

# Southwestern Electric Power Company-Served Louisiana Counties



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# **Report Parameters**

## 11 Counties

| 22013 | Bienville Parish, LA | 22069                              | Natchitoches Parish, LA |  |
|-------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 22015 | Bossier Parish, LA   | 22081                              | Red River Parish, LA    |  |
| 22017 | Caddo Parish, LA     | 22085                              | Sabine Parish, LA       |  |
| 22031 | De Soto Parish, LA   | 22115                              | Vernon Parish, LA       |  |
| 22043 | Grant Parish, LA     | See Appendix A for all 11 Counties |                         |  |

## Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical areas.



# **Economy Overview**

577,797

Population (2023)

Population decreased by 28,225 over the last 5 years and is projected to decrease by 25,414 over the next 5 years. 261,404

**Total Regional Employment** 

Jobs decreased by 3,570 over the last 5 years but are projected to grow by 5,864 over the next 5 years.

\$63.1K

Avg. Earnings Per Job (2023)

Regional average earnings per job are \$20.3K below the national average earnings of \$83.3K per job.

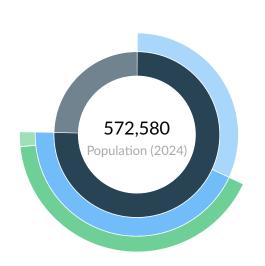
## **Takeaways**

- As of 2023 the region's population **declined by 4.7%** since 2018, falling by 28,225. Population is expected to **decrease by 4.4%** between 2023 and 2028, losing 25,414.
- From 2018 to 2023, jobs declined by 1.3% in Southwestern Electric Power Company-Served Louisiana Counties from 264,974 to 261,404. This change fell short of the national growth rate of 4.3% by 5.6%. As the number of jobs declined, the labor force participation rate increased from 55.1% to 56.8% between 2018 and 2023.
- Concerning educational attainment, **13.9% of the selected regions' residents possess a Bachelor's Degree** (7.2% below the national average), and **7.9% hold an Associate's Degree** (0.9% below the national average).
- The top three industries in 2023 are Restaurants and Other Eating Places, Education and Hospitals (Local Government), and Federal Government, Military.

|        | Population<br>(2024) | Labor<br>Force<br>(Mar<br>2024) | Jobs<br>(2023) | Cost<br>of<br>Living | GRP       | Imports   | Exports   |
|--------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Region | 572,580              | 249,078                         | 261,404        | 97.0                 | \$34.68B  | \$43.82B  | \$50.15B  |
| State  | 4,558,838            | 2,085,983                       | 2,168,693      | 97.2                 | \$302.01B | \$304.73B | \$376.13B |



#### Mar 2024 Labor Force Breakdown



|  | Population |
|--|------------|
| 16+ Civilian Non-Institutionalized Population                                | 431,356    |
| Not in Labor Force (16+)   | 182,278    |
| <ul> <li>Labor Force</li> </ul>  | 249,078    |
| <ul><li>Employed</li></ul>   | 237,231    |
| Unemployed   | 11,847     |
| <ul> <li>Under 16, Military, and institutionalized<br/>Population</li> </ul> | 141,224    |

## **Educational Attainment**

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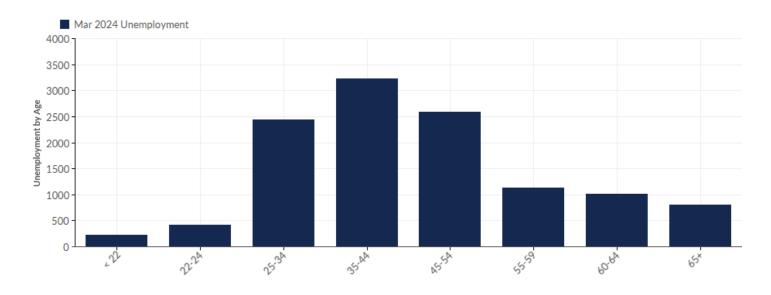


|                            | % of Population | Population |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Less Than 9th Grade        | 3.5%            | 13,801     |
| 9th Grade to 12th<br>Grade | 9.0%            | 35,178     |
| High School Diploma        | 35.5%           | 138,378    |
| Some College               | 21.7%           | 84,864     |
| Associate's Degree         | 7.9%            | 30,901     |
| Bachelor's Degree          | 13.9%           | 54,422     |
| Graduate Degree and Higher | 8.4%            | 32,640     |



# Unemployment by Demographics

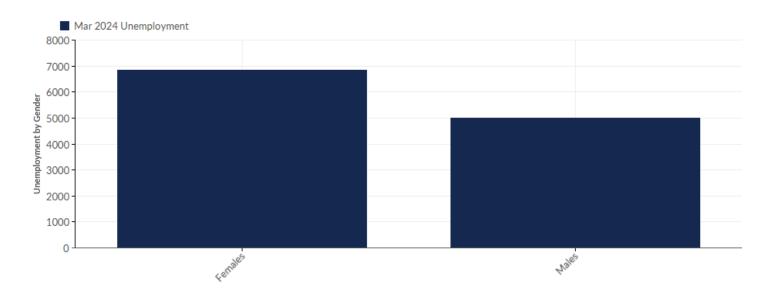
# Unemployment by Age



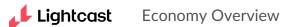
| Age   | Un    | employment<br>(Mar 2024) | % of<br>Unemployed |
|-------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| < 22  |       | 217                      | 1.83%              |
| 22-24 |       | 419                      | 3.54%              |
| 25-34 |       | 2,444                    | 20.63%             |
| 35-44 |       | 3,232                    | 27.28%             |
| 45-54 |       | 2,592                    | 21.88%             |
| 55-59 |       | 1,126                    | 9.50%              |
| 60-64 |       | 1,012                    | 8.54%              |
| 65+   |       | 805                      | 6.79%              |
|       | Total | 11,847                   | 100.00%            |



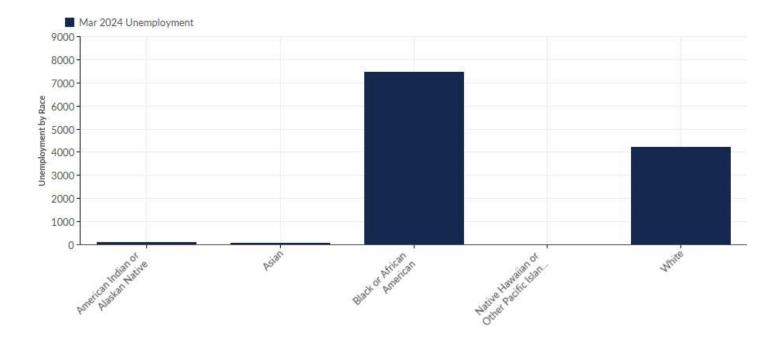
# **Unemployment by Gender**



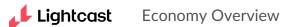
| Gender  | Unemployment<br>(Mar 2024) | % of<br>Unemployed |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Females | 6,851                      | 57.83%             |
| Males   | 4,996                      | 42.17%             |
|         | Total 11,847               | 100.00%            |



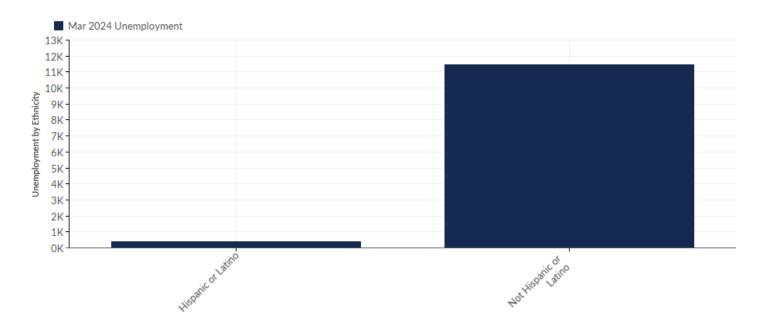
## **Unemployment by Race**



| Race                                      | Unemployment<br>(Mar 2024) | % of<br>Unemployed |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|
| American Indian or Alaskan Native         | 93                         | 0.79%              |
| Asian                                     | 58                         | 0.49%              |
| Black or African American                 | 7,467                      | 63.03%             |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 11                         | 0.09%              |
| White                                     | 4,219                      | 35.61%             |
|   | Total 11,847               | 100.00%            |



# **Unemployment by Ethnicity**



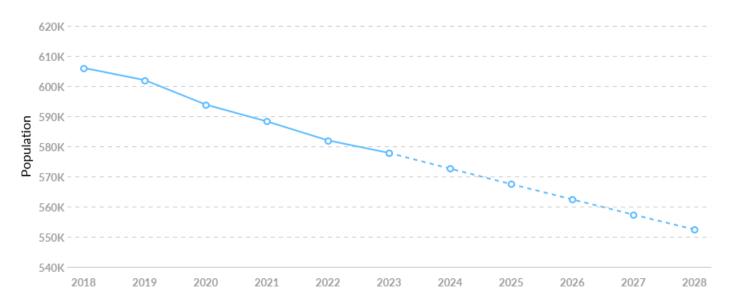
| Ethnicity              | Ur    | nemployment<br>(Mar 2024) | % of<br>Unemployed |
|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Hispanic or Latino     |       | 403                       | 3.40%              |
| Not Hispanic or Latino |       | 11,444                    | 96.60%             |
|                        | Total | 11,847                    | 100.00%            |



# Historic & Projected Trends

## **Population Trends**

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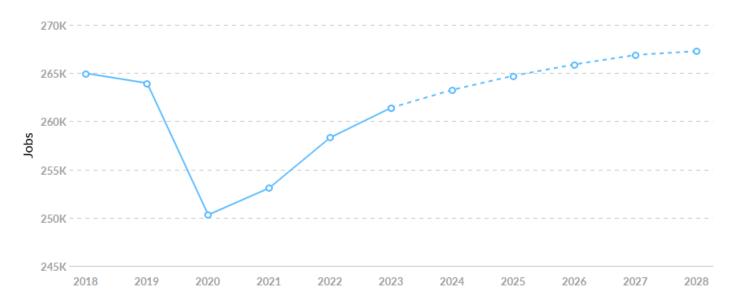


| Timeframe | Population |
|-----------|------------|
| 2018      | 606,022    |
| 2019      | 601,966    |
| 2020      | 593,825    |
| 2021      | 588,259    |
| 2022      | 581,958    |
| 2023      | 577,797    |
| 2024      | 572,580    |
| 2025      | 567,455    |
| 2026      | 562,361    |
| 2027      | 557,318    |
| 2028      | 552,383    |

## **Lightcast**

## **Job Trends**

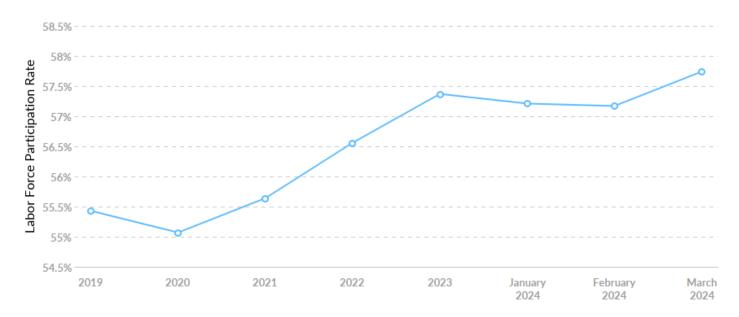
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| Timeframe | Jobs    |
|-----------|---------|
| 2018      | 264,974 |
| 2019      | 263,952 |
| 2020      | 250,285 |
| 2021      | 253,067 |
| 2022      | 258,307 |
| 2023      | 261,404 |
| 2024      | 263,260 |
| 2025      | 264,718 |
| 2026      | 265,897 |
| 2027      | 266,874 |
| 2028      | 267,268 |



# **Labor Force Participation Rate Trends**

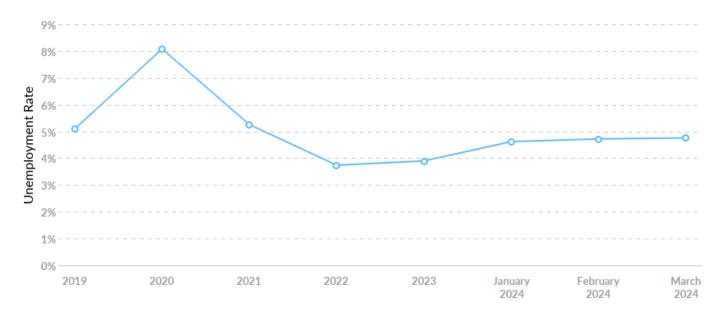


| Timeframe     | Labor Force Participation Rate |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 2019          | 55.43%                         |
| 2020          | 55.07%                         |
| 2021          | 55.64%                         |
| 2022          | 56.56%                         |
| 2023          | 57.37%                         |
| January 2024  | 57.21%                         |
| February 2024 | 57.17%                         |
| March 2024    | 57.74%                         |



# **Unemployment Rate Trends**

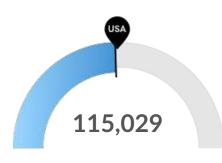
Your areas had a March 2024 unemployment rate of 4.76%, decreasing from 5.10% 5 years before.



| Timeframe     | Unemployment Rate |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 2019          | 5.10%             |
| 2020          | 8.08%             |
| 2021          | 5.26%             |
| 2022          | 3.74%             |
| 2023          | 3.90%             |
| January 2024  | 4.62%             |
| February 2024 | 4.72%             |
| March 2024    | 4.76%             |

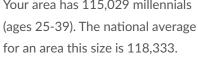


# **Population Characteristics**



#### Millennials

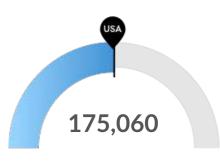
Your area has 115,029 millennials for an area this size is 118,333.





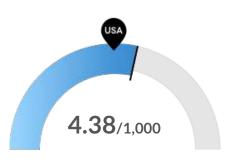
#### **Veterans**

Your area has 38,989 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 29,752.



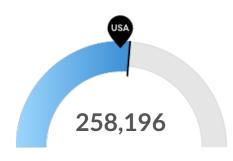
#### **Retiring Soon**

Retirement risk is about average in your area. The national average for an area this size is 174,402 people 55 or older, while there are 175,060 here.



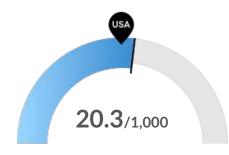
#### **Violent Crime**

Your area has 4.38 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.6 per 1,000 people.



#### **Racial Diversity**

Racial diversity is about average in your area. The national average for an area this size is 239,325 racially diverse people, while there are 258,196 here.



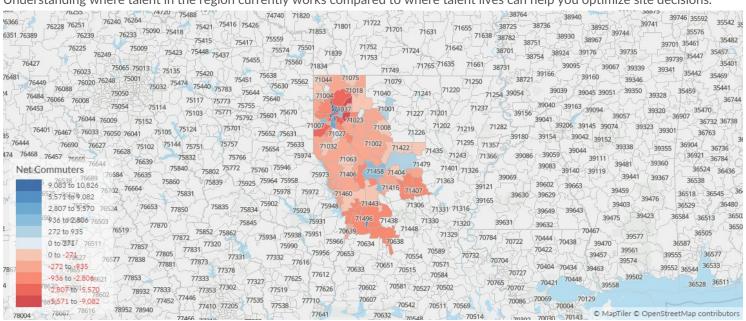
#### **Property Crime**

Your area has 20.3 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 18.22 per 1,000 people.



#### Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in the region currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions.



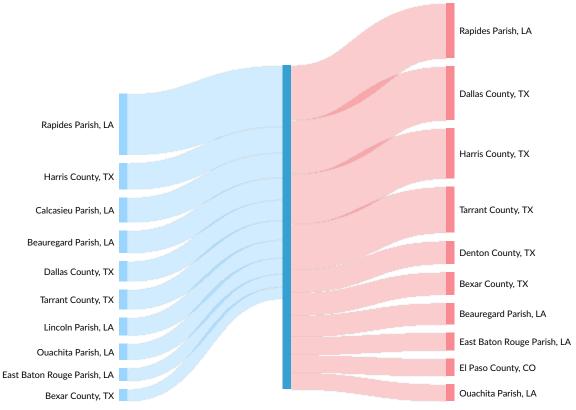
| Where Talent Works |                           |                    | Where Talent Lives |                           |                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| ZIP                | Name                      | 2023<br>Employment | ZIP                | Name                      | 2023<br>Workers |
| 71111              | Bossier City, LA (in Boss | 29,274             | 71111              | Bossier City, LA (in Boss | 20,041          |
| 71106              | Shreveport, LA (in Cadd   | 19,525             | 71112              | Bossier City, LA (in Boss | 15,444          |
| 71105              | Shreveport, LA (in Cadd   | 17,962             | 71106              | Shreveport, LA (in Cadd   | 15,365          |
| 71101              | Shreveport, LA (in Cadd   | 14,318             | 71107              | Shreveport, LA (in Cadd   | 13,092          |
| 71457              | Natchitoches, LA (in Na   | 12,944             | 71457              | Natchitoches, LA (in Na   | 11,934          |
|                    |                           |                    |                    |                           |                 |

# Inbound and Outbound Migration

The table below analyzes past and current residents of Southwestern Electric Power Company-Served Louisiana Counties. The left column shows residents of other counties migrating to Southwestern Electric Power Company-Served Louisiana Counties. The right column shows residents migrating from Southwestern Electric Power Company-Served Louisiana Counties to other counties.

As of 2021, 1,021 people have migrated from Rapides Parish, LA to Southwestern Electric Power Company-Served Louisiana Counties. In the same year, 918 people left Southwestern Electric Power Company-Served Louisiana Counties migrating to Rapides Parish, LA. The total Net Migration for Southwestern Electric Power Company-Served Louisiana Counties in 2021 was -4,170.





| Top Previous Counties | Migrations |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Rapides Parish, LA    | 1,021      |
| Harris County, TX     | 441        |
| Calcasieu Parish, LA  | 414        |

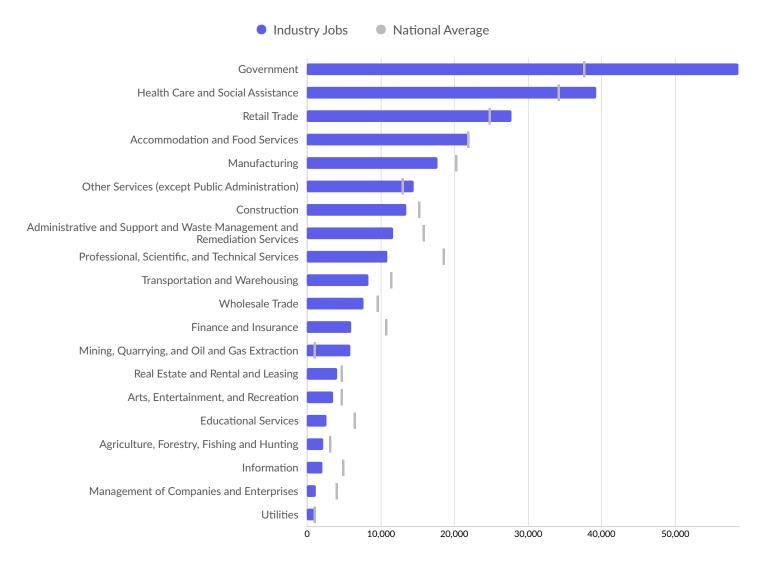


| Top Following Counties | Migrations |
|------------------------|------------|
| Claiborne Parish, LA   | 211        |
| Montgomery County, TX  | 202        |
| Bell County, TX        | 197        |



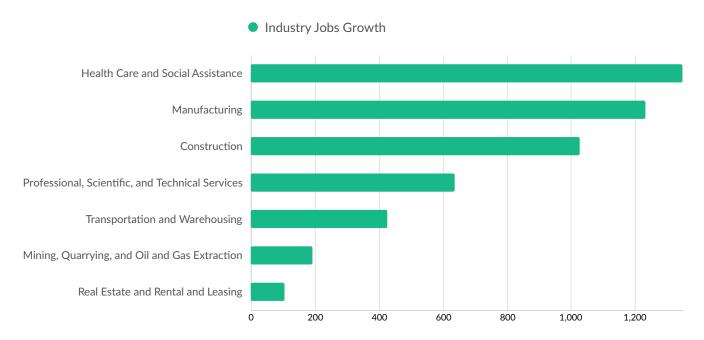
# **Industry Characteristics**

## **Largest Industries**



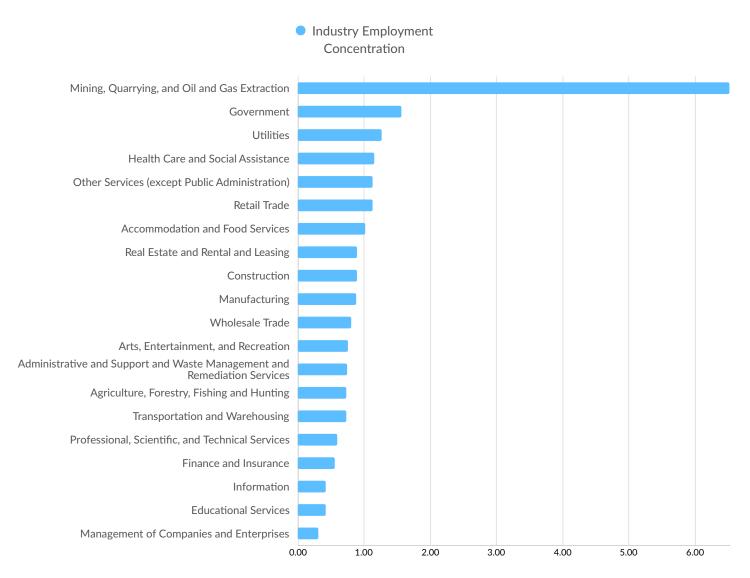


# **Top Growing Industries**



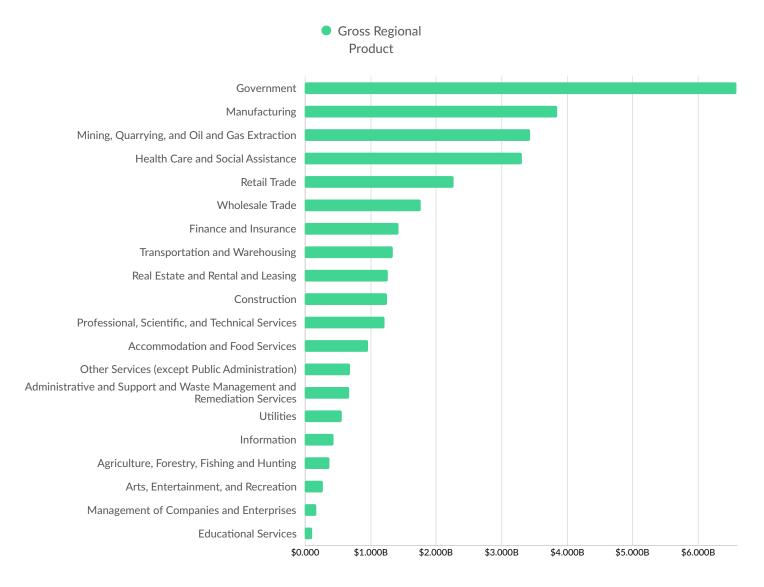


## **Top Industry Employment Concentration**



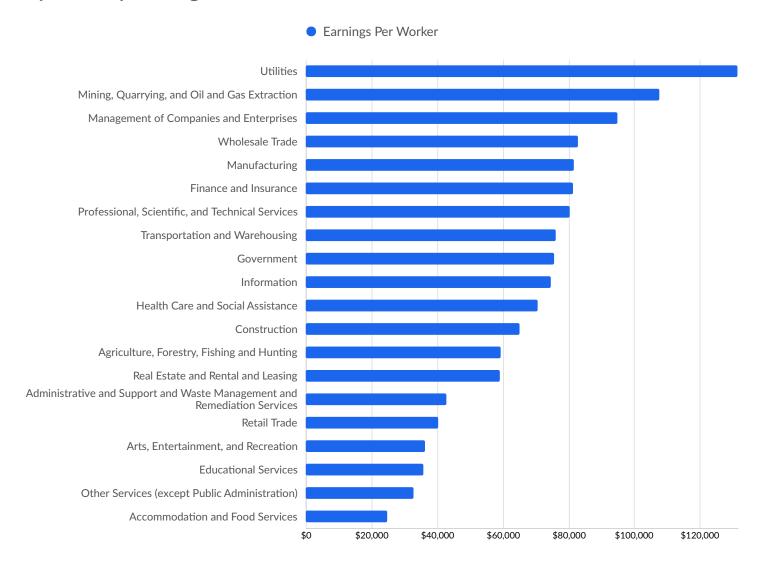


## **Top Industry GRP**





## **Top Industry Earnings**





# **Business Characteristics**

## 27,210 Companies Employ Your Workers

Online profiles for your workers mention 27,210 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 6,040 companies in your area posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

| Top Companies                 | Profiles | Top Companies Posting          | Unique Postings |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| United States Army            | 2,780    | CHRISTUS Health                | 1,053           |
| LSU Health Sciences Center    | 2,210    | LSU Health Sciences Center     | 790             |
| United States Air Force       | 2,179    | State of Louisiana             | 736             |
| Willis-Knighton Health System | 1,727    | Caddo Parish School Board      | 711             |
| Walmart                       | 929      | Brookshire Grocery Company     | 638             |
| Caddo Parish School Board     | 810      | Willis-Knighton Health System  | 496             |
| Northwestern State University | 751      | Walmart                        | 425             |
| Teleperformance               | 645      | Sonic Drive-In                 | 324             |
| CHRISTUS Health               | 622      | United States Department of Ve | 307             |
| General Dynamics              | 548      | Walgreens Boots Alliance       | 281             |



## **Business Size**

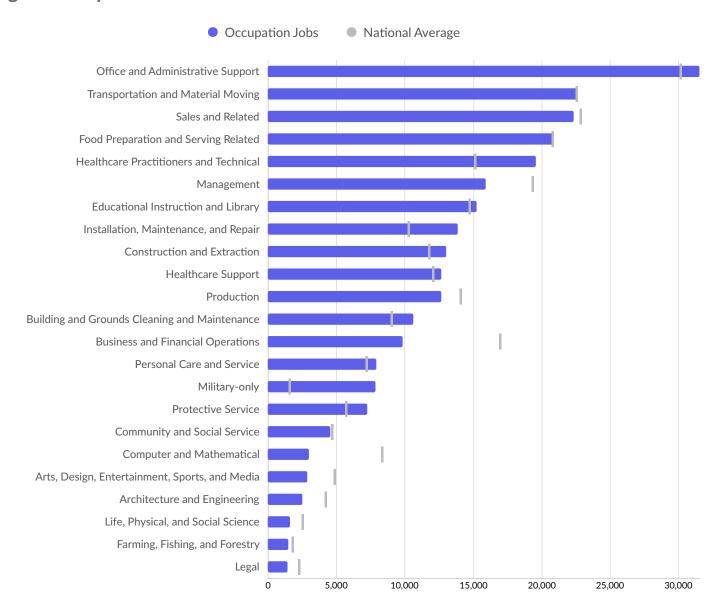


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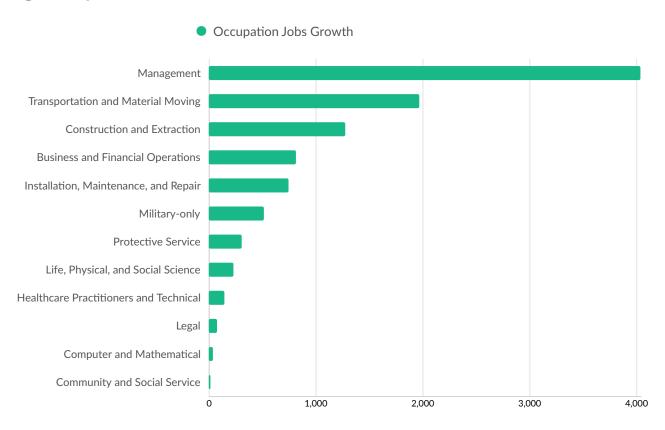
## **Workforce Characteristics**

## **Largest Occupations**





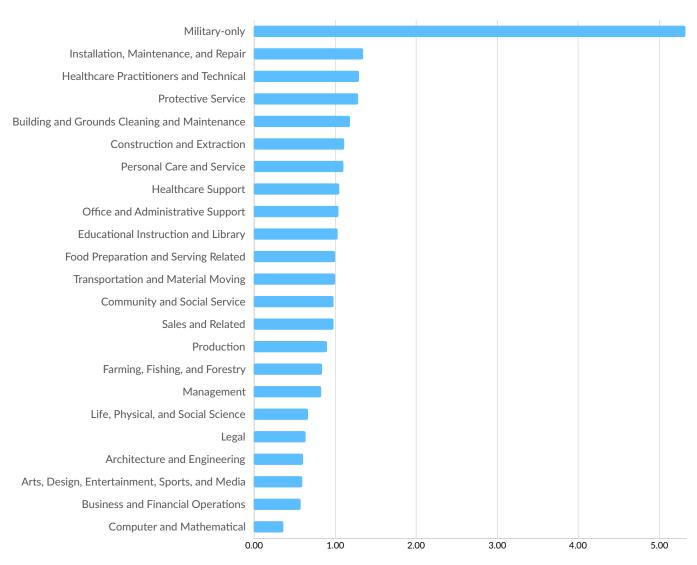
## **Top Growing Occupations**





## **Top Occupation Employment Concentration**

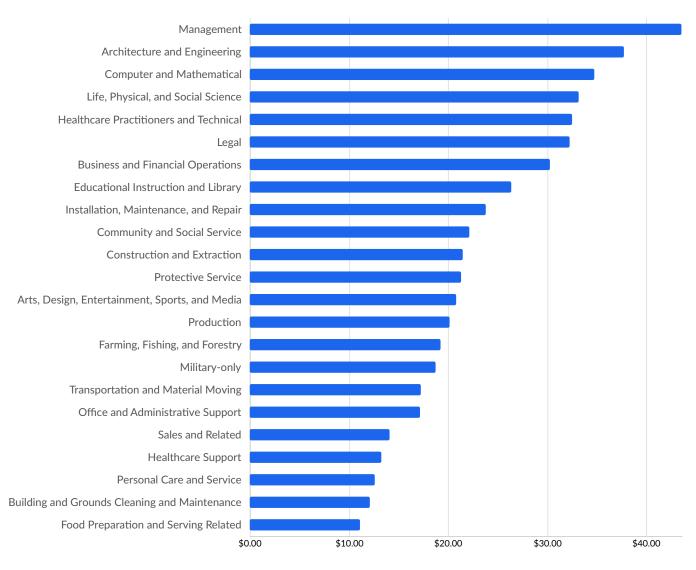
Occupation Employment Concentration





## **Top Occupation Earnings**

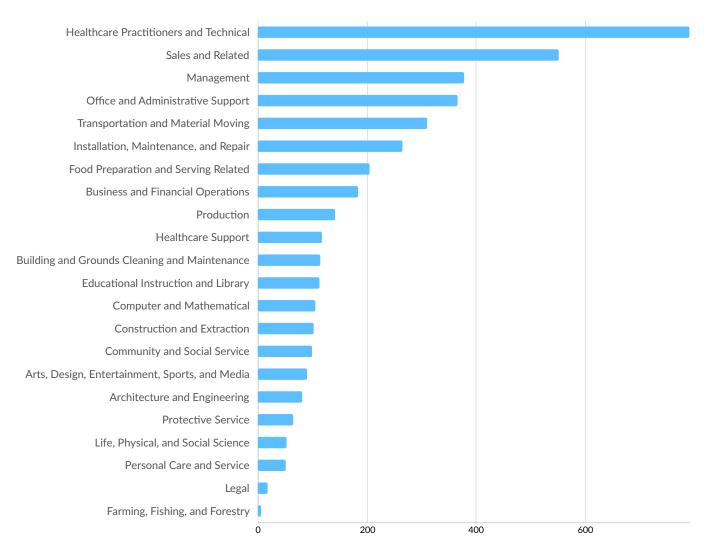






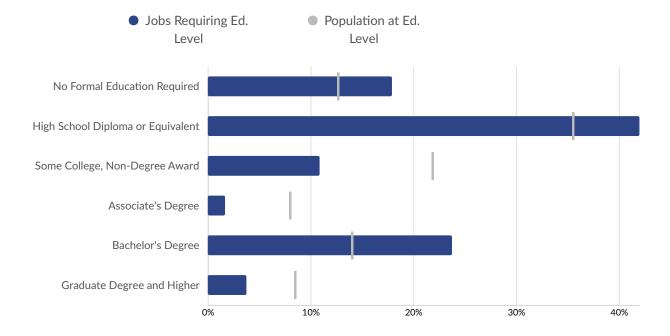
## **Top Posted Occupations**

#### Unique Average Monthly Postings





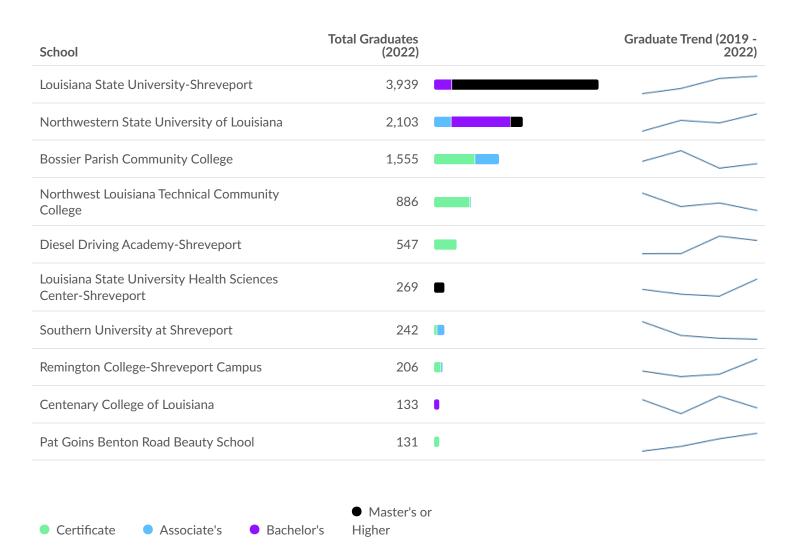
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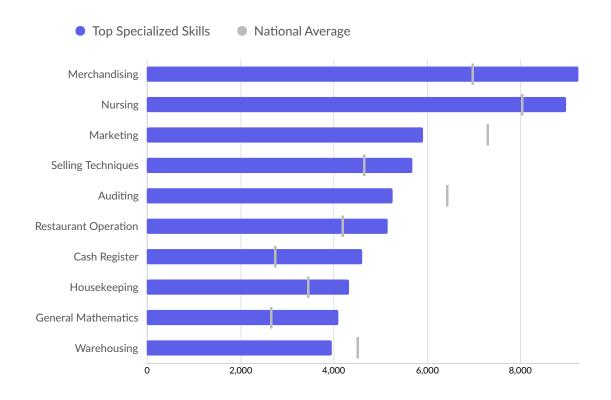
# **Educational Pipeline**

In 2022, there were 10,189 graduates in Southwestern Electric Power Company-Served Louisiana Counties. This pipeline has grown by 26% over the last 4 years. The highest share of these graduates come from "Business Administration and Management, General" (Master's or Higher), "General Studies" (Certificate), and "General Studies" (Associate's).





# **In-Demand Skills**





# Appendix A (Geographies)

| Code  | Description             |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 22013 | Bienville Parish, LA    |
| 22015 | Bossier Parish, LA      |
| 22017 | Caddo Parish, LA        |
| 22031 | De Soto Parish, LA      |
| 22043 | Grant Parish, LA        |
| 22069 | Natchitoches Parish, LA |

| Code  | Description          |
|-------|----------------------|
| 22081 | Red River Parish, LA |
| 22085 | Sabine Parish, LA    |
| 22115 | Vernon Parish, LA    |
| 22119 | Webster Parish, LA   |
| 22127 | Winn Parish, LA      |