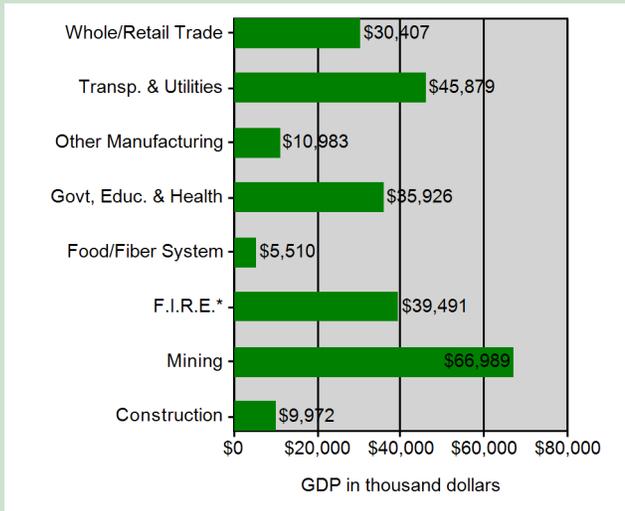


Cameron Parish generates approximately \$245 million in total economic activity in 2004 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. Cameron Parish ranks 55 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

Industrial Structure

The Mining sector contributes more to Cameron Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$66,989 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

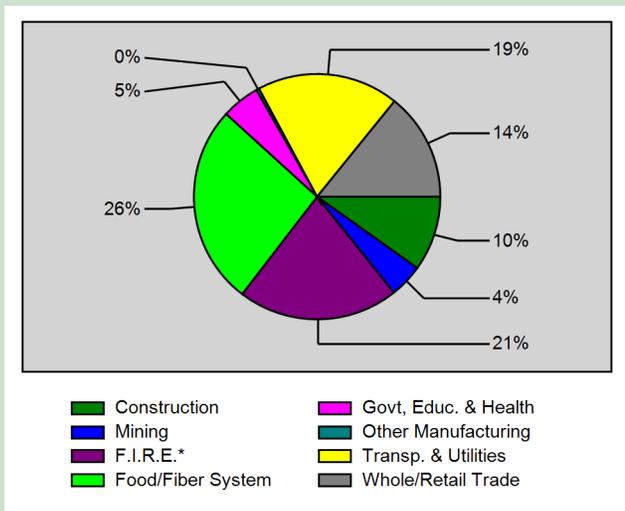
Figure 1: GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2004 (thousands of dollars)



* 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 2004 at 630 of the total 2,389 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

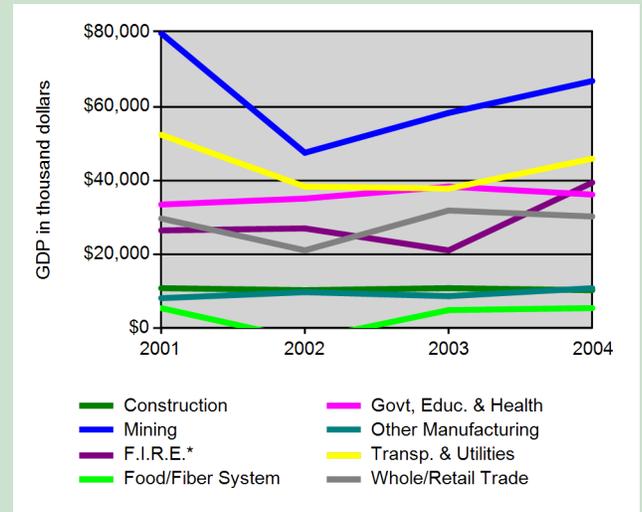
Figure 2: Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2004



Growth Trends

Cameron Parish has seen its economy grow by 0% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2001 and 2004. The fastest growing sector during that period was the F.I.R.E.* sector that grew by 49%. The slowest growing sector was the Mining sector that grew by -16%. Cameron saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by -416 jobs, or -15% of total jobs over the four year period. Detailed growth in parish GDP for the most recent four year period is shown in Figure 3.

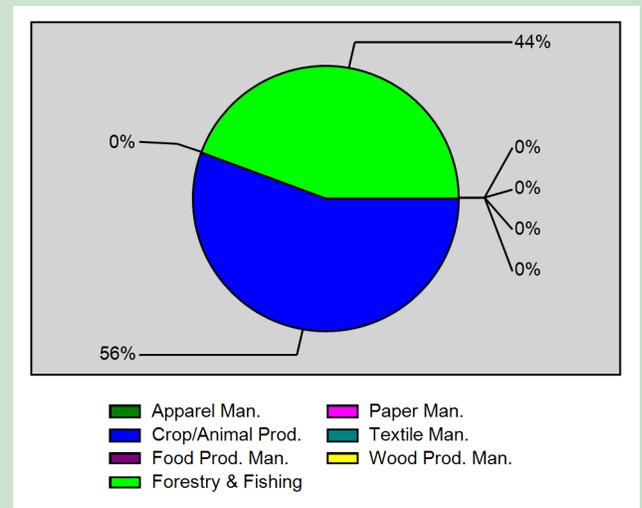
Figure 3: Four year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2001 and 2004



Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$5,510 thousand for Cameron Parish's economy and ranks 8 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 \$4,950 thousand and supply 582 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 2004



This Food and Fiber System also includes food service and drinking establishments that generate \$560 thousand in GDP and supply 48 jobs to the parish.