



Washington Parish

Life in Washington Parish

Washington Parish is located approximately 65 miles north of New Orleans, and is known for its family focus and inviting atmosphere. Its peaceful, central location, along with an affordable cost of living, make Washington Parish a great place to live.

Washington Parish's economy is dominated by the manufacturing, healthcare, retail trade, and services sectors. Several business and tax initiatives have been created to further spur investment. Washington Parish has rail access and locations on major highways with easy access to Interstate Highways 55, 59, 10, and 12.

Educational Opportunities

Washington Parish is home to two public school systems, a charter school, and three private schools. These schools offer a quality education from Pre-K to 12th grade. The high schools offer college preparatory classes as well as programs designed to prepare students for the workforce.

Northshore Technical Community College provides technical and academic program offerings, including career training and academic transfer opportunities in health sciences, industrial technology, business services, computer technology, and general education. Critical partnerships with business and industry provide direct job placement opportunities for graduates in all fields.

The Workforce Development Division provides various training ventures for our campuses and business and industry stakeholders.

Stats & Demographics

Population
46,582

Median Age
39.9

**Number of
Business
Establishments**
794

**Median
Household
Income**
\$32,962

Housing Units
21,468

**Gross Median
Rent**
\$582

**Size of Labor
Force**
16,589

**Estimated
Median House or
Condo Value**
\$84,600

Parks & Recreation

At Bogue Chitto State Park, visitors will experience a diversity of natural habitats on one of the most dynamic and scenic river systems in Louisiana. The 1,786-acre site includes small streams, cypress tupelo swamps, a hardwood forest, upland forests, and a rolling landscape. Overnight visitors will find accommodations from tent camping to RV camping to cabins overlooking the bluffs. For larger groups and family reunions, the park offers a group camp and a conference room.

Fourteen miles of equestrian trails wind through some of the most interesting topography of southern Louisiana, with the trailhead located near Fricke's Cave. A day trip to Bogue Chitto State Park will be a full one, with a river perfect for canoeing or kayaking, 11 lakes stocked with a variety of freshwater fish, a water playground, numerous picnic pavilions, and an outdoor classroom.

Washington Parish Free Fair

The second oldest parish fair in Louisiana, also believed to be the largest free county/parish fair in the USA, occurs annually during the month of October in Franklinton.



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