

## Louisiana

### BASIC INFORMATION

2010 Census Population:	4,533,372 (25 <sup>th</sup> )
Land Area:	43,203.9 square miles (33 <sup>rd</sup> )
Density:	104.9 persons per square mile (24 <sup>th</sup> )
Capital:	Baton Rouge
Became a State:	April 30, 1812 (18 <sup>th</sup> )
Bordering States:	Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas
Abbreviation:	LA
ANSI/FIPS Code:	22

### HISTORY

The United States acquired the area of Louisiana from France in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase, although the area east of the Mississippi River and north of Lake Pontchartrain and the southwestern boundary were disputed with Spain until 1812. Orleans Territory, which included the greater part of Louisiana, was organized on March 26, 1804. (The Louisiana Territory, organized on March 3, 1805, did not include any of the present-day state of Louisiana; the Louisiana Territory was the portion of the Louisiana Purchase that was north of the 33<sup>rd</sup> parallel, which is the current northern boundary of the state of Louisiana.) Louisiana was admitted to the Union on April 30, 1812, as the 18<sup>th</sup> state, with generally the same boundary as the present state.

Census data for Louisiana are available beginning with the 1810 census. The 1810 population is for Orleans Territory, which conformed to the present-day state boundary.

Data for the legally established state of Louisiana are available beginning with the 1820 census.

### AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS

Louisiana has four federally-recognized American Indian reservations, two with off-reservation trust land. There are also five state designated tribal statistical areas (SDTSAs).

### METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS

Louisiana has 8 metropolitan statistical, 17 micropolitan statistical areas, and 7 combined statistical areas.

### COUNTIES

There are 64 county equivalents in Louisiana known as parishes. Four parishes are not considered to be functioning governmental units because they have consolidated their functions with an incorporated place. East Baton Rouge Parish and Baton Rouge city are partially consolidated governmentally at the parish level. Baton Rouge city retains separate boundaries and some municipal functions. Lafayette Parish and Lafayette city are partially consolidated governmentally at the parish level. Lafayette city maintains separate boundaries and some municipal functions. Orleans Parish and New Orleans city are governmentally consolidated at the city level. Terrebonne Parish and Houma city are governmentally consolidated at the parish level but are not coextensive. Houma city is a nonfunctioning geographic entity with separate boundaries within the consolidated government. The governing body of each parish is the police jury, except for Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes which each have parish councils.

**COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS**

There are 579 county subdivisions in Louisiana known as minor civil divisions (MCDs). There are 578 parish governing authority districts, which are nongovernmental, nonfunctioning subdivisions of the parish used for conducting elections. New Orleans city is independent of any MCD and serves as an MCD equivalent.

**PLACES**

There are 473 places in Louisiana; 304 incorporated places and 169 census designated places (CDPs). The incorporated places consist of 69 cities, 128 towns, and 107 villages. Houma city, though a legal entity, does not have a functioning government. The minimum population threshold for incorporation in Louisiana is 300. Villages have a population of up to 999, towns have a population of between 1,000 and 4,999, and cities have a minimum population of 5,000.

**CENSUS TRACTS/BLOCK GROUPS/BLOCKS**

There are 1,148 census tracts, 3,471 block groups, and 204,447 census blocks in Louisiana.

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

For the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress (January 2009-January 2011), Louisiana had seven congressional districts. For the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (January 2013-January 2015), Louisiana has six congressional districts as a result of reapportionment based on the 2010 Census.

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Louisiana has 69 unified school districts.

**STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

There are 39 state senate districts and 105 state house districts in Louisiana. In addition, there is one state house district and one state senate district not defined which encompasses water area.

**URBAN AREAS**

Louisiana has 75 urban areas; 11 urbanized areas and 64 urban clusters.

**ZIP CODE TABULATION AREAS**

There are 516 ZIP Code tabulation areas (ZCTAs) in Louisiana.

**HISTORICAL CENTERS OF POPULATION**

[http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/centersofpop/histstate/historical\\_cenpop\\_22.html](http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/centersofpop/histstate/historical_cenpop_22.html)

Year	North Latitude	West Longitude
2010 <sup>6</sup>	30° 43' 22"	91° 30' 32"
2000 <sup>6</sup>	30° 41' 57"	91° 27' 26"
1990 <sup>5</sup>	30° 42' 33"	91° 27' 53"
1980 <sup>4</sup>	30° 43' 04"	91° 27' 56"
1970 <sup>3</sup>	30° 43' 44"	91° 28' 41"

Year	North Latitude	West Longitude
1960 <sup>3</sup>	30° 46' 43"	91° 31' 20"
1950 <sup>3</sup>	30° 48' 23"	91° 34' 05"
1940 <sup>2</sup>	30° 55' 13"	91° 34' 38"
1930 <sup>2</sup>	30° 55' 40"	91° 33' 50"
1920 <sup>1</sup>	30° 51' 28"	91° 36' 40"
1910 <sup>1</sup>	30° 48' 47"	91° 33' 50"
1900 <sup>1</sup>	30° 48' 56"	91° 31' 46"
1890 <sup>1</sup>	30° 50' 40"	91° 29' 24"
1880 <sup>1</sup>	30° 49' 29"	91° 21' 08"

<sup>1</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1923

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, recomputation for historical county level data which relied upon aggregate county level population data with an estimated county centroid resulting in a possible error of up to one mile.

<sup>3</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Centers of Population for States and Counties, 1974

<sup>4</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group/enumeration area data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.

<sup>5</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.

<sup>6</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, computation from national block-level data

**MOST POPULOUS, LARGEST IN AREA, AND MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS**

	Population		Land Area (square miles)		Population Density (Persons per square mile)	
	Name	Population	Name	Area	Name	Density
<b>County</b>	East Baton Rouge Parish	440,171	Vernon Parish	1,327.91	Orleans Parish	2,029.4
<b>Place</b>						
<b>- Inc Place</b>	New Orleans city	343,829	New Orleans city	169.42	Harahan city	4,613.9
<b>- CDP</b>	Metairie CDP	138,481	Chackbay CDP	28.52	Timberlane CDP	6,840.3

## **LISTS OF ENTITIES**

See the [Gazetteer Files](#) for a list of geographic entities. See the [Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas](#) page for a list of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas and related statistical areas.