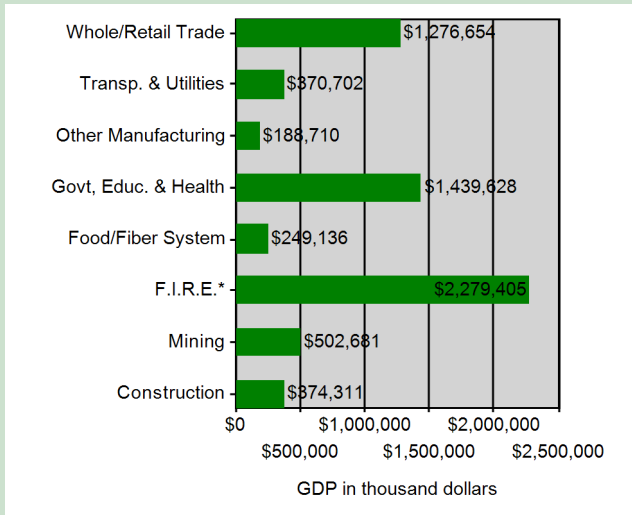


St. Tammany Parish generates approximately \$6,681 million in total economic activity in 2007 as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). GDP measures the value-added that is created by the parish. St. Tammany Parish ranks 8 out of all 64 parishes in GDP created for the state.

Industrial Structure

The F.I.R.E.* sector contributes more to St. Tammany Parish's GDP than any other sector totaling \$2,279,405 thousand. A breakdown of each major industry's contribution is shown in Figure 1.

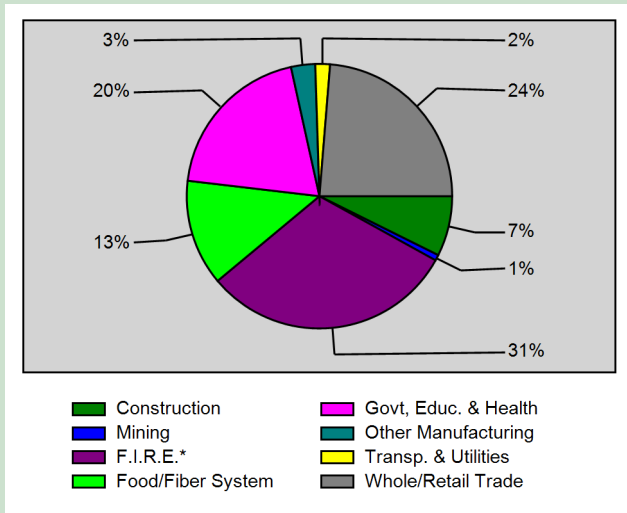
Figure 1: GDP (Value-Added) by major industry in 2007 (thousands of dollars)



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

The F.I.R.E.* sector supplied the most full-time and part-time jobs to the parish in 2007 at 21,520 of the total 69,709 jobs in the parish. The distribution of jobs by major sector is presented in Figure 2.

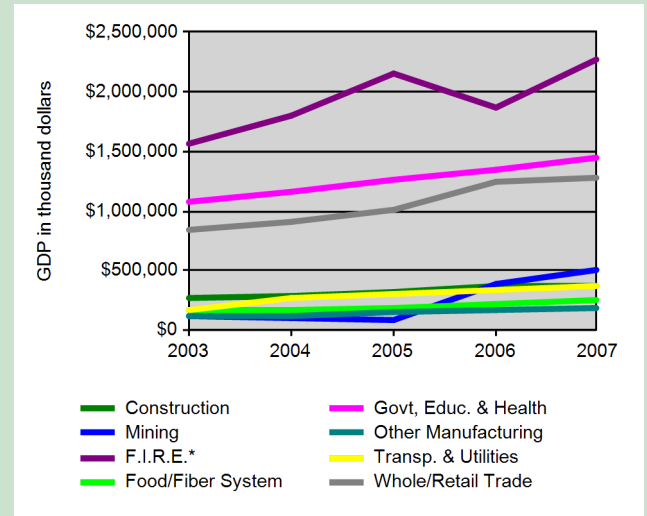
Figure 2: Distribution of Employment by major industry in 2007



Growth Trends

St. Tammany Parish has seen its economy grow by 55% as measured by GDP (inflation adjusted) between 2003 and 2007. The fastest growing sector during that period was the Mining sector that grew by 308%. The slowest growing sector was the Govt, Educ. & Health sector that grew by 33%. St. Tammany saw total full-time and part-time employment grow by 11,036 jobs, or 19% 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.

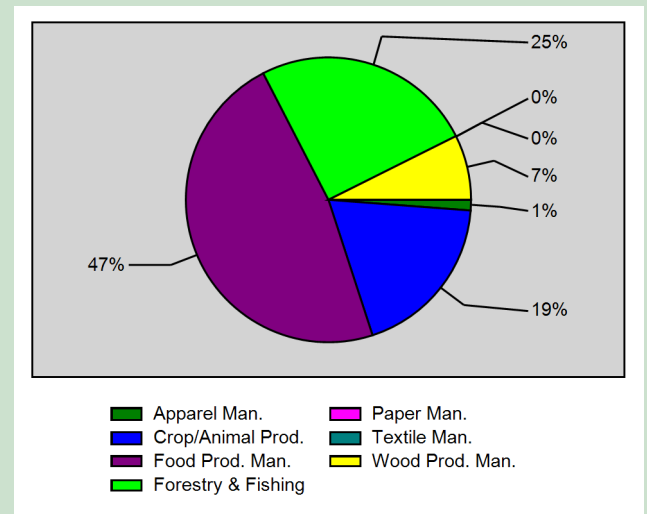
Figure 3: Five year growth in GDP (Value-Added) by major industry between 2003 and 2007



Food and Fiber System

The Food and Fiber System generates \$249,136 thousand for St. Tammany Parish's economy and ranks 7 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 \$40,756 thousand and supply 938 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 \$208,380 thousand in GDP and supply 8,078 jobs to the parish.