



Persons in Labor Force (by year, 2000-2004) in N.E. Louisiana

	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
Combined Parishes of N.E.Louisiana	135,351	136,949			

Population of Monroe and Surrounding Area, 1999-2004

<i>Years:</i>	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Monroe		52,999	52,157	52,198	52,059	52,141
% change from previous year			-1.60%			

Population by Gender: Males per 100 Females		
Geographic area	All Ages	18 years and over
Monroe City	84.1	76.6
West Monroe City	83.5	79.6
Ouachita Parish	89.3	84.5
Louisiana	93.8	90.1
United States	96.3	93.4
<i>Source: U.S Census Bureau, Feb 2006</i>		

Migration and Natural Increase: 2000-2004

Total Population
Change

Population by Race: Year 2000

	White	Black	Hispanic or Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian	Another Race	Two or More Races
Monroe	19,535	32,462	534	68	558	132	336
% of total	36.80%	61.10%	0.10%	0.10%	1.10%	0.20%	0.60%
West Monroe	9,861	3,108	196	39	40	63	133
% of total	74.40%	23.50%	1.50%	0.30%	0.30%	0.50%	1.00%
Ouachita Par.	94,947	49,526	1,747	337	940	480	983
% of total	64.50%	33.60%	1.20%	0.20%	0.60%	0.30%	0.70%
Louisiana	2,856,161	1,451,944	107,738	25,477	54,758	31,131	48,265
% of total	63.90%	32.50%	2.40%	0.60%	1.20%	0.70%	1.10%
United States	211,460,626	34,658,190	35,305,818	2,475,956	10,242,998	15,359,073	6,826,228
% of total	75.10%	12.30%	12.50%	0.90%	3.60%	5.50%	2.40%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Feb. 2006

Educational Attainment of the Population Aged 25 and Older--Year 2000

	Monroe City	West Monroe	Ouachita Parish	Louisiana	United States
High school graduate	6,745	2,793	26,508	899,354	
Some college	4,666	1,379	14,058	388,660	
Associate degree	869	217	2,498	95,798	
Bachelor's degree	4,849	1,140	13,082	339,711	
Master's degree	1,992	491	4,939	115,396	
Professional degree	705	128	1,343	45,893	
Doctorate degree	376	19	740	18,778	
% of population:					
High school graduate	22.90%	33.10%	30.00%	32.40%	28.60%
Some college	15.90%	16.30%	15.90%	14.00%	14.00%
Associate degree	3.00%	2.60%	2.80%	3.50%	6.30%
Bachelor's degree	16.50%	13.50%	14.80%	12.20%	15.50%
Master's degree	6.80%	5.80%	5.60%	4.20%	5.90%
Professional degree	2.40%	1.50%	1.50%	1.70%	2.00%
Doctorate degree	1.30%	0.20%	0.80%	0.70%	1.00%
% high school graduate or higher	74.10%	80.60%	78.60%	74.80%	80.40%
% bachelor's degree or higher	26.90%	21.10%	22.70%	18.70%	24.40%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Feb. 2006

Education levels in Ouachita Parish very closely mirror the average educational attainment of the United States. Nearly 15% of the Parish population aged 25 and older has a bachelor's degree, and more than 7% of the 25 and older population has a post-graduate degree. This level of education is level of

Per Capita Personal Income (current dollars)

	'99	'00	'01	'02	'03
Monroe (MSA)	\$21,152	\$22,580	\$23,871	\$25,452	\$25,705
% of US	76%	76%	78%	83%	82%
Ouachita Parish	\$21,414	\$23,107	\$24,311	\$26,005	\$26,237
% of US	77%	77%	80%	84%	83%
Louisiana	\$22,014	\$23,078	\$24,685	\$25,565	\$26,312
% of US	79%	77%	81%	83%	84%
United States	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Feb. 2006

Per Capita Personal Income (2005 dollars)

1999

2000

2001

Labor Force

Labor Force in N.E. LA					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
NE Louisiana	135,351	136,949	137,718	139,687	138,199
Caldwell	4,332	4,335	4,447	4,456	4,338
East Carroll	3,087	3,099	3,106	3,157	3,116
Franklin	8,170	8,105	8,012	8,127	7,910
Jackson	6,681	6,635	6,554	6,572	6,516
Madison	4,945	5,091	5,069	5,058	4,840
Morehouse	12,411	12,615	12,549	12,815	12,425
Ouachita	69,642	70,960	71,869	72,714	72,752
Richland	8,637	8,583	8,463	8,844	8,646
Tensas	2,468	2,250	2,327	2,439	2,326
Union	10,154	10,419	10,513	10,697	10,643
West Carroll	4,824	4,857	4,809	4,808	4,687
*Monroe MSA	79,796	81,378	82,382	83,410	83,395
*Monroe MSA includes Ouachita Parish and Union Parish					

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment in N.E. LA					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
NE Louisiana	127,784	128,245	128,445	128,884	128,276
Caldwell	4,055	4,019	4,101	4,024	3,973
East Carroll	2,806	2,751	2,740	2,738	2,688
Franklin	7,606	7,441	7,209	7,326	7,186
Jackson	6,323	6,218	6,149	6,013	6,090
Madison	4,571	4,633	4,543	4,491	4,355
Morehouse	11,517	11,612	11,486	11,526	11,194
Ouachita	66,538	67,344	68,150	68,395	68,692
Richland	8,077	7,973	7,785	8,077	7,937
Tensas	2,292	2,066	2,130	2,214	2,124
Union	9,610	9,833	9,866	9,914	9,957
West Carroll	4,389	4,355	4,286	4,166	4,080
*Monroe MSA	76,148	77,176	78,016	78,308	78,649

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment in N.E. LA

2000

2001

2002

2003

2004

Average Annual Employment by Industry				
	2001	2002	2003	2004
NE Louisiana	115,198	114,805	113,597	111,952
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	2,851	2,615	2,530	2,461
Mining	315	301	322	279
Utilities	879	922	923	912
Construction	6,635	6,592	6,138	5,721
Manufacturing	14,395	13,599	12,939	12,308
Wholesale Trade	3,935	3,983	3,789	3,809
Retail Trade	14,753	14,652	14,328	14,321
Transportation and Warehousing	3,835	3,540	3,309	2,855
Information	2,171	2,058	2,115	2,204
Finance and Insurance	5,246	5,438	5,472	5,299
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,279	1,166	1,253	1,324
Professional and Technical Services	3,499	3,617	3,087	3,227
Mgmt. of Companies and Enterprises	2,093	1,908	2,040	1,909
Administrative and Waste Services	4,537	4,341	4,123	3,719
Educational Services	12,112	12,300	12,459	12,574
Health Care and Social Assistance	18,542	19,605	19,912	20,165
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	934	922	965	991
Accommodation and Food Services	7,285	7,481	8,007	8,090
Other Services, except Public Administration	3,387	3,025	3,086	3,318
Public Administration	6,517	6,667	6,733	6,425

Source: La Works Feb. 2006

Monroe has a well diversified economic base and serves as the healthcare and retail center for the larger surrounding area. High-skilled to medium-skilled to low-skilled, the labor force in Monroe and the surrounding area has many outlets through which to participate in economic activity.

As is evident from the table above, a considerable percentage of the work force is concentrated in manufacturing, education, and healthcare. Regarding the latter, three major hospitals employ more than 4,000 people and serve as the focus for a much larger healthcare industry. Similarly, paper, plastics, chemicals, and automotive parts form the basis for manufacturing. These sectors, combined with financial services and telecommunications/information, form a core of co

Average Weekly Wage

(not inflation-adjusted dollars)	2001	2002	2003	2004
NE Louisiana	\$473.92	\$494.13	\$500.09	\$513.16
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	\$363.28	\$360.59	\$395.62	\$387.94
Mining	\$598.74	\$624.26	\$733.21	\$798.46
Utilities	\$637.87	\$709.05	\$746.26	\$823.95
Construction	\$469.08	\$490.29	\$484.40	\$508.20
Manufacturing	\$669.46	\$722.29	\$753.84	\$773.91
Wholesale Trade	\$614.54	\$619.38	\$646.13	\$675.68
Retail Trade	\$332.34	\$338.93	\$353.55	\$363.36
Transportation and Warehousing	\$600.55	\$644.63	\$651.07	\$668.69
Information	\$595.55	\$648.03	\$649.42	\$672.20
Finance and Insurance	\$593.11	\$595.46	\$597.43	\$614.97
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	\$396.20	\$445.05	\$434.92	\$436.40
Professional and Techfessi8 \$646.13	\$675.68			

Ouachita Parish: Employees, Establishments, and Wages by Selected Industry

Number of Employees:	2001	2002	2003	2004
Mining	182	174	171	118
Construction	3880	3899	3483	3223
Wholesale Trade	2691	2690	2552	2540
Retail Trade	9265		8967	9265

Utility Prices - 2005

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun July

Ouachita Parish, City of Monroe, and West Monroe Building Permits (dollar value, in \$000)

<i>2004</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Single-Family Housing	2,135.0	3,007.0	2,959.0	1,940.0	3,019.0	2,983.0	4,374.0	2,499.4	1,815.0	1,339.9	10,634.2	1,745.0	38,450.5
Commercial Offices, Banks, & Professional	—	2,800.0	86.0	50.0	290.0	5,404.0	775.						

Major Area (Private/Non-Retail) Businesses

Business Climate, continued:

	Sales Tax %	Property Tax Millage Range (\$ amt. per \$1000)
Louisiana portion (statewide): 4.00%		None (local only)
Added to State portion: Local %		
Caldwell Parish	5.00%	112.41
East Carroll Parish	7.00%	100.33
Franklin Parish	5.00%	83.93 - 97.23
Jackson Parish	5.00%	93.47
Lincoln Parish		97.28 - 102.9
Ruston	4.50%	
Grambling	4.75%	
Dubach	3.75%	
Choudrant	4.00%	
Balance of Parish	2.75%	
Morehouse Parish		67.45 - 88.55
Bastrop including District 1	6.00%	
Bastrop excluding District 1	5.50%	
Mer Rouge	5.50%	
Bonita	5.50%	
Collinston	5.50%	
West Rural	3.00%	
East Rural	3.50%	
Ouachita Parish		86.13 - 131.99
Monroe City	5.99%	
Richwood	5.50%	
Sterlington	5.50%	
W.Monroe	5.50%	
East Ouachita	4.00%	
West Ouachita	5.00%	
Richland Parish		80.86 - 93.52
Delhi	5.50%	
Mangham	5.00%	
Rayville	5.50%	
Balance of Parish	4.00%	
Union Parish		56.32 - 66.32
Bernice	6.00%	
Farmerville	5.50%	
Marion	5.00%	
Junction City	5.00%	
Balance of Parish	4.00%	
West Carroll Parish		62.63 - 65.81
Oak Grove	6.00%	
Balance of Parish	5.00%	

Source: www.loata.com

Millage rates vary between and within Parishes. Some Parishes have numerous rates that are voting-Ward specific. The rates given in the adjacent listing are the parish-wide rate or the range of millage rates (for Parishes with multiple rates) and can be used to estimate the (range of) expected property tax liability.

To find rates for specific parish wards, please contact the author, Robert Eisenstadt, at eisenstadt@ulm.edu.

To calculate the taxes on your primary home, you must take the assessed value, which is a percentage of "fair market value", and multiply it by the appropriate tax or millage rate to arrive at the amount due.

If, as an example, you had \$1000 of taxable assessed value and the tax rate was 120 mills, you would pay \$1000 X .120 = \$120 in taxes.

If your home was valued at \$100,000, and you were eligible and had signed for homestead exemption, you would calculate your taxes as follows:

\$100,000 (Fair Market Value)
<u>X 10% (Level of Assessment)</u>
\$10,000 (Assessed Value)
<u>-7,500 (Maximum Homestead Exemption)</u>
2,500 (Taxable Value)
<u>X 0.120 (Tax Rate)</u>
\$ 300 (Total Parish Taxes Due)

Note: The example above applies to parish taxes only as homestead exemption does not apply to city taxes.

To calculate the taxes on your business: Property taxes (millage rates) are levied on 15% of the assessed value of the business. For example, if the millage rate is 120 you would pay \$120 per \$1000 increment of 15% of the market value. An example is provided below for a representative business valued at \$100,000 and a millage rate of 120.

\$100,000 (Fair Market Value)
<u>X 15% (Level of Assessment)</u>
\$15,000 (Assessed Value)
<u>X 0.120 (Tax Rate)</u>
\$1800 (Taxes Due)

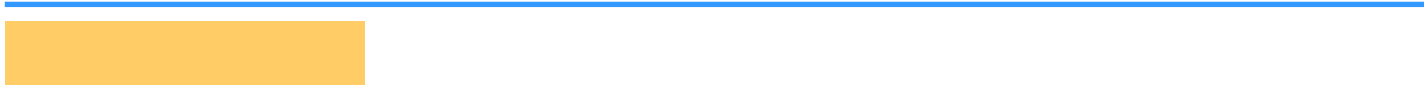
Home Prices: Price per square foot for existing single family detached homes and townhomes*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann. Avg.
Home price range > \$50,000													
2003	\$48.96	\$63.16	\$67.08	\$68.98	\$71.32	\$68.67	\$73.07	\$68.97	\$66.83	\$67.81	\$64.40	\$71.04	\$68.89
2004	\$67.82	\$67.75	\$72.06	\$68.14	\$70.39	\$71.92		\$70.59	\$70.25	\$70.31	\$69.51	\$68.89	\$69.84
2005	\$72.16	\$73.45											

Quality of Life, continued:

Ouachita Parish (and adjacent) Public Schools, Universities, & For-Profit Academies

School	Address	Phone	Principal	2005-06 Enrollment	Students per Teacher
Monroe City Schools					
Elementary Schools					
Barkdull Faulk Elementary	2110 Jackson St	318-322-1300	Robert Johnson	295	14
Berg Jones Elementary	3000 Burg Jones Ln	318-325-8982	John Ross, Jr.	417	15
Carver Elementary	1700 Orange St	318-322-4245	Phedra Brantley	376	16
Clara Hall Elementary	1000 Plum St	318-322-8501	Barbara Davis	435	17
Clark Magnet Elementary	1207 Washington St	318-322-8976	Christie Taylor	511	n/a
Cypress Point Elementary	6701 Mosswood Dr	318-345-5666	Ann Cook	468	15
Jefferson Upper Elementary	1001 Pecan St	318-410-1378	Jacqueline Matthews	254	11
Lexington Elementary	1900 Lexington Ave	318-322-9753	Lynn Hodge	532	14
Lincoln Elementary	4200 Elm St	318-322-9533	Anthony Turner	544	17
Madison Foster Elementary	1310 Richwood Rd #1	318-325-7979	Addie Morehouse	403	n/a
Minnie Ruffin Elementary	1801 Parkview Dr	318-322-3447	Sylvia Brass	513	17
Sallie Humble Elementary	3800 Westminster Ave	318-325-7659	David Claxton	458	12
Junior High and Middle Schools					
Carroll Junior High Magnet	2913 Renwick St	318-322-1683	Jimmy Jones	458	14
M.L. King Middle School	3716 Nutland Rd	318-387-1825	Debbie Blue	702	15
R.E. Lee Junior High	1600 N 19th St	318-323-1143	Tammie McDaniel	445	13
Senior High Schools					
Carroll High Magnet School	2939 Renwick St	318-387-8441	Donald Green	666	14
Neville High School	600 Forsythe Ave	318-323-2237	Brent Vidrine	856	13
Wossman High School	1600 Arizona St	318-387-2932	Sam Moore III	680	15
Sherrouse School	300 Sherrouse Ave	318-343-3258	Robert Rash	128	n/a
Career Development Center	400 Harrison	318-343-6179	James Benton	92	n/a
Ouachita Parish Schools					
Elementary Schools					
A.L. Smith School	202 High Ave, Sterlington	318-655-2713	n/a	n/a	17
Boley Elementary	2213 Cypress St, W Monroe	318-387-7378	n/a	n/a	15
Calhoun Elementary	237 Calhoun Rd, Calhoun	318-644-1114	Shirley Buford	490	16
Central Elementary	694 Highway 849, Calhoun	318-649-2569	Nicki McCann	227	16
Claiborne Elementary	101 Wallace Dean Rd, W Monroe	318-396-8200	Kevin Welch	640	19
Crosley Elementary	700 Natchitoches St, W Monroe	318-325-3634	Tom Perry	180	12
Drew Elementary	1132 State Highway 15, W Monroe	318-396-7186	Barbara Dykes	568	18
George Welch Elementary	199 Caldwell, W Monroe	318-397-1100	Vance Smith	487	16



Quality of Life, continued:

Monroe City Schools - State Performance Scores (SPS) and Rankings						
School Name	Grade Configuration (2004-2005)	Baseline SPS (2004)	Growth SPS (2005)	Growth	Baseline SPS (2005)	Performance Label (2005)
Barkdull Faulk Elementary School	PK, K-6	76.4	85.9	9.5	83.7	*
Berg Jones Elementary School	PK, K-5	63.9	70.8	6.9	71.2	*
Carroll High School	8-12	55.1	61.0	5.9	60.8	*
Carroll Junior High School	7-8	52.3	50.8	(1.5)	54.4	Academically Unacceptable
Carver Elementary School	PK, K-6	59.0	98.1	39.1	74.5	*
Clara Hall Accelerated School	PK, K-2	57.3	66.0	8.7	61.9	*
Cypress Point Elementary School	PK, K-6	79.8	84.3	4.5	83.6	**
J.S. Clark Elementary School	PK, K-6	108.1	122.9	14.8	114.3	***
Lexington Elementary School	PK, K-6	103.0	118.4	15.4	115.8	***
Lincoln Elementary School	PK, K-6	57.9	66.8	8.9	59.2	*
Madison James Foster Elementary School	PK, K-6	65.3	78.6	13.3	72.1	*
Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School	6-8	53.3	58.6	5.3	57.8	Academically Unacceptable
Minnie Ruffin Elementary School	PK, K-5	78.3	95.5	17.2	83.2	**
Neville High School						

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(Ouachita Parish Schools Performance Scores and Rankings, continued)

School Name	Grade Configuration (2004-2005)	Baseline SPS (2004)	Growth SPS (2005)	Growth	Baseline SPS (2005)	Performance Label (2005)
Good Hope Middle School	6-8	105.0	118.2	13.2	114.6	***
Highland Elementary School	K-5	115.2	123.1	7.9	119.6	***
Jack Hayes Elementary School	PK, K-6	110.0	110.8	0.8	112.2	***
Kiroli Elementary School	PK, K-5	123.6	128.6	5.0	127.7	****
Lakeshore School	PK, K-6	98.4	117.0	18.6	113.5	***
Lenwil Elementary School	PK, K-5	81.2	99.8	18.6	91.0	**
Ouachita Junior High School	7-8	92.4	102.2	9.8	98.2	**
Ouachita Parish High School	9-12	100.6	105.6	5.0	105.2	***
Pinecrest Elementary/Middle School	PK, K-8	117.5	127.4	9.9	124.4	****
Richwood High School	7-12	50.9	50.7			

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Arts and Entertainment in Monroe and West Monroe, Louisiana

	Address	Phone	Type
Arts			
Impressario's Choice	P.O. Box 828, Tallulah	888-822-0440	Broadway Series at Monroe Civic Ctr. Theater
Monroe Masterworks Chorus		318-342-1592	Choral concerts
Monroe Symphony Orchestra	P.O. Box 4353, Monroe	318-435-0029	Symphony concerts
Strauss Theatre	1300 Lamy Lane, Monroe	318-323-6681	Community theater
TheatreWorks. ULM	700 University Ave, Monroe	318-342-1382	Plays
Twin City Ballet Company	2905 DeSoto St, Monroe	318-388-3011	Ballets, lessons
ULM Art Department	700 University Ave, Monroe	318-342-1375	Art shows, sales
ULM School of Music	702 University Ave, Monroe	318-342-3811	Recitals, concerts, operas
Golf Courses			
Calvert Crossing Golf Club	515 Hodge Waston Rd, W Monroe	318-397-0064	18 holes
Chennault Golf Course	Monroe	318-329-2454	18 holes; driving range
Frenchman's Bend	1484 Frenchman's Bend Rd, Monroe	318-387-2363	18 holes; driving range
Municipal Golf Course	2500 Sycamore, Monroe	318-329-2457	9 holes; practice green, chipping area
Selman Field Golf Course	Kansas Ln, Monroe	318-329-3243	9 holes; driving range, chipping/putting green
Trenton St Golf Course & Driving Range	2411 Trenton St, W Monroe	318-361-9345	9 holes; lighted driving range
Museums			
African American Museum	503 Plum St, Monroe	318-323-1167	African-American local history/culture
Aviation Historical Museum of Louisiana	701 Kansas Ln, Monroe	318-361-9020	Exhibits: Delta Airlines, Selman Field, Gen'l Chennault, Flying Tigers, war memorabilia
Biedenharn Museum & Gardens	2006 Riverside Dr, Monroe	318-387-5281	Bible history, art, & formal gardens
Masur Museum of Art	1400 S Grand St, Monroe	318-329-2237	Fine art
N.E. LA Children's Museum	323 Walnut St, Monroe	318-361-9611	Hands-on education center
Outdoor Parks/Recreation			
Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Richland Place Road, Monroe		5000-acre refuge, nature trail, pier, wilf C356eET/CS0 cs 1

