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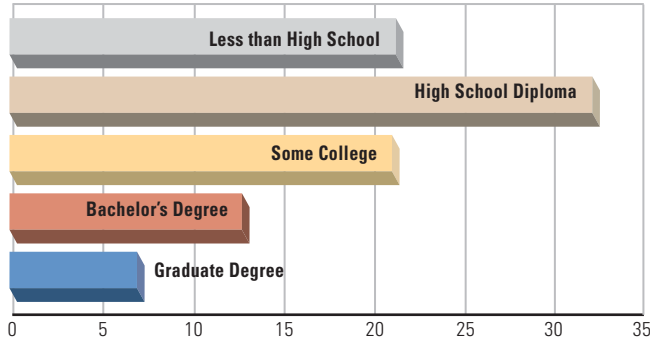
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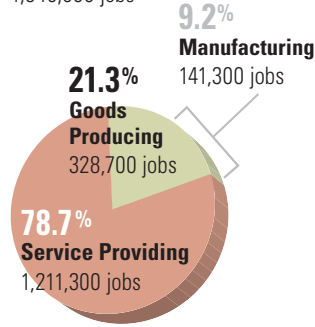
Population 2009: 4,350,727 **Population growth forecast 2009-2013:** 5.15% **Median household income:** \$42,438

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment

1,540,000 jobs



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **52,400**

Percent of Total State Employment: **3.3**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$15.96**

Right-to-work state? **YES**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: Louisiana Workforce Commission **\$11.1 million**

Did You Know?

- Louisiana is among the 10 fastest-growing states for high-tech employment, according to Tech America's 12th annual Cyberstates report. The report shows Louisiana gained 4,349 high-tech jobs, an 11.3-percent gain, between 2002 and 2007.
- In April 2009, Forbes ranked the nation's top 10 mid-sized cities for jobs. Three Louisiana cities made the list: Lafayette was No. 3, Baton Rouge was No. 7 and Shreveport-Bossier City was No. 8.
- Louisiana ranked only behind California and New York in filmmaking in 2008.



Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2009

Company	City	County	Type	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
ExxonMobil Refining & Supply	Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge	MF	E	Diesel	\$500	
SNF Holding Co./ SNF Floerger	Iberville	Iberville	MF	N	Specialty Chemicals	362	500
INCA Refining LLC	Saint James	Saint James	MF	N	Oil refinery	300	100
Bobcat Gas Storage/ Haddington Energy Partners III LP/ GE Energy	Port Barre	St. Landry	MF	N	Natural Gas	300	14
Petroplex Internat'l St. James	Vacherie	Saint James	MF	N	Petroleum Phase 1	300	50
Sempra Energy/ Liberty Gas Storage	Hackberry	Cameron	DW	E	Liquefied petroleum gas	250	
ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston	Delhi	Richland	MF	N	Frozen Sweet Potato Products (Phases 1 & 2)	211	500
V Vehicle Co.	Monroe	Ouachita	MF	N	Automobiles	100	1400

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse N = New E = Expanded

Legislative Update

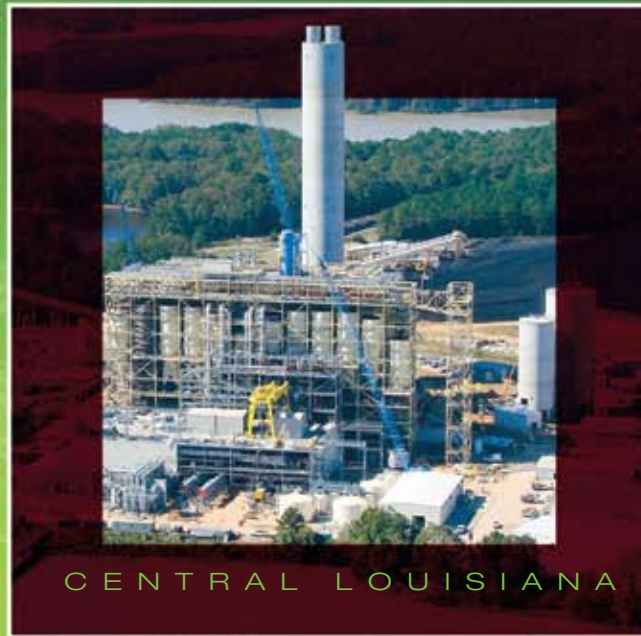
- A Bill was passed providing a 5-percent refundable tax credit for capital investment expenditures to modernize an existing facility in its product lines, unit, or entire operations to increase efficiency and productivity by more than 10 percent. It can allow the credit if the Louisiana facility is at imminent threat of closure and consolidation with another facility in another U.S. state or country and is in competition for expenditures within

the company's portfolio of plants. It requires a minimum of \$5 million for capital investment per project, and credits would be taken over a five-year period. The Louisiana Department of Economic Development must approve applications for the program. Credits can be earned and taken in the year that the project is placed in service only after the LED provides a tax credit certificate.



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