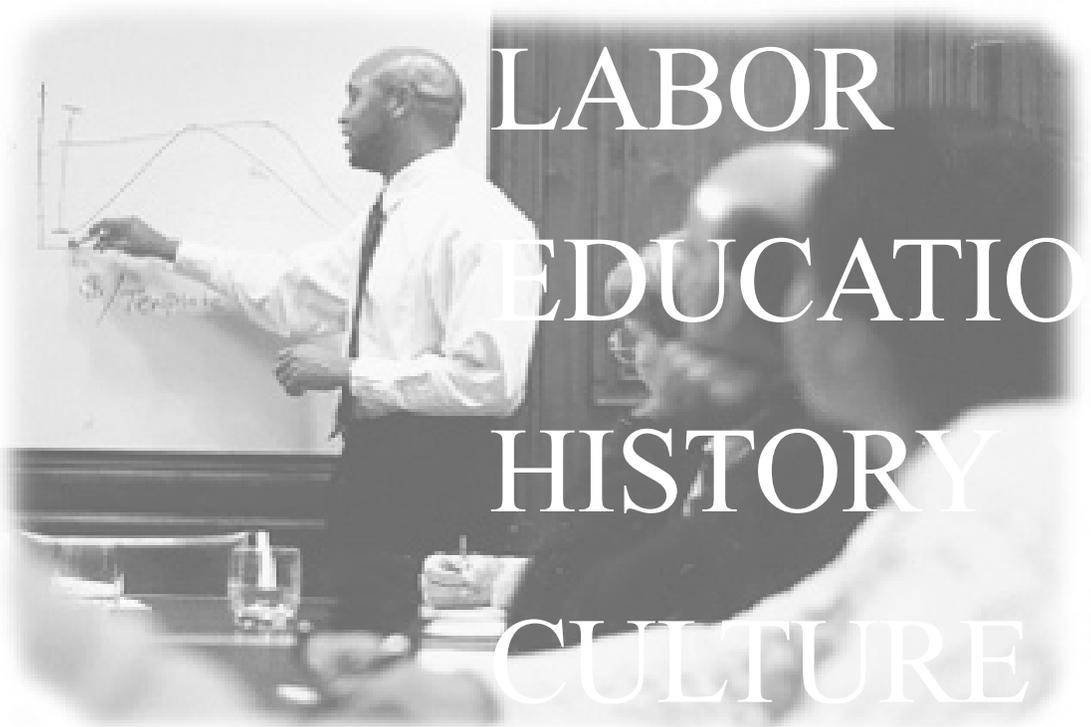




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History¹

Post-Civil War legislation created Grant Parish on March 1, 1869, from the southern part of Winn Parish and the northern part of Rapides. It was named after President Ulysses S. Grant. Colfax, the parish seat, was named after the vice-president. Much of the parish encompasses one of the large divisions of the Kisatchie National Forest, a vast reforestation project.



Culture and Recreation³

Grant Parish is a pleasant change from the rat race in the bit cities. Residents and visitors enjoy the Glen Emery Nature Trail and Stuart Lake, a man-made lake within the Kisatchie National Forest. There are many miles of sparsely populated gravel roads that take you back to a slower-paced time period, and beckon to the horseback enthusiast. There are two festivals, in April and November, one celebrating pecans, the other Mayhaw Jelly, and during the end of March and beginning of April, the dogwoods blooming near Stuart Lake are beautiful. Grant Parish also has one feature that no other Parish in Central Louisiana can boast of: no traffic signals. There are only blinking caution and intersection lights! That's really rural!

Parish Seat¹ Colfax¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²
None

Parish Population²

1990 17,526
1997 (estimate) 18,801

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	84%
African American	16%
Other	1%
Male	48%
Female	52%
Population age 0-4	7%
Population age 65 & Over	14%



Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	100 ft.
Land area in square miles	645.1
Water area in square miles ⁴	19.5

Climate²

Average temperatures	
Annual	68°
January	53°
July	82°
Annual average rainfall	71.2 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	6,860
Employed	6,190
Unemployed	670
Unemployment	9.8%

Agriculture¹

Forestry, soybeans, beef cattle, pasture grass, corn and vegetable farming.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Northwestern State University,
Natchitoches
Louisiana State University, Alexandria
Louisiana College, Pineville

Public Libraries⁵ 1

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	4.2%
High school graduate or higher	62.8%
Some college or higher	26.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.6%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers	
Hunt Plywood (Lumber)	299
Grant Manor Nursing Home (Elderly care)	100
Ditto Apparel of California, Inc. (Jeans)	62
Public Employers	
Grant Parish School Board (Education)	480

Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	21.7%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	31.1%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$13,869



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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
Vermilion

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