

LOUISIANA

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In **Louisiana**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,190**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$3,965** monthly or **\$47,581** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$22.88
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING
WAGE

FACTS ABOUT LOUISIANA:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	\$7.25
Average Renter Wage	\$17.28
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$22.88
Number of Renter Households	582,761
Percent Renters	33%

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS	HOUSING WAGE
New Orleans-Metairie HMFA	\$28.42
Baton Rouge HMFA	\$23.50
Vernon Parish	\$22.23
Houma-Thibodaux MSA	\$22.04
Lake Charles MSA	\$22.00

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

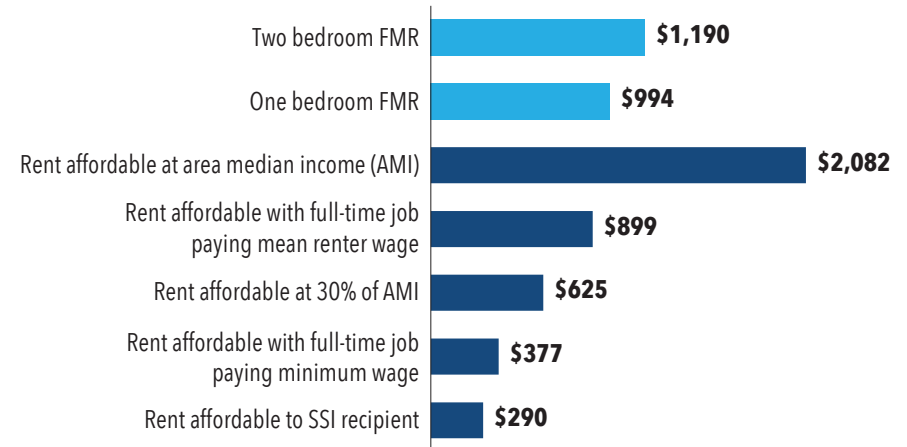
* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

126
Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

105
Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

3.2
Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

2.6
Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)



Louisiana	FY25 HOUSING WAGE	HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTERS				
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR ¹ FMR ²	2 BR FMR	Annual income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR ³	Annual AMI ⁴	Monthly rent affordable at AMI ⁵	30% of AMI	Monthly rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Renter households (2019-2023)	% of total households (2019-2023)	Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2025)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
Louisiana	\$22.88	\$1,190	\$47,581	3.2	\$83,285	\$2,082	\$24,985	\$625	582,761	33%	\$17.28	\$899	1.3
Combined Nonmetro Areas	\$18.36	\$955	\$38,191	2.5	\$66,263	\$1,657	\$19,879	\$497	83,958	31%	\$13.74	\$714	1.3
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>													
Acadia Parish HMFA	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$69,200	\$1,730	\$20,760	\$519	6,900	32%	\$11.38	\$592	1.5
Alexandria MSA	\$19.23	\$1,000	\$40,000	2.7	\$78,000	\$1,950	\$23,400	\$585	18,177	33%	\$14.78	\$769	1.3
Assumption Parish HMFA	\$17.81	\$926	\$37,040	2.5	\$77,200	\$1,930	\$23,160	\$579	1,219	14%	\$15.95	\$829	1.1
Baton Rouge HMFA	\$23.50	\$1,222	\$48,880	3.2	\$91,700	\$2,293	\$27,510	\$688	96,740	32%	\$18.26	\$949	1.3
Hammond MSA	\$21.13	\$1,099	\$43,960	2.9	\$80,400	\$2,010	\$24,120	\$603	14,295	28%	\$11.80	\$614	1.8
Houma-Thibodaux MSA	\$22.04	\$1,146	\$45,840	3.0	\$75,700	\$1,893	\$22,710	\$568	19,147	24%	\$17.68	\$920	1.2
Iberia Parish HMFA	\$17.69	\$920	\$36,800	2.4	\$75,500	\$1,888	\$22,650	\$566	8,602	32%	\$16.30	\$848	1.1
Iberville Parish HMFA	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$79,000	\$1,975	\$23,700	\$593	2,677	24%	\$29.51	\$1,535	0.6
Lafayette HMFA	\$20.23	\$1,052	\$42,080	2.8	\$84,700	\$2,118	\$25,410	\$635	37,898	32%	\$16.25	\$845	1.2
Lake Charles MSA	\$22.00	\$1,144	\$45,760	3.0	\$91,100	\$2,278	\$27,330	\$683	21,434	27%	\$18.12	\$942	1.2
Monroe HMFA	\$19.13	\$995	\$39,800	2.6	\$73,400	\$1,835	\$22,020	\$551	26,599	39%	\$13.02	\$677	1.5
Morehouse Parish HMFA	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$54,100	\$1,353	\$16,230	\$406	3,265	33%	\$14.66	\$762	1.2
New Orleans-Metairie HMFA	\$28.42	\$1,478	\$59,120	3.9	\$91,518	\$2,288	\$27,456	\$686	178,377	36%	\$19.54	\$1,016	1.5
Shreveport-Bossier City MSA	\$19.56	\$1,017	\$40,680	2.7	\$81,700	\$2,043	\$24,510	\$613	56,750	37%	\$16.14	\$839	1.2
St. James Parish HMFA	\$18.69	\$972	\$38,880	2.6	\$94,700	\$2,368	\$28,410	\$710	1,081	15%	\$17.44	\$907	1.1
Vermilion Parish HMFA	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$80,300	\$2,008	\$24,090	\$602	5,642	26%	\$11.18	\$581	1.6
<u>Counties</u>													
Acadia Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$69,200	\$1,730	\$20,760	\$519	6,900	32%	\$11.38	\$592	1.5

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Louisiana	FY25 HOUSING WAGE	HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTERS				
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR ¹ FMR ²	2 BR FMR	Annual income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR ³	Annual AMI ⁴	Monthly rent affordable at AMI ⁵	30% of AMI	Monthly rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Renter households (2019-2023)	% of total households (2019-2023)	Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2025)	Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage	Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
Allen Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$65,200	\$1,630	\$19,560	\$489	1,774	23%	\$10.86	\$565	1.6
Ascension Parish	\$23.50	\$1,222	\$48,880	3.2	\$91,700	\$2,293	\$27,510	\$688	8,018	17%	\$17.75	\$923	1.3
Assumption Parish	\$17.81	\$926	\$37,040	2.5	\$77,200	\$1,930	\$23,160	\$579	1,219	14%	\$15.95	\$829	1.1
Avoyelles Parish	\$17.52	\$911	\$36,440	2.4	\$54,700	\$1,368	\$16,410	\$410	4,549	31%	\$10.45	\$543	1.7
Beauregard Parish	\$18.73	\$974	\$38,960	2.6	\$85,000	\$2,125	\$25,500	\$638	2,304	17%	\$15.50	\$806	1.2
Bienville Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$55,300	\$1,383	\$16,590	\$415	1,594	29%	\$12.24	\$637	1.4
Bossier Parish	\$19.56	\$1,017	\$40,680	2.7	\$81,700	\$2,043	\$24,510	\$613	16,848	34%	\$16.21	\$843	1.2
Caddo Parish	\$19.56	\$1,017	\$40,680	2.7	\$81,700	\$2,043	\$24,510	\$613	37,354	39%	\$16.14	\$839	1.2
Calcasieu Parish	\$22.00	\$1,144	\$45,760	3.0	\$91,100	\$2,278	\$27,330	\$683	21,371	28%	\$17.78	\$925	1.2
Caldwell Parish	\$17.50	\$910	\$36,400	2.4	\$86,800	\$2,170	\$26,040	\$651	1,142	31%	\$12.24	\$636	1.4
Cameron Parish	\$22.00	\$1,144	\$45,760	3.0	\$91,100	\$2,278	\$27,330	\$683	63	3%	\$25.46	\$1,324	0.9
Catahoula Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$65,700	\$1,643	\$19,710	\$493	739	24%	\$9.13	\$475	1.9
Claiborne Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$47,300	\$1,183	\$14,190	\$355	1,481	30%	\$8.92	\$464	1.9
Concordia Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$54,000	\$1,350	\$16,200	\$405	1,948	30%	\$14.47	\$752	1.2
De Soto Parish	\$19.56	\$1,017	\$40,680	2.7	\$81,700	\$2,043	\$24,510	\$613	2,548	25%	\$15.67	\$815	1.2
East Baton Rouge Parish	\$23.50	\$1,222	\$48,880	3.2	\$91,700	\$2,293	\$27,510	\$688	71,811	41%	\$19.22	\$1,000	1.2
East Carroll Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$39,900	\$998	\$11,970	\$299	1,004	40%	\$7.82	\$407	2.2
East Feliciana Parish	\$23.50	\$1,222	\$48,880	3.2	\$91,700	\$2,293	\$27,510	\$688	1,056	16%	\$16.35	\$850	1.4
Evangeline Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$58,100	\$1,453	\$17,430	\$436	4,305	35%	\$11.38	\$592	1.5
Franklin Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$58,700	\$1,468	\$17,610	\$440	1,933	26%	\$13.70	\$712	1.3
Grant Parish	\$19.23	\$1,000	\$40,000	2.7	\$78,000	\$1,950	\$23,400	\$585	1,288	18%	\$13.01	\$677	1.5
Iberia Parish	\$17.69	\$920	\$36,800	2.4	\$75,500	\$1,888	\$22,650	\$566	8,602	32%	\$16.30	\$848	1.1
Iberville Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$79,000	\$1,975	\$23,700	\$593	2,677	24%	\$29.51	\$1,535	0.6
Jackson Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$60,400	\$1,510	\$18,120	\$453	1,659	30%	\$17.12	\$890	1.0
Jefferson Parish	\$28.42	\$1,478	\$59,120	3.9	\$89,800	\$2,245	\$26,940	\$674	66,701	38%	\$20.31	\$1,056	1.4
Jefferson Davis Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$80,600	\$2,015	\$24,180	\$605	2,770	24%	\$14.28	\$742	1.2

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Lafayette Parish	\$20.23	\$1,052	\$42,080	2.8	\$84,700	\$2,118	\$25,410	\$635	33,679	34%	\$16.47	\$857	1.2
Lafourche Parish	\$22.04	\$1,146	\$45,840	3.0	\$75,700	\$1,893	\$22,710	\$568	8,112	22%	\$16.72	\$869	1.3
La Salle Parish	\$17.79	\$925	\$37,000	2.5	\$92,200	\$2,305	\$27,660	\$692	837	17%	\$8.04	\$418	2.2
Lincoln Parish	\$18.81	\$978	\$39,120	2.6	\$70,800	\$1,770	\$21,240	\$531	8,527	46%	\$13.99	\$728	1.3
Livingston Parish	\$23.50	\$1,222	\$48,880	3.2	\$91,700	\$2,293	\$27,510	\$688	9,619	19%	\$14.04	\$730	1.7
Madison Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$50,400	\$1,260	\$15,120	\$378	1,317	44%	\$12.45	\$647	1.4
Morehouse Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$54,100	\$1,353	\$16,230	\$406	3,265	33%	\$14.66	\$762	1.2
Natchitoches Parish	\$19.75	\$1,027	\$41,080	2.7	\$72,600	\$1,815	\$21,780	\$545	5,323	38%	\$10.53	\$548	1.9
Orleans Parish	\$28.42	\$1,478	\$59,120	3.9	\$89,800	\$2,245	\$26,940	\$674	76,684	49%	\$18.92	\$984	1.5
Ouachita Parish	\$19.13	\$995	\$39,800	2.6	\$73,400	\$1,835	\$22,020	\$551	24,626	41%	\$13.30	\$692	1.4
Plaquemines Parish	\$28.42	\$1,478	\$59,120	3.9	\$89,800	\$2,245	\$26,940	\$674	2,143	26%	\$27.77	\$1,444	1.0
Pointe Coupee Parish	\$23.50	\$1,222	\$48,880	3.2	\$91,700	\$2,293	\$27,510	\$688	1,849	23%	\$10.18	\$529	2.3
Rapides Parish	\$19.23	\$1,000	\$40,000	2.7	\$78,000	\$1,950	\$23,400	\$585	16,889	35%	\$14.86	\$773	1.3
Red River Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$63,400	\$1,585	\$19,020	\$476	700	23%	\$11.03	\$574	1.6
Richland Parish	\$18.35	\$954	\$38,160	2.5	\$69,100	\$1,728	\$20,730	\$518	2,390	33%	\$13.10	\$681	1.4
Sabine Parish	\$18.88	\$982	\$39,280	2.6	\$68,600	\$1,715	\$20,580	\$515	1,670	20%	\$11.12	\$578	1.7
St. Bernard Parish	\$28.42	\$1,478	\$59,120	3.9	\$89,800	\$2,245	\$26,940	\$674	4,719	30%	\$17.45	\$907	1.6
St. Charles Parish	\$28.42	\$1,478	\$59,120	3.9	\$89,800	\$2,245	\$26,940	\$674	3,225	17%	\$20.11	\$1,046	1.4
St. Helena Parish	\$23.50	\$1,222	\$48,880	3.2	\$91,700	\$2,293	\$27,510	\$688	1,046	26%	\$24.98	\$1,299	0.9
St. James Parish	\$18.69	\$972	\$38,880	2.6	\$94,700	\$2,368	\$28,410	\$710	1,081	15%	\$17.44	\$907	1.1
St. John the Baptist Parish	\$28.42	\$1,478	\$59,120	3.9	\$89,800	\$2,245	\$26,940	\$674	3,032	20%	\$26.13	\$1,359	1.1
St. Landry Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$62,800	\$1,570	\$18,840	\$471	9,479	30%	\$13.86	\$721	1.3
St. Martin Parish	\$20.23	\$1,052	\$42,080	2.8	\$84,700	\$2,118	\$25,410	\$635	4,219	21%	\$13.56	\$705	1.5
St. Mary Parish	\$19.35	\$1,006	\$40,240	2.7	\$70,600	\$1,765	\$21,180	\$530	5,641	30%	\$17.42	\$906	1.1
St. Tammany Parish	\$28.42	\$1,478	\$59,120	3.9	\$98,000	\$2,450	\$29,400	\$735	21,873	21%	\$17.41	\$905	1.6
Tangipahoa Parish	\$21.13	\$1,099	\$43,960	2.9	\$80,400	\$2,010	\$24,120	\$603	14,295	28%	\$11.80	\$614	1.8

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Tensas Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$54,900	\$1,373	\$16,470	\$412	495	30%	\$16.83	\$875	1.0
Terrebonne Parish	\$22.04	\$1,146	\$45,840	3.0	\$75,700	\$1,893	\$22,710	\$568	11,035	26%	\$18.35	\$954	1.2
Union Parish	\$19.13	\$995	\$39,800	2.6	\$73,400	\$1,835	\$22,020	\$551	1,973	24%	\$9.38	\$488	2.0
Vermilion Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$80,300	\$2,008	\$24,090	\$602	5,642	26%	\$11.18	\$581	1.6
Vernon Parish	\$22.23	\$1,156	\$46,240	3.1	\$71,800	\$1,795	\$21,540	\$539	7,853	44%	\$18.04	\$938	1.2
Washington Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$64,900	\$1,623	\$19,470	\$487	5,404	31%	\$14.50	\$754	1.2
Webster Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$53,200	\$1,330	\$15,960	\$399	4,694	32%	\$14.48	\$753	1.2
West Baton Rouge Parish	\$23.50	\$1,222	\$48,880	3.2	\$91,700	\$2,293	\$27,510	\$688	2,511	24%	\$14.25	\$741	1.6
West Carroll Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$77,000	\$1,925	\$23,100	\$578	1,017	26%	\$12.31	\$640	1.4
West Feliciana Parish	\$23.50	\$1,222	\$48,880	3.2	\$91,700	\$2,293	\$27,510	\$688	830	21%	\$16.36	\$851	1.4
Winn Parish	\$17.37	\$903	\$36,120	2.4	\$68,000	\$1,700	\$20,400	\$510	1,409	29%	\$14.50	\$754	1.2

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