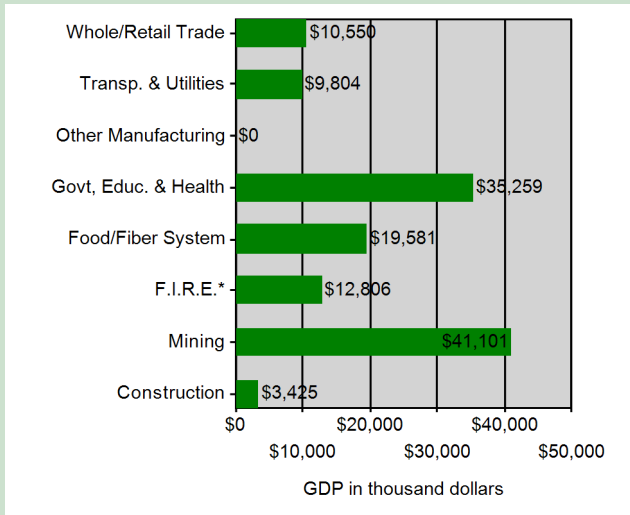


Red River Parish generates approximately \$133 million in total economic activity in 2002 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. Red River Parish ranks 59 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

Industrial Structure

The Mining sector contributes more to Red River Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$41,101 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

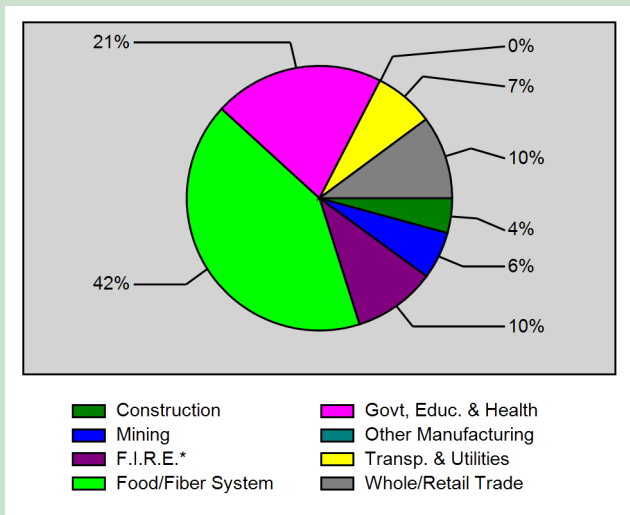
Figure 1: GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2002 (thousands of dollars)



* F.I.R.E. includes Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Other Services sectors.

The Food/Fiber System sector supplied the most full-time and part-time jobs to the parish in 2002 at 910 of the total 2,184 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

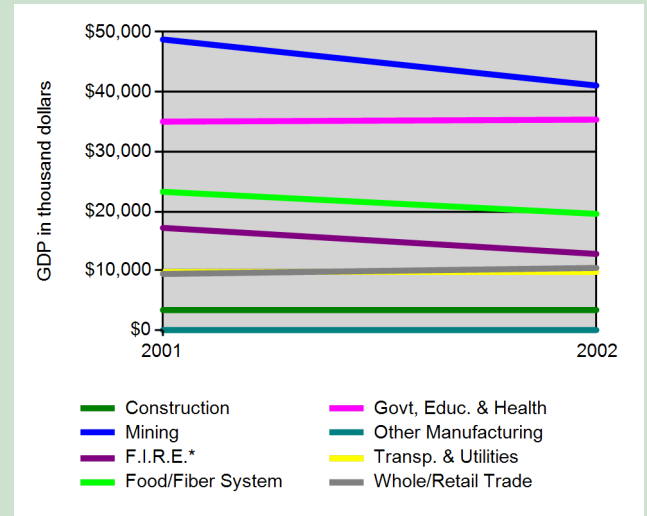
Figure 2: Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2002



Growth Trends

Red River Parish has seen its economy grow by -10% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2001 and 2002. The fastest growing sector during that period was the Whole/Retail Trade sector that grew by 13%. The slowest growing sector was the F.I.R.E.* sector that grew by -26%. Red River saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by 63 jobs, or 3% of total jobs over the two year period. Detailed growth in parish GDP for the most recent two year period is shown in Figure 3.

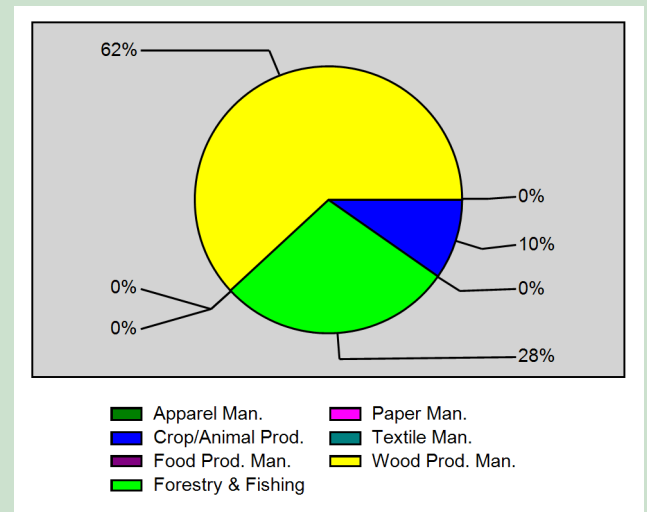
Figure 3: Two year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2001 and 2002



Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$19,581 thousand for Red River Parish's economy and ranks 3 in GDP among the parish's major industrial sectors. The system includes production agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors as well as food and fiber manufacturing (processing) sectors. These food and fiber product sectors generate \$17,845 thousand and supply 826 jobs. The distribution of GDP by each food and fiber product sector is presented in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Distribution of Food Fiber Product GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2002



This Food and Fiber System also includes food service and drinking establishments that generate \$1,736 thousand in GDP and supply 84 jobs to the parish.