

Iberville Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

| | Iberville | Louisiana | U.S. | HP 2010 |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| ECONOMICS, 2000 | | | | |
| % All persons in poverty | 23.1% | 19.6% | 12.4% | -- |
| % Children under 18 in poverty | 30.4% | 26.6% | 16.6% | -- |
| % Unemployed 16 and over | 7.4% | 7.3% | 5.8% | -- |
| EDUCATION 2002-2003 | | | | |
| School Expenditure per Student | \$8,788 | \$6,906 | -- | -- |
| Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled) | 93.5% | 93.5% | -- | -- |
| % High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade) | 7.9% | 7.0% | -- | -- |
| MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002 | | | | |
| Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births) | 9.5 | 10.2 | 7.0 | 4.5 |
| % Receiving prenatal care w ithin first 3 months | 78.7% | 83.8% | 83.7% | 90.0% |
| % Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner) | 71.9% | 78.9% | 76.2% | -- |
| % Low birth weight | 11.8% | 10.5% | 7.7% | 5.0% |
| % Births to teens ages 15 - 19 | 20.8% | 15.5% | 10.6% | -- |
| % Children fully immunized by 2 years old | -- | 69.8% | 78.5% | 90.0% |
| INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population) | | | | |
| Syphilis (primary and secondary) | -- | 4.1 | 2.5 | 0.2 |
| Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent) | NA | 8.6 | 5.4 | -- |
| Chlamydia | 393.2 | 469.8 | 304.3 | 3.0 |
| Gonorrhea | 279.1 | 265.6 | 116.2 | 19.0 |
| Tuberculosis | 12.4* | 5.8 | 5.1 | 1.0 |
| STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population) | | | | |
| Heart | 299.7 | 248.4 | 241.7 | 166.0 |
| Cancer | 224.8 | 209.7 | 193.2 | 159.9 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease | 77.9 | 57.4 | 56.4 | 48.0 |
| Accidents | ** | 46.7 | 37.0 | 17.5 |
| Diabetes | ** | 39.5 | 25.4 | 45.0 |
| Chronic Lower Respiratory | ** | 37.8 | 43.3 | -- |
| COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003 | | | | |
| Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population) | 9.1 | 10.9 | 12.4 | 10.3 |
| Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled) | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004 | | | | |
| | Region 2 | Louisiana | U.S. | HP 2010 |
| % Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+) | 20.9% | 23.5% | 21.0% | 12.0% |
| % Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+) | 23.4% | 27.0% | 31.1% | 15.0% |
| % Having a mammogram w ithin 2 years (women 40+) | 81.0% | 74.3% | 74.6% | 70.0% |
| % Having a pap smear w ithin 3 years (women 18+) | 88.6% | 85.2% | 85.9% | 90.0% |
| % Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+) | 74.7% | 68.6% | 67.9% | 90.0% |

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1 2}

One of the original 19 parishes, Iberville was created on March 31, 1807. It was named after Iberville, the great French explorer and brother of Bienville. Iberville made his first trip up the Mississippi River in 1699. A few miles south of Plaquemines, he found a large group of Bayougoulas Indians waiting to extend a welcome. The same year, Father Du Ru, a Jesuit missionary, established the first church and tried to convert the Indians. By 1769 there were only 376 residents, mostly at St. Gabriel.



The Plaquemines Lock Museum is perhaps the most breath-taking building in downtown Plaquemines. Completed in 1909, it is on the National Register of Historic Places and features a Dutch influence and a glistening white brick exterior. St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, located across Main Street from Old City Hall in Plaquemines, is considered the purest example of Italian Romanesque architecture in the South. Iberville Parish also offers boating, camping. Near the town of White Castle, is the awe-inspiring Nottoway Plantation, the largest plantation home in the south. Built in 1858 by John Hampton Randolph, Nottoway is a classic Greek Revival structure with 53,000 square feet and some 50 rooms. Indoor plumbing, gas lighting and coal fireplaces were among the innovative and unique features of the home during the plantation era.

Parish Seat³Plaquemine

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Plaquemine
- St. Gabriel

Parish Population⁴

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|--|--------|
| 2000..... | 33,320 |
| 2003 (estimate) | 32,811 |
| 2000 Population by Race | |
| White..... | 49.3% |
| African-American | 49.7% |
| Some other race..... | 1.0% |
| Hispanic of Latino (of any race) | 1.0% |
| 2000 Population by Age | |
| Under 5 years | 6.5% |
| 5-14 | 15.0% |
| 15-17 | 4.8% |
| 18-19 | 3.2% |
| 20-24 | 7.3% |
| 25-64 | 55.5% |
| 65 & over | 10.7% |

Geography and Statistics⁵

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| Average elevation | 20ft. |
| Land area in square miles | 619 |
| Water area in square miles | 34.2 |

Climate

Average temperatures

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| Annual..... | 67° |
| January..... | 59° |
| July..... | 91° |
| Annual average rainfall..... | 60 inches |

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Iberville Parish

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| Civilian..... | 12,639 |
| Employed..... | 11,315 |
| Unemployed..... | 1,324 |
| Unemployment..... | 10.5% |

Louisiana

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Civilian..... | 2,055,000 |
| Employed..... | 1,956,500 |
| Unemployed..... | 98,500 |
| Unemployment Rate..... | 4.8% |

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana State University and A&M College
- Southern University and A&M College

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<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism.htm>>
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5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>
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<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>