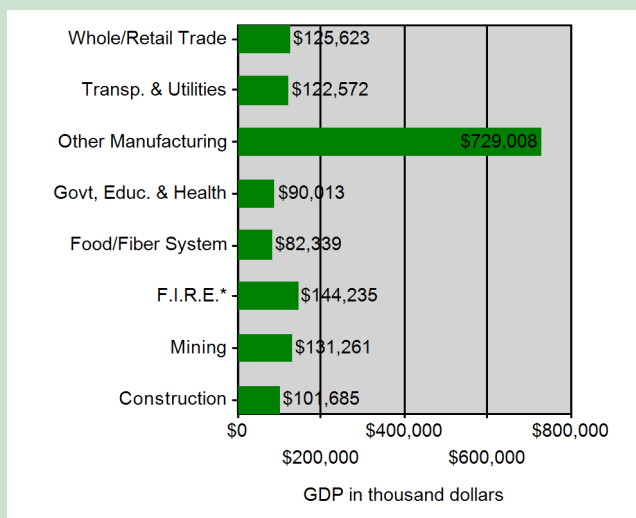


West Baton Rouge Parish generates approximately \$1,527 million in total economic activity in 2006 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. West Baton Rouge Parish ranks 25 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

Industrial Structure

The Other Manufacturing sector contributes more to West Baton Rouge Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$729,008 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

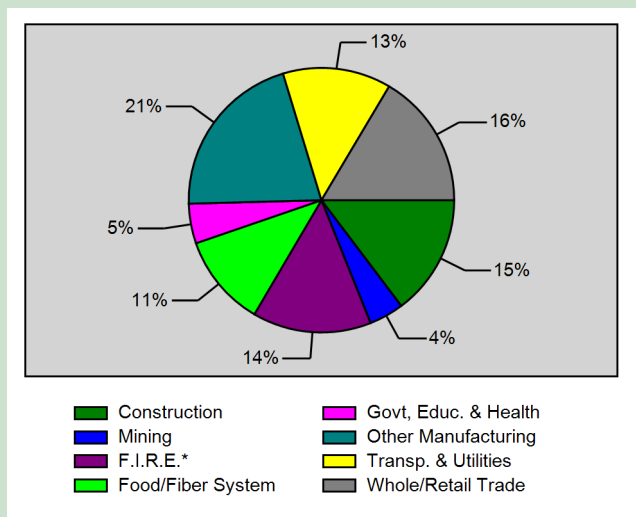
Figure 1: GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2006 (thousands of dollars)



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

The Other Manufacturing sector supplied the most full-time and part-time jobs to the parish in 2006 at 1,926 of the total 9,284 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

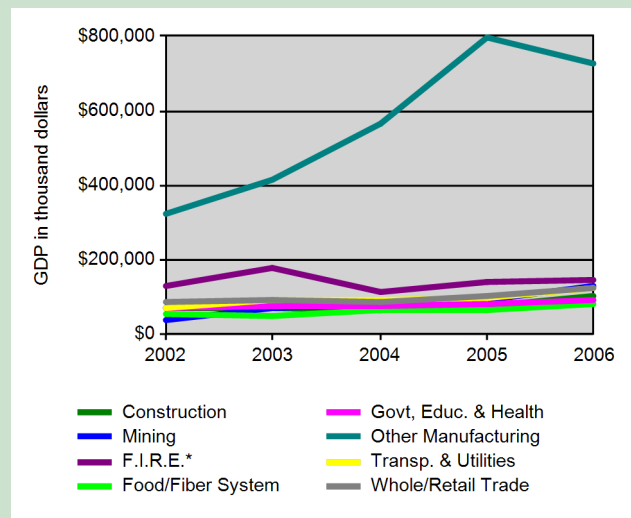
Figure 2: Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2006



Growth Trends

West Baton Rouge Parish has seen its economy grow by 80% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2002 and 2006. The fastest growing sector during that period was the Mining sector that grew by 229%. The slowest growing sector was the F.I.R.E.* sector that grew by 13%. West Baton Rouge saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by 296 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.

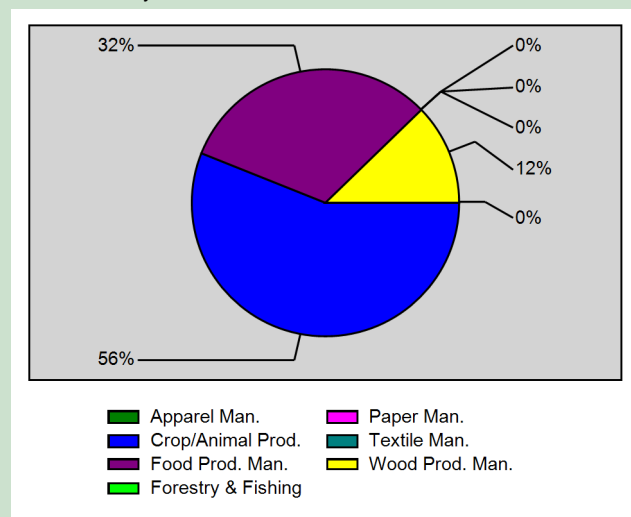
Figure 3: Five year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2002 and 2006



Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$82,339 thousand for West Baton Rouge 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 \$62,845 thousand and supply 413 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 \$19,495 thousand in GDP and supply 634 jobs to the parish.