



# St. Bernard Parish

## Life in St. Bernard Parish

St. Bernard Parish is located on the East Bank of the Mississippi River, less than five miles from downtown and even closer to the popular French Quarter, Bywater, and Marigny neighborhoods.

The parish is home to established logistics, oil and gas, maritime, and commercial seafood industries, along with growth in film, digital media, arts and culture, and environmental rehabilitation. St. Bernard Parish offers affordable homeownership opportunities in areas that include two cities, Arabi and Meraux, that each rank in the top 10 fastest-growing suburbs for young families in Southeast Louisiana. Arabi, for example, boasts a burgeoning arts scene with new amenities like the Zeitgeist Theater, Studio Inferno and new bars and restaurants.

## Educational Opportunities

St. Bernard Parish Public Schools are recognized as being part of a top-performing school district for both student achievement and teacher effectiveness and was recognized by AdvancED, a national third-party accreditation firm, for being “among the best districts in the nation.”

St. Bernard students consistently rank in the top 10 throughout the state on end of course exams. As the parish’s distinguished public high school, Chalmette High serves over 1,800 students and this past year, graduating seniors earned over \$12 million in scholarships, and 75% earned an Industry Based Certificate.

In addition to having a nationally recognized public school system, St. Bernard Parish is home to Nunez Community College, which offers more than 30 academic and technical programs heavily guided by business and industry leaders.

## Stats & Demographics

**Population**  
**46,721**

**Median Age**  
**33.6**

**Number of Business Establishments**  
**801**

**Median Household Income**  
**\$45,265**

**Housing Units**  
**16,925**

**Gross Median Rent**  
**\$875**

**Size of Labor Force**  
**19,523**

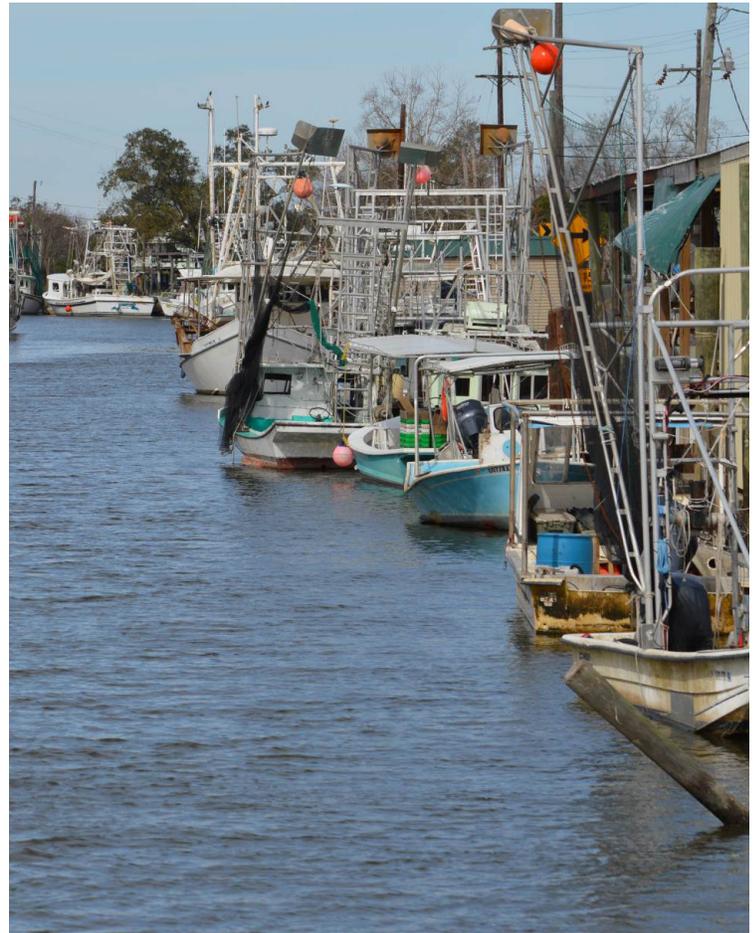
**Estimated Median House or Condo Value**  
**\$139,200**

## Parks & Recreation

St. Bernard Parish has a diverse landscape perfect for eco-tourists, sportsmen, birders, and nature enthusiasts looking to experience the finest of the outdoors. St. Bernard Parish was proclaimed a "World Class Fishing Destination" by Saltwater Fishing magazine and has a network of sports facilities and playgrounds located in neighborhoods across the Parish.

This area is home to the state-certified, Old Arabi Cultural Arts District comprising private artist studios, antique shops, art galleries, and a black box theater. Old Arabi also is a certified historic district lined with 19th and 20th century Spanish colonial homes, retaining the distinct streetscape which sets the New Orleans region apart from any other American metropolitan community.

St. Bernard Parish also has an active and engaged, family-oriented community that offers accessible activities, events, and festivals including the Crawfish Festival, the Bayou Road Balloon Festival, Blues, Brews, and BBQ, Sugar Fest, Los Islenos Fiesta, Tomato Festival, Tour Da Parish, Irish, Italian, Islenos Parade, and the Battle of New Orleans Commemoration and Reenactment. St. Bernard Parish is experiencing a retail and shopping renaissance with substantial growth and redevelopment of retail shopping centers in Chalmette, Arabi, and Meraux over the past 5 years.



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