



The Delta Region: Northeast Louisiana



The following report was produced by the Council for A Better Louisiana. For the purposes of this report, LA Delta Region is comprised of the following 11 parishes:

Morehouse
Ouachita
Caldwell
Richland
West Carroll
East Carroll
Madison
Tensas
Franklin
Catahoula
Concordia

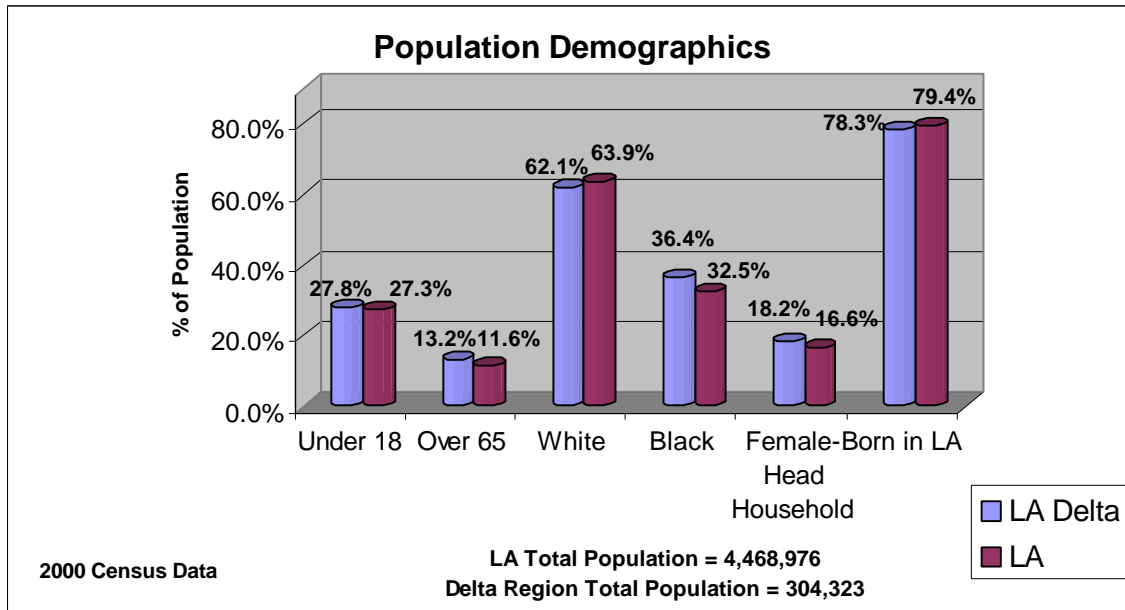
Additionally, education data for the LA Delta is comprised of data from the school districts in the above mentioned 11 parishes plus the City of Monroe School District.

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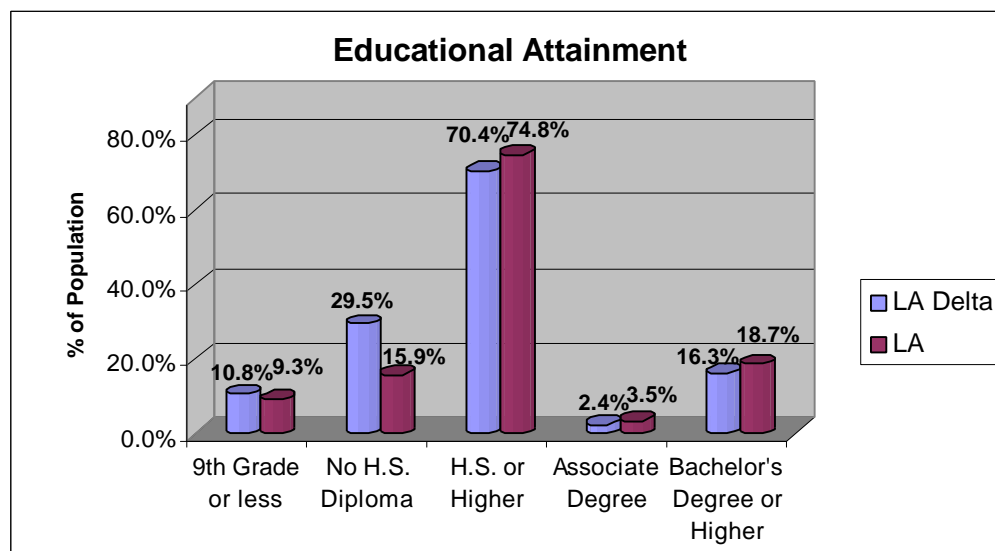
Population



Breakdown of 11-Parish Area

		<u>Under 18</u>	<u>Over 65</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Female Head of Household</u>	<u>Born in LA</u>
Morehouse	31,021	27.5%	15.1%	55.8%	43.4%	19.8%	82.1%
Ouachita	147,250	27.9%	11.8%	64.5%	33.6%	17.9%	79.7%
Caldwell	10,560	24.7%	13.9%	80.4%	17.9%	12.6%	84.0%
Richland	20,981	27.3%	15.0%	61.0%	38.0%	18.8%	86.3%
West Carroll	12,314	25.6%	15.5%	79.9%	18.9%	12.3%	76.2%
East Carroll	9,421	30.3%	12.5%	31.6%	67.3%	27.7%	72.7%
Madison	13,728	32.6%	11.6%	37.9%	60.3%	24.2%	65.6%
Tensas	6,618	26.5%	15.5%	43.4%	55.4%	20.2%	73.3%
Franklin	21,263	27.9%	15.3%	67.2%	31.6%	16.5%	85.2%
Catahoula	10,920	25.8%	14.4%	71.8%	27.1%	14.5%	79.1%
Concordia	20,247	27.8%	14.7%	60.7%	37.7%	19.0%	57.5%

2000 Census Data



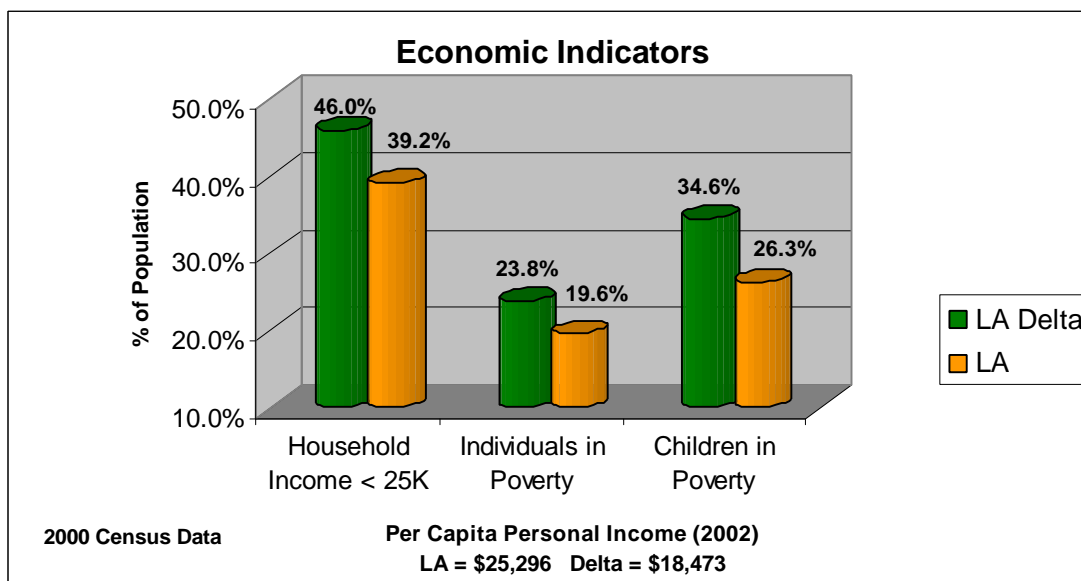
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Breakdown of 11-Parish Area

		<u>No. H.S. Diploma</u>	<u>H.S. or Higher</u>	<u>Associate Degree</u>	<u>Bachelor's Degree or Higher</u>
Morehouse	13.7%	33.4%	66.6%	2.3%	9.7%
Ouachita	6.5%	21.4%	78.6%	2.8%	22.7%
Caldwell	12.4%	34.6%	65.4%	1.5%	8.8%
Richland	14.6%	38.1%	61.9%	2.1%	12.8%
West Carroll	14.1%	40.4%	59.5%	1.6%	9.5%
East Carroll	16.5%	42.1%	57.9%	1.9%	12.3%
Madison	13.8%	36.7%	63.4%	2.2%	11.0%
Tensas	15.3%	36.8%	63.2%	1.4%	14.8%
Franklin	17.4%	38.6%	61.4%	1.2%	9.8%
Catahoula	15.5%	38.5%	61.4%	1.8%	9.4%
Concordia	14.5%	35.4%	64.6%	2.7%	9.6%

2000 Census Data

Economics

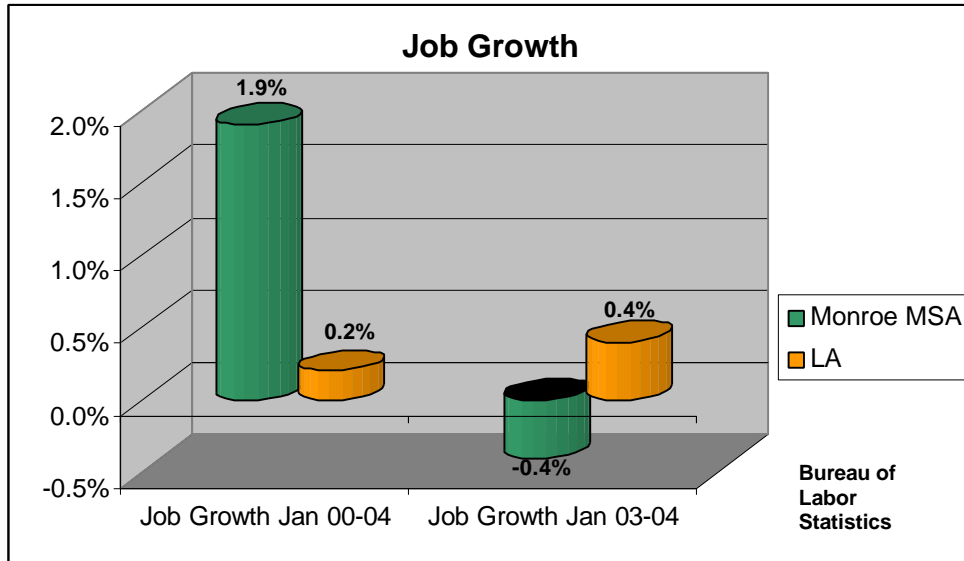


Breakdown of 11-Parish Area

	<u>Household Income < \$25,000*</u>	<u>Per Capita Personal Income (2002)+</u>	<u>Individuals in Poverty*</u>	<u>Children in Poverty*</u>
Morehouse	49.8%	\$19,560	26.8%	35.9%
Ouachita	39.4%	\$25,354	20.7%	29.7%
Caldwell	46.3%	\$19,162	21.2%	27.1%
Richland	51.7%	\$18,985	27.9%	39.5%
West Carroll	50.5%	\$17,699	23.4%	30.8%
East Carroll	57.8%	\$15,630	40.5%	56.8%
Madison	56.9%	\$16,461	36.7%	51.6%
Tensas	57.7%	\$16,939	36.3%	48.2%
Franklin	53.3%	\$17,489	28.4%	41.4%
Catahoula	54.3%	\$18,059	28.1%	41.8%
Concordia	53.6%	\$17,869	29.1%	42.0%

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*2000 Census Data



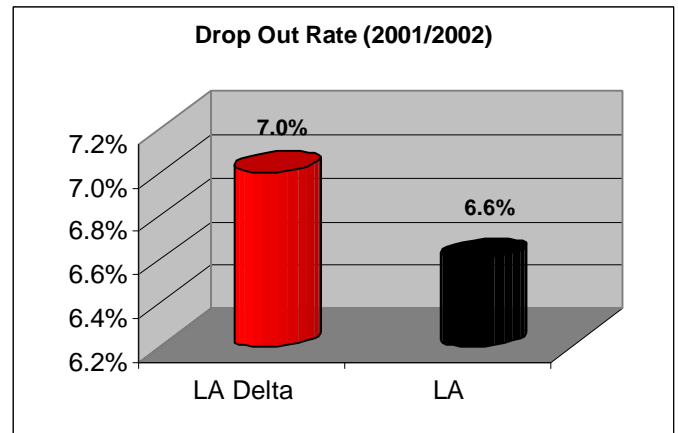
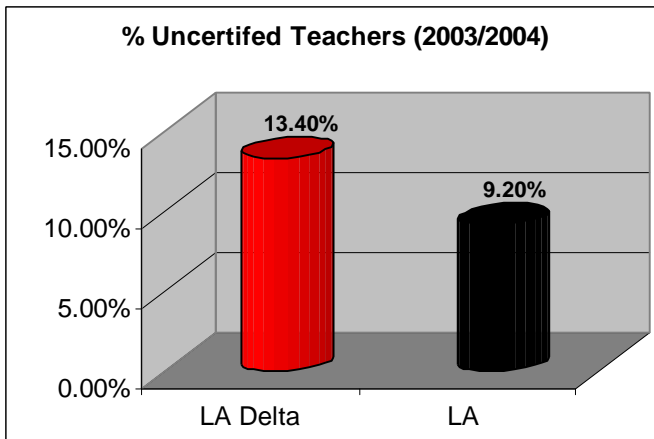
Education

Total Number of Schools (2002-03)	147
Total Student Population (Oct. 2003)	55,766

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Five Star Schools (*****)	0
Four Star Schools (****)	3
Three Star Schools (***)	28
Two Star Schools (**)	40
One Star Schools (*)	36
Academic Warning	26
Academically Unacceptable	6

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of Students who dropped out
 LA Delta: 316 LA: 13,578

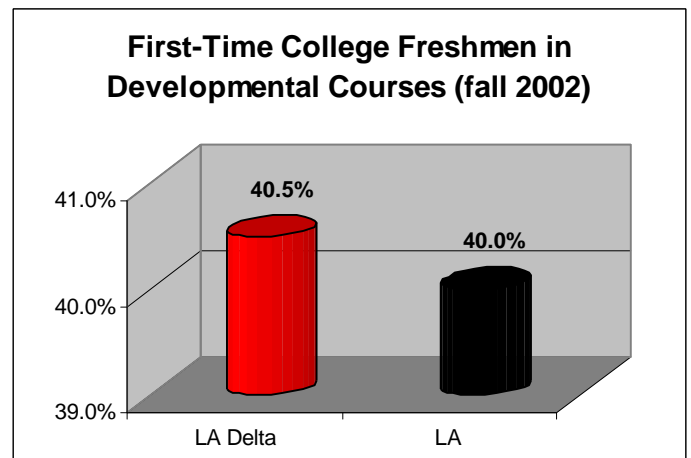
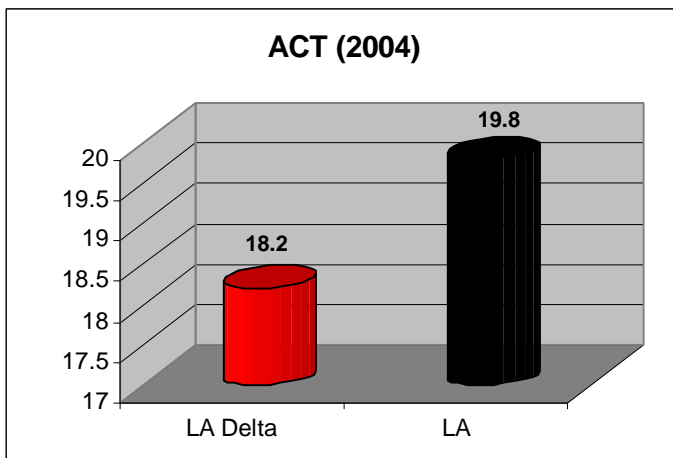
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Note: Drop out rate for 9th-12th grade.

LA Delta Drop out rate is average of 12 school districts.

Breakdown of 12 School District Areas

		<u>Drop Out Rate (2001/2002)</u>
Morehouse	15.95%	8.5%
Ouachita	6.73%	6.4%
Caldwell	8.78%	4.4%
Richland	15.93%	6.7%
West Carroll	14.81%	5.3%
East Carroll	35.71%	7.1%
Madison	32.95%	9.3%
Tensas	34.52%	6.3%
Franklin	20.12%	6.6%
Catahoula	12.26%	6.0%
Concordia	18.97%	5.8%
City of Monroe	7.42%	11.0%



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Breakdown of 12 School District Areas

	<u>ACT (2004)</u>	
Morehouse	18.5	51%
Ouachita	20.6	26%
Caldwell	18.8	53%
Richland	19.0	46%
West Carroll	19.7	46%
East Carroll	15.7	73%
Madison	16.5	60%
Tensas	15.9	75%
Franklin	17.7	63%
Catahoula	19.7	32%
Concordia	18.6	45%
City of Monroe	17.9	45%

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LEAP (Spring 2004) - Percent at or above Basic

		<u>4th Grade English</u>	<u>8th Grade Math</u>	<u>8th Grade English</u>
Morehouse	47%	47%	55%	50%
Ouachita	73%	78%	62%	59%
Caldwell	59%	64%	44%	38%
Richland	44%	52%	39%	30%
West Carroll	68%	75%	68%	60%
East Carroll	55%	52%	41%	26%
Madison	50%	63%	23%	20%
Tensas	40%	44%	33%	18%
Franklin	41%	42%	49%	37%
Catahoula	63%	75%	75%	66%
Concordia	47%	51%	46%	46%
City of Monroe	44%	57%	36%	34%
State of LA	53%	60%	51%	47%

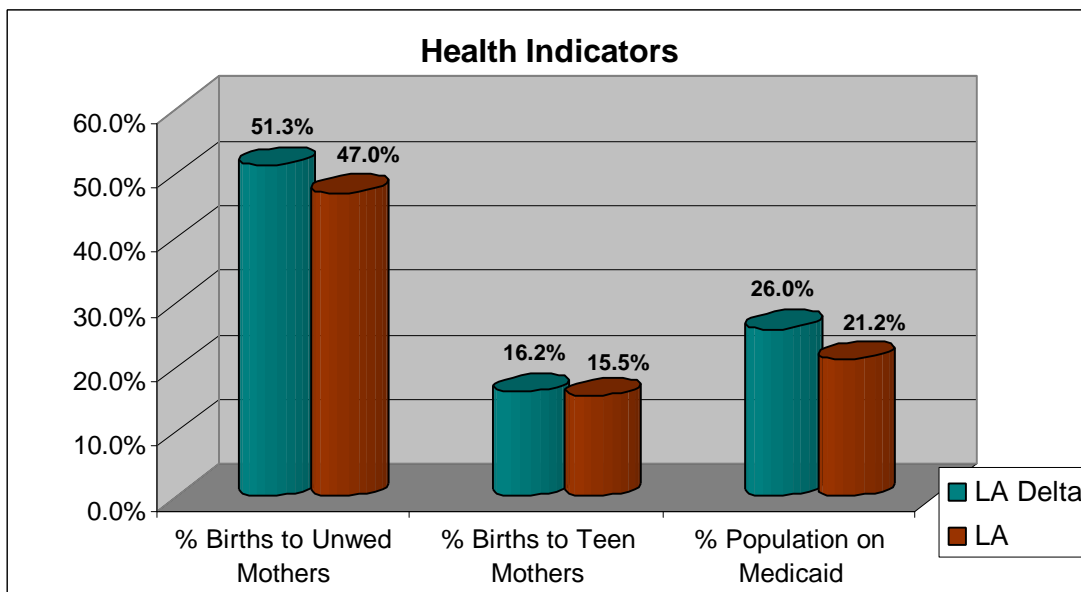
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Grade 10 Exit Exam (Spring 2004) - Percent Passing

		<u>English</u>
Morehouse	81%	84%
Ouachita	82%	87%
Caldwell	88%	87%
Richland	67%	71%
West Carroll	82%	85%
East Carroll	80%	92%
Madison	70%	80%
Tensas	81%	74%
Franklin	73%	81%
Catahoula	89%	98%
Concordia	79%	92%
City of Monroe	75%	77%
State of LA	77%	82%

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Health



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Breakdown of 11-Parish Area

		<u>% Births Unwed Mothers*</u>	<u>% Births Teen Mothers*</u>	<u>Infant Mortality Rate**</u>	<u>% Population on Medicaid*</u>
Morehouse	11.8%	54.5%	17.1%	12.4%	30.8%
Ouachita	10.3%	48.4%	15.3%	10.9%	22.2%
Caldwell	8.6%	41.5%	10.7%	9.0%	24.1%
Richland	11.4%	53.4%	14.9%	13.0%	31.2%
West Carroll	9.9%	35.5%	22.0%	2.6%	30.5%
East Carroll	12.1%	79.1%	21.6%	9.0%	44.6%
Madison	14.1%	66.3%	12.9%	11.3%	37.6%
Tensas	10.4%	71.9%	12.4%	14.2%	35.7%
Franklin	11.6%	45.6%	21.7%	14.3%	33.2%
Catahoula	11.9%	44.6%	17.7%	12.5%	28.3%
Concordia	16.5%	58.9%	18.2%	9.4%	31.2%

* 2002

** 1997-2001

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Note: Raw data was unavailable to calculate % low birthweight and infant mortality rate for the LA Delta Region.