HEALTH: Hub of health activities in Acadiana. There are three private sector hospitals (~592 beds) and one state-owned general hospital (250 beds), a wide range of medical, surgical, ambulatory, pediatric, neo-natal, trauma, diagnostic, dental and other appropriate services are offered by more than 150 physicians, 66 dentists and 1,000 other health professionals. New advanced and specialized services and facilities such as renal dialysis and a free-standing ambulatory surgical unit are continually opening in this booming city. One of the finest ambulance services in the United States serves the community. It also ties into the military's MAST aerial evacuation system. Thus, any medical services or facilities not available in Lafayette are only minutes away. The new University Medical Center, expected to be opened in the near future will provide Lafayette with a state-owned medical teaching center on a par with most.

INDUSTRY: The Heymann Oil Center, a group of more than 100 modern buildings, is the home of every major oil company in the world...more than 325 oil companies...qualifying Lafayette as one of the principal oil headquarters in the country. Over 700 oil service, supply and allied oil industries have located in this immediate area. Presently under construction at Southpark, Lafayette's newest industrial park, are American Manufacturing, Inc., manufacturers of cordage, and Catalyst Recovery, Inc. Other principal industries in the area include canning, metal works, millwork, brick and concrete products, meat packing, refrigeration equipment and machine shops geared to handle heavy repairs.

LIBRARY: One modern public library containing nearly 117,000 books and USL's Dupre Library with a collection of 387,142.

MOTELS: 19 - 1,840 rooms.

NEWSPAPERS: The Daily Advertiser (daily)

POPULATION: Parish, 126,300 City, 78,003

RADIO & TELEVISION: 3 AM radio stations - KVOL (NBC); KPEL (ABC); KXKW (Mutual); 3 FM radio stations - KSMB, KPEL, KRVS (educational); 2 television stations - KLFY TV (CBS) Channel 10 and KATC TV (ABC) Channel 3.

RESTAURANTS: 150 restaurants and cafes. 3 cafeterias.

TAXES: The City of Lafayette levies 27 mills property tax and the parish (county) levies an average of 57 mills within the city. Both the city and parish levy a 2% sales-use tax. Personal residences are assessed at 7 to 10% of market value and commercial buildings are assessed on a square footage basis with the rate varying with the type of construction but averaging not to exceed 10% of market value. New manufacturing industries are exempt by state law from property taxes for a period of 10 years.

TRANSPORTATION: Southern Pacific Railroad, railpax, 5 interstate truck lines; 3 bus companies, City Transit System, La Porte Bus Line and Teche Greyhound; 8 car rentals and leasing agencies; 2 taxi companies; 10 movers.

WATERWAY: Vermilion River navigable by barge, connects with Intracoastal Canal.