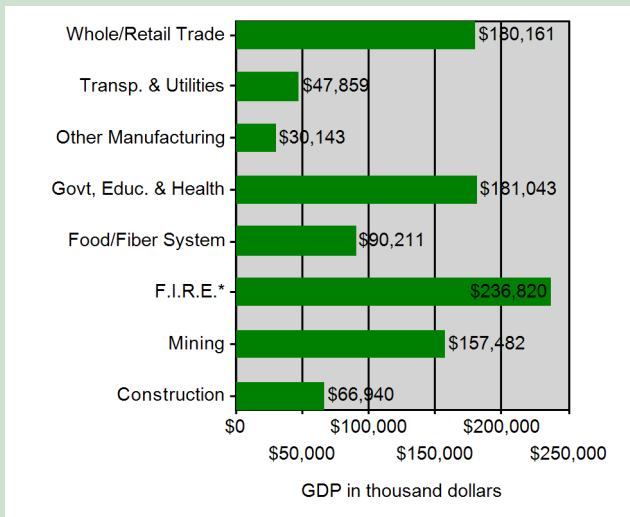


Vermilion Parish generates approximately \$991 million in total economic activity in 2006 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. Vermilion Parish ranks 31 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

Industrial Structure

The F.I.R.E.* sector contributes more to Vermilion Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$236,820 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

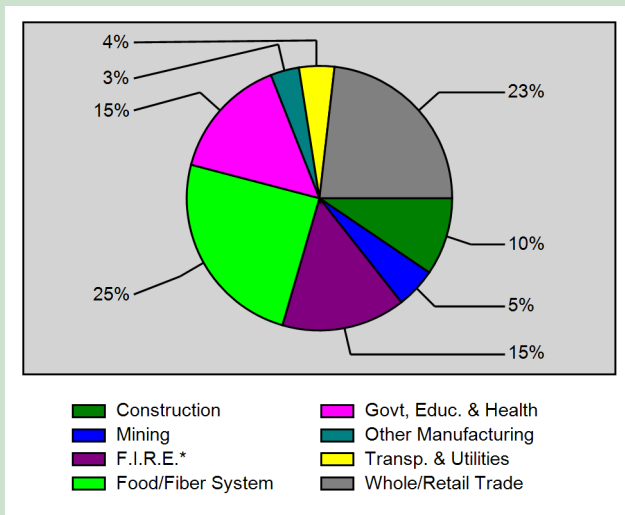
Figure 1: GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2006 (thousands of dollars)



* 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 2,813 of the total 11,446 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

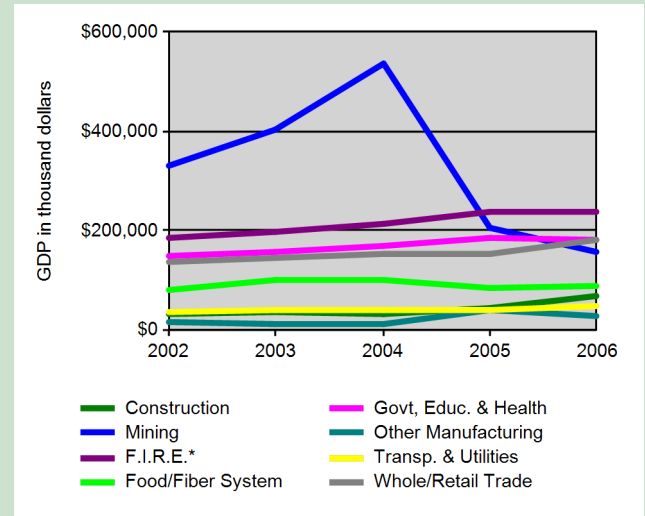
Figure 2: Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2006



Growth Trends

Vermilion Parish has seen its economy grow by 2% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2002 and 2006. The fastest growing sector during that period was the Construction sector that grew by 100%. The slowest growing sector was the Mining sector that grew by -53%. Vermilion saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by -303 jobs, or -3% 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.

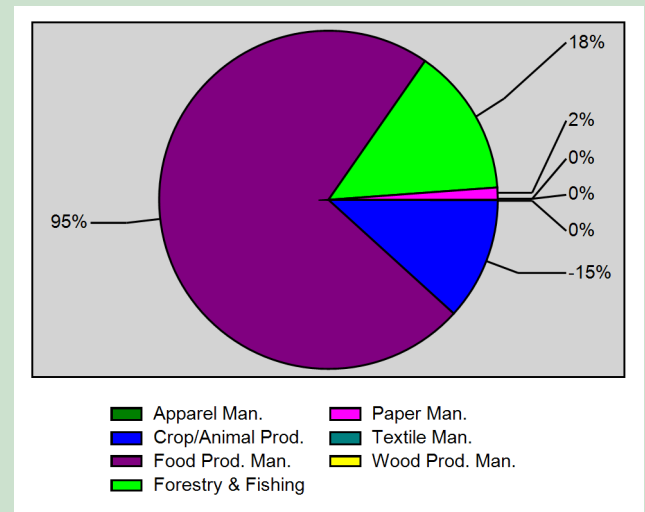
Figure 3: Five year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2002 and 2006



Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$90,211 thousand for Vermilion 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 \$73,078 thousand and supply 1,950 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 \$17,133 thousand in GDP and supply 863 jobs to the parish.