

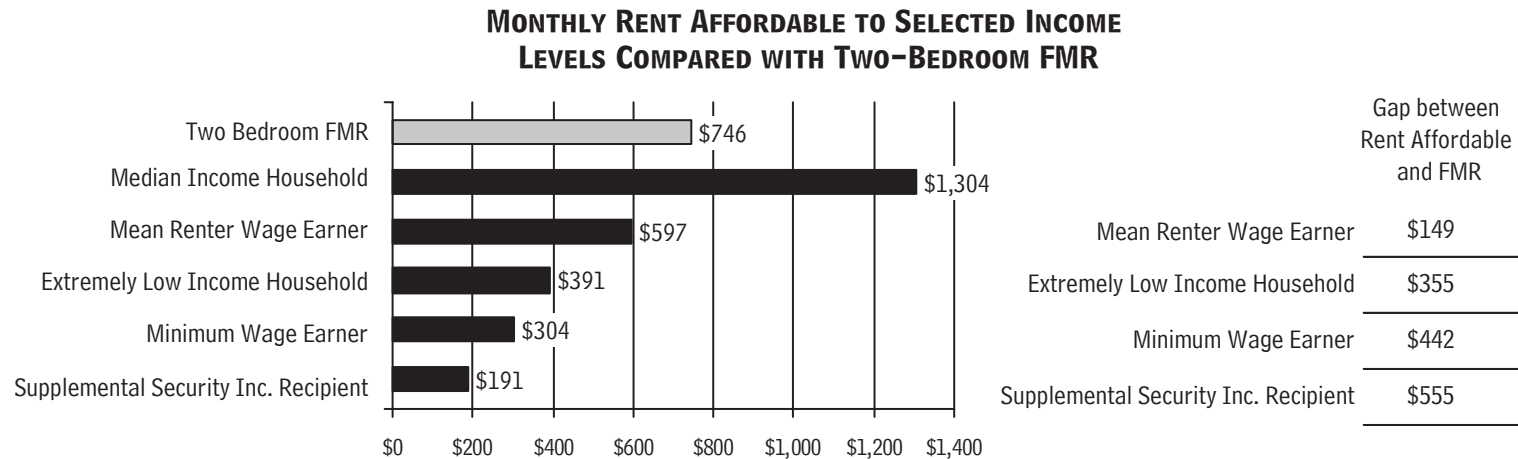
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In Louisiana, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$746. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities – without paying more than 30% of income on housing – a household must earn \$2,486 monthly or \$29,830 annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into a Housing Wage of:

\$14.34

In Louisiana, a minimum wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$5.85. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage earner must work 98 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or a household must include 2.5 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 \$11.49. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment at this wage, a renter must work 50 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or, working 40 hours per week year-round, a household must include 1.2 workers earning the mean renter wage in order to make the two-bedroom FMR affordable.



LOUISIANA	FY08 HOUSING WAGE		HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTER HOUSEHOLDS				Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR FMR	% change since 2000	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 (2008) ⁵	Rent affordable at mean wage	
LOUISIANA	\$14.34	55%	\$746	\$29,830	2.5	\$52,179	\$1,304	\$15,654	\$391	531,058	32%	\$11.49	\$597	1.2
COMBINED NONMETRO AREAS	\$9.74	34%	\$506	\$20,257	1.7	\$41,923	\$1,048	\$12,577	\$314	110,022	27%	\$9.07	\$472	1.1
<u>METROPOLITAN AREAS</u>														
ALEXANDRIA MSA	\$10.44	31%	\$543	\$21,720	1.8	\$45,900	\$1,148	\$13,770	\$344	16,362	30%	\$9.41	\$489	1.1
BATON ROUGE HMFA	\$14.58	52%	\$758	\$30,320	2.5	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	76,286	31%	\$10.81	\$562	1.3
HOUMA-BAYOU CANE-THIBODAUX MSA	\$11.23	30%	\$584	\$23,360	1.9	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	15,873	23%	\$13.29	\$691	0.8
IBERVILLE PARISH HMFA	\$9.42	32%	\$490	\$19,600	1.6	\$42,900	\$1,073	\$12,870	\$322	2,425	23%	\$14.44	\$751	0.7
LAFAYETTE MSA	\$11.88	30%	\$618	\$24,720	2.0	\$55,200	\$1,380	\$16,560	\$414	27,711	31%	\$11.77	\$612	1.0
LAKE CHARLES MSA	\$12.00	31%	\$624	\$24,960	2.1	\$52,900	\$1,323	\$15,870	\$397	20,059	28%	\$10.90	\$567	1.1
MONROE MSA	\$11.17	30%	\$581	\$23,240	1.9	\$48,800	\$1,220	\$14,640	\$366	21,468	34%	\$8.92	\$464	1.3
NEW ORLEANS-METAIRIE-KENNER MSA	\$19.04	82%	\$990	\$39,600	3.3	\$59,800	\$1,495	\$17,940	\$449	191,975	39%	\$14.12	\$734	1.3
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA	\$12.19	30%	\$634	\$25,360	2.1	\$49,600	\$1,240	\$14,880	\$372	48,877	34%	\$10.61	\$552	1.1
<u>COUNTIES</u>														
ACADIA PARISH	\$9.12	38%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$41,100	\$1,028	\$12,330	\$308	5,883	28%	\$8.78	\$456	1.0
ALLEN PARISH	\$9.12	40%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$43,500	\$1,088	\$13,050	\$326	1,942	24%	\$8.90	\$463	1.0
ASCENSION PARISH	\$14.58	52%	\$758	\$30,320	2.5	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	4,739	18%	\$10.12	\$526	1.4
ASSUMPTION PARISH	\$10.29	30%	\$535	\$21,400	1.8	\$46,000	\$1,150	\$13,800	\$345	1,311	16%	\$9.79	\$509	1.1
AVOYELLES PARISH	\$9.12	41%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$37,100	\$928	\$11,130	\$278	3,768	26%	\$5.89	\$306	1.5
BEAUREGARD PARISH	\$9.37	31%	\$487	\$19,480	1.6	\$47,600	\$1,190	\$14,280	\$357	2,440	20%	\$11.87	\$617	0.8
BIENVILLE PARISH	\$10.10	31%	\$525	\$21,000	1.7	\$38,800	\$970	\$11,640	\$291	1,354	22%	\$8.15	\$424	1.2
BOSSIER PARISH	\$12.19	30%	\$634	\$25,360	2.1	\$49,600	\$1,240	\$14,880	\$372	11,186	31%	\$9.24	\$480	1.3
CADDO PARISH	\$12.19	30%	\$634	\$25,360	2.1	\$49,600	\$1,240	\$14,880	\$372	35,428	36%	\$11.12	\$578	1.1
CALCASIEU PARISH	\$12.00	31%	\$624	\$24,960	2.1	\$52,900	\$1,323	\$15,870	\$397	19,528	28%	\$10.78	\$560	1.1
CALDWELL PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$42,200	\$1,055	\$12,660	\$317	819	21%	\$5.64	\$293	1.6
CAMERON PARISH	\$12.00	31%	\$624	\$24,960	2.1	\$52,900	\$1,323	\$15,870	\$397	531	15%	\$15.83	\$823	0.8
CATAHOULA PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$34,300	\$858	\$10,290	\$257	692	17%	\$6.04	\$314	1.5
CLAIBORNE PARISH	\$10.10	31%	\$525	\$21,000	1.7	\$41,400	\$1,035	\$12,420	\$311	1,519	24%	\$8.92	\$464	1.1
CONCORDIA PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$36,500	\$913	\$10,950	\$274	1,798	24%	\$7.28	\$379	1.3
DE SOTO PARISH	\$12.19	30%	\$634	\$25,360	2.1	\$49,600	\$1,240	\$14,880	\$372	2,263	23%	\$9.20	\$479	1.3
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH	\$14.58	52%	\$758	\$30,320	2.5	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	60,060	38%	\$11.02	\$573	1.3
EAST CARROLL PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$31,400	\$785	\$9,420	\$236	1,126	38%	\$6.95	\$361	1.3
EAST FELICIANA PARISH	\$14.58	52%	\$758	\$30,320	2.5	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	1,182	18%	\$6.96	\$362	2.1
EVANGELINE PARISH	\$9.12	49%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$34,700	\$868	\$10,410	\$260	3,899	31%	\$5.95	\$309	1.5
FRANKLIN PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$34,700	\$868	\$10,410	\$260	1,842	24%	\$5.48	\$285	1.7
GRANT PARISH	\$10.44	31%	\$543	\$21,720	1.8	\$45,900	\$1,148	\$13,770	\$344	1,297	18%	\$7.21	\$375	1.4
IBERIA PARISH	\$10.46	30%	\$544	\$21,760	1.8	\$45,300	\$1,133	\$13,590	\$340	6,753	27%	\$10.70	\$557	1.0
IBERVILLE PARISH	\$9.42	32%	\$490	\$19,600	1.6	\$42,900	\$1,073	\$12,870	\$322	2,425	23%	\$14.44	\$751	0.7
JACKSON PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$45,500	\$1,138	\$13,650	\$341	1,380	23%	\$8.66	\$450	1.1

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JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH	\$9.12	31%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$42,300	\$1,058	\$12,690	\$317	2,884	25%	\$7.71	\$401	1.2
JEFFERSON PARISH	\$19.04	82%	\$990	\$39,600	3.3	\$59,800	\$1,495	\$17,940	\$449	63,700	36%	\$13.78	\$717	1.4
LA SALLE PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$46,000	\$1,150	\$13,800	\$345	875	17%	\$8.21	\$427	1.1
LAFAYETTE PARISH	\$11.88	30%	\$618	\$24,720	2.0	\$55,200	\$1,380	\$16,560	\$414	24,569	34%	\$12.09	\$629	1.0
LAFOURCHE PARISH	\$11.23	30%	\$584	\$23,360	1.9	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	7,069	22%	\$12.16	\$632	0.9
LINCOLN PARISH	\$10.79	30%	\$561	\$22,440	1.8	\$48,700	\$1,218	\$14,610	\$365	6,104	40%	\$6.35	\$330	1.7
LIVINGSTON PARISH	\$14.58	52%	\$758	\$30,320	2.5	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	5,293	16%	\$10.12	\$526	1.4
MADISON PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$29,900	\$748	\$8,970	\$224	1,703	38%	\$7.04	\$366	1.3
MOREHOUSE PARISH	\$9.67	30%	\$503	\$20,120	1.7	\$39,200	\$980	\$11,760	\$294	3,232	28%	\$7.22	\$376	1.3
NATCHITOCHE PARISH	\$10.52	31%	\$547	\$21,880	1.8	\$41,200	\$1,030	\$12,360	\$309	5,063	35%	\$6.37	\$331	1.7
ORLEANS PARISH	\$19.04	82%	\$990	\$39,600	3.3	\$59,800	\$1,495	\$17,940	\$449	100,716	54%	\$15.69	\$816	1.2
OUACHITA PARISH	\$11.17	30%	\$581	\$23,240	1.9	\$48,800	\$1,220	\$14,640	\$366	19,804	36%	\$9.00	\$468	1.2
PLAQUEMINES PARISH	\$19.04	82%	\$990	\$39,600	3.3	\$59,800	\$1,495	\$17,940	\$449	1,907	21%	\$22.16	\$1,152	0.9
POINTE COUPEE PARISH	\$14.58	52%	\$758	\$30,320	2.5	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	1,874	22%	\$8.26	\$430	1.8
RAPIDES PARISH	\$10.44	31%	\$543	\$21,720	1.8	\$45,900	\$1,148	\$13,770	\$344	15,065	32%	\$9.48	\$493	1.1
RED RIVER PARISH	\$10.10	31%	\$525	\$21,000	1.7	\$35,200	\$880	\$10,560	\$264	814	24%	\$7.89	\$410	1.3
RICHLAND PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$36,700	\$918	\$11,010	\$275	2,076	28%	\$6.36	\$331	1.4
SABINE PARISH	\$10.10	31%	\$525	\$21,000	1.7	\$40,600	\$1,015	\$12,180	\$305	1,753	19%	\$5.96	\$310	1.7
ST. BERNARD PARISH	\$19.04	82%	\$990	\$39,600	3.3	\$59,800	\$1,495	\$17,940	\$449	6,365	25%	\$16.96	\$882	1.1
ST. CHARLES PARISH	\$19.04	82%	\$990	\$39,600	3.3	\$59,800	\$1,495	\$17,940	\$449	3,052	19%	\$14.63	\$761	1.3
ST. HELENA PARISH †	\$14.58	52%	\$758	\$30,320	2.5	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	582	15%			
ST. JAMES PARISH	\$12.48	31%	\$649	\$25,960	2.1	\$52,800	\$1,320	\$15,840	\$396	1,008	14%	\$12.48	\$649	1.0
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH	\$19.04	82%	\$990	\$39,600	3.3	\$59,800	\$1,495	\$17,940	\$449	2,714	19%	\$11.35	\$590	1.7
ST. LANDRY PARISH	\$9.12	39%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$36,800	\$920	\$11,040	\$276	9,459	29%	\$7.54	\$392	1.2
ST. MARTIN PARISH	\$11.88	30%	\$618	\$24,720	2.0	\$55,200	\$1,380	\$16,560	\$414	3,142	18%	\$7.04	\$366	1.7
ST. MARY PARISH	\$10.13	30%	\$527	\$21,080	1.7	\$42,200	\$1,055	\$12,660	\$317	5,042	26%	\$16.36	\$851	0.6
ST. TAMMANY PARISH	\$19.04	82%	\$990	\$39,600	3.3	\$59,800	\$1,495	\$17,940	\$449	13,521	20%	\$10.21	\$531	1.9
TANGIPAHOA PARISH	\$11.54	30%	\$600	\$24,000	2.0	\$48,000	\$1,200	\$14,400	\$360	9,753	27%	\$7.72	\$401	1.5
TENSAS PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$33,300	\$833	\$9,990	\$250	740	31%	\$9.48	\$493	1.0
TERREBONNE PARISH	\$11.23	30%	\$584	\$23,360	1.9	\$52,300	\$1,308	\$15,690	\$392	8,804	24%	\$13.95	\$726	0.8
UNION PARISH	\$11.17	30%	\$581	\$23,240	1.9	\$48,800	\$1,220	\$14,640	\$366	1,664	19%	\$7.81	\$406	1.4
VERMILION PARISH	\$9.12	32%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$45,800	\$1,145	\$13,740	\$344	4,565	23%	\$9.81	\$510	0.9
VERNON PARISH	\$9.12	30%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$43,800	\$1,095	\$13,140	\$329	7,900	43%	\$11.14	\$579	0.8
WASHINGTON PARISH	\$9.12	44%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$37,300	\$933	\$11,190	\$280	3,875	24%	\$8.86	\$461	1.0
WEBSTER PARISH	\$9.29	31%	\$483	\$19,320	1.6	\$44,200	\$1,105	\$13,260	\$332	4,210	26%	\$8.46	\$440	1.1
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH	\$14.58	52%	\$758	\$30,320	2.5	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	1,627	21%	\$10.30	\$536	1.4
WEST CARROLL PARISH	\$9.12	37%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$42,600	\$1,065	\$12,780	\$320	937	21%	\$11.58	\$602	0.8
WEST FELICIANA PARISH	\$14.58	52%	\$758	\$30,320	2.5	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	929	25%	\$14.39	\$748	1.0
WINN PARISH	\$9.12	40%	\$474	\$18,960	1.6	\$39,500	\$988	\$11,850	\$296	1,503	25%	\$8.03	\$417	1.1

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