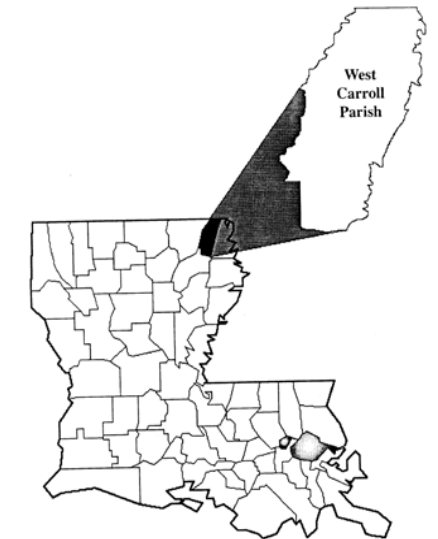
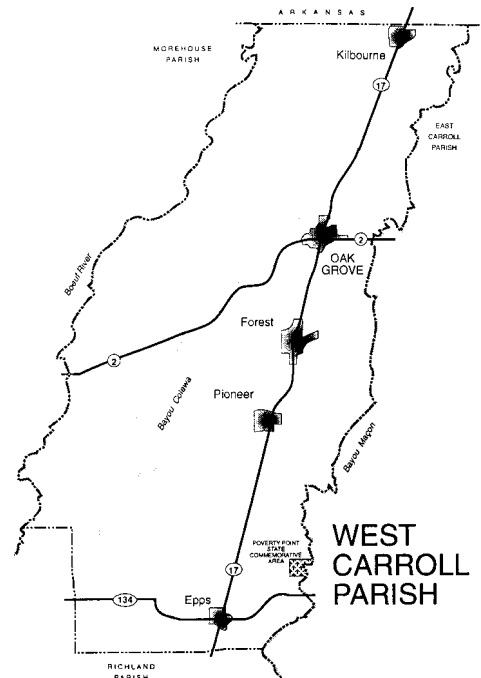


West Carroll



POPULATION

Parish	
1990 Census	12,093
2000 Census	12,314
2005 Projection-Trend Forecast	12,427
2010 Projection – Trend Forecast	12,539

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

City (2000)	
Epps	1,153
Forest	275
Kilbourne	436
Oak Grove	2,174
Pioneer	171

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

MARKET ACCESS

Highways
 Interstate 20 (south of parish)
 LA Highways 2, 17, 134, 577, 582, 586, 879

Freight Rail
 Delta Southern

Navigable Waterways/Ports (Distance in miles)

Lake Providence Port	10
Channel depth – 9 ft.	
Madison Parish Port	59
Channel depth – 9 ft.	
Port of Greater Baton Rouge *	220
Channel depth – 45 ft.	

(*Foreign Trade Zone)

Airports (Distance in miles)

Monroe Regional Airport (commercial)	45
Runway length – 7,507 ft.	
Kelly Airport (general aviation)	within parish
Runway length – 2,750 ft.	

Motor Freight
 There are 6 major freight carriers
 Terminal facilities are available

Distance to Major Cities
(in miles, from center of Parish)

Atlanta, GA	497
Birmingham, AL	345
Chicago, IL	785
Cincinnati, OH	780
Dallas, TX	351
Denver, CO	985
Houston, TX	408
Kansas City, MO	550
Memphis, TN	290
Minneapolis, MN	1,080
Nashville, TN	450
New Orleans, LA	280
St. Louis, MO	510

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

Parcel Service
 Service is available within the parish.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

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

West Carroll Parish School Board	3	West Carroll Detention Center	5
Ruffin Building Systems Inc.	4	West Carroll Care Center	5
West Carroll Hospital	4	Jade Super Foods	5
Walmart Stores Inc.	4	Heber E Costello Inc.	5
Carroll Nursing Home Inc.	5	West Carroll Parish Police Jury	5

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTACTS

Entergy Louisiana Economic Development 5353 Essen Lane, Ste. 120 Baton Rouge, LA 70809 (800)542-2668, Fax (225)763-5254 www.entergy.com/laed	Louisiana Economic Development P.O. Box 94185 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9185 (225)342-5388, Fax (225)342-5349 www.state.la.us	Economic Development Commission North Delta Regional Planning & Development District 2115 Justice Street Monroe, LA 71201-3693 (318)387-2572
Macon Ridge Economic Development Region, Inc. P.O. Drawer 746 Ferriday, LA 71334 (318)757-3033, Fax (318)757-4212	Town of Oak Grove Mayor's Office P.O. Drawer 1014 Oak Grove, LA 71263 (318)428-3275	

LABOR MARKET

Employment (August, 2001)

Civilian Labor Force		
Parish	5,660	100.0%
Louisiana	2,055,000	100.0%
Total Employment		
Parish	5,040	89.1%
Louisiana	1,956,500	95.2%
Unemployment		
Parish	620	10.9%
Louisiana	98,500	4.8%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Average Employment by Major Industry Divisions

(4th Quarter, 2000)

Agriculture	22.14%
Mining	0%
Construction	7.91%
Manufacturing	7.50%
Transportation	6.91%
Wholesale Trade	1.92%
Retail Trade	13.36%
Finance	3.01%
Services	32.78%
Public Administration	4.47%

(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, 2000)

ALL MANUFACTURING	\$15.93
<i>Durable Goods</i>	\$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
<i>Nondurable Goods</i>	\$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*	\$182,220	\$190,482
Per Capita Personal Income	\$14,995	\$15,645

(*thousands of dollars)

SOURCE: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

EDUCATION

4-Year Colleges & Universities (within 100 miles)

College/University	Location	2001 Enrollment
University of Louisiana at Monroe		9,864
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	10,014
Grambling State University	Grambling	4,671

SOURCE: BOARD OF REGENTS

Technical Colleges (within parish & surrounding parishes)

College	Parish
Margaret Surlis Branch Campus	East Carroll
Brastrop Campus	Morehouse

SOURCE: LOUISIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1999

Primary/Secondary Education (2000-01 Enrollment)

8 public schools 2,518

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

Workforce Development - Existing business upgrade

Incumbent Worker Training - provides funding to design and implement a customized training program to upgrade the skills of an employer's existing workforce.

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%	Total
	Town/City	(Incl. State)
Rural	None	4.0%
Oak Grove	1.0%	5.0%
		8.0%
		9.0%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION

Parish Millage (1999)

Ward 1 (with levee)	68.04
Ward 1 (without levee)	65.11
Ward 2 -5 (with levee)	63.04
Ward 2 - 5 (without levee)	60.11
Town of Oak Grove	16.89
Village of Epps	5.86

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	Parish President and Police Jury
Municipal	Mayor/Council - Oak Grove
	Mayor/Alderman - Epps, Kilbourne, Forest, and Pioneer

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity	Entergy, Cajun Electric Power, Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative
Natural Gas	Atmos Energy LA
Water	Town of Oak Grove, Village of Epps, Village of Kilbourne, Village of Forest, West Carroll Parish
Sewerage	Town of Oak Grove, Village of Epps, Village of Kilbourne, Septic Tanks, Village of Pioneer

AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL SITES/BUILDINGS

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

QUALITY OF LIFE

Climate

Average Temperature	
January	52°
July	91°
Annual Average	64°
Average Annual Rainfall	57 inches

Medical Services (Parish)

Medical Facility	No. of Beds
West Carroll Memorial Hospital	29
St. Francis Medical Center *	339
E.A. Conway Medical Center *	247
Glenwood Regional Medical Center *	259
North Monroe Hospital *	220

(* Located in nearby Ouachita Parish)

SOURCE: LOUISIANA DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

Recreation

Hunting	Fishing
Swimming pools	Tennis courts
Golf courses	Ball fields

Festivals

Dave L. Pearce Memorial Weekend
Poke Salot Festival