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## JEFFERSON PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFILE

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jerry Bologna, CEcD  
JEDCO President & CEO



Dear Reader,

The Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) is an internationally Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) dedicated to strengthening and growing our local economy. Through innovative financing, strategic guidance, and hands-on business support, we serve as a trusted partner to companies at every stage of growth.

This past year was one of significant momentum for Jefferson Parish. In 2025, we celebrated transformative wins that reinforced our position as a destination for investment and innovation. Major project announcements and milestones, including the opening of the Amazon SSI Distribution Center, the groundbreaking of UBE's \$500 million manufacturing facility, and the grand opening of RNGD's expanded headquarters and training facility brought new capital investment and quality jobs to our community.

At the same time, we continued investing in the spaces and industries that define us. Work continues to advance a new Design District that will enhance placemaking and support our creative economy. In support of our legacy industries, we helped launch the Grand Isle Jewels off-bottom oyster brand, an innovative step forward for Jefferson Parish's iconic seafood sector.

JEDCO remains a leader in business retention, expansion, and attraction. Our finance arm continues to rank among the region's top SBA lenders, and our economic development team works directly with hundreds of businesses each year to provide tax incentive guidance, site selection assistance, workforce support, and connections to Parish leadership.

We are also building for the future. Our Food & Beverage Incubator, the only facility of its kind in the Greater New Orleans region, will provide critical production space and technical assistance to culinary entrepreneurs at the Churchill campus, a Louisiana Economic Development Certified Site and a premier location for new project development.

Since 1987, JEDCO has helped usher in billions of dollars in investment and supported the creation of thousands of jobs. Jefferson Parish remains an economic engine for the Greater New Orleans region, strategically located within the South's largest intermodal transportation network and supported by strong infrastructure, workforce assets, and collaborative leadership. Together, we are building a resilient, innovative, and opportunity-rich future for Jefferson Parish.

We invite you to discover MORE of what Jefferson Parish can offer you and your business.

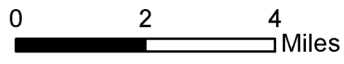
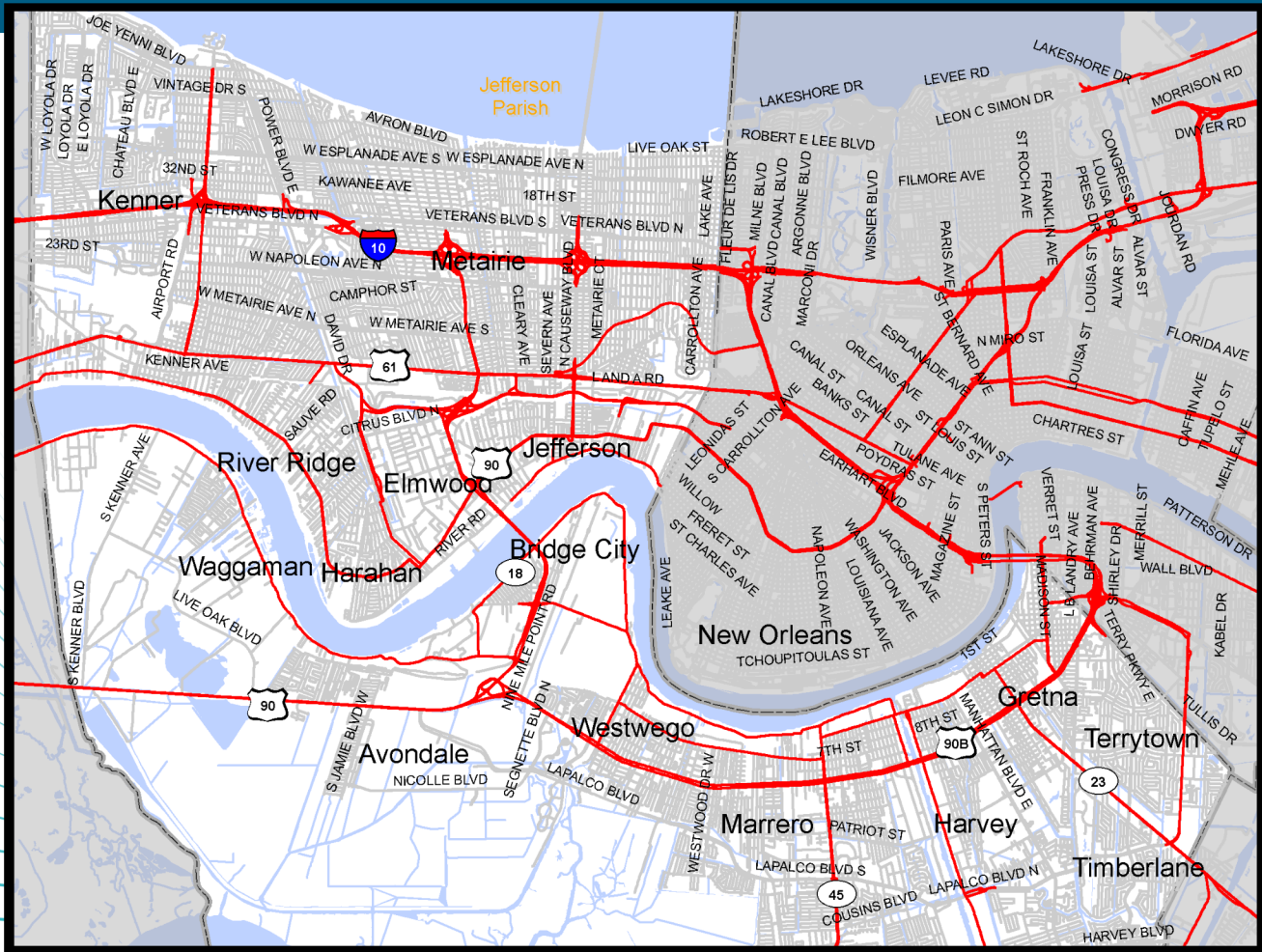
Sincerely,

Jerry Bologna, CEcD, JEDCO President & CEO

# ROADWAYS

Major roads provide excellent accesibility and Jefferson Parish is serviced by several major motor freight carriers, including:

- SAIA
- FedEx
- DHS (International shipments only)
- UPS
- Roadway
- CRC Global Solutions
- Southeastern



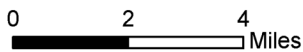
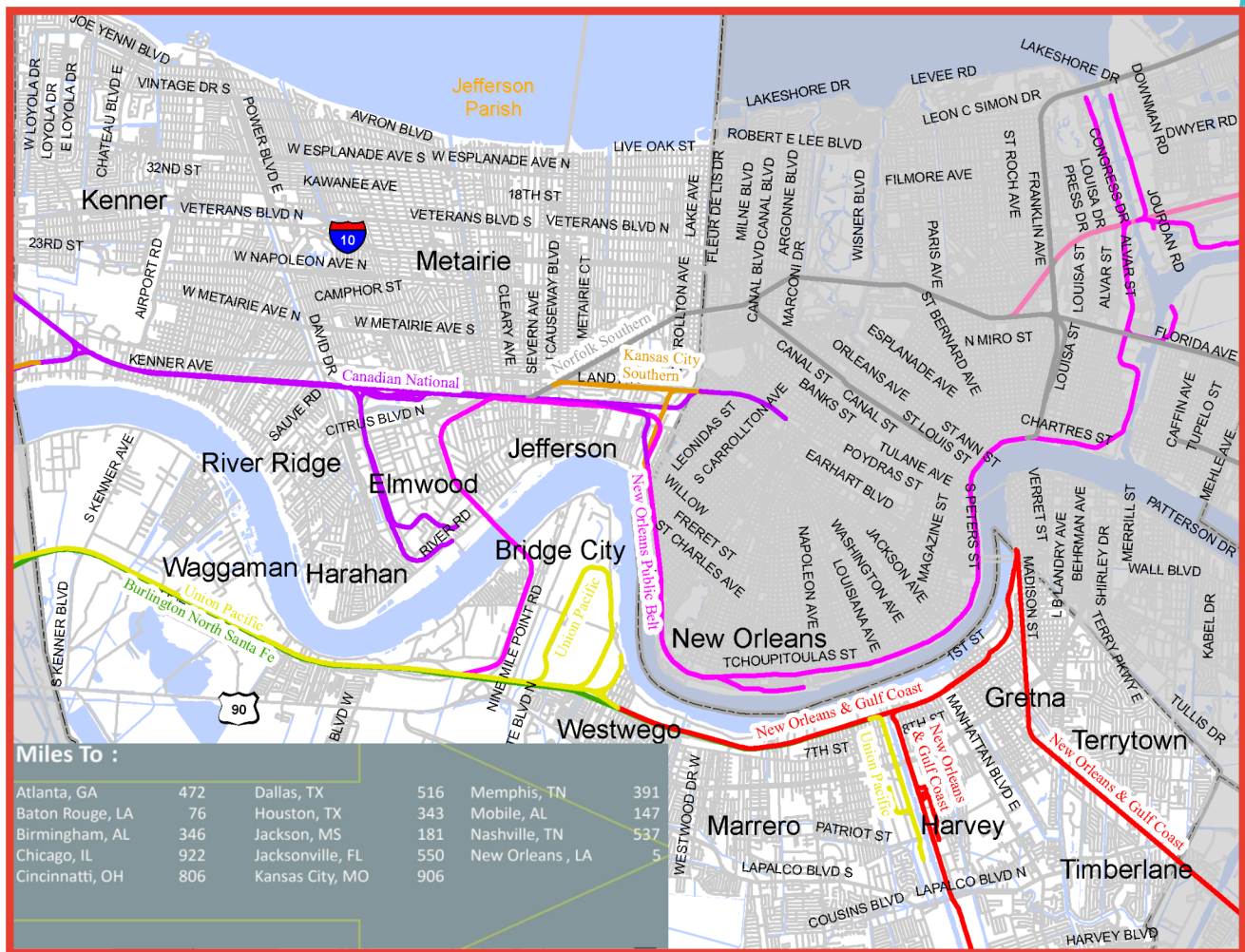
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# RAILWAYS

Jefferson Parish is serviced by six Class I Railways and two short line Railways:

- Canadian National (CN)
- Union Pacific
- Norfolk Southern
- Kansas City Southern
- Burlington North Santa Fe
- CSX
- New Orleans Public Belt
- New Orleans & Gulf Coast



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# WATERWAYS & PORTS

Jefferson Parish is ideally located in the heart of the largest intermodal transportation system in the South. With a number of ports and navigable waterways easily accessible from Jefferson Parish, companies have a diversity of options when determining how to best transport their materials.

1. Port of New Orleans
2. St Bernard Port
3. Harvey Canal
4. Algiers Canal
5. Intracoastal Waterway
6. Plaquemines Port
7. Bayou Segnette
8. Bayou Barataria



# WATERWAYS

## PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

- The Port is a modern multimodal gateway connecting global markets to and from the U.S. and Canada, and an in-demand cruise port, located ten miles east of Jefferson Parish on the Mississippi River.
- Port NOLA is a diverse deepwater port uniquely located on the Mississippi River near the Gulf of Mexico with access to 30 plus major inland hubs via 14,500 miles of waterways, 6 Class I railroads, and interstate roadways.
- In February 2018, Port NOLA acquired the New Orleans Public Belt (NOPB) Railroad, a Class III connecting railroad, strengthening the Port's position as an integrated hub.
- Port NOLA is the only deepwater container port in Louisiana. The Port has 40 berths, 20 million square-feet of cargo handling space, and 3.1 million square-feet of covered storage.
- In 2024, Port NOLA had a record breaking year with more than 1.3 million cruise passenger movements. These cruises helped Port NOLA achieve over \$100 million in revenue through their 4 lines of business- cargo, rail, industrial real estate, and cruises.
- In June of 2024, Governor Landry and the Louisiana Legislature committed \$230.5 million to Port NOLA infrastructure projects including the Louisiana International Terminal.

## HARVEY CANAL

- The Harvey Canal is a 12' x 125' maintained channel area with direct water access via four routes to the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico.
- More than 2,000 acres of waterfront property are located directly on the Harvey Canal.
- Many of the region's oil and gas service, construction, and shipbuilding companies are located along the canal.

## ST. BERNARD PORT AND TERMINAL DISTRICT

- St. Bernard Port is located 12 miles east of downtown New Orleans.
- In 2025, St. Bernard Port handled 6.6 million tons of bulk, break bulk and general cargo.
- As a landlord Port, over 50 different businesses call the Port home, providing citizens with over 900 direct, full-time jobs. Along with its tenants, the St. Bernard Port and Terminal District creates roughly 18% of all the jobs in St. Bernard Parish.

## PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA

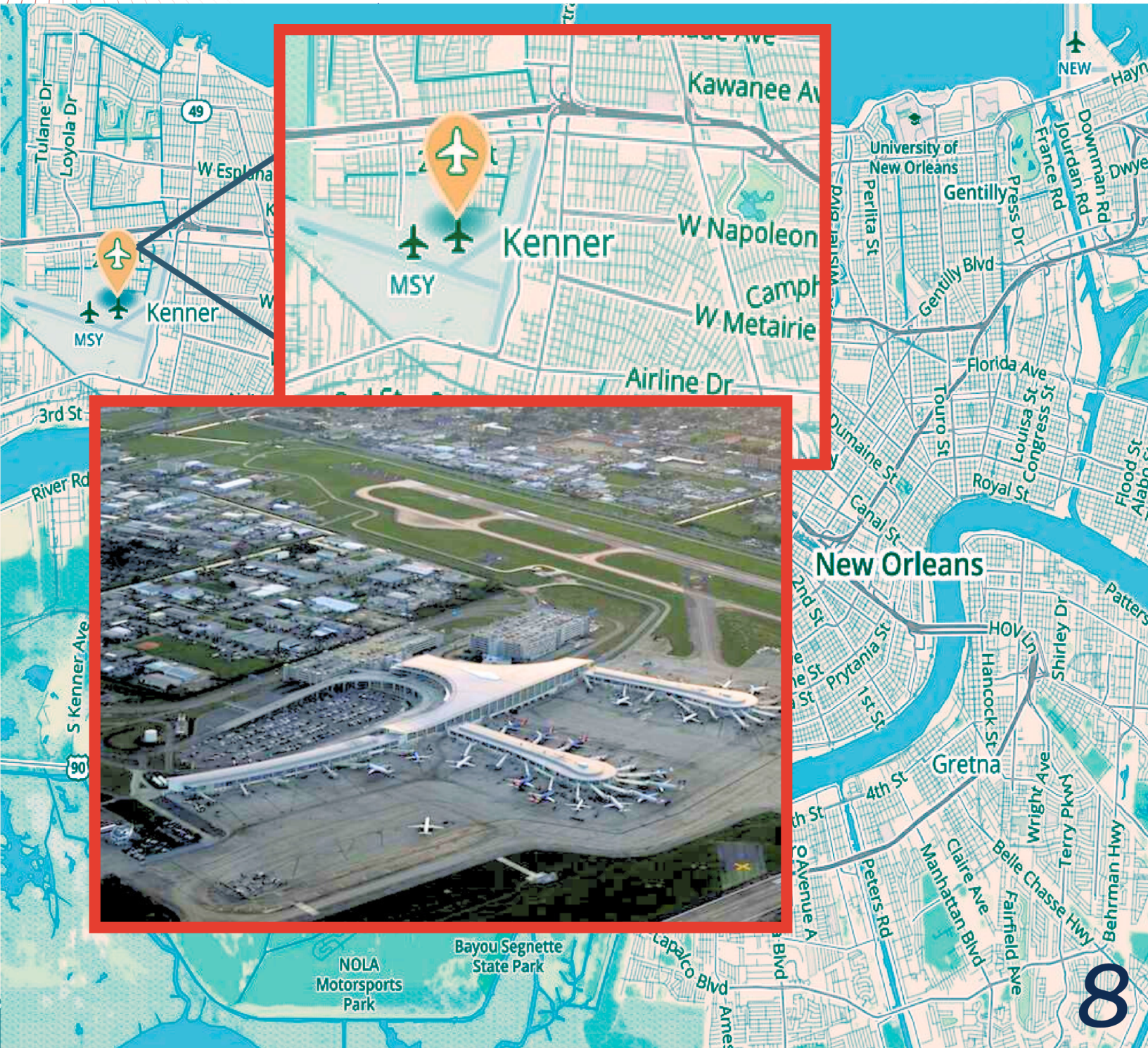
- Port of South Louisiana stretches 54 miles along the Mississippi River, upriver from Jefferson Parish and is comprised of facilities in St. Charles, St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes.
- The Port of South Louisiana is the largest tonnage port district in the western hemisphere and is America's leading grain exporting port district.
- In 2023, Port of South Louisiana recorded its highest revenue in history.

## PLAQUEMINES PORT

- Plaquemines Port is located approximately 20 miles south of New Orleans at the mouth of the Mississippi River, and provides water access to 33 states.
- The Port offers 14 major anchorages and features more than 100 miles of deep draft access.
- In 2024, Plaquemines Port and NOLA Terminal announced a \$97 million dollar expansion and future development.

# LOUIS ARMSTRONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- The 35-gate terminal opened in November 2019, offering over 8,000 parking spaces, free wi-fi, as well as food and fare from local vendors and national brands throughout the terminal.
- 17 passenger airlines serving nonstop flights to over 57 domestic and international destinations.
- In September 2025, Breeze Airlines announced nonstop flights to Cancun, Mexico
- Ranked most efficient airport in America by the The ATRS Annual Global Airport Performance Benchmarking Project at the University of Columbia.
- MSY Airport Director, Kevin Dolliole, named "Airport Director of the Year" by the Airport Directory Council in August 2024.
- For the fifth consecutive year, the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport was named Best Airport at Departures in North America among airports serving 5 to 15 million passengers by Airports Council International's 2025 Airport Service Quality program.



# FLOOD PROTECTION

Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, the US Army Corps of Engineers was authorized funding to design and construct the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) for southeast Louisiana (including Jefferson Parish). The system is one of the most technically advanced coastal flood protection systems in the world. The new HSDRRS is capable of defending against a 100-year level storm surge, or a storm that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

Over the past 20 years, the Corps has strengthened and improved the levees, floodwalls, gated structures, and pump stations that form the 133-mile Greater New Orleans perimeter system, as well as approximately 70 miles of interior risk reduction structures.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, along with local partners recently completed the 100-year perimeter system, which successfully performed as designed in recent storms, such as Hurricane Ida.

## JEFFERSON PARISH UPGRADES

- \$136 million was spent on storm proofing 25 pumping stations divided into 16 contracts.
- The West Bank & Vicinity (WBV) project, which spans the entire West Bank of Jefferson Parish and parts of St. Charles, Orleans, and Plaquemines Parishes, protects these densely populated areas from a 100-year storm event and contains the Western Closure Complex, the world's largest pumping station.
- The completed \$1 billion Western Closure Complex, located in Jefferson Parish, consists of 11 pumps and a 225-foot gate that blocks storm surges from entering the Harvey and Algiers Canals.
- Along with the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, The Army Corps of Engineers provides support to multiple lines of risk reduction, including the restoration of Louisiana's Coastal areas to add an important buffer between open water and structural protection like the HSDRRS.

## HSDRRS QUICK FACTS

- There are 78 pump stations (Federal and Non-Federal) in the 4-parish area.
- \$2.7 M was spent in Jefferson Parish to complete repairs at 17 stations.
- The perimeter system and other HSDRRS projects include 350 miles of levees and floodwalls.
- At a total cost of \$14.5 billion, the HSDRRS encompasses Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and Plaquemines Parishes.

## WBV Levee System



FEMA's National Flood Insurance Community Rating System has Jefferson Parish in its highest discount class, which provides a 25% discount on flood insurance policies in the Special Flood Hazard Area. This translates to a total of \$10 million in annual premium savings for Parish residents and businesses. Jefferson Parish earned this classification for its comprehensive approach to flood management.

# PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION



Led by 2024 Louisiana Superintendent of the Year Awardee, Dr. James Gray, Jefferson Parish Schools represents the largest public school system in the State of Louisiana, with a diverse enrollment of nearly 47,000 students. JP Schools is also one of the largest employers in the Parish, with nearly 6,000 employees. In 2025, the District achieved a 77 "B" rating, growing over 3 points in one year.

The schools earning a letter grade of "A" include:

- Airline Park Academy in Metairie
- Fisher Middle/High School in Marrero
- Gretna #2 Academy in Gretna
- Haynes Academy in Metairie
- Jefferson Virtual High School
- Kenner Discovery Health Sciences
- Metairie Academy in Metairie
- Patrick F. Taylor Academy in Avondale
- Ray St. Pierre Academy in Westwego
- Riverdale High School in Jefferson
- Ruppel Academie Francaise in Gretna,
- Thomas Jefferson Academy in Gretna

## Jefferson Parish School District Accomplishments and Recognitions

Three of Louisiana's top 10 public schools are located in Jefferson Parish. Haynes Academy School for Advanced Studies ranked second in the State, while Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy ranked third, & Thomas Jefferson High School for Advanced Studies was ranked ninth according to U.S. News and World Report.

Jefferson Parish Schools increased their graduation rate by over 3 points, which means more students are graduating on time.

The Strength of Diploma Index rose by 10.5 points, signifying that students are earning more advanced coursework and credentials, preparing them for future success.

2025-2026 School Year

**74**

Public Schools

**55**

Private and  
Parochial Schools

Enrollment

**47,000**

Public Schools

**18,431**

Private and  
Parochial Schools

# HIGHER EDUCATION

Approximately 31.2% of the Parish population age 25 or older have at least a Bachelor's degree, compared to approximately 27.8% for the State of Louisiana.

Approximately 86.6% of parish residents age 25 and over have at least a high school diploma or higher.

26.6% of parish residents ages, 25 to 64, have associate's degree or higher.

Source: US Census Bureau

## Two Year Colleges and Universities

Greater New Orleans Area

INSTITUTION	LOCATION	ENROLLMENT
DELGADO COMMUNITY	NEW ORLEANS	17,730
NUNEZ COMMUNITY	CHALMETTE	3,096

## Four Year Colleges and Universities

Greater New Orleans Area

INSTITUTION	LOCATION	ENROLLMENT
DILLARD UNIVERSITY	NEW ORLEANS	1,202
HERZING UNIVERSITY	METAIRIE	375
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY	NEW ORLEANS	4,223
SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	HAMMOND	15,570
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY @ NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	2,459
TULANE UNIVERSITY	NEW ORLEANS	13,500
UNIVERSITY OF HOLY CROSS	NEW ORLEANS	1,124
UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	5,670
XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	3,218

## Medical and Law Schools

Greater New Orleans Area

INSTITUTION	LOCATION	ENROLLMENT
LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL	NEW ORLEANS	615
LSU HEALTH SCIENCES	NEW ORLEANS	3,000
TULANE LAW SCHOOL	NEW ORLEANS	241
TULANE MEDICAL	NEW ORLEANS	190

## Delgado River City Site and Advanced Manufacturing Center

Delgado Community College has 6 campuses in the region, including one in Jefferson Parish.

The Delgado River City Site and Advanced Manufacturing Center is located in JEDCO's Churchill Technology & Business Tech Park in Avondale, LA.

The facility offers programs in many areas, including the following:

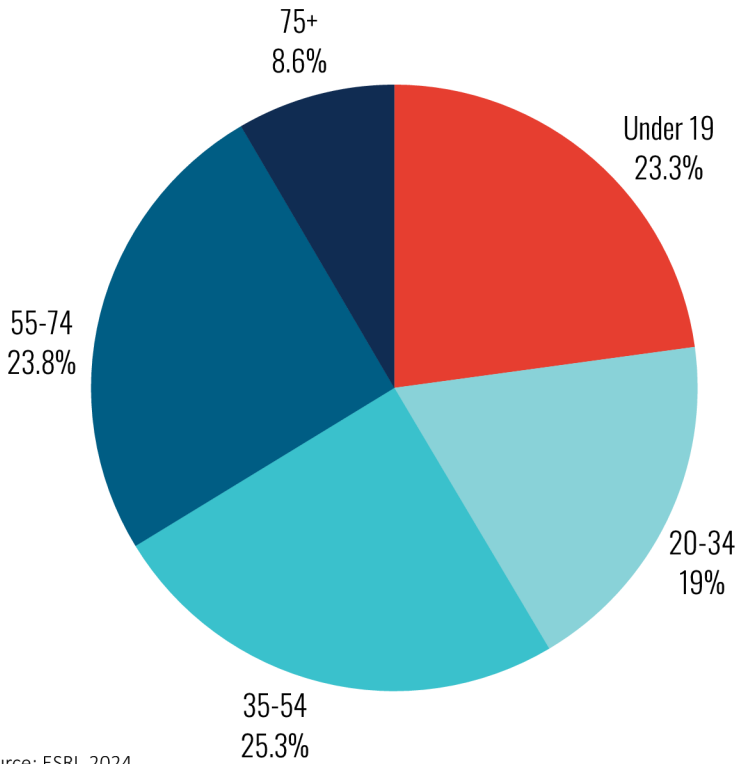
- CDL
- Industrial Maintenance
- LA Transfer Degree
- Logistics
- Marine Diesel
- Mechatronics
- Millwright
- NCCER
- OSHA 10
- OSHA 30
- Pipefitting
- Precision Tooling
- Process Instrumentation and Control (PIC)
- Science Lab Technician
- Shielded Metal Arc Welding
- Small Industrial Electrical
- Welding

# POPULATION

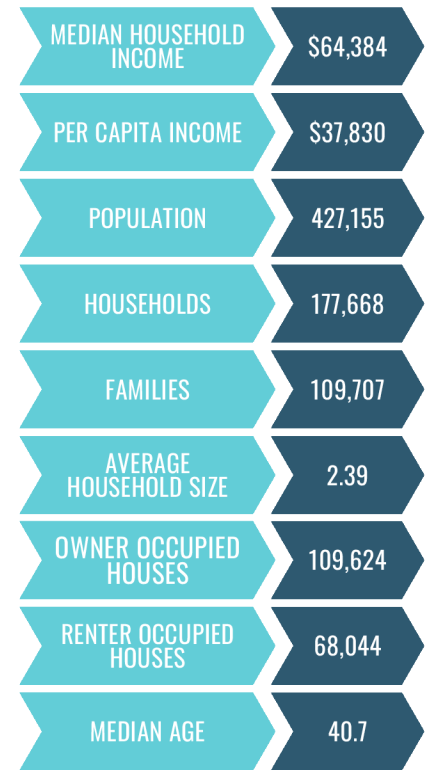
ESRI estimates Jefferson Parish's 2025 Population to be 427,155 persons, making Jefferson Parish the 2nd most populated parish in the state.

Source: ESRI

## Age of Jefferson Parish Residents (2025)

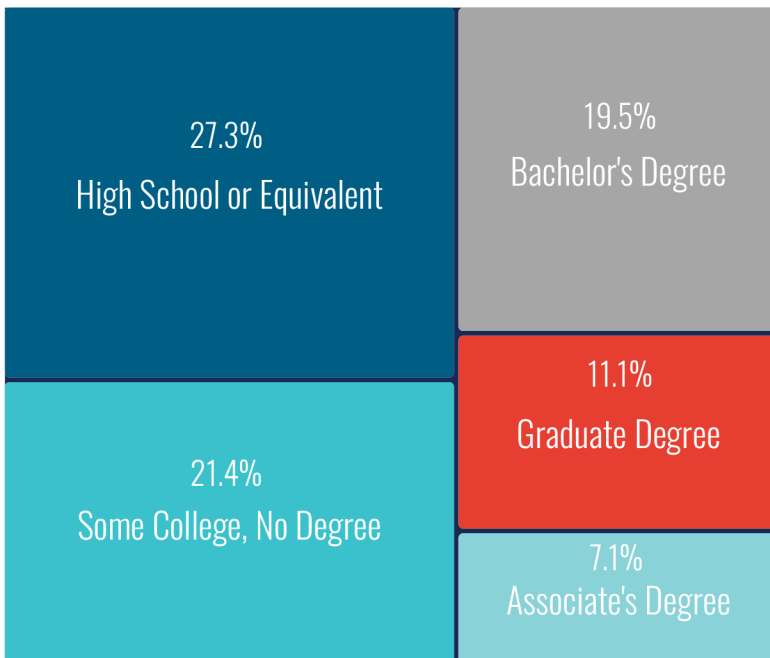


Source: ESRI, 2024

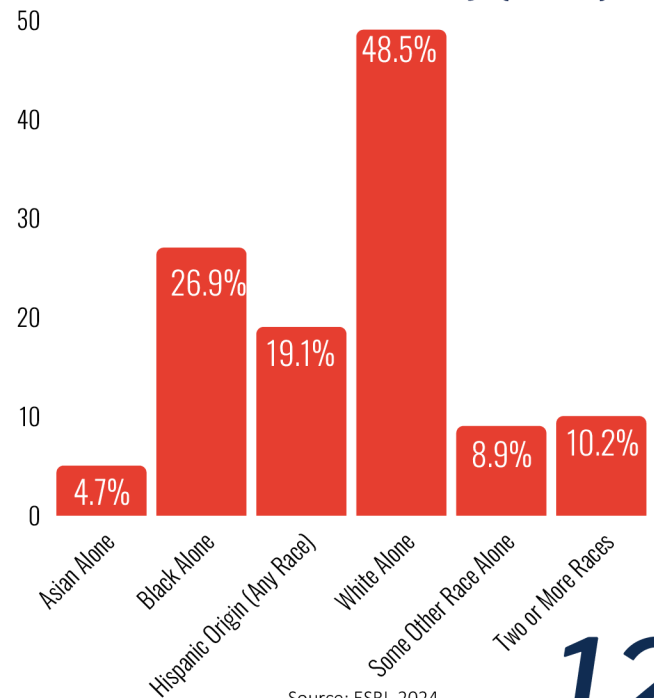


Source: ESRI Demographics 2025

## J.P. Educational Attainment ages 25+ (2025)



## J.P. Race and ethnicity (2025)



Source: ESRI, 2024

# RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

## JEFFERSON PARISH AVERAGE COMMERCIAL RENT AND OCCUPANCY RATES (2024)

TYPE OF SPACE	AVERAGE PRICE	OCCUPANCY
OFFICE SPACE	CLASS A	\$25.10
	CLASS B	\$18.85
	CLASS C	\$18.30
RETAIL SPACE	CLASS A	\$18.12
	CLASS B	\$17.05
	CLASS C	\$21.29

## JEFFERSON PARISH AVERAGE WAREHOUSE RENT AND OCCUPANCY RATES (2024)

WAREHOUSE SPACE LOCATION	AVG. COST PER SQ.FT.		OCCUPANCY RATE	
	DISTRIBUTION CENTER	SERVICE CENTER	DISTRIBUTION CENTER	SERVICE CENTER
KENNER	\$3.00 - \$5.00	N.A.	96%	N.A.
ELMWOOD/LABARRE	\$5.00 - \$7.00	\$8.50 - \$10.00	97%	98%
WESTBANK	\$3.00 - \$4.50	N.A.	97%	N.A.



New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity Rising Oaks Home Rendering

## AVERAGE PRICE OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS IN JEFFERSON PARISH



Source: UNO Real Estate Market Analysis, Metropolitan New Orleans & The Northshore Region, Volume 57, April 2025

# PARISH TAXES

## PROPERTY TAXES/ASSESSMENT RATIO:

- No state property tax in Louisiana
- Improvements of industrial property assessed at 15 percent of fair market value and land assessed at 10 percent
- In Jefferson Parish, private residences are assessed at 10 percent of fair market value with no property tax assessed on the first \$75,000
- For 2025 incorporated mills, please see table below:

LOCATION: WARD #	2025 PARISH MILLS	2025 CITY MILLS	TOTAL 2025 MILLS
CITY OF GRETNA - #10	0.07954	0.05645	0.13599
CITY OF WESTWEGO - #44	0.07954	0.03631	0.11585
TOWN OF GRAND ISLE - #61	0.12448	0.01167	0.13615
CITY OF KENNER - #92	0.07809	0.02816	0.10625
CITY OF HARAHAH - #93	0.07871	0.02193	0.10064
AVERAGE UNINCORPORATED JEFFERSON PARISH #70	0.12621	-	0.12621

## CORPORATE FRANCHISE TAX

The rate is \$1.50 per \$1,000 on the first \$300,000 of capital employed in Louisiana, and \$3.00 per \$1,000 after the first \$300,000

## CORPORATE INCOME TAX

Corporations will pay tax on net income computed at the rates contained in the table to the right (the effective rate is somewhat less because federal income taxes are deductible in computing net taxable income)

### CORPORATE INCOME TAX %

### NET INCOME

3.5%

FIRST \$50,000

5.5%

NEXT \$100,000

7.5%

OVER \$150,000

## SALES TAX

GOVERNING BODY	SALES TAX
STATE	5.00%
PARISH	4.75%
TOTAL	9.75%

- Total sales tax is 9.75 percent
- Jefferson Parish sales tax is 4.75%
- Louisiana state sales tax is 5.0%
- See table for parish and state breakdown
- Jefferson Parish Sales Tax Levied by School Board is 2.0%
- Jefferson Parish sales tax levied by Sheriff's Office is 0.250%
- Jefferson Parish sales tax levied by Parish Council is 2.5%



# LOANS AS *Unique* AS THE BUSINESSES THEY SERVE

These loan programs are designed for businesses that are unable to obtain traditional financing

## SBA 504



Project Size: \$15MM+  
Loan Term: 10, 20, or 25 years  
Rate\*: 6.64%|6.58%|6.51%

Eligible Loan Uses:

- PURCHASE OR REFI**
- Machinery
- Equipment
- Commercial Real Estate

## JEDGROW



Project Size: 25,000 - \$250,000  
Loan Term: 3 - 20 years  
Rate: up to 3% over WSJ Prime

Eligible Loan Uses Include:

- Equipment
- Inventory
- Startup Expenses
- Working Capital



Get growing at: <https://www.jedco.org/loans>

\*January 2025 Effective Rates



# TAX INCENTIVES

## INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (ITEP)

Requires advance submittal of Project Application via FastLane NextGen (FLNG) with the application fee, which is calculated based off the estimated benefit to the company. [website](#).

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) is the original state incentive program, that offers a tax abatement on new manufacturing investments. It is available to qualifying new and existing Louisiana manufacturing businesses with the approval by the Board of Commerce and Industry and local ITEP committee, simultaneously the Project Application is sent to the Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) and the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) for concurrent review. The program provides an 80% property tax abatement for an initial term of five years and the option to renew for five additional years at 80% property tax abatement on a manufacturer's qualifying capital investment related to the manufacturing process in the state.

### Eligibility:

Businesses must be classified as a manufacturer or related to the manufacturing project at the project site in order to receive benefits of the ITEP Program.

It requires local approval by the local ITEP committee comprised of the Jefferson Parish President, Jefferson Parish School Board President, the Municipal Council (if it applies) and the Jefferson Parish Sheriff.

## RESTORATION TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM (RTA)

The Restoration Tax Abatement (RTA) program provides an up-to ten-year abatement of property taxes (ad valorem) on renovations and improvements of existing commercial structures and owner-occupied residences. Five-year contract; option for five-year renewal with approval from local governing authority, Board of Commerce and Industry, and governor's approval.

Please contact JEDCO to determine if your property is within a qualifying district at (504) 875-3920. In addition to the state's RTA eligibility requirements, JEDCO and Jefferson Parish require the applicant to submit sufficient documentation to show that the renovation will be substantial.

### Eligibility:

RTA is available to all Louisiana businesses and homeowners with existing structures to be expanded, restored, improved or developed in qualifying locations, and as approved by the local governing authority. If the property is sold, the contract may be transferred, subject to local government and board approval.

If property taxes have been paid on improvements, a business or homeowner is not eligible to apply for the exemption.

### Qualifying Locations for Properties Include:

- Downtown Development Districts
- Historic Districts (includes properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places)
- Economic Development Districts
- Opportunity Zones

For a determination of eligibility of your project based on its location, we encourage you to contact JEDCO.

Map of RTA-Eligible Districts in Jefferson Parish: Can be found on the JEDCO website.

# TAX INCENTIVES

Louisiana's High Impact Jobs Program (HIP) offers qualifying companies grants for the creation of new jobs that pay above the parish (county) average wage. Companies of all sizes can benefit from grants administered directly from Louisiana Economic Development, with higher wages yielding higher grants.

**\*\*BENEFIT TIERS - Grants are awarded as a percentage of wages paid, with an initial contract term of three years and the option to renew for an additional two years:**

8 percent grant for new jobs paying at least 110 percent of the parish average wage

18 percent grant for new jobs paying at least 125 percent of the parish average wage

22 percent grant for new jobs paying at least 150 percent of the parish average wage

Jobs created in Distressed Areas are eligible at a lower wage threshold: Distress areas defined as: 25 percent of parishes with lowest average annual wages (per Bureau of Labor Statistics)

OR Areas identified as Deeply Distressed by the federal New Markets Tax Credit Program

OR As approved by the Secretary

**\*\*Jefferson Parish is not a Distressed Area, and 2025 average wage is \$62,017**

#### Eligibility:

Eligibility is largely defined by wages paid above the parish average, except in industries that are ineligible. Further eligibility is outlined in Emergency Rule.

#### Job Requirements:

Qualifying jobs must not have existed in the state prior to the effective date of the program contract and meet all of the following requirements:

- Full-time, at-will employees (does not include seasonal or temporary positions)
- Directly employed by the company or a named subsidiary
- Filled on-site or remotely by Louisiana residents
- Include a basic health benefits plan

## HIGH IMPACT JOBS PROGRAM (HIP)

## RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

The Re-Entry Program, created by the Legislature in 2010, allows judges to work with prosecutors to select nonviolent offenders facing sentences of 10 years or less (excluding sex-related crimes) for this intense training and rehabilitation program. Program participants are sent to Angola where they spend at least two years learning a trade, getting their GED, and receiving counseling from mentors serving life sentences. The skills learned includes Automotive, Carpentry, Collision Repairs, Culinary, Drywall/Painting, Electrical, HVAC, Masonry, Plumbing, Welding and other skills for in-demand occupations. Case management will work with participants to continue rehabilitation and training.

Contact:

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# TAX INCENTIVES

## LOUISIANA WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT

The Louisiana Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program, created by the Legislature in 2021 for certain business that hire re-entrants participating in work release programs. It provides a 5% income tax credit on wages paid to eligible re-entrants, with a cap of \$2,500 per business per eligible re-entrant.

The credit shall be earned upon certification by an eligible business that has employed an eligible re-entrant in an eligible job for twelve consecutive months following the release of the eligible re-entrant from imprisonment. The 12 credits may be earned only once for each eligible re-entrant.

### Eligibility:

- A new job
- An existing job that has been vacant for at least one year
- An existing job that is vacant because the person who previously filled the job left voluntarily or was terminated.
- "Eligible re-entrant" shall mean an inmate or former inmate who is eligible to participate and is actively participating in a work release program provided for in R.S. 15:711, 1111, 1199.9, or 1199.10.
- An eligible re-entrant shall meet all the criteria provided for in R.S. 15:1199.7. 9 C.
- Proposed law provides the credit is earned upon certification that the re-entrant has been employed by the eligible business in an eligible job for 12 consecutive months.
- Provides that the credit may be earned only once for each eligible re-entrant.
- Provides that the amount of the credit shall be 50% of the wages paid to the eligible re-entrant for employment in an eligible job during the specified time period.
- Provides that the credit amount shall be no more than \$20,000 per eligible business in a calendar year.

Louisiana Workforce Commission - Department of Labor

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## LOUISIANA INNOVATION RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM

The Louisiana Innovation Retention Grant program (IRG) provides supplementary state support for research-focused Louisiana small businesses that have previously received a federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant. The program, which was established by the Louisiana Legislature in 2022, seeks to:

- Help Louisiana retain STEM start-up companies and their talented workers;
- Demonstrate the state's support for business innovation by supplementing the federal research dollars received by Louisiana small businesses;
- Increase the investment in research conducted during Phase I of the federal SBIR program, making Louisiana small businesses more competitive in the competition for Phase II funds;
- Encourage the establishment and growth of high-quality, locally owned and operated technology businesses throughout the state.
- To apply, complete the application below and email it to [SBIRFund@la.gov](mailto:SBIRFund@la.gov)

Microsoft Word - SBIR Retention Grant Application-Draft 8.8.23

# TAX INCENTIVES

## INVENTORY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

This program allows taxpayers who pay ad valorem property taxes on business inventory to claim a one-time credit for use against their Louisiana income or corporate franchise taxes. Taxpayers whose eligible ad valorem taxes are less than or equal to five hundred thousand dollars shall be refunded all of the excess credit. Taxpayers whose eligible ad valorem taxes are more than five hundred thousand dollars, but less than or equal to one million dollars, shall be refunded seventy-five percent of the excess credit, and the remaining twenty-five percent of the excess credit shall be carried forward as a credit against subsequent tax liability for a period not to exceed ten years.

Taxpayers whose ad valorem taxes eligible for the credit authorized pursuant to this Section paid to all political subdivisions in the taxable year was more than one million dollars shall be refunded seventy-five percent of the first one million dollars of excess credit, and the remaining amount of the credit shall be carried forward as a credit against subsequent tax liability for a period not to exceed ten years.

Taxpayers whose ad valorem taxes eligible for the credit authorized pursuant to this Section paid to all political subdivisions in the taxable year was more than one million dollars shall be refunded seventy-five percent of the first one million dollars of excess credit, and the remaining amount of the credit shall be carried forward as a credit against subsequent tax liability for a period not to exceed ten years.

New business entities formed or first registered to do business in Louisiana after April 15, 2016, whose ad valorem taxes are less than ten thousand dollars shall be refunded all of the excess credit. New business entities formed or first registered to do business in Louisiana after April 15, 2016, whose ad valorem taxes are ten thousand dollars or more, but no more than one million dollars, shall be refunded seventy-five percent of the excess credit, and the remaining twenty-five percent of the credit shall be carried forward as a credit against subsequent tax liability for a period not to exceed ten years.

For a manufacturer, if the amount of the credit authorized exceeds the amount of tax liability for the taxable year, the excess credit shall not be refundable and may only be carried forward as a credit against subsequent Louisiana income or corporate franchise tax liabilities for a period not to exceed ten years and shall not be refundable.

Louisiana Department of Revenue  
Program Administrator: Brad Blanchard  
Tel: 225 219-2674.  
Email: [Bradley.blanchard@la.gov](mailto:Bradley.blanchard@la.gov)  
Website: <https://revenue.louisiana.gov/>

# TAX INCENTIVES

## RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D) TAX CREDIT

To encourage research and development in Louisiana, taxpayers are offered a tax credit to be applied against state income or corporate franchise tax liability. If the amount of credit exceeds the amount of tax liability for the tax year, the excess credit may be carried forward as a credit against subsequent state income or corporate franchise tax liability for up to five years.

As enacted by Act 11 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature (rule), The Louisiana Research and Development (R&D) Tax Credit is subject to a \$12 million annual statewide cap and is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis once complete applications are received.

All FY 2025–2026 credits have been fully issued, and no additional credits are available until July 1, 2026, when the FY 2026–2027 allocation begins. Pending and complete applications on file will be first in line for consideration under the FY 2026–2027 tax credit allocation.

Please note that applications must be complete and received by LED by the applicable statutory deadline to be eligible for consideration. Submission of an application does not guarantee approval or availability of credits.

### Eligibility:

- Any taxpayer who employs 50 or more Louisiana persons and claims for the taxable year a federal income tax credit under 26 U.S.C. §41(a) for increasing research activities.
- Any taxpayer who employs fewer than 50 persons can also apply for credits without providing a federal tax return if other reporting criteria are met as determined by LED.
- A taxpayer who receives a federal Small Business Innovation Research Grant
- Professional services firms, businesses primarily engaged in custom manufacturing and custom fabrication that do not have a pending or issued U.S. patent related to their research expenditures are ineligible to apply, unless specifically invited by the Secretary of LED

L.A.C., Title 13, Part I, Ch. 29; LA R.S. 47:6015

## OPPORTUNITY ZONE

Through the federal Opportunity Zones Program, banks, communities and others may create Opportunity Funds to direct tax-advantaged investments to 150 federally designated Opportunity Zones in Louisiana. [Click here](#) for a map of Opportunity Zones eligible for equity investments in Louisiana.

Louisiana secured U.S. Department of the Treasury certification for 150 lower-income census tracts to be Opportunity Zones. To attract new investment to underdeveloped areas, the federal government created the Opportunity Zones Program as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

With a public comment period in March 2018 and collaboration with local, parish and state partners, Gov. John Bel Edwards nominated 150 Louisiana census tracts, with representation in every region of the state. Eligible census tracts were those with poverty rates of at least 20 percent, or those with median family incomes of no more than 80 percent of statewide or metro area family income. Investors and Opportunity Funds will qualify for favorable federal tax treatment through the U.S. Treasury Department, which will certify Opportunity Funds and their investments. Eligible investments will be those made for ownership of business real estate, capital and other assets by a partnership or a corporation formed for the purpose of investing in qualified Opportunity Zones property.

The primary attraction for investing in Opportunity Zones is deferring and lowering federal taxes on capital gains. For a qualified Opportunity Zones investment, capital gains taxes may be deferred the first five years; after Year 5, taxes may be cancelled on 10 percent of the original capital gains investment and deferred for the remainder; in Year 7 through Year 10, taxes may be cancelled on 15 percent of the original capital gains investment, and the remainder may be deferred through 2026; for Opportunity Zones investments lasting longer than 10 years, investors are exempt from capital gains taxes on the Opportunity Zones investment itself, in addition to the other benefits for capital gains carried into the investment.

The IRS is currently working on guidelines for the program.

# TAX INCENTIVES

The Entertainment Job Creation Program provides a tax credit on annual W2 wages to approved entertainment companies (known as a Qualified Entertainment Company or “QEC”) that create well-paid jobs for Louisiana residents.

- The program provides a 15% credit for each new job whose QEC payroll is equal to or greater than \$45,000 per year, up to \$66,000 per year.
- Provides a 20% credit for each new job whose QEC payroll is equal to or greater than \$66,000 per year, but no greater than \$200,000 per year.

Program Statutes & Rules:

\*La. R.S. 47:6007, better known as the Louisiana Motion Picture Production Program, also provides a QEC payroll tax credit on annual W2 wages for approved entertainment companies and this incentive is commonly referred to here as the Entertainment Job Creation Program. The Secretary of the Department of Economic Development may consider program applicants meeting the following criteria:

- Business must be engaged in the development or distribution of audio, visual, or both audio-visual entertainment products for public consumption, directly or indirectly.
- Entity must be authorized to do business in the state of Louisiana.
- Telecommunications companies are not eligible for this program.

Job Requirements:

- Create a minimum of five new direct jobs that meet or exceed a salary of \$45,000 per year per person.
- These jobs must be full time, (full-time employees — working an average of 30 hours or greater per week)
- Filled by residents of the state at the approved QEC’s physical location in Louisiana.
- Can NOT have existed previously on the QEC’s payroll in Louisiana, nor previously on the payroll of the QEC’s parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate in Louisiana, or previously on the payroll of any business whose physical location and employees are substantially the same as those of the QEC in Louisiana.

- Productions that have their principal Louisiana production office or use a soundstage/alternative filming facility located in Jefferson Parish may be eligible to receive a 3% cash rebate on local expenses (includes qualified payroll for residents, lodging, lease or rental expenses, post production costs, etc.)
- In order to be eligible for benefits, productions must spend at least \$150,000 in qualified local expenses.
- Incentive cap of \$100,000 for new productions
- \$15,000 cap increase for subsequent productions begun within 12 months of completion of a project that previously received the incentive.
- \$10,000 cap increase if both production office and soundstage are in Jefferson Parish
- Productions must submit an audit of spending in Jefferson Parish performed by a Louisiana certified public accountant.
- Payment of incentives subject to available funding
- Jefferson Parish contact: Barry Sprague with the JP Citizen’s Affairs Department tel. (504) 442-9130 or email [bsprague@jeffparish.gov](mailto:bsprague@jeffparish.gov)
- [www.filmjeffersonla.gov](http://www.filmjeffersonla.gov)

## ENTERTAINMENT JOB CREATION PROGRAM

## JEFFERSON PARISH FILM INDUSTRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

# TAX INCENTIVES

## DIGITAL INTERACTIVE MEDIA & SOFTWARE PROGRAM

Louisiana's Digital Interactive Media and Software Program, statutorily known as Digital Interactive Media and Software Tax Credit — the strongest of its kind in the nation — is helping innovative digital media and software development companies of all sizes gain a competitive edge.

- Provides a 25% tax credit on qualified payroll for in-state labor and 18% for qualified production expenditures.
- No cap and no minimum requirement.
- Tax credit can be applied to state income tax liability and the state will refund any overages OR applicants can opt for 85% of the value earned as a rebate any time during the year.

The incentive is open to all companies producing digital interactive media products or platforms in Louisiana. Certain exclusions apply, such as static internet websites or software primarily designed for internal use, which are non-qualifying. Only work physically performed in Louisiana and only direct development equipment purchased through Louisiana businesses qualifies for the incentive.

Apply online using [FastLane](#) and submit application fee and verification report fee.

## MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION PROGRAM

Louisiana's Motion Picture Production Program, statutorily known as Motion Picture Production Tax Credit, Act 411 (HB 562) extended the motion picture tax credit program until July 1, 2031. This program provides motion picture productions up to a 40% tax credit on total qualified in-state production expenditures, including resident and non-resident labor. State certified productions with applications received on or after July 1, 2023 will be required to include up to a 5-second static or animated graphic in the end credits before the below-the line crew crawl for the life of the production (New Logo) and provide LED with an electronic press kit, customized video, or alternative asset as may be agreed to by LED for promotional use by LED (Promotional Piece)

- Provides up to a 40% tax credit (25% base credit; 10% increase for Louisiana screenplay productions, 5% increase if outside of the New Orleans Metro Statistical Area).
- \$50,000 minimum in-state expenditure requirement for Louisiana screenplay productions.
- \$300,000 minimum in-state expenditure requirement on all other eligible productions.
- The maximum amount of credits that can be issued is \$150 million per fiscal year. No requirement to reserve specific amounts of tax credits for particular project types or production sizes, or to provisionally allocate tax credits in the initial certification letter.
- The maximum amount of credits that can be claimed is \$180 million per fiscal year.
- Tax credits may be used to offset personal or corporate income tax liability in Louisiana.
- Tax credits may be transferred back to the State for 90% of face value (requires a 2% transfer fee which results in an 88% net).

The program is open to all motion picture production companies headquartered and domiciled in Louisiana producing nationally or internationally distributed motion pictures with total Louisiana expenditures exceeding \$300,000, or \$50,000 for Louisiana screenplay productions.

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Whether a company is considering moving to the Parish or expanding their operations, solutions like the Louisiana FastStart program - the nation's premier turnkey workforce identification and development program - offer substantial incentives to create new jobs in Jefferson Parish. JEDCO staff members are available to help companies identify applicable programs based on the individual needs of each business.

**Please contact a JEDCO representative for more information at (504) 875-3908.**

## INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM (IWTP)

- Can pay most of a company's new eligible training costs, including equipment, teaching materials and instructor time for new and existing employees.
- Provides customized training for existing employees as well as pre-employment training for non-incumbent workers by an approved training provider; employers must have been in business in the state for at least three years and contributing to and in full compliance with the state unemployment insurance tax laws.
- Additional information is available at the Louisiana Workforce Commission website.



*Manufacturing Week 2025*

## LOUISIANA FASTSTART

- Provides project evaluation, workforce solutions, material development, pre-employment identification, evaluation and feedback, course delivery, customized training and core skills training for new or expanding companies.
- Program is available at no cost to manufacturing companies, corporate headquarters, warehouse and distribution, research and development or other strategic facilities that commit to creating at least 15 new jobs, or any service-related operation that commits to creating at least 50 new jobs.
- For additional information, please visit the Louisiana Economic Development web-page.

<https://www.opportunitylouisiana.gov/incentive/led-faststart>

# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

## GOLDMAN SACHS 10,000 SMALL BUSINESSES PROGRAM

- 11-session business course designed by Babson College that provides entrepreneurs with a practical business education, access to capital and business support.
- Eligible business owners must demonstrate a commitment to grow their business and create jobs within their community.
- One-on-one advising by business experts and customized assistance.
- Applicants accepted for participation in the program receive a full scholarship that covers the cost of program materials and tuition.
- Program is funded by Goldman Sachs and The Goldman Sachs Foundation.

Contact David B. Payton at [dpayto@dcc.edu](mailto:dpayto@dcc.edu)



Cohort 33 Graduates of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Program, 2023.

## LOUISIANA INNOVATION RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM

- The Louisiana Innovation Retention Grant program (IRG) provides supplementary state support for research-focused Louisiana small businesses that have previously received a federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant.

The program, which was established by the Louisiana Legislature in 2022, seeks to:

- Help Louisiana retain STEM start-up companies and their talented workers;
- Demonstrate the state's support for business innovation by supplementing the federal research dollars received by Louisiana small businesses;
- Increase the investment in research conducted during Phase I of the federal SBIR program, making Louisiana small businesses more competitive in the competition for Phase II funds;
- Encourage the establishment and growth of high-quality, locally owned and operated technology businesses throughout the state.
- To be eligible, a business must be for-profit, privately owned and headquartered in Louisiana.

## VETERANS INITIATIVE

- Program is designed to help eligible Louisiana veteran-owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned small businesses gain greater access to purchasing and contracting opportunities available at the state level.
- 12% of the total evaluation points can be added to the business's bid on a Request for Proposal (RFP).
- Open to businesses at least 51% owned by a veteran and located in Louisiana.
- Business must have less than 50 full-time employees and average annual gross receipts may not exceed \$6 million for non-construction and \$10 million for construction companies.

## HUDSON INITIATIVE

- Program is designed to help eligible Louisiana small businesses gain greater access to purchasing and contracting opportunities that are available at the state government level.
- 10% of the total evaluation points can be added to the business's bid on a Request for Proposal (RFP).
- Business must have less than 50 full-time employees and average annual gross receipts may not exceed \$5 million for non-construction and \$10 million for construction companies.

# TARGETED INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

## Culinary Specialties

Jefferson Parish is the premier location for culinary product manufacturing. Brands like Zatarains, Boscoli, Hubig's Pies, and Big Easy Blends are exported globally, and more brands advance the strong business case to attract more looking to relocate. Utilities and water are less expensive, and the supply chain strengthen Jefferson Parish as a hub for exporting the regions culture. Those navigating this industry include entrepreneurs that have chosen Jefferson Parish as the place to protect and share legacy inherited.



## Environmental and Engineering Services

Bolstered by the regional planning and development coordination that followed Hurricane Ida, this cluster organizes the environmental resilience and vibrancy for the region. Efforts catalyzed by federal legislation and the vision for alternative energy sources have created a uniquely diverse portfolio of green jobs. Between the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the \$50 million federal grant to create a clean hydrogen cluster, and the massive push for coastal restoration, those businesses integrated in this cluster are integral to the sustainable development of Jefferson Parish.



## Healthcare Innovation

Jefferson Parish's healthcare industry expanded its role as the region's largest workforce partner and source of innovation. Private systems continue to expand affordable and specialized services upon support from federal legislation. Large providers like Oschner and LCMC have created many local partnerships with educational institutions to support expanding services with a vibrant workforce pipeline in the region.



## Supply Chain Infrastructure

As a nationally recognized destination for multi-modal transportation and logistics, the supply chain business ecosystem in Jefferson Parish is critical to growth. The repurposed Avondale Global Gateway provides the Parish a strategic location to distribute goods through these multi-modal channels, reinvigorating the demand for advanced manufacturing in the region. Additionally, promoting growth in the area are a number of shipbuilders and freight forwarders maximizing available warehouse real estate.

## Technology and Design

This cluster includes businesses that develop, sell, or train on software and other information technology products. Those servicing the region within this cluster accelerate development through the management of unseen channels. This cluster additionally includes those businesses producing seen channels. The entertainment industry has undergone massive growth during and since the COVID-19 pandemic. Technology and design grounds employment in the spotlight for the regions performance.



# COST OF LABOR AND INCOME

The Career and Business Solutions Centers provided by the LA Works can connect job seekers with employers. Jefferson Parish and the New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) have a large, educated workforce.



The table below gives the average annual wage of various occupations by MSA. See the Employment section for statistics on the Civilian Labor Force, Unemployment Rate and Employment by Industry.

OCCUPATION	NEW ORLEANS	ATLANTA	BIRMINGHAM	DALLAS	HOUSTON	JACKSON	JACKSONVILLE
ACCOUNTANT	\$83,360	\$96,100	\$82,830	\$93,660	\$94,290	\$77,440	\$86,780
ELECTRICAL ENGINEER	\$116,620	\$116,650	\$117,670	\$117,260	\$119,570	\$115,760	\$109,630
MACHINIST	\$64,020	\$54,620	\$54,230	\$58,370	\$59,590	\$54,240	\$53,360
WELDER	\$62,840	\$52,670	\$51,660	\$54,050	\$56,540	\$55,940	\$51,940
TEACHER-ELEMENTARY	\$56,050	\$72,720	\$58,910	\$63,860	\$62,490	\$48,490	\$65,930
TEACHER-SECONDARY	\$60,100	\$73,810	\$60,410	\$66,030	\$64,790	\$52,070	\$69,370
REGISTERED NURSE	\$89,700	\$96,640	\$78,180	\$96,720	\$96,730	\$85,820	\$85,930

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

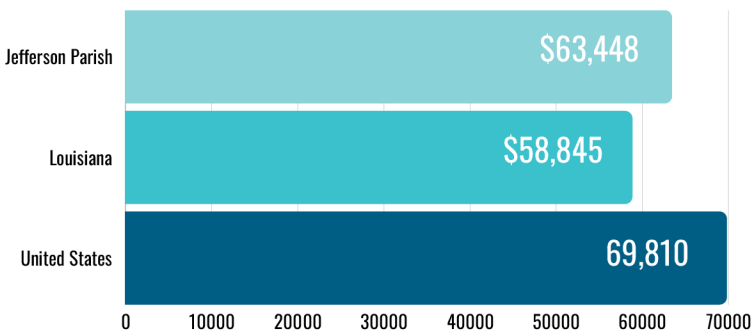
## JEFFERSON PARISH AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE: MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

SEGMENT	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
MANUFACTURING	\$1,184	\$1,238	\$1,242	\$1,312	\$1,393	\$1,433	\$1,469
SHIP AND BOAT BUILDING	\$1,418	\$1,494	\$1,464	\$1,456	\$1,541	\$1,628	\$1,720
CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING	\$1,956	\$1,983	\$2,089	\$2,246	\$2,358	\$2,376	\$2,422
MACHINERY MANUFACTURING	\$1,176	\$1,228	\$1,116	\$1,183	\$1,339	\$1,421	\$1,474

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2025

In 2025, Jefferson Parish had a per capita personal income of \$63,448. The parish's total personal income of \$26,761,081 ranked 10th in the state.

### 2023 PER CAPITA INCOME



### EMPLOYMENT INCOME



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis  
\*Total personal income estimates are in thousands of dollars and are not adjusted for inflation.

# EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

## JEFFERSON PARISH EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS: (NOVEMBER 2025)

	JEFFERSON PARISH (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)	LOUISIANA (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)	UNITED STATES (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	203,425	2,000,664	163,099,000
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	8,374 (4%)	88,396 (4.2%)	7,500,000
<b>CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>	211,799	2,089,060	171,500,000

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2025

## EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY INDUSTRY SECTOR: (2ND QUARTER, 2025)

INDUSTRY SECTOR	TOTAL ESTIMATED COMPANIES	AVERAGE EMPLOYEES	AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE (\$)
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE	1,420	18,342	\$496
ADMINISTRATION AND WASTE SERVICES	1,094	13,214	\$947
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING AND HUNTING	16	14	\$773
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	261	4,679	\$3,128
CONSTRUCTION	1,409	11,772	\$1,940
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	1,013	7,356	\$1,783
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	1,960	36,358	\$1,435
INFORMATION	269	2,284	\$1,074
MANUFACTURING	394	8,443	\$1,404
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	170	3,012	\$1,812
MINING	33	123	\$2,058
OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT PUBLIC ADMIN)	1,152	6,097	\$920
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	2,202	11,111	\$1,598
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	113	6,143	\$1,520
REAL ESTATE, RENTAL AND LEASING	694	3,770	\$1,125
RETAIL TRADE	1,986	24,353	\$762
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	583	9,403	\$1,279
UTILITIES	32	734	\$1,840
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,091	9,519	\$1,718

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission, 2024

# TOP PRIVATE COMPANIES

The New Orleans CityBusiness magazine publishes a list of Top Private Companies in the metropolitan area annually based on the latest year revenue as reported by area businesses. For the last twelve years, Jefferson Parish companies have comprised, on average, 27 percent of the top companies. Twenty-seven of the top companies are located within Jefferson Parish and are presented in the table below. It is important to note that the compilation of the CityBusiness list is dependent upon the submittal of revenue figures from local companies. Since some companies do not report, it is possible that the list is not all-inclusive. However, companies that contacted JEDCO directly with applicable information and asked to be included in the table are also presented below. Other top private companies wishing to be included in the table below should contact JEDCO at (504) 875-3908.

NO.	BUSINESS NAME	2023 REVENUE (IN MILLIONS)	DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS
1	OCHSNER HEALTH SYSTEM	\$7,700	HEALTH CARE
2	GEORGES ENTERPRISES, LLC	\$3,000	FOOD DISTRIBUTOR AND SERVICES
3	LAITRAM LLC	\$1,200	MANUFACTURING
4	BLESSEY MARINE SERVICES INC.	\$278.1	TOWING COMPANY
5	ACME TRUCK LINE INC.	\$241.84	TRANSPORTATION
6	RNGD	\$223	COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION
7	BROADMOOR LLC	\$179.3	COMMERCIAL GENERAL CONTRACTOR
8	THE GRAY INSURANCE COMPANY	\$160.23	COMMERCIAL INSURANCE
9	FAVROT & SHANE COMPANIES, INC.	\$152.5	COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
10	HOIST & CRANE SERVICE GROUP	\$132	CRANE, ELEVATOR, INDUSTRIAL DOOR SERVICES
11	DELTA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	\$125	PEO SERVICES, HR OUTSOURCING
12	ROYAL HONDA	\$92.1	AUTOMOTIVE SALES, COLLISION REPAIR
13	RYAN GOOTEE GENERAL CONTRACTORS LLC	\$88.5	COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION
14	OUTSOLVE	\$58	AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CONSULTING FIRM
15	CYCLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	\$49.62	CONSTRUCTION AND DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES
16	BRYANT IMPORTS LLC	\$41.5	AUTOMOTIVE SALES, COLLISION REPAIR
17	METAIRIE BANK & TRUST	\$33.08	BANKING
18	BIG EASY BLENDS	\$32	BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING
19	GBP DIRECT	\$17.85	OFFICE PRODUCTS
20	RUPP MARKETING	\$13.96	ADVERTISING AGENCY
21	FLEXICREW TECHNICAL SERVICES STAFFING	\$12	STAFFING SERVICES
22	ORACLE LIGHTING	\$10	LIGHTING DESIGN, SALES, & MANUFACTURING
23	GAMBEL COMMUNICATIONS	\$2.90	PUBLIC RELATIONS
24	TKCHIX	\$1.8	IT RECRUITMENT FIRM

# TOP EMPLOYERS

Jefferson Parish is the economic engine of the ten-parish area known as the Greater New Orleans region.

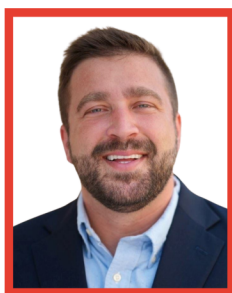
Listed below are the top employers located and/or headquartered in Jefferson Parish, ranked by number of employees, as reported by management or personnel directors within each organization. JEDCO applauds the efforts of these companies and encourages their continued progress. Other Jefferson Parish top employers who would like to be included in the table are encouraged to contact JEDCO at (504)-875-3908.

NO	BUSINESS NAME	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS
1	OCHSNER HEALTH FOUNDATION, LLC	36,628	HOSPITAL
2	JEFFERSON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	6,000	ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS
3	LCMC EAST JEFFERSON GENERAL HOSPITAL	3,326	HOSPITAL
4	LAITRAM, LLC	2,251	OFFICES OF OTHER HOLDING COMPANIES
5	AUDUBON ENGINEERING COMPANY LLC.	1,800	ENGINEERING SERVICES
6	OCHSNER MEDICAL CENTER KENNER LLC	1,571	HOSPITAL
7	JEFFERSON PARISH	1,421	PARISH GOVERNMENT
8	BLESSEY MARINE SERVICE INC.	775	INLAND WATER FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION
9	CITY OF KENNER	637	MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
10	TREASURE CHEST CASINO LLC	506	CASINO
11	FAVROT & SHANE AIA ARCHITECTS	395	ENGINEERING SERVICES
12	RNGD	275	INDUSTRIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
13	ENGINEERING & INSPECTION SERVICE	212	ENGINEERING SERVICES
14	ST JOSEPH OF HARAHAH	157	NURSING CARE FACILITIES
15	CARPENTER & PATERSON	150	FABRICATED METAL PRODUCT MANUFACTURING
16	JEFFERSON HEALTHCARE CENTER	144	NURSING CARE FACILITIES
17	LOOP LINEN SERVICE	143	LINEN SUPPLY
18	BENBOW, MS & ASSOCIATES	140	ENGINEERING SERVICES
19	HOIST & CRANE SERVICE	140	COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY
20	BRIDGEPOINT CONTINUING CARE HOSPITAL	133	GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HOSPITALS
21	CYCLE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LLC	120	CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
22	METAIRIE BANK & TRUST CO.	114	MONETARY AUTHORITIES-CENTRAL BANK
23	BROADMOOR LLC	106	INDUSTRIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

# PARISH AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT



**The Honorable  
Cynthia Lee Sheng,  
Jefferson Parish President**



DISTRICT 1:  
TIM KERNER JR.



DISTRICT 2:  
DEANO BONANO



DISTRICT 3:  
BYRON LEE



DISTRICT 4:  
ARITA L. BOHANNAN



DISTRICT 5:  
HANS LILJEBORG

Unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish are governed by a Parish President and Council. The Council consists of seven members, five district councilpersons and two at-large councilpersons.



AT-LARGE DIVISION A:  
JENNIFER VAN VRANCKEN



AT-LARGE DIVISION B:  
SCOTT WALKER

MUNICIPALITIES ARE EACH GOVERNED BY A MAYOR AND COUNCIL. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC MUNICIPALITIES AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS, PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

City of Kenner: [www.kenner.la.us](http://www.kenner.la.us)

City of Gretna: [www.gretnala.com](http://www.gretnala.com)

City of Harahan: [www.cityofharahan.com](http://www.cityofharahan.com)

OFFICES OF JEFFERSON PARISH ARE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

West Bank Location:  
General Government Building  
200 Derbigny St.  
Gretna, LA 70053  
Phone: (504) 364-2700

East Bank Location:  
Joe Yenni Building  
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd.  
Jefferson, LA 70123  
Phone: (504) 736-6400

Town of Grand Isle: [www.grand-isle.com](http://www.grand-isle.com)

Town of Jean Lafitte: [www.townofjeanlafitte.com](http://www.townofjeanlafitte.com)

City of Westwego: [www.cityofwestwego.com](http://www.cityofwestwego.com)

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