

# LOUISIANA

STATE RANKING #29\*

In **Louisiana**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$865**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$2,883** monthly or **\$34,597** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

**\$16.63**  
PER HOUR  
STATE HOUSING  
WAGE

## FACTS ABOUT LOUISIANA:

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Minimum Wage	<b>\$7.25</b>
Average Renter Wage	<b>\$14.07</b>
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	<b>\$16.63</b>
Number of Renter Households	<b>598,613</b>
Percent Renters	<b>35%</b>

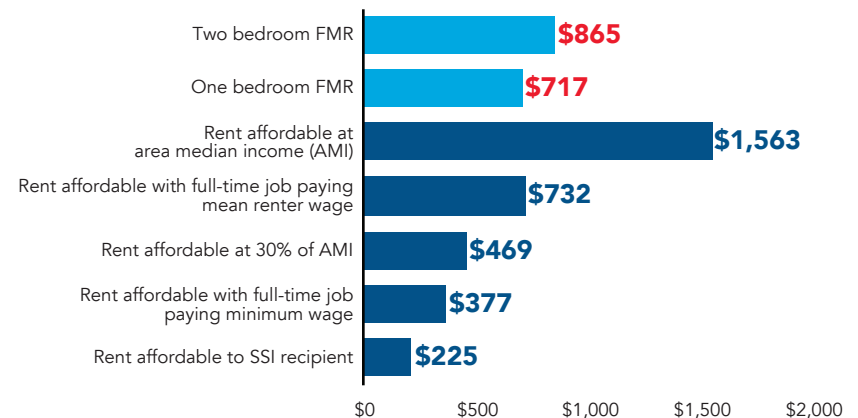
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**2.3**  
Number of Full-Time Jobs At  
**Minimum Wage** To Afford a  
**2-Bedroom Rental Home** (at FMR)

**1.9**  
Number of Full-Time Jobs At  
**Minimum Wage** To Afford a  
**1-Bedroom Rental Home** (at FMR)

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS	HOUSING WAGE
Vernon Parish	<b>\$19.69</b>
New Orleans-Metairie HMFA	<b>\$19.15</b>
Baton Rouge HMFA	<b>\$17.42</b>
Lafayette HMFA	<b>\$16.63</b>
Hammond MSA	<b>\$15.98</b>



MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

\* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

	FY18 HOUSING WAGE	HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTERS				
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR <sup>1</sup> FMR <sup>2</sup>	2 BR FMR	Annual income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR <sup>3</sup>	Annual AMI <sup>4</sup>	Monthly rent affordable at AMI <sup>5</sup>	30% of AMI	Monthly rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Renter households (2012-2016)	% of total households (2012-2016)	Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2018)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
Louisiana	\$16.63	\$865	\$34,597	2.3	\$62,538	\$1,563	\$18,761	\$469	598,613	35%	\$14.07	\$732	1.2
Combined Nonmetro Areas	\$14.19	\$738	\$29,512	2.0	\$48,829	\$1,221	\$14,649	\$366	93,010	33%	\$10.62	\$552	1.3
<b><u>Metropolitan Areas</u></b>													
Acadia Parish HMFA	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$49,400	\$1,235	\$14,820	\$371	6,547	29%	\$9.42	\$490	1.4
Alexandria MSA	\$14.42	\$750	\$30,000	2.0	\$55,400	\$1,385	\$16,620	\$416	20,443	37%	\$12.14	\$631	1.2
Baton Rouge HMFA	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	2.4	\$74,800	\$1,870	\$22,440	\$561	94,419	33%	\$14.87	\$773	1.2
Hammond MSA	\$15.98	\$831	\$33,240	2.2	\$63,300	\$1,583	\$18,990	\$475	14,840	32%	\$8.60	\$447	1.9
Houma-Thibodaux MSA	\$15.85	\$824	\$32,960	2.2	\$61,600	\$1,540	\$18,480	\$462	19,852	26%	\$17.52	\$911	0.9
Iberia Parish HMFA	\$14.60	\$759	\$30,360	2.0	\$57,600	\$1,440	\$17,280	\$432	7,916	30%	\$13.82	\$719	1.1
Iberville Parish HMFA	\$13.62	\$708	\$28,320	1.9	\$59,900	\$1,498	\$17,970	\$449	2,703	24%	\$19.83	\$1,031	0.7
Lafayette HMFA	\$16.63	\$865	\$34,600	2.3	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	35,285	33%	\$13.59	\$707	1.2
Lake Charles MSA	\$15.21	\$791	\$31,640	2.1	\$60,000	\$1,500	\$18,000	\$450	24,740	31%	\$15.43	\$802	1.0
Monroe MSA	\$14.00	\$728	\$29,120	1.9	\$52,200	\$1,305	\$15,660	\$392	24,668	38%	\$10.67	\$555	1.3
New Orleans-Metairie HMFA	\$19.15	\$996	\$39,840	2.6	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	183,887	39%	\$15.64	\$813	1.2
Shreveport-Bossier City HMFA	\$15.77	\$820	\$32,800	2.2	\$62,700	\$1,568	\$18,810	\$470	58,426	38%	\$12.13	\$631	1.3
St. James Parish HMFA	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$64,500	\$1,613	\$19,350	\$484	1,823	23%	\$18.94	\$985	0.7
Vermilion Parish HMFA	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$60,300	\$1,508	\$18,090	\$452	5,371	25%	\$11.37	\$591	1.2
Webster Parish HMFA	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$46,600	\$1,165	\$13,980	\$350	4,683	30%	\$12.24	\$636	1.1
<b><u>Counties</u></b>													
Acadia Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$49,400	\$1,235	\$14,820	\$371	6,547	29%	\$9.42	\$490	1.4
Allen Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$54,500	\$1,363	\$16,350	\$409	2,066	26%	\$8.81	\$458	1.5
Ascension Parish	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	2.4	\$74,800	\$1,870	\$22,440	\$561	7,897	19%	\$15.12	\$786	1.2

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Assumption Parish	\$13.58	\$706	\$28,240	1.9	\$62,900	\$1,573	\$18,870	\$472	1,740	20%	\$10.06	\$523	1.4
Avoyelles Parish	\$13.44	\$699	\$27,960	1.9	\$44,600	\$1,115	\$13,380	\$335	4,621	31%	\$8.25	\$429	1.6
Beauregard Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$62,500	\$1,563	\$18,750	\$469	3,148	24%	\$10.94	\$569	1.2
Bienville Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$44,400	\$1,110	\$13,320	\$333	1,636	29%	\$8.45	\$440	1.5
Bossier Parish	\$15.77	\$820	\$32,800	2.2	\$62,700	\$1,568	\$18,810	\$470	16,913	36%	\$12.11	\$630	1.3
Caddo Parish	\$15.77	\$820	\$32,800	2.2	\$62,700	\$1,568	\$18,810	\$470	38,726	40%	\$12.23	\$636	1.3
Calcasieu Parish	\$15.21	\$791	\$31,640	2.1	\$60,000	\$1,500	\$18,000	\$450	24,472	32%	\$14.40	\$749	1.1
Caldwell Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$49,900	\$1,248	\$14,970	\$374	857	24%	\$7.87	\$409	1.7
Cameron Parish	\$15.21	\$791	\$31,640	2.1	\$60,000	\$1,500	\$18,000	\$450	268	10%	\$23.47	\$1,220	0.6
Catahoula Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$53,400	\$1,335	\$16,020	\$401	954	26%	\$8.18	\$426	1.6
Claiborne Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$43,900	\$1,098	\$13,170	\$329	1,956	34%	\$9.37	\$487	1.4
Concordia Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$44,300	\$1,108	\$13,290	\$332	2,968	39%	\$10.68	\$555	1.2
De Soto Parish	\$15.77	\$820	\$32,800	2.2	\$62,700	\$1,568	\$18,810	\$470	2,787	27%	\$10.32	\$537	1.5
East Baton Rouge Parish	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	2.4	\$74,800	\$1,870	\$22,440	\$561	69,177	41%	\$15.27	\$794	1.1
East Carroll Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$29,600	\$740	\$8,880	\$222	1,477	58%	\$9.32	\$485	1.4
East Feliciana Parish	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	2.4	\$74,800	\$1,870	\$22,440	\$561	1,265	19%	\$10.35	\$538	1.7
Evangeline Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$42,000	\$1,050	\$12,600	\$315	3,943	33%	\$9.91	\$515	1.3
Franklin Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$45,600	\$1,140	\$13,680	\$342	2,350	31%	\$6.58	\$342	2.0
Grant Parish	\$14.42	\$750	\$30,000	2.0	\$55,400	\$1,385	\$16,620	\$416	2,009	28%	\$12.18	\$633	1.2
Iberia Parish	\$14.60	\$759	\$30,360	2.0	\$57,600	\$1,440	\$17,280	\$432	7,916	30%	\$13.82	\$719	1.1
Iberville Parish	\$13.62	\$708	\$28,320	1.9	\$59,900	\$1,498	\$17,970	\$449	2,703	24%	\$19.83	\$1,031	0.7
Jackson Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$47,800	\$1,195	\$14,340	\$359	1,852	31%	\$8.44	\$439	1.5
Jefferson Parish	\$19.15	\$996	\$39,840	2.6	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	65,264	39%	\$15.19	\$790	1.3
Jefferson Davis Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$54,000	\$1,350	\$16,200	\$405	3,338	29%	\$9.85	\$512	1.3
Lafayette Parish	\$16.63	\$865	\$34,600	2.3	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	31,296	35%	\$13.74	\$714	1.2
Lafourche Parish	\$15.85	\$824	\$32,960	2.2	\$61,600	\$1,540	\$18,480	\$462	8,912	25%	\$14.73	\$766	1.1

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La Salle Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$52,800	\$1,320	\$15,840	\$396	1,276	24%	\$10.46	\$544	1.2
Lincoln Parish	\$15.06	\$783	\$31,320	2.1	\$55,900	\$1,398	\$16,770	\$419	7,872	46%	\$9.25	\$481	1.6
Livingston Parish	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	2.4	\$74,800	\$1,870	\$22,440	\$561	9,804	20%	\$12.10	\$629	1.4
Madison Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$33,500	\$838	\$10,050	\$251	1,896	46%	\$7.50	\$390	1.7
Morehouse Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$39,200	\$980	\$11,760	\$294	3,602	35%	\$9.14	\$476	1.4
Natchitoches Parish	\$14.75	\$767	\$30,680	2.0	\$46,800	\$1,170	\$14,040	\$351	6,425	45%	\$8.04	\$418	1.8
Orleans Parish	\$19.15	\$996	\$39,840	2.6	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	83,055	54%	\$16.09	\$837	1.2
Ouachita Parish	\$14.00	\$728	\$29,120	1.9	\$52,200	\$1,305	\$15,660	\$392	23,000	40%	\$10.99	\$572	1.3
Plaquemines Parish	\$19.15	\$996	\$39,840	2.6	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	2,592	30%	\$29.43	\$1,530	0.7
Pointe Coupee Parish	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	2.4	\$74,800	\$1,870	\$22,440	\$561	2,113	24%	\$9.60	\$499	1.8
Rapides Parish	\$14.42	\$750	\$30,000	2.0	\$55,400	\$1,385	\$16,620	\$416	18,434	38%	\$12.14	\$631	1.2
Red River Parish	\$14.62	\$760	\$30,400	2.0	\$49,900	\$1,248	\$14,970	\$374	914	26%	\$9.42	\$490	1.6
Richland Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$48,100	\$1,203	\$14,430	\$361	2,573	34%	\$9.07	\$472	1.4
Sabine Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$53,600	\$1,340	\$16,080	\$402	2,056	23%	\$9.90	\$515	1.3
St. Bernard Parish	\$19.15	\$996	\$39,840	2.6	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	4,853	33%	\$14.88	\$774	1.3
St. Charles Parish	\$19.15	\$996	\$39,840	2.6	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	3,833	21%	\$18.12	\$942	1.1
St. Helena Parish	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	2.4	\$74,800	\$1,870	\$22,440	\$561	724	18%	\$9.81	\$510	1.8
St. James Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$64,500	\$1,613	\$19,350	\$484	1,823	23%	\$18.94	\$985	0.7
St. John the Baptist Parish	\$19.15	\$996	\$39,840	2.6	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	3,725	24%	\$18.55	\$965	1.0
St. Landry Parish	\$13.54	\$704	\$28,160	1.9	\$44,000	\$1,100	\$13,200	\$330	9,289	30%	\$9.14	\$475	1.5
St. Martin Parish	\$16.63	\$865	\$34,600	2.3	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	3,989	21%	\$11.88	\$618	1.4
St. Mary Parish	\$15.12	\$786	\$31,440	2.1	\$51,600	\$1,290	\$15,480	\$387	7,073	35%	\$18.37	\$955	0.8
St. Tammany Parish	\$19.15	\$996	\$39,840	2.6	\$65,600	\$1,640	\$19,680	\$492	20,565	23%	\$12.51	\$650	1.5
Tangipahoa Parish	\$15.98	\$831	\$33,240	2.2	\$63,300	\$1,583	\$18,990	\$475	14,840	32%	\$8.60	\$447	1.9
Tensas Parish †	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$35,400	\$885	\$10,620	\$266	768	40%			
Terrebonne Parish	\$15.85	\$824	\$32,960	2.2	\$61,600	\$1,540	\$18,480	\$462	10,940	27%	\$19.20	\$998	0.8

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Union Parish	\$14.00	\$728	\$29,120	1.9	\$52,200	\$1,305	\$15,660	\$392	1,668	20%	\$5.73	\$298	2.4
Vermilion Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$60,300	\$1,508	\$18,090	\$452	5,371	25%	\$11.37	\$591	1.2
Vernon Parish	\$19.69	\$1,024	\$40,960	2.7	\$55,500	\$1,388	\$16,650	\$416	8,222	46%	\$14.80	\$770	1.3
Washington Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$44,300	\$1,108	\$13,290	\$332	5,076	29%	\$9.98	\$519	1.3
Webster Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$46,600	\$1,165	\$13,980	\$350	4,683	30%	\$12.24	\$636	1.1
West Baton Rouge Parish	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	2.4	\$74,800	\$1,870	\$22,440	\$561	2,493	27%	\$14.09	\$733	1.2
West Carroll Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$49,400	\$1,235	\$14,820	\$371	1,159	28%	\$9.19	\$478	1.4
West Feliciana Parish	\$17.42	\$906	\$36,240	2.4	\$74,800	\$1,870	\$22,440	\$561	946	24%	\$15.96	\$830	1.1
Winn Parish	\$13.08	\$680	\$27,200	1.8	\$43,100	\$1,078	\$12,930	\$323	1,903	35%	\$11.34	\$590	1.2

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