

The City of Bastrop, Parish seat of Morehouse Parish, is a Census-designated micropolitan statistical area (McrSA).

POPULATION

PARISH

Morehouse Parish

2007 Census Estimate	28,760
2000 Census	31,021
1990 Census	31,938

Age (2005-2007 Estimate %)

0 – 19	28.3%
20-34	18.5%
35-54	27.3%
55-64	10.6%
65+	15.3%

Bastrop Micropolitan

2007 Census Estimate	28,760
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1990 Census	31,938

Bastrop City of

2007 Census Estimate	11,908
2000 Census	12,988
1990 Census	13,916

SOURCE: CENSUS BUREAU

MARKET ACCESS

HIGHWAYS

Interstate-20 - 21 miles or less from parish center, city of Bastrop
 U.S. Hwy. 165 (4-lane); U.S. Hwy. 425; future I-69

FREIGHT RAIL

UP, Arkansas & Louisiana Missouri, KCS and Delta Southern (both <5 mi from Parish lines)
 Short line service available to both UP and KCS
 Daily service into Crossett, Arkansas to the Georgia Pacific mill

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS/PORTS

(Distance in Miles)

Port of Greater Baton Rouge* (45 ft.)	190
Port of Lake Providence (12 ft.)	50
Ouachita Parish Port (9 ft.)	35

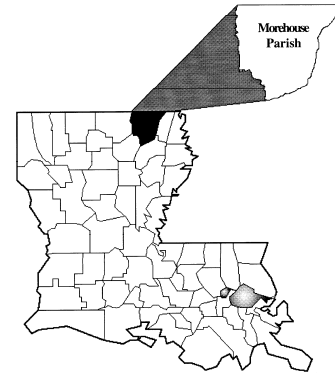
Foreign Trade Zone (*)

AIRPORTS

BQP Morehouse Memorial Airport (General Aviation), city of Bastrop
 Monroe Regional Airport (Commercial) 20 mi.

MOTOR FREIGHT

Several major freight carriers.
 Terminal facilities are available in the parish.



Morehouse Parish, Louisiana

DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

(in miles as the crow flies, from center of parish)

Atlanta, GA	525
Birmingham, AL	380
Chicago, IL	875
Dallas, TX	310
Houston, TX	355
Little Rock, AR	150
Memphis, TN	240
New Orleans, LA	325
St. Louis, MO	525

SOURCE: WWW.MAPQUEST.COM

PARCEL SERVICE

Federal Express U.S. Postal Service
 United Parcel Service

LABOR FORCE

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

April 2009

Bastrop-Monroe Labor Market 137,316

EMPLOYMENT

Bastrop-Monroe Labor Market 126,411

UNEMPLOYMENT

Morehouse Parish 11.9%
 Louisiana 5.7%

SOURCE: LOUISIANA WORKFORCE COMMISSION, APRIL 2009

WAGES

SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL WAGES

Category	Median Hourly 2007 Annual
Professional	
Accountant/Auditor	19.78
Mechanical Engineer	35.14
Systems Analyst	18.76
Computer Programmer	27.07
Network Systems Administrator	23.38
Retail	
Hotel Desk Clerk	7.48
Sales Clerk	10.16
Stock Clerk	8.89
Clerical	
Bookkeeping/Acct. Clerk	13.07
Data Entry Keyer	9.16
Record/Information Clerk	11.15
General Office Clerk	8.26
Customer Service Representative	11.61
Unskilled	
Freight Stock Laborers	9.47
Packaging Machine Operator	10.46
Shipping/Receiving Clerk	11.36
Skilled	
Machinist	18.20
Machinery Maintenance	13.24
Welder	16.18
Sheet Metal Worker	13.77
Technical	
Medical Lab Technologist	22.25
Medical Assistants	9.03
Telecommunications Install & Repair	19.61

SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, METROPOLITAN OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE ESTIMATES, 2007.

EMPLOYMENT INCOME

Bastrop McrSA	2006	2007
Total Personal Income	\$664,079	\$688,440
Per Capita Personal Inc.	\$22,723	\$23,937
Median Household Income (2007 est)*	\$22,656	

SOURCE: BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS; *BEST PLACES

AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR

INDUSTRY DIVISION (3rd Quarter 2006) %

Division	Parish	State
Agriculture	1%	0%
Mining	<2%	3%
Utilities	1%	1%
Construction	4%	8%
Manufacturing	13%	9%
Wholesale Trade	3%	5%
Retail Trade	18%	14%
Trans. & Warehousing	7%	4%
Information	<2%	2%
Finance & Insurance	4%	4%

Real Estate	1%	2%
Prof. & Tech. Services	2%	5%
Mgmt. of Companies	0%	1%
Admin, Support Svcs.	<2%	7%
Educational Services	<2%	2%
Health Care	27%	16%
Arts, Ent. & Recreation	0%	2%
Accom./Food Services	8%	10%
Other Services	6%	5%

SOURCE: COUNTY BUSINESS PATTERNS

EDUCATION

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (within 100 miles)

College/University	Location	Est. 2007 Enrollment
Grambling State University	Grambling	5,161
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	10,564
University of Louisiana at Monroe	Monroe	8,541
Northwestern State University	Natchitoches	9,037
Louisiana State University	Shreveport	3,960

TWO-YEAR COLLEGES (within 100 miles)

Louisiana Delta Community College	Monroe	1,300
Southern University	Shreveport	2,346

SOURCE: IPEDS

TECHNICAL COLLEGES (within 100 miles)

Campus	Programs with highest no. of graduates
Career Technical College, Monroe	Surgical and Radiology Tech., Med Asst.
Louisiana Technical College, Bastrop (2 campus sites)	Nursing, Welding
Louisiana Technical College, Northeast	Nursing, LPN, Welding
Louisiana Technical College, Ruston	Nursing, LPN, Accounting
Louisiana Technical College, Tallulah	Nursing, LPN, Automotive

SOURCE: IPEDS

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

	2006 Enrollment
Morehouse Parish Schools	4,977

ACT Score (2008) 18.4 (Ranked 49 in LA)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT Pop 25+

High School Graduate or Higher	71.9%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	12.4%

SOURCE: 2005-07 ESTIMATE BY CENSUS BUREAU

RESEARCH BASE

University of Louisiana at Monroe,
 Monroe Pharmacy School
 Center of Biomedical Engineering & Rehabilitation Sciences – Louisiana Tech University (LA Tech)
 Trenchless Technology Center (LA Tech University)
 Institute for Micro Manufacturing (LA Tech University)

INCENTIVES (State)

Quality Jobs Program – Annual refundable credit up to 6% of payroll for a period of up to 10 years.

Industrial Property Tax Exemption – Exempts new manufacturers & expansions from state, parish and local property taxes for up to 10 years.

Restoration Tax Abatement - Property tax abatement: five-year abatement for the rehab of an existing structure for up to 5 years.

Sales and Use Tax Exemption - Exemption of the 4% state sales & use tax on eligible machinery & equipment purchased in the state including customized software developed in Louisiana.

Enterprise Zone - Tax credits & rebates for hiring within a designated zone.

Inventory Tax Credit – 100% income tax credit on inventory taxes paid.

Research & Development Tax Credit Program - income/franchise tax credits up to 20% of R & D expenditures in state.

Technology Commercialization Tax Credit Provides credit for up to 8% of the state's apportioned share of increased R&D expenses or 25% of its apportioned share of federal research.

Film and Production Tax Credit - Tax credits for filming and production of commercials, film, TV, etc. up to 25%.

Louisiana FastStart Workforce Development

Training Provides company-customized pre-employment and on-the-job training and recruitment for existing and new employees.

TAXES

SALES TAX (2009)

4.0%	State
5.5 – 6.0%	Bastrop
5.0%	City/Village
3.0%	Rural

SOURCE: MOREHOUSE PARISH SALES TAX COMMISSION

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

One of the lowest in the nation. There are no local occupation or local income taxes in the state of Louisiana.

PARISH MILLAGE RATES (2008)

Municipal Millage Rates:

Bastrop	40.35
Bonita	18.60
Collinston	7.80
Mer Rouge	10.13
Oak Ridge	13.15
Parish (varies by location)	64.75

SOURCE: MOREHOUSE PARISH ASSESSOR, 2008

PROPERTY TAXES/ASSESSMENT RATIO

Only local and parish governments levy property taxes in Louisiana. There is no state tax.

Assessors are required by law to assess on improvements of industrial property at 15% of fair market value. (Land at 10%)

Private residences are assessed at 10% of fair market value. There is no property tax on the first \$75,000.

INDUSTRIAL SITES

IP Building – 90,000 square foot former warehouse liquid packaging operation of the closed International Paper plant off U.S. Hwy. 165.

Coulter Industrial Park - 165-acre (67 available) fully developed industrial park off US Hwy. 165; 25 miles to Interstate-20

Thermal Logic Building - 10,000 sf former medical device mfg. facility in Coulter Industrial Park (Bastrop) adjacent to the Bastrop Memorial Airport just off U.S. Hwy. 165, 15 miles north of Interstate-20.

Oakley Building - 52,533 sf warehouse on 3.59-acres. Built in 1993 of brick and metal with 1997 addition; recent addition of Phase 3 electrical. 24 foot eave.

U.S. Hwy. 165 - 100-acre site under development on 4-lane U.S. Hwy. 165 (north-south) just 15 miles to Interstate-20 (east-west).

GOVERNMENT

Parish	Municipality
Parish President & Council	Mayor and Council

QUALITY OF LIFE

CLIMATE

Average Temperature	
January (low temp)	35.5
July (high temp)	93.7
Average Annual Rainfall	54.5

COST OF LIVING 72 (US = 100)

SOURCE: BEST PLACES

MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical Facility	No. of Beds
Morehouse General Hospital	60
Bastrop Rehabilitation Hospital	0
Cherry Ridge Guest Care	122
Oak Woods Nursing Home	161
St. Francis Medical Center	558
Glenwood Regional Medical Center	237
Louisiana State University Medical Center at Monroe (E. A. Conway)	247
North Monroe Medical Center	255

RECREATION

Bastrop Municipal Center; The Rose Theater, The Snyder Museum
Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge, Chemin-a-Haut State Park, Handy Break National Wildlife Refuge
Bastrop Country Club; Bayou Bend Golf Course

Festivals/Events

Crawfish Festival; Music on Main Street; Black History Parade; Stop City Blues Festival; North Louisiana Cotton Festival and Fair; Bastrop Fall Arts & Crafts Festival, Farm Festival, Bonita Alligator Festival

UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity – Entergy, Northeast LA Power Coop

Natural Gas – Atmos Energy LA

Water – Municipalities; People's Water Service

Sewerage – Rotating biological treatment plant

Telephone - CenturyTel; AT&T/BellSouth

Fiber Optic – Fiber optic infrastructure in the parish and region along I-20 & Hwy. 80



MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company	Product/Service	Employees
Morehouse Parish Schools	Parish school system	350 - 750
Morehouse General Hospital	Medical services	295
Wal-Mart	Retail store	250
City of Bastrop	City government	200
Vernon Sawyer Trucking	Transportation	100 to 249
	Mfg. of refractory or acid brick masonry	
Rimcor Inc.		50 to 99
Simmons Sporting Goods	Sporting goods retail	80 - 100
Hickory Manor Nursing Home	Medical services	50 to 99
Industrial Valve and Repair	Industrial valve repair and sales	90
	Injection molded plastic & wood plugs for paper rolls	
Sonoco		43
	Paints & Coatings, Water Treatment, and Industrial Construction Chemicals	
GeoSpecialty Chemicals		40
	Industrial construction	
Foley Mechanical		40
Jireh Plastics & Assemblies Inc.	Plastic automotive parts manufacturing	10

SOURCE: Morehouse EDC and Dun & Bradstreet, June 2009

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