores are included in the survey. An average price for each item is established after visiting various grocery stores in the area.



Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index (1st Qtr 2026)

Housing

The housing index considers apartment rent, total purchase price of a new 2,400 square foot home, and mortgage rates for uniform types of loans. These numbers do not reflect property tax rates which can vary largely depending on your location.



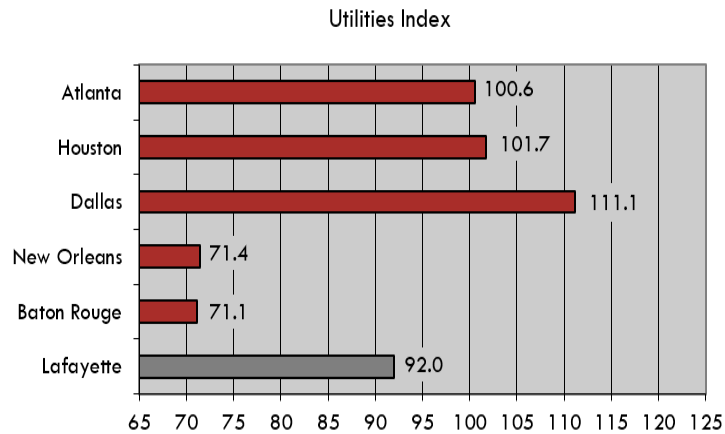
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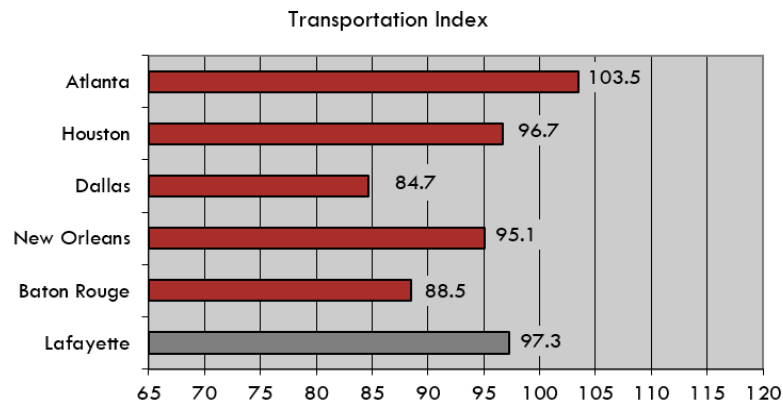
This index weighs the cost of telephone service and home energy (electric and gas) consumption.



Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index (1st Qtr 2026)

Transportation

The transportation index compares the cost of commuter fees, auto maintenance, and gasoline prices.



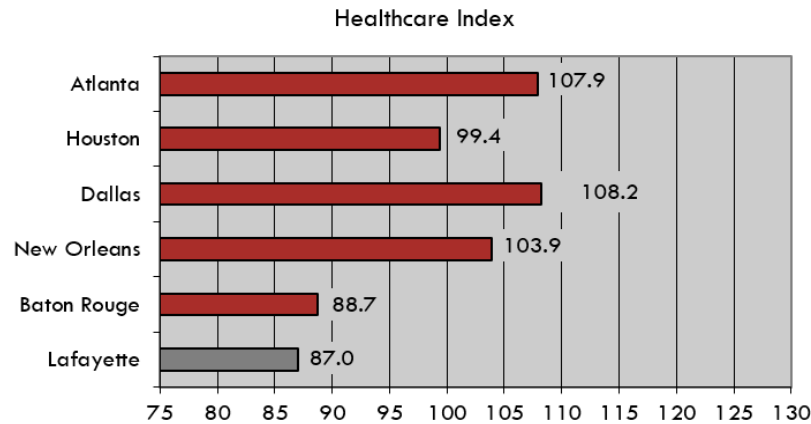
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Health Care

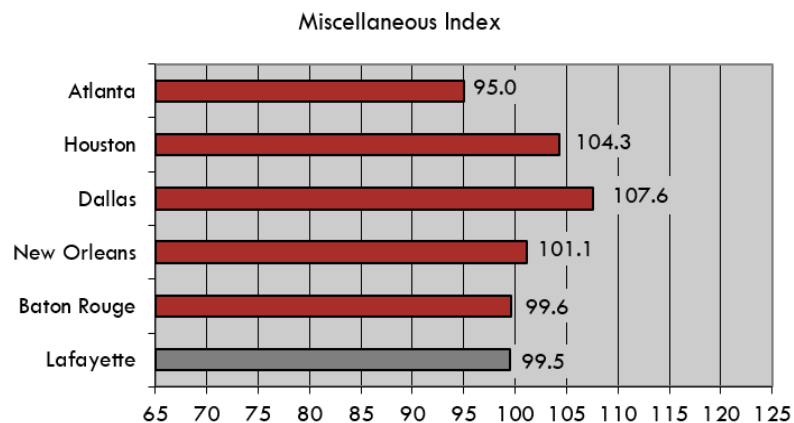
Included in this index are the cost of a general optometrist's office visit, general doctor's office visit, general dentist's office visit, prescription, and non-prescription drugs.



Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index (1st Qtr 2026)

Miscellaneous Goods & Services

The cost of food away from home, personal care, apparel, household maintenance, entertainment and recreation, and alcoholic beverages are the categories included in this index.



Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index (1st Qtr 2026)



Economic Indicators



Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
Population Summary		
2010 Total Population	221,591	393,515
2020 Total Population	241,753	408,455
2026 Total Population	255,070	419,864
2026 Group Quarters	2,782	4,314
2031 Total Population	264,758	428,326
2054-2031 Annual Rate	0.75%	0.40%
2026 Total Daytime Population	280,813	420,782
Workers	152,996	200,999
Residents	127,817	219,783
Household Summary		
2010 Households	87,032	150,975
2010 Average Household Size	2.49	2.56
2020 Households	97,428	161,890
2020 Average Household Size	2.45	2.50
2026 Households	106,079	172,298
2026 Average Household Size	2.38	2.41
2031 Households	111,929	178,972
2031 Average Household Size	2.34	2.37
2026-2031 Annual Rate	1.08%	0.76%
2026 Families	65,210	109,208
2026 Average Family Size	3.02	3.02
2031 Families	68,045	112,166
2031 Average Family Size	2.99	2.99
2026-2031 Annual Rate	0.85%	0.54%
Housing Unit Summary		
2010 Housing Units	93,661	166,246
Owner Occupied Housing Units	65.0%	69.3%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	35.0%	30.7%
Vacant Housing Units	7.1%	9.2%
2020 Housing Units	107,922	182,018
Owner Occupied Housing Units	65.2%	68.9%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	34.8%	31.1%
Vacant Housing Units	9.7%	11.1%

* The Lafayette MSA includes Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin, and Vermilion Parishes.

**Demographic Snapshot data represent 2026 estimates by Esri. 2020 Census figures are available in limited form by contacting our offices



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Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
Housing Unit Summary		
2026 Housing Units	119,175	196,423
Owner Occupied Housing Units	66.3%	69.5%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	33.7%	30.5%
Vacant Housing Units	11.0%	12.3%
2031 Housing Units	126,202	204,629
Owner Occupied Housing Units	66.6%	69.9%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	33.4%	30.1%
Vacant Housing Units	11.3%	12.5%
Median Household Income		
2026	\$69,048	\$63,126
2031	\$78,622	\$72,309
Median Home Value		
2026	\$271,443	\$243,339
2031	\$307,556	\$282,941
Per Capita Income		
2026	\$42,161	\$37,304
2031	\$48,197	\$42,782
Median Age		
2010	33.4	34.5
2026	37.7	38.7
2031	38.8	39.8
2026 Households by Income		
Household Income Base	106,079	172,298
< \$15,000	10.3%	11.9%
\$15,000-\$24,999	8.3%	9.6%
\$25,000-\$34,999	6.2%	6.6%
\$35,000-\$49,999	13.2%	13.3%
\$50,000-\$74,999	15.0%	14.9%
\$75,000-\$99,999	12.5%	12.3%
\$100,000-\$149,999	15.1%	15.1%
\$150,000-\$199,999	8.8%	8.0%
\$200,000+	10.7%	8.3%
Average Household Income	\$101,166	\$90,672



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Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
2030 Households by Income		
Household Income Base	110,231	176,573
< \$15,000	8.9%	10.4%
\$15,000-\$24,999	7.1%	7.9%
\$25,000-\$34,999	8.7%	8.5%
\$35,000-\$49,999	10.4%	11.3%
\$50,000-\$74,999	15.7%	15.3%
\$75,000-\$99,999	13.1%	13.1%
\$100,000-\$149,999	17.0%	16.5%
\$150,000-\$199,999	9.5%	8.7%
\$200,000+	9.7%	8.2%
Average Household Income	\$101,056	\$93,402
2026 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value		
Total	70,316	1189,810
< \$50,000	4.4%	6.6%
\$50,000-\$99,999	4.9%	8.3%
\$100,000-\$149,999	5.6%	8.7%
\$150,000-\$199,999	8.8%	10.8%
\$200,000-\$249,999	19.6%	18.1%
\$250,000-\$299,999	15.8%	14.1%
\$300,000-\$399,999	20.1%	17.2%
\$400,000-\$499,999	9.8%	8.3%
\$500,000-\$749,999	6.9%	5.1%
\$750,000-\$999,999	2.4%	1.7%
\$1,000,000-\$1,499,999	0.8%	0.5%
\$1,500,000-\$1,999,999	0.5%	0.3%
\$2,000,000+	0.5%	0.3%
Average Home Value	\$322,656	\$280,666
2030 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value		
Total	74,411	124,727
< \$50,000	3.9%	6.4%
\$50,000-\$99,999	3.5%	6.5%
\$100,000-\$149,999	3.6%	5.9%
\$150,000-\$199,999	6.5%	8.2%



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Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
2030 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value (cont'd)		
\$200,000-\$249,999	18.0%	17.2%
\$250,000-\$299,999	16.6%	15.2%
\$300,000-\$399,999	23.0%	20.1%
\$400,000-\$499,999	12.3%	10.9%
\$500,000-\$749,999	8.3%	6.5%
\$750,000-\$999,999	2.7%	2.0%
\$1,000,000-\$1,499,999	0.6%	0.4%
\$1,500,000-\$1,999,999	0.5%	0.3%
\$2,000,000+	0.5%	0.3%
Average Home Value	\$343,485	\$303,122
2020 Population by Age		
Total	241,753	408,455
0-4	6.3%	6.3%
5-9	6.7%	6.7%
10-14	7.0%	7.1%
15-24	13.5%	13.0%
25-34	14.4%	13.2%
35-44	13.7%	13.1%
45-54	11.4%	11.6%
55-64	12.5%	13.3%
65-74	9.1%	9.6%
75-84	3.9%	4.4%
85+	1.5%	1.6%
18+	76.1	75.7%
2026 Population by Age		
Total	255,070	419,864
0-4	6.0%	6.0%
5-9	6.3%	6.3%
10-14	6.5%	6.5%
15-24	12.9%	12.7%
25-34	14.2%	13.2%
35-44	14.5%	13.8%
45-54	12.1%	12.0%
55-64	11.1%	11.8%
65-74	10.0%	10.7%
75-84	5.2%	5.5%
85+	1.6%	1.7%
18+	77.4%	77.2%



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Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
2020 Population by Sex		
Males	117,021	197,754
Females	124,732	210,701
2026 Population by Sex		
Males	125,045	205,833
Females	130,025	214,031
2030 Population by Sex		
Males	127,665	206,026
Females	133,521	215,618
2020 Population by Race/Ethnicity		
Total	241,753	408,455
White Alone	63.4%	67.5%
Black Alone	25.3%	23.0%
American Indian Alone	0.4%	0.4%
Asian Alone	2.2%	1.8%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	2.8%	2.3%
Two or More Races	2.8%	2.3%
Hispanic Origin	6.6%	5.3%
Diversity Index	58.7	54.0
2026 Population by Race/Ethnicity		
Total	255,070	419,864
White Alone	61.6%	65.8%
Black Alone	26.2%	23.7%
American Indian Alone	0.4%	0.4%
Asian Alone	2.4%	1.9%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	3.0%	2.6%
Two or More Races	6.4%	5.6%
Hispanic Origin	7.1%	6.0%
Diversity Index	60.7	56.2



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Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
2030 Population by Race/Ethnicity		
Total	261,186	421,644
White Alone	60.3%	64.5%
Black Alone	26.8%	24.5%
American Indian Alone	0.5%	0.4%
Asian Alone	2.6%	2.1%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	3.0%	2.6%
Two or More Races	6.7%	5.9%
Hispanic Origin	7.2%	6.1%
Diversity Index	61.7	57.4
2020 Population by Relationship and Household Type		
Total	241,753	408,455
In Households	98.8%	98.9%
Householder	40.3%	39.6%
Spouse	17.2%	17.5%
Child	29.9%	33.1%
Other Relatives	1.0%	1.1%
Other Nonrelatives	2.9%	2.5%
In Group Quarters	1.2%	1.1%
Institutionalized Population	1.0%	0.9%
Noninstitutionalized Population	0.2%	0.1%
2026 Population 25+ by Educational Attainment		
Total	173,925	286,943
Less than 9th Grade	2.3%	3.4%
9th-12th Grade, No Diploma	5.8%	7.0%
High School Graduate	25.8%	31.5%
GED/Alternative Credential	4.0%	4.8%
Some College, No Degree	17.1%	15.9%
Associate Degree	8.0%	8.3%
Bachelor's Degree	25.3%	20.3%
Graduate/Professional Degree	11.7%	8.9%



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Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
2026 Population 15+ by Marital Status		
Total	206,971	340,407
Never Married	35.5%	34.1%
Married	50.7%	50.6%
Widowed	4.7%	5.2%
Divorced	9.1%	10.1%
2026 Civilian Population 16+ in Labor Force		
Civilian Employed	96.4%	96.3%
Civilian Unemployed (Unemployment rate)	3.6%	3.7%
2026 Employed Population 16+ by Industry		
Total	127,920	201,406
Agriculture/Mining	4.6%	5.6%
Construction	6.7%	7.4%
Manufacturing	6.0%	6.7%
Wholesale Trade	2.7%	2.5%
Retail Trade	10.3%	11.2%
Transportation/Utilities	4.8%	5.6%
Information	1.0%	1.0%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	6.1%	5.4%
Services	53.8%	50.7%
Public Administration	3.8%	3.8%
2026 Employed Population 16+ by Occupation		
Total	132,752	209,209
White Collar	64.5%	59.6%
Management/Business/Financial	17.9%	16.0%
Professional	26.5%	23.1%
Sales	9.4%	9.2%
Administrative Support	10.7%	11.2%
Services	16.3%	16.6%
Blue Collar	19.1%	23.8%
Farming/Forestry/Fishing	0.1%	0.3%
Construction/Extraction	4.7%	5.8%
Installation/Maintenance Repair	3.6%	4.7%



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Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
2026 Employed Population 16+ by Occupation		
Production	4.7%	5.9%
Transportation/Material Moving	6.0%	7.1%
2020 Population By Urban/Rural Status		
Total Population	241,753	408,455
Urban Population	90.9%	71.5%
Rural Population	9.1%	28.5%
2020 Households by Type		
Total	97,428	161,890
Married Couple Household	42.7%	44.1%
With Own Children <18	17.2%	16.9%
Without Own Children <18	25.5%	27.1%
Cohabiting Couple Households	7.2%	7.2%
With Own Children <18	2.6%	2.8%
Without Own Children <18	4.6%	4.4%
Male Householder, No Spouse/Partner	19.5%	19.0%
Living Alone	13.3%	13.0%
65 Years and over	3.2%	3.6%
With Own Children <18	1.8%	1.8%
Without Own Children <18, With Relatives	2.6%	2.8%
No Relatives Present	1.8%	1.4%
Female Householder, No Spouse/Partner	30.6%	29.8%
Living Alone	15.9%	15.1%
65 Years and over	6.7%	7.0%
With Own Children <18	6.8%	6.9%
Without Own Children <18, With Relatives	6.6%	6.8%
No Relatives Present	1.3%	1.1%
2020 Households by Size		
Total	97,428	161,890
1 Person Household	29.2%	28.1%
2 Person Household	32.6%	32.7%
3 Person Household	16.4%	16.5%



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Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
2020 Households by Size		
4 Person Household	13.0%	13.1%
5 Person Household	5.7%	6.1%
6 Person Household	2.1%	2.3%
7+ Person Household	1.0%	1.2%
2020 Households by Tenure and Mortgage Sta-		
Total	97,428	161,890
Owner Occupied	65.2%	68.9%
Owned with a Mortgage/Loan	41.4%	39.1%
Owned Free and Clear	23.8%	29.8%
Renter Occupied	34.8%	31.1%
2020 Housing Units by Urban/Rural Status		
Total	107,922	182,018
Urban Housing Units	91.7%	72.7%
Rural Housing Units	8.3%	27.3%
Top Tapestry Segment		
1.	Boomburbs (H2)	Southern Satellites (I6)

Definitions

Boomburbs (H2)

Average Household Size	3.12
Median Age	34.5
Median Household Income	\$131,202

Southern Satellites (I6)

Average Household Size	2.56
Median Age	40.2
Median Household Income	\$88,893



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Demographic Snapshot: Description	Lafayette Parish	Lafayette MSA*
2026 Customer Spending		
Apparel & Services: Total	\$227,868,915	\$330,980,590
Average Spent	\$2,148.11	\$1,920.98
Spending Potential Index	84	75
Education: Total	\$173,208,663	\$239,447,588
Average Spent	\$1,632.83	\$1,389.73
Spending Potential Index	81	69
Entertainment/Recreation	\$378,199,516	\$554,913,666
Average Spent	\$3,565.26	\$3,220.66
Spending Potential Index	83	75
Food at Home: Total	\$705,814,332	\$1,056,164,977
Average Spent	\$6,653.67	\$6,129.87
Spending Potential Index	84	78
Food Away from Home: Total	\$396,560,530	\$576,167,716
Average Spent	\$3,738.35	\$3,344.02
Spending Potential Index	84	75
Health Care: Total	\$716,829,565	\$1,092,219,913
Average spent	\$6,757.51	\$6,339.13
Spending Potential Index	84	79
HH Furnishings & Equipment: Total	\$251,876,973	\$371,121,098
Average Spent	\$2,374.43	\$2,153.95
Spending Potential Index	83	76
Personal Care Products & Services: Total	\$101,304,400	\$146,271,953
Average Spent	954.99	\$848.95
Spending Potential Index	84	74
Shelter: Total	\$2,380,886,997	\$3,401,541,615
Average Spent	\$20,444.47	\$19,742.20
Spending Potential Index	81	72
Support Payments/ Cash Contributions/ Gifts in Kind: Total \$	\$271,844,490	\$404,723,007
Average Spent	\$2,562.66	\$2,348.97
Spending Potential Index	84	77
Travel: Total \$	\$307,645,616	\$441,917,402
Average Spent	\$2,900.16	\$2,564.84
Spending Potential Index	79	70
Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs: Total \$	\$110,434,969	\$164,177,363
Average Spent	\$1,041.06	\$952.87
Spending Potential Index	84	77



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