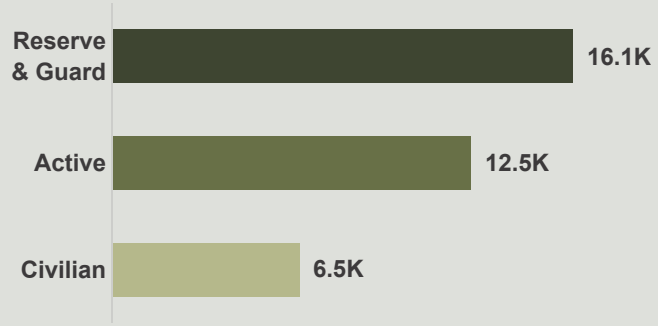
OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the state of Louisiana received $3.8 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of War (DoW) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DoW personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DoW and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DoW works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DoW installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2010 through FY 2025, DoW and its partners have contributed over $12.3 million to REPI projects supporting two installations in Louisiana.

DOW IN LOUISIANA

DOW Personnel (as of 30 Sept 2024)



Total DOW Personnel: 35.1K

Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact (in FY 2024)

$3.8 billion in Federal Defense spending

1.1% of state Gross Domestic Product

$1.8B in payroll contributed

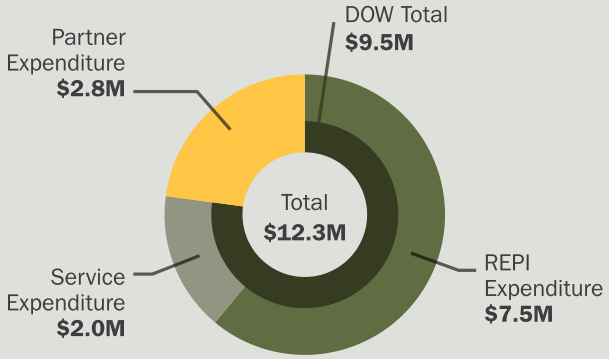
$1.9B in contracts awarded

Acres of National Defense Land (as of 30 Sept 2024)

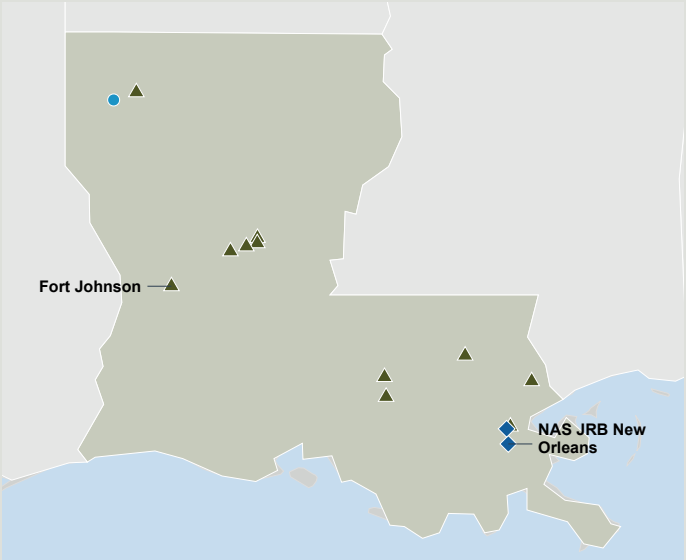
271,943 acres	33,104 acres	305,047 acres
DOW Managed Land	State-Owned National Guard Land	Total Defense Land

REPI PROJECTS IN LOUISIANA

Funding Summary (from FY 2010 through FY 2016)



Acres Protected (FY 2010 through FY 2016): 1,757



▲ Army ◆ Navy ■ Marine Corps ● Air Force

REPI Installations and Ranges

MILITARY PRESENCE

- Military installations in Louisiana play a vital role in the state's economy, providing jobs and fostering community involvement. These installations secure both economic benefits and national freedom.
- The Louisiana Governor's Office reported that in Louisiana military-related activity provides more than **77,000** jobs and pays almost $280 million in state and local taxes.
- Other than the state government, the **first, fourth, and fifth largest employers** respectively are Fort Johnson, Barksdale Air Force Base, and the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base-New Orleans.
- The Marine Corps Support Facility-New Orleans, home of the Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North Commands, which combined are the **largest commands in the United States Marine Corps**.
- Barksdale Air Force Base is home to the 2nd Bomb Wing, which is the **largest bomb wing in the Air Force**.
- Global Strike Command is **one of two bases that have B-52s** currently assigned.
- **Fort Johnson is supporting the war on terrorism** by providing contingency training for the Army's light infantry and special operations forces and by deploying home station and reserve component forces in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, and Iraqi Freedom.
- **More than 4,000 Army, Navy and Air Force personnel receive combat training** at the Joint Readiness Training Center each month.

REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Fort Polk	Vernon Parish	4th
Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans	Plaquemines Parish	2nd

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx

Army Sgt. Maj. Peter Klundt jumps out of an Air Force C-130J Super Hercules over a designated landing zone during Bright Star in Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 8, 2025.

Key REPI Partners

- The Nature Conservancy
- Trust for Public Land

Data Sources

- **For Economic Impact Information:** Louisiana Economic Development, Military Economic Impact Analysis for the State of Louisiana, 2021: https://www.opportunitylouisiana.gov/wp-content/uploads/docs/led-military-impact-analysis-october-2021.pdf?Status=Temp&sfvrsn=f1aeb905_2
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report — FY25 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2024)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State — Fiscal Year 2024": https://www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023
- **For REPI Projects Information:** "2026 REPI Report to Congress": https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/REPI_2026_RTC_20260305.pdf