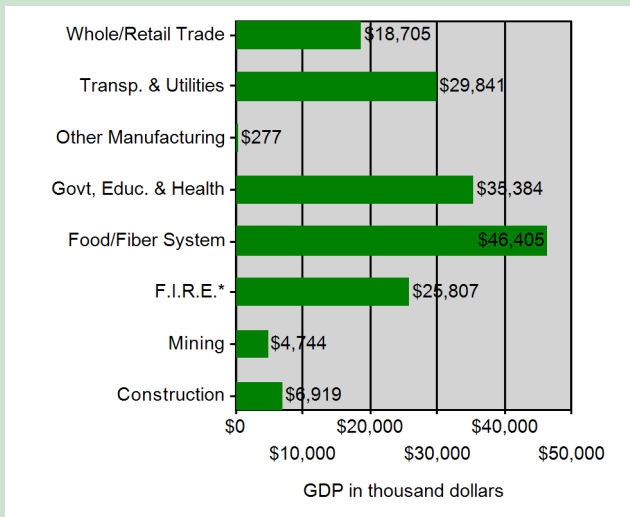


Catahoula Parish generates approximately \$168 million in total economic activity in 2004 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. Catahoula Parish ranks 59 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

## Industrial Structure

The Food/Fiber System sector contributes more to Catahoula Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$46,405 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

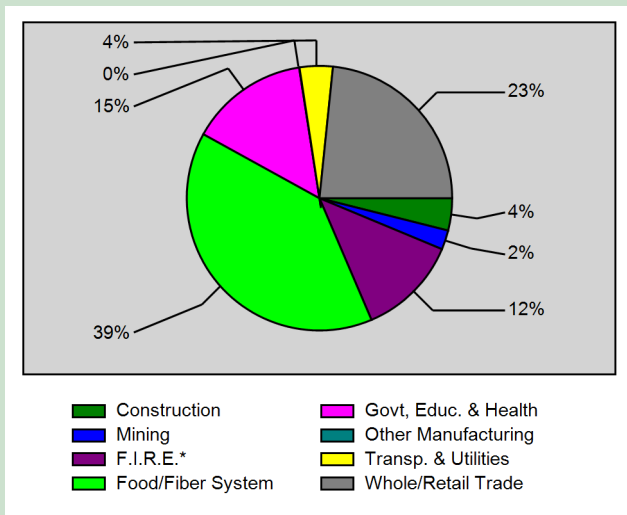
**Figure 1:** GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2004 (thousands of dollars)



\* 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 900 of the total 2,281 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

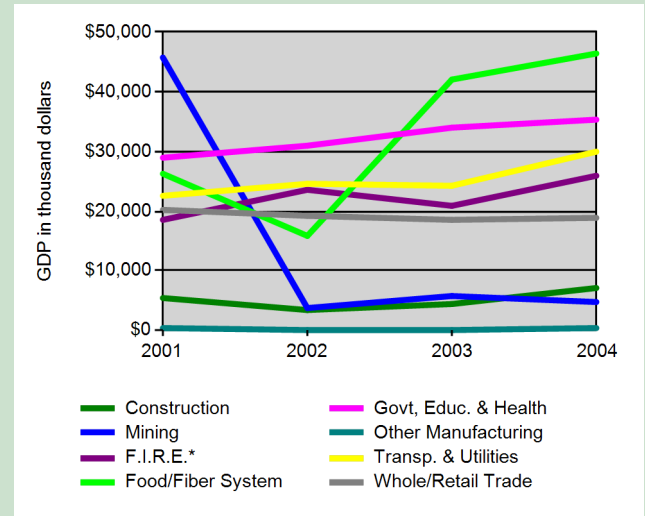
**Figure 2:** Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2004



## Growth Trends

Catahoula 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 Food/Fiber System sector that grew by 76%. The slowest growing sector was the Mining sector that grew by -90%. Catahoula saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by -148 jobs, or -6% 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.

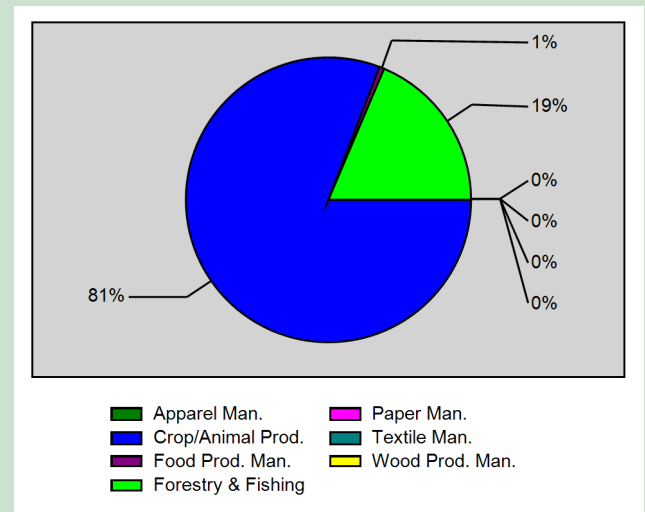
**Figure 3:** Four year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2001 and 2004



## Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$46,405 thousand for Catahoula Parish's economy and ranks 1 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 \$42,365 thousand and supply 748 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 \$4,041 thousand in GDP and supply 152 jobs to the parish.