

# IBERIA PARISH, LOUISIANA

## *Community Profile*



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# Welcome to Iberia Parish

## Louisiana Positives!

- A total of 148 teachers in Louisiana earned national certification, an advanced teaching credential, in 2010. The state has the 13th-highest number of newly certified teachers in the nation and 16th overall. This growth brings Louisiana's total to 1,681. There are about 8,600 of such teachers in the nation (The Advocate).

- The MPA program at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette made The Princeton Review's "The Best 300 Schools" list (The Advocate).

- For the third year in a row, Southern Business and Development named Louisiana "State of the Year."

- The U.S. Public Interest Research Group ranks LaTrac, the state government's website and online state spending database, as fourth in the nation, giving it a score of "A" for its transparency (The Advocate).

- Louisiana had the second largest increase among all states in the number of raw jobs created the last five years according to American City Business. (CABL).

## Mike Tarantino *Iberia Industrial Development Foundation Executive Director*

If you're looking for the right place to do business, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, and its communities, are too hot to pass up!!! Iberia is THE place to live, work and do business. Whether you're checking out our area as part of a project bid or whether you're looking for the right place to expand or relocate Iberia's got it all! We're located in the center of it all, between Houston and New Orleans along the Louisiana Gulf Coast. We've got premium water, air, rail and road connections that connect you to both national and international markets, and we're sure that you'll find our workforce and pro-business community spirit second to none.



## Romo Romero *Iberia Parish President*

Welcome to Iberia Parish! We're proud of our work-ready community—home of a world class workforce and huge potential for your business! From a great quality of life... to a dynamic and diversified business community, Iberia has it all! The Iberia Parish Government stands ready to assist you in your endeavor, and we're looking forward to your visit to our community soon.



## Roy Pontiff *Port of Iberia Executive Director*

Cajun country is a great place to live, work and play, and the Port of Iberia is right in the heart of all the action! Our area has abundant natural resources, and our people have a strong work ethic. The Port of Iberia is home to over one hundred companies involved in a diversity of industries. Our port has water, rail and four-lane access. A general aviation airport with a fully instrumented 8,000-foot runway is within three miles. We'd love to discuss with you the opportunity of bringing your business to the Port of Iberia.



## Jason Devillier *Iberia Parish Airport Authority Director*

Acadiana Regional Airport stands ready to meet the challenge of air-industrial development needs in Iberia Parish and all of Acadiana. We have over 1,000 acres of industrial land, in parcels from 2 to 200 acres; railroad on-site and extendable; industrial roadways and all utilities are available for immediate development in light, medium or heavy applications. Into that mix of infrastructure, add the all-weather capable airport including Acadiana's longest, strongest, lighted full ILS instrumented, controlled land runway and lighted seaway, and you have the necessary ingredients for successful development or expansion of either a local, regional, national, or international business.



# Market Access by Land

## Miles to:

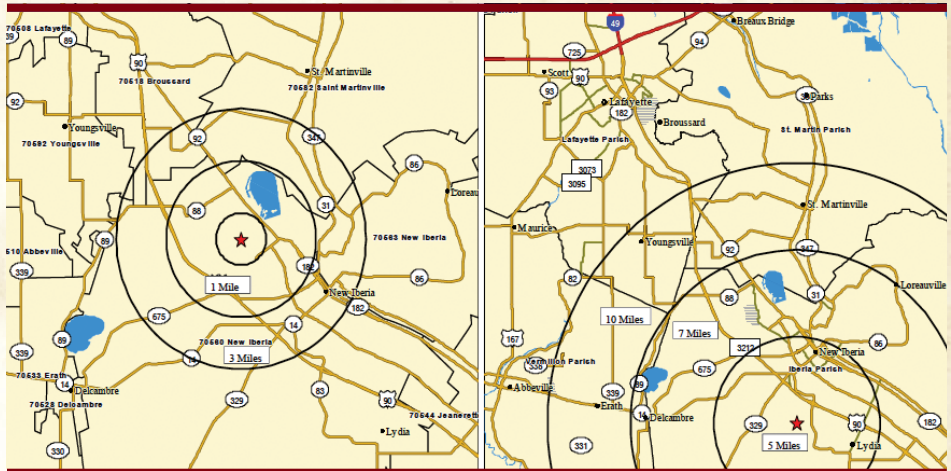
Atlanta, GA	607
Baton Rouge, LA	68
Biloxi, MS	216
Birmingham, AL	440
Dallas, TX	418
Houston, TX	240
Jackson, MS	252
Jacksonville, FL	678
Memphis, TN	465
Mobile, AL	268
New Orleans, LA	146
Oklahoma City, OK	637
San Antonio, TX	416

## Motor Freight:

Iberia Parish is located approximately 16 miles from the intersection of I-10 and I-49. There are an abundant supply of freight carriers including FedEx, UPS, SAIA, Roadway, ABF Freight Systems, American Freightways, Dupre Transport, Yellow Freight Systems, and many others.

## Railways that serve Iberia Parish:

- Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co.
- Louisiana & Delta Railroad, Inc. (L&D)
- Union Pacific
- Amtrak



# General Aviation & Services



## ACADIANA REGIONAL AIRPORT

- Total airport complex over 2,325 acres with 125 acres of industrial park and a planned expansion to include another 200 acres.
- Over 50 industries, 1,750 employees are located and operating at the Acadiana Regional Airport.
- Featuring an 8,002 ft. concrete runway and a 5,000 ft. water runway for amphibious aircraft.
- Direct rail link, serviced by Louisiana Delta Railroad.
- Intermodal – rail to truck off loading facility.
- 100,000 air operations per year.

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### Acadiana Regional Airport

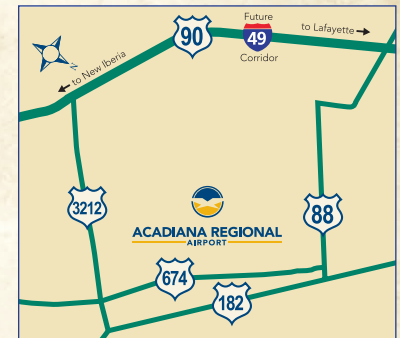
Acadiana Regional Airport is a fully-certificated General Aviation Airport featuring an 8,002-foot long, 200-foot wide lighted concrete runway and fully instrumented airfield, strategically situated between the major markets of Houston and New Orleans. The Airport Industrial Park offers land to expand, with 1,200 acres available for development, including prime runway and taxiway frontage.

Acadiana Regional Airport is home to more than 50 companies and 1750 employees, including the world's largest provider of helicopter services with Air Logistics, a Bristow Company, Aggreko, the global leader in the rental of power, temperature control and oil-free compressed air systems and AvEx, the world's leader in aviation exterior painting.

Located just north of U.S. Highway 90 (the future Interstate 49 corridor) and just south of Louisiana Highway 182, the airport also features direct rail access, a 5,000-foot lighted water runway for amphibious aircraft, and a rail-to-truck offloading facility. And the airport's close proximity to the Port of Iberia and its 13-foot-deep main navigation channel spotlights the intermodal transportation available. By air, water or ground, you can watch your business take off at Acadiana Regional Airport!

### Passenger Air Services

The nearest commercial airport is the Lafayette Regional Airport. Air services are provided by Atlantic Southeast (Delta), Continental Express and Northwest Airlink. Atlantic Southeast has two (2) flights to Atlanta daily, while Continental Express flies to Houston eight (8) times daily. Northwest Airlink has three (3) daily flights to Memphis. The nearest international airport is the New Orleans International Airport, approximately 120 miles from New Iberia.



# Waterways

## **PORT OF IBERIA** The Gulf Coast Cajun Connection

- Main Navigation Channel is 13 ft deep, bottom width is 125 ft. and surface width is 200 ft.
- Over 2,000 acres of land under development
- Over 4,000 acres of undeveloped land available at the Port or adjacent property
- The Port has 25,000 linear feet of bulkheads
- Public docking and stevedoring services available
- Over 100 industries are located and operating at the Port of Iberia

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### **Port of Iberia**

The Port of Iberia is a 2,000 acre industrial and manufacturing site surrounding a man-made port complex. The port has access to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf of Mexico through its own Commercial Canal and has access to the Mississippi River through major ports in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

The Port of Iberia has expanded its waterfront property and has completed new bulkheading and dredging projects. The possibilities are unlimited when you add to this the existing industrial facilities, the constant flow of raw materials, and the multi-million dollar public dock facility.

### **Other Regional Ports**

- Port of Greater Baton Rouge—Located 50 miles West of Lafayette, Channel depth 45 ft. Foreign Trade Zone
- Port of Lake Charles—Located 70 miles West of New Iberia, Channel depth 40 ft. Foreign Trade Zone



# Incentives, Financing & Tax Credits



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## Corporate Jobs Tax Credit

- A one time tax credit ranging from \$100 to \$225 for each net new permanent job
- The credits may be used to satisfy state corporate income tax obligations
- The Program is offered to most industries, however it is not offered in conjunction with the Enterprise Zone program nor the Industrial Tax Exemption Program

## Enterprise Zone

- An advance notification form is required
- Qualifying businesses are eligible for a one-time tax credit of \$2,500 for each net new permanent job created during the first five years of a project
- Workforce must increase by 10% within the first 12 months OR create 5 new jobs within the first 24 months of the project start date
- Tax credit may be used to satisfy state income tax or state franchise tax obligations
- Businesses are also eligible for a rebate of state sales taxes on non-consumable materials used to construct/expand the business and machinery/equipment purchased during the construction period; the machinery must be used exclusively on site, in that specific business operation
- The state sales tax rebate covers only the construction period

## Freeport Law

- Permits most manufacturers to bring raw materials into the state without having to pay a tax on them until after they have been placed in the manufacturing process.
- Cargoes in transit are exempt from taxation as long as they are kept intact within their smallest original shipping container.
- Louisiana ports and distribution facilities are also eligible for Freeport Law exemptions.

## Industrial Property Tax Exemption

- An advance notification form is required
- New and expanding manufacturing operations or expansions are eligible for exemption of property taxes on new construction or additions to existing buildings;

the purchase of permanently fixed equipment and machinery is also included.

- A business can take advantage of this program for a period of 5 years; there is a provision for the granting of a second 5 year exemption.

## Inventory Tax Program

- Businesses will receive state tax credits for local property taxes paid on inventories
- The credits can be used to satisfy state income and corporate franchise taxes

## Quality Jobs Program

- An advanced notification form is required.
- Offers qualifying employers a credit that can be applied toward Louisiana corporation (and personal) income tax and corporate franchise tax liabilities.
- Also eligible for state sales/use tax rebate on materials purchased for new infrastructure
- The amount of the annually refundable credits based on a new benefit rate that can be up to 6% of the employers' gross payroll (annual) for new jobs created.
- Employers with 50 or more employees must create a minimum of 5 new direct jobs and have a minimum of \$500,000 in gross annual payroll for new direct jobs.
- Employers with less than 50 employees must create 5 new direct jobs and have a minimum of \$250,000 in gross annual payroll for new direct jobs within 3 years of the effective date of the contract.

## Deepwater Drilling Rig Repair, Renovation and Conversion Sales Tax Exemption

- Deepwater drilling rigs (for use outside the territorial limits of the state in Outer Continental Shelf waters), are exempt from State and local sales and use taxes during repair, renovation or conversion.
- Sales tax exemption applies to labor, sale of materials, services and supplies used during the period the rig is located at a Louisiana facility located in Iberia Parish for repair, renovation or conversion work.

# Educational Programs



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## Acadiana Technical College Teche Area Campus

- The Acadiana Technical College system delivers instructional programs which provide skilled employees for business and industry that contribute to the overall economic development and workforce needs of the state. The ATC provides individuals with quality and relevant learning opportunities consistent with identified student, business and industry needs within a life-long learning environment.
- Diploma courses offered include carpentry, communications and electronics, electrician, industrial electronics technology, welding, office systems technologies and many others.

## South Louisiana Community College—New Iberia Campus

- SLCC offers associate degrees in a variety of courses including: criminal justice, early childhood education, emergency health science, general business, industrial technology, general studies (in 5 different concentration areas), and liberal arts.
- General courses offered encompass a wide diversity of topics including accounting, communication, economics, finance, microcomputer information systems, political science and many others.

## The University of Louisiana at Lafayette

- Second largest university in Louisiana with an enrollment of over 15,000 students
- Regional and national recognition for excellence in areas such as Computer Science and Environmental Biology.
- Marine Survival Training Center, Primate Center and Center for Advanced Computer Studies.

## Workforce Development and Training Program

- Used to develop and fund customized workforce training programs for a new or expanding business.
- Eligibility: businesses planning to locate a facility in the state, businesses expanding their current operation within the state by adding a new area location and existing Louisiana businesses that have been in operation less than 3 years if all qualifications are met.

## Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

- Can provide reimbursement to the employer of up to 75% of an employee's wages earned during the training period.
- Offers placement assistance to employers with job openings.

# Workforce

## Availability and Cost of Labor

- The Combined Statistical Area that includes Iberia Parish (Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermilion Parishes) offers a large, skilled workforce.
- The chart pictured right provides information illustrating how wages of Iberia Parish workers compare with those of other workers located in other areas of the region.

## Incumbent Worker Training Program

Designed to benefit Louisiana employers by assisting in the skill development of existing employees and providing funding for this training.

## Job Service

- Employment office maintained by the Louisiana Department of Labor
- Houses the largest state database of qualified job seekers; job listings that cannot be filled locally are fed into the database



Occupation	New Iberia	Houston	Atlanta	Jackson	San Antonio
Accountant	\$36,523	\$46,286	\$44,387	\$40,579	\$41,539
Construction Worker	\$29,210	\$35,697	\$34,494	\$31,532	\$32,049
Carpenter	\$26,000	\$33,224	\$32,161	\$29,398	\$29,811
Electrical Engineer	\$57,195	\$69,725	\$67,258	\$62,070	\$63,981
Registered Nurse	\$43,180	\$52,721	\$50,647	\$46,387	\$47,606
Office Manager	\$30,851	\$46,417	\$44,606	\$40,779	\$41,748
Welder	\$28,660	\$34,568	\$33,429	\$30,558	\$31,028
Teacher-Primary	\$27,654	\$43,946	\$42,275	\$38,647	\$39,513
Teacher-Secondary	\$34,285	\$45,811	\$44,034	\$40,256	\$41,200
Sales Rep.	\$39,279	\$48,897	\$46,945	\$42,918	\$43,992

# Business & Utilities

## Electricity

- Providers in Iberia Parish include:
  - Cleco
  - Entergy
  - SLEMCO

## Natural Gas

- Providers in Iberia Parish include:
  - Centerpoint Energy
  - Atmos Energy Louisiana

## Solid Waste Disposal

- Providers in Iberia Parish include:
  - Waste Management, Inc.
  - Allied Waste
  - Gordon's Disposal

## Telecommunications

- Providers of telecommunication and broadband services include:
  - AT&T Mobility
  - Cox Cable TV
  - Eatel
  - Network USA
  - AT&T
  - MCI Worldcomm
  - Sprint
  - Suddenlink

## Water and Wastewater

- Iberia Parish is serviced by Sewer District Number 1. The City of New Iberia owns and operates its own wastewater treatment facility.
- Water service is provided by LAWCO.



## Businesses in Iberia Parish

The Times of Acadiana, a local newspaper, compiles a listing of the top 100 privately held businesses in Acadiana by estimated gross revenues. Below is a listing of Iberia Parish businesses.

2012 Revenue Range	Company Name	Industry
<b>\$150M and above</b>	M.A. Patout & Sons Ltd., Inc.	Manufacturing
	Mclhenny Food Co., Inc.	Manufacturing
<b>\$75M to \$150M</b>	Dynamic Industries	Oil & Gas
<b>\$50M to \$75M</b>	Bayou Companies, LLC	Oil & Gas
	J.P. Thibodeaux	Automotive
	Musson Patout	Automotive
<b>\$25M to \$50M</b>	Cajun Sugar Co-op	Manufacturing
	Food N Fun	Retail Trade
	Land Coast Insulation, Inc.	Service
<b>\$10M to \$25M</b>	Marine Industrial Fabrication, Inc.	Manufacturing
	Sam Broussard Group	Transportation
	Simoneaud Grocery and Market	Retail Trade
	Streva Distributing Co.	Wholesale Trade
	Voorhies Supply, Inc.	Retail Trade

# Quality of Life

## **New Iberia**

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Iberia Parish is located in the middle of a unique cultural region known as Acadiana. The name is derived from the French-Canadian Acadians, who were exiled from their homeland of Nova Scotia in the late 1700's. Iberia Parish also has a rich Spanish heritage, dating from 1779, when a group of about 500 settlers moved from Spain to Louisiana. They made their home along the banks of the Bayou Teche, and founded the city of New Iberia. Five communities are located within the boundaries of Iberia Parish:

### **City of New Iberia**

New Iberia, the seat of Iberia Parish, lies on the banks of Bayou Teche. New Iberia was incorporated in 1836. It is known as the "Queen City of the Teche". A visit to New Iberia rewards you with history and culture, and a feast for the senses, unlike anything you've experienced before.

### **City of Jeanerette**

Jeanerette, known as "Sugar City" derived its name from John W. Jeanerette, a Carolina gentleman who came to the Teche country in 1830. He purchased Pine Grove Plantation, known as Beau Pre, located north of present day Jeanerette. Sugar cane became a key factor in the community's economic growth for the past 200 years. Abundant sugar cane farmland and a sugar mill for processing the crop form the backbone of Jeanerette's local economy. Agricultural machinery manufacturing, fish farming, livestock and oil and gas related industries also call Jeanerette home.

### **Town of Delcambre**

Delcambre is a small seaport, which harvests an abundance of seafood from the Gulf of Mexico. It is the home of the annual Shrimp Festival. Rich farms nearby, cattle herds and a growing community help make Delcambre one of the most promising of Louisiana towns along the Gulf Coast

### **Village of Loreauville**

Loreauville was first known as Picotville. In the 1840's it was renamed for Ozaire Loreau. Loreauville was incorporated in 1909, with a population of 291 people. The area has grown much since then, with the area that lines the Bayou Teche becoming home to several ship building firms that build boats from small pleasure crafts to large crewboats used in the support of the oil and gas industry.

### **Community of Lydia**

In 1869 Hypolite Patout, Jr. purchased 7200 acres for growing sugar cane, raising cattle and lumber production. He named his plantation for his eldest daughter, Lydia. The community that grew up around his plantation adopted the name Lydia. Lydia is the gateway to Cypremort Point, Vermilion Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

# Quality of Life

## ATTRACTIONS

### Avery Island

Avery Island is the home of world-famous TABASCO® brand pepper sauce. Tour the TABASCO® factory, shop in their country store, or visit the beautiful Jungle Gardens located on Avery Island.

### Rip Van Winkle Gardens

Located on beautiful Jefferson Island, visit the historic home of the actor Joseph Jefferson, best known for his portrayal of the character of Rip Van Winkle. Built in 1870 as a retreat for Jefferson from his grueling acting schedule, the gardens and home provide a peaceful respite from the hustle and bustle of modern-day life.

### Shadows on the Teche

The only National Trust historic home and garden in Louisiana, this elegantly restored 1834 sugar plantation home on Bayou Teche is one of the most famous antebellum homes in the South.

### KONRIKO Company Store Conrad Rice Mill

Visit the oldest operating rice mill in the United States. Tour the mill, and visit their company store that features KONRIKO products as well as a large selection of locally produced foods, arts and crafts



## Arts, Entertainment and Leisure

There's always something interesting, fun or exciting going on in Iberia Parish. We love sharing our sense of community with our friends and neighbors, so local fairs and festivals abound. Our close proximity to the Gulf of Mexico makes saltwater fishing a popular pastime, and freshwater sport opportunities can be found in abundance due to our numerous bayous, lakes and of course, the Atchafalaya Basin.



### • Annual Events and Festivals

Mardi Gras Parades (February/March, Sugar Cane Festival (September), World Championship Gumbo Cook-off (October), Big Eight Trail Ride (May), Bunk Johnson Festival (May), Delcambre Shrimp Festival (August), Lydia Cajun Food Festival (September), Jambalaya Fete (October), Cajun Hot Sauce Festival (March/April)

### • Monthly/Quarterly Events

Downtown New Iberia Art Walk, The Farmer's Market, "Alive After Five" live music in Boulogny Plaza, IPAL musical or theatrical productions, SugArena livestock events.

### • Miscellaneous Events

Saltwater fishing rodeos, freshwater fishing tournaments, special events at the Acadiana Regional Airport, motorcycle rallies, Music in the Park, Civil War Encampments, numerous parades and commemorative services.

**Visit the Iberia Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau's website at [www.iberiatravel.com](http://www.iberiatravel.com) to learn more about planning your visit to Iberia Parish.**

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## Climate

- Subtropical climate with an average rainfall of 60 inches
- Temperatures range from an average of 53 degrees in January to 81 degrees in July
- Average of 214 days of sunshine per year
- Snowfall is practically a historic event!

## Hotels, Motels, Bed & Breakfasts

- 10 hotels and motels are located in Iberia Parish, including Best Western, Holiday Inn Express, Comfort Suites, Days Inn and Candlewood Suites.
- There are four campgrounds and 8 bed & breakfasts in Iberia Parish.
- The Iberia Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau can provide more detailed information on the facilities available. Find them on the web at [www.iberiatravel.com](http://www.iberiatravel.com).

## Media

- There is one daily newspaper that is based in Iberia Parish—The Daily Iberian. One monthly free publication is published—Acadiana Lifestyle.
- Two local outdoor billboard companies—Great Outdoor Advertising and Superior Outdoor.
- Regional papers that cover the area daily are The Advertiser (Lafayette), and The Advocate (Baton Rouge).

## Education

The Iberia Parish Public School System operates 32 schools with a total attendance of 14,142 students in grades PK-12. There are 7 private schools located in Iberia Parish.

## Healthcare

There are two hospitals located in Iberia Parish; Dauterive Hospital and Iberia Medical Center.

Dauterive is a progressive 103-bed acute care facility located at 600 N. Lewis Street. Comprehensive services include The Rehabilitation Center, state-of-the-art cath lab and cardiovascular center, The BirthPlace obstetrical services, emergency department, surgical services, Pathways psychiatric unit and outpatient services.

With 130 beds and a staff of more than 500 health care professionals and over 140 physicians, Iberia Medical Center has grown to become a comprehensive health care provider that offers high quality care for almost any health need.

Other Medical Services include numerous clinics, nursing homes and a rehabilitation hospital that serves the medical needs of Iberia Parish residents. Acadian Ambulance provides emergency medical and transportation services to Iberia Parish.

## Recreation

There is abundant recreation activities in Iberia Parish. The city and parish both operate numerous public park facilities that include tennis courts, swimming pools, basketball courts, walking tracks and softball fields. A skateboard facility is located in New Iberia's City Park. A bowling alley, health clubs and movie theatres can also be found.

If the outdoors is more your style, this area has every sort of outdoor recreation imaginable. Golfing, fishing, hunting, water-skiing, boating, off-road motorcycling and ATV trails and camping facilities can be found in abundance.