

**The State of Louisiana**  
**HNRS 2013.4, 1:30 – 3:00 TTH**  
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This course is the gateway course for the LASAL Scholars Program. At its conclusion, students should have a basic understanding of the root causes of poverty in Louisiana; a basic understanding of the daily challenges that Louisiana children and families face who live in poverty; and a basic understanding of the root causes of wetlands loss in Louisiana. The State of Louisiana is the foundation for the LASAL Scholar experience; it is designed to provide an advanced introduction to the greatest challenges facing Louisiana and to introduce LASAL Scholars to researchers and experts who are working to solve these problems.

**Share of Louisianans in Poverty**

	Total Population			Children 18 and under		
	2011	2012	CHANGE	2011	2012	CHANGE
<b>Statewide</b>	20.4%	19.9%	-0.5%	28.6%	28.0%	-0.6%
<b>Alexandria</b>	23.2%	21.9%	-1.3%	32.4%	32.5%	0.1%
<b>Baton Rouge</b>	17.6%	18.7%	1.1%	23.5%	25.2%	1.7%
<b>Houma</b>	18.9%	16.0%	-2.9%	27.0%	21.5%	-5.5%
<b>Lafayette</b>	18.6%	17.9%	-0.7%	23.2%	26.3%	3.1%
<b>Lake Charles</b>	18.6%	16.5%	-2.1%	25.7%	23.7%	-2.0%
<b>Monroe</b>	27.9%	25.9%	-2.0%	45.0%	40.4%	-4.6%
<b>New Orleans</b>	19.5%	19.4%	-0.1%	27.8%	27.7%	-0.1%
<b>Shreveport</b>	18.9%	18.1%	-0.8%	28.0%	26.2%	-1.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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