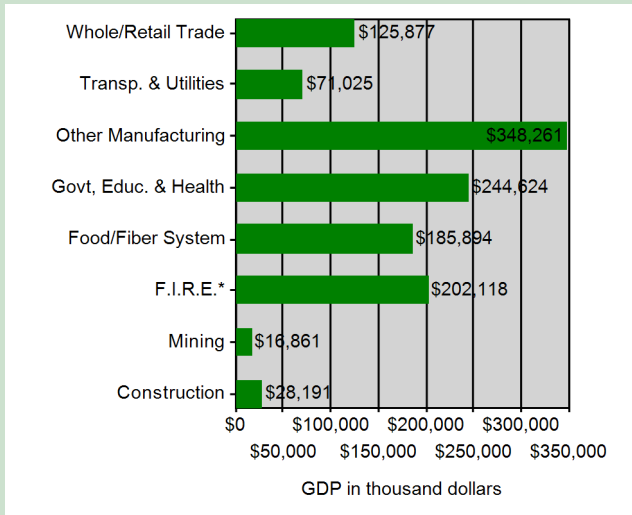


Natchitoches Parish generates approximately \$1,223 million in total economic activity in 2006 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. Natchitoches Parish ranks 30 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

## Industrial Structure

The Other Manufacturing sector contributes more to Natchitoches Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$348,261 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

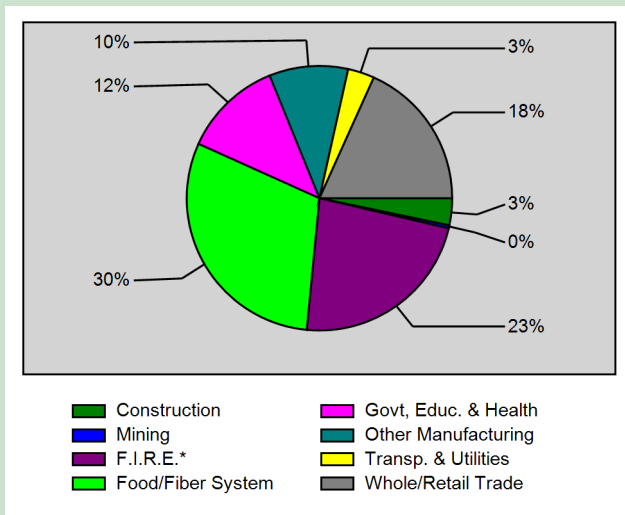
**Figure 1:** GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2006 (thousands of dollars)



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

The Food/Fiber System sector supplied the most full-time and part-time jobs to the parish in 2006 at 3,758 of the total 12,439 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

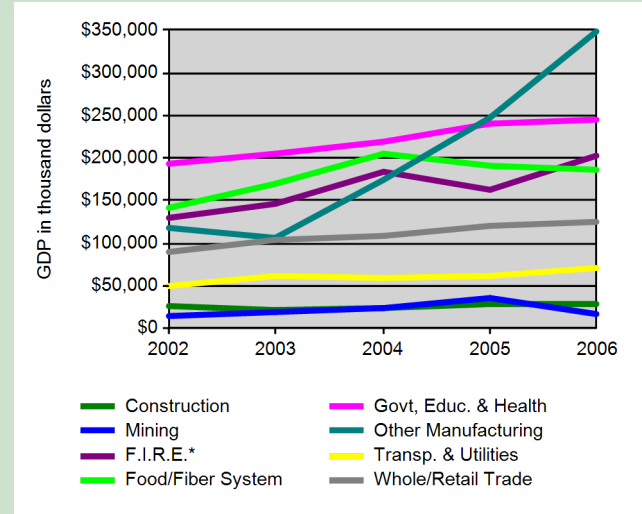
**Figure 2:** Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2006



## Growth Trends

Natchitoches Parish has seen its economy grow by 61% 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 199%. The slowest growing sector was the Construction sector that grew by 7%. Natchitoches saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by 1,337 jobs, or 12% 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.

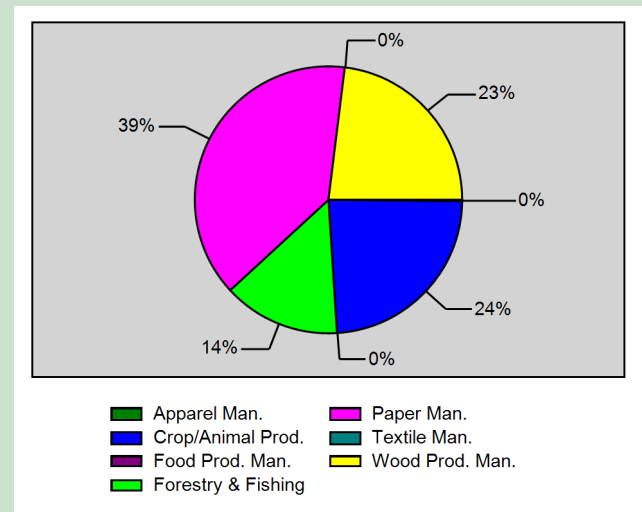
**Figure 3:** Five year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2002 and 2006



## Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$185,894 thousand for Natchitoches Parish's economy and ranks 4 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 \$159,443 thousand and supply 2,542 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 \$26,451 thousand in GDP and supply 1,216 jobs to the parish.