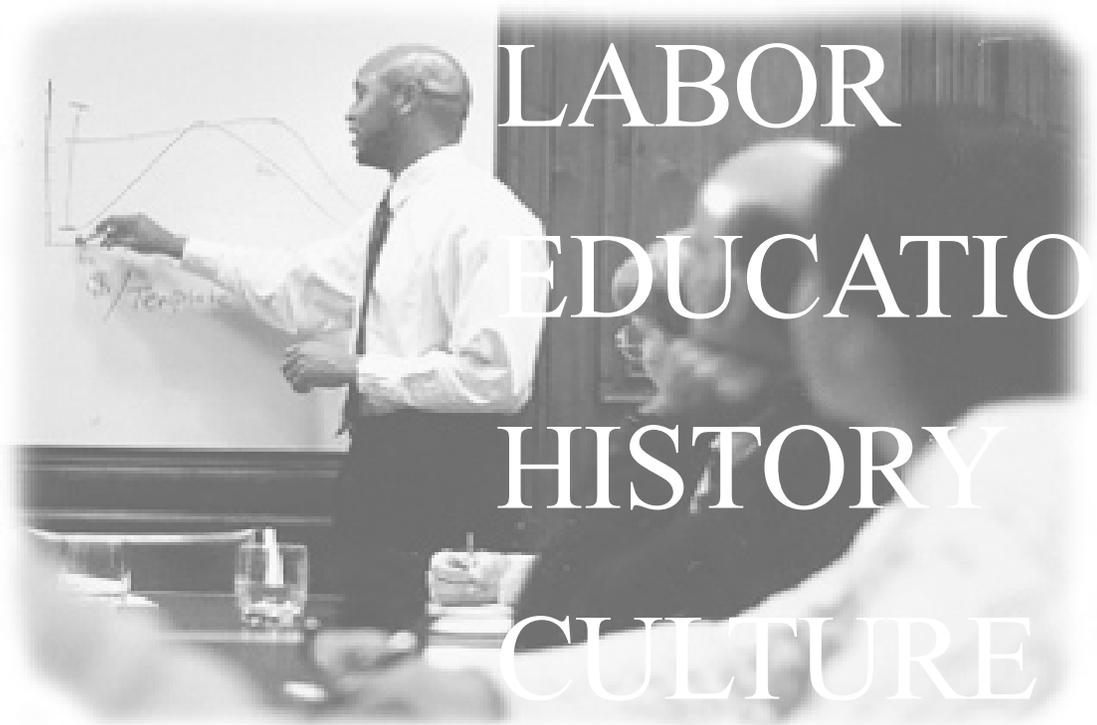


# CALDWELL



# PARISH

*“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”*

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# Caldwell Parish

## History<sup>1</sup>

Caldwell Parish was established on March 6, 1838. It was formerly part of Catahoula Parish. Settlements had been made in the district early in the 19th century, soon after the Louisiana Purchase.

## Culture and Recreation<sup>3</sup>

Caldwell Parish offers some of the best hunting and fishing in the state. The Ouachita River is one of the few remaining unspoiled streams, and is known as one of the most beautiful rivers in the nation. One of Louisiana's oldest and largest art craft and entertainment festivals, the Louisiana Art and Folk Festival, has called Caldwell Parish its home for nearly four decades. This festival is held during the second weekend of October, and celebrates the works of some of the South's top artisans and craftsmen, attracting over 20,000 visitors to Caldwell Parish each year. The Annual Lions Club Championship Rodeo is a June event recognized as one of the best in the state, where hard-riding cowboys from a five-state area put on an exciting show for rodeo fans. In addition, Caldwell Parish's rich cultural history is showcased in the Martin Home, located north of Columbia which houses artifacts and memorabilia from all periods of Caldwell's colorful past.



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**Parish Seat<sup>1</sup>** ..... Columbia<sup>1</sup>

**Major Cities** (over 5,000 population)<sup>2</sup>

None

## Parish Population<sup>2</sup>

1990 ..... 9,810

1997 (estimate) ..... 10,162

### Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)<sup>6</sup>

White ..... 81%

African American ..... 19%

Other ..... 0%

Male ..... 49%

Female ..... 51%

Population age 0-4 ..... 7%

Population age 65 & over ..... 16%



**Geography and Statistics<sup>2</sup>**

Average elevation .....	66 ft.
Land area in square miles .....	529.5
Water area in square miles <sup>4</sup> .....	11.3

**Climate<sup>2</sup>**

Average temperatures

Annual .....	65°
January .....	46°
July .....	83°
Annual average rainfall .....	66.1 in.

**Labor Force (1995)<sup>1</sup>**

Civilian .....	4,380
Employed .....	3,980
Unemployed .....	400
Unemployment .....	9.1%

**Agriculture<sup>1</sup>**

Cotton, soybeans, timber, forestry and beef cattle.

**Colleges/Universities<sup>2</sup>**

(within one hour commute)  
Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe

**Public Libraries<sup>5</sup>** ..... 1

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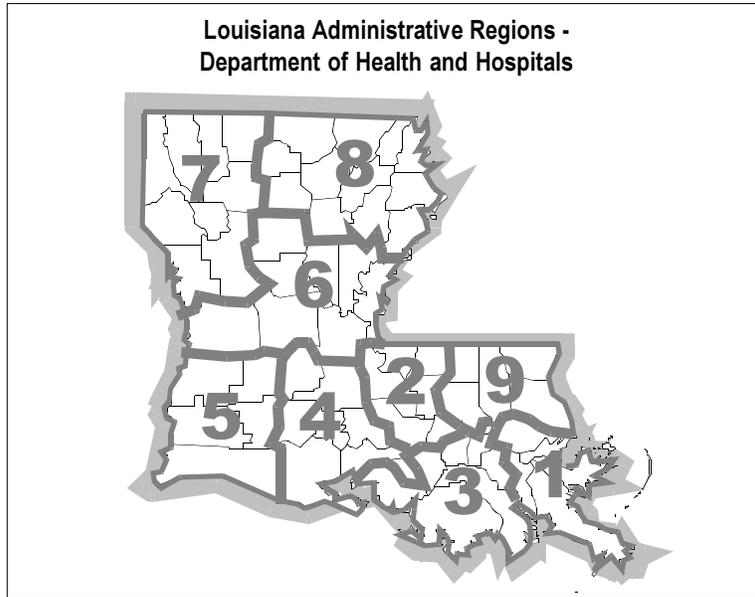
Educational Attainment (1990) <sup>7</sup>	
Less than 5th grade	4.4%
High school graduate or higher	57.1%
Some college or higher	24.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.3%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Private Employers</b>	
Columbia Heights Nursing Home (Medical)	155
Haven Health (Medical)	140
Hogan Drilling (Oil and gas)	50
<b>Public Employers</b>	
Caldwell Parish School Board (Education)	292
Citizen's Medical Center (Medical)	102
Columbia State School (Education)	93

Poverty and Income	
Persons in poverty (1995) <sup>7</sup>	21.3%
Children under age 18 in poverty <sup>7</sup>	30.7%
Per capita income (1996) <sup>8</sup>	\$15,433



<sup>7</sup> U.S. Bureau of the Census. 1998. keywords: people, poverty, small area income and poverty estimates <http://www.census.gov>  
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**Region 1**

Jefferson  
 Orleans  
 Plaquemines  
 St. Bernard

**Region 2**

Ascension  
 East Baton Rouge  
 East Feliciana  
 Iberville  
 Pointe Coupee  
 West Baton Rouge  
 West Feliciana

**Region 3**

Assumption  
 Lafourche  
 St. Charles  
 St. James  
 St. John  
 St. Mary  
 Terrebonne

**Region 4**

Acadia  
 Evangeline  
 Iberia  
 Lafayette  
 St. Landry  
 St. Martin  
 Vermilion

**Region 5**

Allen  
 Beauregard  
 Calcasieu  
 Cameron  
 Jefferson Davis

**Region 6**

Avoyelles  
 Catahoula  
 Concordia  
 Grant  
 LaSalle  
 Rapides  
 Vernon  
 Winn

**Region 7**

Bienville  
 Bossier  
 Caddo  
 Claiborne  
 DeSoto  
 Natchitoches  
 Red River  
 Sabine  
 Webster

**Region 8**

Caldwell  
 East Carroll  
 Franklin  
 Jackson  
 Lincoln  
 Madison  
 Morehouse  
 Ouachita  
 Richland  
 Tensas  
 Union  
 West Carroll

**Region 9**

Livingston  
 St. Helena  
 St. Tammany  
 Tangipahoa  
 Washington