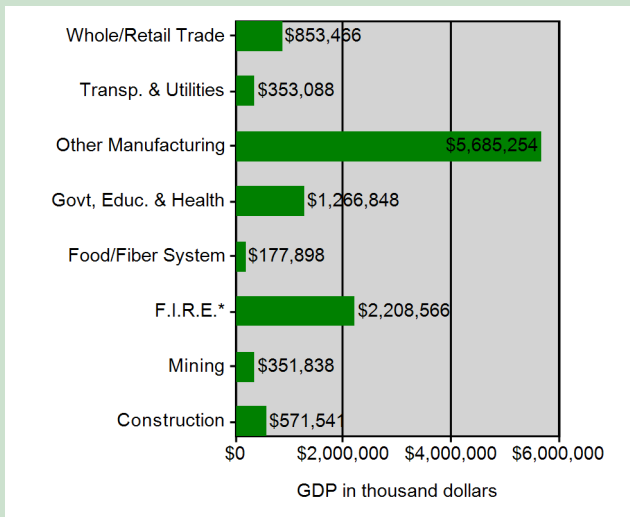


Calcasieu Parish generates approximately \$11,468 million in total economic activity in 2006 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. Calcasieu Parish ranks 6 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

## Industrial Structure

The Other Manufacturing sector contributes more to Calcasieu Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$5,685,254 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

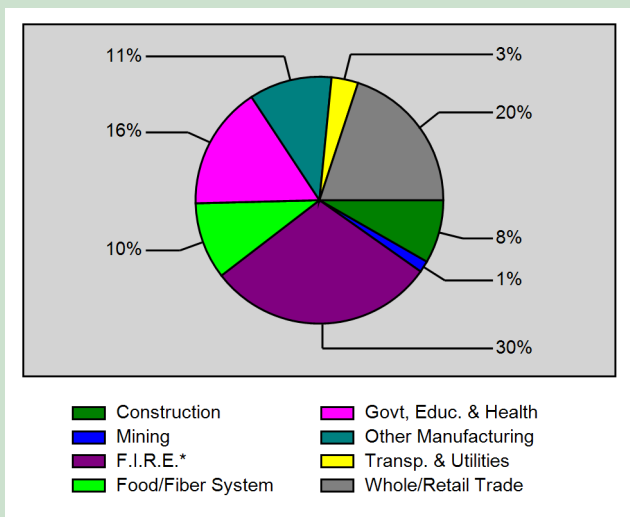
**Figure 1:** GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2006 (thousands of dollars)



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

The F.I.R.E.\* sector supplied the most full-time and part-time jobs to the parish in 2006 at 21,726 of the total 73,054 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

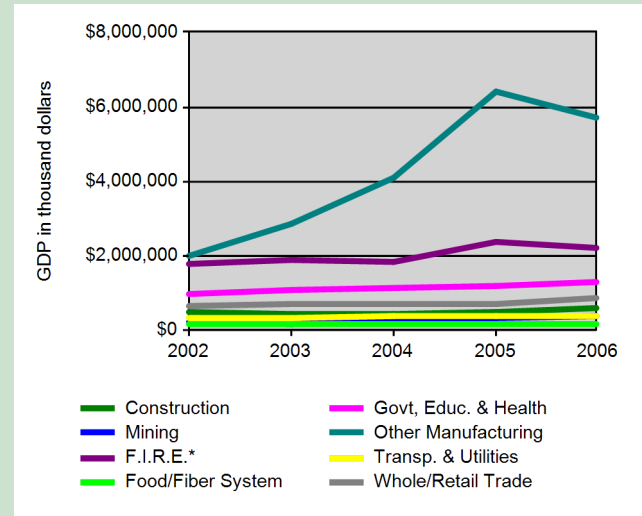
**Figure 2:** Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2006



## Growth Trends

Calcasieu Parish has seen its economy grow by 74% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2002 and 2006. The fastest growing sector during that period was the Other Manufacturing sector that grew by 183%. The slowest growing sector was the Transp. & Utilities sector that grew by 3%. Calcasieu saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by 1,770 jobs, or 2% of total jobs over the five year period. Detailed growth in parish GDP for the most recent five year period is shown in Figure 3.

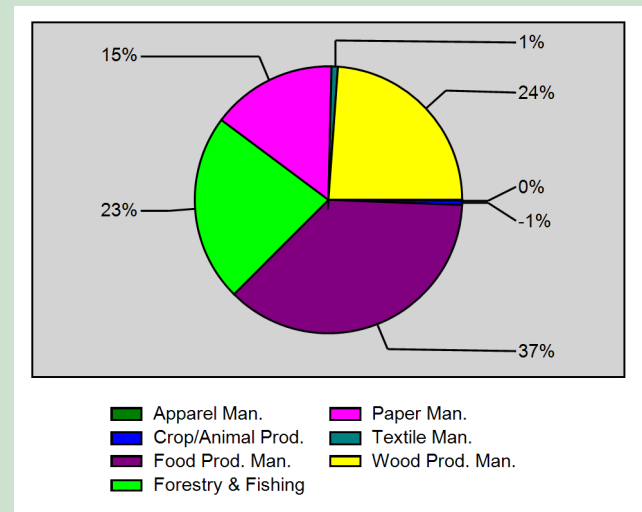
**Figure 3:** Five year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2002 and 2006



## Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$177,898 thousand for Calcasieu 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 \$43,796 thousand and supply 1,313 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 2006



This Food and Fiber System also includes food service and drinking establishments that generate \$134,102 thousand in GDP and supply 6,032 jobs to the parish.