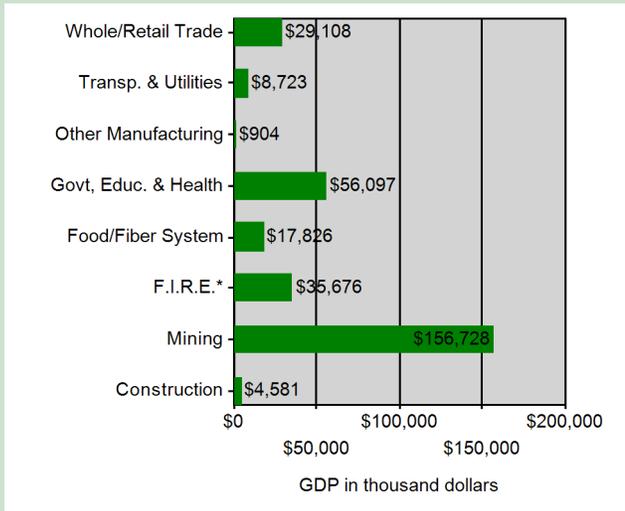


La Salle Parish generates approximately \$310 million in total economic activity in 2004 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. La Salle Parish ranks 51 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

Industrial Structure

The Mining sector contributes more to La Salle Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$156,728 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

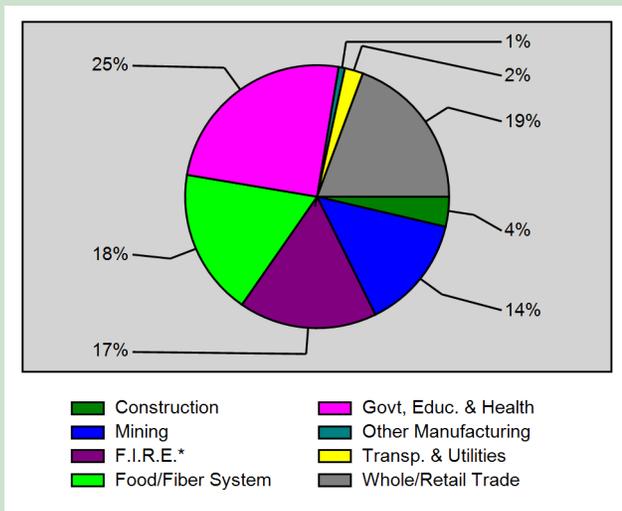
Figure 1: GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2004 (thousands of dollars)



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

The Govt, Educ. & Health sector supplied the most full-time and part-time jobs to the parish in 2004 at 685 of the total 2,744 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

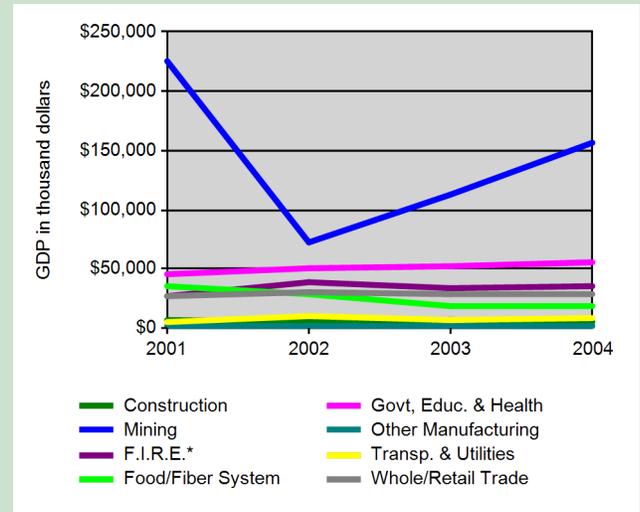
Figure 2: Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2004



Growth Trends

La Salle Parish has seen its economy grow by -18% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2001 and 2004. The fastest growing sector during that period was the Transp. & Utilities sector that grew by 59%. The slowest growing sector was the Food/Fiber System sector that grew by -50%. La Salle saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by -484 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.

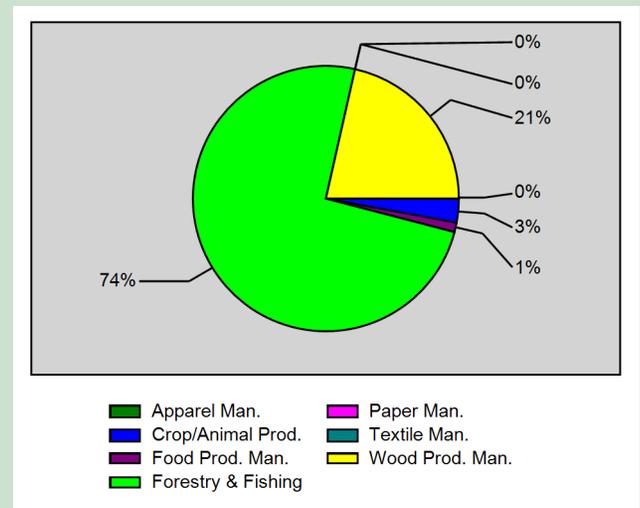
Figure 3: Four year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2001 and 2004



Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$17,826 thousand for La Salle Parish's economy and ranks 5 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 \$15,239 thousand and supply 357 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 \$2,588 thousand in GDP and supply 137 jobs to the parish.