PAR Says Caddo Population 4th

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Caddo Parish ranked fourth in population among Louisiana parishes in 1970 and Bossier Parish 13th according to statistical profiles published on the two parishes by the Public Affairs Research Council (PAR).

PAR has compiled statistical profiles on every parish in the state. Included in the profiles is detailed information on population, education, income, welfare assistance, housing, employment, tax collections, tax assessments, and agriculture.

The profiles show that Caddo's population was 230,184 in 1970, compared with 223,859 in 1960 and Bossier's population was 63,703 in 1970 compared with 57,662 in 1960.

Education Figures

The census figures show that the median number of school years completed by adults in Caddo was 11.9, compared to 12.2 in Bossier.

Bossier Parish's education level, according to PAR, is the second highest of any parish in the state. In Caddo, 2.3 per cent of the adults had no schooling in 1970 and 1.9 per cent in Bossier had no schooling.

The median family income in Caddo Parish was $8,103 in 1969, compared to the state median family income of $7,530.

The median family income in Bossier Parish in 1969 was $7,927. Caddo was 11th in median family income in the state, while Bossier was 13th.

In 1969, the income of 19 per cent of the families in Caddo was below the poverty level of $3,388 per year established by the Bureau of the Census, while 38 per cent had incomes of $10,000 or more.

In Bossier, 16 per cent of the families in the parish had poverty level incomes in 1969, while 34 per cent had incomes of $10,000 or more.

Farm Income

Median rural farm family income in both parishes increased dramatically in the 10-year period between 1959 and 1969.

In Caddo, the median rural farm family's income increased from $1,878 in 1959 to $5,722 in 1969.

In Bossier, the median farm family's income climbed from $2,197 in 1959 to $6,549 in 1969.

The number of farms in both parishes decreased sharply between 1964 and 1969.

In Caddo, the number of farms dropped from 1,328 in 1964 to 807 in 1969 and the rural farm population decreased by 73 per cent between 1969 and 1970.

In Bossier Parish, the number of farms dropped from 804 in 1964 to 537 in 1969. The rural farm population in the parish decreased by 34 per cent between 1960 and 1970.

More than 10 per cent of Caddo Parish's residents are employed outside the parish and more than 36 per cent of Bossier Parish's residents are employed outside their home parish.

The number of residents in both parishes receiving old age assistance in 1972 was below the state average. The number receiving aid to dependent children was also below the state average in both parishes.

The total assessment of property in Caddo Parish increased by 27 per cent between 1961 and 1971, while the assessment of property in Bossier increased by 43 per cent.