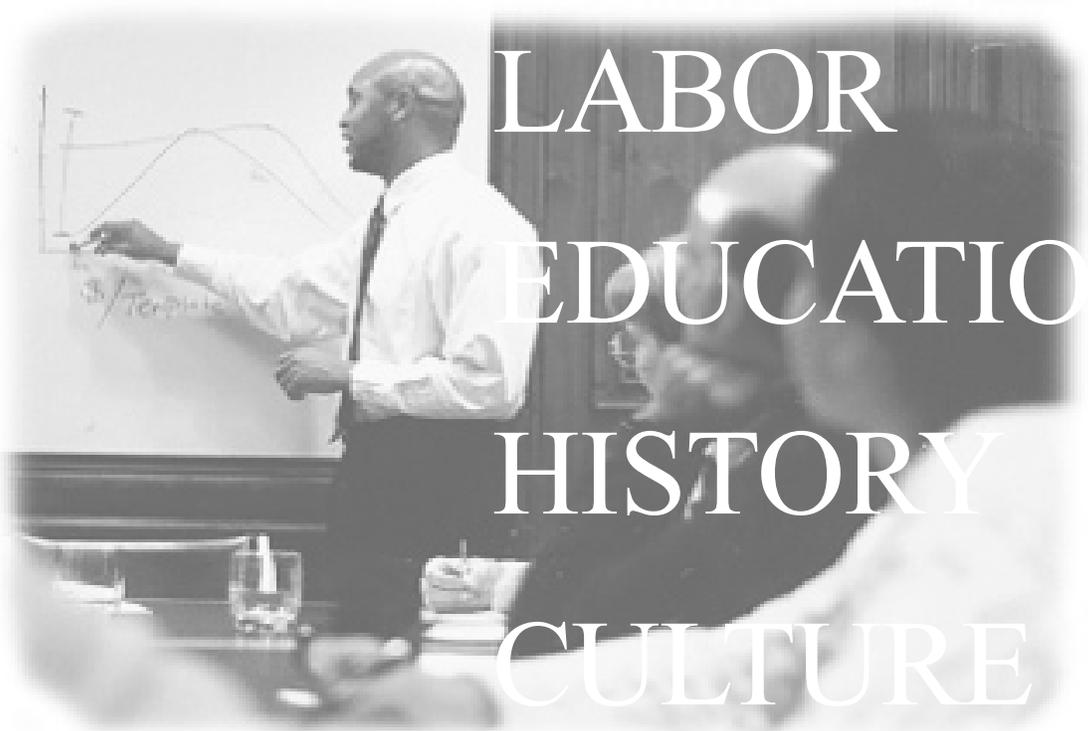




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# Orleans Parish

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## History<sup>1</sup>

New Orleans was founded in 1718 by Jean Baptists Le Moyne, sieur de Bienville, and named for the regent of France, Philippe II, duc d'Orleans. It remained a French colony until 1763, when it was transferred to the Spanish. In 1800, Spain ceded it back to France; in 1803, New Orleans, along with the entire Louisiana Purchase, was sold by Napoleon I to the United States. It was the site of the Battle of New Orleans (1815) in the war of 1812. During the Civil War the city was besieged by Union ships under Adm. David Farragut; it fell on April 25, 1862.

## Culture and Recreation<sup>3</sup>

The Crescent City Area encompasses New Orleans and its sprawling suburban communities. The Crescent City has something for everyone: jazz, outdoor cafes, fine restaurants and museums. There are carriage tours of the French Quarter, streetcar rides in the Garden District and riverfront areas, and riverboat cruises on the Mighty Mississippi. The city also offers boating on Lake Pontchartrain, historic homes and courtyards, and internationally renowned zoo and aquarium, and a variety of night clubs, galleries, wax and art museums, shopping and the excitement of casino gaming. Mardi Gras, the area's most famous festival, brings two weeks of parades and balls in the early spring. The Carnival season is followed by the Jazz & Heritage Festival, the French Quarter Festival and many more! The Superdome holds major sporting events is a frequent host of the Super Bowl.

**Parish Seat<sup>1</sup>** ..... New Orleans<sup>1</sup>

## Major Cities (over 5,000 population)<sup>2</sup>

New Orleans  
1990 ..... 496,938  
1997 (estimate) ..... 472,948

## Parish Population<sup>2</sup>

1990 ..... 496,938  
1997 (estimate) ..... 472,948

## Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)<sup>6</sup>

White ..... 34%  
African American ..... 64%  
Other ..... 3%  
Male ..... 46%  
Female ..... 54%



Population age 0-4 ..... 8%  
 Populations age 65 & over ..... 13%

**Geography and Statistics<sup>2</sup>**

Average elevation ..... -5 to 14 ft.  
 Land area in square miles ..... 180.6  
 Water area in square miles<sup>4</sup> ..... 169.6

**Climate<sup>2</sup>**

Average temperatures  
 Annual ..... 70°  
 January ..... 59°  
 July ..... 83°  
 Annual average rainfall ..... 57.2 in.

**Labor Force (1995)<sup>1</sup>**

Civilian ..... 201,970\*  
 Employed ..... 186,960\*  
 Unemployed ..... 15,000\*  
 Unemployment ..... 7.4%\*

\* 1998 State Profile, Louisiana (Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., Washington, D.C.)

**Agriculture<sup>1</sup>**

N/A

**Colleges/Universities<sup>2</sup>**

(within one hour commute)

*New Orleans*

- Delgado Community College
- Dillard University
- Louisiana State University Medical Center
- Loyola University
- Notre Dame Seminary School of Theology
- Our Lady of Holy Cross College
- Southern University
- Tulane University
- University of New Orleans
- Xavier University

**Public Libraries<sup>5</sup>** ..... 13

Educational Attainment (1990) <sup>7</sup>	
Less than 5th grade	3.5%
High school graduate or higher	68.1%
Some college or higher	44.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.4%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Private Employers</b>	
Schwegmann Bros Giant Supermarket (Groceries)	4,600
Hibernia Corporation (Banking)	3,100
First Commerce Corp. of LA (Banking)	3,026
<b>Public Employers</b>	
Tulane University (Education)	4,400
Tulane University Medical Center (Medical)	2,300
University of New Orleans (Education)	2,072

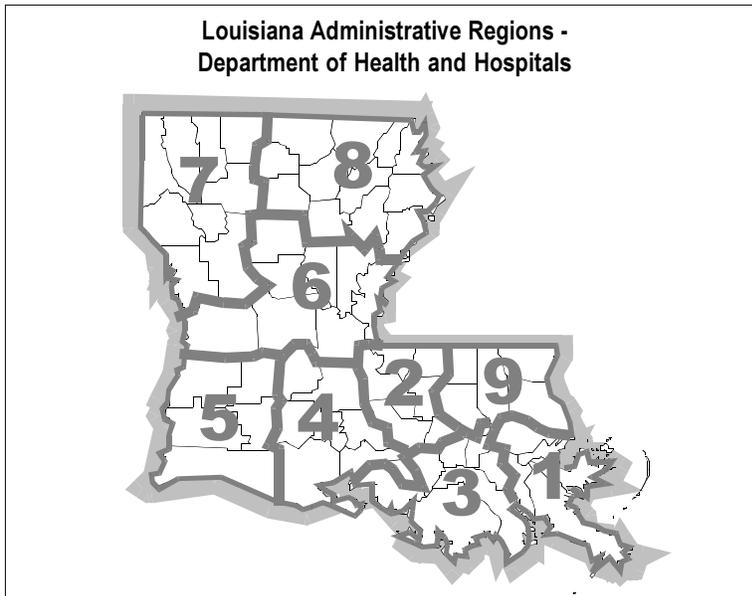
Poverty and Income	
Persons in poverty (1995) <sup>7</sup>	33.6%
Children under age 18 in poverty <sup>7</sup>	51.6%
Per capita income (1996) <sup>8</sup>	\$22,642



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**Region 1**

Jefferson  
Orleans  
Plaquemines  
St. Bernard

**Region 2**

Ascension  
East Baton Rouge  
East Feliciana  
Iberville  
Pointe Coupee  
West Baton Rouge  
West Feliciana

**Region 3**

Assumption  
Lafourche  
St. Charles  
St. James  
St. John  
St. Mary

Terrebonne

**Region 4**

Acadia  
Evangeline  
Iberia  
Lafayette  
St. Landry  
St. Martin  
Vermillion

**Region 5**

Allen  
Beauregard  
Calcasieu  
Cameron  
Jefferson Davis

**Region 6**

Avoyelles  
Catahoula  
Concordia  
Grant  
LaSalle  
Rapides  
Vernon  
Winn

**Region 7**

Bienville  
Bossier  
Caddo  
Claiborne  
DeSoto  
Natchitoches  
Red River  
Sabine  
Webster

**Region 8**

Caldwell  
East Carroll  
Franklin  
Jackson  
Lincoln  
Madison  
Morehouse  
Ouachita  
Richland  
Tensas  
Union  
West Carroll

**Region 9**

Livingston  
St. Helena  
St. Tammany  
Tangipahoa  
Washington