

Claiborne

POPULATION

Parish

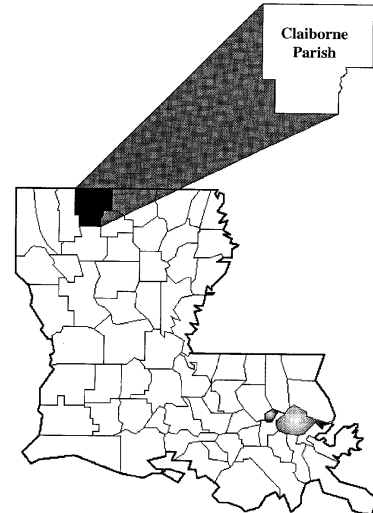
1990 Census	17,405
2000 Census	16,851
2005 Projection-Trend Forecast	16,583
2010 Projection-Trend Forecast	16,315

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

City (2000 Census)

Athens	262
Haynesville	2,679
Homer	3,788
Junction City	652
Lisbon	162

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



MARKET ACCESS

Highways

US Highway 79
LA Highways 2, 9, 146, 161, 520, & 534

Freight Rail

Louisiana North & West
Mid-South

Navigable Waterways/Ports (Distance in miles)

Caddo/Bossier Port (shallow)	51
Caldwell Parish Port (shallow)	99
Port of Lake Charles (deep)*	220

(*Foreign Trade Zone)

Airports (Distance in miles)

Shreveport Regional (commercial)	50
Homer Municipal (local)	within parish
Haynesville Airport (local)	within parish

Motor Freight

17 major freight carrier lines
Terminal facilities are not available

Distance to Major Cities

(in miles, from center of Parish)

Atlanta, GA	570
Birmingham, AL	440
Chicago, IL	835
Cincinnati, OH	845
Dallas, TX	240
Denver, CO	1,030
Houston, TX	295
Kansas City, MO	570
Memphis, TN	285
Minneapolis, MN	1,025
Nashville, TN	475
New Orleans, LA	373
St. Louis, MO	545

Source: www.mapquest.com

Parcel Service

Airborne
Emery
United Parcel Service
Federal Express
U.S. Postal Service

Passenger Service

Greyhound Bus Lines

LABOR MARKET

Employment (August 2001)

Civilian Labor Force		
Parish	6,370	100.0%
Louisiana	2,055,000	100.0%
Total Employment		
Parish	5,820	91.4%
Louisiana	1,956,500	94.1%
Unemployment		
Parish	550	8.6%
Louisiana	98,500	4.8%

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor

Average Employment by Major Industry Divisions

(4th Quarter, 2000)

Agriculture	0.67%
Mining	4.85%
Construction	4.91%
Manufacturing	12.44%
Transportation	7.53%
Wholesale Trade	2.44%
Retail Trade	15.60%
Finance	3.06%
Services	31.55%
Public Administration	16.84%

(Average employment figures are on employers subject to the Louisiana Employment Security Law)

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor

WAGES

Louisiana's Average Hourly Earnings (July, 2001)

ALL MANUFACTURING	\$15.93
<u>Durable Goods</u>	\$14.28
Lumber & Wood Products	\$11.01
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	\$13.62
Fabricated Metal Products	\$14.28
Machinery, ex. Electrical	\$15.18
Electric & Electronic Equipment	\$16.90
Transportation Equipment	\$16.07
<u>Nondurable Goods</u>	\$17.79
Food & Kindred Products	\$10.33
Apparel & Other Textile Products	\$6.92
Paper & Allied Products	\$19.44
Printing & Publishing	\$13.78
Chemicals & Allied Products	\$24.12
Petroleum & Coal Products	\$24.22
Petroleum Refining	\$25.11
MINING	\$16.22
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTIL.	\$15.21
BANKING	\$10.56

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor

Employment Income

	1998	1999
Total Personal Income*	\$242,256	\$252,943
Per Capita Personal Income	\$13,969	\$14,617

(*thousands of dollars)

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

EDUCATION

4-Year Colleges & Universities (within 100 miles)

College/University	Location	2001 Enrollment
Grambling State University	Grambling	4,671
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	10,014
Louisiana State University	Shreveport	30,977
Northeast Louisiana	Monroe	9,864
Northwestern State	Natchitoches	9,005

2-Year Colleges (within 100 miles)

Southern University	Shreveport	1,081
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Source: Louisiana School Directory

Technical Colleges (within parish & surrounding parishes)

College	Parish
Homer Campus	Claiborne
Northwest Louisiana Campus	Webster
Springhill Campus	Webster
Ruston Campus	Lincoln
North Central Campus	Union

Source: Louisiana School Directory

Primary/Secondary Education (2000-01)

	Student:Teacher	Enrollment
9 public schools	12.4	2,881
2 nonpublic schools	14.3	557

Source: Louisiana School Directory

Training (State of Louisiana)

Quality Jobs Program - Annual refundable credit of up to 5 percent of payroll for a period of up to 10 years

Quickstart - Cost-free, pre-employment training through technical colleges

Workforce Development - Existing business upgrade

Research Base

LA Business & Technology Center	Baton Rouge
LA Partnership for Tech. & Innovation	Baton Rouge
LA Technology Park	Baton Rouge
Pennington Biomedical Research Center	Baton Rouge
Manufacturing Partnership of LA	Lafayette

TAXES

Sales Tax (2001)

State	4.0%	Homer	2.0%
Parish	3.0% - 4.0%	Junction City	1.0%
Haynesville	2.0%		
Total			7.0% - 8.0%

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation

Parish Millage (2001)

Ward 1	80.10	Ward 2	70.99 – 76.56
Ward 3	74.85 – 76.56	H'Ville-2	63.32
H'Ville-3	63.32	Ward 4	72.48 – 81.64
Ward 5 & Athens	72.48		
Ward 6	72.48 – 81.64	Ward 7	76.04 – 81.64
Homer	69.43	Ward 8	76.04
Ward 9 & J'City	58.95 – 80.10		

Source: Parish Tax Assessors Office

Property Taxes/ Assessment Ratio

Only local and parish governments levy property taxes in Louisiana. There is no state tax.

Assessors are required by law to assess on improvements of industrial property at 15% of fair market value (land at 10%)

Private residences are assessed at 10% of fair market value. There is no property tax on the first \$75,000.

GOVERNMENT

Parish	Police Jury
Municipal	Mayor/Council or Mayor/Alderman

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity	Entergy, Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Natural Gas	Atmos Energy LA
Water	Town of Homer, Village of Haynesville, Village of Athens, Village of Lisbon, Village of Junction City
Sewerage	Town of Homer, Village of Haynesville, Village of Athens, Village of Lisbon, Village of Junction City
Solid Waste	Waste Management, BFI
Telephone Service	AT&T, BellSouth, Century Telephone, LDDS, LDS, MCI, U.S. Sprint

AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL SITES/BUILDINGS

Name	Location	Size
Haynesville Industrial Park	Haynesville	55 acres

For more information on Buildings and Sites visit our web site at insite.entergy.com

QUALITY OF LIFE

Climate

Average Temperature	
January	53°
July	92°
Annual Average	64°
Average Annual Rainfall	52 inches

Medical Services (surrounding parishes)

Medical Facility	No. of Beds
Homer Memorial Hospital (Claiborne Parish)	60
Lincoln General Hospital (Lincoln Parish)	142
Minden Medical Center (Webster Parish)	124

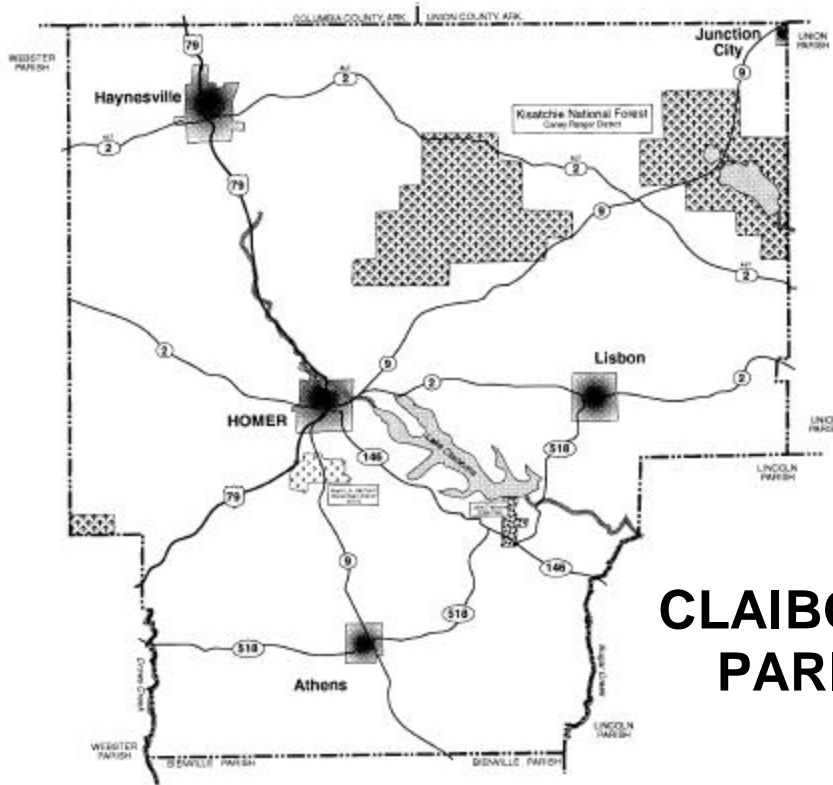
Source: Louisiana Dept. of Health and Hospitals

Recreation

Ball fields	Boating
Country clubs	Camping
Golf courses	Fishing
Swimming pools	Hunting
Tennis courts	Parks

Festivals

North Louisiana Hayride Stage Show and Dance
Claiborne Parish Oil Patch Festival
Homeplace Acres Bluegrass Festival
Nite at the Fair
Wildlife Festival
Christmas Festival



CLAIBORNE PARISH

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

(No. of Employees Range by Parish: 1 = 1000 + ; 2 = 500-999; 3 = 250-499; 4 = 100-249; 5 = 50-99)

Claiborne Parish School Board	2	Presbyterian Village-Homer Inc.	5
Wade Correctional Center	4	Superior Foods Inc.	5
Ludlow Corp.	4	LA Wood Moulding Co. Inc.	5
Homer Memorial Hospital	5	Claiborne Manor Nursing Home	5
UTI Inc.	5	WalMart Stores Inc.	5

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