

ITEP

Making Louisiana Better

The Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) is a short-term, partial property tax deferral that is used to incentivize companies to invest in Louisiana.



ITEP is an 80%, 5-year property tax deferral that can be renewed for an additional 5 years.

100%

of property goes onto the local tax rolls once the contract is over.



In the next 5 years, nearly \$14.6 billion from ITEP projects will go on the local property tax rolls.



Louisiana's tax burden is unlike any other in the country, ranked above the national average.

ITEP is needed to help compete with other states for economic development projects.



Compared to Louisiana, Texas has:



- A much lower local sales tax rate
- No taxes on manufacturing utilities or equipment
- A unified sales tax collection and
- No corporate OR personal income tax

Communities That Embrace Industry Have:



HIGHER TEACHER SALARIES



HIGHER EMPLOYMENT



STRONGER ECONOMIES

More than 30 other states in the country offer some form of similar property tax exemption. Several southern states offer up to a 100% property tax exemption for manufacturers.

Without ITEP, Louisiana is behind the curve.



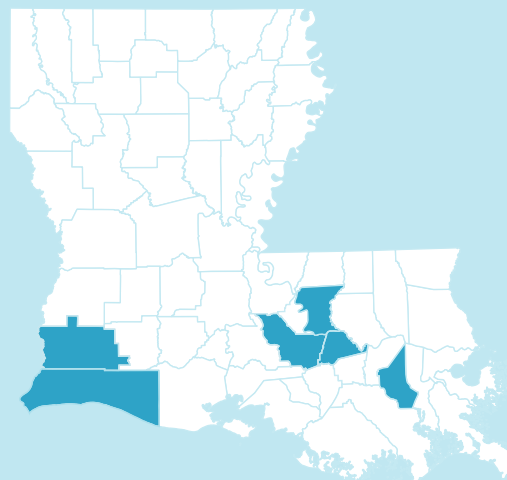
These top ITEP parishes
ranked in the top 1/3
for property tax collections per capita.



In these top ITEP parishes
businesses paid up to 86%
of all property taxes.



AND the same parishes
ranked in the top 25%
of highest average teacher salaries in LA.



In fact, the chemical industry contributes enough money to local governments to pay the salaries of **40% of Louisiana's public-school teachers.**

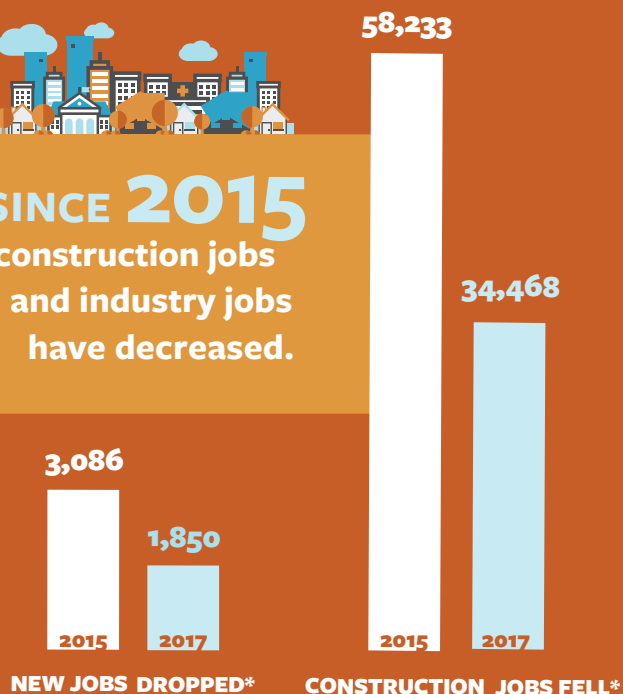
The current structure of ITEP is hurting our economy and threatening future growth.

2016

Gov. John Bel Edwards made sweeping changes to ITEP. These changes made it more difficult for companies to receive the incentive, **resulting in less investments in Louisiana.**

Previously, ITEP granted 100% property tax deferral to companies. **Now, it's an 80% property tax deferral** that requires additional layers of approval from several different governing bodies.

SINCE 2015
construction jobs
and industry jobs
have decreased.



**JOBS THAT WERE RELATED TO ITEP*

What can you do to help?

Make sure that members of your community and your elected officials know that an obtainable, valuable ITEP is critical to improving Louisiana.