

# Market Access



Ascension Parish's strategic location to the Gulf of Mexico and South America along with its multi-modal transportation network, position it as a location for opportunity in the southern U.S. for nearly any type of operation.

- 3 deepwater ports on the great Mississippi River including one of the world's leading container ports
- 3 Class I railroads
- 4 interstates within a 45-mile radius
- International airline service in Baton Rouge and New Orleans
- [South Louisiana Ports](#)
- Inland Water System
- Freight Delivery Time
- Rail Delivery Time

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## Rail Service

Canadian National, Kansas City Southern and Union Pacific currently operate routes in Ascension Parish with connections throughout the southern United States. Among the U.S. Class I railroads, KCS has the shortest route between Kansas City, the

second largest rail hub in the country, and the Gulf of Mexico. KCS also boasts the Meridian Speedway from Dallas, Texas to Meridian, Mississippi, which is the fastest-growing and least-congested east west route in the country. Canadian National serves the chemical industry in the parish and surrounding region, shipping product to Mexico, Houston, Dallas, Atlanta, and into the northeast.

**For Further Information:**

- [Canadian National](#)
  - [Kansas City Southern Railway](#)
  - [Union Pacific Railroad](#)
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## **Port Facilities**

Ascension Parish is within 45 miles of the three deepwater ports on the Mississippi River including the Port of Greater Baton Rouge, Port of New Orleans, and Port of South Louisiana, one of the top 3 container ports in the world. Each has infrastructure and facilities in place to handle goods by ship and barge, truck and rail, as well as storage facilities for dry and cold goods.

**For Further Information:**

- [Port of Greater Baton Rouge](#)
  - [Port of New Orleans](#)
  - [Port of South Louisiana](#)
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## **Air Service**

Ascension Parish is just 30 minutes from the Baton Rouge Metropolitan and New Orleans International airports offering over 150 domestic and international flights a day from airlines including AirCanada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Air

Express, Condor, Copa, Delta, Frontier, Glo, jetBlue, Southwest, Spirit, United and Vacation Express. The airports also have cargo space for handling dry and cold goods. Travelers to the parish and capital region have the best of both worlds by also having access to international flights and additional domestic flights through the New Orleans International Airport (10,080 ft. runway and cargo facilities.)

**For Further Information:**

- [Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport](#)
- [Louis Airmstrong-New Orleans International Airport](#)
- [Louisiana Regional Airport](#)