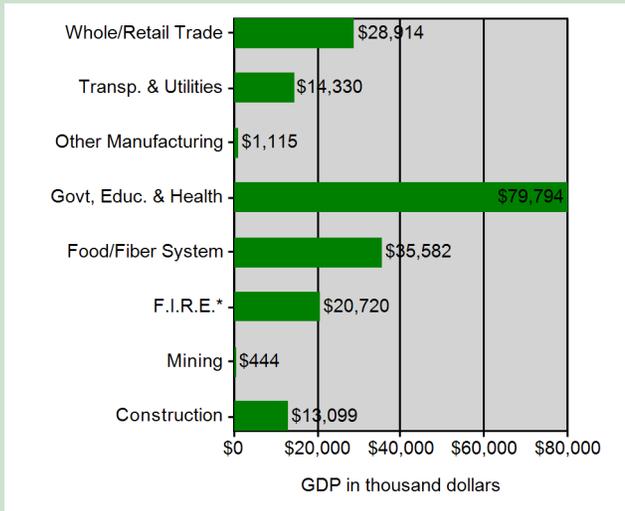


Grant Parish generates approximately \$194 million in total economic activity in 2003 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. Grant Parish ranks 57 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

Industrial Structure

The Govt, Educ. & Health sector contributes more to Grant Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$79,794 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

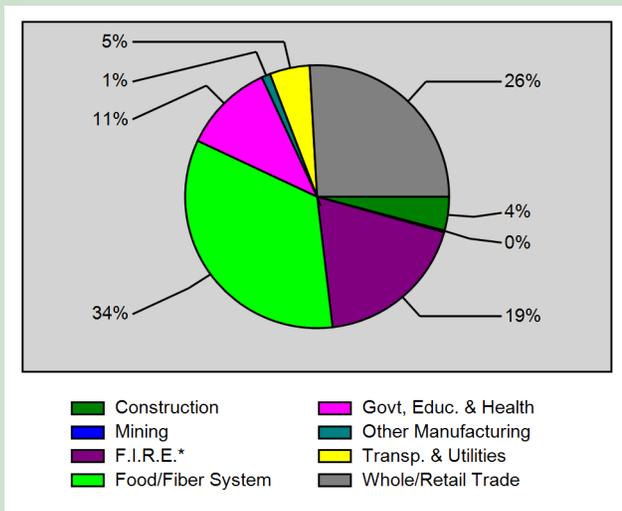
Figure 1: GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2003 (thousands of dollars)



* 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 2003 at 630 of the total 1,861 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

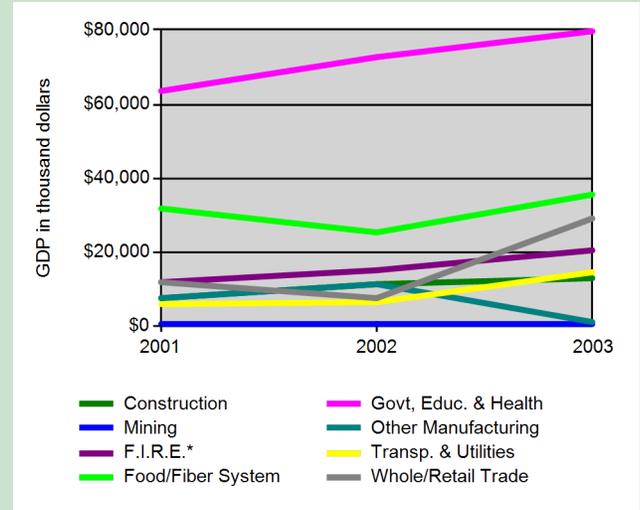
Figure 2: Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2003



Growth Trends

Grant Parish has seen its economy grow by 38% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2001 and 2003. The fastest growing sector during that period was the Whole/Retail Trade sector that grew by 146%. The slowest growing sector was the Other Manufacturing sector that grew by -85%. Grant saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by 288 jobs, or 18% of total jobs over the three year period. Detailed growth in parish GDP for the most recent three year period is shown in Figure 3.

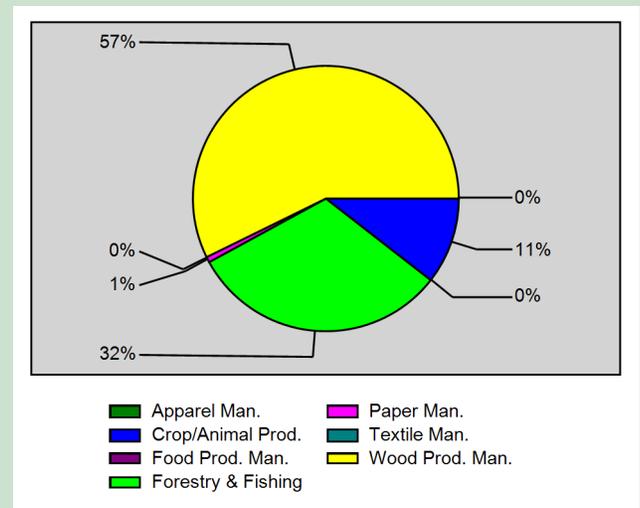
Figure 3: Three year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2001 and 2003



Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$35,582 thousand for Grant Parish's economy and ranks 2 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 \$35,310 thousand and supply 619 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 2003



This Food and Fiber System also includes food service and drinking establishments that generate \$272 thousand in GDP and supply 11 jobs to the parish.