

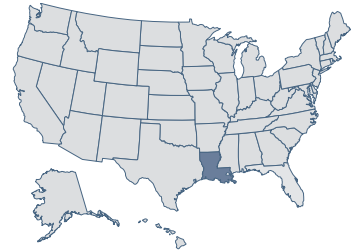
Louisiana

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Economic Performance
Rank: 2009

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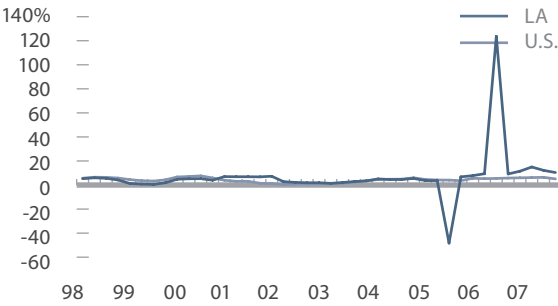
Economic Outlook
Rank: 2009



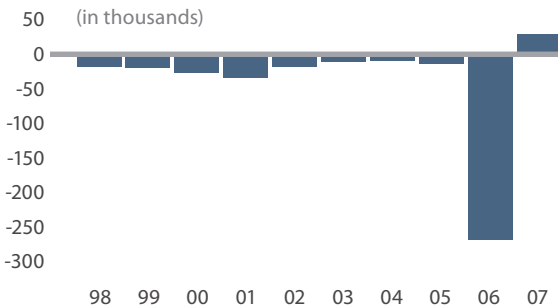
Economic Performance Rank (1=best 50=worst)

A historical measure based on a state's performance (equally weighted average) in the three important performance variables shown below. These variables are highly influenced by state policy.

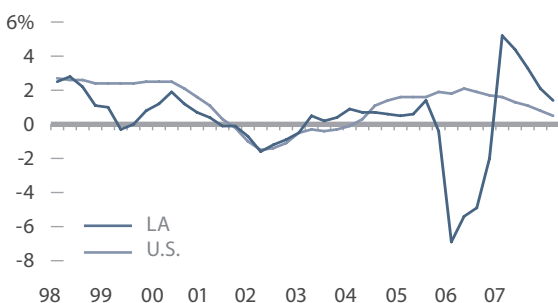
Personal Income Per Capita Cumulative Growth 1997-2007 **74.4% Rank: 3**



Absolute Domestic Migration Cumulative 1998-2007 **-390,998 Rank: 44**



Non-Farm Payroll Employment Cumulative Growth 1997-2007 **3.9% Rank: 47**



Economic Outlook Rank (1=best 50=worst)

A forecast based on a state's standing (equally weighted average) in the 15 important state policy variables shown below. Data reflect state + local rates and revenues and any effect of federal deductibility.

Historical Ranking Comparison 2008 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK RANK

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Variable	Data	Rank
Top Marginal Personal Income Tax Rate	3.90%	11
Top Marginal Corporate Income Tax Rate	5.20%	12
Personal Income Tax Progressivity (change in tax liability per \$1,000 of income)	\$9.15	28
Property Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$21.42	7
Sales Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$38.22	48
Remaining Tax Burden (per \$1,000 of personal income)	\$19.04	27
Estate/Inheritance Tax Levied?	No	1
Recently Legislated Tax Changes (2007 & 2008, per \$1,000 of personal income)	-\$6.10	1
Debt Service as a Share of Tax Revenue	8.2%	32
Public Employees Per 10,000 of Population (full-time equivalent)	615.4	41
State Liability System Survey (tort litigation treatment, judicial impartiality, etc.)	42.9	49
State Minimum Wage (federal floor is \$6.55)	\$6.55	1
Average Workers' Compensation Costs (per \$100 of payroll)	\$2.76	39
Right-to-Work State? (option to join or support a union)	Yes	1
Number of Tax or Expenditure Limits (0= least/worst, 3=most/best)	2	4