

Madison Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Madison	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	36.7%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	52.6%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	12.5%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,733	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.9%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	7.9%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	9.9	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care w ithin first 3 months	78.7%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	72.9%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	18.0%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	12.9%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	NA	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	546.3	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	189.4	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	0.0	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	397.8	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	213.6	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	1.0	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.1	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 8	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	25.7%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	28.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram w ithin 2 years (women 40+)	72.5%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear w ithin 3 years (women 18+)	80.4%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	61.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Madison Parish, named after the fourth president of the United States, was established on January 19, 1838. It was part of the Ouachita County, one of the original 12 counties. This section was home of the Tensas and Ouachita tribes. Many Indian mounds can be seen in the parish today. Madison, a thriving parish in the northeast corner of Louisiana, sustains itself primarily on agriculture production. The process of spraying crops from airplanes was developed at the Tallulah Airport, the oldest airport in Louisiana. The area is rich in Civil War history, especially the siege of Vicksburg. Of special note is the Battle of Millikens Bend, the first conflict involving an entire company of African-American soldiers. Tallulah boasts the first covered mall in the United States, by designer Hayes Towne. Madison Parish is the home of the 65,000-acre Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, complete with facilities for the disable tourist and fisherman. This refuge is the home of black bear, deer and many other bottomland species. Roundaway Bayou, as it meanders through the parish, features 30 lighted Christmas trees during the month of December.



Parish Seat³ Tallulah

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Tallulah

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	13,726
2003 (estimate)	13,079
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	37.9%
African-American	60.3%
Some other race.....	1.8%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race).....	2.1%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	8.2%
5-14	16.7%
15-17	7.7%
18-19	3.9%
20-24	7.3%
25-64	44.6%
65 & over	11.6%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	87ft.
Land area in square miles	624
Water area in square miles	26.5

Climate

Average temperatures	
Annual.....	65°
January	56°
July.....	91°
Annual average rainfall.....	56 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Madison Parish	
Civilian.....	5,470
Employed	4,873
Unemployed.....	597
Unemployment.....	10.9%
Louisiana	
Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- University of Louisiana at Monroe

1. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
2. Louisiana Office of Culture Recreation and Tourism, 1998. keywords: regional information, <<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary <http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.