

# LOUISIANA

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In **Louisiana**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$927**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$3,089** monthly or **\$37,062** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

**\$17.82**  
PER HOUR  
STATE HOUSING  
WAGE

## FACTS ABOUT LOUISIANA:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	<b>\$7.25</b>
Average Renter Wage	<b>\$14.54</b>
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	<b>\$17.82</b>
Number of Renter Households	<b>598,292</b>
Percent Renters	<b>34%</b>

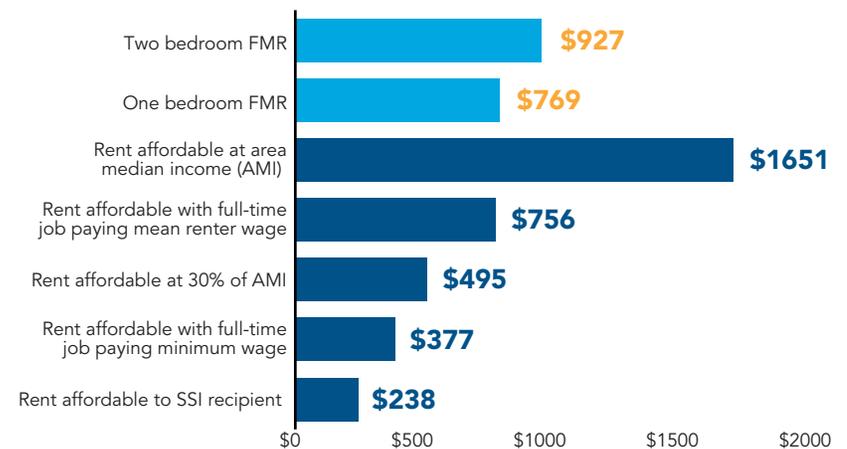
**98**  
Work Hours Per Week At  
**Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom  
Rental Home** (at FMR)

**82**  
Work Hours Per Week At  
**Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom  
Rental Home** (at FMR)

**2.5**  
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>\$20.40</b>
Vernon Parish	<b>\$19.77</b>
Baton Rouge HMFA	<b>\$19.48</b>
Lafayette HMFA	<b>\$17.33</b>
Houma-Thibodaux MSA	<b>\$17.25</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.

FY21 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 (2015-2019)	% of total households (2015-2019)	Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2021)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
Louisiana	\$17.82	\$927	\$37,062	2.5	\$66,040	\$1,651	\$19,812	\$495	598,292	34%	\$14.54	\$756	1.2
Combined Nonmetro Areas	\$15.13	\$787	\$31,475	2.1	\$50,743	\$1,269	\$15,223	\$381	95,326	34%	\$11.68	\$607	1.3
<b>Metropolitan Areas</b>													
Acadia Parish HMFA	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	6,430	29%	\$8.13	\$423	1.7
Alexandria MSA	\$15.75	\$819	\$32,760	2.2	\$60,500	\$1,513	\$18,150	\$454	20,752	37%	\$12.04	\$626	1.3
Baton Rouge HMFA	\$19.48	\$1,013	\$40,520	2.7	\$79,300	\$1,983	\$23,790	\$595	90,781	31%	\$15.32	\$797	1.3
Hammond MSA	\$17.13	\$891	\$35,640	2.4	\$60,500	\$1,513	\$18,150	\$454	14,757	31%	\$9.36	\$487	1.8
Houma-Thibodaux MSA	\$17.25	\$897	\$35,880	2.4	\$67,600	\$1,690	\$20,280	\$507	20,062	26%	\$15.05	\$783	1.1
Iberia Parish HMFA	\$15.23	\$792	\$31,680	2.1	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	8,409	32%	\$15.12	\$786	1.0
Iberville Parish HMFA	\$15.67	\$815	\$32,600	2.2	\$60,500	\$1,513	\$18,150	\$454	2,896	27%	\$23.28	\$1,211	0.7
Lafayette HMFA	\$17.33	\$901	\$36,040	2.4	\$72,100	\$1,803	\$21,630	\$541	36,361	33%	\$13.46	\$700	1.3
Lake Charles MSA	\$16.71	\$869	\$34,760	2.3	\$68,400	\$1,710	\$20,520	\$513	25,738	32%	\$17.16	\$893	1.0
Monroe MSA	\$15.46	\$804	\$32,160	2.1	\$63,800	\$1,595	\$19,140	\$479	24,919	39%	\$11.77	\$612	1.3
New Orleans-Metairie HMFA	\$20.40	\$1,061	\$42,440	2.8	\$70,100	\$1,753	\$21,030	\$526	180,049	38%	\$16.14	\$839	1.3
Shreveport-Bossier City HMFA	\$16.25	\$845	\$33,800	2.2	\$60,800	\$1,520	\$18,240	\$456	59,673	38%	\$12.82	\$667	1.3
St. James Parish HMFA	\$15.46	\$804	\$32,160	2.1	\$66,200	\$1,655	\$19,860	\$497	1,621	21%	\$15.09	\$785	1.0
Vermilion Parish HMFA	\$14.00	\$728	\$29,120	1.9	\$65,000	\$1,625	\$19,500	\$488	5,041	23%	\$10.76	\$560	1.3
Webster Parish HMFA	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$40,800	\$1,020	\$12,240	\$306	5,477	33%	\$12.59	\$655	1.1
<b>Counties</b>													
Acadia Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	6,430	29%	\$8.13	\$423	1.7
Allen Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$58,300	\$1,458	\$17,490	\$437	2,019	25%	\$11.70	\$609	1.2

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INCOME (AMI)

## RENTERS

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Ascension Parish	\$19.48	\$1,013	\$40,520	2.7	\$79,300	\$1,983	\$23,790	\$595	7,953	18%	\$14.88	\$774	1.3
Assumption Parish	\$14.79	\$769	\$30,760	2.0	\$59,000	\$1,475	\$17,700	\$443	1,869	22%	\$14.62	\$760	1.0
Avoyelles Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$51,100	\$1,278	\$15,330	\$383	4,626	31%	\$7.99	\$416	1.7
Beauregard Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$67,400	\$1,685	\$20,220	\$506	3,046	23%	\$11.32	\$589	1.2
Bienville Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$42,100	\$1,053	\$12,630	\$316	1,564	27%	\$10.12	\$526	1.4
Bossier Parish	\$16.25	\$845	\$33,800	2.2	\$60,800	\$1,520	\$18,240	\$456	18,062	37%	\$13.18	\$685	1.2
Caddo Parish	\$16.25	\$845	\$33,800	2.2	\$60,800	\$1,520	\$18,240	\$456	38,506	40%	\$12.63	\$657	1.3
Calcasieu Parish	\$16.71	\$869	\$34,760	2.3	\$68,400	\$1,710	\$20,520	\$513	25,312	33%	\$16.34	\$850	1.0
Caldwell Parish	\$14.65	\$762	\$30,480	2.0	\$46,800	\$1,170	\$14,040	\$351	861	23%	\$10.74	\$559	1.4
Cameron Parish	\$16.71	\$869	\$34,760	2.3	\$68,400	\$1,710	\$20,520	\$513	426	16%	\$25.86	\$1,345	0.6
Catahoula Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$59,600	\$1,490	\$17,880	\$447	665	20%	\$5.50	\$286	2.5
Claiborne Parish	\$14.87	\$773	\$30,920	2.1	\$39,200	\$980	\$11,760	\$294	2,016	34%	\$10.42	\$542	1.4
Concordia Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$47,200	\$1,180	\$14,160	\$354	2,425	34%	\$10.06	\$523	1.4
De Soto Parish	\$16.25	\$845	\$33,800	2.2	\$60,800	\$1,520	\$18,240	\$456	3,105	29%	\$13.82	\$719	1.2
East Baton Rouge Parish	\$19.48	\$1,013	\$40,520	2.7	\$79,300	\$1,983	\$23,790	\$595	66,112	40%	\$15.77	\$820	1.2
East Carroll Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$32,100	\$803	\$9,630	\$241	986	48%	\$9.37	\$487	1.5
East Feliciana Parish	\$19.48	\$1,013	\$40,520	2.7	\$79,300	\$1,983	\$23,790	\$595	1,354	19%	\$10.79	\$561	1.8
Evangeline Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$44,500	\$1,113	\$13,350	\$334	4,197	34%	\$10.71	\$557	1.3
Franklin Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$48,300	\$1,208	\$14,490	\$362	2,023	27%	\$6.23	\$324	2.2
Grant Parish	\$15.75	\$819	\$32,760	2.2	\$60,500	\$1,513	\$18,150	\$454	2,186	31%	\$10.24	\$532	1.5
Iberia Parish	\$15.23	\$792	\$31,680	2.1	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	8,409	32%	\$15.12	\$786	1.0
Iberville Parish	\$15.67	\$815	\$32,600	2.2	\$60,500	\$1,513	\$18,150	\$454	2,896	27%	\$23.28	\$1,211	0.7
Jackson Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$51,700	\$1,293	\$15,510	\$388	1,733	29%	\$11.74	\$611	1.2
Jefferson Parish	\$20.40	\$1,061	\$42,440	2.8	\$70,100	\$1,753	\$21,030	\$526	65,750	39%	\$16.47	\$856	1.2
Jefferson Davis Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$56,900	\$1,423	\$17,070	\$427	3,176	27%	\$9.73	\$506	1.4
Lafayette Parish	\$17.33	\$901	\$36,040	2.4	\$72,100	\$1,803	\$21,630	\$541	32,181	35%	\$13.63	\$709	1.3

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Lafourche Parish	\$17.25	\$897	\$35,880	2.4	\$67,600	\$1,690	\$20,280	\$507	8,676	24%	\$13.74	\$715	1.3
La Salle Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$50,800	\$1,270	\$15,240	\$381	1,127	23%	\$10.69	\$556	1.3
Lincoln Parish	\$15.21	\$791	\$31,640	2.1	\$58,100	\$1,453	\$17,430	\$436	8,592	49%	\$10.55	\$549	1.4
Livingston Parish	\$19.48	\$1,013	\$40,520	2.7	\$79,300	\$1,983	\$23,790	\$595	8,792	18%	\$12.35	\$642	1.6
Madison Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$34,500	\$863	\$10,350	\$259	1,794	47%	\$9.53	\$495	1.5
Morehouse Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$46,000	\$1,150	\$13,800	\$345	3,234	33%	\$8.42	\$438	1.7
Natchitoches Parish	\$16.31	\$848	\$33,920	2.2	\$47,000	\$1,175	\$14,100	\$353	8,235	56%	\$11.06	\$575	1.5
Orleans Parish	\$20.40	\$1,061	\$42,440	2.8	\$70,100	\$1,753	\$21,030	\$526	79,579	52%	\$15.98	\$831	1.3
Ouachita Parish	\$15.46	\$804	\$32,160	2.1	\$63,800	\$1,595	\$19,140	\$479	23,533	42%	\$12.11	\$630	1.3
Plaquemines Parish	\$20.40	\$1,061	\$42,440	2.8	\$70,100	\$1,753	\$21,030	\$526	2,784	31%	\$31.69	\$1,648	0.6
Pointe Coupee Parish	\$19.48	\$1,013	\$40,520	2.7	\$79,300	\$1,983	\$23,790	\$595	2,123	24%	\$10.90	\$567	1.8
Rapides Parish	\$15.75	\$819	\$32,760	2.2	\$60,500	\$1,513	\$18,150	\$454	18,566	38%	\$12.12	\$630	1.3
Red River Parish	\$14.42	\$750	\$30,000	2.0	\$52,900	\$1,323	\$15,870	\$397	889	26%	\$11.04	\$574	1.3
Richland Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$46,500	\$1,163	\$13,950	\$349	2,482	33%	\$8.97	\$466	1.6
Sabine Parish	\$14.81	\$770	\$30,800	2.0	\$54,800	\$1,370	\$16,440	\$411	2,916	32%	\$9.42	\$490	1.6
St. Bernard Parish	\$20.40	\$1,061	\$42,440	2.8	\$70,100	\$1,753	\$21,030	\$526	4,845	32%	\$17.17	\$893	1.2
St. Charles Parish	\$20.40	\$1,061	\$42,440	2.8	\$70,100	\$1,753	\$21,030	\$526	3,702	19%	\$19.50	\$1,014	1.0
St. Helena Parish	\$19.48	\$1,013	\$40,520	2.7	\$79,300	\$1,983	\$23,790	\$595	812	21%	\$19.72	\$1,026	1.0
St. James Parish	\$15.46	\$804	\$32,160	2.1	\$66,200	\$1,655	\$19,860	\$497	1,621	21%	\$15.09	\$785	1.0
St. John the Baptist Parish	\$20.40	\$1,061	\$42,440	2.8	\$70,100	\$1,753	\$21,030	\$526	3,280	21%	\$18.15	\$944	1.1
St. Landry Parish	\$14.25	\$741	\$29,640	2.0	\$42,800	\$1,070	\$12,840	\$321	9,677	32%	\$11.14	\$579	1.3
St. Martin Parish	\$17.33	\$901	\$36,040	2.4	\$72,100	\$1,803	\$21,630	\$541	4,180	21%	\$11.43	\$594	1.5
St. Mary Parish	\$17.10	\$889	\$35,560	2.4	\$53,300	\$1,333	\$15,990	\$400	7,800	39%	\$20.13	\$1,047	0.8
St. Tammany Parish	\$20.40	\$1,061	\$42,440	2.8	\$70,100	\$1,753	\$21,030	\$526	20,109	22%	\$12.40	\$645	1.6
Tangipahoa Parish	\$17.13	\$891	\$35,640	2.4	\$60,500	\$1,513	\$18,150	\$454	14,757	31%	\$9.36	\$487	1.8
Tensas Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$33,500	\$838	\$10,050	\$251	582	32%	\$13.47	\$701	1.0

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**FY21 HOUSING WAGE**

**HOUSING COSTS**

**AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)**

**RENTERS**

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Terrebonne Parish	\$17.25	\$897	\$35,880	2.4	\$67,600	\$1,690	\$20,280	\$507	11,386	28%	\$15.86	\$825	1.1
Union Parish	\$15.46	\$804	\$32,160	2.1	\$63,800	\$1,595	\$19,140	\$479	1,386	18%	\$6.97	\$362	2.2
Vermilion Parish	\$14.00	\$728	\$29,120	1.9	\$65,000	\$1,625	\$19,500	\$488	5,041	23%	\$10.76	\$560	1.3
Vernon Parish	\$19.77	\$1,028	\$41,120	2.7	\$59,400	\$1,485	\$17,820	\$446	8,313	47%	\$16.26	\$845	1.2
Washington Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$47,600	\$1,190	\$14,280	\$357	5,738	33%	\$10.71	\$557	1.3
Webster Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$40,800	\$1,020	\$12,240	\$306	5,477	33%	\$12.59	\$655	1.1
West Baton Rouge Parish	\$19.48	\$1,013	\$40,520	2.7	\$79,300	\$1,983	\$23,790	\$595	2,598	27%	\$16.69	\$868	1.2
West Carroll Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$48,800	\$1,220	\$14,640	\$366	944	23%	\$7.46	\$388	1.9
West Feliciana Parish	\$19.48	\$1,013	\$40,520	2.7	\$79,300	\$1,983	\$23,790	\$595	1,037	27%	\$15.42	\$802	1.3
Winn Parish	\$13.94	\$725	\$29,000	1.9	\$46,000	\$1,150	\$13,800	\$345	1,797	33%	\$11.30	\$588	1.2

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