

## LOUISIANA FACTS

- Coastal Louisiana has 30% of the coastal wetlands in the United States and 90% of the Coastal Wetlands' loss.
- Coastal Louisiana plays a strategic role in 27% of our nation's oil and gas supply.
- Coastal Louisiana is the leading producer of oysters in the United States. Over 50% of the shrimp harvested in the U.S., and 75% of the alligators harvested, come from Louisiana.
- Other states are given anywhere from 50% to 90% of all royalties on federal land within a state to take care of infrastructure and other needs. Louisiana receives less than ½% for oil royalties from federal lands outside Louisiana's boundary, but supported totally by the platform that is South Louisiana.
- Area hosts the world's busiest waterway (in excess of 6,000 ocean vessels per year)
- America's most intermodal port with excellent rail service, the Port of New Orleans entertains and hosts over 70 steamship lines, nearly 20 barge lines, and nearly 80 truck lines.
- Area houses over 90 petrochemical plants in New Orleans and Baton Rouge along the Mississippi River.
- Area attributes to many Wild Life Refuges, marsh lands, food, fishing and one of the most culturally diverse populations in the U.S.
- There are over 1 million Gulf helicopter flights a year.
- 73,000 miles of oil and gas pipelines.
- Coastal Louisiana also has the most extensive network of offshore oil and gas pipelines in the world.
- Only state with a deep water port, Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), for offshore supertanker traffic.
- The culture of South Louisiana has produced one of America's richest music and culinary traditions.

## PORT FOURCHON, LAFOURCHE PARISH, LA

- LA 1 is the only means of land access to Port Fourchon, which serves between **16% to 18%** of the domestic oil and gas production. The Persian Gulf Region supplies 23% of U.S. oil needs.
- LA 1 is the only means of land accessible to Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), which handles **13% of the U.S.' imported crude oil** and is now servicing the OCS. LOOP's pipelines are connected to **35% of the U.S.' refinery capacity**.
- LA 1 is the **only means of access for oil spill response** for Port Fourchon and LOOP.
- LA 1 is the only means of land access to Louisiana's only inhabited barrier island – Grand Isle.
- LA 1 is the only means of evacuation for thousands. **Approximately 35,000 people**, including 6,000 offshore workers, **use LA 1 for evacuation**.
- Truck traffic has increased in some years by **as much as 24%**. The national average is approximately 5%. The daily traffic count for LA 1 is over 9,000.
- From 1991 – 1996 there were over 5,000 accidents. Studies indicate that **LA 1 is twice as deadly as similar highways**. Furthermore, MMS studies indicate that LA 1 will continue to deteriorate due to OCS activities.

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