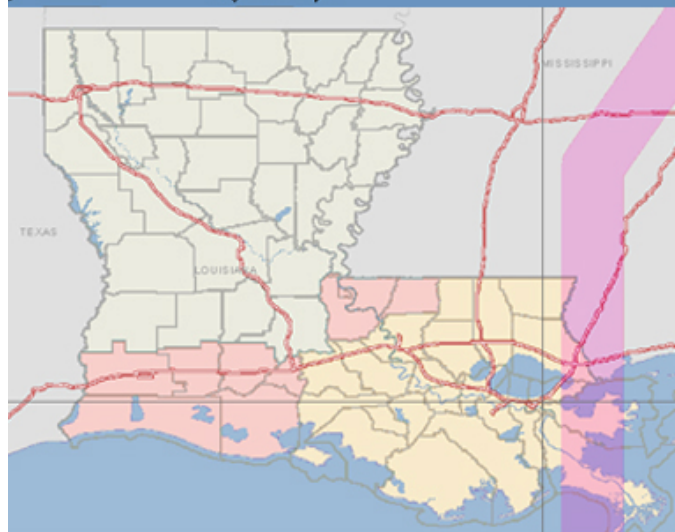
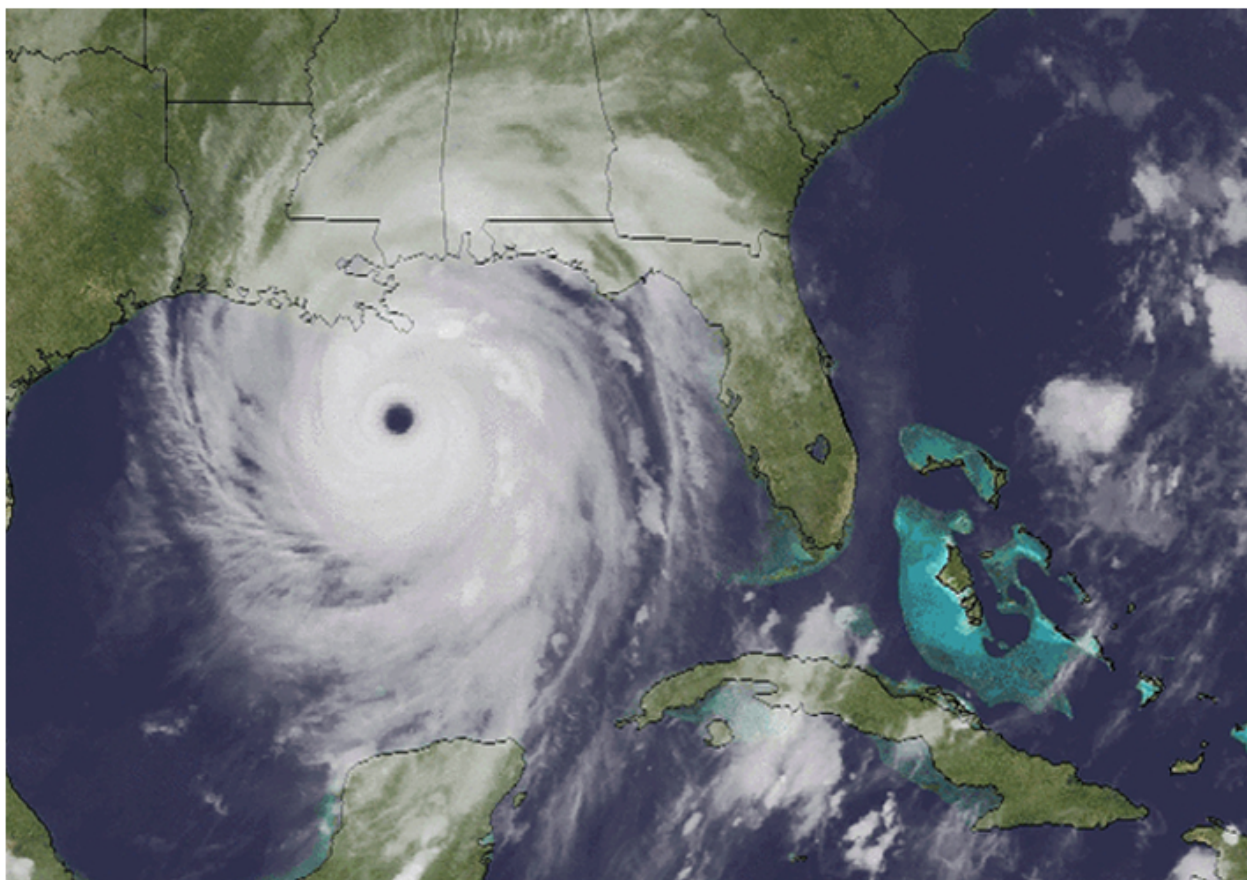
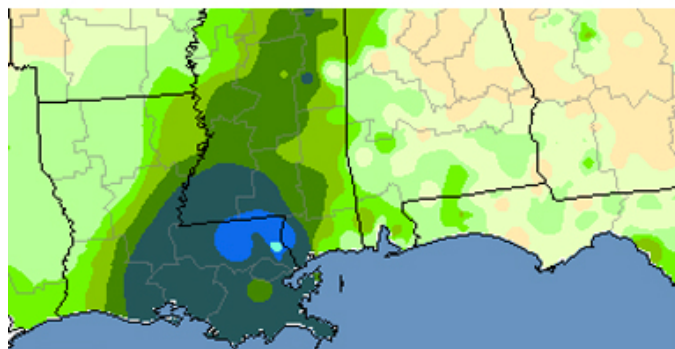


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Hurricane Rita: GOES-12 Satellite Image September 22, 2005 (NOAA, 2005).





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Hurricane Katrina: August 28, 2005 MODIS True-color Satellite Image (LSU Earth Scan Lab, 2005).



HURRICANE QUICK FACTS

SOURCES: NOAA, FEMA, LAGIC, LDHH, LDOL, LDED, & ISO	<b>HURRICANE KATRINA</b> August 23 – 31, 2005	<b>HURRICANE RITA</b> September 2 – 31, 2005
<b>US STATES IMPACTED</b>	Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee.	Louisiana and Texas
<b>STRENGTH</b> <i>at landfall</i>	Category 4	Category 3
<b>MINIMUM BAROMETRIC PRESSURE</b>	902mb (32mile wide eye)	897mb
<b>WINDS</b> <i>at landfall</i>	140+ mph	120+ mph
<b>RAINFALL</b>	12in – 16in	6in – 12in
<b>STORM SURGE</b>	4 – 32 feet 30'+ in Biloxi, MS; 20'+ in Plaquemines, LA	4 – 16 feet 15'+ Storm Surge
<b>AREA IMPACTED</b>	Total: 108,456 sq. miles	Total: 85,729 sq. miles
<b>CASUALTIES</b>	Total: 1,299+ Louisiana: 1,070+	Total: 119 Louisiana: 0
<b>PEOPLE IMPACTED</b>	2,500,000 households request Individual Assistance	460,000 households request Individual Assistance
<b>LEFT HOMELESS</b>	Total: 527,000 Louisiana: 288,700	Total: 76,500 Louisiana: 76,500
<b>BUSINESSES IMPACTED</b>	71,000+ in Louisiana	10,000+ in Louisiana
<b>JOB LOSSES</b>	400,000+ in Louisiana	45,000+ in Louisiana
<b>DAMAGE ESTIMATES</b>	\$34.4 Billion Total; \$22 Billion in Louisiana <i>(source: ISO Properties Report 10/7/05)</i>	\$4.7 Billion Total; \$ 2.4 Billion in Louisiana <i>(source: ISO Properties Report 10/7/05)</i>





### HURRICANE KATRINA

On August 29, 2005 at 6:10am CDT, Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Katrina was the eleventh named tropical storm, fourth hurricane, and first Category-5 hurricane of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season (NOAA, 2005).

Katrina first made landfall as a Category-1 hurricane north of Miami, Florida on August 25, 2005. After passing through Florida and over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Katrina made its second landfall as a Category-4 hurricane on the morning of August 29, south of Buras, LA (between Grand Isle and the Mississippi River delta).

SAFFIR-SIMPSON HURRICANE INTENSITY SCALE	
CATEGORY	WIND SPEED
1	74 – 95 MPH
2	96 – 110 MPH
3	111 – 130 MPH
4	131 – 155 MPH
5	155+ MPH

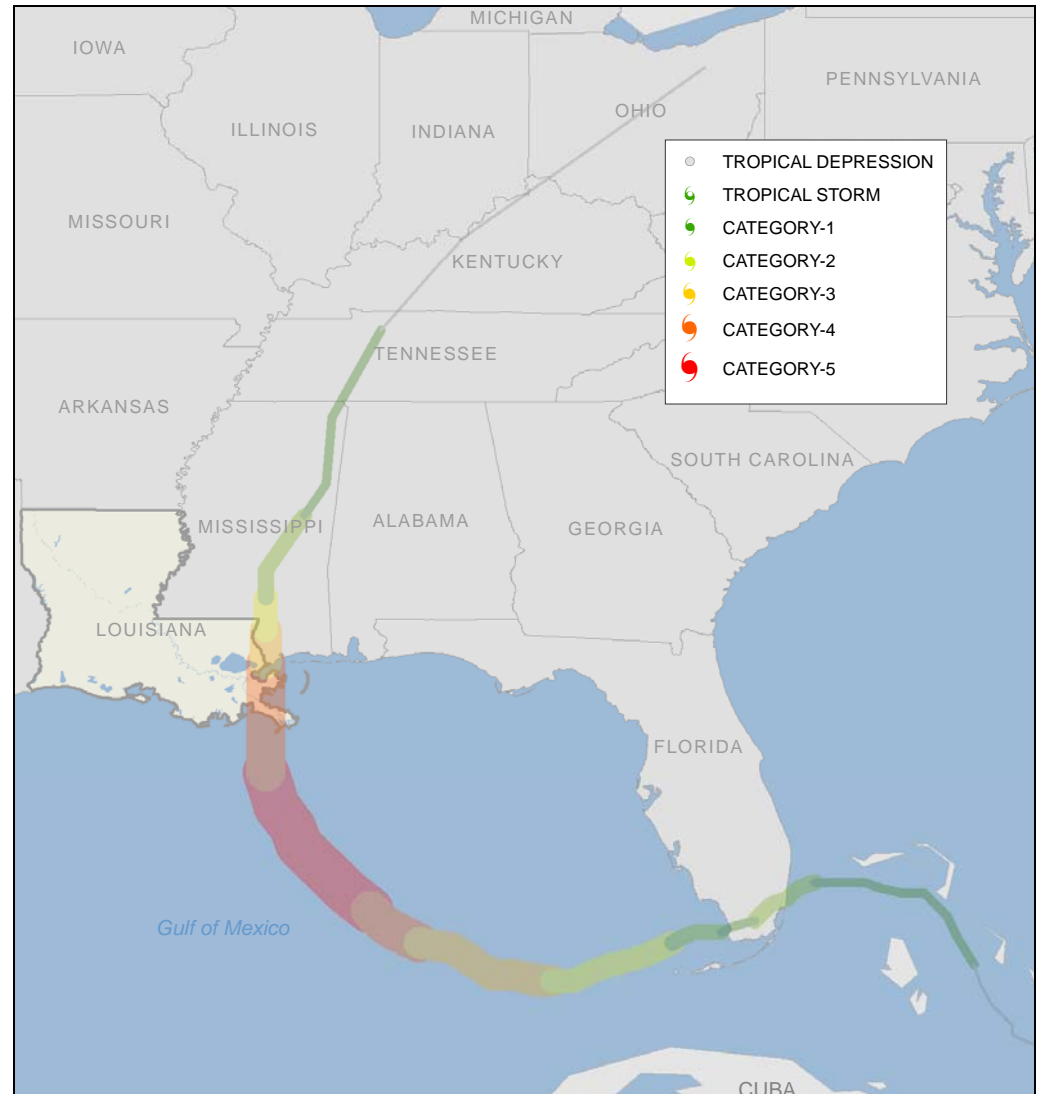


Figure 1: Hurricane Katrina Storm Track (NOAA, 2005).



### STORM IMPACT

On Sunday August 28, shortly after hurricane Katrina was upgraded to Category-5, New Orleans mayor C. Ray Nagin ordered the first ever mandatory evacuation of the city. Mandatory evacuations were also ordered for numerous parishes along the storm’s predicted path.

Louisiana State Police implemented *Contraflow Lane Reversal* on Interstate 10 leading west and on Interstates 55 and 59 leading north from New Orleans. By Sunday evening, approximately 1 million people had evacuated the greater New Orleans area.

Despite the success of Contraflow evacuation, approximately 150,000 people, mostly poor and disabled, were unable to evacuate the city. Only by Friday September 2 were the remaining people evacuated to neighboring parishes and states.

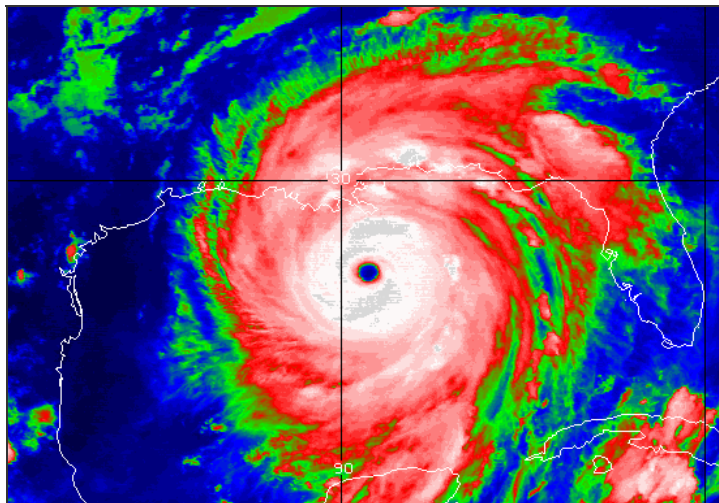


Figure 2: Hurricane Katrina GOES-12 Infrared Satellite Image (NOAA, 2005).

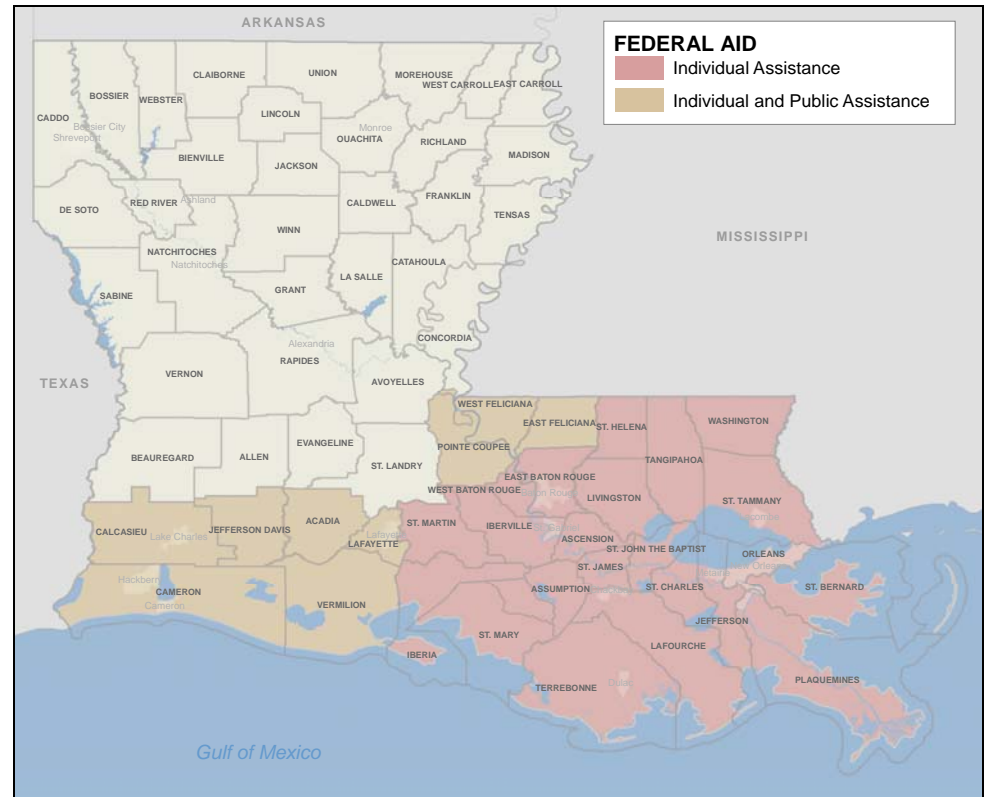


Figure 3: Request for Aid: Individual & Public Assistance Disaster Declarations by Parish (FEMA, 2005).

By mid-September, federal disaster declarations covered 31 parishes, consisting of approximately 26,000 square miles of the State. Katrina left an estimated five million people without power, which took more than two months to stabilize. By November, many parts of New Orleans remained without power.

Storm damage caused by Katrina was significant. However, it was the devastating storm surge and subsequent flooding that has made Katrina the most costly storm in U.S. history.



### MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS

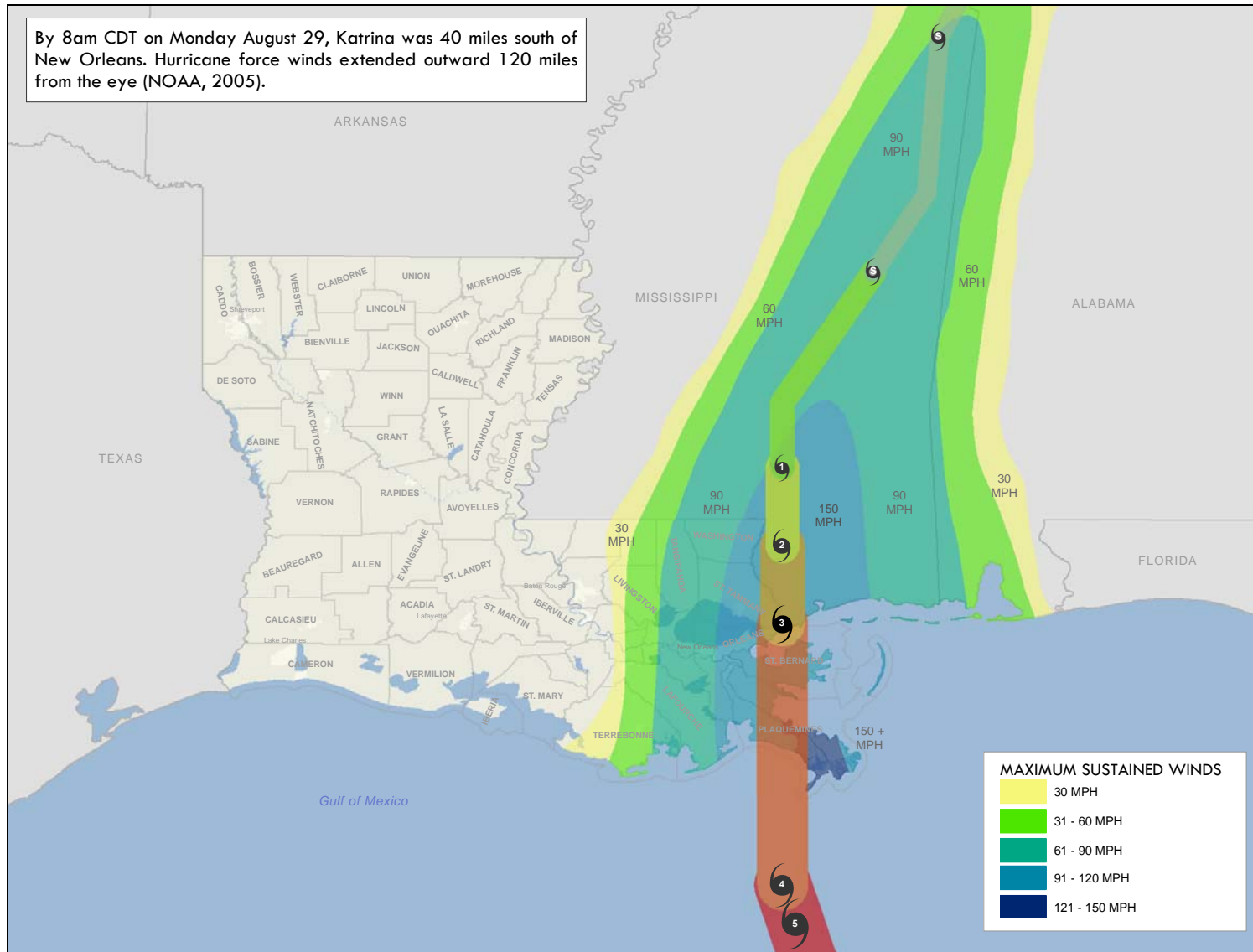


Figure 4: Hurricane Katrina Maximum Sustained Wind Field (NOAA, 2005; FEMA, 2005).





### MAXIMUM WIND GUSTS

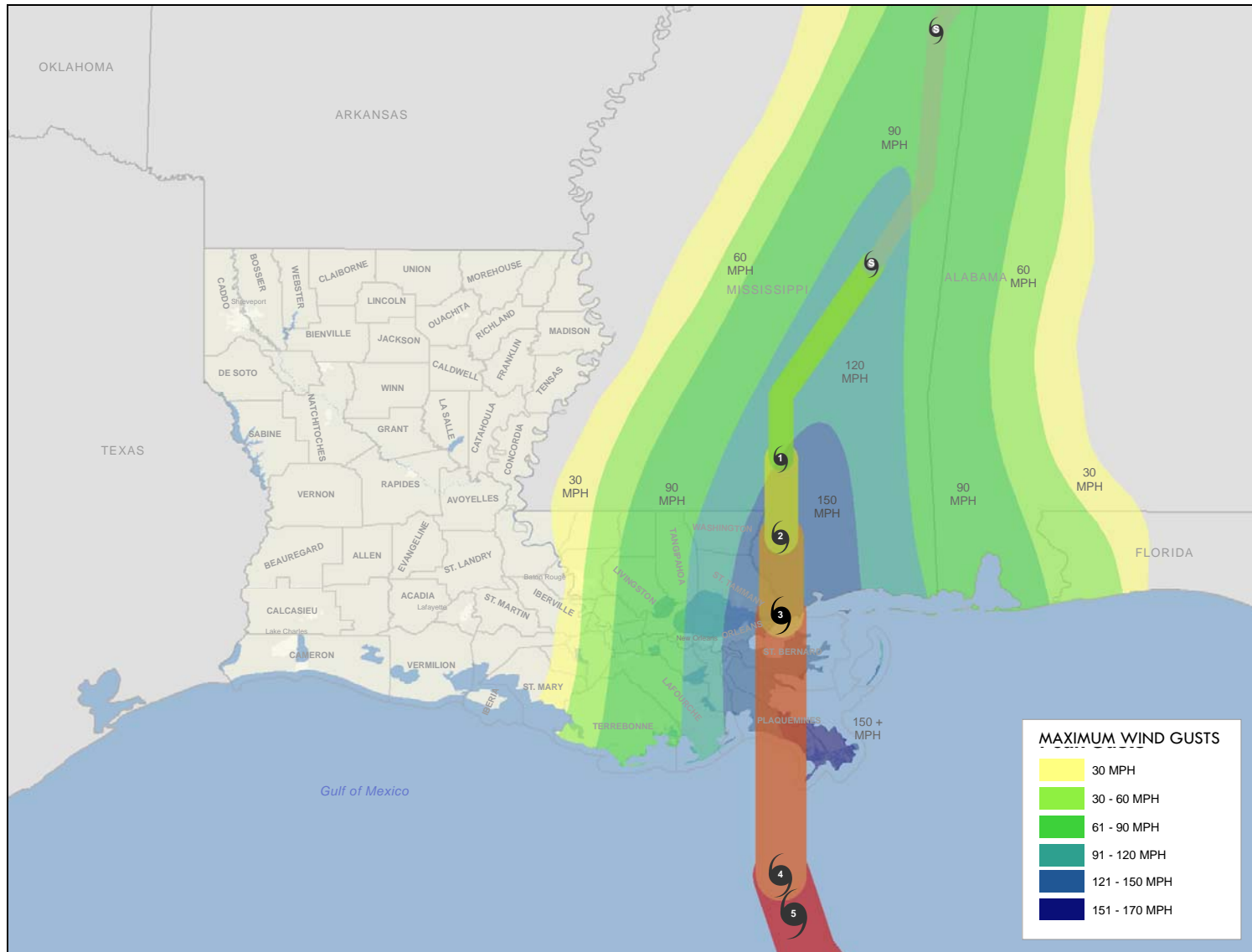
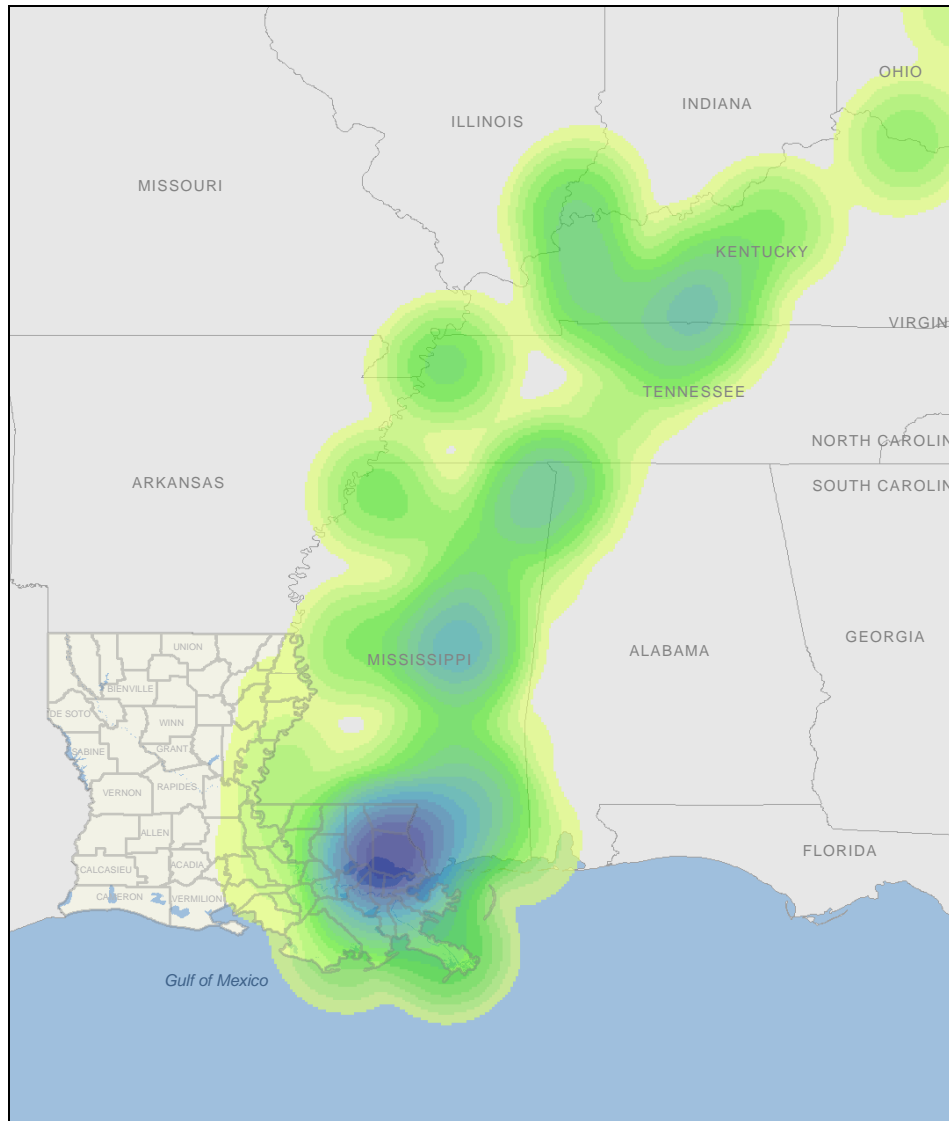


Figure 5: Hurricane Katrina Maximum Wind Gusts (NOAA, 2005; FEMA, 2005).



### RAINFALL ESTIMATES



Rainfall amounts for Hurricane Katrina, though considerable in many places, were not the primary impact of the storm. This map illustrates the preliminary rainfall totals (in inches) for the period attributed to Katrina (August 28-30, 2005), for locations with at least two-inches of rain (NOAA, 2005).

Please note: totals are incomplete due to storm damage experienced at many stations along the immediate Gulf coast.

#### RAINFALL ESTIMATES

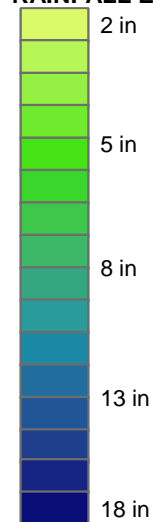


Figure 6: Hurricane Katrina Rainfall Estimates (NOAA, 2005).



ESTIMATED STORM SURGE

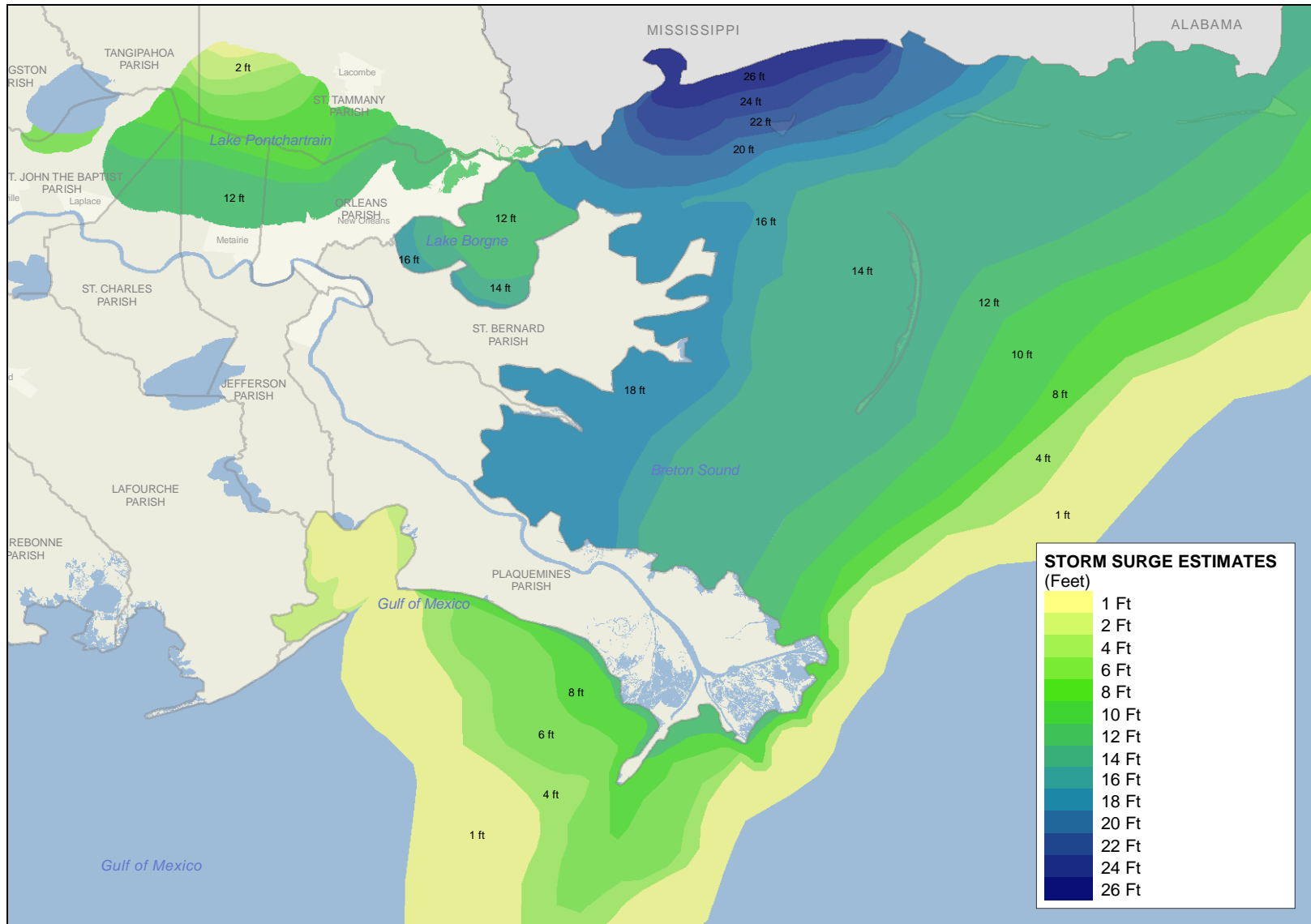
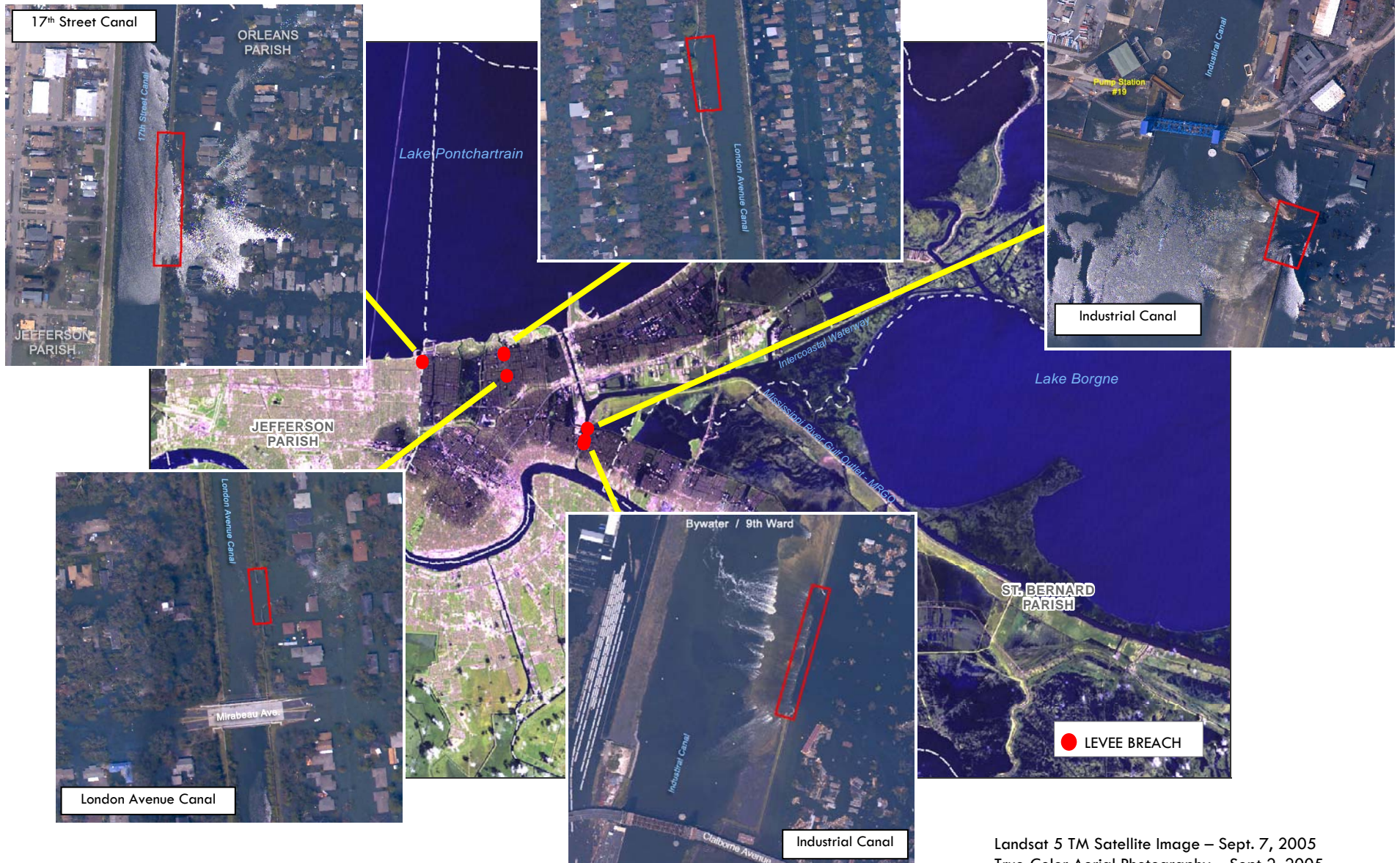


Figure 7: Hurricane Katrina Estimated Storm Surge – Computer Model (LSU – A HEF, 2005).





NEW ORLEANS LEVEES BREACHED



Landsat 5 TM Satellite Image – Sept. 7, 2005  
True-Color Aerial Photography – Sept 2, 2005





GREATER NEW ORLEANS FLOODED



Figure 9: Landsat 5 TM Satellite Image Revealing Flooded Land Located Around the Greater New Orleans Area on September 07, 2005 (LSU-CSI, 2005).





### NEW ORLEANS FLOOD DEPTH ESTIMATES

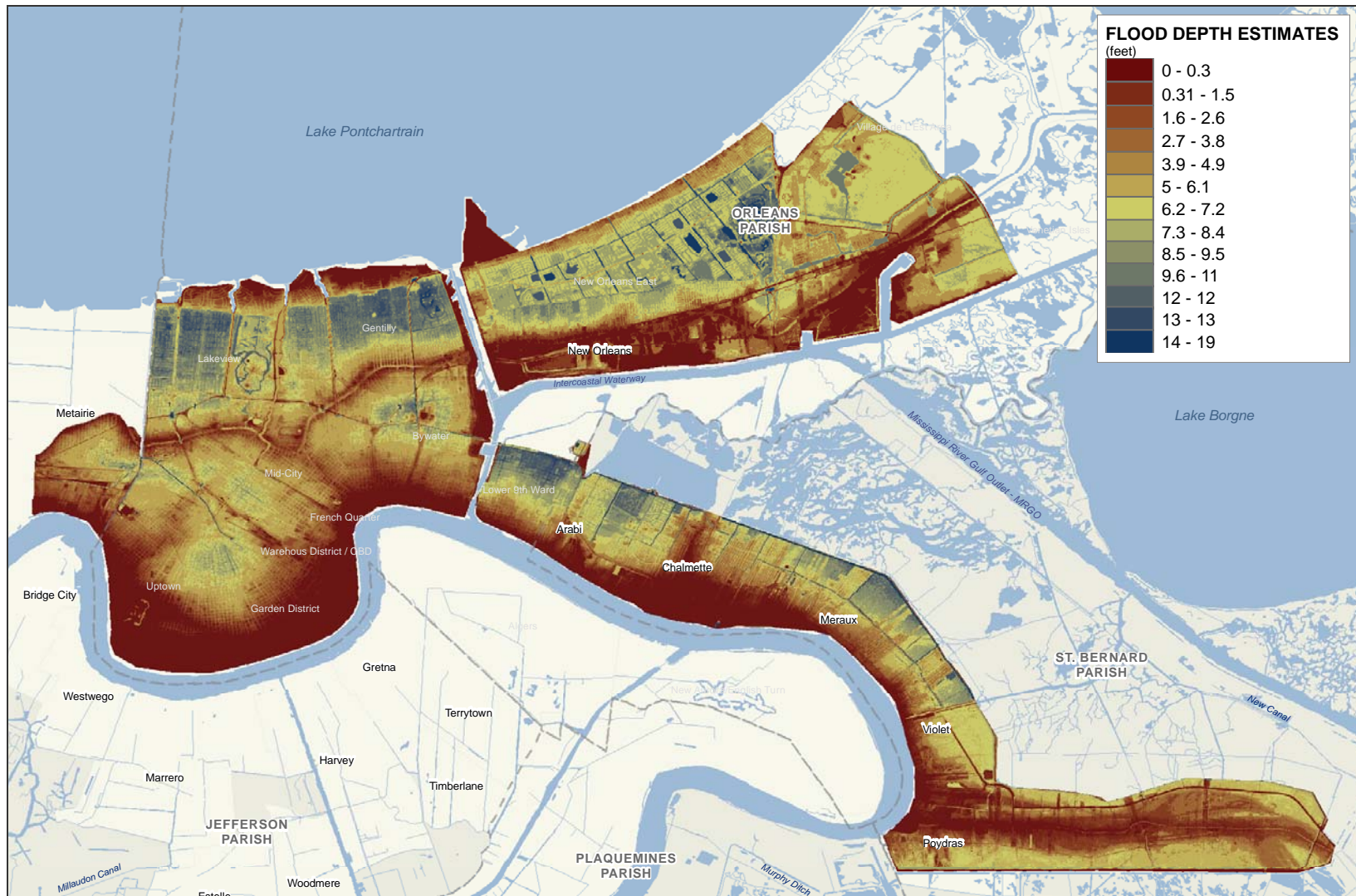


Figure 10: Estimated Flood Depths Based on LIDAR Elevation Data Collected in 2004 (LSU-CSI, 2005).





DAMAGE ESTIMATES

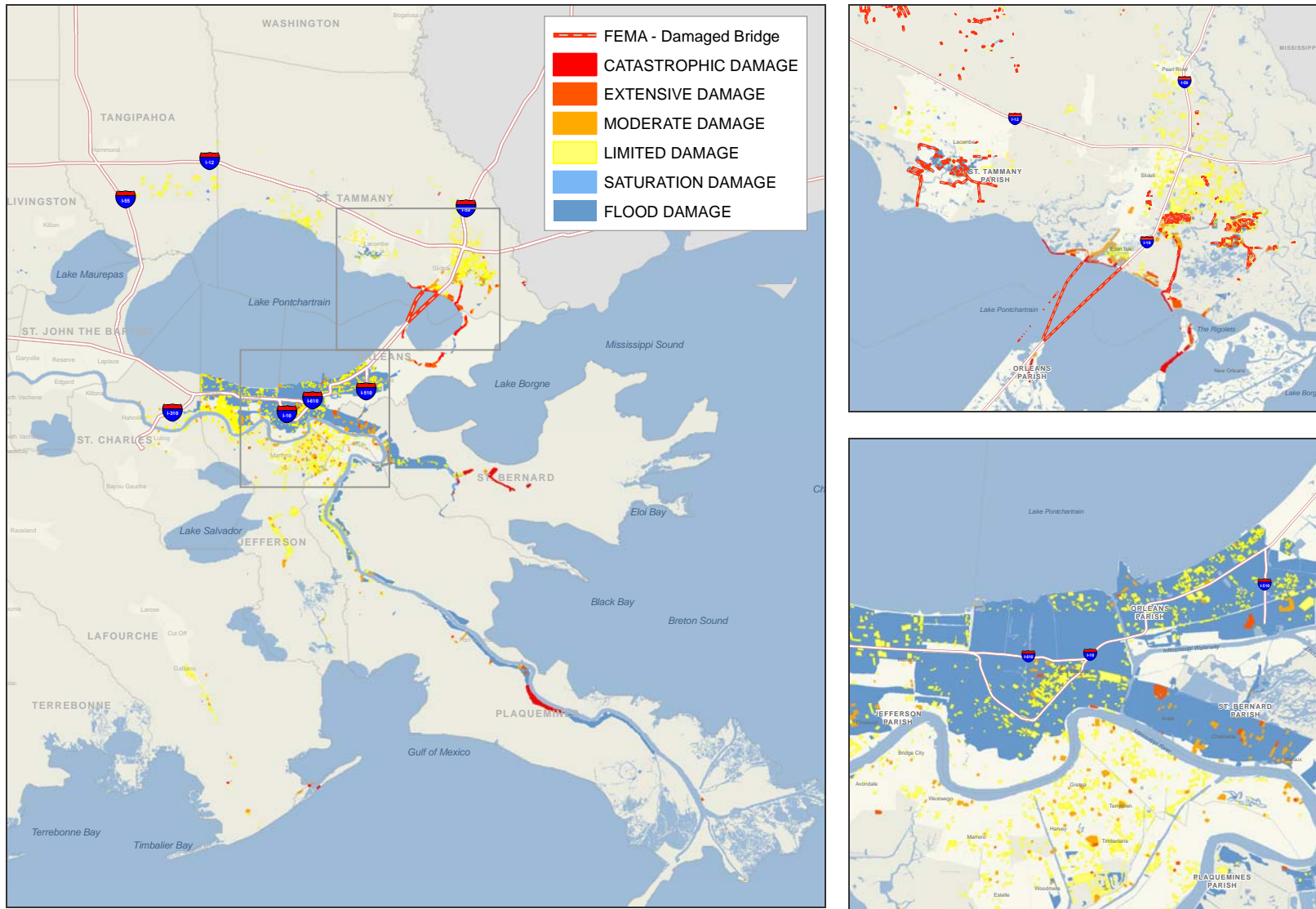


Figure 11: FEMA Damage Assessments – September 21, 2005 (FEMA, 2005).



### LOUISIANA DIASPORA

The number of people displaced by Hurricane Katrina is staggering. Using information collected by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the map below depicts the evacuated location (by ZIP code) of approximately 800,000 Louisiana citizens requesting federal assistance as of September 20, 2005 (FEMA, 2005).

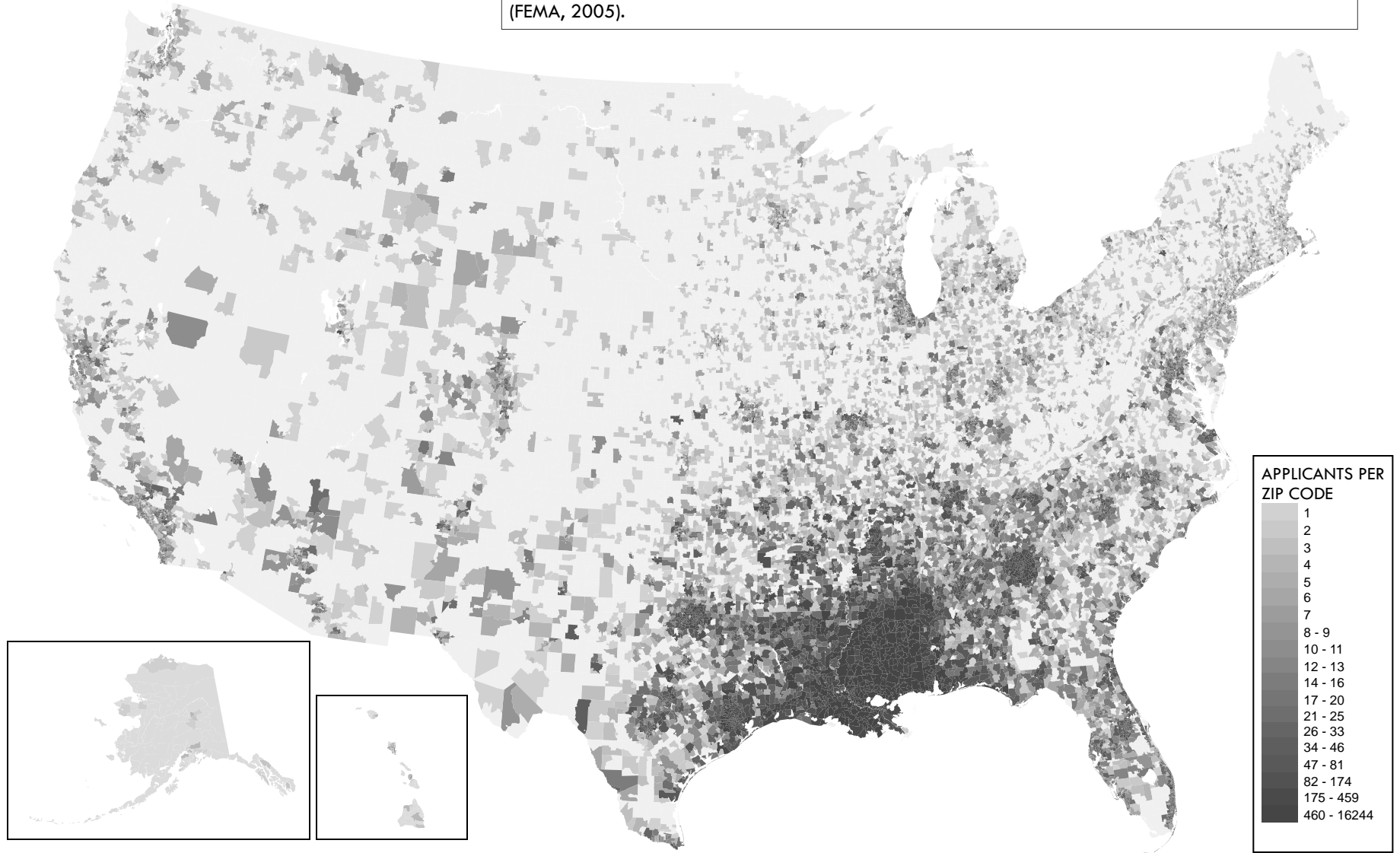


Figure 12: Hurricane Diaspora: Location of 800,000 Displaced Louisiana Residents Requesting Federal Assistance (FEMA, 2005).



### POPULATION RE-DISTRIBUTED

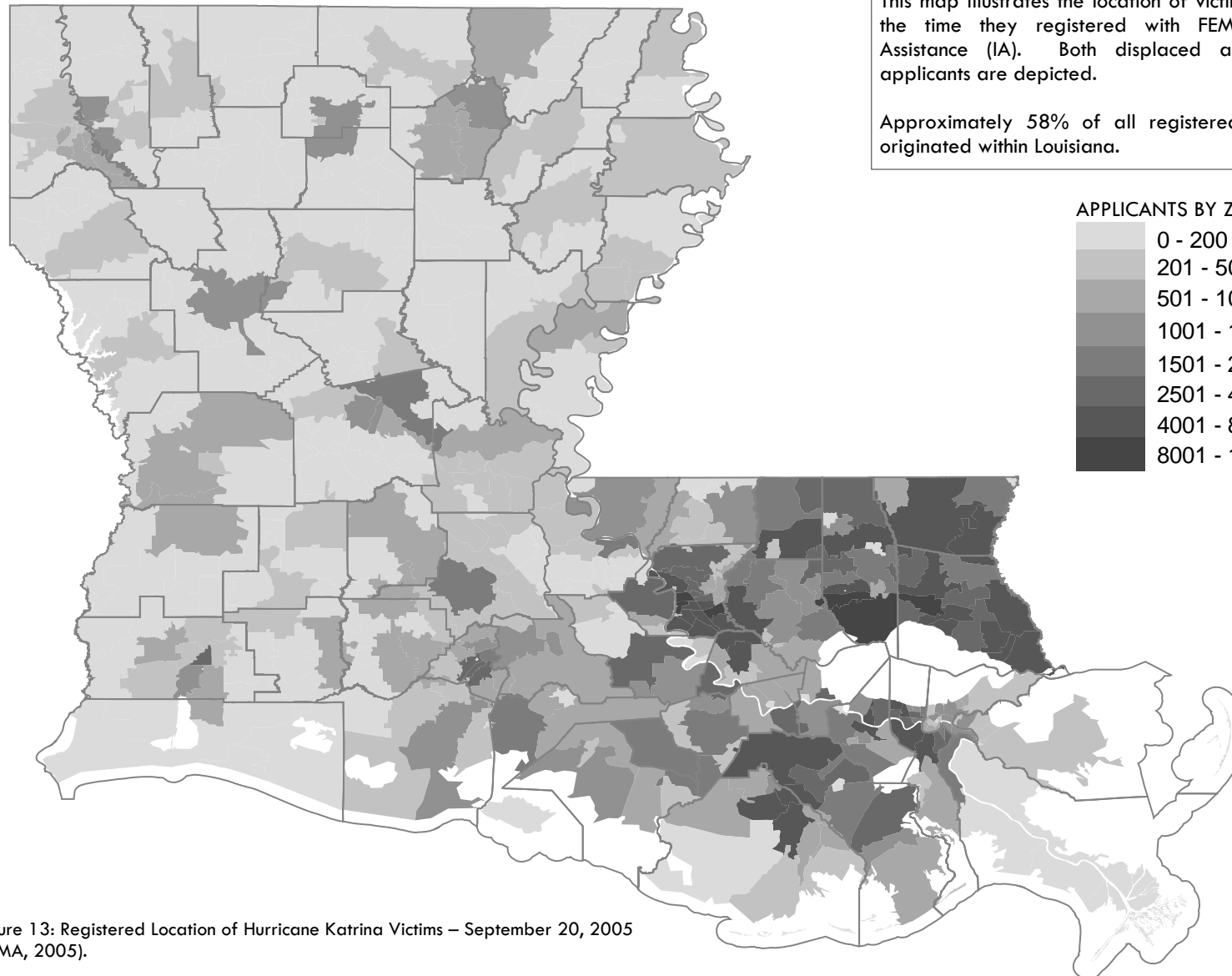


Figure 13: Registered Location of Hurricane Katrina Victims – September 20, 2005 (FEMA, 2005).





### HURRICANE RITA

Hurricane Rita was the seventeenth named tropical storm, ninth hurricane, fifth major hurricane, and second Category-5 hurricane of the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season. As of October 19, it was the second-most powerful hurricane of the season.

Hurricane Rita is on record as being the second-strongest measured hurricane to ever have entered the Gulf of Mexico after Hurricane Wilma (2005), and the fourth most intense hurricane in the Atlantic Basin.



Figure 14: Hurricane Rita Storm Track (NOAA-NHC, 2005).

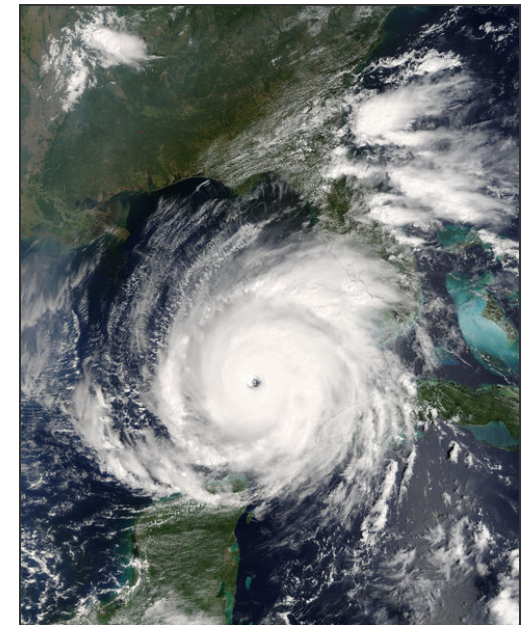


Figure 15: Hurricane Rita MODIS Satellite Image September 21, 2005 (NOAA, 2005).



### STORM IMPACT

After peaking as a Category-4 hurricane, Rita made landfall between Sabine Pass, Texas, and Johnson's Bayou, Louisiana, at 02:38 CDT on September 24, 2005 as a Category-3 hurricane, with wind speeds of 120 mph and a storm surge of 10 feet.

Damage in south-western Louisiana was extensive. In Cameron Parish, the communities of Hackberry, Cameron, and Holly Beach were heavily damaged or entirely destroyed. Many homes of the surrounding areas also experienced damaged and extensive vegetative debris.

Lake Charles experienced severe flooding, with reports of water rising 6-8 feet in areas around the lake. Additionally, there were reports of water reaching the second floor of buildings.

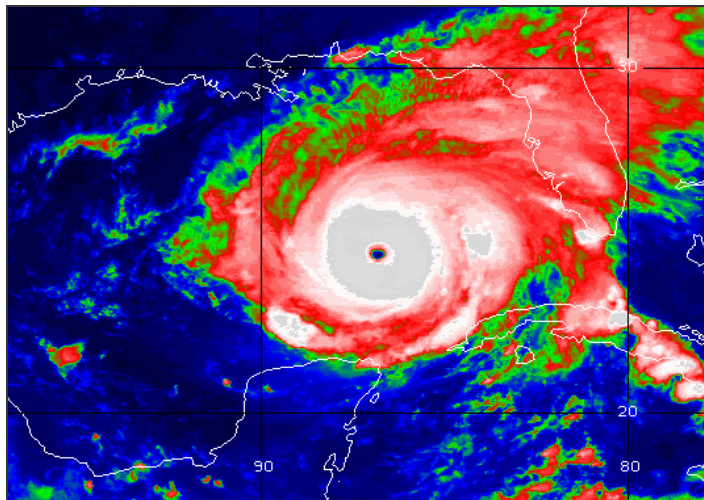


Figure 16: Hurricane Rita GOES-12 Infrared Satellite Image (NOAA, 2005).

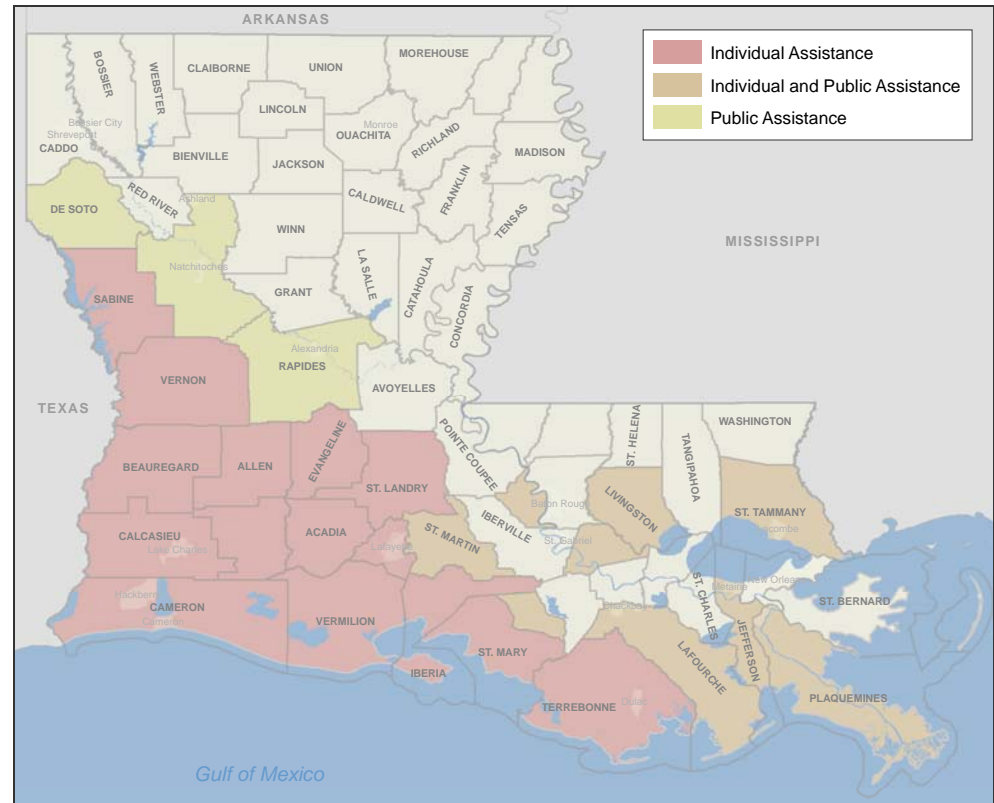


Figure 17: Individual & Public Assistance Disaster Declarations by Parish (FEMA, 2005).

Damage to the region's electrical system was severe. Approximately 700,000 homes had lost power in 41 of 64 parishes because of Hurricane Rita.

Widespread flooding was reported in coastal parishes. Terrebonne Parish, experienced numerous levee breaches, leaving many residents stranded in flooded communities. In Vermilion Parish, rescue efforts were undertaken for up to 1,000 people stranded by local flooding south of Abbeville, LA.

There were no deaths reported in Louisiana as a direct result of hurricane Rita.



### MAXIMUM WIND GUSTS

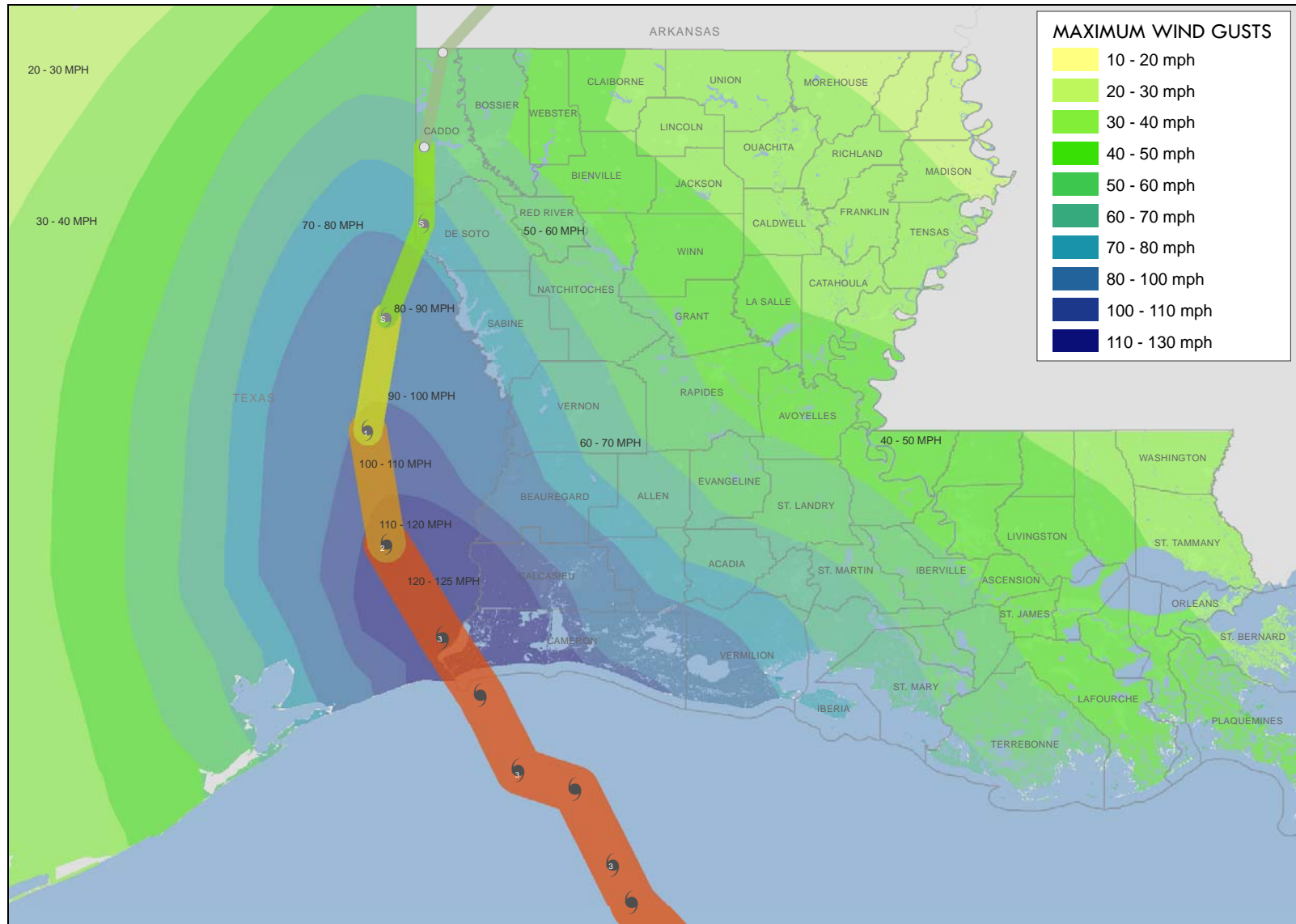


Figure 18: Hurricane Rita Maximum Wind Gusts (NOAA, 2005; FEMA, 2005).



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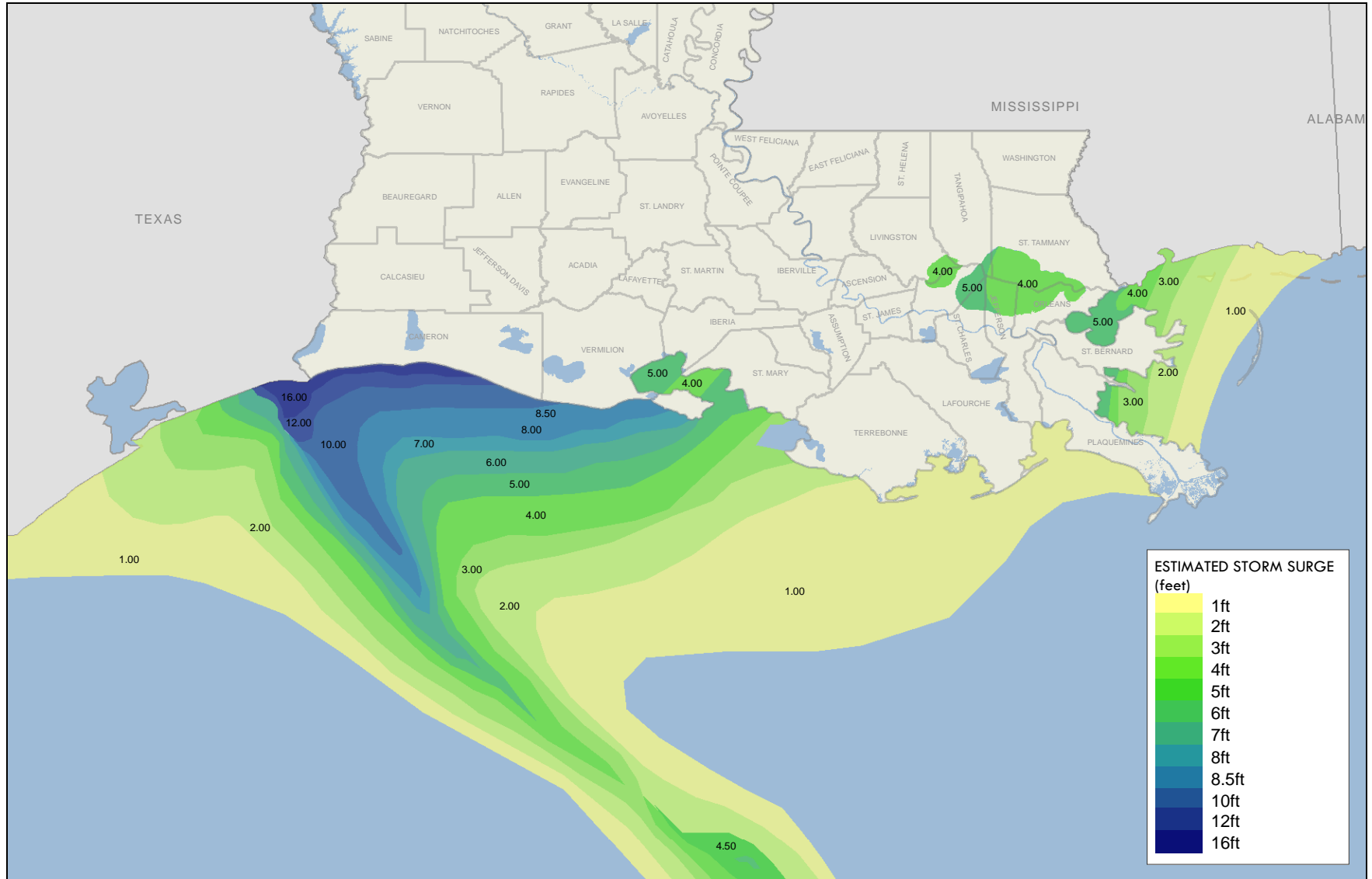


Figure 19: Hurricane Rita Estimated Storm Surge – Computer Model (LSU-A Hef, 2005).





DAMAGE ESTIMATES

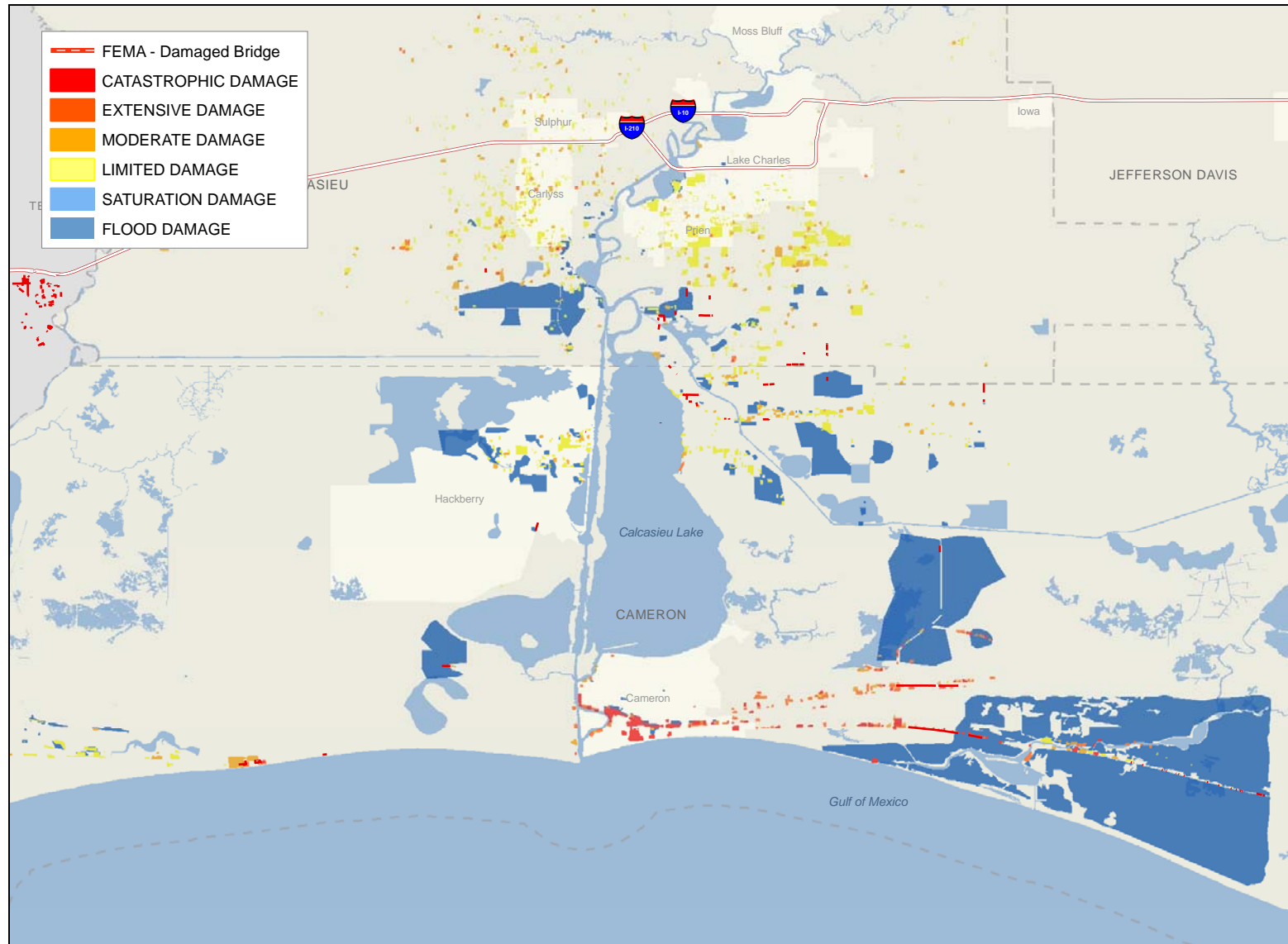


Figure 20: Hurricane Rita Damage Estimates (FEMA, 2005).



REQUESTS FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

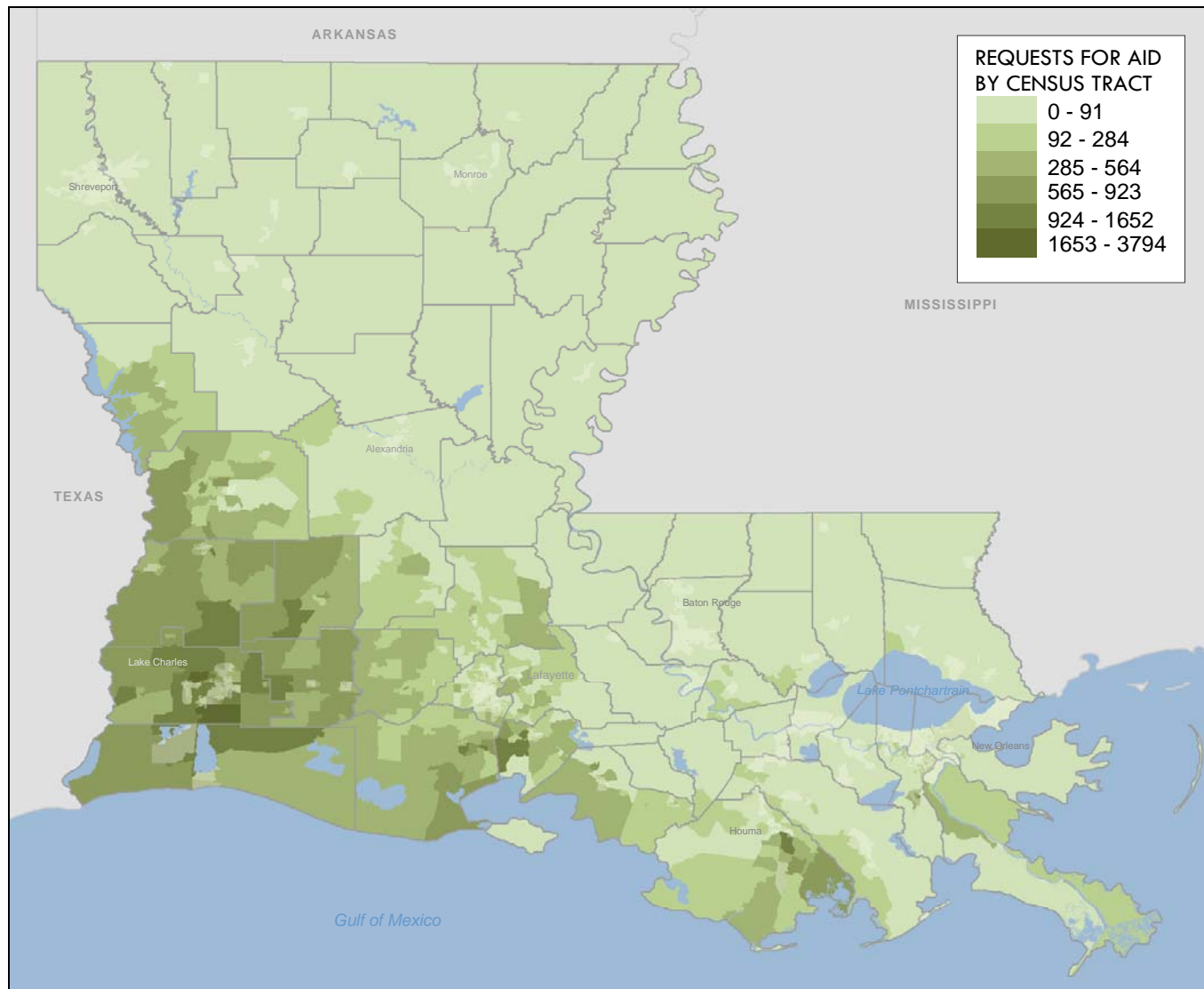


Figure 21: Location of Louisiana Applicants Registering for Federal Assistance following Hurricane Rita; organized by Census Tract (FEMA, 2005).



### STATE WIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT NAICS CLASSIFIED BUSINESSES

The US Census Bureau maintains an annual report of key economic indicators organized by county. This map depicts the 2003 *County Business Patterns* (CBP) report detailing the number of businesses by Parish, per square mile.

The CBP report covers most of the nation's economic activity. The series excludes data on self-employed individuals, employees of private households, railroad employees, agricultural production employees, and most government employees.

The CBP program is tabulated on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

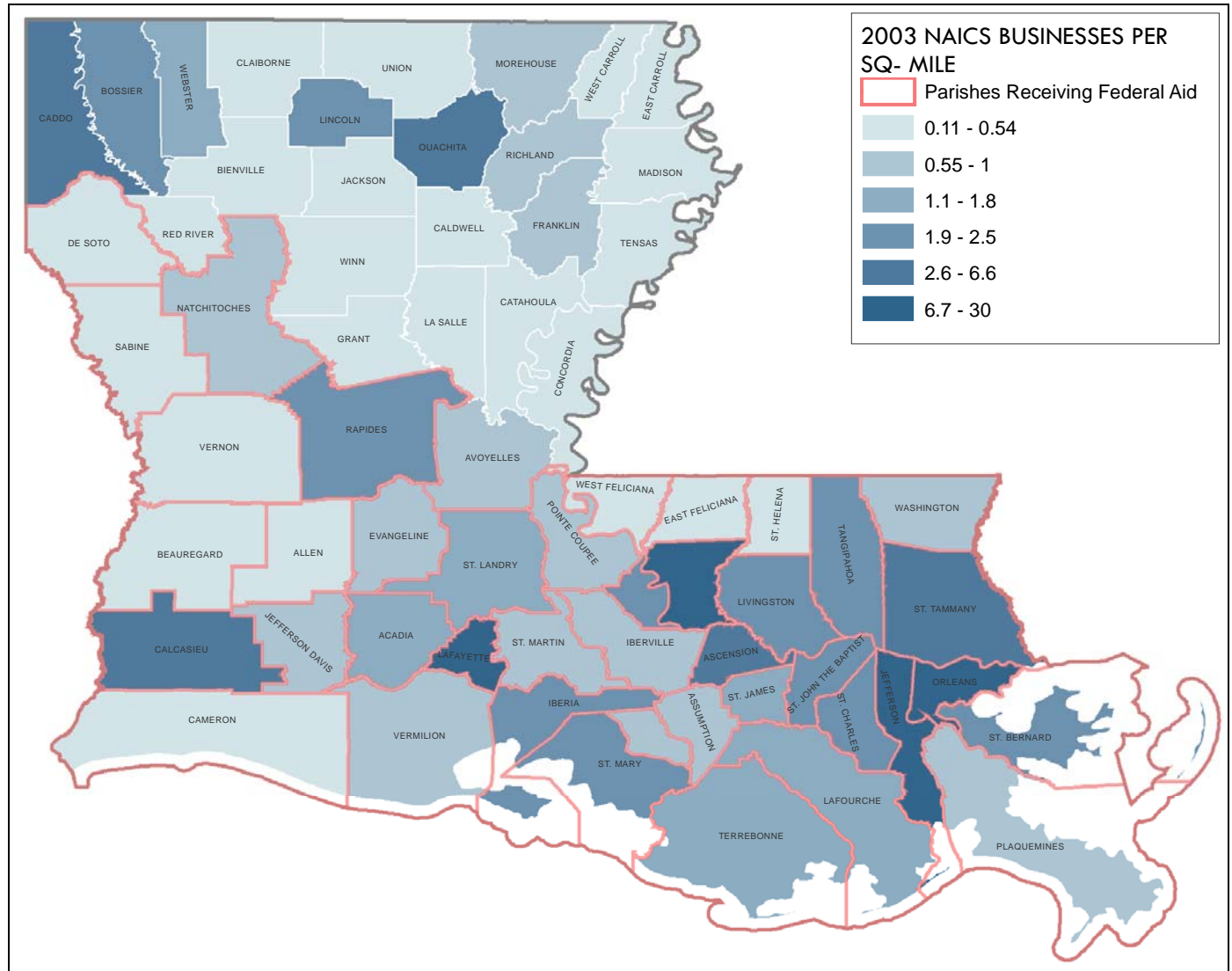


Figure 22: Number of NAICS Classified Businesses per Square Mile (US Census, 2003).



EMPLOYMENT BY PARISH

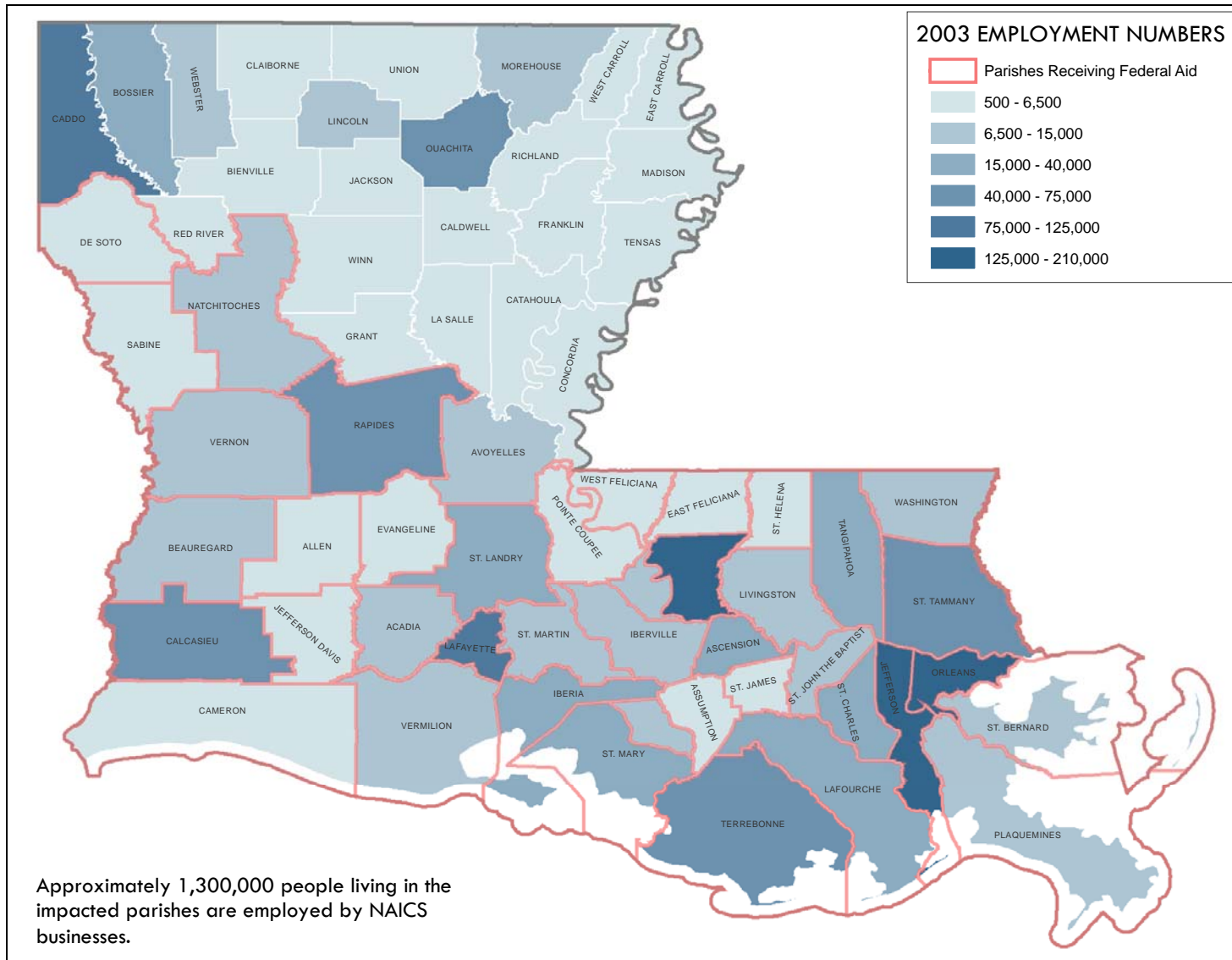


Figure 23: County Business Patterns Economic Profile: 2003 Employment Statistics by Parish (US Census, 2003).





ANNUAL PAYROLL BY PARISH

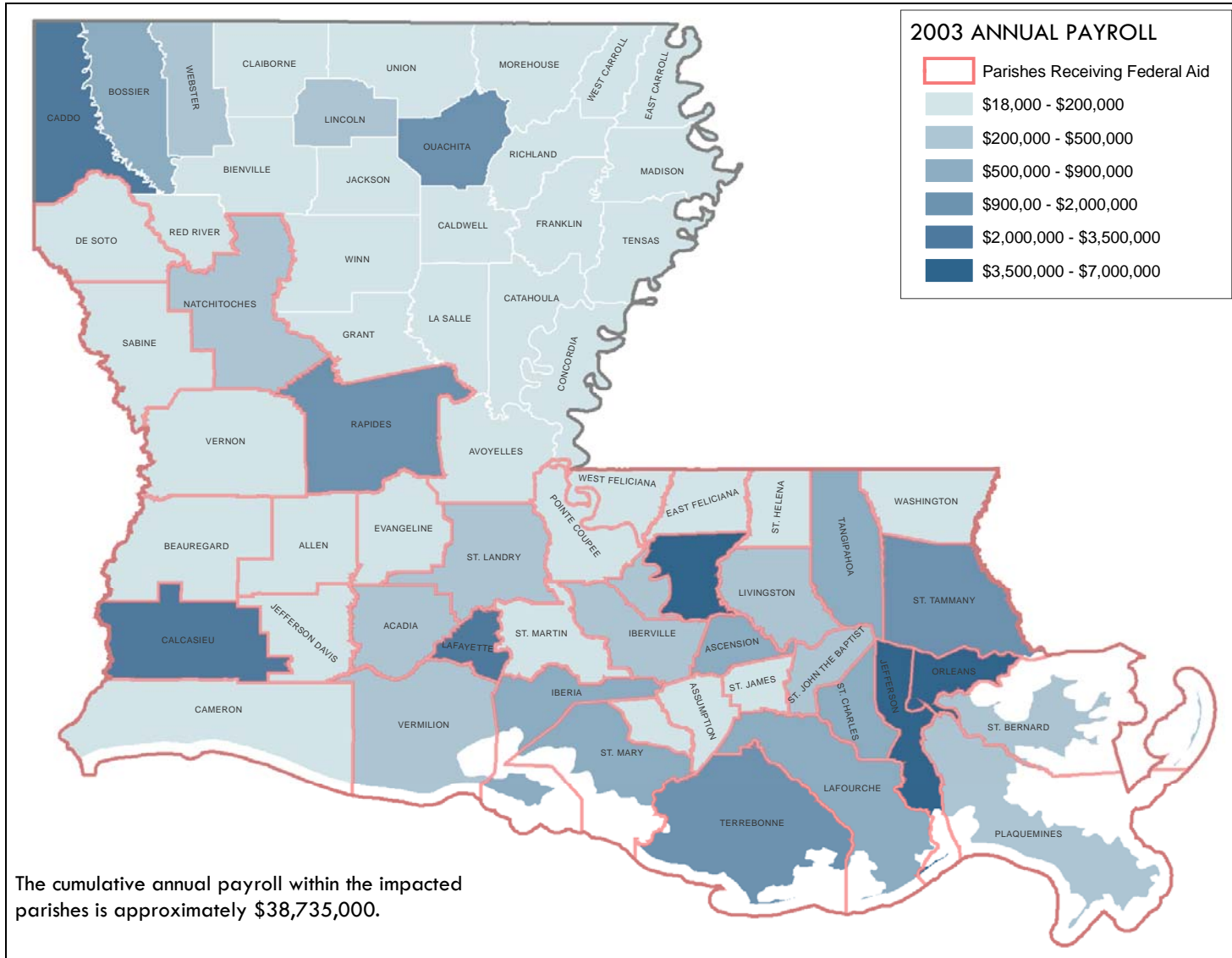


Figure 24: County Business Patterns Economic Profile: 2003 Annual Payroll Statistics by Parish (US Census, 2003).



PETROLEUM REFINING CAPACITY

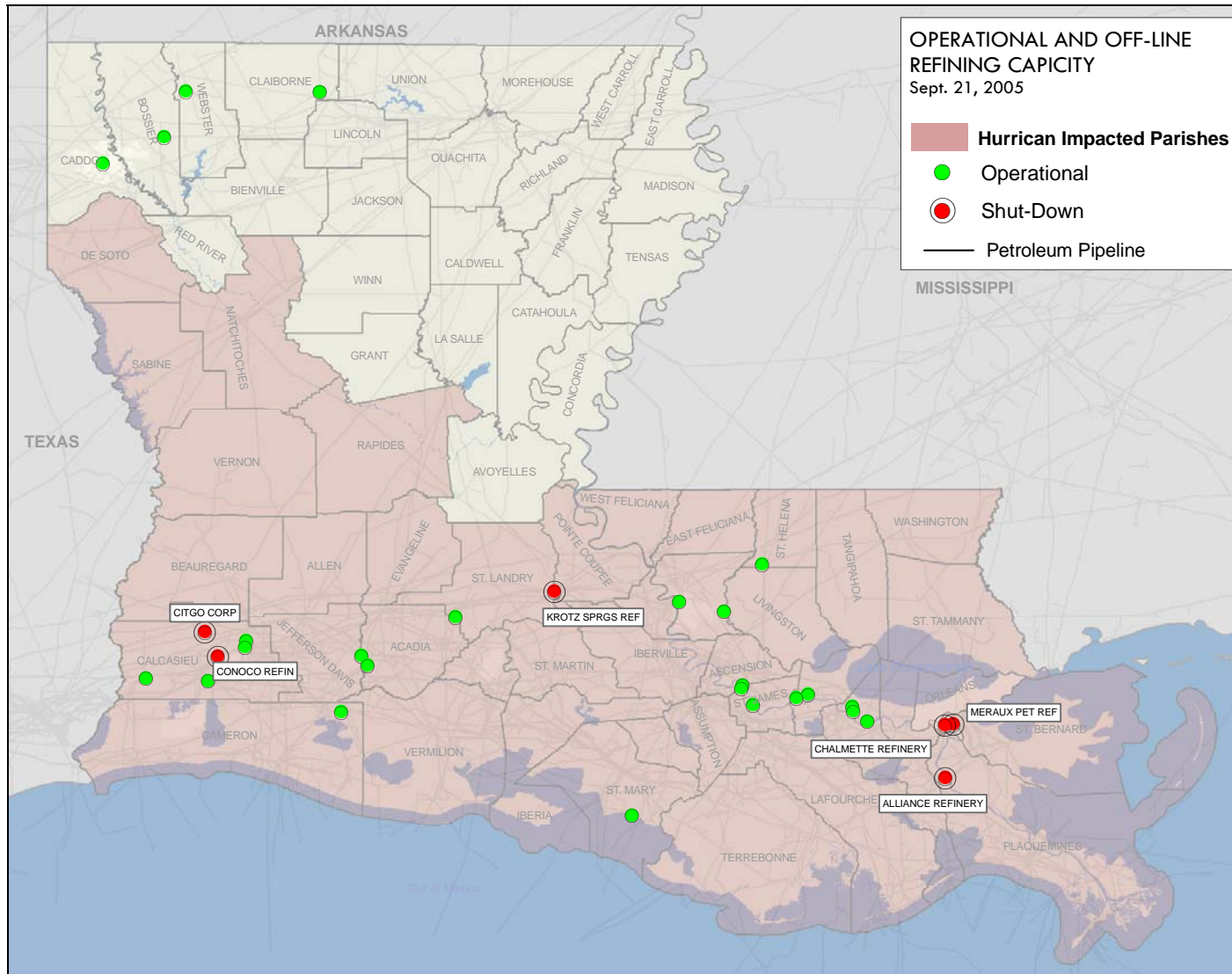


Figure 25: Impact on Oil Refining Capability – September 21, 2005 (LDNR, 2005).



IMPACT ON SERVICES  
EMERGENCY ROOM HOSPITALS

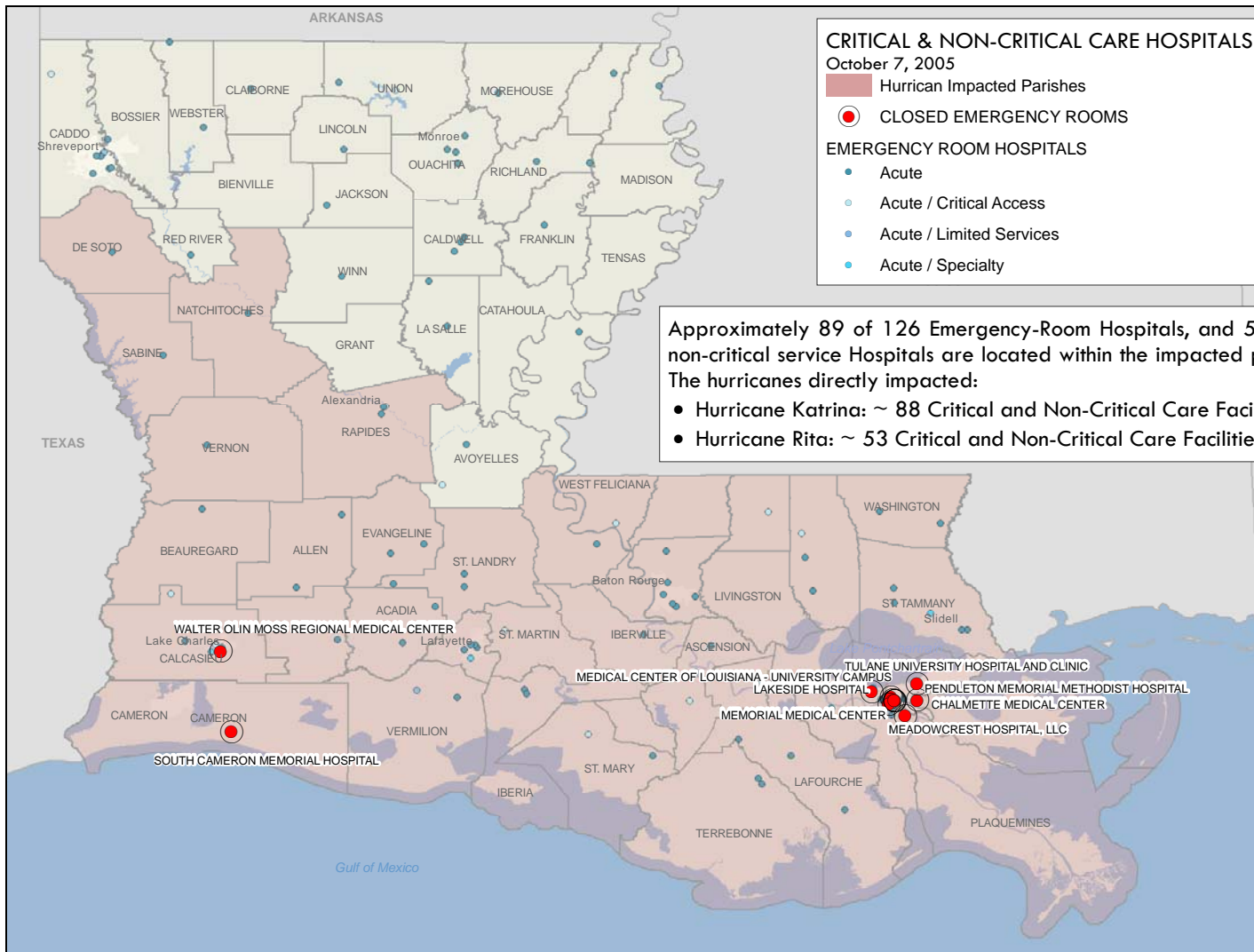


Figure 26: Emergency Room Hospitals Closed By Hurricanes (LDHH, 2005).



### IMPACTED COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

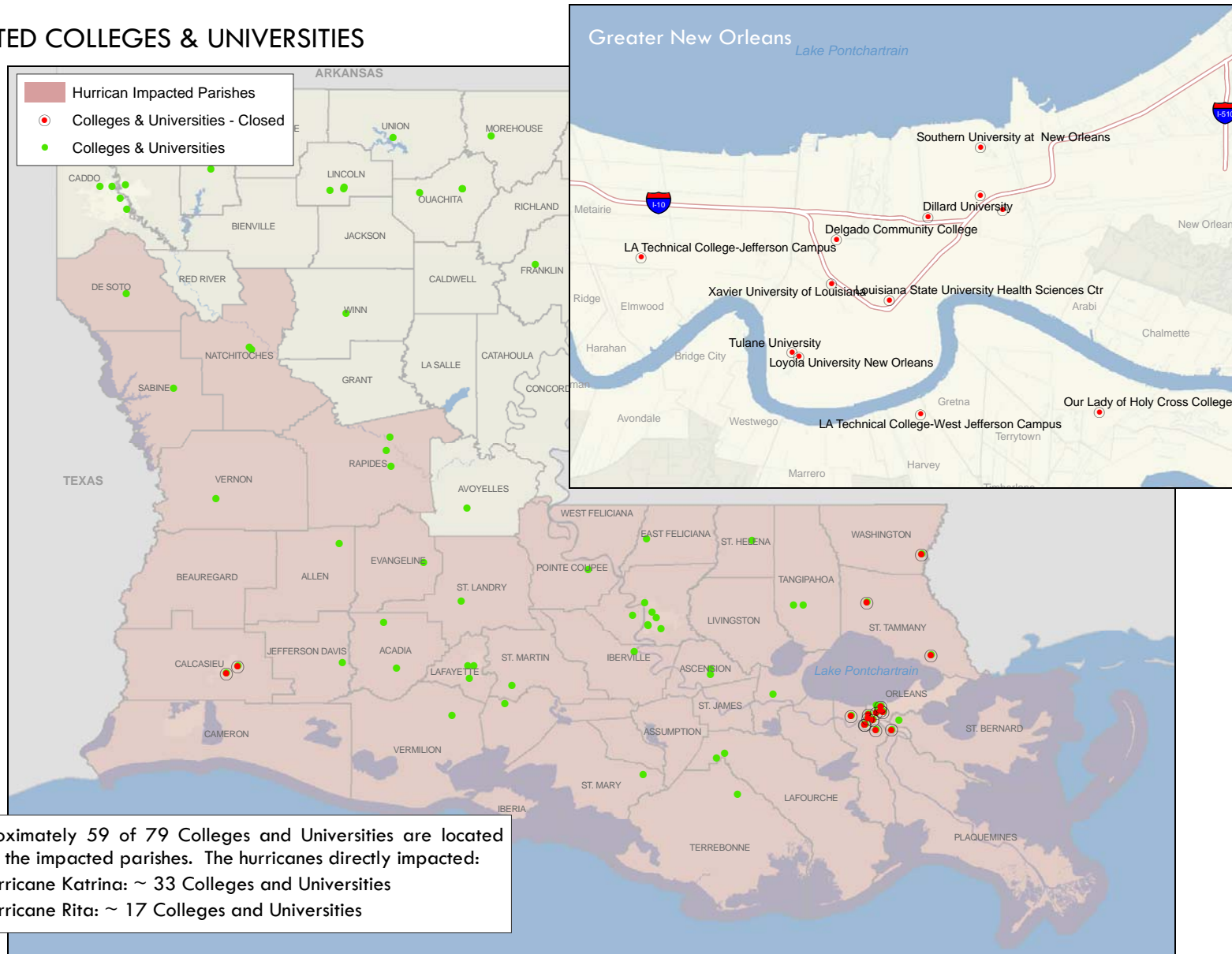


Figure 27: Colleges & Universities Impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (LDOE, 2005; LDSS, 2005).





### IMPACTED PRIMARY SCHOOLS

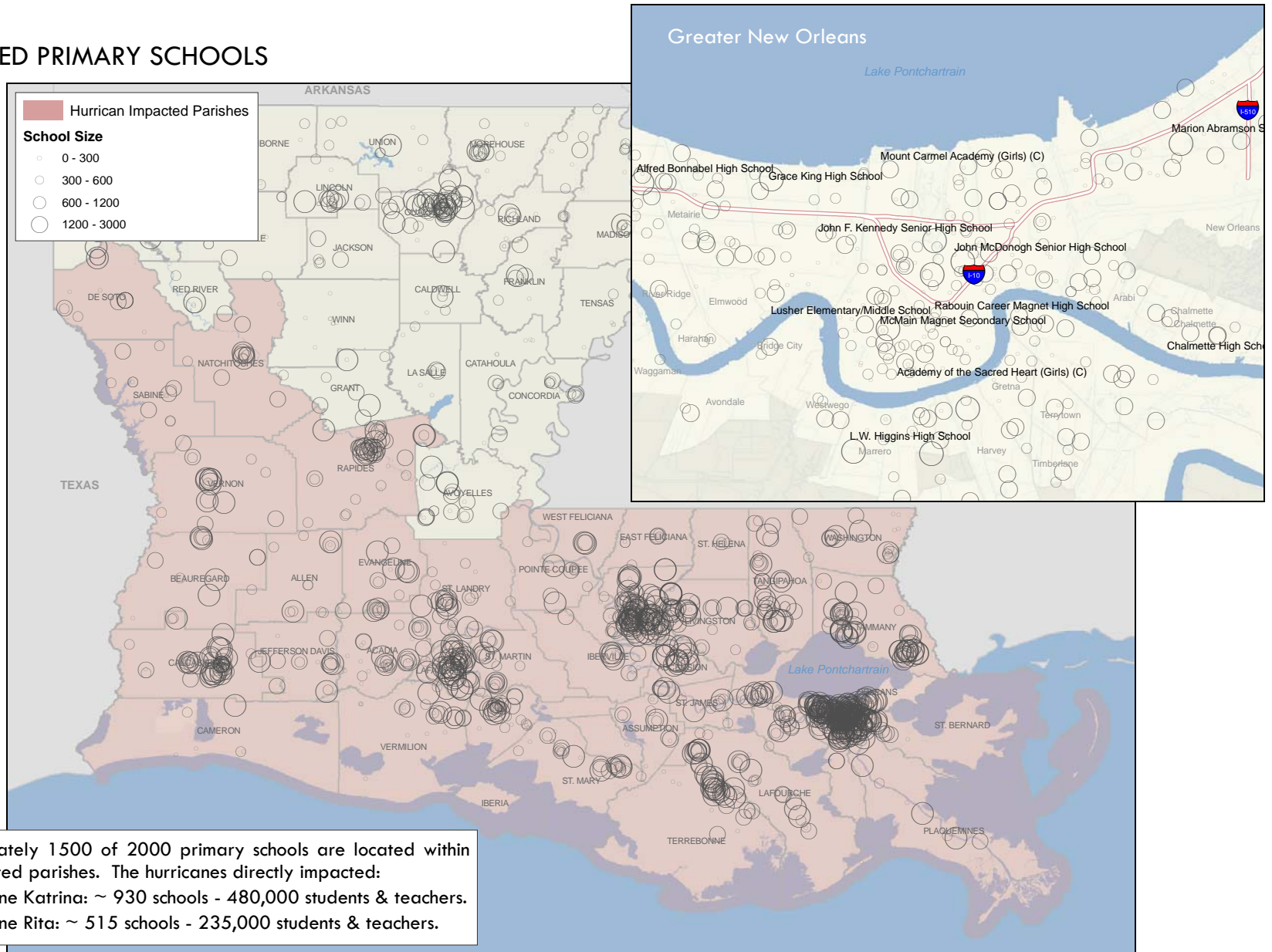


Figure 28: Primary Education Facilities Impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (LDOE, 2005; LDSS, 2005).





DEMOGRAPHICS: GREATER NEW ORLEANS  
POPULATION PER SQUARE MILE

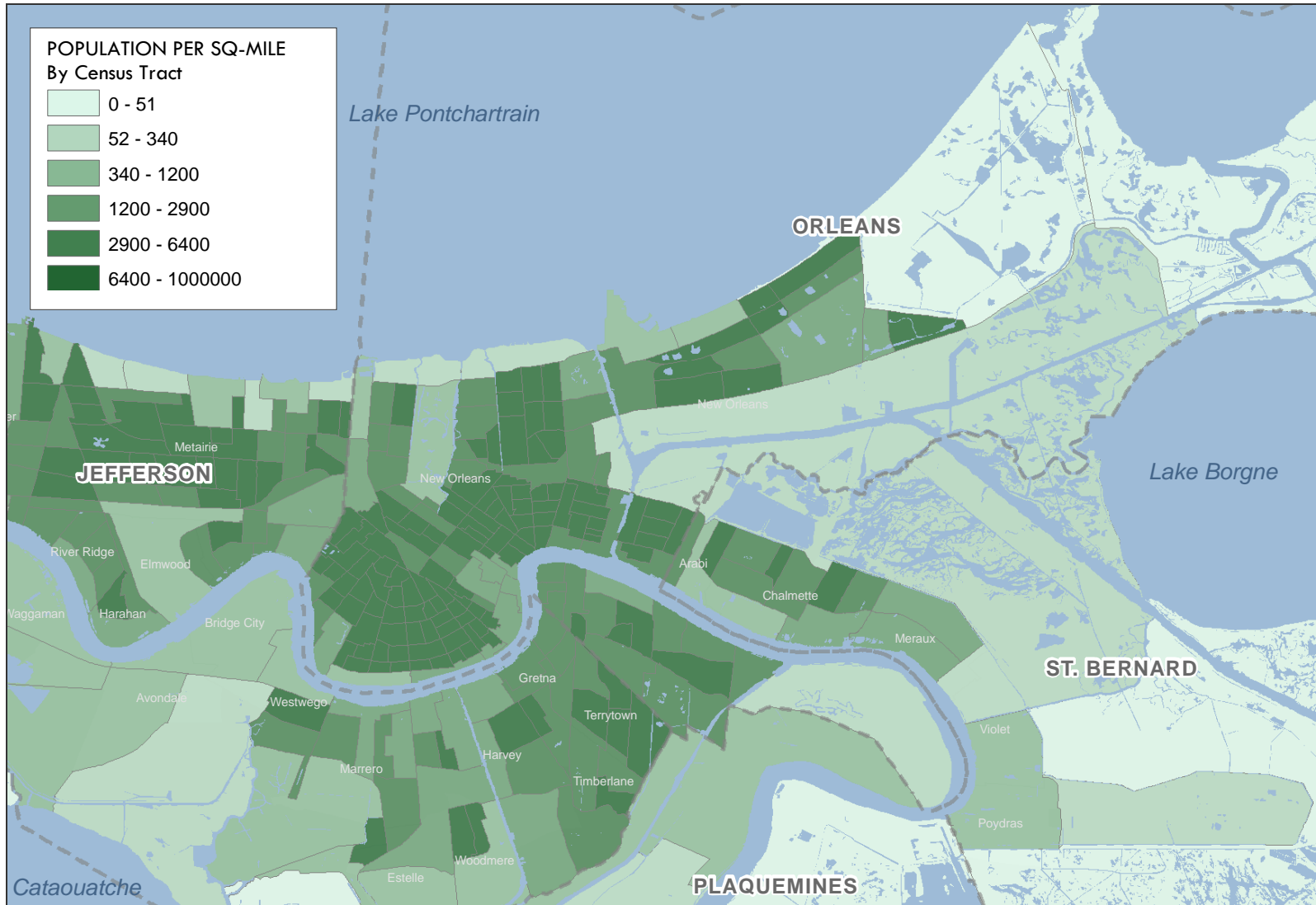


Figure 29: Population per-Square Mile by Census Tract (US Census, 2000).



### HOUSING UNITS PER SQUARE MILE

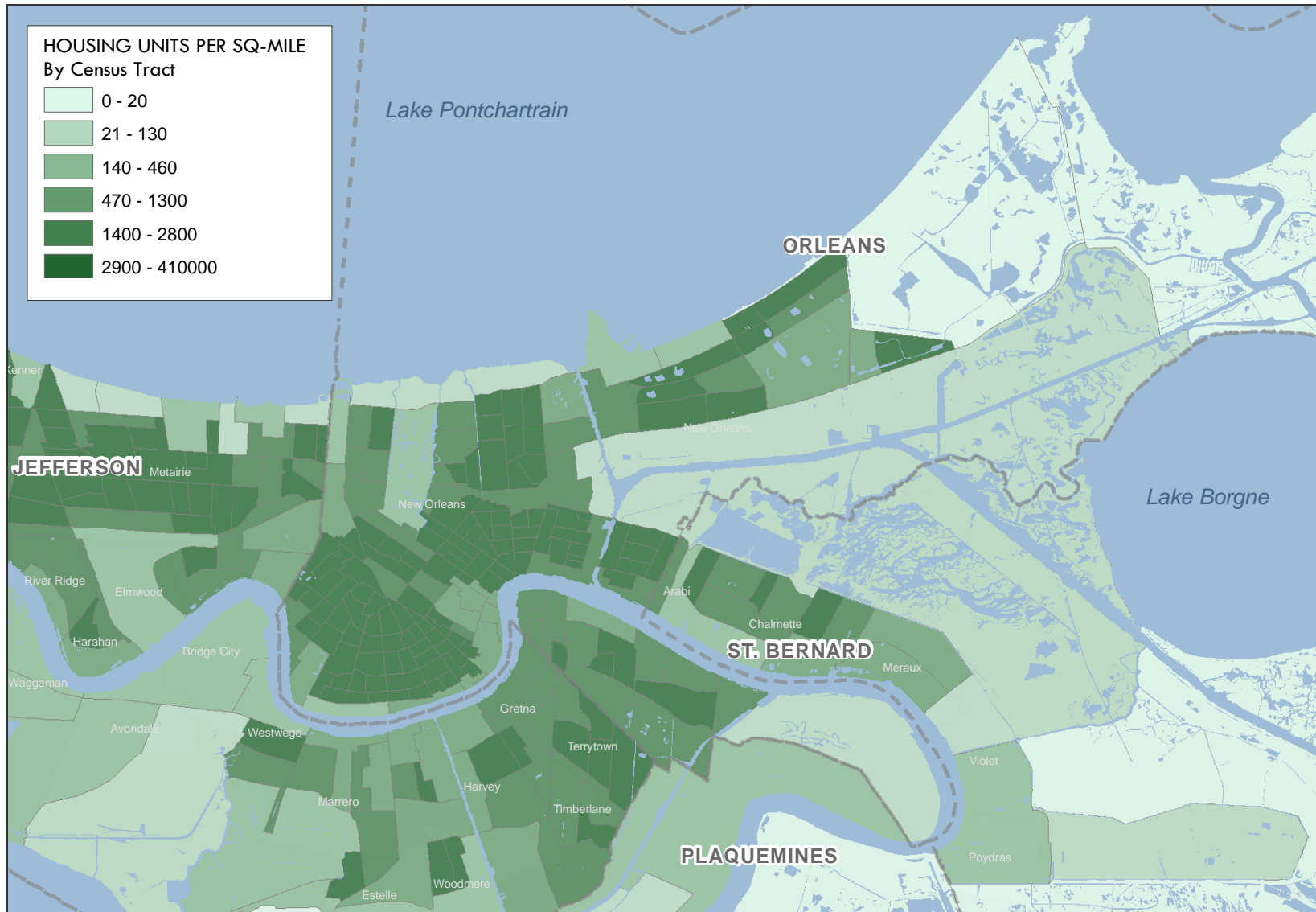


Figure 30: Number of Housing Units per Square Mile by Census Tract (US Census, 2000).



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18

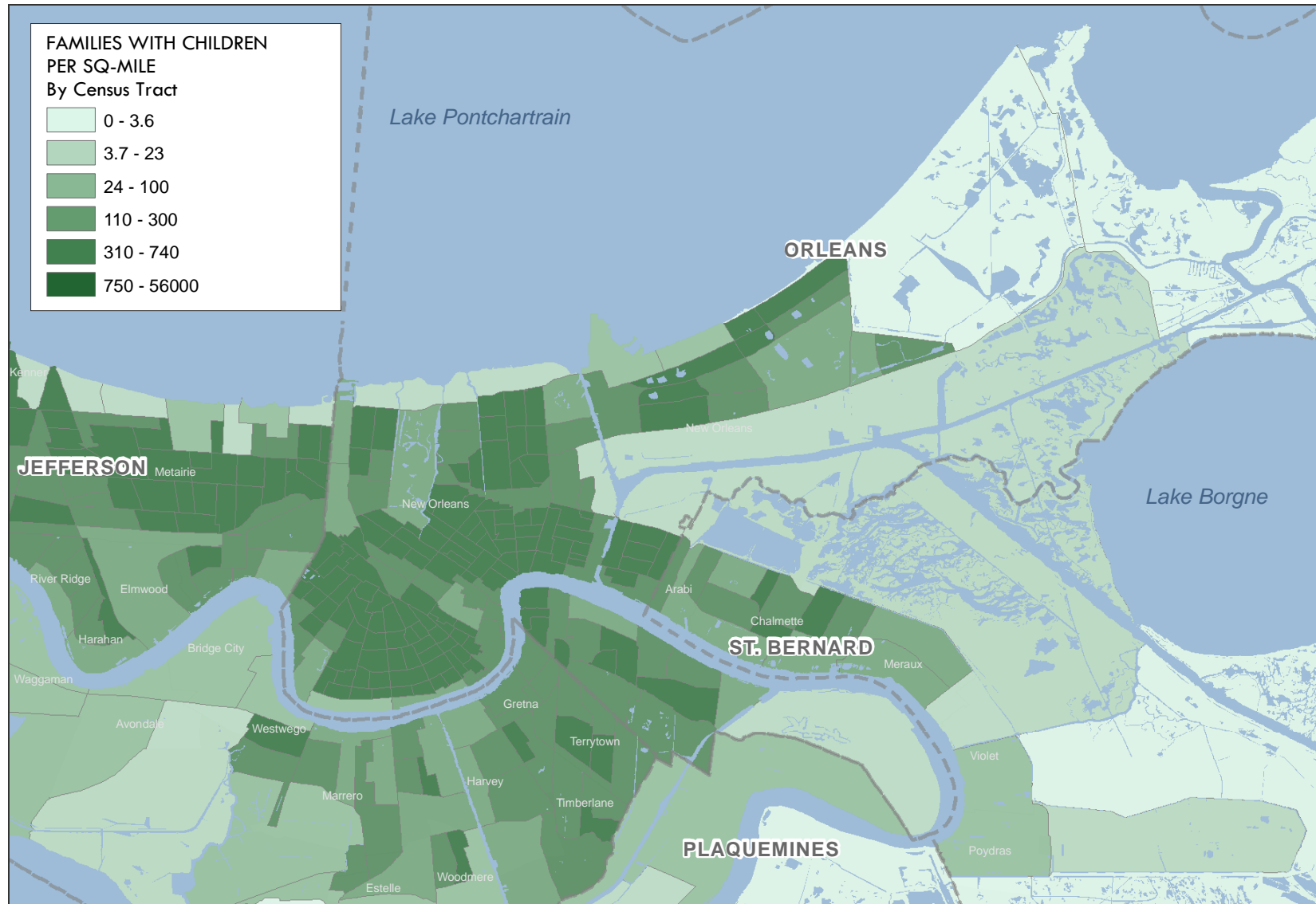


Figure 31: Demographic Impact – Families with Children per Square Mile by Census Tract (US Census, 2000).





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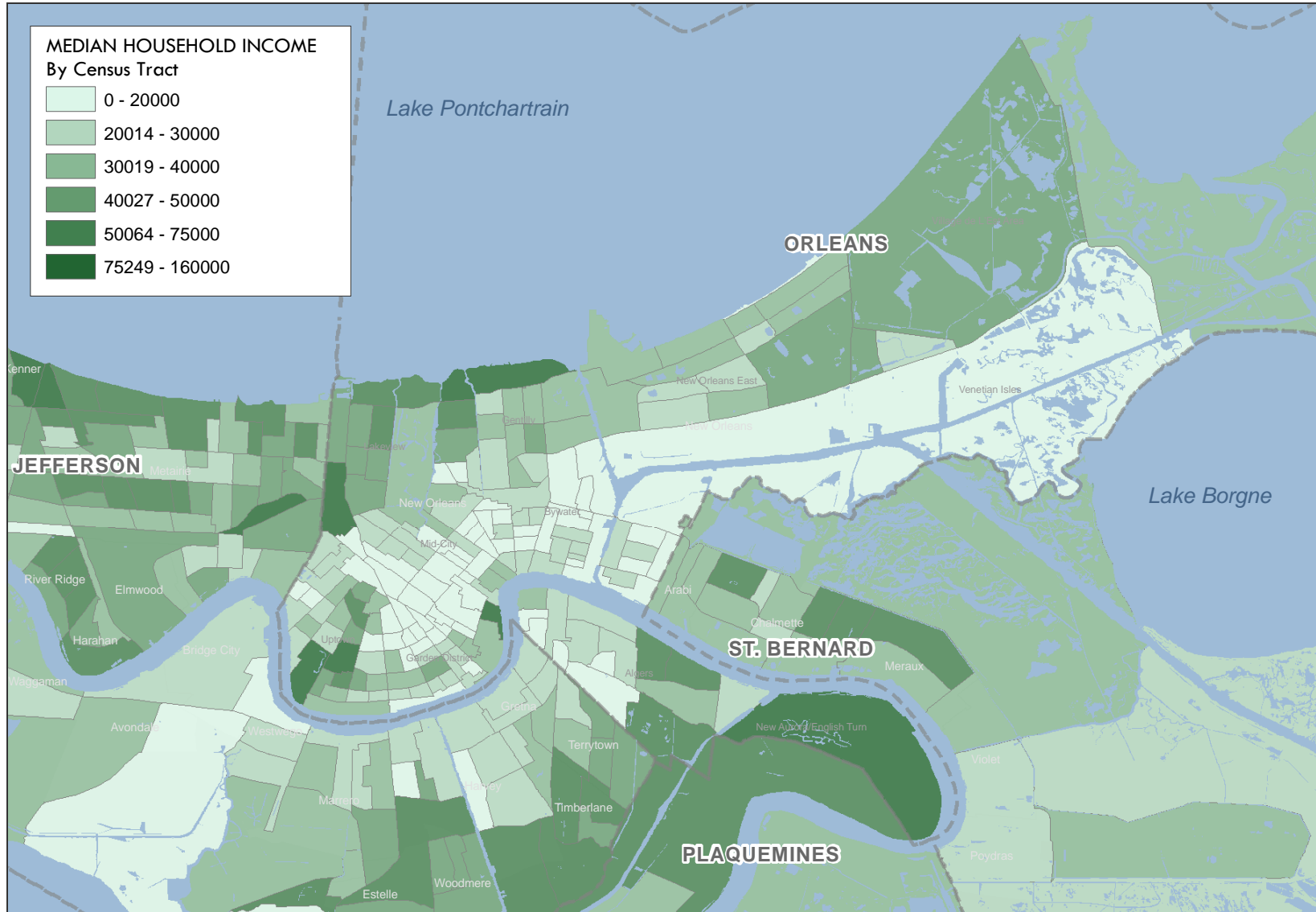


Figure 32: Median Income by Census Tract (US Census, 2000).



POPULATION LIVING IN POVERTY

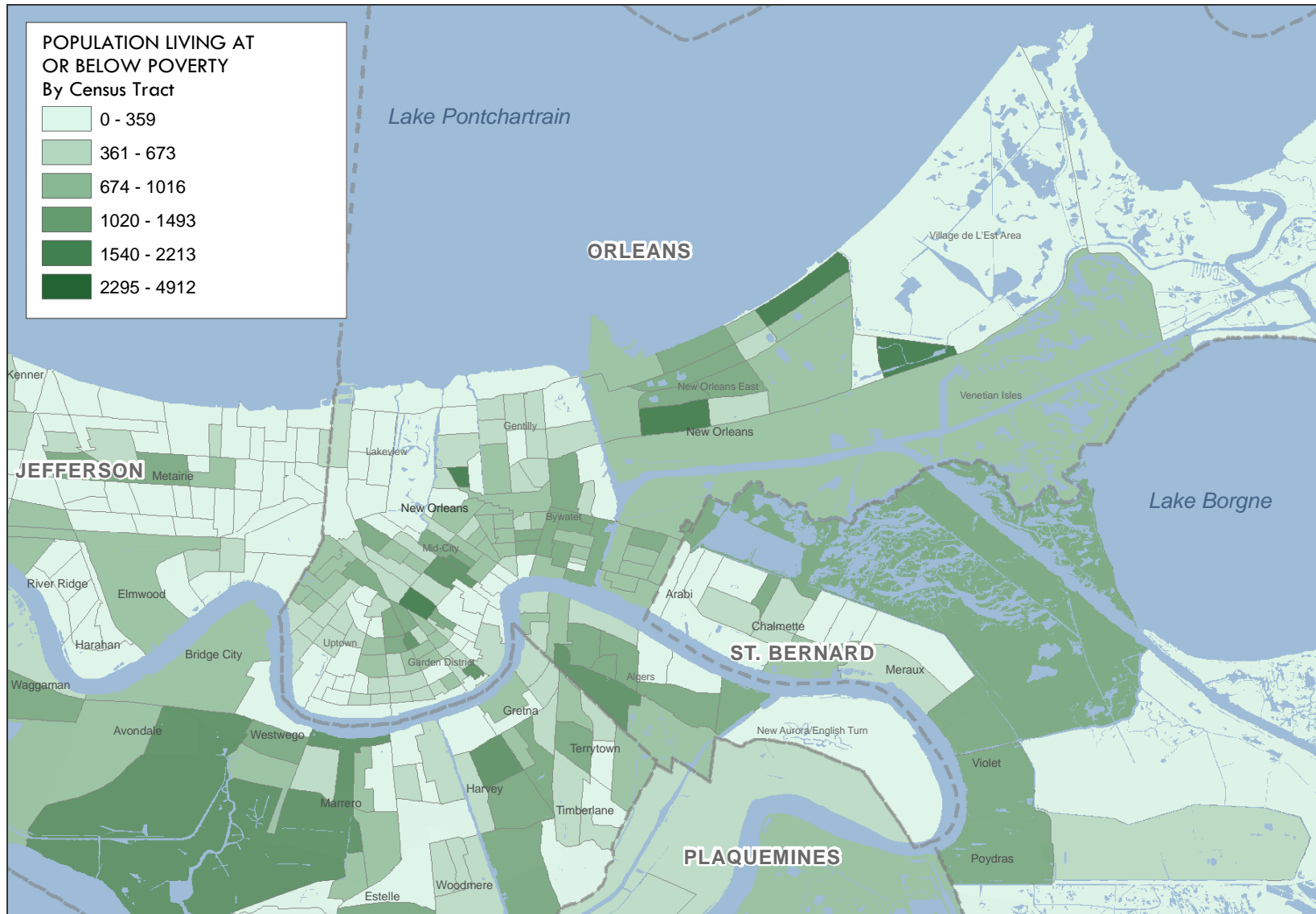


Figure 33: Population Living at or Below Poverty by Census Tract (US Census, 2000).



DEMOGRAPHICS: LAKE CHARLES  
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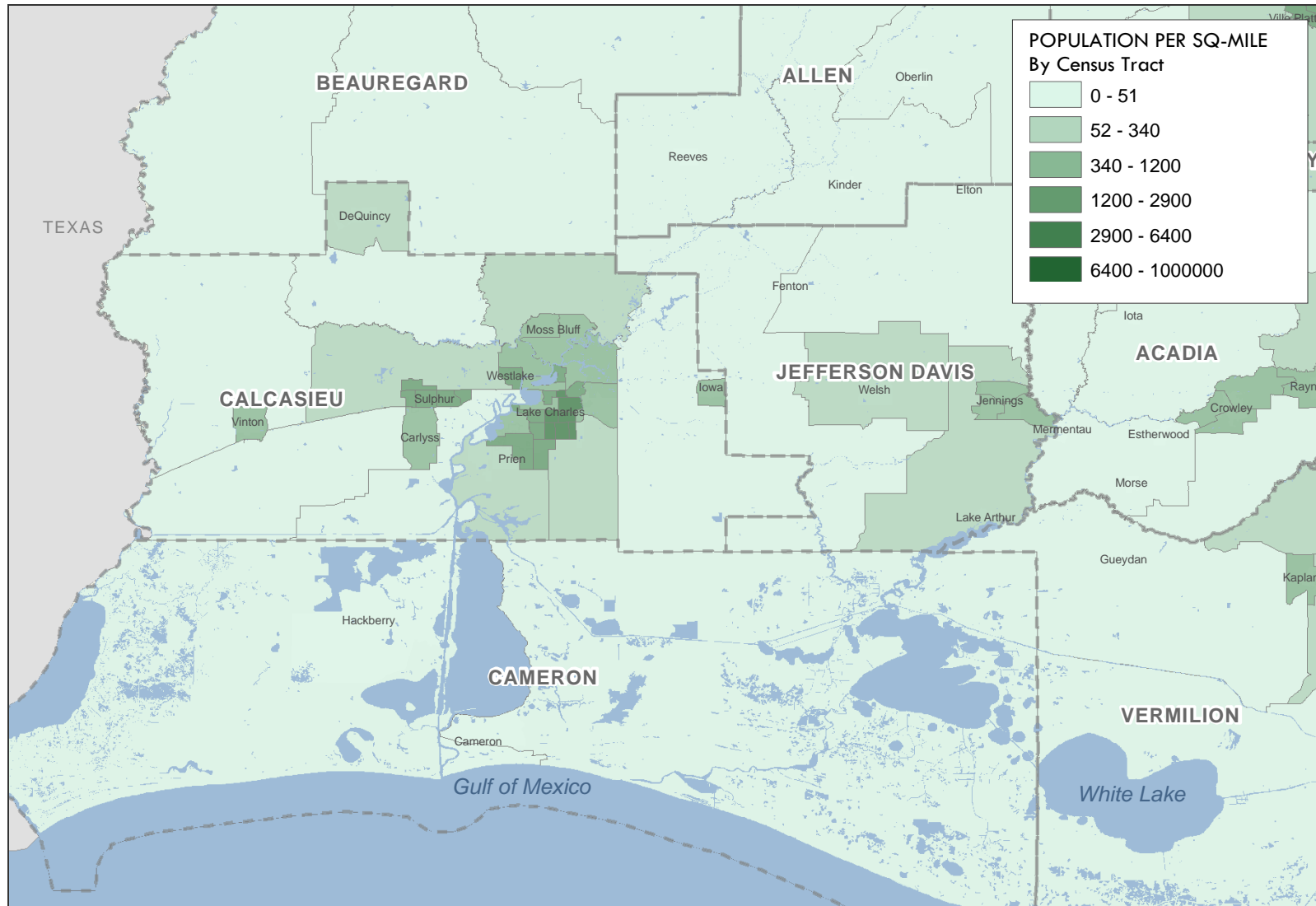


Figure 34: Population per Square Mile by Census Tract (US Census, 2000).





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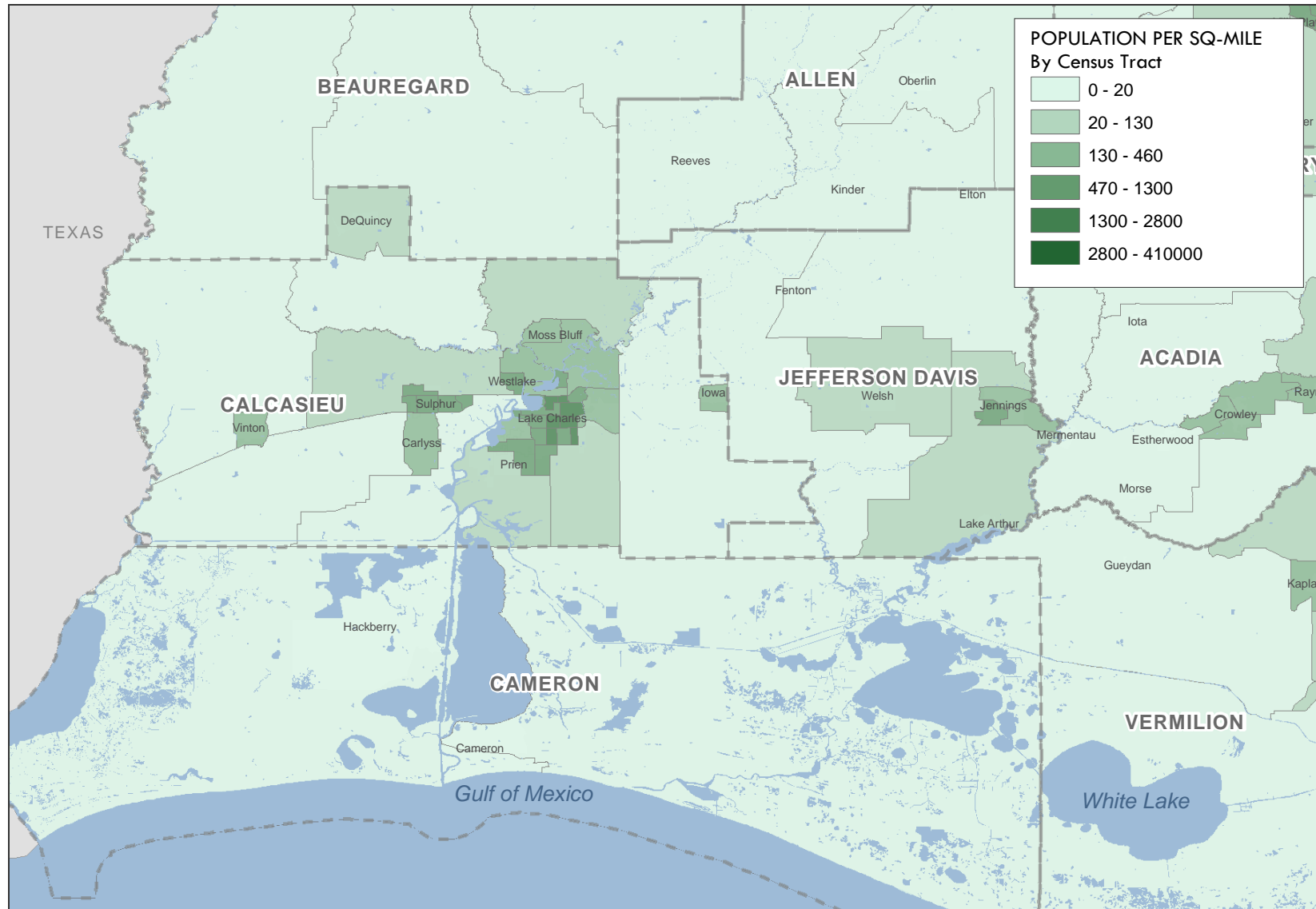


Figure 35: Housing Units Per Square Mile by Census Tract (US Census, 2000).



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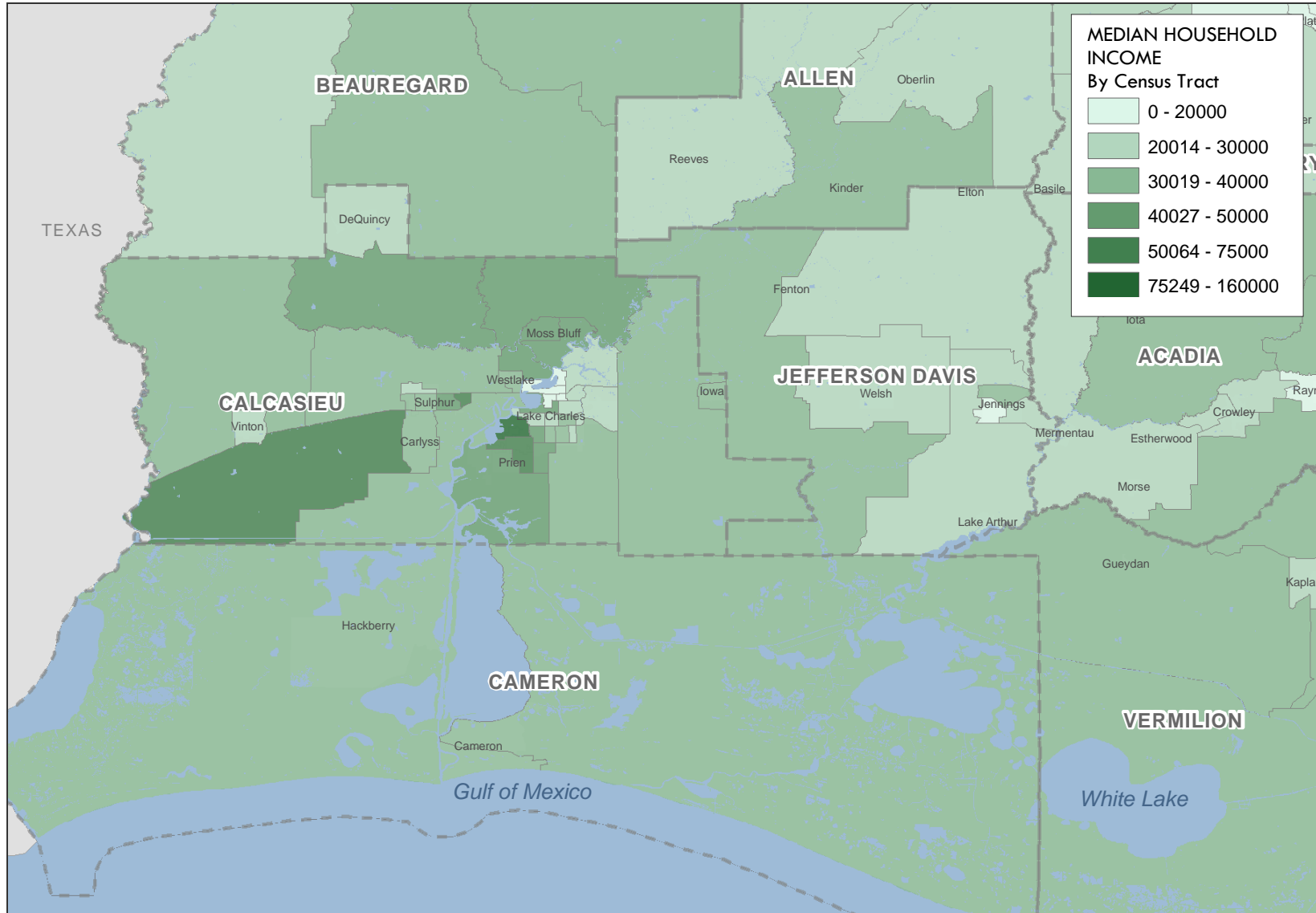


Figure 36 : Median Household Income by Census Tract (US Census, 2000).



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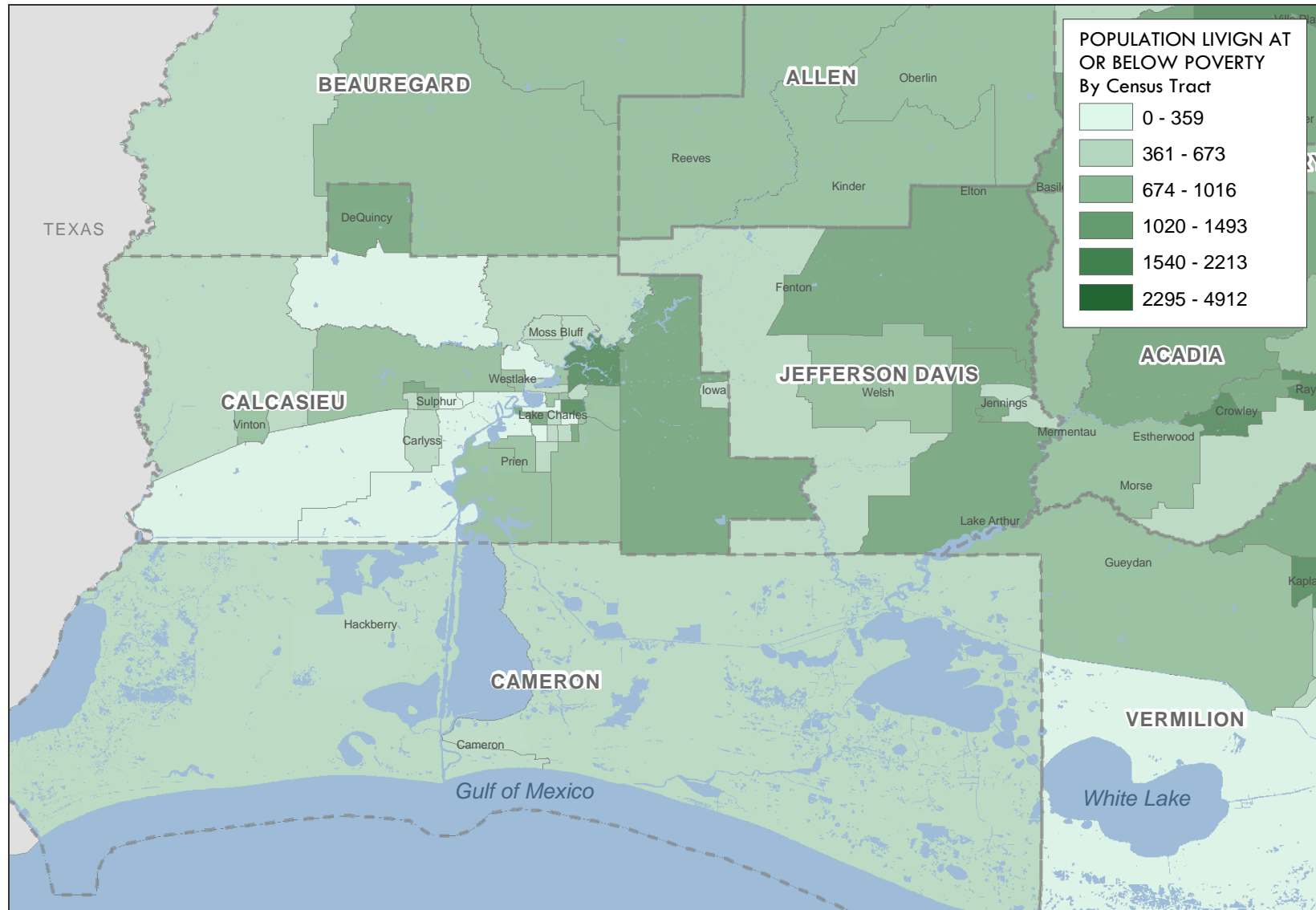


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Symbol of Hurricane Katrina's Aftermath: Messages Left for Rescue Workers – Photo: US Army Corps of Engineers (2005)



Levee Breach at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal in New Orleans, LA – Photo: US Army Corps of Engineers (2005)