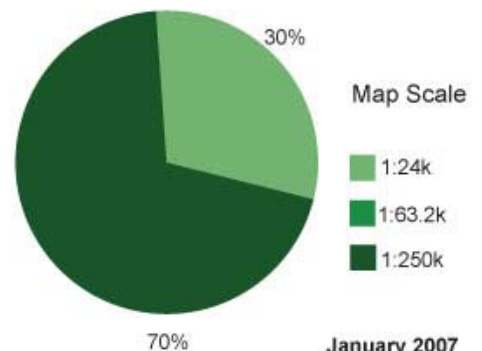
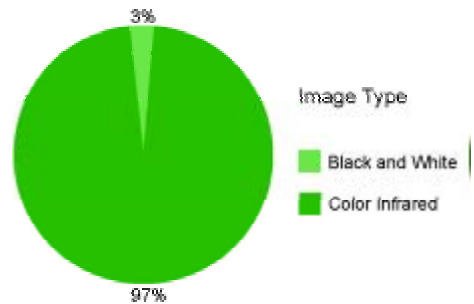
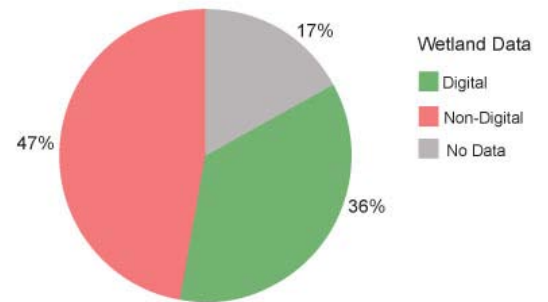
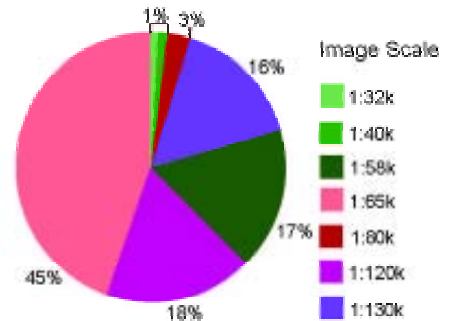
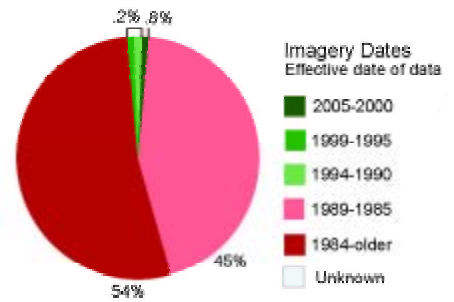


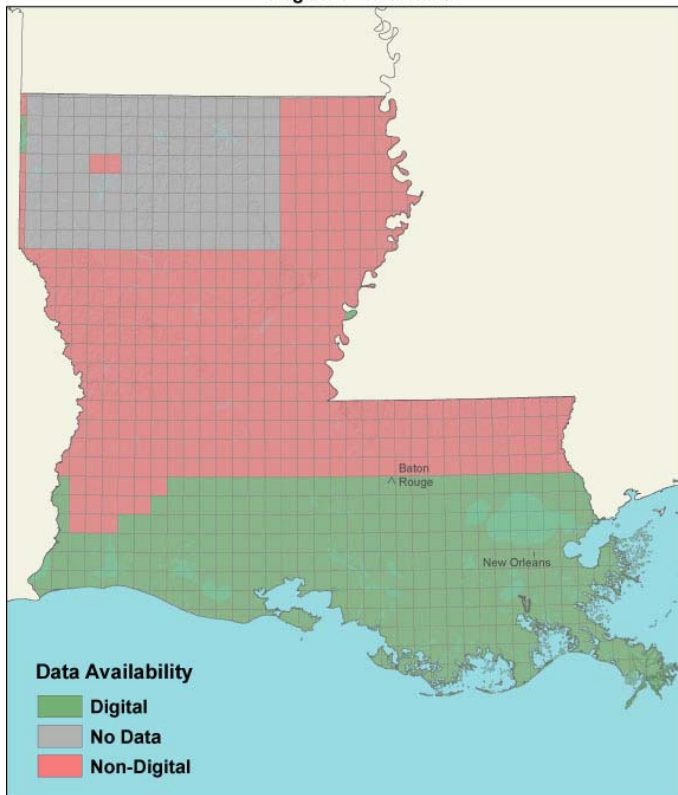
Louisiana Wetland Data

Wetlands are a major source of income for the people of Louisiana, providing revenues from harvesting of fish and shellfish, trapping, and recreation. Most of the State's wetlands are freshwater swamps, but the area of coastal marsh is substantial: Louisiana's coastal marshes represent as much as 40 percent of the coastal marshes in the United States. Wetlands once covered more than one-half of the area that is now Louisiana, but wetland acreage has declined to less than one-third of the State's land surface over the last 200 years. The Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Program implements specific projects to conserve, enhance, restore, and create coastal wetlands.

The Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory produced [quantity] digital data for Louisiana with [] contributions from []. Using the FGDC Wetlands Data Standard, wetlands were classified by System, Subsystem, Class, water regime and special modifiers. Digital Wetlands Data are available for 36% of the State. More than half of the imagery data used to make the wetland maps is over 20 years old with an additional 45% from the late 1980s and a very small percentage from the 1990s. Forty-five percent of the imagery used for the wetland maps was at a scale of 1:65,000.



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