

Parish Profiles—DeSoto

POPULATION

PARISH

DeSoto Parish

2008 Census Estimate	26,388
2000 Census	25,494
1990 Census	25,346

REGION

2008 Census Estimate	792,636
2000 Census	781,540
1990 Census	756,047

MARKET ACCESS

HIGHWAYS

Interstate Hwy	49
US Highway	84, 171
LA Highway	5, 172, 175, 177, 191, 483, 509, 510, 522, 764, 3015

FREIGHT RAIL

Kansas City Southern (KCS)
Union Pacific (UP)

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

	MILES
Port of Shreveport/Bossier (9 Ft)	20
Port of Natchitoches (9 Ft)	45
Port of Red River Parish (9 Ft)	20
Caldwell Parish Port (shallow)	100
Madison Parish Port (shallow)	160
Lake Providence Port (9 Ft)	165
Port of Lake Charles (40 Ft)	130
Greater Ouachita Parish Port (9 Ft) West Monroe	100

AIRPORTS

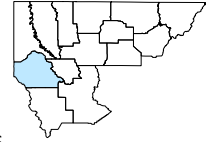
CE' RUSTY' WILLIAMS AIRPORT (3F3)

Located 3 miles northwest of Mansfield, Louisiana. Two runways 4,500 x 100 ft. Eight single engine airplanes and 1 multi engine airplane are based on the field. Owned by the DeSoto Parish Police Jury.

SHREVEPORT REGIONAL AIRPORT (SHV)

Located 4 miles southwest of Shreveport, Louisiana. Four runways two 8,351 x 200 ft. and two 6,202 x 150 ft. Twenty-two single engine airplanes, 19 multi engine airplanes, 10 jet airplanes, and 1 helicopter are based on the field. Owned by the City of Shreveport.

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES-(From Center of Parish)



	Miles
ATLANTA, GA	640
DALLAS, TX	225
HOUSTON, TX	215
JACKSON, MS	262
LITTLE ROCK, AR	257
MEMPHIS, TN	390
NEW ORLEANS, LA	316
SHREVEPORT, LA	45
ST. LOUIS, MO	657

Source: www.mapquest.com

TAXES

PROPERTY TAXES (Mills)

Parish Wide 140.99

SALES TAXES

Parish	8.00%
Logansport	9.00%
Mansfield	9.00%
Stonewall	9.00%

LABOR FORCE December 2008

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	11,451
Region	365,467
Louisiana	2,045,826

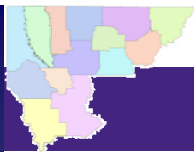
EMPLOYMENT

Parish	10,662
Region	341,281
Louisiana	1,932,664

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Parish	6.9%
Region	6.6%
Louisiana	5.5%

Source: Louisiana Department of Labor, Labor Market Information, Dec. 2008



EMPLOYMENT

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISION (4th Quarter 2008)

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Agriculture	1.6%	0.7%	0.5%
Mining	9.4%	2.0%	2.8%
Utilities	3.0%	0.9%	0.8%
Construction	12.9%	5.7%	7.7%
Manufacturing	11.6%	7.9%	8.0%
Wholesale trade	0.4%	3.8%	4.0%
Retail trade	15.1%	12.6%	12.0%
Trans/Wrhouse	1.6%	2.9%	4.3%
Information	0.6%	2.0%	1.6%
Fin. & Insurance	2.6%	3.2%	3.1%
Real estate	0.5%	1.5%	1.8%
Prof/Tech Serv	1.2%	3.5%	4.5%
Mng. of Co.	*	1.1%	1.3%
Admin & Waste	2.2%	4.4%	5.2%
Educational Serv	*	9.7%	9.1%
Healthcare/Soc	11.9%	18.5%	14.6%
Arts/Ent/Recr	0.2%	3.1%	2.2%
Accomd/Food	3.6%	8.1%	8.5%
Other Services	1.5%	2.6%	2.6%
Public Admin	4.6%	4.6%	5.3%

*Data Non-publishable

EDUCATION

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION Enrollment (2007-08)

Public Schools	15
Enrollment	4,814
Private Schools	1
Enrollment	201

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES & TECHNICALS (Within Region)

Blue Cliff College-Shreveport	Shreveport	138
Bossier Parish Community College	Bossier City	4,778
Career Technical College-Monroe	Monroe	803
Career Technical College-Shreveport	Shreveport	247
Louisiana Delta Community College	Monroe	1,636
Louisiana Technical College-Bastrop Campus	Bastrop	259
Louisiana Technical College-Delta-Ouachita Campus	West Monroe	840
Louisiana Technical College-Mansfield Campus	Mansfield	274
Louisiana Technical College-Natchitoches Campus	Natchitoches	304
Louisiana Technical College-North Central Campus	Farmerville	128
Louisiana Technical College-Northwest Louisiana Campus	Minden	483
Louisiana Technical College-Ruston Campus	Ruston	166
Louisiana Technical College-Sabine Valley Campus	Many	147
Louisiana Technical College-Shreveport-Bossier Campus	Shreveport	1,224
Northwestern University Nursing Education Center	Shreveport	1,200
Remington College-Shreveport	Shreveport	250
Southern University at Shreveport	Shreveport	2,346
Unitech Training Academy-West Monroe Campus	West Monroe	108

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (Within Region)

Centenary College of Louisiana	Shreveport	1,017
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Barksdale AFB	388
Grambling State University	Grambling	4,951
Louisiana State University HSC	Shreveport	802
Louisiana State University-Shreveport	Shreveport	3,809
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	10,607
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Natchitoches	8,542
Southern Illinois-Carbondale at Barksdale AFB	Barksdale AFB	25
University of Phoenix	Bossier City	
University of Louisiana Monroe	Monroe	8,754

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

DeSoto Parish School Board	791
International Paper	500
DeSoto Regional Health Sys	286
Dolet Hills Mining Venture	200
Hendrix Manufacturing Ltd	145
Mansfield Nursing Center Inc	80
Plantation Management Corp	80
DeSoto Council On The Aging	61
Brookshire Grocery Co	60
Country Auto Truck Stop	60



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