Baton Rouge, La. (AP) — Baton Rouge Mayor-President Woodrow W. Dumas reported Monday that his city has nosed out Shreveport as the second-largest city in Louisiana.

On the basis of a special census by the Tri-S Co. of Ruston, Dumas said Baton Rouge now has a population of about 170,000. The exact figure will be reported to the city-parish council Wednesday.

The new census, Dumas said, shows an increase of about 17,500 since the 1960 federal census. The rate of growth is 11.2 per cent over the five-year span, and Dumas said this is 5 per cent greater than the growth rate of Louisiana for the 10 years preceding the 1960 federal census.

The new census was made in order for Baton Rouge to claim a larger share of revenues from the State Tobacco Tax.

Dumas cited the 1960 federal census of 164,372 for Shreveport as a basis for claiming the second spot for Baton Rouge. A new census was made of Shreveport this fall, but Shreveport officials have rejected this. It showed a drop of some 4,000 persons from the 1960 population.