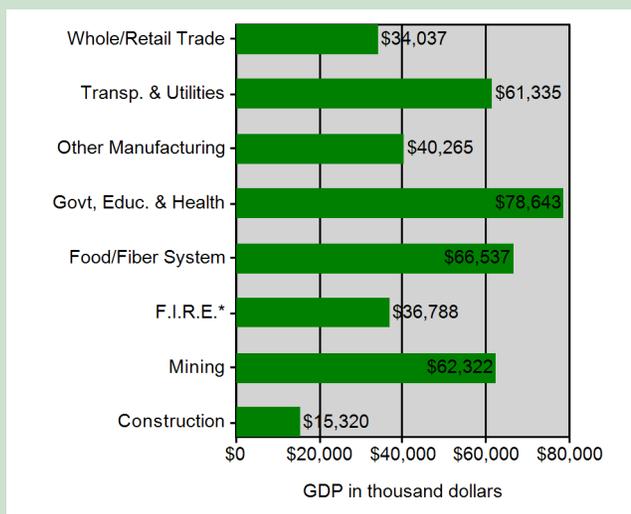


Assumption Parish generates approximately \$395 million in total economic activity in 2007 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. Assumption Parish ranks 49 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

Industrial Structure

The Govt, Educ. & Health sector contributes more to Assumption Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$78,643 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

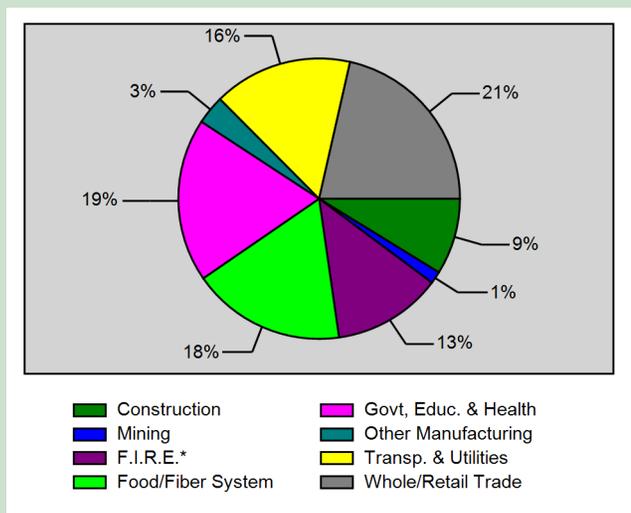
Figure 1: GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2007 (thousands of dollars)



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

The Whole/Retail Trade sector supplied the most full-time and part-time jobs to the parish in 2007 at 671 of the total 3,128 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

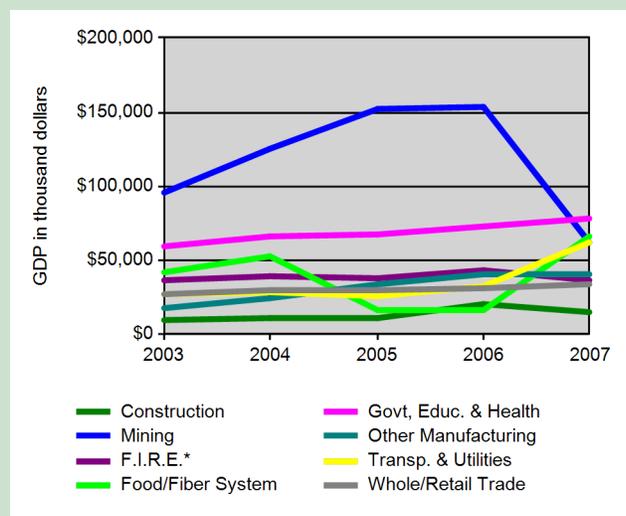
Figure 2: Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2007



Growth Trends

Assumption Parish has seen its economy grow by 25% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2003 and 2007. The fastest growing sector during that period was the Other Manufacturing sector that grew by 130%. The slowest growing sector was the Mining sector that grew by -35%. Assumption saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by 480 jobs, or 18% 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.

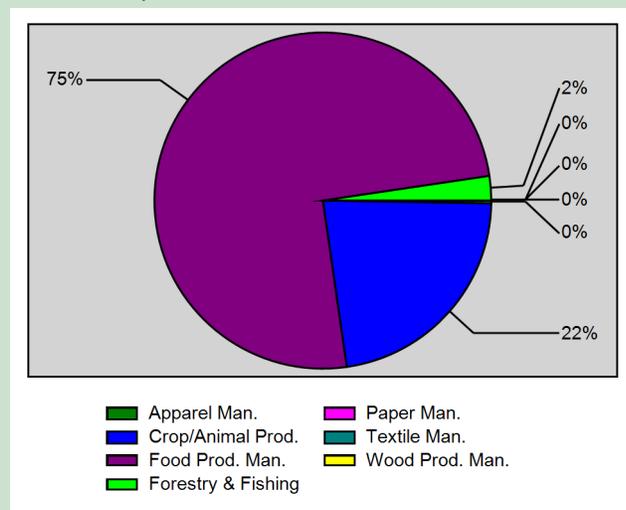
Figure 3: Five year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2003 and 2007



Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$66,537 thousand for Assumption Parish's economy and ranks 2 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 \$63,701 thousand and supply 445 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 2007



This Food and Fiber System also includes food service and drinking establishments that generate \$2,836 thousand in GDP and supply 107 jobs to the parish.