



Jefferson Parish is located adjacent to and west of the city of New Orleans.

ABOUT JEFFERSON PARISH

Located immediately west of the city of New Orleans, **Jefferson Parish** — a parish in Louisiana is similar to a county in other states — is an entity in its own right.

Louisiana's second most populous parish, with more than 452,820 residents in a metro area of almost 1.3 million, Jefferson is also the state's largest parish in terms of land area. A 2-1/2 hour drive is required to cover the distance from the parish's northern boundary, Lake Pontchartrain, to its southernmost town, Grand Isle, located on the Gulf of Mexico.

The Mississippi River, from which much of the area's commercial success originates, runs through the parish and separates the area into two regions known as the **east** and **west banks**.

Six incorporated cities lie within the parish. The cities of **Kenner** and **Harahan** are situated on the eastbank, while **Gretna**, **Westwego**, **Lafitte** and **Grand Isle** are located on the westbank. In addition, there are the unincorporated areas of **Metairie**, **Jefferson**, **Elmwood** and **River Ridge** on the eastbank, and **Avondale**, **Barataria**, **Bridge City**, **Harvey**, **Marrero**, **Terrytown**, **Waggaman**, **Estelle**, **Timberlane**, and **Woodmere** on the westbank.

In 1825 the parish was named after America's third president and author of the Declaration of Independence, **Thomas Jefferson**, to commemorate his role in the **Louisiana Purchase**.



Jefferson Parish was one of the communities celebrating the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase. In 1803, Thomas Jefferson purchased massive amounts of land for America from France's Napoleon.

Not only Louisiana, but all or part of 16 other states became American property as a result of the 1803 purchase of real estate from French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte.

Jefferson Parish joined with New Orleans and the state of Louisiana in the 2003 bicentennial celebration of this historic and momentous land deal.

For further information on the history of Jefferson Parish, visit the Web site of the **Jefferson Historical Society of Louisiana**, located at www.jeffersonhistoricalsociety.com.

TRANSPORTATION

Many travelers reach our area by flying into the **Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport**, located in the city of Kenner in Jefferson Parish.

Interstate 10 is the main thoroughfare through the parish's eastbank region. **Highway 90**, part of which is called the **Westbank Expressway**, is the major transportation artery on the westbank.

Stretching across the Mississippi River and connecting the area's east and west banks are the **Crescent City Connection** and **Huey P. Long** bridges.

Jefferson Parish maintains its own bus system along most of the major roadways throughout the parish. For further information about our bus routes, contact 504-818-1077 on the eastbank and 504-367-7433 on the westbank.

Jefferson Parish is located on the southern shore of the the 630-square-mile Lake Pontchartrain. It is connected to St. Tammany Parish (called the northshore) by the 24-mile **Lake Pontchartrain Causeway**, the longest bridge in the world.

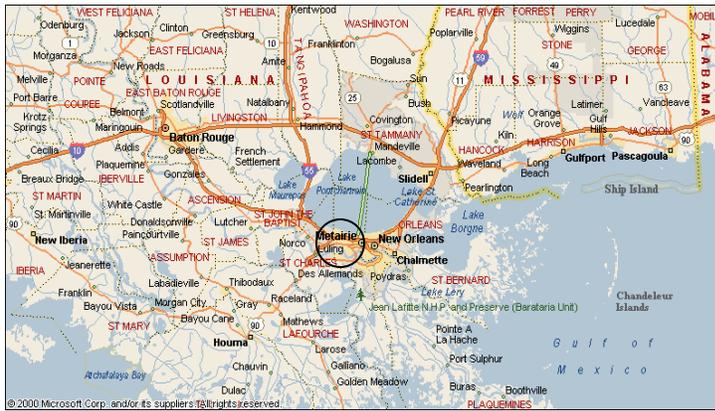
Many industries make use of the diverse transportation and shipping opportunities available in Jefferson Parish, which include large port operations on the Mississippi River and direct service from all major railroads.



Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport is located in Jefferson Parish.



The 24-mile long Lake Pontchartrain Causeway, the longest bridge in the world, connects Jefferson Parish with an area known as the northshore



Metairie, situated immediately west of New Orleans, is part of Jefferson Parish.

EDUCATION

Jefferson Parish is near a heavy concentration of some of the finest nationally-recognized institutes of higher learning, including universities, colleges and technical schools. Most are within 15 miles of the parish. These include:

Universities/Colleges

Concordia University

Dillard University

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Ctr.

Loyola University

Our Lady of Holy Cross College

Southeastern Louisiana University

Southern University at New Orleans

Tulane University

University of New Orleans

University of Phoenix

Xavier University of Louisiana

Contact Number

504-828-3802

504-283-8822

504-568-4808

504-865-2011

504-394-7744

985-549-2000

504-286-5000

504-865-5000

504-280-6000

504-461-8852

504-486-7411

Community & Technical Colleges

Bryman College

Delgado Community College

Eastern College of Health Vocations

Herzing College

ITT Technical Institute

Louisiana Technical College

Jefferson campus

West Jefferson campus

Nunez Community College

Contact Number

504-733-7117

504-483-4114

504-885-3353

504-733-0074

504-463-0338

504-736-7072

504-361-6464

504-680-2240

A mixture of public, private and independent schools offer elementary and secondary educational opportunities. For additional details, please contact the following:

HEALTH CARE

Jefferson Parish provides exceptional health care and boasts medical research institutions that are recognized for cancer and heart research around the world. Numerous medical facilities and hospitals — two of which are nationally recognized — are located in the parish.

Medical Facility	# of Beds	Contact Number
East Jefferson General Hospital	448	504-454-5000
Kenner Regional Medical Center	203	504-468-8600
Tulane - Lakeside Hospital	102	504-780-8282
Meadowcrest Hospital	203	504-392-3131
Ochsner Clinic Foundation*	478	504-842-4000
Omega Hospital, LLC (specialty)	10	504-832-4200
River Oaks Hospital	126	504-734-1740
(Mental health & addictive disorders)		
West Jefferson Medical Center*	462	504-347-5511

* Nationally recognized by U.S. News & World Report

SHOPPING

Jefferson Parish is known throughout the New Orleans region as a shopping haven. A mixture of large shopping malls, specialty boutiques and discount retailers combine to attract shoppers from several surrounding parishes.

Residents can find a variety of national chain stores including **Barnes & Noble Booksellers**, **Lowes Home Improvement**, **Linens -N- Things**, **Pier 1 Imports** and **Stein Mart**.



Jefferson Parish is known in the area as a shopping haven.

The area's larger shopping centers are listed below:

Oakwood Shopping Center (undergoing renovations)

More than 100 stores including Dillard's, JC Penney,
Marshalls & Sears
197 Westbank Expressway in Gretna (westbank)
504-362-1900

Clearview Mall

Target, Sears, theatres, restaurants, additional stores
4436 Veterans Memorial Blvd. in Metairie (eastbank)
504-885-0202

The Esplanade

130 stores including Dillard's & Macy's
1401 West Esplanade Ave. in Kenner (eastbank)
504-465-2161

Lakeside Shopping Center

Over 140 stores including Dillard's, JC Penney,
Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware & Williams-Sonoma
3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd. in Metairie (eastbank)
504-835-8000

EVENTS, ARTS & CULTURE

If you enjoy the arts and culture, love attending special events, and always like having something to do, then you've chosen the right community in which to live.

Jefferson Parish abounds with festivals and parades, recreational possibilities and plenty of opportunities for fun.

Mardi Gras colors of green, purple and gold decorate the town during the weeks preceding this yearly celebration, which occurs on varying dates in February or March.

During this festive time numerous family-oriented parades "roll," featuring decorative floats, costumed participants and free giveaways (beads, cups, colorful souvenir coins, stuffed animals and more) tossed to eager crowds that line the Jefferson Parish parade routes.

The **Jefferson Performing Arts Society** works to bring arts and culture to our parish. They have also been successful in promoting the establishment of an arts center for Jefferson Parish, which will soon break ground in LaSalle Park. For further information, visit the organization's Web site at www.jpas.org.



Jefferson Parish hosts family-oriented Mardi Gras festivities.



For details on area events and attractions, visit the

Jefferson Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau

on the Web at

www.neworleansgateway.com



Performances and exhibits are also held at two Jefferson Parish auditoriums, the **Pontchartrain Center** on the eastbank and the **Alario Center** on the westbank.

Like sports? Take in a baseball game at **Zephyr Field**. The **Zephyrs** team is the AAA-affiliate of the Houston Astros. You can also watch the **New Orleans Saints** football team practice at their complex located adjacent to the baseball field in Jefferson Parish.

And you might want to cheer our area's professional basketball team, the **New Orleans Hornets**, on to victory.

If golf is your passion, there are plenty of public and private courses in the area. Additionally, the **PGA Tour** visits the area annually and a PGA golf course is under construction on the westbank.

If indoor activities are more your style, you may enjoy the games of chance at the **Treasure Chest Casino** (on the eastbank in Kenner) and **Boomtown Casino Westbank**. Both offer deluxe buffets, concerts and other entertainment, and special promotions.

Education and entertainment mingle at **Rivertown**. This 16-block historic complex in Kenner offers a host of cultural and family attractions, including eight museums, a fine arts gallery and a repertory theater. For more information, visit them on the Web at www.rivertownkenner.com

And no description of the area would be complete without mentioning the dining possibilities. World-class restaurants featuring local and global cuisine are in abundance. Whether casual or sophisticated, you will never run out of finding great places to dine.



Take in a Zephyrs game!

Government

Elections are held every four years to select five district and two at-large representatives for Jefferson Parish Council seats. Also elected is a parish president, who is the chief executive

for the parish. Other elected positions include sheriff, coroner, district attorney and the school board.

Detailed information about Jefferson Parish can be found by accessing the parish's Web site at www.jeffparish.net.

Parish Government Offices

Eastbank

Yenni Building
1221 Elmwood Park Blvd.
Jefferson, LA 70123
504-736-6100
www.jeffparish.net

Westbank

Gretna Courthouse
200 Derbigny Street
Gretna, LA 70053
504-364-3740
www.jeffparish.net

JEFFFACTS

Jefferson Parish's S & P
bond rating is AA.

Business & Industry

Over 31,000 businesses operate in Jefferson Parish. The predominant industries in the parish are health care, retail, manufacturing, and services for the offshore oil and gas industry. Other prominent industries include professional services, food processing, transportation, warehousing and distribution.

The technology sector is also beginning to blossom in our parish. Jefferson is currently home to 820 high-tech companies employing almost 10,000 workers.

Offering assistance to businesses and the community is the **Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO)**. JEDCO services include: site location assistance, parish market data, tax incentives, tax-exempt bonds, business financing, business incubator programs, workforce development, waterway and marina development, strategic community planning and more. For further information, visit their Web site at www.jedco.org.



One of Jefferson Parish's
primary economic
activities
involves business
services targeted at the
offshore oil and gas
industry.

Also supporting progressive business efforts is the **Jefferson Chamber of Commerce**. The Jefferson Chamber offers business advocacy services, seminars, and business networking opportunities. The chamber is a resource for businesses large and small in Jefferson Parish. For further information, call 504-835-3880 or visit their Web site at www.jeffersonchamber.org.

JEFFFACTS

- 94% of local companies say Jefferson Parish is a good place to do business.
- 79% of local companies are planning future expansions

NEWCOMER INFORMATION

Cable Television

Cox Communications: 504-304-8444

Electricity

Entergy Corporation: 1-800-368-3749

Gas Hook-Up

ATMOS Energy: 1-800-547-4321

Housing

The average cost of a single-family house in Jefferson Parish is \$182,418 on the eastbank and \$111,932 on the westbank.

There is a \$75,000 homestead exemption, provided you own and occupy the home. For further details, contact the tax assessor's office at 504-362-4100.

Libraries

Eastbank Regional

4747 W. Napoleon Ave. in Metairie
504-838-1100

Westbank Regional

2751 Manhattan Blvd. in Harvey
504-364-2660

In addition, there are 13 branch libraries in Jefferson Parish.

Motor Vehicle Offices

For driver's license, vehicle registration and auto tag information:

**Louisiana
Poison Control
Center:**

1-800-222-1222

or

1-800-256-9822



Home located on the westbank.

Eastbank

3501 Chateau Blvd. in Kenner
102 Veterans Blvd. in New Orleans
504-485-2300 or 2301

Westbank

2150 Westbank Expressway in Harvey
418 Avenue B in Westwego
504-485-2300 or 2301

Louisiana charges a one-time tax of two percent of the blue book value of your vehicle for first-time registration of out-of-state vehicles.

You will be required to have your vehicle inspected on an annual basis.

Sales Tax

The local sales tax is 8.75 percent (4.75 percent for Jefferson Parish and 4 percent for the state of Louisiana).

Telephone Service

BellSouth: 1-888-757-6500

Trash Pickup**New Service**

Paid for as part of Jefferson Parish water bill.
(See water entry below.)

Problems with Pick-Up

Waste Management
504-254-5353

Voter Registration**Eastbank**

1221 Elmwood Park Blvd. in Jefferson
504-736-6191

Westbank

5001 Westbank Expressway in Marrero
504-349-5690

Water Hook-Up**Eastbank**

1221 Elmwood Park Blvd. in Jefferson
504-736-6073

Westbank

4500 Westbank Expressway in Marrero
504-349-5075

WELCOME!