Bastrop, Louisiana
Morehouse Parish

POPULATION

Bastrop - 16,000 plus
Parish - 35,000 plus

Oak Ridge - 267
Bonita - 574
Collinston - 497

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Bastrop operates under the aldermanic form of government with five (5) councilmen and a mayor, all elected at - large. A twenty-four man full-time police department, with eleven part-time, three desk and radio personnel, five vehicles with 2-way radios, and three emergency vehicles. Fire department has twenty-five full-time firemen, five firetrucks, one rescue truck, one rescue light plant truck and 32 alarm station. All services, including garbage, afforded commercial and residential.

TAX RATE (1970)

City: 31.00 mills Parish: 37.15 mills State: 5.75 mills
(Average)

GENERAL

BANKS: 2 with 4 branches having $17,694,510.43 in deposits.
SAVINGS AND LOAN: 1 with total deposits of $10,712,118.93.
MEDICAL: 1 parish hospital with 102 beds with resident interns
on week-ends. 1 private clinic with 30 beds. 5 nursing homes.

MOTELS AND MOTELS: 3 with total of 134 rooms. Plenty of medium
and high priced apartments.

CHURCHES: 26 representing all major denominations.

SCHOOLS: 11, - Grades 1 - 6; 1, - grades 7 - 8; 2, - grades
9 - 12; several fine pre-school kindergartens and a
training school for mentally retarded. Within 20
miles of Northeast Louisiana University and 50 miles
of Louisiana Tech and Grambling College, all of which
offer Masters Degrees as well as Doctorates in certain
fields. Local Trade School teaching welding and full-
time schools 20 and 35 miles away. 2 private schools.

AGRICULTURE:

The Mississippi Delta begins at Bastrop. These alluvial soils in
Morehouse Parish gave forth over $26,000,000 in farm income in 1968. This was
derived from cotton, rice, wheat, soybeans, corn and livestock. Timber re-
sources afforded $2,500,000.00.

LABOR:

Morehouse Parish (County) enjoys a wealth of female and unskilled labor.
Under-employment is a factor. The skilled and semi-skilled are abundant, not
so much from unemployment as from underemployment. An ample supply of each is
available both locally and from those residents working elsewhere. Labor
surveys are available through our Louisiana Commerce and Industry Department
upon request to us.
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**Recreational Facilities:**

Two recreation centers open year around with supervisor; two swimming pools with free swimming lessons; two Boys Clubs; fall, spring and summer programs in football, basketball, baseball and softball. 18 hole private golf course and country club. Additional facilities include a Senior Citizens Clubhouse; Chemin-A-Haut State park with cabins, camping facilities and swimming pool. Hunting and fishing is abundant and plentiful in our area. About as good a statistic to substantiate this is the fact that pickup truck sales exceed car sales for two dealers combined who sell a popular line of cars. Bass, bream, squirrel, rabbit, frogs, dove, turkey and deer is popular and rewarding. The same goes for quail, duck and crappie fishing. Especially do we call attention to Bussey Brake Reservoir which is owned by International Paper Company. Some of the largest bass in the country exist in Bussey Brake.

**Civic Clubs:**

Civitan, Jaycees, Jaycee Jaynes, Rotary, Kiwanis, Business and Professional Women, Quota Club International, American Legion, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Beta Sigma Phi, VFW, Ark. La. 10 - 4 Citizens Band Club, Lions, Garden Clubs, Boys Clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Optimist Club, Golden Age Club, Fraternal organizations and others.

**Cultural Activities:**

Parish library with bookmobiles and 6 branches affording approximately 45,000 volumes, several Garden Clubs, civic clubs, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Moose and others. Northeast Louisiana State University and the beautiful Civic Center, both located 20 miles away in Monroe afford regular and ample entertainment of all types, including a Little Theater.

**News Media:**


**Housing**

A plentiful supply of new, modern homes is available for purchase. Several being built monthly. Choice rent property scarce but available. Housing is very reasonable whether by purchase or rent.
UTILITIES:

Electricity: Louisiana Power and Light Company
Telephone: South Central Bell Telephone Company, Direct Distance Dialing.
Water: Peoples Water Service
Natural Gas: Louisiana Gas Service, United Gas Corp., Texas Gas Transmission and Ark-La Gas Corp.
Sewage: 2 lagoon systems and 1 mechanical system that can afford service for 5 million GPD, but using only 1 million GPD.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bastrop is the seat of Morehouse Parish. Louisiana Highways 139 and 165 intersects I-20 in Monroe, 23 miles away. Morehouse Airport has codes 1, 2, and 3 available. It has a 4,000' N-S asphalt runway that is lighted. Commercial air-freight and passenger service are available in Monroe at Selman Field. Continental Trailway has 12 stops daily in Bastrop. Red Ball Motor Freight, Red Line Motor Freight, REA and Missouri Pacific have motor truck service here. Missouri Pacific Railroad and Ark-La-40 Railroad serve the Parish. 27 miles away in Monroe and 12 miles away at Sterlington barge service is available on the Ouachita River to the Gulf.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:

The Bastrop-Morehouse Parish Chamber of Commerce has behind it a history of helping existing industry, obtaining new industry and helping commercial businesses. The Chamber, its five municipalities and its industrial arm (MAGIC) stand ready to prove to you that you can operate at a profit in Bastrop and Morehouse Parish.

MOREHOUSE PARISH:

Other municipalities in the Parish are Collinston, Bonita, Nar Rouge, Jones and Oak Ridge. Each has rail service. Their economy is basically agriculture, although many of their residents work outside the municipality.

The Bastrop-Morehouse Parish Chamber of Commerce will afford any information on these villages that is required from an industrial prospect or other interested person.

Write or call the Bastrop-Morehouse Parish Chamber of Commerce for any further information you may desire. We are happiest when of service to you. The address is Post Office Box 1175, Louisiana Motor Hotel Building, Bastrop, Louisiana. Telephone 261 3794. (area Code - 318)