

LOUISIANA

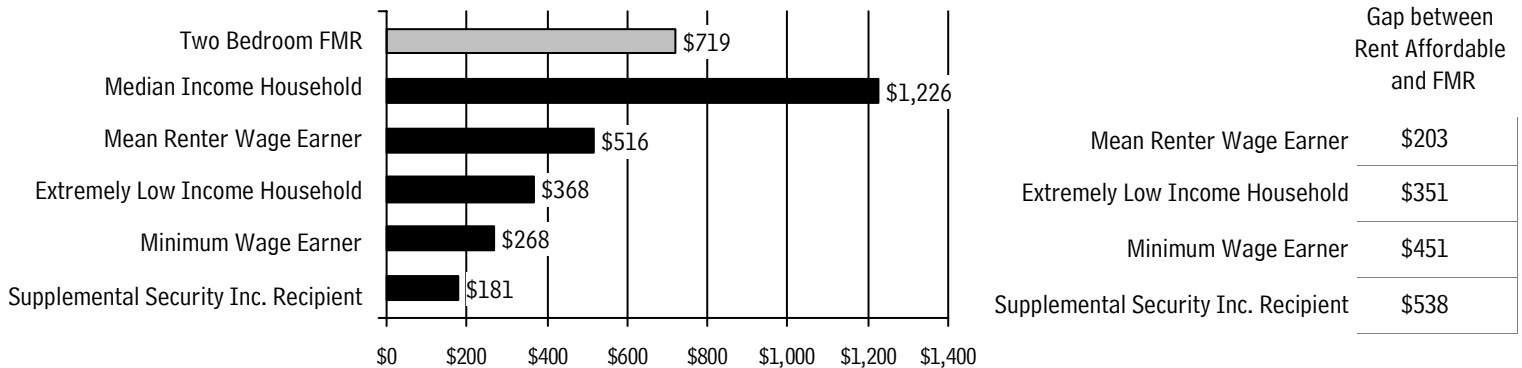
In Louisiana, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$719. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities – without paying more than 30% of income on housing – a household must earn \$2,396 monthly or \$28,751 annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into a Housing Wage of:

\$13.82

In Louisiana, a minimum wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$5.15. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage earner must work 107 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or a household must include 2.7 minimum wage earners working 40 hours per week year-round in order to make the two-bedroom FMR affordable.

In Louisiana, the estimated mean (average) wage for a renter is \$9.93. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment at this wage, a renter must work 56 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or, working 40 hours per week year-round, a household must include 1.4 workers earning the mean renter wage in order to make the two-bedroom FMR affordable.

MONTHLY RENT AFFORDABLE TO SELECTED INCOME LEVELS COMPARED WITH TWO-BEDROOM FMR



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	HOUSING WAGE Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR FMR	HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTER HOUSEHOLDS				Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
		Two bedroom FMR ¹	Income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Annual AMI ²	Rent affordable ³ at AMI ³	30% of AMI ⁴	Rent affordable ³ at 30% of AMI	Number (2000)	% of total households (2000)	Estimated mean renter hourly wage (2005) ⁵	Rent affordable ³ at mean wage	
LOUISIANA	\$13.82	\$719	\$28,751	2.7	\$49,033	\$1,226	\$14,710	\$368	531,058	32%	\$9.93	\$516	1.4

METROPOLITAN AREAS

ALEXANDRIA, LA MSA	\$9.63	\$501	\$20,040	1.9	\$44,900	\$1,123	\$13,470	\$337	16,362	30%	\$8.52	\$443	1.1
BATON ROUGE, LA HMFA	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.8	\$55,800	\$1,395	\$16,740	\$419	76,286	31%	\$9.45	\$492	1.5
HOUMA-BAYOU CANE-THIBODAUX, LA MSA	\$10.40	\$541	\$21,640	2.0	\$49,400	\$1,235	\$14,820	\$371	15,873	23%	\$10.97	\$571	0.9
IBERVILLE PARISH, LA HMFA	\$8.54	\$444	\$17,760	1.7	\$41,700	\$1,043	\$12,510	\$313	2,425	23%	\$13.67	\$711	0.6
LAFAYETTE, LA MSA	\$10.96	\$570	\$22,800	2.1	\$52,700	\$1,318	\$15,810	\$395	27,711	31%	\$10.08	\$524	1.1
LAKE CHARLES, LA MSA	\$11.10	\$577	\$23,080	2.2	\$50,900	\$1,273	\$15,270	\$382	20,059	28%	\$9.69	\$504	1.1
MONROE, LA MSA	\$10.35	\$538	\$21,520	2.0	\$48,100	\$1,203	\$14,430	\$361	21,468	34%	\$8.06	\$419	1.3
NEW ORLEANS-METAIRIE-KENNER, LA MSA	\$18.81	\$978	\$39,120	3.7	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	191,975	39%	\$11.63	\$605	1.6
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY, LA MSA	\$11.27	\$586	\$23,440	2.2	\$49,600	\$1,240	\$14,880	\$372	48,877	34%	\$9.54	\$496	1.2

COMBINED NONMETRO AREAS

LOUISIANA	\$8.98	\$467	\$18,685	1.7	\$40,463	\$1,012	\$12,139	\$303	110,022	27%	\$7.89	\$410	1.1
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COUNTIES

ACADIA PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$39,200	\$980	\$11,760	\$294	5,883	28%	\$8.21	\$427	1.0
ALLEN PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$41,800	\$1,045	\$12,540	\$314	1,942	24%	\$7.04	\$366	1.2
ASCENSION PARISH	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.8	\$55,800	\$1,395	\$16,740	\$419	4,739	18%	\$9.02	\$469	1.6
ASSUMPTION PARISH	\$9.46	\$492	\$19,680	1.8	\$45,100	\$1,128	\$13,530	\$338	1,311	16%	\$8.39	\$436	1.1
AVOUELLES PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$35,900	\$898	\$10,770	\$269	3,768	26%	\$5.21	\$271	1.6
BEAUREGARD PARISH	\$8.62	\$448	\$17,920	1.7	\$46,400	\$1,160	\$13,920	\$348	2,440	20%	\$10.64	\$553	0.8
BIENVILLE PARISH	\$9.29	\$483	\$19,320	1.8	\$37,800	\$945	\$11,340	\$284	1,354	22%	\$7.34	\$381	1.3
BOSSIER PARISH	\$11.27	\$586	\$23,440	2.2	\$49,600	\$1,240	\$14,880	\$372	11,186	31%	\$8.19	\$426	1.4
CADDO PARISH	\$11.27	\$586	\$23,440	2.2	\$49,600	\$1,240	\$14,880	\$372	35,428	36%	\$10.03	\$522	1.1
CALCASIEU PARISH	\$11.10	\$577	\$23,080	2.2	\$50,900	\$1,273	\$15,270	\$382	19,528	28%	\$9.63	\$501	1.2
CALDWELL PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$41,100	\$1,028	\$12,330	\$308	819	21%	\$5.28	\$275	1.6
CAMERON PARISH	\$11.10	\$577	\$23,080	2.2	\$50,900	\$1,273	\$15,270	\$382	531	15%	\$11.87	\$617	0.9
CATAHOULA PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$33,400	\$835	\$10,020	\$251	692	17%	\$5.46	\$284	1.5
CLAIBORNE PARISH	\$9.29	\$483	\$19,320	1.8	\$39,900	\$998	\$11,970	\$299	1,519	24%	\$7.78	\$405	1.2
CONCORDIA PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$35,100	\$878	\$10,530	\$263	1,798	24%	\$6.39	\$332	1.3
DE SOTO PARISH	\$11.27	\$586	\$23,440	2.2	\$49,600	\$1,240	\$14,880	\$372	2,263	23%	\$8.24	\$429	1.4
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.8	\$55,800	\$1,395	\$16,740	\$419	60,060	38%	\$9.58	\$498	1.5
EAST CARROLL PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$30,400	\$760	\$9,120	\$228	1,126	38%	\$6.07	\$315	1.4
EAST FELICIANA PARISH	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.8	\$55,800	\$1,395	\$16,740	\$419	1,182	18%	\$6.47	\$336	2.2
EVANGELINE PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$33,900	\$848	\$10,170	\$254	3,899	31%	\$5.21	\$271	1.6
FRANKLIN PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$33,700	\$843	\$10,110	\$253	1,842	24%	\$4.75	\$247	1.8
GRANT PARISH	\$9.63	\$501	\$20,040	1.9	\$44,900	\$1,123	\$13,470	\$337	1,297	18%	\$6.66	\$347	1.4

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		Two bedroom FMR ¹	Income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Annual AMI ²	Rent affordable at AMI ³	30% of AMI ⁴	Rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Number (2000)	% of total households (2000)	Estimated mean renter hourly wage (2005) ⁵	Rent affordable at mean wage	
IBERIA PARISH	\$9.63	\$501	\$20,040	1.9	\$44,000	\$1,100	\$13,200	\$330	6,753	27%	\$8.84	\$460	1.1
IBERVILLE PARISH	\$8.54	\$444	\$17,760	1.7	\$41,700	\$1,043	\$12,510	\$313	2,425	23%	\$13.67	\$711	0.6
JACKSON PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$44,200	\$1,105	\$13,260	\$332	1,380	23%	\$7.96	\$414	1.1
JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$40,800	\$1,020	\$12,240	\$306	2,884	25%	\$6.84	\$356	1.2
JEFFERSON PARISH	\$18.81	\$978	\$39,120	3.7	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	63,700	36%	\$11.54	\$600	1.6
LA SALLE PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$44,100	\$1,103	\$13,230	\$331	875	17%	\$7.25	\$377	1.2
LAFAYETTE PARISH	\$10.96	\$570	\$22,800	2.1	\$52,700	\$1,318	\$15,810	\$395	24,569	34%	\$10.39	\$540	1.1
LAFOURCHE PARISH	\$10.40	\$541	\$21,640	2.0	\$49,400	\$1,235	\$14,820	\$371	7,069	22%	\$9.95	\$517	1.0
LINCOLN PARISH	\$9.92	\$516	\$20,640	1.9	\$47,600	\$1,190	\$14,280	\$357	6,104	40%	\$5.74	\$299	1.7
LIVINGSTON PARISH	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.8	\$55,800	\$1,395	\$16,740	\$419	5,293	16%	\$9.01	\$468	1.6
MADISON PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$29,400	\$735	\$8,820	\$221	1,703	38%	\$6.32	\$328	1.3
MOREHOUSE PARISH	\$8.92	\$464	\$18,560	1.7	\$38,600	\$965	\$11,580	\$290	3,232	28%	\$6.91	\$359	1.3
NATCHITOCHE PARISH	\$9.69	\$504	\$20,160	1.9	\$40,100	\$1,003	\$12,030	\$301	5,063	35%	\$5.87	\$305	1.7
ORLEANS PARISH	\$18.81	\$978	\$39,120	3.7	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	100,716	54%	\$12.26	\$637	1.5
OUACHITA PARISH	\$10.35	\$538	\$21,520	2.0	\$48,100	\$1,203	\$14,430	\$361	19,804	36%	\$8.15	\$424	1.3
PLAQUEMINES PARISH	\$18.81	\$978	\$39,120	3.7	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	1,907	21%	\$18.41	\$957	1.0
POINTE COUPEE PARISH	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.8	\$55,800	\$1,395	\$16,740	\$419	1,874	22%	\$7.38	\$384	2.0
RAPIDES PARISH	\$9.63	\$501	\$20,040	1.9	\$44,900	\$1,123	\$13,470	\$337	15,065	32%	\$8.58	\$446	1.1
RED RIVER PARISH	\$9.29	\$483	\$19,320	1.8	\$34,300	\$858	\$10,290	\$257	814	24%	\$7.15	\$372	1.3
RICHLAND PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$35,500	\$888	\$10,650	\$266	2,076	28%	\$5.71	\$297	1.5
SABINE PARISH	\$9.29	\$483	\$19,320	1.8	\$39,700	\$993	\$11,910	\$298	1,753	19%	\$5.51	\$287	1.7
ST. BERNARD PARISH	\$18.81	\$978	\$39,120	3.7	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	6,365	25%	\$10.20	\$530	1.8
ST. CHARLES PARISH	\$18.81	\$978	\$39,120	3.7	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	3,052	19%	\$13.22	\$687	1.4
ST. HELENA PARISH	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.8	\$55,800	\$1,395	\$16,740	\$419	582	15%	\$9.07	\$472	1.6
ST. JAMES PARISH	\$11.50	\$598	\$23,920	2.2	\$50,300	\$1,258	\$15,090	\$377	1,008	14%	\$10.87	\$565	1.1
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH	\$18.81	\$978	\$39,120	3.7	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	2,714	19%	\$9.95	\$517	1.9
ST. LANDRY PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$35,700	\$893	\$10,710	\$268	9,459	29%	\$6.84	\$356	1.2
ST. MARTIN PARISH	\$10.96	\$570	\$22,800	2.1	\$52,700	\$1,318	\$15,810	\$395	3,142	18%	\$5.86	\$305	1.9
ST. MARY PARISH	\$9.33	\$485	\$19,400	1.8	\$40,400	\$1,010	\$12,120	\$303	5,042	26%	\$13.58	\$706	0.7
ST. TAMMANY PARISH	\$18.81	\$978	\$39,120	3.7	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	13,521	20%	\$8.57	\$445	2.2
TANGIPAHOA PARISH	\$10.62	\$552	\$22,080	2.1	\$45,000	\$1,125	\$13,500	\$338	9,753	27%	\$6.54	\$340	1.6
TENSAS PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$31,900	\$798	\$9,570	\$239	740	31%	\$7.85	\$408	1.1
TERREBONNE PARISH	\$10.40	\$541	\$21,640	2.0	\$49,400	\$1,235	\$14,820	\$371	8,804	24%	\$11.58	\$602	0.9
UNION PARISH	\$10.35	\$538	\$21,520	2.0	\$48,100	\$1,203	\$14,430	\$361	1,664	19%	\$6.98	\$363	1.5
VERMILION PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$44,300	\$1,108	\$13,290	\$332	4,565	23%	\$8.43	\$439	1.0
VERNON PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$42,800	\$1,070	\$12,840	\$321	7,900	43%	\$10.24	\$533	0.8
WASHINGTON PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$35,900	\$898	\$10,770	\$269	3,875	24%	\$7.90	\$411	1.1
WEBSTER PARISH	\$8.58	\$446	\$17,840	1.7	\$42,800	\$1,070	\$12,840	\$321	4,210	26%	\$7.89	\$411	1.1
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.8	\$55,800	\$1,395	\$16,740	\$419	1,627	21%	\$8.92	\$464	1.6
WEST CARROLL PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$38,700	\$968	\$11,610	\$290	937	21%	\$8.27	\$430	1.0
WEST FELICIANA PARISH	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.8	\$55,800	\$1,395	\$16,740	\$419	929	25%	\$13.83	\$719	1.0

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WINN PARISH	\$8.42	\$438	\$17,520	1.6	\$38,600	\$965	\$11,580	\$290	1,503	25%	\$7.44	\$387	1.1

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