

FACTS ABOUT
LOUISIANA
PARISHES AND
SCHOOLS

- Louisiana School Districts and Parishes receive approximately \$3 million in annual funding from SRSCA
- Seven (7) rural Parishes and 55,978 children are enrolled in Louisiana public schools receiving annual funding from SRSCA
- Reauthorization of SRSCA is a priority for rural communities

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The Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act (*County Payments*)

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2010

Overview of the Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act (SRSCA)

The Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act is a contract providing assistance to rural counties (parishes) and school districts affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests on federal lands.

Historically, rural parishes have relied on a share of receipts from timber harvests to supplement local funding for education ser-

vices and roads. The steep decline in federal timber sales decreased the revenues that rural parishes and school districts received from these timber sales.

In response, Congress passed the "Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act" to stabilize the payments to parishes and to compensate for lost revenues.

In 2010, SRSCA will

provide approximately \$405 million in funding to 729 rural counties/parishes and school districts across the United States.

Reauthorization of SRSCA is critical for resource constrained rural Louisiana parishes, schools and communities.



Kisatchie National Forest—LA

SRSCA Funding to Louisiana

- In 2008, Louisiana school districts and parishes received \$3.4 million in funding from SRSCA
- From 2008 to 2011, rural Louisiana is projected to receive \$11.4 million in SRSCA Funding
- SRSCA funding to Louisiana will decline by almost 75% from \$3.4 million in 2008 to \$844,832 in 2012—a loss of almost \$2.5 million



About the Partnership for Rural America Campaign

Take an Active Role Now: Join the SRSCA Reauthorization Effort in Louisiana

Louisiana parishes affected by the Act should take a leading role in the reauthorization Campaign.

Participate in the Campaign and the grass roots efforts by becoming a member of a Regional Coalition Action Team.

Sign up on our website or contact: Joel Yelverton, Marc Kelley, or Carolyn Wasem at (877) 778-7252.

Our Goal:

To renew the contract between the Federal government and rural communities through a long-term (ten-year) reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (County Revenue Sharing Programs).

Our Purpose:

The purpose of the Partnership for Rural America is to promote the economic and social health of rural America by actively building a broad-based partnership to support the long-term reauthorization and appropriation of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

The Partnership for Rural America Campaign provides interactive maps of state and county level SRSCS payments on our website.

Link to our website to find additional information on the history of SRSCA and additional information about funding for your parish or state, or **sign up to be a volunteer to support our activities on behalf of Louisiana.**

<http://www.partnershipforruralamerica.org>

Our Partnership with the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition

A nationwide Partnership for Rural America Campaign was initiated by the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition in 2009. The Partnership for Rural America Campaign works together with the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition to provide support for the reauthorization of funding for SRSCA. The mission of the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition is to actively initiate, coordinate, and monitor activities regarding the multiple use management of public and private lands that affect their health, productivity, and sustainability; these activities also impact the economic and social vitality of forest and rural county communities, families, schools, and local governments.

Activities of the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition may include, but are not limited to:

- Monitoring and supporting full implementation of the counties and schools safety net legislation. Actively engaging with those activities which support and enhance the implementation of the legislation.
- Monitoring and engaging in development of policy, regulations, and legislation.
- Initiating and coordinating communications, media outreach, education, and public relations programs.
- Collaborating with other organizations in monitoring and supporting key legislation.

SRSCA Payments to Louisiana 2008 through 2012 by Parish

Parish	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	Total 2008 - 2011	FY 2012 estimated	Decrease 2008 compared to 2012
Claiborne	\$110,970	\$99,873	\$90,009	\$82,960	\$383,811	\$27,827	-\$83,143
Grant	\$794,115	\$714,703	\$644,115	\$659,291	\$2,812,224	\$200,355	-\$593,760
Natchitoches	\$720,816	\$648,735	\$584,662	\$489,353	\$2,443,566	\$182,310	-\$538,506
Rapides	\$567,211	\$510,490	\$460,071	\$244,064	\$1,781,835	\$142,591	-\$424,620
Vernon	\$474,639	\$427,175	\$384,985	\$196,159	\$1,482,957	\$119,498	-\$355,141
Webster	\$68,237	\$61,413	\$55,347	\$40,946	\$225,943	\$17,412	-\$50,825
Winn	\$617,536	\$555,783	\$500,891	\$581,176	\$2,255,386	\$154,839	-\$462,697
TOTAL	\$3,353,524	\$3,018,172	\$2,720,080	\$2,293,948	\$11,385,722	\$844,832	-\$2,508,692

State of Louisiana: Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act Receipts



Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act

Funding to Rural Louisiana Parishes and School Districts 2008—2011

Total Funding to Louisiana: \$11,385,722



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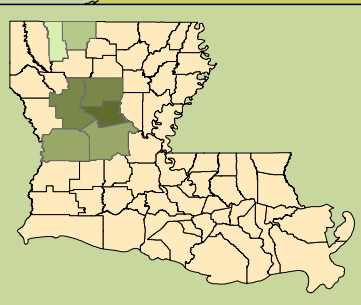
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- This number will fall to \$844,832 in 2012
- This is a loss of almost \$2.5 million