

# Parish Profile—Ouachita

## POPULATION

### PARISH

#### Ouachita Parish

2008 Census Estimate	150,051
2000 Census	147,250
1990 Census	142,190

### REGION

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

## MARKET ACCESS

### HIGHWAYS

Interstate Hwy	20
US Highway	80, 165
LA Highway	2, 15, 34

### FREIGHT RAIL

Kansas City Southern (KCS)  
 Union Pacific (UP)  
 Arkansas & Louisiana Mississippi Railroad (ALM)

### NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

	MILES
Greater Ouachita Parish Port (9 Ft) West Monroe	5
Port of Shreveport/Bossier (9 Ft)	90
Port of Natchitoches (9 Ft)	75
Port of Red River Parish (9 Ft)	85
Caldwell Parish Port (shallow)	25
Madison Parish Port (shallow)	60
Lake Providence Port (9 Ft)	65
Port of Lake Charles (40 Ft)	165

### AIRPORTS

#### MONROE REGIONAL AIRPORT (MLU)

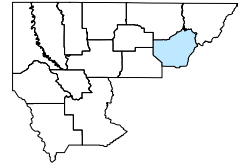
Located 4 miles east of the City of Monroe. Access to the airport is obtained through Interstate 20/Exit 120 and Louisiana Highway 80/Kansas Lane. MLU encompasses approximately 2,600 acres, has two 5000' runways, one 7500' runway and is owned and operated by the City of Monroe.

#### 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	500
DALLAS, TX	285
HOUSTON, TX	340
JACKSON, MS	120
LITTLE ROCK, AR	185
MEMPHIS, TN	260
NEW ORLEANS, LA	300
SHREVEPORT, LA	100
ST. LOUIS, MO	540



Source: www.mapquest.com

## TAXES

### PROPERTY TAXES

	(Mills)
Parish Wide	79.11-136.38

### SALES TAXES

Parish	8.60%-9.60%
Monroe	9.99%
West Monroe	9.50%
Sterlington	9.50%

## LABOR FORCE December 2008

### CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Parish	71,032
Region	365,467
Louisiana	2,045,826

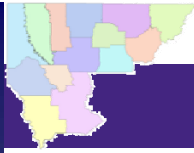
### EMPLOYMENT

Parish	66,803
Region	341,281
Louisiana	1,932,664

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Parish	6.0%
Region	6.6%
Louisiana	5.5%

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



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## EMPLOYMENT

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

Division	Parish	Region	Louisiana
Agriculture	0.2%	0.7%	0.5%
Mining	0.2%	2.0%	2.8%
Utilities	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%
Construction	5.1%	5.7%	7.7%
Manufacturing	8.4%	7.9%	8.0%
Wholesale trade	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%
Retail trade	12.8%	12.6%	12.0%
Trans/Warehouse	2.2%	2.9%	4.3%
Information	2.2%	2.0%	1.6%
Fin. & Insurance	5.1%	3.2%	3.1%
Real estate	1.6%	1.5%	1.8%
Prof/Tech Serv	4.2%	3.5%	4.5%
Mng. of Co.	1.9%	1.1%	1.3%
Admin & Waste	5.2%	4.4%	5.2%
Educational Waste	10.7%	9.7%	9.1%
Healthcare/Soc	18.5%	18.5%	14.6%
Arts/Ent/Recr	1.1%	3.1%	2.2%
Accomd/Food	8.6%	8.1%	8.5%
Other Services	2.9%	2.6%	2.6%
Public Admin	4.4%	4.6%	5.3%

\*Data non-publishable

## EDUCATION

### PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

Enrollment (2007-08)

<b>Public Schools</b>	<b>55</b>
Enrollment	27,611
<b>Private Schools</b>	<b>9</b>
Enrollment	2,695

### 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

Louisiana State Civil Service	3887
Ouachita Parish School Board	3015
Chase Manhattan Mortgage	1800
St Francis Medical Center	1671
CenturyTel	1470
University of Louisiana at Monroe	1206
City of Monroe	1150
Wal-Mart Stores	1112
Glenwood Regional Medical Center	950
Graphic Packaging Corporation	800

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