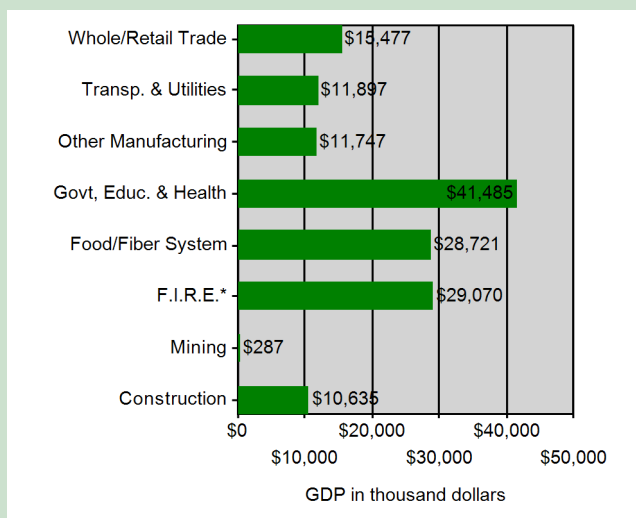


West Carroll Parish generates approximately \$149 million in total economic activity in 2003 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. West Carroll Parish ranks 60 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

Industrial Structure

The Govt, Educ. & Health sector contributes more to West Carroll Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$41,485 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

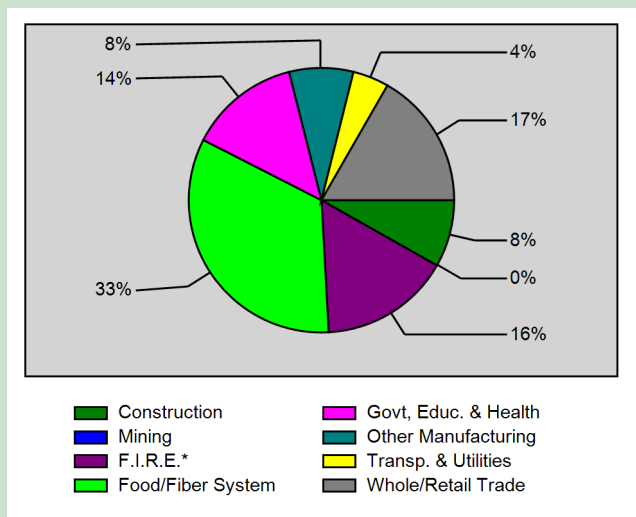
Figure 1: GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2003 (thousands of dollars)



* 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 791 of the total 2,369 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

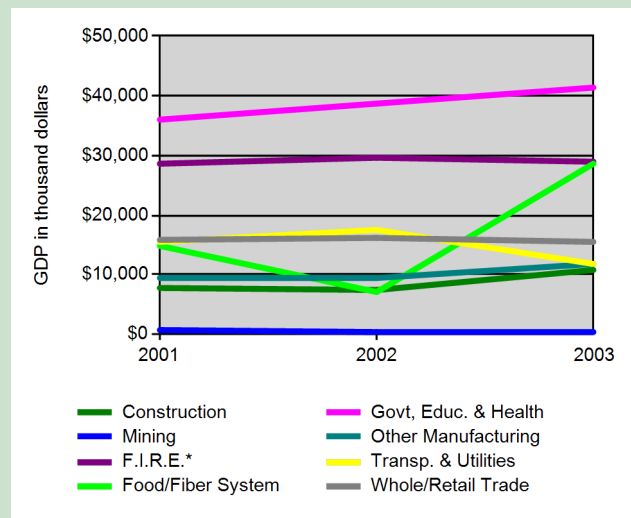
Figure 2: Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2003



Growth Trends

West Carroll Parish has seen its economy grow by 16% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2001 and 2003. The fastest growing sector during that period was the Food/Fiber System sector that grew by 95%. The slowest growing sector was the Mining sector that grew by -64%. West Carroll saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by -326 jobs, or -12% 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.

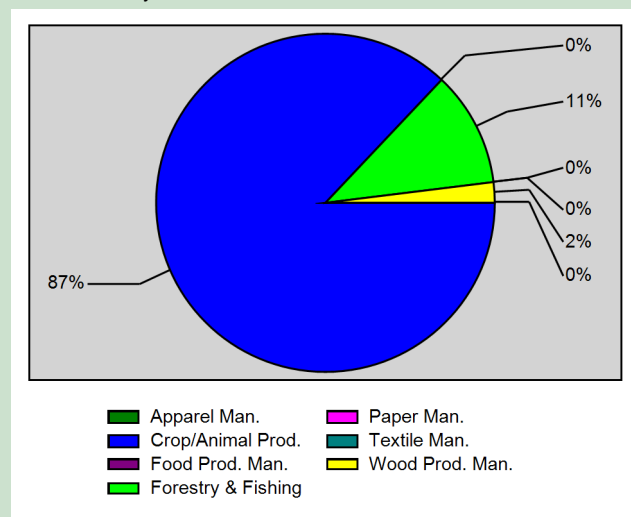
Figure 3: Three year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2001 and 2003



Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$28,721 thousand for West Carroll 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 \$27,360 thousand and supply 725 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 \$1,361 thousand in GDP and supply 66 jobs to the parish.