

**Geographic Characteristics**

State land area (sq. mi): 43,562	% of U.S.: 1.23
Coastline (mi): 397	Shoreline (mi): 7,721
County equivalents: 64	Coastal: 38 Marine: 11

**2000 Sex by Age: State of Louisiana and Average of Selected Fishing Communities**

	Total	M	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 to 74	75 to 84	85 and over
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<b>Louisiana</b>	4,468,976	48.4%	7.1%	15.3%	15.5%	13.5%	15.5%	13.1%	8.5%	6.3%	3.9%	1.3%
Fishing Communities	27,188	50.6%	7.1%	15.8%	14.7%	11.7%	15.0%	13.5%	10.0%	7.2%	3.8%	1.2%
		49.4%										

**2000 Race and Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity: Louisiana and Average of Selected Fishing Communities**

	Total Population	Race							Ethnicity
		White	Black or African American	American Indian and Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races	% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
<b>Louisiana</b>	4,468,976	63.9%	32.5%	0.6%	1.2%	0.0%	0.7%	1.1%	2.4%
Fishing Communities	27,188	80.4%	10.0%	6.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.5%	1.3%	2.5%

**2000 Demographic Attributes: Selected Fishing Communities compared to State Total**

Fishing Communities	Total Population	Median Household Income	% Family Households below Poverty Level	% Persons over 16 in Labor Force	Median Educational Attainment	% ≥5 yrs Speak Language other than English at Home
<b>Louisiana</b>	4,468,976	\$32,566	15.8%	59.4%	Some college	9.2%
Abbeville	11,887	\$19,714	33.3%	50.9%	HS graduate	24.3%
Boothville <sup>1</sup>	291	\$49,375	11.9%	51.4%	HS graduate	10.0%
Chauvin	3,229	\$25,922	17.1%	44.7%	HS graduate	33.9%
Dulac	2,458	\$22,900	27.8%	44.9%	HS graduate	37.4%
Empire	2,211	\$27,208	24.1%	54.6%	HS graduate	9.7%
Golden Meadow	2,193	\$28,690	15.4%	50.1%	HS graduate	40.0%
Grand Isle	1,541	\$33,548	9.1%	57.8%	HS graduate	18.4%
Lafitte	1,576	\$33,872	14.4%	53.9%	HS graduate	7.6%
St. Bernard <sup>2</sup>	1,342	\$23,566	30.0%	36.9%	HS graduate	NA <sup>3</sup>
Venice <sup>4</sup>	460	\$30,000	22.2%	42.7%	Some HS	9.5%

**Indicators for Growth, Marine Health, and Population Well-being in Louisiana**

Indicator	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Population <sup>5</sup>	4,351,390	4,362,758	4,372,035	4,468,976	4,463,421	4,470,543	4,480,925	4,495,706	4,507,331	4,287,768
Building Permits	15,144	16,483	17,836	14,720	15,653	18,425	22,220	22,989	22,811	28,671
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.3	4.7	4.9	5.4	5.9	6.2	5.5	6.7	4.0
Disaster Declarations	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	3	1
Emergency Declarations	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	0

<sup>1</sup>Census data for Boothville was identified as zip code tabulation area 70038.<sup>2</sup>Census data for St. Bernard was identified as Block Group 1, Census Tract 301.01 in St. Bernard Parish.<sup>3</sup>NA = data not available.<sup>4</sup>Census data for Venice was identified as zip code tabulation area 70091.<sup>5</sup>Estimated population for all years except 2000; actual count was available for this year.