

# LOUISIANA

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In **Louisiana**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$909**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$3,030** monthly or **\$36,356** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

**\$17.48**  
PER HOUR  
STATE HOUSING  
WAGE

## FACTS ABOUT LOUISIANA:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	<b>\$7.25</b>
Average Renter Wage	<b>\$14.64</b>
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	<b>\$17.48</b>
Number of Renter Households	<b>602,937</b>
Percent Renters	<b>35%</b>

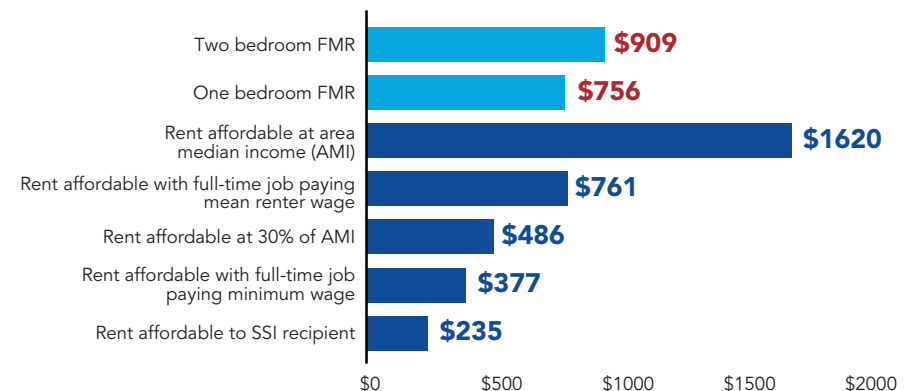
**96**  
Work Hours Per Week At  
**Minimum Wage** To Afford a **2-Bedroom**  
**Rental Home** (at FMR)

**80**  
Work Hours Per Week At  
**Minimum Wage** To Afford a **1-Bedroom**  
**Rental Home** (at FMR)

**2.4**  
Number of Full-Time Jobs At  
**Minimum Wage** To Afford a  
**2-Bedroom Rental Home** (at FMR)

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

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS	HOUSING WAGE
New Orleans-Metairie HMFA	<b>\$20.73</b>
Lafayette HMFA	<b>\$17.54</b>
Baton Rouge HMFA	<b>\$17.19</b>
St. Mary Parish	<b>\$16.98</b>
Houma-Thibodaux MSA	<b>\$16.79</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.

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	FY20 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 BMR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage to afford 2BR 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 (2014-2018)	% of total households (2014-2018)	Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2020)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR	
Louisiana	\$17.48	\$909	\$36,356	2.4	\$64,793	\$1,620	\$19,438	\$486	602,937	35%	\$14.64	\$761	1.2	
Combined Nonmetro Areas	\$14.95	\$777	\$31,088	2.1	\$51,095	\$1,277	\$15,329	\$383	94,867	34%	\$11.52	\$599	1.3	
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>														
Acadia Parish HMFA	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$55,300	\$1,383	\$16,590	\$415	6,598	29%	\$9.49	\$494	1.4	
Alexandria MSA	\$15.27	\$794	\$31,760	2.1	\$58,400	\$1,460	\$17,520	\$438	21,063	38%	\$11.94	\$621	1.3	
Baton Rouge HMFA	\$17.19	\$894	\$35,760	2.4	\$78,500	\$1,963	\$23,550	\$589	93,792	32%	\$15.64	\$813	1.1	
Hammond MSA	\$16.75	\$871	\$34,840	2.3	\$54,100	\$1,353	\$16,230	\$406	15,080	32%	\$8.77	\$456	1.9	
Houma-Thibodaux MSA	\$16.79	\$873	\$34,920	2.3	\$67,200	\$1,680	\$20,160	\$504	20,550	27%	\$16.42	\$854	1.0	
Iberia Parish HMFA	\$15.44	\$803	\$32,120	2.1	\$54,800	\$1,370	\$16,440	\$411	8,727	33%	\$15.93	\$828	1.0	
Iberville Parish HMFA	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$59,300	\$1,483	\$17,790	\$445	2,828	26%	\$22.74	\$1,183	0.6	
Lafayette HMFA	\$17.54	\$912	\$36,480	2.4	\$65,200	\$1,630	\$19,560	\$489	35,872	33%	\$13.49	\$702	1.3	
Lake Charles MSA	\$16.10	\$837	\$33,480	2.2	\$70,800	\$1,770	\$21,240	\$531	25,785	32%	\$16.77	\$872	1.0	
Monroe MSA	\$14.88	\$774	\$30,960	2.1	\$56,700	\$1,418	\$17,010	\$425	24,622	38%	\$11.69	\$608	1.3	
New Orleans-Metairie HMFA	\$20.73	\$1,078	\$43,120	2.9	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	180,838	38%	\$16.09	\$837	1.3	
Shreveport-Bossier City HMFA	\$16.56	\$861	\$34,440	2.3	\$56,700	\$1,418	\$17,010	\$425	60,366	39%	\$12.91	\$672	1.3	
St. James Parish HMFA	\$15.56	\$809	\$32,360	2.1	\$67,300	\$1,683	\$20,190	\$505	1,792	23%	\$19.03	\$989	0.8	
Vermilion Parish HMFA	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$62,800	\$1,570	\$18,840	\$471	4,866	22%	\$11.04	\$574	1.2	
Webster Parish HMFA	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$44,000	\$1,100	\$13,200	\$330	5,291	33%	\$12.42	\$646	1.1	
<u>Counties</u>														
Acadia Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$55,300	\$1,383	\$16,590	\$415	6,598	29%	\$9.49	\$494	1.4	
Allen Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$58,200	\$1,455	\$17,460	\$437	2,052	26%	\$11.84	\$616	1.2	

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Ascension Parish	\$17.19	\$894	\$35,760	2.4	\$78,500	\$1,963	\$23,550	\$589	8,489	20%	\$15.43	\$802	1.1
Assumption Parish	\$14.19	\$738	\$29,520	2.0	\$64,700	\$1,618	\$19,410	\$485	1,991	23%	\$14.46	\$752	1.0
Avoyelles Parish	\$13.75	\$715	\$28,600	1.9	\$52,500	\$1,313	\$15,750	\$394	4,473	30%	\$8.37	\$435	1.6
Beauregard Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$65,700	\$1,643	\$19,710	\$493	2,942	22%	\$11.13	\$579	1.2
Bienville Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$47,700	\$1,193	\$14,310	\$358	1,584	27%	\$10.25	\$533	1.3
Bossier Parish	\$16.56	\$861	\$34,440	2.3	\$56,700	\$1,418	\$17,010	\$425	18,396	38%	\$13.35	\$694	1.2
Caddo Parish	\$16.56	\$861	\$34,440	2.3	\$56,700	\$1,418	\$17,010	\$425	39,194	41%	\$12.76	\$663	1.3
Calcasieu Parish	\$16.10	\$837	\$33,480	2.2	\$70,800	\$1,770	\$21,240	\$531	25,431	33%	\$15.72	\$817	1.0
Caldwell Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$49,000	\$1,225	\$14,700	\$368	943	26%	\$11.03	\$574	1.2
Cameron Parish	\$16.10	\$837	\$33,480	2.2	\$70,800	\$1,770	\$21,240	\$531	354	13%	\$25.03	\$1,302	0.6
Catahoula Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$58,100	\$1,453	\$17,430	\$436	797	22%	\$5.91	\$307	2.3
Claiborne Parish	\$14.40	\$749	\$29,960	2.0	\$40,200	\$1,005	\$12,060	\$302	2,016	34%	\$10.88	\$566	1.3
Concordia Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$44,500	\$1,113	\$13,350	\$334	2,533	34%	\$9.94	\$517	1.4
De Soto Parish	\$16.56	\$861	\$34,440	2.3	\$56,700	\$1,418	\$17,010	\$425	2,776	26%	\$12.69	\$660	1.3
East Baton Rouge Parish	\$17.19	\$894	\$35,760	2.4	\$78,500	\$1,963	\$23,550	\$589	68,217	41%	\$16.20	\$842	1.1
East Carroll Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$29,700	\$743	\$8,910	\$223	1,103	51%	\$9.01	\$469	1.5
East Feliciana Parish	\$17.19	\$894	\$35,760	2.4	\$78,500	\$1,963	\$23,550	\$589	1,238	18%	\$7.52	\$391	2.3
Evangeline Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$44,000	\$1,100	\$13,200	\$330	4,126	34%	\$10.95	\$569	1.2
Franklin Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$50,100	\$1,253	\$15,030	\$376	2,242	29%	\$6.80	\$354	2.0
Grant Parish	\$15.27	\$794	\$31,760	2.1	\$58,400	\$1,460	\$17,520	\$438	2,333	33%	\$12.19	\$634	1.3
Iberia Parish	\$15.44	\$803	\$32,120	2.1	\$54,800	\$1,370	\$16,440	\$411	8,727	33%	\$15.93	\$828	1.0
Iberville Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$59,300	\$1,483	\$17,790	\$445	2,828	26%	\$22.74	\$1,183	0.6
Jackson Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$50,900	\$1,273	\$15,270	\$382	1,736	29%	\$9.05	\$470	1.5
Jefferson Parish	\$20.73	\$1,078	\$43,120	2.9	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	65,042	39%	\$16.17	\$841	1.3
Jefferson Davis Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$57,400	\$1,435	\$17,220	\$431	3,268	28%	\$10.39	\$540	1.3
Lafayette Parish	\$17.54	\$912	\$36,480	2.4	\$65,200	\$1,630	\$19,560	\$489	31,565	35%	\$13.65	\$710	1.3

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Lafourche Parish	\$16.79	\$873	\$34,920	2.3	\$67,200	\$1,680	\$20,160	\$504	8,928	24%	\$14.50	\$754	1.2
La Salle Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$44,200	\$1,105	\$13,260	\$332	1,253	25%	\$11.81	\$614	1.2
Lincoln Parish	\$14.69	\$764	\$30,560	2.0	\$58,000	\$1,450	\$17,400	\$435	8,496	48%	\$10.76	\$560	1.4
Livingston Parish	\$17.19	\$894	\$35,760	2.4	\$78,500	\$1,963	\$23,550	\$589	9,237	19%	\$12.22	\$636	1.4
Madison Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$38,300	\$958	\$11,490	\$287	1,716	44%	\$9.07	\$472	1.5
Morehouse Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$43,900	\$1,098	\$13,170	\$329	3,220	33%	\$8.14	\$423	1.7
Natchitoches Parish	\$16.15	\$840	\$33,600	2.2	\$49,600	\$1,240	\$14,880	\$372	8,046	55%	\$11.14	\$579	1.4
Orleans Parish	\$20.73	\$1,078	\$43,120	2.9	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	80,999	53%	\$16.25	\$845	1.3
Ouachita Parish	\$14.88	\$774	\$30,960	2.1	\$56,700	\$1,418	\$17,010	\$425	23,264	41%	\$12.05	\$627	1.2
Plaquemines Parish	\$20.73	\$1,078	\$43,120	2.9	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	2,877	33%	\$32.25	\$1,677	0.6
Pointe Coupee Parish	\$17.19	\$894	\$35,760	2.4	\$78,500	\$1,963	\$23,550	\$589	2,145	24%	\$9.95	\$517	1.7
Rapides Parish	\$15.27	\$794	\$31,760	2.1	\$58,400	\$1,460	\$17,520	\$438	18,730	39%	\$11.93	\$621	1.3
Red River Parish	\$14.67	\$763	\$30,520	2.0	\$53,400	\$1,335	\$16,020	\$401	843	25%	\$12.36	\$643	1.2
Richland Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$49,300	\$1,233	\$14,790	\$370	2,619	35%	\$9.62	\$500	1.4
Sabine Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$57,300	\$1,433	\$17,190	\$430	2,903	32%	\$9.32	\$485	1.5
St. Bernard Parish	\$20.73	\$1,078	\$43,120	2.9	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	4,831	32%	\$16.60	\$863	1.2
St. Charles Parish	\$20.73	\$1,078	\$43,120	2.9	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	3,669	20%	\$19.41	\$1,009	1.1
St. Helena Parish	\$17.19	\$894	\$35,760	2.4	\$78,500	\$1,963	\$23,550	\$589	661	17%	\$10.24	\$532	1.7
St. James Parish	\$15.56	\$809	\$32,360	2.1	\$67,300	\$1,683	\$20,190	\$505	1,792	23%	\$19.03	\$989	0.8
St. John the Baptist Parish	\$20.73	\$1,078	\$43,120	2.9	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	3,668	24%	\$18.71	\$973	1.1
St. Landry Parish	\$14.15	\$736	\$29,440	2.0	\$43,800	\$1,095	\$13,140	\$329	9,120	30%	\$9.81	\$510	1.4
St. Martin Parish	\$17.54	\$912	\$36,480	2.4	\$65,200	\$1,630	\$19,560	\$489	4,307	22%	\$11.70	\$608	1.5
St. Mary Parish	\$16.98	\$883	\$35,320	2.3	\$54,200	\$1,355	\$16,260	\$407	7,706	39%	\$20.10	\$1,045	0.8
St. Tammany Parish	\$20.73	\$1,078	\$43,120	2.9	\$70,400	\$1,760	\$21,120	\$528	19,752	21%	\$11.95	\$621	1.7
Tangipahoa Parish	\$16.75	\$871	\$34,840	2.3	\$54,100	\$1,353	\$16,230	\$406	15,080	32%	\$8.77	\$456	1.9
Tensas Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$34,100	\$853	\$10,230	\$256	618	34%	\$11.53	\$600	1.2

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Terrebonne Parish	\$16.79	\$873	\$34,920	2.3	\$67,200	\$1,680	\$20,160	\$504	11,622	29%	\$17.61	\$916	1.0			
Union Parish	\$14.88	\$774	\$30,960	2.1	\$56,700	\$1,418	\$17,010	\$425	1,358	18%	\$6.56	\$341	2.3			
Vermilion Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$62,800	\$1,570	\$18,840	\$471	4,866	22%	\$11.04	\$574	1.2			
Vernon Parish	\$20.73	\$1,078	\$43,120	2.9	\$56,800	\$1,420	\$17,040	\$426	8,420	47%	\$15.33	\$797	1.4			
Washington Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$46,500	\$1,163	\$13,950	\$349	5,346	31%	\$9.77	\$508	1.4			
Webster Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$44,000	\$1,100	\$13,200	\$330	5,291	33%	\$12.42	\$646	1.1			
West Baton Rouge Parish	\$17.19	\$894	\$35,760	2.4	\$78,500	\$1,963	\$23,550	\$589	2,691	28%	\$16.12	\$838	1.1			
West Carroll Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$52,600	\$1,315	\$15,780	\$395	1,017	25%	\$12.48	\$649	1.1			
West Feliciana Parish	\$17.19	\$894	\$35,760	2.4	\$78,500	\$1,963	\$23,550	\$589	1,114	29%	\$17.02	\$885	1.0			
Winn Parish	\$13.65	\$710	\$28,400	1.9	\$43,500	\$1,088	\$13,050	\$326	1,738	32%	\$9.97	\$518	1.4			

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