FACT SHEET

North Louisiana Housing Alliance Working Group

INTRODUCTION

This Fact Sheet displays important data on the state of housing within the 10 parishes in Regional Housing Planning Area 7. It includes affordability; previous investments; COVID-19 housing needs; homelessness; energy efficiency; and the population and households in each parish. Here at HousingLOUISIANA, we understand that safe, stable, and affordable housing is a human right. HousingLouisiana is holding a listening tour across the state to encourage community input, but most importantly, residents.

SOURCES

American Community Survey
5-year Estimates, 2017-2021
U.S. Census Building Permits, 2021

LIST OF PARISHES IN RHPA 7:
• Bienville Parish
• Bossier Parish
• Caddo Parish
• Claiborne Parish
• De Soto Parish
• Lincoln Parish
• Natchitoches Parish
• Red River Parish
• Sabine Parish
• Webster Parish

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### Lincoln

- **Population**: 38,769
- **Households**: 14,659

#### Race & Ethnicity
- **White**: 54%
- **Black**: 40.9%
- **Asian**: 1.7%
- **Other**: 3.6%

#### Median
- **Value**: $154,500
- **Rent**: $729

#### Occupancy Status
- **Occupied**: 17,551 units
- **Vacant**: 2,524 units
- **Total**: 20,075 units

#### Homeless Students
- **Total**: 41

### Natchitoches

- **Population**: 8,565
- **Households**: 3,372

#### Race & Ethnicity
- **White**: 53%
- **Black**: 41.3%
- **Asian**: 7%
- **Other**: 5.2%

#### Median
- **Value**: $137,400
- **Rent**: $713

#### Occupancy Status
- **Occupied**: 14,630 units
- **Vacant**: 4,417 units
- **Total**: 19,047 units

#### Homeless Students
- **Total**: 129

### Red River

- **Population**: 23,991
- **Households**: 9,158

#### Race & Ethnicity
- **White**: 58%
- **Black**: 39.1%
- **Asian**: 0%
- **Other**: 3.6%

#### Median
- **Value**: $78,700
- **Rent**: $645

#### Occupancy Status
- **Occupied**: 3,334 units
- **Vacant**: 417 units
- **Total**: 4,190 units

#### Homeless Students
- **Total**: 85

### Sabine

- **Population**: 39,242
- **Households**: 16,551

#### Race & Ethnicity
- **White**: 69%
- **Black**: 16%
- **Asian**: 4%
- **Other**: 13.8%

#### Median
- **Value**: $94,300
- **Rent**: $583

#### Occupancy Status
- **Occupied**: 9,185 units
- **Vacant**: 5,713 units
- **Total**: 14,898 units

#### Homeless Students
- **Total**: 44

### Webster

- **Population**: 39,631
- **Households**: 16,230

#### Race & Ethnicity
- **White**: 64%
- **Black**: 34%
- **Asian**: 3%
- **Other**: 1.9%

#### Median
- **Value**: $81,500
- **Rent**: $688

#### Occupancy Status
- **Occupied**: 16,230 units
- **Vacant**: 3,388 units
- **Total**: 19,618 units

#### Homeless Students
- **Total**: 77
**COVID Housing Needs Estimate**

Costs from Sep 2020 to June 2021

- **HOMEOWNER**: $96,610,952
- **RENTER**: $76,067,942

**SOURCES**
Enterprise and Urban Footprint Pulse Data
ENERGY EFFICIENCY DATA

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- Energy Efficiency: LEAD
- Hurricane Damage Data: FEMA
The American Rescue Plan (ARP)
The American Rescue Plan is a $1.9 trillion federal response to the economic devastation and public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic. These funds give the state, cities, and parishes resources that can be used to close budget holes and spur recovery. Funds are to be used for expenses from 2021 to 2024, and must be expended by 2026 for public health, replacing lost tax revenue, economic relief, and addressing inequities in infrastructure. Louisiana received $5.18 billion. While a good portion of this has been spent, funds still remain at local jurisdictions and at the state that require community input in the coming months.

The Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)
The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill or BIL) is a congressional law that provides $550 billion for U.S. infrastructure over the next five years. This means each year Louisiana will receive additional funds from the Federal Government for things like transportation, energy/power, broadband access, water quality/storage, resilience and environmental remediation. Parishes and municipalities must write grants for projects they want, and these can be opportunities for local community leaders to inform government decision-makers what projects make the most sense for their local communities for each year. Without your voice, projects will be pursued that may not make the most sense for you.

Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI)
The Louisiana Watershed Initiative is a coordinated, interagency effort focused on reducing flood risk and increasing resilience throughout Louisiana. Through this initiative, the state is working toward the coordination of floodplain management responsibilities in Louisiana based on watershed boundaries, in close collaboration and partnership with local jurisdictions, to achieve long-term outcomes for flood risk reduction and resilience. As of March 2022, about $1.2 million has been allocated for Appropriations and Allocations (2020) for local and regional watershed projects and programs. As of March 2022, $570,666,243 were allocated with none spent to date, and another $312,757,590 allocated for housing and infrastructure, which currently has $226,792,443 that has yet to be obligated to a project. This means there are opportunities for local communities to weigh in on what projects to pursue with these funds.

Restore Louisiana
The State of Louisiana Office of Community Development created the Restore Louisiana program to help homeowners recover from federally declared disasters. As of now, there are $2.25 billion allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program for Restore Louisiana.

Insurance Fortify Program
“The Louisiana State Legislature passed a law in 2022 that provides funds for the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program, with revenues generated by the Louisiana Department of Insurance, not to exceed $10,000,000 in any fiscal year, beginning January 2023. The program will provide up to $10K grants to homeowners with homestead exemptions for the purposes of fortifying roofs. This law provides that the commissioner of insurance may make financial grants to retrofit insurable property with a homestead exemption to resist loss and meet or exceed the fortified home standards of the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety. Funds not expended in the fiscal year for which appropriated shall remain in the fund for distribution in subsequent fiscal years.”

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