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North Shore private companies ranked in Top 100

The CityBusiness list of Top 100 Private Companies in the greater New Orleans area included 15 North Shore-based businesses.

Combined 2006 revenues for Top 100 Companies totaled a record \$8.9 billion compared with \$7.31 billion in 2005. North Shore businesses definitely contributed to the gain.

Since this was the first year RCI made the list we don't have 2005 revenues to use for comparison. Here are some highlights for the other North Shore private companies that made the list.

The top five companies with the largest percentage increase from 2005 to 2006 are:

1. Stirling Properties, 56 percent increase.
 2. Southern Homes LLC, 53 percent increase.
 3. FARA, 52 percent increase.
 4. Abita Brewing Co. LLC, 50 percent increase.
 5. Central Progressive Bank, 44 percent increase.
- The top five companies with the largest revenue increase from 2005 to 2006 are:
1. FARA, \$26 million increase.
 2. Smoothie King Franchises, \$20 million increase.
 3. Southern Homes LLC, \$18 million increase.
 4. Central Progressive Bank, \$16 million increase.
 5. Parish National Bank, \$13 million

increase.

Only two companies had a decrease in revenues. The Worley Cos. revenues were down \$23 million or 21 percent. Gilsbar Inc.'s revenues were down \$2 million or 7 percent. Banner Chevrolet/Ford/Kia was the only company to have flat revenues.

If you feel your company would qualify for the Top 100 Private Companies list, please contact Kathryn Jezer-Morton at (504) 293-9270.

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Top private companies on the North Shore

(locally based companies ranked by latest-year revenue)

North Shore Rank	Greater N.O. Rank	Company Phone Fax	Street Address City Postal Code	Principal business	Top executive Title Web site	No. of employees Year founded locally	Revenue (millions) 2006 Revenue (millions) 2005
1	18	Banner Chevrolet/Ford/Kia 242-2000 253-8530	1943 N. Causeway Blvd., Mandeville 70471 1995 N. Causeway Blvd., Mandeville 70471 NA	automotive dealerships	Richard Flick president www.bannerauto.com	198 1974	\$123 \$123
2	20	Smoothie King Franchises 985-635-6973 985-635-6987	121 Park Place Covington 70433	nutritious smoothies, supplements and health snacks	Stephen Kuhnau president/CEO www.smoothieking.com	50 1973	\$116 \$96
3	26	Speedee Oil Change & Tune-Up 985-845-1919 985-845-1936	159 Highway 22 E. Madisonville 70447	auto maintenance	Gary L. Coop president www.speedeecorp.com	19 1980	\$91 \$89
4	27	The Worley Companies 985-542-2364 888-889-2197	116 Robin Hood Drive Hammond 70403	insurance claim adjusting firm	Michael A. Worley CEO www.worleyco.com	400 1976	\$87 \$110
5	30	FARA 985-624-8383 985-624-8489	1625 W. Causeway Approach Mandeville 70471	insurance services-third party administration	M. Todd Richard president/CEO www.fara.com	443 1978	\$76 \$50
6	37	DonahueFavret Contractors Inc. 985-626-4431 985-626-3572	3030 E. Causeway Approach Mandeville 70448	general contractors	John L. Donahue Jr. president/CEO/chairman www.donahuefavret.com	60 1979	\$65 \$55
7	41	Parish National Bank 985-898-5400	600 Columbia St. Bogalusa 70429	banking	Gary Blossman president/CEO www.parishnational.com	317 1968	\$62 \$49
8	49	Southern Homes LLC 985-643-0123 985-643-6364	2053 Gause Blvd. E., Suite 200 Slidell 70461	home builder	Adrian Komman president www.southernhomes.com	49 1990	\$52 \$34
	U	Central Progressive Bank 882-2269 882-6701	29092 Krental Road Lacombe 70445	banking	Richard Blossman Jr. chairman www.cpb.com	219 1967	\$52 \$36
10	59	ERA Stirling Properties 898-2022 898-2077	109 Northpark Blvd., Suite 300 Covington 70433	real estate	Martin A. Mayer CEO/president www.stirlingprop.com	151 1976	\$28 \$18
11	61	Gilsbar Inc. 985-892-3520 985-871-1809	2100 Covington Centre Covington 70433	insurance services provider/third party administrator	Hank Miltenberger president/CEO www.gilsbar.com	325 1959	\$26 \$28
12	65	RCI 985-643-2427 985-643-2691	894 Robert Blvd. Slidell 70458	landscape construction, pool construction	Joe Rotolo president NA	140 1978	\$20 NA
13	77	Pontchartrain Foods Inc. 985-892-6173 985-892-6281	P.O. Box 3727 Covington 70434	fast food franchise	Glenn Jacob vice president NA	264 1977	\$14 \$13
14	80	Abita Brewing Co. LLC 985-893-3143 985-898-3546	P.O. Box 1510 Abita Springs 70420	brewery	David Blossman president www.abita.com	40 1986	\$12 \$8
15	83	CCTV Imports 985-809-2778 985-809-2725	600 Deer Cross Court E. Madisonville 70447	surveillance product manufacturer	Kevin Lazareo owner www.cctvimports.com	21 1999	\$12 \$9

The above information was provided by the companies themselves, with the exception of the banks' revenues and employee figures, which are provided by the FDIC. All revenue figures are rounded. There may be companies that do not appear on this list because they chose not to disclose their revenues. Additions and corrections should be sent on company letterhead to Research, New Orleans CityBusiness, 111 Veterans Blvd., Suite 1440, Metairie 70005.